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IMC votes not to attend action committee meetings

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Committe (IMC) unanimously decided yesterday that it would no longer attend action committee meetings

The deputy chairman of the IMC, Mr R Moodley, who proposed the move, said that any decision made by the IMC was not carried out by the city council

"The white city council is here to serve the whites only and they tell us non-whites where and how to live and what is good for our community.

"In this municipality one can see the difference in agreements and developments in non-white areas compared with white developed areas"

Mr Moodley said that members of the IMC, as members of a different race group, got no satisfaction out of attending white action committee meetings

"I believe the IMC should negotiate with the city council for the direct representation of all races on the municipality"

Mr Moodley added that the IMC had opted for participation in the system, "but we are not getting anywhere with the white councillors"

He said that it was important that white city councillors change their attitude to Indian and coloured committee members "and give us some say in our own affairs and decision making"

"We are now seeking direct representation and a common voters roll," he said, adding that to obtain this objective the management committees should join forces with local black counterparts in urban councils

Mr Moodley stressed that by getting involved in these committees and looking into a new system of local government "people of colour could ensure that they are getting nearer to a slice of the cake"

He said although the IMC did not want to interfere in the decisions made by the white city councillors, "we want to make our own decisions for our own people We don't want the white city council telling us how to live our lives"

The chairman of the IMC, Mr E R Vengadajellum, said that the committee's decision was prompted by the city council's recent meeting on allowances

"Although we do the same amount of work as any white councillor we are treated with contempt and as second rate councillors"

Mr Vengadajellum said that he had informed the minister of local government, Mr A Rajbansi, of the matter, "and the IMC here will not attend any action committee meetings until a reply or decison is received from Mr Rajbansi"

Mr Vengadajellum added that a similar decision was made by the IMC a year ago

"We only went back when we received parity with the allowances"

● Mr Moodley said that plans for a community centre in Braelynn Extension four had been accepted by the chief city engineer

He said the IMC could now apply for funds for R1,2 million for the construction of the centre, which will consist of a swimming pool, library, clinic and a 140 parking bays

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Road fund plundered says Durban chamber

DURBAN — The Durban Chamber of Commerce has slammed the privatisation of the N3 and said the move highlighted the plundering of the national road fund by the State Treasury over many years

"Motorists and carriers have paid billions into the fund by way of fuel levies and licence fees, being under the mistaken impression that these contributions have been dedicated to extending, improving and maintaining the country's road network"

In a leading article in its weekly bulletin to members, the chamber said motorists had now been told that the cupboard was almost bare

"The mice from the treasury having steadily cleared the shelves leaving only about 20 per cent of the garnered harvest to be used for the purpose for which it was collected"

Unfortunately, it said, the amount collected by way of the national road fund levy on fuel was a closely guarded secret, but it must be an enormous amount

The chamber believed the cash had been diverted to other "pressing" needs

"But the principle is wrong and the perpetual cry that the road fund cannot meet the demands placed upon it, underscores the chamber's long held belief that moneys collected to fund the country's highways should be used only for the purpose for which it was collected."

Had all the moneys collected for road funds been used for the purpose intended, would it now be necessary to privatise highways?

gapore The tour was initiated by the Institute for Housing of Southern Africa

Mr De Bie attended a summer school on Town Planning and visited housing projects in England and Europe;

(c) (i) The Department of Local Government, Housing and Works,

(ii) The Minister on recommendation of the Director General,

(2) Yes, Mrs Reynecke,

Hotel on own expense and fare by the State in terms of Public Service Staff Code D IV 6(1)(b)(IV),

(3) No, but he was a member of the group referred to in (1)(b) above to no expense for the State,

(a) and (b) Fall away

Closure of William Hartley Primary School

*6 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether any regional council in the Durban areas has been approached in regard to the closure of the William Hartley Primary School, if not, why not, if so, (a) when, (b) which regional council and (c) what decision did this council reach,

(2) whether any regional council in the Durban area has been approached in regard to the establishment of a phase 1 section at the Durban Preparatory School; if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) which regional council and (c) what decision did this council reach?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) No, the closure was initiated by the school committee as representative of the parents of the school The school committee negotiated with the school committee of a neighbouring school and, as consensus was reached, the Natal Education Department was requested to close the school.

The regional committee (there are no regional councils in Natal) was kept informed of the negotiations by a member of the regional committee who represented the ward in which the William Hartley Primary School is situated

The representative attended all the relevant meetings and informed the regional committee,

(a), (b) and (c) fall away,

(2) no,

the decision to establish a phase 1 section at the Durban Preparatory School was taken departmentally for the following reasons·

1. geographically this school is the nearest to and overlaps the former approved area of admission of William Hartley,

2 block transfer was favoured by the Department for three reasons

(1) it would minimize the negative effects of a change of school for the pupils concerned,

(2) it would allow block transfer of staff, and

(3) it would facilitate control over the necessary transfer of equipment and stock, this way of handling is in accordance with the wishes of the parents of the school concerned, as expressed by the school committee

(a), (b) and (c) fall away

Regional committees in Natal: allocation of funds

*7 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether regional councils in Natal have been allocated funds with which to operate, if so, what funds, if not, (a) why not and (b) who is responsible for any costs incurred by these councils?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE.

No,

(a) because the NED provides for any costs incurred by regional committees (there are no regional councils in Natal);

(b) see (a)

Greater Durban area: closure of schools

*8 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether consideration is being given to the closure of any schools in the Greater Durban area in 1988, if so, (a) which schools are being considered and (b) what criteria are being applied in determining which schools are to close?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE.

No,

(a) and (b) fall away

Schools: charging of tuition fees

*9 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture †

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 2 on 15 September 1987, a final decision has been taken about the charging of tuition fees at schools falling under his Department, if not, (a) why not and (b) when a final decision is expected to be taken about this, if so, (i) what tuition fees have been decided on and (ii)(aa) why and (bb) when are they to be charged?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

No,

(a) the matter is still under consideration,

(b) when the necessary investigation has been finalised

(i) and (ii)(aa) and (bb) fall away

Pretoria Boys' High School: pupils addressed by Mr Clem Sunter of Anglo American

*10 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture †

(1) Whether, with reference to information furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, a certain person recently addressed Std 8, 9 and 10 pupils of a school in Pretoria, if so, (a) what is the name of the (i) school, (ii) school principal and (iii) speaker concerned and (b)(i) on behalf of what organization did this person address the pupils and (ii) what was the subject of his speech,

(2) whether prior permission was obtained for the person concerned to address the pupils, if not, why not, if so, (a) by whom, (b) from whom and (c) when?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Yes,

(a) (i) Pretoria Boys' High School,

(ii) Mr E M Armstrong,

(iii) Mr Clem Sunter,

(b) (i) although Mr Sunter is associated with Anglo American, he acted in his private capacity,

(ii) an economic-futuristic projection for the year 2000,

(2) no, permission was not necessary as the function was not part of the curricular programme, was organised in co-operation with the parents and took place after school hours,

(a), (b) and (c) fall away

For written reply

General Affairs

Regional directors/inspectors/teachers employed by Department

485 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid.

(1) How many (a) White and (b) Black (i) regional directors, (ii) circuit inspectors of education, (iii) regional inspectors of education, (iv) inspectors of schools and (v) teachers were in the employ of his Depart-

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

Own Affairs

Questions standing over from Wednesday, 30 March 1988

*2 Mr W J DIETRICH — Education and Culture [Reply standing over]

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For written reply

General Affairs

Applications for fire-arm licences

22 Mr P C NADASEN asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) (a) How many (i) applications for fire-arm licences were received from, and (ii) such licences were issued to, members of each of the four race groups in the Republic during the (aa) period 1 September 1984 to the latest specified date, and (bb) latest specified 12-month period, for which information is available,

(2) (a) how many applications for such licences were refused in respect of each of these race groups during each of the above periods and (b) what were the main reasons for these refusals,

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

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

I wish to point out to the honourable member that the South African Police do not keep records of the race groups of applicants for firearm licences Therefore, only the total number of applications received in respect of all the race groups is furnished

(1) (a) (i) (aa) 549 664 applications

(bb) 140 062 applications for the period 1 January until 31 December 1987

(ii) (aa) 523 076 licences

(bb) 132 294 licences

(2) (a) 26 588 and 7 768 applications respectively

(b) Each application is considered on merit The merits differ from application to application To give an exposition of the reasons for the refusal of licences mentioned in paragraph 2(a) would be a voluminous and time-consuming task which cannot be economically justified On these grounds the furnishing of the requested information can therefore not be justified

Phoenix, Natal: establishment of new police district

32 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether it is the intention of the South African Police to establish a new police district in Phoenix, Natal, if so (a) why and (b) when, if not, why not,

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

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) No, because up until now the necessity for a separate police district has not been identified

(a) and (b) Fall away

(2) No

Divisional Commissioner in Natal appointment of Indians

37 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether he intends to appoint an Indian as a divisional inspector to the Office of the Divisional Commissioner in Natal, if so, (a) when and (b) where in Natal will he be based, if not, why not,

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

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) No At this stage such an appointment is not under consideration mainly as a result of functional and organisational reasons

(a) and (b) Fall away

(2) No

Indians joining Police Reserve Force

38 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) (a) How many Indians joined the Police Reserve Force in 1987 and (b) how many Indian police reservists (i) retired and (ii) dropped out from the said force in that year,

(2) (a) what is the highest rank held by an

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NP suspends Durban's Mayor over beaches

Political Staff

THE Mayor of Durban, Mr Henry Klotz, has been suspended from the National Party and faces expulsion for refusing to agree with Government policy on beach apartheid

The National Party action is likely to spark a major realignment of groups in the City Council, with a loose alliance to the left of the NP already taking shape to contest the October municipal elections

Mr Klotz was standing firm today on the opening of beaches.

"If we are to succeed in becoming a truly 21st-century cosmopolitan city and the base of the industrial and commercial development of Natal/Kwazulu, then a policy of open facilities must be pursued

"I shall support it absolutely If this means my expulsion from the National Party, then so be it"

The National Party in Natal has been under extreme pressure from the Transvaal because of the way the beach issue has been exploited by the Conservative Party in recent by-elections

Other Nationalists on the Durban council are understood to be sympathetic towards Mr Klotz's stand and if he is expelled others could resign

The suspension follows Mr Klotz's refusal to sign a National Party policy document in which mixed beaches were accepted but which stated that the remaining white beaches should stay white.

In a statement today Mr Klotz said that when the first Durban beaches were opened to all groups last year the NP's Natal leader, Mr Stoffel Botha, had telephoned him and asked "How dare you take it on yourself to open Durban's beaches?"

Later he had attended a meeting of NP members of the council, provincial councillors and MPs at which the opening of the beaches was unanimously accepted after initial opposition from one MP

The party's provincial secretary, Mr James Waugh, has told Mr Klotz he can make representations to the party's legal commission

Worrall backs 'open' stand of Durban mayor

Star 12/5/88

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The mayor of Durban, Mr Henry Klotz, had the support of the Independent Party for his stand on opening the city's facilities to all races, IP leader Dr Denis Worrall said yesterday

Mr Klotz has been suspended from the National Party for refusing to go along with Government beach-apartheid policy.

In a statement yesterday Dr Worrall said Mr Klotz's suspension was "a powerful indictment of the Nationalist Government"

He added "Henry Klotz's handling of beach apartheid in Durban over the past few months has won him the respect of people of all races in South Africa and abroad.

"He has shown immense sensitivity, understanding, and a moral courage which is completely lacking in leading Nationalists, and Cabinet Ministers in particular."

He said the IP supported Mr Klotz's point that if Durban is to play a role in the 21st century its facilities must be open to all.

Dr Worrall added "By contrast, the action of the NP reveals to everybody just how hypocritical its claims are about reform.

"We trust that those moderate English-speakers who voted NP in 1987 will now see the light."

Mayor's suspension will influence elections — MP

DIP 13/5/88 (264)

DURBAN — The suspension of Durban's mayor, Mr Henry Klotz, from the National Party should influence voters in October's municipal elections, the MP for Durban Central, Mr Peter Grastrow, said yesterday

Voters would vote for candidates who will serve the community rather than candidates who "quite clearly" will only act on instructions from Pretoria, he said

Mr Klotz severed ties with the NP after he was suspended because he refused to associate himself with party policy statements on the open beaches issue

And while liberal Durban city councillors yesterday voiced their anger at the "shabby treatment" of the city's first citizen, the NP councillors remained unusually quiet about Mr Klotz's defiant stand

Mr Gastrow said he admired Mr Klotz for acting in the interests of the people of Durban and for not allowing his decisions to be dominated by the NP

Mr Gastrow said the NP had intended to fight October's elections under the party flag

"Now they will probably try to camouflage the candidates behind an independant ticket

"But there will be full party machinery in operation and they won't get away with it — it will be clear who are Nats and who aren't

The chairman of the city's management committee, Mrs Sybil Hotz, and other liberal city councillors are giving the mayor their full support

"We know we cannot open the other beaches to all races right now but we are going to have to face the issue in the future," she said

A signatory to the government's policy statement on the beaches and councillor, Mr Jan Venter, said the majority of whites supported the party's stand on the opening of facililites

"Mr Klotz does not share their opinion — and I think it's for the people to indicate in the elections whether they support the NP policy or Mr Klotz"

A councillor and member of the NP, Mr Garvin Bernstein, said, if the mayor felt that he could not conform to the policies of the party, he should have resigned

The Civic Action League chairman, Mr Arthur Morris, said he deplored the attempt by the mayor to cause "division between English and Afrikaans-speaking South Africans"

"The mayor has not only acted contrary to his party policy but also to the wishes of the majority of his electors and the white ratepayers of Durban"

The leader of the National Party in Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha, last night dismissed a statement by Durban's Mayor, Mr Henry Klotz, that there was no place in the NP for English speakers, as "utter and unadulterated rubbish"

Mr Botha said in a statement that during the last few years there had been "an unprecedented influx of English-speakers into the party in Natal"

"It seems Mr Klotz does not have the slightest understanding of, or respect for, party discipline," he said. — DDC

smoke after a fire broke out Picture: WICUS MARITZ the van. We stopped and s

Durban's mayor quits Nats after suspension

Cape Times 13/5/88

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The suspension of Durban's mayor, Mr Henry Klotz, from the National Party should influence voters in October's municipal elections to vote for candidates who will serve the community rather than candidates who "quite clearly" will only act on instructions from Pretoria, the MP for Durban Central, Mr Peter Gastrow, said yesterday.

Mr Klotz severed ties with the party after he was suspended because he refused to associate himself with party policy statements on the open beaches issue and remained adamant that all of Durban's beaches would, in time, be opened to all races.

And while the non-NP Durban city councillors yesterday voiced their anger at the "shabby treatment" of the city's mayor, the National Party-supporting councillors remained unusually quiet about the suspension and Mr Klotz's defiant stand

Mr Gastrow said he admired Mr Klotz for acting in the interests of the people of Durban and not allowing his decisions to be dominated by the party.

"There are great dangers in city administrations acting on instructions from Pretoria rather than what is necessary for the community," he said.

Mrs Sybil Hotz, chairman of the city's management committee, and other non-NP city councillors are giving the mayor their full support.

Civic Action League chairman Mr Arthur Morris said he deplored the attempt by the mayor to cause "division between English- and Afrikaans-speaking South Africans".

"If an Afrikaner had flouted party policy in the way Mr Klotz had, he would no doubt have been treated in exactly the same way.

"The mayor has not only acted contrary to his party policy but also to the wishes of the majority of his electors and the white ratepayers of Durban," he said

● It was reported in the Natal Mercury that the leader of the National Party in Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha, last night dismissed a statement by Mr Klotz, that there was no place in the NP for English speakers, as "utter and unadulterated rubbish".

Row as Nats sack mayor on beach issue

Star 13/5/85 (264)

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Durban's mayor, Mr Henry Klotz, has severed ties with the National Party "There is no place in the National Party for English-speakers," he said yesterday.

NP information director Mr Con Botha, MP, rejected the claim

Mr Klotz, suspended earlier this week for "acting disloyally" or "contrary to the interests of the party," on beach apartheid, was told he would be allowed to challenge his suspension but said he would not do so

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"My expulsion just proves to me that there is no place for English-speaking South Africans, and that saddens me"

He had received telephone calls from several MPs and politicians "who told me they are behind me and who say I must stick to my guns".

In a letter from the NP's provincial secretary, Mr James Waugh, on Monday, the mayor was told: "The reason for your suspension is that you acted disloyally or contrary to the interests of the party, in that you, inter alia, declined to associate yourself with the policy statements by the State President and Natal leader (Mr Stoffel Botha) on the beach issue, despite having been invited to do so."

There have been rumblings among English-speaking Nationalists since last year's election, but none has been prepared to speak out publicly.

The main objections have been the lack of of English-speaking representation in the Cabinet on the many Government wards and bodies and in NP party structures.

A glaring example has been the appointment of a totally Afrikaans-orientated cultural body for Natal, of which the Natal NP caucus has been aware, but has been unable or unwilling to correct.

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In an interview yesterday, information director Mr Botha said he could not speak about any particular appointments, but said the facts showed that English speakers were gaining increasing influence in the NP.

He said there was a problem in that there had been a large infusion of English-speakers only a year ago and it would take time for them to gain senior positions

Mayor's expulsion 'party discipline'

264 Cape Times 19/5/88

Political Staff

THE expulsion of the mayor of Durban, Mr Henry Klotz, from the National Party was a matter of party discipline, the Minister of Home Affairs and Natal leader of the NP, Mr Stoffel Botha, said yesterday

He said, after being questioned about the matter in the House of Representatives, that any party had to have discipline

"What I did with the Mayor of Durban was a matter of party discipline," Mr Botha said

Mr Klotz was suspended because of his refusal to associate himself with party policy statements on the open beaches issue and remained adamant that all of Durban's beaches would, in time, be opened to all races

He will head an "alliance of independents" to fight the political big guns of the NP and Conservative Party in the October municipal elections

The alliance has been formed by politically non-aligned Durban city councillors

Councillor Margaret Ambler, a member of the alliance, said yesterday that the alliance had been "talked about" for a few years

"We're going ahead but we've had no formal meetings yet"

It is known that Mr Klotz started recruiting for the alliance before his suspension and subsequent resignation from the NP

Durban's mayor plans to 'fight 'em on the beaches'

Star 13/6/88

SATURDAY STAR CORRESPONDENT

THE MAYOR of Durban, Mr Henry Klotz, announced yesterday that he would stand in the October municipal elections as a non-party candidate and called on other candidates to join him in keeping Durban free from party political control

Mr Klotz, who was officially expelled from the National Party last week for refusing to comply with the party's policy on open beaches in Durban, called on non-aligned independents and even candidates from political parties to prevent the city being taken over by party politicians who placed their party's interests before those of the city

He announced his plan to attract a group of candidates to join him in standing independently of party affiliation at a press conference yesterday.

He hinted that the group or alliance would cut across party lines by including members of the Progressive Federal Party and the Independent Party and spread beyond Durban to other local authorities in Natal He insisted that national politics be kept out of the local scene

He said his own recent experience had shown him how dangerous it would be if Durban were to fall into the hands of those who put their party's interests before the interests of their city.

The National Party supporting members of the city council recently walked out of a debate rather than vote on a motion expressing confidence in Mr Klotz for his stand on the beaches issue

He said control of the council by party politicians would result in "rule from elsewhere" and would turn the city council into a debating society and the City Hall into an "historical monument to a more democratic era".

"I hope to see a citizen's group of candidates independent of party affiliation Such a group should not have as its primary purpose the fighting of the National Party or any other party.

"Maybe we could have candidates from all political parties as well as non-aligned independents I am appealing to such people to ensure that the interests of the city take precedence over the interests of any political party"

He said this development could take place not only in Durban, but also with like-minded people in municipalities across Natal It was vital that municipalities across Natal were kept free from party political control and the Natal Municipal Association (representing all Natal municipalities) should not become a party political tool

Background to the October municipal elections

IT'S NOT SUCH A SIMPLE AFFAIR

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"VOTE for a better future for yourself and those who are dear to you."

With these words the Government is urging some black South Africans to go to the polls in October to elect municipal authorities

Like everything in South African politics, the elections are a far from simple affair From the State's side, it has equipped itself with legislation to jail people for 10 years or fine them R20 000 if they try to persuade others to boycott the elections

The feelings of banned organisations on the elections cannot be made known, but there can be few potential voters who do not know what the ANC, PAC, UDF and Azapo think of their going to the polls

To give the local authorities a chance to win public support, the State has to find a way to overcome criticisms over the past performance of local authority bodies for black people, their powers and who can vote for them

People in just 18 townships in Natal, for example, can go to the polls — not those living in squatter camps, or on land that could be included into KwaZulu, in rural KwaZulu itself or townships Ulundi controls

The townships going to the polls are those controlled by the Natal Provincial Administration

The history of the town committees they will elect can be traced back in various forms and various names to 1923 when the first Native Advisory Councils were introduced

A major criticism against them was that they were just that — advisory boards — and the electorates feelings were displayed in very low polls

Black person after black person has gone on record as saying black South Africans want an end to apartheid, access to more land and to re-channel the nation's taxes to build houses and create jobs

So they see the local councils as simply unable to improve their quality of life, especially as they had no say in the laws shaping the local bodies

Government spokesmen are expected to say often in the next few months that this is the first time all South Africans are going to the polls on the same day to choose councillors in this "broadening of democracy," that moderate blacks will participate and only extremists will stay out of what is a step in the right direction

But this raises a vital question and prompts a vital statement of fact

CHRIS Heunis . Minister of Constitutional Development.

History of town committees can be traced back to 1923

Fact Municipal elections are the highest level of government that black people can vote for, although this could change if elections are held for nine seats on the proposed national council

Municipal elections are the lowest level of elected government for whites

In more recent years the State has equipped local authorities with powers to introduce rent increases — and increased rents has been one of the major causes of township unrest in recent years

The councillors can influence the allocation of business sites and critics have used this to argue — often unfairly — that this system has been abused for personal gain

The vital question is what powers will black local authorities have

Responding to an official request, the Natal Provincial Administration prepared a list of the 13 townships that would elect black town committees and set out the powers of the committees

The townships are Nkanyezi (Colenso) Sibongile (Dundee) Ningizimu (Durban) Sithembile (Glencoe) Enhlalakahle (Greytown) Bhongweni (Kokstad) Steadville (Ladysmith) Itsokolele (Matatiele) Bruntville (Mooi River) Dumbe (Paulpietersburg) Sobantu (Maritzburg), Hambanati (Tongaat) Bhekuzulu (Vryheid)

Their local authorities will have rights and powers in respect of promoting the moral and social welfare of its residents

- Promoting sound community development,
- Beautifying and the neatness of the area;
- The development and administration of parks and public resorts,
- Sport and recreation,
- Library services, museums and gardens,
- Educational bursaries,
- The letting of any structures,
- Combating unlawful occupation of property,
- Approving building plans, and demolishing unauthorised or abandoned structures,
- The keeping of dogs, including dog licences and regulation to combat disturbances, and any appropriate measures regarding the keeping of other animals,
- The disposal of night-soil, rubbish, derelict vehicles, carcasses of dead animals,
- Building houses, flats and office blocks on land under its control, including providing accommodation for its employees,
- Establishing a pension fund for its employees,
- The granting of financial assistance to the employees of the local authority for the repayment of a housing loan,

regulating and controlling road traffic, including the licensing and control of vehicles and drivers,

- Building, maintaining, and controlling the use of roads, and
- Cemeteries, within or outside its area, ambulance and fire brigade services, and

Government supporters say this is a start and a move in the right direction Critics point out its a start that has been mis-starting for 65 years

a Mr Saki Macozoma works, who claims that it was common to find missing children in mortuaries, while another person claimed that children's fingers were chopped off They too will have to supply the South African Police with the proof of these allegations The South African Police and the Government takes the strongest exception to this film It was commissioned by the BBC to be filmed in South Africa in strict secrecy and it was obviously designed to generate hatred towards the South African Police and our other Security Force

What is most shocking however, is the fact that neither the South African Government nor the Police were given a chance to comment on the serious and one-sided allegations made in the film Worst of all is the fact that the spokesman for the BBC in London even had the audacity to phone my office yesterday to ask for comment, but still without us having been given the opportunity to view the film When Brigadier Mellet from my office asked the BBC spokesman why the allegations were not put to him or to the South African Police for comment beforehand, the interviewer said and I quote "Quite frankly, the BBC does not believe the South African Government '

If this is the BBC's attitude, then why should the South African Government continue to host their representatives in our country? It can serve no useful purpose if the representatives who have privileged access to government information cannot even be trusted by their own head office, to at least try and balance the one-sided and distorted picture of South Africa We will investigate every allegation made in this antagonistic film and if any are proved to be factual, we will institute the necessary action However, those allegations which are proved to be false will be exposed and we expect the BBC to then afford as much time to the truth in the same time slot as they did with this film We will not allow South Africa and especially our Security Forces to be vilified through deliberate lies and slanted distortions

BBC. action against representatives

*22 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Home Affairs

Whether he is contemplating any action against representatives of the British Broadcasting Corporation in South Africa, if so, (a) what action and (b) why?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

The matter is presently being investigated and a decision will be made as soon as all relevant facts and information are available

Own Affairs

Questions standing over from Tuesday, 21 June 1988, pursuant to resolution adopted by House on Monday, 20 June 1988

Natal Education Department 264

*1 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether schools and colleges falling under the control of the Natal Education Department were instructed recently to alter their procedure with regard to the purchasing of items out of moneys allocated to them, if so, (a) who issued these instructions, (b) on what date did they take effect, (c) in what ways have purchasing procedures been altered and (d) why were new procedures introduced,

(2) whether any other education departments received similar instructions, if not, why not, if so, which departments?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Yes,

(a) Director of Education,

(b) 2 May 1988,

(c) and (d)

Institutions were requested to change from the buying procedures that were applicable under the provincial administrations to the procedures laid down by the State Tender Board's "Manual, General Directives and Procedures" of November 1985

(2) Yes, the attention of the Directors of the other provincial education departments was drawn to the contents of the State Tender Board's "Manual, General Directives and Procedures" of November 1985 on 1988-02-23

Students: loan/military commitments

*2 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether students who obtained loans from his Department have been permitted to redeem their loan and military commitments concurrently, if so,

(2) whether this policy has been altered, if so, (a) when, (b) why and (c) in what way?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Yes,

(2) no

(a), (b) and (c) fall away

Merit awards

*3 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether a system of merit awards for non-teaching staff has been introduced in schools in all provincial education departments, if so, (a) since what date and (b) why?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Yes,

(a) 1 November 1987,

(b) on the recommendation of the Commission for Administration to grant special recognition (within the context of the rank) to officers and employees who have distinguished themselves from their peers through sustained above average work performance

Schools: facilities

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

(1) What is his Department's policy regarding the erection and/or purchasing of facilities at full cost to the school concerned,

(2) what was the total cost of facilities so erected and/or purchased by schools during the latest specified financial year for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Schools may erect or purchase facilities at full cost to themselves if these meet with the technical and other specifications laid down by the various provincial education departments,

(2) this information is not available

Private schools· registration

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

(1) Whether the registration of schools which are required to be registered under the Private Schools Act (House of Assembly), No 104 of 1986, and which operate for profit, falls under his Department, if not under which State Department does it fall, if so, (a) how many such schools are registered with his Department, (b) what total number of pupils is enrolled at these schools and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

(2) whether there is a policy for the admission of non-White pupils to these schools, if so, what is this policy,

(3) whether all pupils admitted to such schools are required to write the examinations of the provincial education department under which they fall, if not, why not?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Yes,

(a) and (b) the information is not available,

(c) falls away,

(2) private schools which are registered with the Department determine their own admissions policy within the terms of the Constitution,

(3) no, such schools may also elect to enter their pupils for the National Senior Certificate or the Joint Matriculation Board examinations

Teachers: language qualifications

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

Whether any teachers at dual and parallel-medium schools in the Cape Peninsula have (a) Ae and (b) aE language qualifications, if so, how many in each case?

DURBAN'S BUDGET

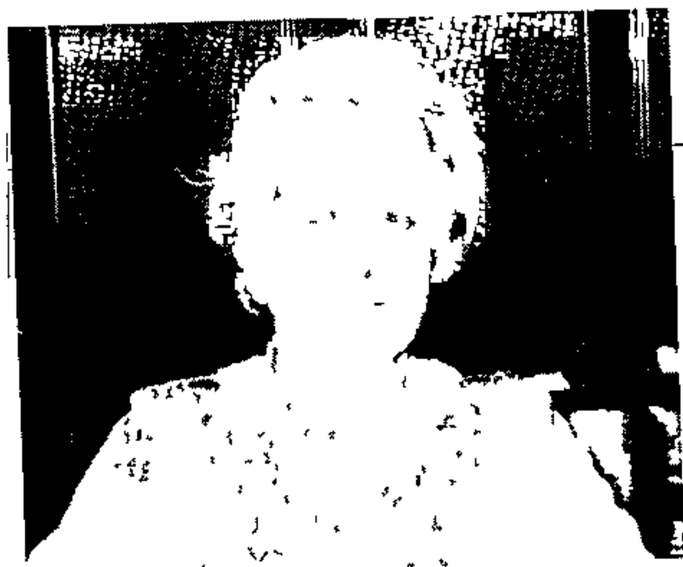
Trimming the sails

Durban's recently tabled municipal budget reflects a comparatively modest 12,7% rise to R1,559bn in combined capital and operating expenditure At R1,237bn, the operating budget shows an 11,2% rise in the costs of running the city compared with last year About 25% of this amount, or R302,6m, will go towards paying salaries and wages — up on aggregate by 15,7% on last year

Single largest operating cost to the city is the bulk purchase of light and water (R494m) However, trading income earned on the electricity account will produce a surplus of some R43m which will go towards relief of rate increases (R35,7m) and the repayment of internal advances made from the city's Capital Development Fund (R7,7m) Resale of water will result in a R5m surplus for the benefit of the rates account

The outstanding major item on the operating budget is interest and redemption charges (R224,2m), while an amount of R453,6m "is directly subject to inflation arising from price and cost increases imposed by the private sector and largely beyond the control of the council"

A capital budget of R321,9m is up 19,1% on last year's figures, and this includes "ad hoc" authorities outside the macro-controls imposed by central government of almost



Durban's Hotz ... rate increases in check

R70m this year (some R50m last year) Included in the capital budget is an amount of R86,2m financed from central government sources, up 18% on last year's R73m

In her budget speech this week, Councillor Sybil Hotz, chairman of the council's management committee, pointed to the fact that the council's record of keeping rate increases below the CPI now extends for an unbroken 10 years

A Durban householder who consumes 25 kl of water and 900 units of electricity a month will now pay R74,32c for electricity (up 10% on last year) and R22,50 for water (up 12,5%) Together with an 8,6% increase in the monthly rates bill (to R91,16), the monthly payment to the council will rise to a total of R187,98c, or 9,6% up on last year's bill ■

New scheme benefits Natal poor

Buying a home for less than R10 a month

Star 21/7/88

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DURBAN — People earning up to R350 a month may soon qualify to buy their own homes for less than R10 a month, the Natal Provincial Administration announced yesterday

And really low-income earners — people earning R50 a month and less — could pay as little as 25c a month for their homes

A statement by Mr Pat Adderley of the NPA's Durban regional office disclosed that the low loan repayments were now possible in terms of a deed of sale

Following a joint decision by the Government Ministers responsible for housing for the respective population groups, a new formula has been devised for the sale of properties financed from the Natal Housing Commission

RESPONSIBLE

The NPA is responsible for assisting urban black residents to buy homes which they are currently renting

So far more than 2 500 homes have been sold — many for cash because of the low prices

"The purpose of the new formula is to bring relief to the lower income groups", Mr Adderley said

"This scheme is based on deed of sale and 99-year leasehold tenure in which repayments are calculated on the monthly income of the individual

"The buyer is required to pay a percentage of his income as the interest and redemption component of the monthly rental or purchase payment

"This percentage will increase until an economic interest and redemption figure is paid, calculated on the lowest current building society or bank interest rate"

He said the finance scheme also made provision for deposits. Where the buyer is unable to afford a deposit, this may be paid over two years. If he has a good rental payment record, the the deposit may even be waived

Transfer costs and other purchasing costs may be included in the purchase price and loan amount, but charges for water, electricity, sewage and refuse removal are additional

National Housing Commission homes in black towns in the greater Durban area are currently selling from between R521 (Lamontville) and R1 197 (Klaarwater)

People earning between R101 and R500 a month would pay between R1,88 and R19 a month to buy their own homes over a 30-year period

When the campaign to sell National Housing Commission homes began, 9 801 homes were available in Natal Some 2 500 houses have been sold

The scheme is aimed at helping the semi-destitute, casual workers and pensioners as well as the better-off breadwinner

Mr Adderley said "People who are out of work will be able to take part in the scheme And the fact that arrears can be incorporated into the loan will mean a huge burden being lifted from the poor" — Sapa

Media campaign launched to sell October local elections

31/7/88 (264)

By S'BU MNGADI

THE October municipal election campaign got under way in Durban this week, with the authorities using the media to sell the elections to the public

As part of this campaign, the Natal Provincial Administration has filmed a seven-minute video that urges black voters from Natal's 18 townships to cast their votes on October 26

Only 18 townships in Natal fall under the jurisdiction of the Kwazulu homeland

Voters are first advised to register as voters at local authority offices before August 26

The video begins with a scene from Lamontville township, where two youths one with a radio slung over his shoulder – swagger down the road

They sit down under a tree and switch the radio on

The announcer says 'This is the latest news bulletin brought to you by Radio Zulu

"Municipal elections

"In order to vote in the forthcoming local authority elections on 26 October, black voters are urged to register at their local authority offices before 26 August

"Any man over the age of 18 years, living in one of the following places will be eligible to cast his vote," the announcer says, and lists the 18 townships

Meanwhile, the camera pans in on a poster tacked to a tree, that reminds people to register before August 26

The Radio Zulu "news bulletin" is part of the government's election campaign that is using radio, television, billboards, and posters to sell the elections to the black community

This, according to government authorities will cost R4 million

On the video, a youth and a passer-by then discuss the importance of voting The one says

"We must vote for councillors This town is getting bigger and bigger Somebody will have to plan to make this a better place to live in

"Obviously people living here know more about developing our town We are talking about houses, better roads, sports fields and stadiums, clean water and electricity to our homes, big things like that"

According to Alicia Hessel, training officer of the NPA's department of community services, the video will be shown at the local municipal offices of the 18 affected townships

Hessel denied it would be part of the canvassing kit of candidates

She estimated the total cost of producing the video to be R200

Natal announces dates for municipal poll nominations

By GUGU KUNENE

THE countdown to the Natal municipal election campaign has started with the nomination dates having been announced by the Natal Provincial Administration

NPA public relations officer, Pat Adderley said the nomination dates for hopeful candidates were from August 29 to September 16. Prospective voters must be 18 years old and over and should be on the voters' roll before August 26.

Adderley said candidates should be registered voters. They must not be in arrears of three months or more with rental or service charges.

They must not have been convicted of any major offence

They must also not have suffered from mental illness or have been detained in a "reform" school.

Candidates who stand for elections must not be under the age of 21 and should not have been previously been disqualified from participating in any local government election for any specified reason.

In Natal, elections will be held at Chesterville (Durban), Lamontville (Durban), Hambanati (Tongaat), Shakaville (Stanger), Sobantu (Maritzburg), Klaarwater (Pinetown), Steadville (Ladysmith), S'Bongile (Dundee), Bhekuzulu (Vryheid), S'Thebile (Glencoe), Nkanyezi (Colenso), Shayamoya (Umzinto), Bhongweni (Kokstad), Dumbe (Paulpietersburg), Bruntville (Mooi River), Enhlalakahle (Greytown), Itsokolele (Matatiele), Kwamevana (Howick) and Msingizi (Cedarville).

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

† Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

Detainees

55 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Law and Order,

(a) How many (i) males and (ii) females were detained in terms of security legislation (aa) in 1987 and (bb) from 1 January 1988 to the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) how many persons in each of the above categories were under the age of 20 years?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

With regard to persons detained in terms of the Security Emergency Regulations, I refer the honourable member to my reply to Oral question 3 of 23 February 1988 in the House of Assembly

The reply with regard to persons detained in terms of section 29 of the Internal Security Act, 1982 (Act 74 of 1982) is as follows

(a) (i) 1987

(aa) 452 males

(bb) 80 females

(ii) 1 January to 30 June 1988

(aa) 140 males

(bb) 9 females

(b) (i) (aa) 75 males

(bb) 7 females

(ii) (aa) 15 males

(bb) 2 females

Tongaat Town Board: electionáppointment

73 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) Whether an election will be held on 26 October 1988 to elect members to serve on the Tongaat Town Board, if not, (a) why not and (b) who took this decision,

(2) whether the Administration House of Delegates was consulted in regard to this decision, if not, why not, if so, with whom did consultation take place?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

This matter vests in the Administrator of Natal and he furnished the following information

(1) No

(a) The circumstances in Tongaat are unique and since 1945 the members of the Tongaat Town Board have been appointed by the Administrator in terms of section 282 of the Local Authorities Ordinance No 25 of 1974,

(b) the Administrator-in-Executive Committee

(2) Yes
The Minister's Council House of Delegates

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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For oral reply

General Affairs

Questions standing over from Tuesday, 28 June 1988

*12 Mr D J N MALCOMESS — Constitutional Development and Planning [Reply standing over]

Educators occupational specific adjustments

*17 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister for Administration and privatisation

(1) Whether he received any recommendations from the Commission for Administration in regard to occupational specific adjustments for educators, if so, what recommendations,

(2) whether he has compared these recommendations with those made by the Committee on Education Structures and the Research Committee on Education Structures, as referred to in the reply of the Minister of National Education to Question No 12 on 14 June 1988, if not, why not, if so, what were the differences between the two sets of recommendations received,

(3) whether he has reached a decision on the various recommendations submitted, if not, why not, if so, what decision,

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

†The MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND PRIVATISATION

(1) No

(2), (3) and (4) Fall away

New Questions

Table Mountain prevention/fighting of fires

*1 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Environment Affairs

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning to Question No 6 on 14 June 1988, his Department has received any proposals in respect of the prevention and fighting of fires on Table Mountain from the Cape Peninsula Nature Area Management Committee, if so, (a) what propoals and (b) when,

(2) whether any action has been taken in respect of these proposals, if not, why not, if so, (a) by whom, (b) when and (c) at what cost?

The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS

(1) Yes, on 26 May 1987, but as the proposals regarding the prevention and fighting of fires on Table Mountain amounted to executive actions in respect of which the responsibility has been assigned to the Administrator of the Cape of Good Hope on 1 December 1986, these proposals were referred to the said Administrator on 14 July 1987

The rest of the question falls away

Cape Peninsula Nature Area Management Committee· proposals

*2 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 6 on 14 June 1988, any action has been taken by the Administrator as a result of proposals submitted to him by the Cape Peninsula Nature Area Management Committee, if not, why not, if so, (a) (i) what action, (ii) when and (iii) at what cost and (b) what was the purport of the proposals so submitted?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING [Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House]

This matter vests in the Administrator of the Cape Province and he has furnished the following information

Yes

(a) (i) (1) A member of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce has been appointed to the Cape Peninsula

Durban councillors disclose benefits

(244) B/day 22/9/88

DURBAN — The Durban City Council decided at a meeting on Tuesday to disclose the individual pensions and buy-back benefits of all councillors in spite of advice from its legal advisers that it would be improper to do so.

Councillors voted 22-4 in favour of releasing details about what councillors would receive in terms of the recently approved buy-back scheme which will cost the city R4,6m

The council's legal adviser, Alistair Bruce-Brand, told the meeting before the debate began that according to the city's standing counsel, Douglas Shaw, QC, a full disclosure of the personal details of individual councillors would open the council to possible legal action.

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— Sapa

Councillors' pensions disclosed

Cape Times 22/9/88

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Details of how R4,6 million of ratepayers' money here had contributed to individual councillors' and local affairs committee members' pension buy-backs were released yesterday — including the buy-backs of councillors Mrs Sybil Hotz, Mr Neil MacLennan and Mr Lou de Beer.

The ratepayers have paid more than R340 000 for Mrs Hotz's buy-back. She has served 14 years on the council including four years as mayor and four years as chairman of the management committee

When Mrs Hotz retires she will get a R30 000 gratuity and a monthly pension of R2 505

For Mr De Beer, who has 22 years of service, the ratepayers' contribution to his buy-back amounts to about R283 000 His final pay-out will be a R24 699 gratuity with a R2 058 monthly pension

Mr MacLennan, with 21 years of service, will get a R28 066 gratuity and a R2 338 pension The ratepayers' contribution to his buy-back was about R250 000

● It seems unlikely that Cape Town city councillors will have the extent to which they stand to benefit individually from the pension scheme, disclosed in public

Unlike their Durban counterparts, they did not vote to reveal these figures

Mr Ted Doman, public relations officer for Cape Town City Council, said the matter of disclosing the exact amounts had not really arisen in Cape Town

Since each councillor could choose how much past service to "buy back", the council would probably regard it as a personal matter, he said.

In Cape Town, the City Council will contribute towards the buy-back of a maximum of eight years of actual past service, and thereafter the councillor has to pay the full cost of the buy-back.

Yesterday's press conference, chaired by Mrs Hotz, was called after a majority vote at a special council meeting on Tuesday to release the individual figures

Only councillors Mr Lew Phillips, Mr Stan Lange, Mr Gys Muller and Mr MacLennan did not want their figures released

Naas fathered child

azines, seven rounds of live ammunition, a two-way communications radio, wire cutters and 100 spikes similar to the ones

department had not yet formulated comment on the arrest of the alleged leader of an attempt to rescue the two alleged commandos. — Sapa.

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Charge laid after signs destroyed

Star 28/12/88 (264)

DURBAN — Police in Durban have confirmed that they are investigating a charge of malicious damage to property against veteran anti-apartheid campaigner Mr Morris Fynn following the Christmas Day incident in which two beach apartheid signs were chopped down in Durban

The action was witnessed by members of the international media

But Mr Fynn, who on Christmas Day sawed down two signs reserving Fynnlands and South Beach for whites, has vowed to continue his actions until all discriminatory signs have been removed from Durban

Mr Fynn, a coloured Durban Local Affairs member, who has a four-month suspended sentence for similar action earlier this year, said he did not mind being charged

"They can charge me under South African law but they know full well that their law is not recognised by the international community It is the law that has cost so many lives in this country," he said

He said he had set "target dates" of all religious holidays for cutting down segregation signs

He had been angered by assertions by councillors that opening beaches to all races would adversely affect the hotel industry.

"Transvalers and Free Staters only come to Durban twice a year for Christmas and Good Friday holidays. Tell me who keeps these hotels going throughout the year?" he asked.

He said if those signs were still there next Good Friday he would chop them down again

"I chose Christmas Day because it is the day that is being celebrated by mankind throughout the world. The Son of God came to the world that day to free mankind from the bondage of sin — likewise it should be the day on which men associate freely regardless of race"

Meanwhile, Durban Civic Action League chairman Mr Arthur Morris said he had laid a charge of malicious damage to property against Mr Fynn.

"All he is doing is achieving notoriety and hardened attitutes among whites

"The majority of whites who live on the beachfront want their own facilities," he said

MrFraser Gordon, city councillor for the area, issued a statement through Mr Morris condemning the actions of Mr Fynn and the international media.

"This is simply malicious damage to council property by someone who should know better," he said.

Mr Gordon said the international media were involved in the protest and had "shown themselves to be the enemies of white South Africa" — Sapa

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Province sacks 3 000 workers

DURBAN — About 3 000 Natal Provincial Administration workers have been dismissed after a two-week strike by about 10 000 workers

National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu) spokesman Themba Nxumalo said the union was considering legal action to get workers' jobs back

"The action of the NPA shows the authorities are not concerned about the plight of the workers "

The strike, from November 15 to 29, came after the NPA failed to respond to workers' representations

The workers had demanded a living wage of R1 500 a month, and recognition of their union

"We want all the workers reinstated, and victimisation and intimidation stopped," said Nxumalo

He said the union had obtained an interdict to stop the NPA from evicting workers from hostels

"It appears the authorities are afraid to face the workers' representatives," said Nxumalo

Officials of the NPA could not be contacted for comment

Go ahead for R19m Indian Market site development

(264) B/Day 26/11/89

SYLVIA DU PLESSIS

DURBAN municipal officials and the Administrator of Natal have given the go ahead to a joint proposal for the R19m redevelopment of the Indian Market Site in Victoria Street, J H Isaacs confirmed yesterday

Building is scheduled to begin next month with completion set for June next year

J H Isaacs MD Trevor Warman described the move as a "major coup" for J H Isaacs/Grinaker, backed by the SBDC

Six tenders were examined by a body of independent experts set up by the Durban Council

JHI development and project manager David Gorven said none of the tenders fulfilled the criteria completely, but the committee favoured the JHI-/Grinaker proposal because it was the "closest to their ideal"

Grinaker is to construct the building, while J H Isaacs will attend to the commercial aspects of the development and the SBDC — which bought the site from the Durban City Council for R2,75m — will finance the project

"Our intention is to project an inviting and marketable image for the building as a landmark and tourist attraction," said JHI commercial and industrial sales director (Natal) Roy Alderdice

"The street frontages and open areas will be accessible to hawkers and the whole development will be aesthetically pleasing when viewed from above This is important because of the comparatively high-rise neighbouring buildings and main routes into the city," he said

"Provision has been made for hawkers' barrows and about 170 stalls on the ground floor, and more conventional shops on the upper level"

There would be 180 parking bays in the basement level and a road would run through the centre of the complex, linked by bridge to Berea Road Station, making the Victoria Street Market accessible to pedestrians

The SBDC — as principal financier and landowner of the project — said it would represent the interests of the small business sector

The Victoria Street Market represented the largest single development project undertaken by the SBDC since its inception in 1981, Naidoo said

Durban may become country's first non-racial city

ARGUS 23/3/89

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The possibility that Durban could become South Africa's first non-racial city will be discussed at the next council meeting.

This move to scrap the Group Areas Act follows the passing earlier this month of applicable government legislation, and the management committee decision to recommend three options to council.

- The first is that the government be asked to declare Durban a non-racial city.
- The second option is that no areas be declared a free settlement area.
- The third option is that specific areas be indicated as free settlement areas.

At this stage, there can be no doubt that the government move is the forerunner of the total scrapping of restrictions on where people may live or work.

Three years ago, the Durban City Council was all in favour of the total scrapping of the Group Areas Act, and it is against this background that the new council will make their decision.

The recommendations will then be sent to the government's Free Settlement Committee to consider.

If the these recommendations supported the scrapping of the Group Areas Act throughout Durban, and the committee agreed, then Durban would become an open city, and anyone could live and work where they wanted to.

secondary schools — Sapa

'Own Affairs' functions to be transferred

PRETORIA — "Own Affairs" functions with regard to local government of the various administrators, excepting Natal, would be transferred to the Local Government and Housing Minister in terms of a proclamation to be published in the Government Gazette today, the head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works said yesterday.

B/Day 31/3/87 (26 (y))

The most important functions were the establishment of townships and land use planning and control. A manual detailing who would be responsible for what would be sent to municipalities and other interested parties — Sapa.

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Durban's mayor lashes critic over beach issue

ARGUS 31/5/89

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The mayor of Durban, Mr Derrick Watterson, last night lashed out at Democratic MP Mr Peter Gastrow for trying to take unfair political advantage of the Durban City Council's vote on the beach issue.

Mr Watterson was replying to an attack by Mr Gastrow, who said the council had embarrassed the city by voting to retain whites-only beaches.

Mr Gastrow said Mr Watterson had shown himself to be a man of the past and Durban's people needed to get rid of him.

Mr Watterson voted in favour of open beaches, but then used his casting vote to retain segregated facilities after the council was split 15-15 on the issue.

He said in an interview that he had known Mr Gastrow for many years and was not surprised by his attempt to take political advantage.

"VALUED TRADITION"

Mr Watterson said he would have liked the vote on the beach issue to have gone the other way, but not at the expense of a valued tradition

He said breaking the tradition of voting for the "status quo" after a split vote would have left him with "almost autocratic" powers in similar circumstances during the rest of his mayoral term.

"I was put into that position because I am an independent and not a political appointee," he said. "If I had voted any other way I would have betrayed the very reason people put me there."

He said in response to Mr Gastrow's jibe about being a "man of the past" that this was in some ways true

"I am growing old and possibly I am yesterday's man But it is better to be a yesterday's man who has been something than to be a tomorrow's man who never was and never will be anything."

DP lashes at Durban decision on beaches

Star 2/6/89

(264)

Political Reporter

The Durban City Council's decision to reserve certain beaches for whites was indefensible and immoral, Mr Jannie Momberg of the Democratic Party's National Board, said in Benoni last night.

Mr Momberg lashed out at the mayor of Durban, Mr Derrick Watterson, whose decisive vote in favour of beach segregation was "on par with the actions of Boksburg and Carletonville".

Mr Momberg said: "Mr Watterson will be judged badly by history. South Africans do not need mayors who can stick to tradition — they need mayors with compassion and a vision of a new South Africa.

"Mr Watterson belongs to the past and must be removed as soon as possible."

Mr Momberg said the DP would contest the election in September on clear-cut issues.

"It will attack the National Party Government on its terrible track record on the economy, the impact it has on pensions and young people. The NP has made such a mess of the economy that it does not deserve another chance."

Mr Momberg said NP leader Mr F W de Klerk was part of the P W Botha Government, and as such was jointly responsible for the "economic mess".

The DP would promote its policy of a nonracial, democratic and a free-market South Africa.

But how that was to be implemented would be part of a negotiation process.

Durban rate increases are the city's lowest for years

Own Correspondent (264)

DURBAN — Durban's residential rates are to increase by 7% and commercial and indusrial rates by 8% in one of the lowest rate increases the city has had in more than 10 years.

The figure compares with a 12% across-the-board rate increase for Cape Town this year and 14,2% for Johannesburg.

The city's 1989/90 budget is one of the country's heftiest with a total of R1,75bn, a 10,1% increase over last year's. B/Day 6/7/89

This is made up of R1,44bn on the operating account and R314,2m on the capital account.

Town Clerk and former city treasurer Wilf Stone said it was the eleventh consecutive year the council had kept the increases below the inflation rate.

The council was continuing with its policy of stringent spending controls.

City Treasurer Mike O'Meara said the budget had been difficult to prepare because of the State's 13,5% macro control limit.

He said the impact of the rates increase and the recent tariff increases in water and electricity on the average household would be about 8,7%, whereas last year the increase had been 9,6%.

City workers win 'living wage' demand

By CARMEL RICKARD, Durban

DURBAN municipal workers have won an arbitration award which for the first time officially sets a "minimum living wage" for city employees.

About 12 500 workers are affected by the award which will add R9-million to the city's wage budget of R408,6-million.

The council had offered a 15 percent increase for graded (skilled) staff and most of the unions and committees representing the municipal workers accepted the offer.

However, the Durban Integrated Municipal Employees' Society (Dimes), held out for the 20 percent increase it had demanded, refused to accept the council's offer and asked that the matter be referred to arbitration

In his ruling, the arbitrator, Martin Brassey, reviewed the minimum wage level statistics provided by various institutes

Brassey decided to award the lowest grade of unskilled staff a minimum living wage of R680 a month, with effect from July 1.

In addition graded staff were awarded a 20 percent increase since he decided Dimes had proved its case on this issue, and pointed out that there had been a significant increase in the productivity of council staff

Other significant demands made by Dimes, including the recognition of May 1 and June 16 as paid public holidays, are to be negotiated between the council and the workers

The chairman of the council's Management committee Jan Venter, said the council could have raised the extra money through a rates increase, but instead Manco had opted for finding the money through cost cutting in the staff estimates, such as not filling empty posts.

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Striking bus drivers sacked

DURBAN. — All striking bus drivers have been dismissed and the Durban Transport Management Board has begun interviewing new applicants for positions as drivers, reports said.

The board's general manager, Mr Marshall Cuthbert, said none of the 900 striking drivers had responded to an ultimatum to return to work on Monday. — Sapa

Mayor wants open beaches for Durban

DURBAN. — The mayor of Durban, Mr Derrick Watterson, yesterday said he hoped apartheid would disappear from the city's beaches during his term

Mr Watterson, who has been criticised as being too conservative on opening Durban's all-white beaches, was inaugurated for a second term yesterday

"I believe the beaches problem will be resolved this coming year, not perhaps to the satisfaction of all — that would be impossible with such divergent views — but in the long-term best interests of this city," he said

But Mr Watterson defended his controversial casting vote earlier this year to keep Durban's remaining white beaches segregated

"I am still satisfied I took the right decision and I believe the overwhelming majority of my colleagues accept that my action was correct in the circumstances," he said

Mr Watterson said the year ahead would be busy for council, with staff rationalisation, privatisation of municipal undertakings and the control of street trading being important issues — Sapa

Protest against mayor called off

DURBAN. — An "ad hoc" group of five people called off a planned demonstration at Medwood Gardens in protest against the election of Mr Derrick Watterson and Mr Jan Venter as mayor and deputy mayor of Durban yesterday when a party of about 20 policemen arrived on the scene.

The police party, most of them armed with shotguns, milled around the water fountain in the garden for several minutes until the group walked to the nearby flower-sellers' stalls. The police trailed after them.

The group, one of whom had a bundle of posters under his arm, crossed over to the City Hall where the inauguration of the mayor and deputy mayor was taking place. The police followed and took up a position in front of the City Hall entrance

A spokesman, Mr Richard Steele, said they had called off the demonstration because they had felt threatened by the large police presence. — Sapa

Cape Times 12/9/87.

Durban bus drivers strike again over loss of benefits

DURBAN — Durban's bus strike is on again, after returning drivers walked off the job yesterday morning when they were asked to sign new conditions of service

The workers claimed they had been promised reinstatement but found when they arrived for work that they were to be re-employed as new drivers

Workers interviewed outside the depot of the Durban Transport Management Board (DTMB) were angry and bitter, claiming a complete lack of good faith on the part of the DTMB

The DTMB's general manager, Mr Marshall Cuthbert, said management had acted according to an agreement signed by all the trade unions involved

"I presume the trade unions were authorised to accept the agreement by their members", he said

"But the agreement is not being implemented by the drivers" — Sapa

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BUSINESS

City council brings power to the people

The supply of electricity to kwaZulu townships by Durban City Council is a departure from the state's decentralisation policy and Eskom's plans to privatise. By ELAINE COSSER

THE Durban City Council has become the first white local authority to take over full control of electricity supply to adjacent "homeland" townships — going against national policy trends.

The move is a significant departure from the policy of separate control and development of "homeland" infrastructure It also runs counter to Eskom's initiative to transfer responsibility for electricity provision from local authorities to private utility companies.

The Durban council, which is now supplying electricity to kwaZulu's townships, appears to be offering a better service. But the costs to residents have — inevitably — risen.

The council is including in its supply and maintenance network 20 000 kwaZulu consumers in the townships of Umlazi, kwaMakhutha, kwaMashu, Ntuzuma and kwaNdengezi.

In the past, the council sold electricity to the kwaZulu government, which supplied it to these townships. Now the council maintains the infrastructure, sets tariffs and bills users

The tariffs in these townships are no longer subsidised, as they were when the kwaZulu administration was responsible for the service The city council has increased the tariff to an economic rate so that the new tariff is the same as that charged elsewhere in Durban.

The basic tariff for the first 100 units is 18,5 cents a unit, declining to 8,2c/unit for up to 500 additional units. A surcharge is also payable by users more than 10km away from the centre of Durban

In the past the kwaZulu administration charged a lower rate and paid the Durban City Council for the bulk supply of the electricity. Although no direct subsidy was paid, the administration did not recover the cost of the electricity — because tariffs were uneconomic and some residents incurred arrears. KwaZulu contributed the difference between the cost and its electricity revenue.

According to the city council, the new tariff merely covers the cost of supply.

The council has also done some upgrading work on the electricity infrastructure to ensure a reliable supply. It has spent R1,5-million in Umlazi to upgrade the electricity network and plans to install a new substation at a cost of R6-million.

The Durban council is reluctant to increase tariffs further and has not yet settled on a way of recovering the capital costs of its upgrading efforts.

Some 92 to 94 percent of residents in kwaMashu and Ntuzuma paid their first account after the council took control of billing. Supply to defaulters was discontinued — a step which, according to council officials, was not taken when kwaZulu controlled the service.

The city council believes that the non-payment of accounts may be partly a consequence of the poor postal service in the townships.

Demand for electricity in the township has increased by 16 percent over the past year.

The reticulation network in all five townships will require upgrading in the near future as the kwaZulu government did not have the funds to maintain the system adequately in the past.

These kwaZulu developments come at a time when Eskom is pushing privatisation as a means to get electricity to black townships — it is currently pursuing 17 such schemes around the country. One which has already been established is in kwaNobuhle, near Uitenhage, where electricity is being supplied by a private company which is a joint venture between Eskom and employers in the area. Negotiations are also in progress to set up a private utility company in Soweto.

DCC's takeover in kwaZulu suggests that privatisation is not the only way to develop electricity supplies in black areas.

In kwaZulu the infrastructure was already in place and some form of supply existed, but the Durban City Council's attempt to rationalise the greater Durban area supply offers a blueprint for other white and black municipalities to raise standards in black areas.

Meeting the inevitable upgrading costs is, however, a key issue. An obvious solution would be to raise tariffs in established — white — areas. But this is likely to meet with substantial resistance.

NEWS

Maritzburg mayor who walks through a minefield

MARK CORNELL "Hands-on" mayor who gets on with it

THE MAN who was recently re-elected for a fourth term as Maritzburg's mayor once hit a huge six which saw the ball sail out of the Sydney Cricket Ground and land up in the clock tower

The bowler? "I think it was Johnny Martin, the Australian off-spinner, although Norman O'Neill's name also comes to mind

"I was playing for New South Wales Country Districts against New South Wales I remember well that Richie Benaud was in the team"

But he had no difficulty recalling his score in that match played about 25 years ago — a swashbuckling 67

Mark Cornell's playing days might be over — except for the occasional fun game — but at 50 he's well-preserved, trim, good-looking, and with no trace of grey in his carefully-groomed hair

He sits in his shirt sleeves behind the ornate desk in the mayor's parlour, a lavishly decorated suite on the first floor of Maritzburg's Victorian-style, brick-and-stucco city hall

The desk is piled with documents, as is a low table against one wall, indicating that Mr Cornell is no figurehead He's a first citizen who is up to his neck in the affairs of Natal's capital city

During the worst violence in greater Maritzburg in 1987 and 1988, he led a delegation to see the Law and Order Minister, Mr Adriaan Vlok

At around the same time, he reprimanded the SABC for referring too loosely in news broadcasts to "the Maritzburg violence", pointing out that most of the fighting was outside the city which was, unnecessarily, getting a bad name among possible investors

He was also part of the Maritzburg delegation to the kwaZulu/Natal Indaba, an involvement which he describes as "a highlight of my life"

Mr Cornell is a high-profile

Personality

MARK CORNELL

Interviewed by: DAVID ROBBINS

mayor, often in the middle of local controversy, and not infrequently at loggerheads with the press He has many detractors and many admirers, in fact, it's not easy to feel lukewarm about him

And he's nobody's fool He's a self-made businessman and a shrewd politician Someone once said of his latter abilities "You should watch him foxtrot His footwork is incredible"

"I'm a go-getter," Cornell says of himself, offering an engaging smile

So what was a man like this doing on the Sydney Cricket Ground? It's a longish story, but here are some of the details

Born in Stutterheim, Cornell matriculated from Queen's College in Queenstown in 1957 He had already played for the Border schools team, and now went on to play for Border proper

He was a wicket-keeper/batsman who knew what to do with the bat

"I went to Australia when I was 22 because I thought that South Africa would not be able to adapt to the massive changes it would have to face My father worked in Frere Hospital in East London During the disturbances in 1960, I saw real carnage there I wanted to get out"

The young Mr Cornell married fellow-South African, Yvonne, in Sydney in 1962, and began to develop his entrepreneurial skills "We ran a trading store in the Outback We were tremendously happy We worked from 4 am to 10 pm, and amassed what we thought was a small fortune — about R5 000"

And he also played cricket for NSW Country Districts, doing nasty things to big reputations on occasion

Then, in 1966, the Cornells returned to South Africa

"It wasn't that we were unhappy, or felt we couldn't make it there It was simply that we wanted to come home"

I ask the mayor to talk a little politics

He says "Even more than in 1960 when I decided to leave, South Africa is caught up in monumental change First-tier government makes laws to suit the changing ideology

"Third-tier government is left with the results urbanisation, a crumbling Group Areas Act, protest marches

"We're in a minefield at local government level and we're treading on mines at a rate of about one a month We need a guide through it all.

"We need direction and we need it quickly"

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Maritzburg poll this month

SW 5/11/90 Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — Municipal voters in Maritzburg will go to the polls on January 24 to indicate whether people of all race groups should be entitled to acquire and/or occupy premises in any part of the city.

The referendum is in accordance with a resolution adopted by the city council last month.

The referendum will enable the council to provide the Government with the feeling in Maritzburg towards an open city.

Any person whose name is reflected in the current municipal voters rolls for the white, coloured and Indian areas is entitled to vote.

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tions is necessary to ensure that the person will appear in court."

Workers reluctant to enter townships

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Frightened municipal employees are becoming increasingly reluctant to enter black townships without adequate security because of repeated attacks and threats

Durban mayor Derrick Watterson said yesterday his city council and KwaZulu government representatives had discussed problems council officials were experiencing in attempting to provide essential services, especially electricity, to KwaMashu and Umlazi

"The problems include harassment, threats, and attacks on our staff who enter these areas to provide services and essential maintenance

"The incidences of harrassment are increasing to an alarming extent — so much so that many of our employees, both black and white, are unwilling to service these areas without adequate security"

If protection was not provided services could be withdrawn

As provision of guards to protect working staff was not considered a municipal function, "various possibilities" were discussed with Ulundi

Watterson said these included employing additional security personnel at KwaZulu's expense

The possibility of using KwaZulu police as security escorts for council maintenance crews or adding a security surcharge to subscribers' accounts in troubled areas was also discussed

However, Watterson said he did not believe it would be fair to expect electricity users to be surcharged for special protection services

He said KwaZulu representatives had agreed to put the matter before the KwaZulu Cabinet "as a matter of extreme importance"

CHARLENE SMITH reports that Natal church leaders hope to meet Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok soon to discuss the escalating Natal violence, which has claimed more than 1 140 lives during the past two years

The Minister's office said Vlok was expected to respond to their request early next week

Methodist Bishop Khosa Ngojo said President F W de Klerk had written to him — following a request for a meeting with him — suggesting they meet the Law and Order Minister. In his letter, De Klerk assured the church leaders of his "concern about the escalating violence in Natal"

He called on the churches to "continue to exert a conciliatory influence" to help bring about "peace and stability in the region" He said he had asked Vlok to attend to the issue as a "top priority"

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NATAL UNREST DEATHS

September 1987 to January 1989:	668
February 1989 — January 7 1990:	475
Past 24 hours' official toll:	8
TOTAL	1 151

Durban's future is safe, say its planners

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MATTHEW CURTIN

THE Durban City Council, town-planners and hoteliers have rejected criticism that the holiday city and its new open beaches face an uncertain future.

Jan Venter, deputy mayor and head of the NP caucus of the council, which intends to spend millions of rand upgrading the city's resort areas over the next few years, said "Looking back, this holiday period was a success.

"You would have to have been a real optimist to have predicted that the opening of the beaches for the festive season would have happened without friction and frustration," he said

"But the worst has happened and Durban has nothing to be afraid of in the future

"The school holidays saw 800 000 visitors come to the city

"If 10 000 of them say they were unimpressed and can find an alternative holiday resort which offers the same quality amenities, then that is fine by me," he said

Brian Stocks, chairman of Southern Sun Timeshare which owns extensive holiday accommodation on the beachfront, said December sales had been very good

"In fact, we came in over budget and over expectation this season.

"Durban has the best holiday facilities of any city in the country," he said

His company has just opened a new Timeshare development, the Palace, on Durban's northern beach and Stocks was confident it would be a success

Revel Fox, the architect commissioned by the city council to replan the beachfront — a programme implemented over the past five years — said he was delighted by the way in which the city had withstood the considerable pressure of the holiday period.

Both he and Venter stressed that it was only for seven to 10 days over the Christmas period that the city's holiday amenities were overstretched

Venter said there could never be adequate facilities for the sudden influx of Christmas holiday-makers.

"It costs R5m to build a paddling pool, so is it reasonable to spend that money on extra pools solely for a week-long interval when there are 200 000 extra holidaymakers?"

Fox and Venter agreed that ad hoc facilities — changing rooms, toilets and food outlets — were vital to cope with demand.

"You cannot plan for major peak influences which are bound to exceed reasonable city provisions," said Fox.

Venter, who also stressed that education on beach etiquette was necessary to avoid "unacceptable social behaviour", will be approaching Finance Minister Barend du Plessis next month to ask for the R15m needed for extra facilities to spread the crowds.

Durban's city engineer Don Macleod said the council had already earmarked R6,5m for immediate upgrading of current facilities on the main northern beachfront this year.

And a major 5-to-15-year redevelopment scheme for wasteland running down to 300m of southern beach had reached concept level, he said

However, not everyone shares the optimism about the situation portrayed in Press reports during the festive season

Durban Chamber of Commerce president Rudi Heine said teething problems had been "inevitable" during the first major holiday period after the opening of the beaches

He reported that beach front traders had suffered a drop in earnings this Christmas with visitors coming "to see and enjoy but not to pay"

Heine said "Durban must ensure a very significant improvement for future holiday seasons"

Pam Bedder, public relations officer for Monteith Fairchild and Associates — a timeshare group owning 120 units in Durban and Umhlanga — said they were having great difficulty reselling units for next December, while many incoming people had cut their last holiday short.

"I think pay beaches are essential and will barely cope with the new situation confronting us."

But architect Fox expressed scepticism over the importance of these fears and people's complaints in general

"Often it is just an emotional response and culture shock

"People who have been geared to separate facilities for 40 years are now having to share them

"The sudden opening of the beaches may have taken the authorities by surprise, but my assessment is that everything has started to happen in a positive way," he said

Behaviour on beach: Durban to get tough

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Public will be educated on by-laws

OWN CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN — A tough policy of law enforcement — "with no discretion allowed" — on Durban's beachfront was decided upon when the city council met in committee this week.

The meeting was called because of the many complaints about indecent and anti-social behaviour on the beaches during the festive season.

"The council clearly accepted that while generally things weren't too bad as far as violence was concerned, the behaviour pattern needed to be substantially upgraded," said the mayor, Mr Derrick Watterson.

He said the strict new policy of enforcement would include the whole of the beachfront area.

"It will take effect immediately, although it may take a little time to get things really geared up," he said.

Mr Watterson said a programme of educating people on the by-laws would be undertaken and the help of interested parties, such as the bodies representing organised commerce and industry, would be enlisted

"We don't want a repetition of the unpleasantness we had to endure over the holiday season"

He said officials could not be blamed for not enforcing the by-laws during the holiday season as they had instructions "to play it cool" and act in only the most outrageous of cases.

"This is shown by the fact that 8 000 warnings were issued, while there were only a couple of hundred fines and arrests," he said

Mr Watterson believed the time to start the policy of enforcement was when the beaches were not very crowded. "Then by the time the crowds come, most would have learnt how to behave."

He said the council's standing committees would have to look at the municipal staff position to see if there were sufficient numbers to carry out the enforcement policy.

"If we can't obtain staff because of the pay structures, then we will have to look at that too," he said.

Mr Watterson said some of his colleagues on council felt that law and order was the function of the South African Police.

"But if the South African Police need to be augmented, we must be prepared to do so in the interests of our citizens," he said.

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REGIONAL ECONOMY F/M 9/2/90 (264)

Setting the pace

It is now widely accepted that Durban is not an enclave that ends at the municipal boundaries People who have moved to its edges in search of jobs since the pass laws were scrapped will have a crucial effect on the region.

Even Durban City Council now accepts the idea of a Durban Functional Region. This is defined as a rough semicircle of just under 3 000 km², from Umkomaas in the south, Cato Ridge in the west and to Salt Rock in the north.

The private sector is taking a hard look at the state of this region In 1988 the Tongaat-Hulett group decided that a co-ordinated vision and plan of action was needed to take the region into the future

It set up a planning forum, including experts in various fields, and commissioned a major study.

The first of four reports, released last week, spells out that planning is urgently needed to avert a catastrophe, naming unemployment levels, housing and violence as particular problems

It found that the region's population had more than trebled over the past two decades to more than 3m

By the end of the century the population is expected to be between 5m and 6,5m. This could result in a labour surplus of up to 1,8m people

Individual income distribution is unbalanced. Whites make up 11% of the regional population yet account for 53% of the income Indians receive 25% of the income while forming 18% of the population

The figures for coloureds are 2% and 2%

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Africans represent nearly 70% of the population and account for 20% of the income

Assuming that the size of the average household remains stable, another 380 000-460 000 houses will be needed in the next 10 years

What can be done? Tongaat-Hulett chairman Chris Saunders says that, apart from the usual political, social and economic developments needed, there has to be participative and joint decision-making. "The region can derive legitimacy only from the extent to which it is able to incorporate the principles of true democracy

"There will have to be a genuine coalition between the haves and have-nots "

How this is to be achieved is being studied and further reports will look at ways of meeting demands of the region ■

Rugby union insures stadium

Star 20/2/90 Own Correspondent (264)

DURBAN — The Durban City Council yesterday voted to pay R12 750 towards special risk insurance cover against possible damage when a mass rally is held at King's Park on Sunday next week to welcome Mr Nelson Mandela

The insurance will be taken out by the Natal Rugby Union on the property it leases from the council.

"The cover is not only for the event on Sunday," said deputy mayor Mr Jan Venter. "It will be for a year"

Mr Venter said that next year the Natal Rugby Union would build the cost of such cover into its fees and there would be no further need for council assistance.

He said those attending the rally had every reason to behave in a responsible way

'TERRIFIED'

His confidence was not shared by councillor Mr Arthur Morris, who said the council had not yet recovered the cost of damages caused by the Mass Democratic Movement's march through the city some months ago

"We know before this rally takes place that damage will occur," he said. "I have had calls from traders in Umgeni Road who are terrified about what is going to happen.

He felt that if the Natal Rugby Union was going to let the grounds for such purposes, it should not look to the council for help

His view was shared by councillor Mr Athol Bowles, who said the rally organisers should be responsible for all damages Councillor Mr Dave McNaught wanted the organisers to deposit a sum in a trust account, pending damage claims made by private individuals.

Councils begin battle of shopping centres

Business Day Reporter

A MULTI-million-rand commercial development rivalry between Durban and Westville city councils and their respective property developers began yesterday

Durban management committee member Jan Venter yesterday announced that the R440m development tender for a 30ha Sherwood site for a regional shopping centre had been won by KDP Property Developers and Managers in association with Tartan Property Consultants

A week ago, Westville mayor Denis Cockhead announced a consortium of Murray and Roberts Properties and Retail International had won the tender for the R350m development of 45 000m² of shopping space 2km away. And there is demand only for one centre, both sides admitted

However, the Sherwood site still had to be rezoned and this was working against the Durban project, admitted Durban council planning director Wim van Heerden

Both he and M & R MD Chris Lawrence said yesterday only time would tell on the final go-ahead for the schemes.

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will provide them with the greatest of pleasure if he puts them in writing [Interjections]

Mr Y M MAKDA Mr Chairman, on a point of order Are you in some cases limiting the questions to five supplementary questions per question answered?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! May I point out to the hon member for North Western Transvaal that hon members can on five occasions rise to ask questions arising from a reply Since nobody else rose after the hon the Minister took his seat, we proceeded to the second question Hansard 13/3/90

Indian property owners, higher rates

*2 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture

(1) Whether his Department has received any complaints or representations to the effect that certain Indian property owners are allegedly paying higher rates than Whites do for comparable properties, if so,

(2) whether he has requested the Natal Provincial Administration to investigate these allegations, if not, why not, if so, with what results?

(264) Hansard 13/3/90 D36E

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE

(1) Yes

(2) Yes A reply is being awaited

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, could he indicate in terms of which Act he intends attending to this issue?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, we are dealing with this particular issue in terms of the local government ordinance

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, has he any powers which he can exercise in terms of that particular ordinance?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I refuse to take any powers to administer local government from a legalistic point of view

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, my question has not been answered Has the hon the Minister any powers in terms of that particular ordinance? I hope his answer is recorded for the hon the State President to read Hansard 13/3/90

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The MINISTER Mr Chairman, the Act is administered of the Administrator in terms of the legislation

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, where the hon the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture indicated that he refused to administer—if I heard him correctly—any Act in terms of local government [Interjections] In any case that is recorded and it will make the issue of a debate on Friday I give hon members notice.

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply that a reply was being awaited, will he concede that a wait of someting like five months is an unreasonable wait?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, as soon as I have something further to report on this matter, I will advise the hon member The issue is being examined from various points of view There are some unfortunate delays in that

Vacant/under-utilized schools for Whites

*3 Mr M ABRAHAM asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether his Department has made representations to the Administration House of Assembly to take over vacant or under-utilized schools for Whites in the Johannesburg area, if not, why not, if so, with what result?

Hansard 13/3/90 D39E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

3 1 Yes, representations were made to Minister P J Clase of the House of Assembly and the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs

3 2 The John Ware Secondary School in Mayfair is expected to be handed over to this Department during June 1990

3 3 We are also waiting to hear about our requests made to lease the following schools

3 3 1 Goedehoop Primary School (Mayfair)

3 3 2 Bez Valley Primary School (Eastern Suburbs—Johannesburg)

3 3 3 Old John Rissik Primary School (Johannesburg)

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply in respect of the first answer relating to the Johannesburg area, are there any financial implications to our administration—namely are they charging us funds? I ask the same question in respect of the other instances where leasing is involved

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, at present my department is working on this particular matter Negotiations are well under way As soon as we have the specifics, I will furnish the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition with them [Interjections]

Mr D K PADIACHEY Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, the hon the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Assembly said yesterday that there were 10 primary schools that were vacant in Johannesburg—have representations only been made for these three schools? What about the junior primary schools?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, the other schools mentioned by my hon colleague in the House of Assembly are vacant, but other departments are also making appeals that these schools be made available to them As far as we are concerned right now, these are the schools we asked for and if need be—if hon members of Parliament find there is a deficiency in their constituencies, and they request them—we will also make appeals We would like to appeal to all schools in South Africa which are now vacant due to a policy of rationalisation We are also prepared in the national interest to make certain that all races could use these schools [Time for questions expired]

Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament

Verulam Market, purchase

*4 Mr A SINGH asked the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture

(1) Whether a delegation from the Verulam Traders' Association made representations to him concerning the purchase of the Verulam market from the municipality concerned, if so, when,

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

Hansard 13/3/90 D40E

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE

(1) No

(2) No

Admnistration: House of Delegates: contracts

*5 Mr A SINGH asked the Minister of the Budget and Auxiliary Services

(1) Whether a departmental investigation was conducted into alleged irregularities concerning contracts signed by an official of the Administration House of Delegates, if so,

(2) whether, in the course of this investigation, an official of the Department of Housing was suspended,

(3) whether he will disclose the outcome of this investigation, if not, why not, if so, what was the outcome,

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

Hansard 13/3/90 D44E

The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND AUXILIARY SERVICES

(1) Yes

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(1) Yes

(a) Pieter Hendrik Terblanche Kleynhans Hansard 13/3/90

(b) B Iur LL B

(2) No

(a) and (b) The first declaration of an organization to be a reporting organization in terms of section 3(1) of the Disclosure of Foreign Funding Act, 1989 (Act 26 of 1989), took place as recently as 10 January 1990 and a report will be Tabled in due course

Magistrate's comments

*16 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice Hansard 13/3/90

(1) Whether, with reference to information furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, he has noted the comments made by a magistrate in a judgment given in a recent court case which was subsequently overturned by the Supreme Court, if so, what is the name of this magistrate,

(2) whether he intends taking any action as a result of these comments, if so, what action, if not, why not,

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

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The Honourable Member is referred to my reply to Question No 1 on Thursday 1 March 1990 in the House of Delegates

Vehicles on beaches/dunes

*17 Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs 264

(1) Whether his Department or any provincial administrations have taken and/or intend taking action in regard to controlling the use of vehicles on beaches and coastal dunes, if not, why not, if so, (a) what action and (b) in terms of what laws and ordinances, Hansard 13/3/90

(2) whether it is the intention to introduce legislation in this regard, if not, why not, if so, (a) what legislation and (b) when? B428E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS 264

Natal

(1) Yes Hansard 13/3/90

(a) (i) Zoning of the coastline into areas where vehicles would be permitted or prohibited, based on a survey of environmental sensitivity, analysis of carrying capacity and evaluation of user conflicts,

(ii) establishment of a permit system to control vehicle activity

(b) In terms of section 10 of the Sea Shores Act (Act No 21 of 1935)

(2) Yes

(a) Amendment of General Seashores Regulations (1962),

(b) 1991

Cape Province

(1) Yes

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The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS

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(b) The matter was investigated

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes

(a) to (c)

will provide them with the greatest of pleasure if he puts them in writing [Interjections]

Mr Y M MAKDA Mr Chairman, on a point of order Are you in some cases limiting the questions to five supplementary questions per question answered?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! May I point out to the hon member for North Western Transvaal that hon members can on five occasions rise to ask questions arising from a reply Since nobody else rose after the hon the Minister took his seat, we proceeded to the second question Hansard 13/3/90

Indian property owners· higher rates

*2 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture

(1) Whether his Department has received any complaints or representations to the effect that certain Indian property owners are allegedly paying higher rates than Whites do for comparable properties, if so,

(2) whether he has requested the Natal Provincial Administration to investigate these allegations, if not, why not, if so, with what results?

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The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE

(1) Yes

(2) Yes. A reply is being awaited

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, could he indicate in terms of which Act he intends attending to this issue?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, we are dealing with this particular issue in terms of the local government ordinance

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, has he any powers which he can exercise in terms of that particular ordinance?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I refuse to take any powers to administer local government from a legalistic point of view

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, my question has not been answered Has the hon the Minister any powers in terms of that particular ordinance? I hope his answer is recorded for the hon the State President to read Hansard 13/3/90 (264)

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, the Act is administered of the Administrator in terms of the legislation

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, where the hon the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture indicated that he refused to administer—if I heard him correctly—any Act in terms of local government [Interjections] In any case that is recorded and it will make the issue of a debate on Friday I give hon members notice

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply that a reply was being awaited, will he concede that a wait of someting like five months is an unreasonable wait?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, as soon as I have something further to report on this matter, I will advise the hon member The issue is being examined from various points of view There are some unfortunate delays in that

Vacant/under-utilized schools for Whites

*3 Mr M ABRAHAM asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether his Department has made representations to the Administration House of Assembly to take over vacant or under-utilized schools for Whites in the Johannesburg area, if not, why not, if so, with what result?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

3 1 Yes, representations were made to Minister P J Clase of the House of Assembly

and the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs

3 2 The John Ware Secondary School in Mayfair is expected to be handed over to this Department during June 1990

3 3 We are also waiting to hear about our requests made to lease the following schools

3 3 1 Goedehoop Primary School (Mayfair)

3 3 2 Bez Valley Primary School (Eastern Suburbs—Johannesburg)

3 3 3 Old John Rissik Primary School (Johannesburg)

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply in respect of the first answer relating to the Johannesburg area, are there any financial implications to our administration—namely are they charging us funds? I ask the same question in respect of the other instances where leasing is involved

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, at present my department is working on this particular matter Negotiations are well under way As soon as we have the specifics, I will furnish the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition with them [Interjections]

Mr D K PADIACHEY Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, the hon the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Assembly said yesterday that there were 10 primary schools that were vacant in Johannesburg—have representations only been made for these three schools? What about the junior primary schools?

The MINISTER. Mr Chairman, the other schools mentioned by my hon colleague in the House of Assembly are vacant, but other departments are also making appeals that these schools be made available to them As far as we are concerned right now, these are the schools we asked for and if need be—if hon members of Parliament find there is a deficiency in their constituencies, and they request them—we will also make appeals We would like to appeal to all schools in South Africa which are now vacant due to a policy of rationalisation We are also prepared in the national interest to make certain that all races could use these schools [Time for questions expired]

Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament

Verulam Market. purchase

*4 Mr A SINGH asked the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture

(1) Whether a delegation from the Verulam Traders' Association made representations to him concerning the purchase of the Verulam market from the municipality concerned, if so, when,

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

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Hansard 13/3/90

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE

(1) No

(2) No

Administration. House of Delegates. contracts

*5 Mr A SINGH asked the Minister of the Budget and Auxiliary Services

(1) Whether a departmental investigation was conducted into alleged irregularities concerning contracts signed by an official of the Administration House of Delegates, if so,

(2) whether, in the course of this investigation, an official of the Department of Housing was suspended

(3) whether he will disclose the outcome of this investigation, if not, why not, if so, what was the outcome,

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

Hansard 13/3/90 D41E

The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND AUXILIARY SERVICES

(1) Yes

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(1) Yes

(a) Pieter Hendrik Terblanche Kleynhans Hansard 13/3/90

(b) B Iur LL B

(2) No

(a) and (b) The first declaration of an organization to be a reporting organization in terms of section 3(1) of the Disclosure of Foreign Funding Act, 1989 (Act 26 of 1989) took place as recently as 10 January 1990 and a report will be Tabled in due course

Magistrate's comments

*16 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice Hansard 13/3/90

(1) Whether, with reference to information furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, he has noted the comments made by a magistrate in a judgment given in a recent court case which was subsequently overturned by the Supreme Court, if so, what is the name of this magistrate,

(2) whether he intends taking any action as a result of these comments, if so, what action if not, why not,

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

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The Honourable Member is referred to my reply to Question No 1 on Thursday 1 March 1990 in the House of Delegates

Vehicles on beaches/dunes

*17 Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs 264

(1) Whether his Department or any provincial administrations have taken and/or intend taking action in regard to controlling the use of vehicles on beaches and coastal dunes, if not, why not, if so (a) what action and (b) in terms of what laws and ordinances, Hansard 13/3/90

(2) whether it is the intention to introduce legislation in this regard, if not, why not, if so, (a) what legislation and (b) when? B428E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS 264

Natal

(1) Yes Hansard 13/3/90

(a) (i) Zoning of the coastline into areas where vehicles would be permitted or prohibited, based on a survey of environmental sensitivity, analysis of carrying capacity and evaluation of user conflicts,

(ii) establishment of a permit system to control vehicle activity

(b) In terms of section 10 of the Sea Shores Act (Act No 21 of 1935)

(2) Yes

(a) Amendment of General Seashores Regulations (1962),

(b) 1991

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes

(a) to (c)

New Administrator of Natal is sworn in

Star 3/4/90 Own Correspondent (264)

DURBAN — Natals's 12th Administrator, Mr C J Van R (Con) Botha, was sworn in yesterday by the Judge President, Mr Justice J A Howard.

Mr Botha succeeds Mr Radclyffe Cadman, who has retired

Mr Botha was born in Upington and matriculated at Parys High School. He obtained a BA degree, and BA(Hons) degree at the University of Stellenbosch, where he majored in constitutional history

He was chairman of the Students' Representative Council and awarded the Abe Bailey Trust Bursary in 1954

In 1955 and 1956 he was an announcer/producer with the SABC in Cape Town, then entered politics in Natal and became provincial secretary of the National Party and vice-chairman of the Nasionale Jeugbond.

In 1961 he was elected MPC for Newcastle, and held the seat till 1970 In 1965 he became Leader of the Opposition in the Provincial Council

He was elected MP for Umlazi in 1977 and held the seat for 13 years

He is a member of the Durban Port Authority and also a council member of the Natal Technikon

Mr Botha married Miss Leonore Geyser in 1965.

New Natal hospital put on ice

5/4/90 Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Drastic cuts in the Natal provincial budget have led to an "unbelievably shocking" development — the new teaching hospital in Durban, which would have greatly alleviated the current hospital crisis, has been put on ice.

The Administrator of Natal, Mr Con Botha, said in Maritzburg yesterday that "the assessed growth needs of the province have had to be pruned drastically". (264)

"At the outset I wish to make the point that owing to the paucity of funds in 1990/91, the province was compelled to review all its priorities and as a result thereof projects such as the construction of new roads in Natal had to be postponed or delayed indefinitely."

Mr Roger Burrows, DP MP for Pinetown, said Natal was being "short changed" and that the budget had created an "entirely unacceptable picture".

"We are heading towards a Third World situation in this province," he said. "Twenty-five percent of South Africa's population lives in Natal, which has become a war zone.

"It is bad enough for cuts of this nature to occur in a quiet period. Not only do we have the violence in Natal, but also the State President's February 2 speech calling for a move towards a new South Africa — the concept which must be sold and marketed properly."

The chairman of the Democratic Party in Natal, Mr Mike Ellis MP, said Mr Tino Volker, MEC for hospitals in Natal, had confirmed further developments had been put on ice

"It's an unbelievably shocking situation. That hospital is desperately needed"

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A toe in the water

For years, there has been talk of developing Durban's waterfront, the 40-odd hectare strip of State-owned land separating Victoria Embankment from the harbour Now it looks as though the project, estimated to cost R400m-R450m, is finally going ahead

But if Cape Town's experience, where the railways is involved in developing the Victoria and Alfred docks is anything to go by, Durban shouldn't be counting its blessings

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too soon. Further delays in bringing the contract to completion have only led to increased frustrations

Harbour authorities in Durban have been involved in discussions with the council and private sector companies for some time Together they have formed a steering committee to undertake feasibility studies for the project A final report is to be submitted to port officials in September If given the go-ahead, port manager Jan Mors hopes work can get under way next year

Details of what is proposed are not yet firm, but more should be revealed at a press conference on Tuesday However, Mors, who is chairman of the steering commitee, believes the three-phase development could be completed in the next three to four years "We have the support of the city's management committee and a lot of interest from other parties," he says

Because of the broad scope of the development, a liaison committee has been formed to communicate between the more than 20 interested parties, included organised commerce and industry and ratepayers

Mors says there is likely to be three major components to the project — a combination of residential, leisure and commercial activities "We will also include passive recreational areas, open spaces to enhance the environment We don't want to build a concrete jungle."

The site stretches from Wilson's Boatyard

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at the west corner of the harbour, eastwards to the small craft basin The CSIR is completing a hydraulic study of the area, while marine biologist George Begg is looking at what impact the development will have on the environment Both reports should be completed soon

One of Durban's unique features is the close proximity of the CBD to the waterfront, two parts of the city which until now

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have not really interacted In some of the port cities of America and Europe there is a vigorous two-way flow between the harbour and the city

Says Mors. "We went through a period when, for various reasons like access and security, people were kept out of the harbour Now we are trying to encourage them back"

One way is via the reintroduced annual Durban Harbour Festival ■

Govt has long-term plan to combat Natal violence

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By Sapa and Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Mr Hernus Kriel yesterday announced the immediate availability of R250 000 for refugees and homeless victims of the Natal violence.

He said the Government had devised a plan of action to combat the crisis. It would be disclosed within the next week or two, and could take several years to implement.

After an aerial and road inspection of the "war zones" yesterday, Mr Kriel announced that immediate aid would be made available to the Natal Provincial Administration and the Department of Development Aid.

Clearly shocked at the conditions he had seen, Mr Kriel told a press party at a stop-over in Maritzburg: "The first thing that strikes me is the poverty of these people. We will have to provide the infrastructure for such basic needs as water, sewerage, and rubbish removal."

The Minister said he visualised a long-term solution as being necessary over a six or seven-year period. This would involve the return of stability and peace, with the opposing factions having to make peace.

"We do have a plan of action. It will be fully disclosed within the next week or two," he said.

Step number one was the movement of soldiers and policemen into the areas. This had already taken place. Step two would be to negotiate peace.

Commenting on statements made to him at Esigodine refugee camp in Edendale that it would take the SADF to stop the violence, Mr Kriel said this was unacceptable

There are about 8 500 refugees at Esigodine.

Mr Kriel was also told that police did not keep Inkatha and United Democratic Front groups apart when they fought.

The long-term requirement for order and stability was that peace be restored "where now there is none", Mr Kriel said. Houses would have to be rebuilt.

He believed politics was the major cause of the violence.

The criticisms he had heard of the police showed the "wrong perception".

Two black leaders he had spoken to before the aerial survey — one was Lamontville mayor Mr T E Ngobeni — had said they wanted even more police to be drafted into the townships.

Indians, 167 Coloureds and 2 107 Blacks In the words of the hon member for Springfield, this certainly represents a mosaic of the South African situation—not sufficiently, I accept that However, regardless of the problems to which I have referred, there is proof of meaningful progress Given time, I am sure we will be able to show further progress

Debate concluded

For written reply

General Affairs

Development and Services Board: subsidy payments

3 Mr N SINGH asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Hansard 18/4/90

(1) Whether the Natal Provincial Administration made certain subsidy payments to the Development and Services Board in respect of the 1988-89 financial year, if not, why not, if so, (a) what total amount was involved and (b)(i) what amount was apportioned by the said Board to each of the areas under its control and (ii) on what basis was it so apportioned,

(2) (a) on what basis did the Board apportion funds to depressed areas in the above financial years, (b) why was this basis used and (c) what amount was paid over to each of the areas under its control?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

(1) (a) Grants amounting to R11 650 000 were paid by the Natal Provincial Administration during 1988/89 to the Development and Services Board in respect of the following·

Basic grant to enable the Board's Head Office and four Regional Offices to provide the services required in the areas approved by the Board	R9 950 000
Special grant for purposes of the Board's Special Revolving Fund	300 000
Special grant for the purpose of upgrading designated depressed areas	1 400 000
	R11 650 000

An additional grant of R427 000 was also paid by the Natal Provincial Administration to the Board to meet its increased expenditure due to salary adjustments (264)

(b) A total amount of R1 015 830 was apportioned by the Board from the basic and additional grants to areas under its control — R588 830 to 12 areas to meet deficits on their Revenue Accounts and certain capital expenditure and the full R427 000 in respect of salary adjustments to all areas proportionate to salaries paid by each area Hansard 18/4/90

(2) The Special Grant of R1 400 000 received for the purposes of upgrading designated depressed areas was apportioned according to the requirements of providing basic services such as Water Supply, Roads, etc, in those areas The 1988/89 grant was apportioned as follows

Blackburn Water Supply	95 000
Etete Water Supply	525 270
Trust Feed Water Supply and Clinic	41 850
Welbedagt. Water Supply and Roads	737 880
	R1 400 000

Phoenix/Verulam/Tongaat/Stanger: offences

4 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Law and Order· Hansard 18/4/90

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) burglary, (g) robbery, (h) theft of vehicles, (i) damage to property, (j) housebreaking and (k) possession of drugs were reported and investigated at each specified police station serving the Indian areas of Phoenix, Verulam, Tongaat and Stanger, respectively, during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
Phoenix	25	59	417	1418	82	616	469	364	1267	–	11
Verulam	164	25	225	460	54	490	241	113	285	–	3
Tongaat	46	45	215	436	44	463	215	117	232	–	2
Stanger	71	60	242	153	76	824	231	81	205	–	4

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(1) Burglary and housebreaking constitutes the same crime, no statistics are therefore furnished with regard to paragraph (j)

(2) Because the South African Police is not satisfied with the crime situation in the RSA, crime tendencies are continuously monitored I wish to assure the honourable member that everything possible is being done to prevent crime When it is apparent that there is an increase in crime, active steps are taken to counteract this tendency

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Reservoir Hills/Newlands/Asherville/Overport/Sydenham· offences

5 Mr K CHETTY sked the Minister of Law and Order Hansard 18/4/90

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
Greenwood Park	31	74	114	536	43	823	220	325	642	–	5
Mayville	12	14	18	174	14	511	58	190	97	–	0
Sydenham	32	22	207	352	40	438	79	176	260	–	1

Note

(1) Resevoir Hills and Asherville form part of the Sydenham police area, Newlands forms part of the Greenwood Park police area and Overport forms part of the Mayville police area

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Chatsworth/Merebank/Isipingo: offences

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Wentworth	11	6	188	468	31	192	67	98	322	18
Isipingo	91	28	240	312	35	334	207	207	256	0
Chatsworth	41	28	386	662	57	526	149	334	931	37

Note·

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Police colleges: training capacity

15. Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Law and Order. Hansard 18/4/90

(a) What is the total capacity for the training of policemen in each of the police colleges under the control of the South African Police, (b) how many persons are being trained in each of these colleges and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

	(a)	(b)
Pretoria	2114	1927
Hammanskraal	1260	1116
Bishop Lavis	404	154
Wentworth	126	111

(c) 31 March 1990

Natal action group planned

CAPE TOWN — An action committee was to be set up under Provincial Affairs Deputy Minister J T Delport to co-ordinate socio-economic development of the Natal-KwaZulu region, Provincial Affairs and Planning Minister Hernus Kriel said yesterday

Introducing his budget vote in Parliament, he said investigation had shown President F W de Klerk's broad action plan on land, education and health lacking B/Day 27/5/90 (264)

Greater emphasis would have to be placed on economic development, in which the private sector would have to become involved

A policy committee made up of ministers whose departments were involved and local role-players would evaluate and monitor action plans.

Prof Louis de Clerq of the University of Zululand would serve as committee regional co-ordinator, chief executive officer and deputy chairman. — Sapa.

The economy was moving into a consolidation phase, which would be

sions for 1990 — varied between 11% and 15%

Although it rose by 20% to 28,5% in

ing of savings and the way in which they flowed through the financial system and, eventually, into the economy

Natal to get R60m for development

B/Day 23/5/90 (264)

Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — About R60m would be available this year for the acquisition of land for urgent urban development in Natal/KwaZulu, Provincial Affairs Deputy Minister Tertius Delport said yesterday

Lifting the veil on how the specially appointed action committee he is to lead would tackle its intensive drive to uplift the region, he said Natal/KwaZulu's socio-economic needs were the most critical in SA and needed urgent action

He said between 70 000 and 100 000 people a year were crowding into the Durban area alone, and by the year 2000 there could be 1,8-million jobless in the Durban functional region

He said about R3,5bn had been allocated to the Natal/KwaZulu area in the last financial year

The identification of land for urban development was being finalised and in the Durban area alone about 3 800 ha would be needed

He said the area had great potential for growth.

"Roughly 25% of SA's total population lives in Natal/KwaZulu, and yet the region generates only about 16% of the GDP."

Unrest had seriously disrupted development projects and a special grant of R250 000 had been made by the department for unrest victims But R200 000 had already been spent mainly on food, clothing, bedding, temporary accommodation, toilets and other necessities The remainder had already been allocated and a further R26 000 was being made available

Delport said it had become clear better co-ordination and overall planning were necessary

He warned that three common perceptions could seriously disrupt development programmes.

The first was that the existing political, economic and social structures had become redundant and should be dispensed with.

There was also the perception that a political settlement would solve all socio-economic problems and, thirdly, the perception that it would be appropriate to use economic forces for political gain.

ND DECLARATION

Govt reform to be put to the vote in Umlazi

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By Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The Government's reform moves will be put to the vote for the first time this week.

The National Party has admitted it does not know what to expect in Durban's Umlazi by-election on Wednesday

It is making no predictions about the seat, which it held comfortably last year

Since then, the Government has allowed peaceful protests, unbanned the African National Congress, the South African Communist Party and the Pan Africanist Congress, and freed ANC leader Nelson Mandela.

The by-election will also be crucial for other white parties

The Democratic Party fears its supporters might desert to the NP in droves to keep the Conservative Party at bay

The by-election is also vital for the Conservative Party, as a test of its claims that the NP has lost majority white support by betraying its election mandate of last September.

Umlazi is a largely English-speaking, blue-collar constituency and many of its voters, though possibly alarmed at the pace of the reforms, might baulk at supporting the CP

In spite of NP fears, most observers would be surprised if the NP did not hold the seat The real interest will be the size of the majority.

The seat is being contested by Trevor Coppen for the DP, Piet Matthee for the NP and Francis Hitchcock for the CP.

Umlazi by-election seen as a referendum on reform

International attention is focused on the Umlazi by-election which takes place in Durban tomorrow, as it will be the first test of white political opinion since State President de Klerk unbanned the ANC, SACP and PAC on February 2 this year in an attempt to normalise South African politics

NICOLA CUNNINGHAM-BROWN discusses the issues at stake

DURBAN — The eyes of the world will be focused on Durban tomorrow, when Umlazi constituency voters go to the polls to register their support or disapproval of State President de Klerk and his reform initiative, with many voters and observers viewing the by-election as a referendum on reform

The two main voter concerns appear to be the fear of the Conservative Party getting in and the fear that the National Party's reform programme is going too fast

Political analysts predict that if voters go to the polls with these two concerns uppermost in their minds, the by-election could prove disastrous for the Democratic Party whose policies, they say, have been largely overtaken by those of the NP

'Has-been'

NP analysts have gone so far as to say that the DP is fast becoming a "political has-been" and is headed for the scrap heap unless it can come up with a new lease on life

Professor Mervyn Frost, head of the department of politics at the University of Natal, described the CP vote in the by-election as the "linchpin", as it had such enormous consequences for both the National Party and the Democratic Party

However, he believes it is unlikely that the CP will wrest the constituency, considered one of the NP "safe seats", from the hands of the Nats

"One wonders, in the light of FW de Klerk's success abroad and the unanimous acclamation which met his visits, just how many South African voters are willing to fly in the face of international opinion," Professor Frost said

He said that if the CP did increase its vote substantially — or even pulled off a surprise win — it would have major implications for right-wing morale in the country

The previous NP Member of Parliament in Umlazi, Con Botha, held the seat for the Nats from 1977

However, in the September elections last year, the NP majority was slashed by 2 051 votes

Mr Botha, who was recently appointed Administrator of Natal, still held a majority of 2 835 votes, but the new NP candidate Piet Matthee is not well-established in the constituency where the NP had a majority of only 610 in 1981

In the September elections last year, Mr Botha obtained 6 149 votes, the DP's Gus van Rensburg 3 314 votes and the CP's Nic Fourie 2 429 votes in a 61,2 percent poll

The CP vote in the September elections increased by a huge 1 500 votes, while the DP vote only increased by about 200 It is also believed that a number of CP supporters voted for DP in the hope of forcing Mr Botha out

If there is a higher percentage poll in this by-election and the opposition voters are able to gain more votes or take votes away from the NP, it will not be impossible for the seat to become marginal once again

Analysts have speculated that two significant shifts will become apparent in this by-election — one shift away from the NP to the CP, and another from the DP to the NP

Whether or not this will affect the outcome of the by-election is debatable Professor Frost said he believed the two shifts might balance each other out

With regard to the DP's predicted demise, Professor Frost said the DP had had a "truly enormous" mediatory role to play for as long as the NP was not negotiating with blacks, particularly the African National Congress

Now that the NP was directly involved in negotiations, the DP no longer had this role to play, he said

Professor Frost said if the CP gained votes tomorrow, in future elections the DP would have to "consider very seriously" making strategic deals with the NP in certain constituencies "They might even consider forming alliances"

From the word go there has been disagreement in DP circles about whether this by-election should be contested

DP sources said late last week that there was still a strong caucus who believed that the party should stand down in favour of the NP, as they feared a split vote could hand the seat to the CP

"We took a chance — and with little prospect of gaining from it," one DP member said

However, the DP's national political organiser, Mr Neil Ross, said he believed the party would retain its support

"In terms of our canvass figures, there are substantially more 'fors' on our books than last year

"We have noticed a small drift from the NP to the CP, but not enough to make any substantial difference Things should stay pretty much the same,' he said

Meanwhile, the three parties are furiously busy winding up their campaigns The CP and the NP have made extensive use of posters to get their message across to the public

Confident

"Stop the ANC" and "Say no to Slovo" are the CP favourites, illustrated with communist hammers and sickles, while the NP tells voters "CP equals Conflict Party" on a red and white poster illustrated with a skull and crossbones and danger chevrons

NP director of information in Natal, Mr Renier Schoeman, said his party was satisfied that they would put up "an excellent show"

"I believe the NP has managed to position itself in people's consciences," he said "The CP has put up a totally negative campaign They have not given any indication of how they expect to get South Africa on the path forward They want to go backwards"

But CP officials are confident as well "White voters do not want power-sharing when it will lead to an ANC takeover and nationalisation," CP candidate Francis Hitchcock said

"This election is too serious to lose for the CP We are working to win"

And if the CP does win, or even does well, right-wing morale in South Africa will gain a much needed boost, at a time when political analysts are describing their support as having reached its limit

However, as Professor Frost pointed out, by-elections are not necessarily a good indication of what would happen in a general election as the voting patterns are different

"All parties and voters know that whatever happens on June 6 it is not going to change the Government FW will still be in power

"Thus voters are inclined to use a by-election to make dramatic communications to the Government Perhaps people feel reform has come too quickly perhaps they approve They will probably use their votes to that effect"

And so, as the spotlight falls on Umlazi, many South Africans and a number of interested overseas observers wait to see what message will emerge from the white voters

The fight is on . . . the three candidates in the Umlazi by-election, (from left), Francis Hitchcock of the Conservative Party, Trevor Coppen of the Democratic Party and Piet Matthee of the National Party, shake hands before the big showdown

DP crushed in huge swing to CP

Umlazi blow for NP reform plans

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By Guy Jepson and Political Staff

The National Party narrowly staved off a challenge from the Conservative Party in the Umlazi parliamentary by-election in Durban yesterday, scraping in by the slim margin of 547 votes.

The result will be interpreted as a severe setback for President de Klerk's reform initiatives. The Conservative Party, which had been hoping for an upset victory, believe the writing is now on the wall for the Nats.

Mr Piet Matthee (NP) polled 5 762 votes to the 5 215 votes polled by Mr Francis Hitchcock of the CP The Democratic Party's Mr Trevor Coppen received 982 votes

The result shows a massive swing of 23,61 percent to the CP Though the NP lost all of this support to the CP, it made up part of the loss by gaining support from the DP, whose percentage of the vote fell from 27,86 percent in 1989 to 8,21 The NP polled 48,18 percent of the vote

In losing its deposit, the DP also faces a crisis of identity. There are sure to be bitter words spoken by those who felt the DP should not have contested the seat.

However, DP co-leader Dr Zach de Beer dismissed suggestions that the DP was finished and would have to consider merging with the governing party

CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht said if the result was representative of trends throughout the country the NP would apparently not win another general election

The successful candidate, Mr Matthee, attributed the drastically reduced NP majority to false propaganda He said President de Klerk still enjoyed majority support.

No turning back

Natal NP leader George Bartlett said the Government was committed to a new South Africa, and there was no turning back. All people who wanted a new South Africa now had to rally around

DP co-leader Denis Worrall said the NP had failed to get its message across The negotiation process now had to be opened up

Dr Worrall said DP supporters who voted for the NP did not support the Nats, but wanted to keep the CP out

The by-election, called when Nat Con Botha gave up the seat after being appointed Administrator of Natal, attracted nationwide interest

Political commentators described the election as the first real indicator of white political attitudes after the the release of Nelson Mandela, the unbanning of the ANC, SACP and PAC and the escalation of violence in Natal's townships

Regarded as one of the safest NP seats after the 1987 election when Mr Botha swept to victory by a huge majority of 5 000 votes, the predominantly blue-collar, English-speaking constituency has since become something of a political melting pot.

The CP won 20 percent of the vote last year, after attracting only 9 percent of voters in 1987

In 1989 the DP improved slightly on the PFP's 1987 performance, taking 28 percent of the votes

The NP's share of the vote was slashed from 65 percent in 1987 to 52 percent in 1989 after many voters defected to the CP

Loser . . Pro-apartheid Conservative Party candidate Francis Hitchcock is raised to win the Umlazi by-election from President de Klerk's National Party

Police forestall gathering by

By Robin Drew,
The Star's Africa News Service

HARARE — Scores of police in riot kit, some armed with automatic FN rifles, patrolled Harare's Africa Unity Square this morning to forestall any gathering by teachers who yesterday defied government orders to go back to work

The police said last night that the ringleaders of any unlawful gatherings or processions would be arrested and prosecuted

No one was arrested yesterday when police used teargas to disperse the strikers

Long queues built up again this morning as unemployed people waited to register as replacement teachers should they be required

Education Minister Fay Chung said it was not ideal to use untrained teachers but it was better for children to be in class than running about outside

She said about 10 000 of the country's 84 000 teachers had been on strike, but it is not known how many of these obeyed the instruction to go back to school yesterday or be fired

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Emergency may be lifted today

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Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — President de Klerk has called a special joint session of Parliament today to make a major announcement He is expected to announce the lifting of all or part of the four-year-old state of emergency

Mr de Klerk's speech comes after strong indications that the Cabinet decided yesterday to end the emergency

The full Cabinet met for nearly six hours. Mr de Klerk apparently then had special meetings with Minister of Law and Order

de Klerk would like to lift it to influence a European Community decision on sanctions on June 25, and to remove obstacles to negotiations with political groups

It is not clear whether the emergency will be retained in troubled areas The experience of partial emergency in 1985/1986 was that unrest spilt over into non-emergency areas

Mandela-Bush meeting

WASHINGTON — The White House has announced that Nelson Mandela will meet President

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Here's why CP would not win an election

GARY VAN STADEN

THIS week's by-election result in Umlazi, which saw the National Party hold on to the seat by a whisker in the face of a determined Conservative Party challenge, has sent political analysts scrambling for their calculators

But by reaching for calculators instead of solid research based on trends, issues and current debates, they are repeating their error of September of 1989 when they predicted a hung parliament

A number of general conclusions can be based on the Umlazi result, but the possibility of Conservative Party victory if a general election were held tomorrow is not one of them. Two issues stand out

- The Democratic Party is in serious trouble
- The voters of Umlazi have given the National Party a timely reminder that the party was losing touch with its constituency, expecting it to run when it was barely able to walk.

Slow down

There will undoubtedly be some recognition of this problem by the party's leaders This is perhaps a good time for the party to slow down, take stock of the situation and proceed with more regard for the fears and concerns of its constituency

This by-election will prove to be something of a double-edged sword as far as investor confidence in South Africa is concerned Internationally, where in-depth knowledge and a thorough understanding of the South African political situation is usually lacking, the result may well be seen as a sign that the reform process will slow down or grind to a halt as the Government moves to secure its power base

But it could also provide the international community with some indication of exactly what President F W de Klerk is up against as he struggles to free South Africa from its self-imposed political logjam This understanding may translate into sympathy for the Government's present predicament, where it finds itself caught between the devil and the deep blue sea

In general terms though, the result will probably be seen as a huge swing to the Right by whites in South Africa and interpreted as a potential brake on the reform process

This danger is not confined to international perceptions about South Africa The National Party itself has a reputation for over-reacting to by-election results which show a growth of support for the Conservative Party — and Umlazi was the biggest swing away from the ruling party in a South African by-election since 1910 Thus the National Party will have to call on all its discipline to reject the urge to pander to the white Right.

Cautious

Some reaction is clearly called for but the National Party must be cautious not to over-react.

Moving from the general to the specific there are a number of very sound reasons why the electorate of Umlazi cannot be regarded as "typical" of white South Africans The more important of these are

- The constituency, to the south-west of Durban, borders on the black township of the same name Apart from the very high levels of political violence there, particularly since January, there is a fairly substantial squatter problem
- The overall level of political unrest and violence in Natal remains the highest in the country
- The constituency is largely blue-collar and since 1981 has shown an ever increasing tendency to shift to the Right of the political spectrum
- The current economic downturn will inevitably affect areas such as Umlazi to a greater degree than average.
- The by-election could

WHO WON? — National Party victor Piet Mathee is raised shoulder-high after the Umlazi by-election.

The poll in perspective

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- The constituency is largely blue-collar and since 1981 has shown an ever increasing tendency to shift to the Right of the political spectrum.
- The current economic downturn will inevitably affect areas such as Umlazi to a greater degree than average
- The by-election could not have come at a worse time for the National Party So far it is still too early for President de Klerk to have much to show for the reform measures he has implemented
- The Conservative Party was able to muster massive resources in terms of people and money with which to fight the Umlazi election, resources which would have to be spread a lot thinner in a general election.

Problems

In addition the age-old problems presented to ruling parties by-elections should also be taken into account. The worst of these problems as far as the National Party was concerned is the tendency of voters in a by-election to opt for a "protest" vote The damage, however, is seldom beyond repair

It is important to bear in mind that the real loser in Umlazi was the DP. The NP total vote overall declined by only 3 percent while the DP lost 18 percent

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POSSIBLE FUTURE STATE OF THE WHITE PARTIES

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DP	12	6	0	2	4
CP	71	47	11	4	9

The above would be a so-called "hung parliament", but on current projections this seems to be almost a worse-case scenario

But more important than that is that the NP must not over-react to the Umlazi result. In no way is the intention here to dismiss the threat from the white Right.

In the wake of last September's general election the South African Institute of International Affairs cautioned against writing off the Right and warned that it would be extremely dangerous to claim — as many were — that the Conservative Party had peaked

The basis of the argument was that as the NP moved further and further down the reform road it would create new space in which the CP would grow The Umlazi result clearly demonstrates the validity of that argument.

But if there is some comfort for the NP in the Umlazi result there is none at all for the DP. Its policies all but absorbed by the NP, the DP is now fighting for its political life, and the graver the danger to the Government appears to be from the Right, the more the DP will suffer

Recent events in South Africa, more particularly those which followed February 2, have rendered the DP all but irrelevant in the eyes of many of its supporters

There is no doubt that NP "CP gevaar" tactics swung many DP supporters the way of the Government. The problem for the DP is that these voters may well be lost for good

Yet, despite these obvious problems, the DP faces a very important task in the months ahead, particularly if the Government is tempted by the Umlazi result to slow down its reform process

That task would be to keep pushing for further changes, to keep up the pressure on the Government For that reason alone the DP may yet have some relevance in the South African political dynamic

As has already been pointed out, there are considerable difficulties involved in projecting the result of a single by-election to a wider general election

One issue is quite clear, however. It is extremely unlikely that the CP would win a general election in South Africa, even if such an election was held within weeks, and the NP does not have to call another election for 4½ years (Including the six months allowed after the five-year life of Parliament has expired)

Reliable

The accompanying tables attempt to put the Umlazi result in proportion The figures are based on some 16 years of data and have proved to be consistently reliable in the past

Issues, local conditions, trends, the level of political awareness, etc, are all included in calculating the figures shown An element of loading AGAINST the National Party has been built into the data as a kind of safety margin

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Umlazi shock defeat: DP to meet over party's future

By Peter Fabricius,
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CAPE TOWN — The Democratic Party caucus will meet tomorrow to discuss the party's political future after its major defeat in the Umlazi by-election last week.

The party is under pressure to merge with the National Party as a result of the Umlazi debacle when DP support fell by more than 2 000 votes

Party sources said the caucus — which has been expanded to allow in-depth discussion of Umlazi — might decide to call meetings of the party's policy-making statutory bodies to rethink strategy.

Although no definite options are on the table, there is a strong feeling in the party that it should not oppose the NP in elections again

Party sources said it was too early to talk of a merger or coalition, but at the least there should be an election pact with the NP in any by-election or in the unlikely event of an imminent general election.

The caucus held a postmortem last week about the result.

It emerged that the setback has damaged the standing of co-leader Dr Denis Worrall, who is being blamed for insisting on fighting the seat — against the advice of the DP Natal leadership and co-leader Dr Zach de Beer

The Umlazi result is being seen as a major defeat for Dr Worrall's aggressive strategy of "going for power"

Traditional "Progs", however, believe the DP still has a role to play as a separate entity, guarding traditional liberal values They believe it should stick to its traditional support bases and forget about going for power by fighting on new fronts

They said the most pertinent remark made at the caucus analysis was that DP supporters of Umlazi had shown better judgment than the leadership — by voting for the Government. They had sent a clear message to the leadership that it erred in putting up a candidate in a three-cornered fight and so possibly letting the CP in

Ironically, some MPs said it was just as well the DP had done as badly — if the party had attracted more support, it might have given victory to the CP.

Umlazi pushes DP closer to pact with NP

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PETER FABRICIUS, Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The Democratic Party is ready to enter an electoral pact with the National Party and ditch its troika leadership in the wake of its crushing Umlazi by-election defeat last week

In 10 days of agonised soul-searching since the mass defection of DP voters to the NP in Umlazi, several long-simmering issues in the party have crystallised.

This week the party decided not to fight the NP again in three-cornered elections — where its participation could give victory to the Conservative Party It is likely that feelers will be put out to the National Party soon for a formal electoral pact.

And in the post-Umlazi post mortems, the DP caucus has also virtually decided to drop the troika leadership — which in effect will probably mean the end of leadership for Dr Denis Worrall and Mr Wynand Malan will drop out.

Failings exposed

The glaring failings of indecision at the top were brutally exposed in Umlazi where most of the party lieutenants, the Natal leadership and national co-leader Dr Zach de Beer wanted to stay out — but the party went in at co-leader Dr Denis Worrall's insistence.

This has damaged Dr Worrall's ambitions and it is unlikely that Mr Malan would be considered as a sole leader.

Tactically, Umlazi has pushed the DP much closer to a merger with the NP — although co-leader Dr Zach de Beer told Parliament yesterday that alliances, coalitions and mergers with either the ANC or the DP were out of the question until the negotiation process was complete or the outlines of a new constitution became visible.

In a warning directed at suspected ANC or NP

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DP issues

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"sleepers" Dr de Beer said it would be best for everyone if they got out of the DP right now But Dr de Beer also said that the party would be prepared to help others who were working to contain the CP

This hinted at a decision by the caucus this week not to fight the NP where this could help the CP The idea is that in three-cornered fights, the DP will not fight the NP in NP-held seats and the NP will not fight the DP in DP-held seats

Although the NP would not comment on this possibility, it seems to be an arrangement which both parties need However the issue is to an extent theoretical as it seems highly unlikely that another general election will be fought under the present constitution

But there are bound to be by-elections over the next few years while negotiations unfold and the DP is terrified that another Umlazi might deal it a knock-out blow.

The full impact of the misgivings in the DP about fighting Umlazi — and the impact of the result on DP morale — were inadvertently revealed this week when the NP disclosed a confidential letter sent to Dr Worrall by a member of the DP executive, Mr Rory Riordan

Sent before Umlazi, the letter warned Dr Worrall that if the DP did not pull out of the Umlazi by-election it could "precipitate a disaster for the party — and for your prospects as its leader".

"There appear to be only two possible outcomes — the good one is that we come last and the NP wins, and the bad one is that we come last and the CP wins.

"The first outcome confirms our irrelevance, and the second one emphasises that our continued existence as an independent party to the left of the NP is a potential danger for South Africa

"Neither result will do anything but frustrate morale among our workers and supporters and cause a considerably loss of donor and voter support Far better a timeous withdrawal"

All these fears seem to have been realised by the Umlazi result

weekend

This year the Eisteddfod will the Kosmos folksong group from Laerskool Fairlands, the Junior on Friday and Saturday at 7 pm Booking is at Computicket

DP to continue pondering options

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Democratic Party MPs who met yesterday in a special caucus meeting to assess future options after the Umlazi defeat have postponed decisions on any new strategies and are to continue their discussions at further meetings.

Sources said there was a "frank" exchange of views on the reasons for the Umlazi fiasco, but that the meeting was "positive and civilised" and without bitterness

MPs did, however, "unburden themselves", as one put it

Some indicated there was a strong feeling that the troika leadership was now hampering the party, but that there was no firm decision on recommending any change.

Also up for consideration were several options — including moving closer to the National Party or moving closer to the ANC.

Some MPs believe the DP should forge links with both the ANC and the NP, arguing that the party has a measure of credibility with the ANC and that the NP would need DP support in any referendum among whites

Rubbish: Dump-your-own plan

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By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

THE council has appealed to residents to take their refuse bags to 33 demarcated sites from tomorrow while thousands of workers remain on strike.

In Durban municipal employees were granted a minimum wage of R850 a month, after a 15,5% increase was agreed to on Friday evening, averting a strike Cape Town's municipal workers would have a minimum of R819 a month if the council's 13,5% increase were put into effect

The Cape Town branch of the Municipal Workers' Union wants 33%

The union said yesterday vagrants and unemployed people were being paid R35 a day to clean the city

Council spokesman Mr Ted Doman said last night. "The cleansing branch from time to time does employ casual labour as a matter of course"

Some cleansing vehicles were in action yesterday. A compactor driver said he was a council worker, but not from the cleansing department

Among the 33 disposal points in the official contingency plan are Rondebosch Common, Green Point Common, Grand Parade, Maynardville and several sports fields and parking lots

Garden waste should be kept and bottles taken to igloos, the council said

It asked residents to assist "in the interests of public health" by taking their domestic refuse in securely tied plastic bags

The council hoped that those who could not move their own refuse would be helped by neighbours and friends

"If aged or infirm people still need assistance they should telephone 210-2921"

Mr Doman said that fewer than 6 000 employees were absent from work yesterday

Both sides meet again in the Supreme Court today, when the union will submit affidavits opposing the order granted last week to keep striking workers out of the civic centre

Acting Medical Officer of Health Dr Nula Durcan recommended the use of dog repellents on refuse bags kept on the premises

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DURBAN BUDGET F/M 27/7/90

Pound foolish? (264)

Durban is running one of the biggest municipal budgets in the country — R2,07bn compared to Johannesburg's R2,1bn and Cape Town's R1,5bn — and it is planning a rates increase of 8,4%, well below inflation (Rates were recently raised by 13% in Johannesburg and 14% in Cape Town)

The recommended increase is sure to please the average household, but the management committee has come under fire for neglecting the masses on the city's borders in informal settlements

Six of the 26 councillors voted against the draft budget, arguing that a rates increase in line with the other major centres would make more than R7m available for a number of upliftment projects The management committee has set aside only R750 000 for informal area development, in a region with an estimated 4m squatters, this will hardly make a dent

It seems likely the budget will be adopted at Monday's full council meeting, despite the protests from liberal councillors

This is the 12th successive year that Durban has kept the rates increase below the inflation rate However, the increase was kept down partly by skimming interest off the city's capital development fund This has drawn criticism from councillors like Margaret Winter and Peter Corbett, who argue that the fund's money should be used for identified social projects instead of keeping rates down — and that Durban could still have kept the increase below inflation

The total budget is up 18% on last year ■

Natal bid to declare crisis at hospitals

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Natal provincial authorities are to make an urgent appeal to Minister of Health Dr Rina Venter to intervene immediately in the province's health problems and implement the Civil Protection Act, which will declare the situation a national crisis.

The move follows strikes by nurses at various hospitals and at least two deaths — one a baby and another a seriously ill adult — at Edendale Hospital in Maritzburg at the weekend as a result of 1 000 striking nurses leaving the hospital unattended.

Greys and Northdale hospitals could close unless relief is provided quickly.

KwaZulu hospitals — Prince Mshiyeni, KwaMashu Polyclinic and others — have also been crippled.

The entire nursing staff of about 500 at Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital at Umlazi, north of Durban, have stopped work, demanding a reduction in tax deductions, pay rises and better working conditions.

DP and NP face unwanted poll

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By Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

Wynand Malan's resignation from the Randburg seat will force a by-election that neither the DP nor the National Party can relish, after both did so badly in the Umlazi by-election last month

The by-election prompted strong moves in the DP for an election pact with the NP, and DP co-leader Zach De Beer is on record as saying that the DP would not fight the NP if this could favour the Conservative Party

But DP Southern Transvaal chairman Mr Peter Soal said last night the DP would immediately start the process of selecting a candidate to fight the by-election. He said he hoped the NP would stand back for the DP, as this was a DP-held seat.

NP sources would not commit themselves on this score, but pointed out that though Randburg was technically a DP seat, Mr Malan had in fact orginally won it as an NP candidate

He had later held it more through his individual appeal than his membership of the DP

Conservative Party information chief Koos van der Merwe said last night he was sure the CP would fight the seat and forecast a "helluva argument" between the NP and the DP

Mr Soal said it was disappointing that one of the leaders of the party had left, as there was still a great deal of work to be done protecting liberal values and promoting reconciliation and negotiation. "There is still a role for liberals"

Senior sources said Mr Malan's decision had presented the party with a "crisis of relevance" Since the National Party had taken over most of the DP's political agenda, DP co-leaders Dr de Beer and Denis Worrall had repeatedly stressed that the party's role was now to build bridges between the NP and the ANC. This role had been severely undermined by Mr Malan's departure, as he had been the DP's main link with extra-parliamentary groups.

They also said his departure would strike a blow at the party's efforts to attract Afrikaans voters

Mr Malan had been the main attraction for these voters and, although not many had crossed to the DP, those who had were influential opinion makers

Hard core

His departure has presented the upcoming congress with critical decisions Unless the party can find a dynamic role in the economic debate between the ANC and the NP, it will go the way of the old United Party

Mr Malan's retirement has raised the possibility of the DP losing its two minor wings, leaving just the old liberal Progressive Federal Party hard core.

Mr Malan was elected to Parliament in 1977 for the NP. In 1987 he broke from the NP and successfully fought the 1987 election as an independent Later that year he formed the National Democratic Movement. In 1989 the NDM merged with the PFP and Dr Worrall's Independent Party to form the DP, but the three elements have never entirely welded.

Mayor wants local govt to help solve problems

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A CALL for increasing decentralisation of the country's "problem-solving" into the hands of local government was made at his inaugural speech yesterday by Durban's new mayor, Mr Jan Venter.

SOWETAN Correspondent

Venter said local government would have to play an increasingly important part in the new South Africa

"I am of the view that there is clearly a commitment to bring such government closer to the people," he said.

"It follows logically that if problems can be effectively dealt with and conflict resolved in each of our beautiful country's constituent parts, of which a major city like Durban is one, the same must surely apply to our country as a whole

"I believe that in future we must look increasingly to decentralising our problem-solving, rather than centralising it

"In this exercise all the people of the city must be placed in a position from which they can play a meaningful role"

Venter said that Durban — like the rest of South Africa — was about to enter a period of rapid change

"In many respects the city of Durban is a microcosm of the country, so the city faces the same challenges as the country," he said

"Our citizens make the same demands upon us as they do on central Government, in that they want an honest and effective administration and a government that is responsive to the needs of the people"

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Employees down tools

MARITZBURG. — Services in several municipal departments here have been brought to a standstill following a work stoppage by black municipal employees The city engineer, Mr John Robbins, said the cleansing, water purification quarry and electricity departments were affected.

Durban council's move to the right 'a sad day'

ARGUS 18/9/90

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — Durban could become the only major city to prove a stumbling block to the government's reform plan because of the "incredible" hold the Conservative Party has over the city council.

This is the view of the chairman of the Democratic Party's Natal Coastal Region, Mr Mike Ellis

He was reacting to the alliance between National Party members, the Civic Action League and independents in the city council, which resulted in the general ousting of liberal councillors from positions of power yesterday Mr Ellis said it was "a sad day for Durban".

Reversal

"What happened yesterday is a complete reversal of what is happening in other major centres, particularly Johannesburg and Cape Town, and in smaller centres such as Randburg and Sandton, where working arrangements have been formulated between the DP and the NP in the best interests of those centres," he said

"Here an alliance has been formed between the Nats and the CP and the real winners are the Conservatives.

"There is little doubt that the NP will come to rue the day that they allowed this to happen"

Mr Ellis said that at a time when the State President was moving rapidly towards a non-racial democratic South Africa and would be relying heavily on local authorities to help implement his plans, "he may well find Durban a stumbling block in future"

"No one can deny the experience and ability of councillors such as Peter Corbett, Ros Sarkin, Margeret Cooke, Pieter Breytenbach and others who have all chaired important committees in the past and who have all been ousted by the new alliance," Mr Ellis said

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THE NATAL WAY

They do things differently in Natal, judging by this week's rightwing coup of nearly all positions of power on Durban City Council

The National Party (NP) and Democratic Party (DP) are increasingly working together elsewhere to thwart the Conservative Party — witness the unofficial NP-DP coalition on the Johannesburg City Council — but in Durban Nat-supporting councillors have formed an alliance with those on their Right to remove the "liberal" element

The conservative alliance — nine Nat councillors, three from the Civic Action League (CAL), an extreme rightwing group, and six sympathetic "independents" — managed to sideline nine of the 12 liberal, mainly DP-supporting councillors in this week's committee elections

With the committee chairmanship change and the recent mayoral election, Durban is now headed by a Nat mayor (Jan Venter) and an independent but Nat-supporting management committee chairman (former mayor Derrick Watterson), and Nat, CAL or independent councillors chair eight of the nine committees

The liberals (depleted by the resignation of veteran councillor and former mayor Sybil Hotz) now have only two seats on the management committee and the chair of the market committee (probably the least important)

Warnings of the rightwing plot have been coming for some time Venter had said it would be in the interests of the city for some of the "radicals" on council "to be sent to the

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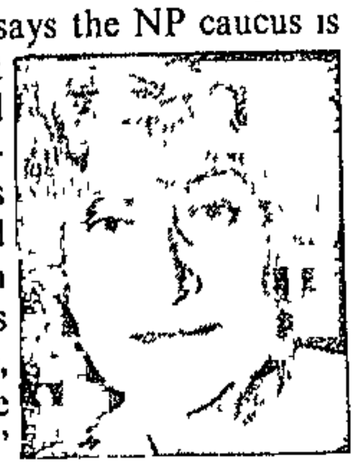
cooler for a year or two"

Peter Corbett (one of Venter's radicals) lost the chairmanship of the community services committee. He says the NP caucus is accomplished at "buying" support and has succeeded in bribing the conservatives (CAL members) and independents with promises of positions of power "As a group, the rightwing alliance has very little talent," he says "A lot of experience and expertise has gone out the window with this takeover"



Sybil Hotz

Corbett says liberal councillors, who are still trying to decide whether the new mayor is a closet CP supporter, see the new arrangement as a return to old-style NP politics

Venter, however, says he is confident the new-look administration will work — particularly the management committee, which now reflects all shades of political opinion Denying that the ousted liberals represent the most qualified and experienced portion of the council, he says he "might have to call those in the cooler back later in the game" ■

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MUNICIPAL POLITICS

BIZARRE PACT

The Durban City Council rightwing coup, that saw an alliance of Nat, Civic Action League and conservative "independent" councillors oust liberal colleagues from nearly all positions of power (*Current Affairs* September 21), has had some bizarre spin-offs

Intense lobbying for committee positions had some strange results

Heading the list is the election of councillor Jo Allen to the chair of the planning committee that considers by-laws on building regulations and town planning. Allen, a relative newcomer and part of the rightwing alliance, is at the centre of a 12-year personal dispute with the city engineer's department over a block of flats she built on her property in upmarket Lambert Road, Berea.

The city engineer alleges the development does not comply with by-laws Allen disputes this

To date she has accumulated fines of R138 000 (increasing by R50/day), which she refuses to pay until the findings of an inquiry into the matter are released

Allen now heads the committee that looks into exactly this type of dispute She has also launched a series of attacks on the department — the part of the corporation she is expected to work with in her new position

Even more bizarre is the way Allen was elected to the committee After much lobbying, Allen was earmarked for the market committee. On election day, however, that went to liberal councillor Lorna Emmanuel Allen was then unexpectedly elected to chair the important planning committee — presumably to compensate for her defeat by Emmanuel

But it seems Allen is regarded as a troublesome element on the council by most colleagues

After calls by liberals for her resignation from the committee, even mayor and Nat caucus leader Jan Venter asked her to reconsider her position She is, however, determined to stay and feels she is the "best person for the job"

But the committee is about to undergo fundamental changes and be given new terms of reference during the next few weeks; a new committee will probably have to be elected.

Senior Nat MPs, including Natal chairman Renier Schoeman, strongly condemn the NP councillors' pact with the Right and say they should instead be working with "future-directed" councillors.

It also seems that the Nat faction on the council has now been pulled into line from above. Venter says the rightwing alliance has been dissolved and the council will follow the visions of President F W de Klerk and not the CP and the league

The council went through similar trauma over the opening of beaches issue a year ago. Venter, heading the Nat caucus, was adamant that remaining "whites-only" beaches would remain so.

But then word came down — apparently from De Klerk himself — and the beaches were voted open

Shaun Harris

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POURING OIL

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After the surprise rightwing takeover of most standing committees on the Durban City Council (*Current Affairs* September 21), mayor Jan Venter has moved swiftly to diffuse three areas of conflict

First he drafted a letter to the project steering committee (which he chairs), recommending local affairs committee (LAC) members be given a vote LAC members, who represent Indian and coloured ratepayers, play no direct role in local government, up to now they have been offered only an advisory role

Earlier this year, the token status of the LACs led to an alliance of Natal MPs from the Houses of Representatives and Delegates blocking legislation affecting the city Venter's recommendation is expected to be passed, which should end the blockade and give LAC members a real say in Durban

Venter also managed to convince the southern Natal regional committee of the ANC to reverse a call to boycott next month's economic development conference The call was a reaction to the rightwing alliance of councillors formed to oust liberals from council committees

Venter's third problem took care of itself when councillor Jo Allen, elected as head of the planning committee two weeks ago in one of the bizarre spinoffs of the intricate lobbying which put the rightwing in power (*Current Affairs* September 28), not only lost her position as chairman of the powerful committee, but was not even elected as an ordinary member

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Allen, embroiled in a personal 12-year dispute with the city engineer over a block of flats on her property, apparently won the seat after failing to get her promised position as chairman of the market committee

She refused calls for her resignation, even from Venter, but at the only meeting she chaired last week three outside professional members of the committee walked out in protest Allen now says she is reconsidering her position on the council ■

BUSINESS SHOWS THE WAY

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Natal, probably the most troubled region — economically and politically — in transitional SA at the moment, has been offered a workable vision of how it cannot only survive but even prosper in the next century.

As part of a major study commissioned by the Tongaat-Hulett group, the region has also been offered a grim warning of the alternative — a doom-and-gloom vision of stalled reform, racial and civil war and soaring poverty and unemployment

With the co-operation and combined effort of all key players in the region the reality will probably be a middle path but, even for that to work, strategies and plans of action have to be implemented now

That's what the giant sugar group is offering. To help hand over the initiative set in motion two years ago, it has appointed a three-man task force.

At the beginning of the year Tongaat-Hulett published a report — compiled by a multi-disciplinary forum of leading authorities commissioned by the group — which outlined the state of the Durban Functional Region (DFR). This is defined roughly as an 80 km semi-circle centred on Durban which, with Maritzburg, serves as the political centre and economic engine of Natal and KwaZulu

The report influenced thinking on the region and has already resulted in some initiatives, like the formation of the Durban City Council's Economic Development Committee (*Current Affairs* September 7), a combined effort by the public and private sectors to stimulate development

Last week the group published its two follow-up reports to sketch three possible directions for the future of the region, with strategies to try to steer it towards a common future.

The vision is predictable enough

The DFR and the rest of SA remain in a limbo of ineffectual reform and polarisation; or a sort of high-road option is taken for SA and the DFR where, though nothing is easy, economic growth can overtake population growth; and the low-road picture of endemic conflict and anarchy.

Amid the future-gazing some facts have emerged. For instance, the planning forum finds the DFR's population growth is not going to be as rampant as earlier estimations. The region's population by the year 2000 is now expected to increase by about 2m to

Saunders . *outlining a solution for Natal*

5,1m, of which roughly 3,8m will be African

This, incidentally, puts paid to the popular notion that Durban is the second-fastest-growing city in the world

The forum also concludes that while the spread of Aids will remain a serious factor in future development, its impact might not be as devastating as feared.

The first report, formulated before the February 2 reform process, also looks less pessimistic now With changes taking place in SA, some of the proposals to save the future of the DFR seem more feasible now than they did seven months ago

Less pleasant factors expected still to affect the region by the turn of the century are:

- ☐ A young population with largely unfulfilled aspirations,
- ☐ Economic growth lagging behind population growth,
- ☐ A fragmented urban distribution and a topography that hampers development,
- ☐ An enduring gap between the haves and have-nots,
- ☐ Endemic violence because the social causes which contribute to it are unlikely to have been addressed fully, and
- ☐ Shack areas making up an important component of housing

The list of strategies and action plans is impressive and covers factors such as economic, political, social and geographic angles

Concrete steps

Tongaat-Hulett group chairman Chris Saunders has outlined some steps that can be put into effect immediately One is establishment of an urban development consortium to co-ordinate and initiate a wide range of projects needed in the region

Another is establishing what is termed a "mixed-use activity corridor" to try to overcome decades of racially based planning This has produced Durban's fragmented and distorted urban geography, which finds most residential development lying to the north of the city while most industry and jobs lie in the south

Saunders focused on Cato Manor, a large piece of land near the city — unused for the past two decades after rezoning and forced removals — as an example of an area which can be productively used to overcome the effects of apartheid planning

The whole project is ambitious and requires co-operation and goodwill across the spectrum But it does offer a way of diverting the catastrophe for which the region is heading and which was clearly spelled out in the first Tongaat-Hulett report

At least Natal and KwaZulu now have a picture of what the future could be like and how to get there

If people still do nothing to help themselves it will not be possible to blame big business for not making a contribution

ANC will be at talks on future of Durban

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DURBAN'S economic future will be under the spotlight at a regional economic development conference to be held in the Durban City Hall on November 7 and 8.

Durban mayor, Jan Venter, said on Wednesday about 400 delegates drawn from a wide spectrum, including all levels of government, extra-Parliamentary groupings such as the ANC, church and community leaders, were expected to attend.

Also expected to attend were businesses rep-resented by large manufacturers, service and retail organisations, financial institutions, organised business via smaller companies, as well as educational institutions.

A number of top speakers, local and from overseas, would deliver papers.

Prof Francis Amos, of the Institute of Local Government Studies at Birmingham University in Britain, Prof Pieter Booysen, vice-Chancellor and principal of Natal University, Mr Simon Brandt, chief executive of the Development Bank of Southern Africa, Dr Mike Sutcliffe, of the Department of Town and Regional Planning at Natal University, Mr Bobby Godsell, the director of Industrial Relations and Public Affairs at Anglo American Corporation, and former KwaZulu/Natal Indaba director and kwaZulu cabinet minister Dr Oscar Dhlomo, would be among the speakers

The delegates would be invited to take part in six workshops which would focus on key issues such as housing needs, both big and small, core development projects; education and training; health, housing and infrastructure; land use and regulations, Mr Venter said

"The speakers will set the scene and the workshops will follow", he said

After the conference, it was intended that a body broadly acceptable and more representative of the interests of the entire region would be elected to manage a process of economic development in the region for the next few years, he added - *Sapa*

Businessmen blamed for fun city's fading fortunes

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By RYAN CRESSWELL

DURBAN mayor Jan Venter has slammed the local hotel industry, publicity association and businessmen for not paying more toward promoting the city

Last month local hotels reported Christmas bookings were 30 percent down on previous years

Almost immediately, a strong faction in the city criticised the council for not giving enough promotion money to the Durban Publicity Association, which is a private company The faction included Fedhasa, former mayor Henry Klotz and the DPA itself

This week Mr Venter said "I would like to ask what the DPA has done to raise the extra revenue it requires to market Durban. Furthermore, what is commerce and industry doing? How much did Fedhasa give the DPA?

"These are the bodies that really benefit from a good holiday season"

He pointed out the DPA had received R1,6-million from the council to market the city

He said the council would spend more than R5-million this financial year on promoting the city.

Mr Venter also claimed Durban would not have as bad a holiday season as some experts were predicting

"People are making this assumption on the basis that hotel bookings are down The fact is demand in certain sectors — such as holiday letting, self-catering and time-share accommodation — is as strong as ever There is also an indication that hotel bookings will pick up later Let's wait and see," he said

DPA managing director Frank Vincent said his company did not want to argue with the mayor because the council was its biggest client.

But he claimed the DPA raised about the same as the council allocated to it for promotions each year

"Last financial year the council gave us R1,2-million and our overheads were R2,5-million

"Fedhasa also does what it can It helps not only with cash, but also in kind For example, they have promised to reduce the rates in some hotels during the Fish Week promotion to those of 10 years ago"

A tagged fish will be released in Durban Bay on December 7 and anyone who catches it will get R500 000

Mr Vincent said commerce and industry were always willing to help with promotions.

Fedhasa spokesmen did not return repeated calls from the Sunday Times this week.

● Bookings at hotels and resorts on the south and north coasts are up on last year.

Durban juggles 'hot potatoes'

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OWN CORRESPONDENT

Talks on beaches, noise and slums jibe

DURBAN — The Mayor of Durban, Mr Derrick Watterson, wants an urgent council-in-committee meeting to discuss a possible referendum on Group Areas, the furore over pop concerts at the Village Green and other "hot potato" issues.

He also wants to sound out councillors' views, behind closed doors, on the city's serious beach problems and the "public denigration of the city" by certain councillors.

Mr Watterson said last night he believed councillors would speak more freely in committee than in public on these urgent matters, all of which had been very prominent during the current holiday season.

His request for the meeting to be arranged as soon as possible will be considered by the city's Management Committee on Tuesday

He will ask the councillors and local affairs committee members for their views on the Group Areas Act and open areas, and on a possible referendum

He said last night there were a number of reasons for asking that this issue be discussed Maritzburg was having a referendum soon, and the Civic Action League had put out a pamphlet attacking him and claiming he refused to have a referendum

"That claim is untrue. I said to them that a referendum among white voters would be totally predictable

"If one is going to have a referendum, it should be among all those people who are entitled to a municipal vote — not only whites but LAC voters too"

He didn't have strong feeling on whether a referendum should be held and wanted to discuss the matter with the council.

Regarding "excessive noise" from the Village Green, Mr Watterson said he had had many phone calls from people right up on the Berea and Morningside complaining about the noise.

"I would also be furious if I lived on the Berea and could hear it. Something has to be done."

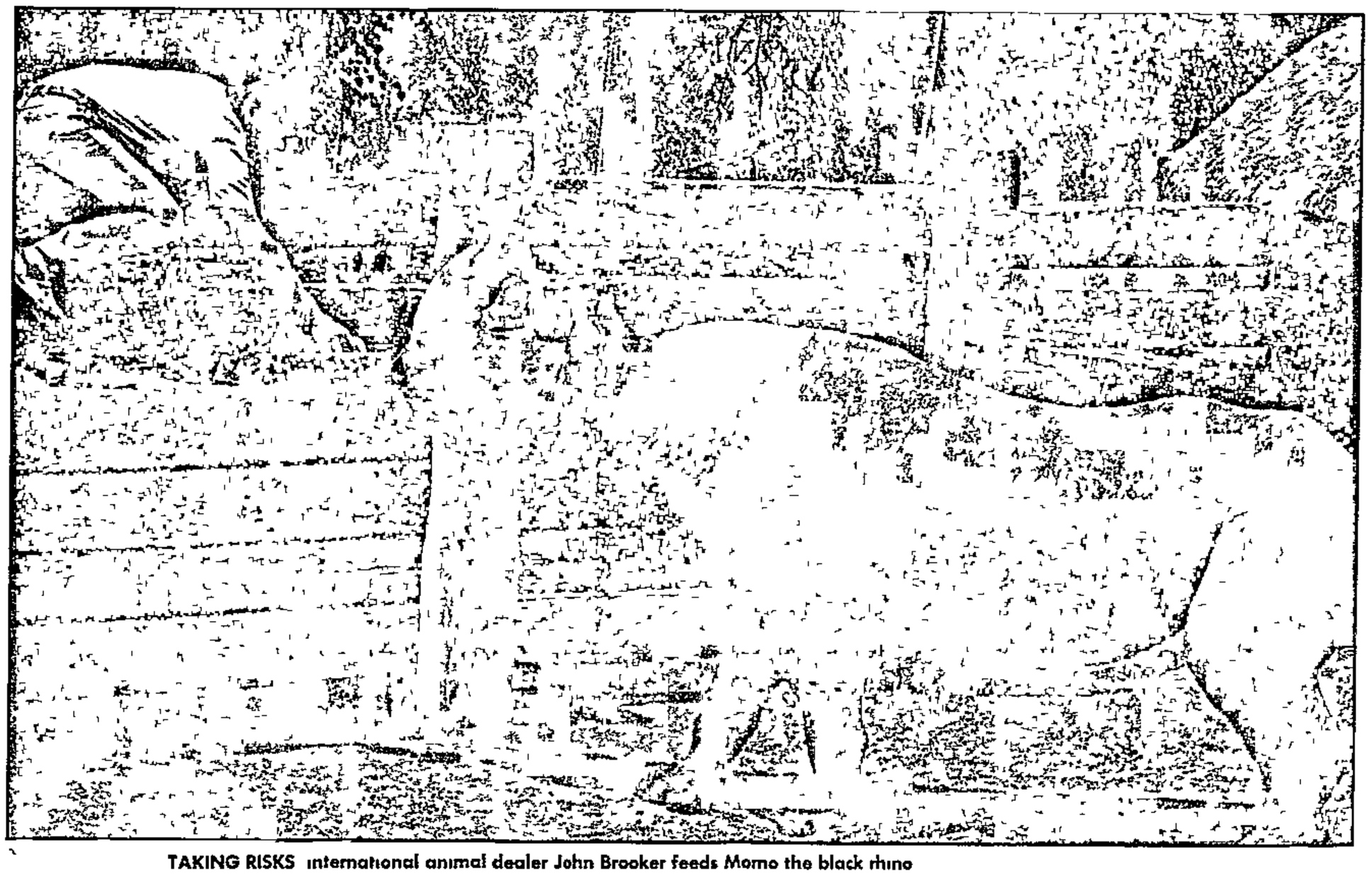
He didn't have any preconceived idea on what should be done.

"I want to get answers, not to give answers."

Regarding the "denigration of the city by councillors", Mr Watterson said several councillors had spoken to him about an article in which Councillor Dave McNaught said Durban was "sliding into the slums"

Mr Watterson said "This is something which must be discussed with the councillor present — whether it is proper for councillors to denigrate the city that way when they are in a position to do something about it themselves"

He also felt that the council should perhaps discuss the Civic Action League's attack on him.



TAKING RISKS international animal dealer John Brooker feeds Momo the black rhino

● Photograph John Hogg

DP open shops call

Star 13/12/90

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The Democratic Party has called on the Administrator of Natal, Con Botha, to reconsider his rigid stand on keeping Natal's shops closed on Sunday.

Mike Ellis, the DP's Natal coastal region leader, said he could find "no real reason in the Administrator's firm stand taken against opening shops on December 16".

"It is a date that has always been controversial. All the other provinces have let shops open on this day, so Natal's stand does not make sense," Mr Ellis said.

"It also does not make sense that Natal appears to continue to foster memories which should have been allowed to die a long time ago. Most South Africans should not place too much emphasis on December 16 being a religious holiday. It is a pity that Natal continues to do so," Mr Ellis said.

"We would call upon Mr Botha to reconsider this decision as a matter of urgency. He is doing himself and the province no favour whatsoever by sticking rigidly to a decision that makes no sense."

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PASS, FRIEND

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Not long ago a white official in a Port Natal Administration Board vehicle meant only one thing in Natal's informal black settlements — trouble. Before the board was abolished, after the scrapping of influx control, one of its functions was enforcing pass and squatting regulations.

Times have changed. Some of those officials, seconded to other Natal Provincial Administration (NPA) departments, are now working with black communities

For example, after consulting various communities in the Upper Tugela area of northern Natal, schools were identified as one of the priorities The NPA began negotiations with Eskom, which agreed to donate prefabricated units previously used as dormitories at one of its depots.

This is now one of several projects — others include soil conservation, tapping spring water and the erection of pit toilets.

"The communities were quick to appreciate that planning for the various projects was being done with them, not for them," says Pat Adderley, chief liaison officer for the community services branch of the NPA

Co-operation was not easy when the projects started. Senior settlement officer Phil du Toit says he and his staff had a good deal of resistance.

"I think the turning point came on Christmas Day 1989 when the St Chad's community in the Tugela district was hit by a tornado. The area had been devastated and my staff worked most of the day setting up tents for the worst-hit families.

"Even more than the assistance we gave, the fact that we had given up spending Christmas Day with our families to help them out was appreciated."

After this, meetings became easier and now there is regular contact between NPA staff and community leaders. ■

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Judge nullifies 29 Durban dismissals

Own Correspondent Star 21/2/91

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DURBAN — The Natal Provincial Administration's decision to retrench 29 workers on December 31 last year was this week nullified by the Durban Supreme Court.

The workers were employed by the NPA as labourers engaged in building work and were retrenched after being given notice on November 30.

Although 29 workers were retrenched, two workers — Mr Sakhayedwa Ambrose Sibiya and Mr Fumanekile Mtshiywa — were used as the main applicants.

On January 3 the two workers obtained a Supreme Court rule nisi which called on the NPA to show cause why the dismissals should not be declared "unlawful and of no force and effect".

The NPA opposed the application

At issue was whether the men could be lawfully dismissed without giving them a hearing and the opportunity to make representations about their dismissals.

Mr Justive Didcott said it was common cause that, before they were dismissed, the applicants had nothing which smacked of a hearing.

He nullifed the dismisalls and ordered the NPA to pay the costs.

Councils in investment bid

PETER GALLI

MUNICIPALITIES countrywide would urge government, via the United Municipal Executive, to allow them the same extended powers of investment enjoyed by the Durban municipality, Johannesburg city treasurer Willie Siebert said at the weekend

Durban's investments in property over the past eight years had been a boon to ratepayers as 50% of profits was channelled back into operating accounts, said Durban deputy city treasurer Mike Turrell

Durban's latest buy is a R10m investment in the plush northern Johannesburg suburb of Illovo

The five properties are being developed into an office park at a cost of about R55m.

Siebert said "The Johannesburg municipality is bound by Local Government Ordinance No 17 of 1939 and various other Acts, which give it no enabling power to purchase property for investment purposes" Other municipalities were restricted by similar ordinances

However, Durban succeeded in the 1940s in getting the Natal Provincial Administration to pass the Durban Extended Powers Ordinance.

An amendment to the ordinance in 1982 allowed it to start purchasing investment properties, he said

"In spite of numerous pleas to government to correct this imbalance, the Johannesburg municipality's applications have not been favourably received," Siebert said

"The Durban municipality — the only one empowered to use internal resources to purchase investment property — amended its legislation to allow this in view of the strength of its internal reserves," he said

Turrell said that from 1991, 60% of the profits would be channelled into the operating account and 40% back into the capital development fund.

Durban buys R10m Illovo property

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PETER GALLI

THE Durban municipality, which invests heavily in the Johannesburg property market, has bought five properties in the plush suburb of Illovo for R10m.

Durban deputy city treasurer investments Mike Turrell said yesterday the properties were being developed into an office park at a cost of about R55m.

This would be carried out by Johannesburg-based Time Developments

"The project will be funded primarily from the municipality's capital development fund and requires no borrowings whatsoever," Turrell said

The municipality had been buying investment property since 1982, and its total portfolio, including projects in progress, presently totalled R500m, he added.

However, the Durban public improvement fund, which bought land for municipal purposes, was completely separate from the capital development fund where land was bought for investment purposes, Turrell said B/Day 15/4/91

Sixty-five percent of the municipality's property investments were situated in the Witwatersrand/Pretoria area, 25% in the Durban area, and 10% in the Cape and other areas, he said

Trans-Natal sells reserves to Eskom

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Trans-Natal, which increased its after-tax profit by 5% to R60,0m (R56,9m) in the six months ended December, announced yesterday that Eskom had decided to buy its Usutu Colliery coal reserves for R109m

The Eskom board took the decision yesterday to ensure an adequate coal supply should Eskom's Camden power station some day resume electricity generation

Usutu's operations ceased when Camden closed down at the beginning of this year. The R109m payment is not reflected in today's interim report, MD Mike Salamon said yesterday.

Profit boost

Higher coal prices and increased export tonnages enabled Trans-Natal achieve an increase in profit despite a shrinking local coal demand which saw overall sales drop to 14-million tons from 15,5-million.

Trans-Natal's domestic tonnages were hit by Eskom's rationalisation and lower demand from Sasol and municipal power-stations.

Coal exports accounted for 63% (about 60%) of the group's sales revenue of R712,5m (R681,0m) Inflation, strikes and a fire at Optimum Colliery pushed up the cost of sales to R607,1m (R552,4m), leaving an operating income of R105,4m (R128,6m).

Non-Eskom demand dropped to 2,7-million tons from 3,5-million.

The interim dividend was increased to 22c (20c) a share and earnings per capital unit rose to 75,3c (71,7c).

Salamon said he was optimistic about the group's future export potential. Niche- marketing in Europe had already secured higher contract prices. A similar strategy was aimed at Japan, for which its marketing team left yesterday.

The group's Eskom sales dropped to 6,1-million tons from 6,9-million after the power utility's decision to mothball its Camden and Komati power stations. Usutu Colliery and the Blinkpan section of Koornfontein Mines, which were tied to these power stations, ceased operations at the begining of this year

Discussions with Eskom regarding Koornfontein are still underway.

Mine extended

Koornfontein Mines' Gloria project was on track and already producing coal. The mine is being extended to enable Trans-Natal to fully utilise its expanded Richards Bay quota of 11,2-million tons (9,3-million) in 1994

Optimum is to get a new lease on life by having an underground section added, estimated to cost R250m over the next three years.

assume that he referred only to the University of South Africa in his reply to the first part of this question, or are there other institutions under the control of the Department where Whites are in the minority?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, if I were to reply to this question, I would be speculating I would rather ask the hon member to put the question to my hon colleague so that he can get the correct reply Hansard 9/4/91

†An HON MEMBER Where is your colleague?

School management boards: separate voters' rolls

*2 Mr J H MOMBERG asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether he gave instructions that school management boards in the Cape Province be elected on separate voters' rolls on language lines, if so, why,

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

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†The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND OF WELFARE, HOUSING AND WORKS (for the Minister of Education and Culture)

(1) No, according to Regulation 14(4) (Government Notice No R459 of 8 March 1991) permission may be granted to hold one election for the two language groups,

(2) no

Parents' voluntary contributions to schools

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

(1) Whether his Department or any provincial education departments have conducted or intend to conduct a survey on parents' voluntary contributions to schools or school trust funds, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) what departments are involved,

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

B627E

The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND OF WELFARE, HOUSING AND WORKS (for the Minister of Education and Culture)

(1) Yes,

(a) October 1990,

(b) the OFS Education Department established the needs of less privileged pupils, Hansard 9/4/91

(2) no

Certain organisation: support

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

Whether he will furnish information on whether his Department is providing or has provided financial and/or any other support to a certain organisation, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if not, why not, if so, (a) what total amount has been provided to date, (b) what other support has been provided, (c) what is the name of the organisation concerned and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

B645E

†The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND OF WELFARE, HOUSING AND WORKS (for the Minister of Education and Culture)

No, no application was received

(a), (b), (c) and (d) fall away

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For written reply

General Affairs

Doornkop, Natal: squatters

131 Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing Hansard 9/4/91

(1) Whether any persons are squatting in the area of Doornkop, Natal if so,

(2) whether any sanitation, water and electricity facilities are available to these squatters, if so, what is the nature of these facilities,

(3) whether these squatters moved to this area voluntarily, if not, for what reason were they moved, if so, (a) from what area did they move and (b) what facilities

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were available to them where they lived previously,

(4) whether any steps are being taken to provide these persons with alternative housing, if not, why not, if so, what steps?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

(1) No

(2) Falls away

(3) Falls away

(4) Falls away

Natal Black local authorities: services discontinued 264

163 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing Hansard 9/4/91.

(1) (a) (i) In how many Black local authorities in Natal has the provision of any services been discontinued and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished and (b) in respect of each such case, (i) what is the name of the relevant (aa) town and (bb) township, (ii) what services were discontinued and (iii) on what date was each of these services discontinued,

(2) whether these services were discontinued only in townships that were in arrears in respect of service payments, if so, (a) what total amount is owed by each of the Black local authorities concerned and (b) to whom is it owed, if not, (i) what procedure was followed in discontinuing services and (ii) why was this procedure followed,

(3) whether he is taking or plans to take any steps to restore the provision of services, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b) when? B439E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

(1) As at 7 March 1991 no services have been discontinued to Black local authorities in Natal

The remainder of the question and questions (2) and (3) thus fall away 264

Prison warders: complaints

180 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Correctional Services Hansard 9/4/91

(1) (a) How many complaints relating to assault were made by prisoners against prison warders in 1989 and 1990, respectively, and (b) how many prison warders were (i) charged with and (ii) convicted of assault on a prisoner in each of these years,

(2) in respect of 1989 and 1990, respectively, (a) how many prison warders faced disciplinary hearings arising out of an assault on a prisoner, (b) how many prison warders were dismissed for assaulting prisoners and (c) what other forms of disciplinary action was taken against such prison warders?

B493E

The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

(1) (a) 1989—A total of 1 952 complaints of alleged assault were received and registered

1990—A total of 1 505 complaints of alleged assault were received and registered

The Department of Correctional Services regards every complaint of alleged assault on a prisoner by a member of the Service, no matter how petty, in a very serious light In terms of the Departmental Orders, every complaint of alleged assault is registered in the appropriate register and properly investigated by the Commanding Officer

Likewise, assaults on personnel by prisoners are not tolerated either and offenders are dealt with severely

(1)(b)(i), (ii) and (2)(a)
During 1989, 72 members were charged in public courts due to complaints of assault on prisoners Of these, 66 members were found not guilty whilst 6 members were found guilty

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The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

		TRANSVAAL	NATAL	CAPE PROVINCE	ORANGE FREE STATE
(a)		133	257	127	Nil
(b)	(i)	89	251	126	Nil
	(ii)	25 211 ha	84 196 ha	29 812 ha	Nil
(c)	(i)	44	6	1	Nil

(ii) The maximum permissible area for afforestation in the relevant catchment or sub-catchment had already been fully allocated

Public servants retired on pension

266 Dr W J BOTHA asked the Acting Minister for Administration † Hansard 9/4/91

In respect of each salary category and the latest specified period of five years for which information is available, (a) how many public servants retired on pension, (b) how many of these officials had bought back pension and (c) (i) how many of these officials who had been promoted only once during the above-mentioned period had received such promotion in the (aa) last year of service, (bb) second-last year of service and (cc) third-last to fifth-last years of service and (ii) in which years of service had officials who had been promoted more than once during the above-mentioned period received their very last promotion before retirement?

B717E

The ACTING MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION

(a) and (b) The Department of Finance has indicated that the required information is not kept on a central system and that it will take several months, at great cost, to withdraw the information from individual files

(c) The relevant information is not available from any central record, as each department handles its own promotion matters and the Commission for Administration's recommendation is requested only in those cases that are not assigned or delegated To obtain the information, each department will have to consult its archive records, which will be costly in terms of man-hours If the information is still required, the question will have to be addressed to each department individually

Broad categories. persons employed

276 Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Acting Minister for Administration

(a) How many (i) Whites, (ii) Coloureds, (iii) Indians and (iv) Blacks were employed in the following broad categories in Departments, viz Labourers, Educators, Nursing, Services and Other Personnel and (b) what total number of persons in each race group was employed in Departments as at 30 September 1990?

B735E

The MINISTER OF STATE EXPENDITURE AND FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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ANNEXURE

(a)	(i) Whites	(ii) Coloureds	(iii) Indians	(iv) Blacks
Labourers	1 140	33 428	1 453	132 143
Educators	68 437	39 188	13 139	58 624
Nursing	23 432	15 562	5 773	29 252
Services	87 466	13 685	3 871	51 428
Others	122 408	17 817	7 071	22 985
(b)	302 883	119 680	31 307	294 432

Administrator of Natal: overseas trip

279 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

Whether the Administrator of Natal recently went on an overseas trip to Hong Kong, if so (a) who authorised the trip, (b) what was the purpose of it, (c) who accompanied him, (d) what was the (i) duration and (ii) cost of the trip and (e) who paid for it?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

Yes

(a) The Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

(b) The purpose of the overseas trip was two-fold—

(i) to encourage affluent businessmen and persons with competence and expertise in respect of labour intensive industries to resettle in Natal with a view to creating job opportunities in the region and the development of an infrastructure which will offer a high degree of training to a great number of the unskilled in Natal, and

(ii) to recruit engineers, medical personnel and persons trained in the technological field for the Natal Provincial Administration

(c) Dr N E Howes, Director-General of the Natal Provincial Administration as well as municipal councillors, town clerks and members of the private sector

(d) (i) 11 days

(ii) approximately R45 000 264

(e) The Natal Provincial Administration in respect of the Administrator and the Director-General Hansard 9/4/91

Own Affairs

Natal Education Department: posts

51 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether, at the meeting of the Natal Education Council held on 4 March 1991, the Executive Director of Education in Natal gave an indication of the number of posts which will be abolished or declared redundant in the Natal Education Department at the end of 1991, if so, (a) what number was so indicated and (b) in which education areas will cuts be made initially, Hansard 9/4/91

(2) whether any other executive directors have indicated, in quantifiable terms, the number of posts which will be abolished or declared redundant in the provinces concerned, if so, what number in each such province,

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

B667E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Yes,

(a) ± 640,

(b) pre-primary and remedial education, extra-curricular music schools and teacher training,

(2) no,

(3) no

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Gunshot wounds 9
(by Police — 4)
(by public — 5)

Alleged assault 12
(before arrest — by public 2)
(after arrest — by fellow prisoners 4)
(after arrest — by Police 6)

Head injuries 6
(by public before arrest 4)
(by fellow prisoners after arrest 2)

(2) Yes

(3) Yes, in respect of assaults on the deceased

(a) None

(b) In three of the four deaths due to gunshot wounds, the Police acted in accordance with section 49 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act 51 of 1977) The investigation of the inquest dockets has not yet been completed and will on conclusion thereof be submitted to the Attorneys-General

In the fourth instance, the court which held the inquest found that the Police acted lawfully and that no member was criminally liable for the death of the deceased

In respect of two of the six alleged assaults, three members of the Force were suspended from office and charged with murder Their cases have not yet been finalised in court

In the other four instances of alleged assault, five members of the Force were suspended from office The case dockets were investigated and submitted to the respective Attorneys-General for decisions as to whether to prosecute or not The decisions are not yet known

SAP members: criminal offences

*5 Mr P R E DA GAMA asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether, during the latest specified 12-month period for which statistics are available, any members of the South African Police Force were charged with criminal offences, if so, how many such members were suspended from duty during the course of investigations and proceedings? C50E

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes, 253 members were suspended during the period 1 March 1990 until 28 February 1991

Riots in PE: State assistance

*6 Mr M A HENDRICKSE asked the Minister of National Health

(1) Whether the State has provided any financial or other assistance to persons who suffered material loss as a result of the riots which occurred in Port Elizabeth during August 1990, if not, why not, if so, what is the nature of the assistance provided, Hansard 10/4/91

(2) whether she will make a statement on the matter? C62E

†The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

(1) No, the Board of the State President's Fund, established in terms of section 16 of the Fund-raising Act, 1978 (Act No 107 of 1978), can in terms of its objects only render financial assistance to victims of terrorism After the matter was investigated, the Board resolved not to regard the incident as terrorism hence financial assistance could not be rendered

A temporary authority was subsequently issued by the Director of Fund-raising to the Port Elizabeth Northern Areas and Uitenhage Traders Re-establishment Fund to collect contributions from the public in order to assist the victims financially,

(2) no

Schauderville: modern post office building

*7 Mr M A HENDRICKSE asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Public Enterprises

(1) Whether a modern post office building is to be erected in Schauderville, Port Elizabeth, if not, why not, if so,

(2) whether a site for the new building has been acquired, if not, why not, if so, when is it anticipated that building operations will (a) commence and (b) be completed,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? C67E

†The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING (for the Minister of Public Enterprises and Economic Co-ordination)

(1) Yes, a new functional post office building in accordance with standing guide-lines is envisaged

(2) Yes

(a) During July 1992 and

(b) July 1993

(3) No

Natal MEC meeting

*8 Mr L T LANDERS asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

(1) Whether he has been informed of a meeting between Natal Coloured and Indian local affairs committee members and Black community councillors that was convened by the Natal Member of the Executive Committee responsible for local government and held in Pietermaritzburg in March 1991, if not, why not, if so,

(2) whether he or his Deputy Minister requested or gave instructions that this meeting be convened, if so, what was the purpose of the meeting,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? 264 C68E

†The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING Hansard 10/4/91

(1) Yes

(2) Discussions regarding the necessity for holding of such meetings were held between the MECs responsible for local government matters in all provinces and Deputy Minister, Dr Delport However, the initiative with regard to such meetings was left to the discretion of the relevant MECs

The purpose of the meeting was to inform local affairs committee members and Councillors from Black local authorities of proposed legislation to give effect to the State President's speech on 1 February 1991 that interim measures for local government are to be introduced during this session of Parliament 264

(3) No

Mr L T LANDERS Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware that

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon member should ask for permission since this is a supplementary question and I therefore have to get the hon the Minister's permission

Mr L T LANDERS Sir, do I have your permission to pose a supplementary question to the hon the Minister?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE The hon the Minister is prepared to take a question The hon member may put his question

Mr L T LANDERS Mr Chairman, is the hon Minister aware that members attending this meeting complained that the hon MEC of Natal attempted to impose the local option on them, informing them that they had no choice but to accept this? Furthermore, is the hon the Minister aware that the hon MEC informed the meeting that if parties in Parliament did not accept local option in the proposed Bill that is to be tabled by him, the NP or the Government will take the same Bill and push it through the President's Council? Hansard 10/4/91

The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING No Mr Chairman, I am not aware of it I did not attend the meeting The hon member will be well aware of the fact that they did not keep a record of everything that was said I have not seen anything like that If the hon member wants to lodge a complaint he is quite welcome to do so He must please let me have something in writing in this regard I will immediately take it up

May I immediately say it is not the policy of this Government to force anything through The hon member is well aware of that In dealing with these matters we are still in the negotiating process As a matter of fact, the proposed

legislation has not been tabled in Parliament as yet and we are still engaged in negotiations

†Mr J DOUW Mr Chairman, may I also put a supplementary question to the hon the Minister?

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Will the hon the Minister take another question?

†The MINISTER Yes, Mr Chairman

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon member may put his supplementary question Hansard 10/4/91

†Mr J DOUW Mr Chairman, in his reply the hon the Minister said that similar meetings under the leadership of the hon MECs had taken place in all the provinces Is the hon the Minister aware that Coloured and Indian management committees were not consulted about such a meeting in the Transvaal? (264)

†The MINISTER No, Mr Chairman, this is a new question on which I have no information and which does not arise out of the relevant Natal episode [Interjections] I would be glad if the hon member could place it on the Question Paper

Internal Security Act MPs charged

*9 Mr S K LOUW asked the Minister of Justice †

(1) How many members of Parliament were charged in the 1990 calendar year in terms of the provisions of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982,

(2) whether he will furnish details of these charges, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,

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

C70E

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER (for the Minister of Justice)

(1) and (2)

The required information is not readily available in the Department To obtain the information all court records will have to be examined, which is not economically feasible

(3) A statement is not necessary

†Mr P A C HENDRICKSE Mr Chairman, are you aware of it that the hon member who put the question is not in the Chamber?

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I said yesterday that although it is not a rule, it is etiquette for an hon member who has put a question to be here

MPs: indemnity

*10 Mr S K LOUW asked the Minister of Justice †

(1) Whether indemnity was granted during the 1990 calendar year to members of Parliament charged in terms of the provisions of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, if not, why not,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? Hansard 10/4/91

C71E

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER (for the Minister of Justice)

(1) No As far as could be established no such requests for indemnity were received during 1990

(2) A statement is not necessary

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General Affairs

Fringe benefit taxation

31 Mr G C ENGEL asked the Minister of Finance Hansard 11/4/91

(a) How much taxation revenue was raised, by category, from fringe benefit taxation on individuals during the latest specified tax year for which information is available and (b) how much taxation revenue is it estimated will be raised, by category, from this source in respect of the year ended 28 February 1991?

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The MINISTER OF FINANCE

(a)

Travelling allowance	R241 613 898
Subsistence allowance	R5 096 139
Entertainment allowance	R19 528 130
Use of motor vehicles granted by employers	R98 739 861
Subsidies	
(1) Housing Schemes	R319 093 382
(2) Other	R10 086 849
Low or interest free loans	
(1) Housing	R70 193 147
(2) Other	R10 084 286
Free or cheap accommodation	R49 092 582
Acquisition of assets at less than actual value	R1 662 780
Right of use of assets other than accommodation or motor vehicles	R61 560
	R825 252 614
Meals and refreshments	R112 080
Free or cheap services	R440 959
Payment or releasing of employees' debts	R184 089
Scholarships	R210 138
Share options exercised	R1 835 472
Other fringe benefits	R17 774 072
Total	R845 809 424

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The above statistics represent 59,3% of all registered taxpayers in respect of which assessments have been raised for the 1990 year of assessment

(b) R1 813 389 029—The revenue from this source is not estimated according to each category of fringe benefits

Statistics in respect of tax payable on fringe benefits received by taxpayers falling under the Standard Income Tax on Employees (SITE) system are not available and therefore not included in the amounts shown in (a) and (b)

Prison warders/prisoners killed/injured by prisoners

237 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Correctional Services Hansard 11/4/91.

(1) Whether any prison warders were (a) killed and (b) seriously injured by prisoners in 1990, if so, (i) how many and (ii) in which prisons,

(2) whether any prisoners were (a) killed and (b) seriously injured by fellow prisoners in that year, if so, (i) how many and (ii) in which prisons?

B613E

The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

(1) (a) Yes

(i) One (1) member of the Department of Correctional Services was killed by prisoners during 1990

(ii) Krugersdorp Prison

(b) Yes

(i) and (ii)

Fourty one (41) members of the Department of Correctional Services were seriously injured by prisoners during 1990 at the prisons mentioned below and a further two hundred and fifteen (215) members received medical treatment/consultations for minor injuries sustained as a result of assaults by prisoners

Electrification 'a priority'

Cape Times 4/5/91

Political Correspondent

THE electrification of about 570 000 formal and informal private dwellings in South Africa should become a national priority, the MP for Caledon, Mr Lampie Fick, said yesterday.

"In view of the immeasurable benefits in the form of improved quality of life, educational technology, reduction in the birth rate and savings in medical and related costs, the electrification of metropolitan townships should pay for itself," he said.

Speaking during the Mineral and Energy Affairs budget debate, Mr Fick said Eskom's installed capacity of 35 000 megawatts had a surplus of about 10 000 megawatts, of which only about 3 000 would be needed to electrify every single formal and informal household in the country.

The electification of 570 000 formal and informal metropolitan dwellings would improve the quality of life of 2,9 million people.

"The savings in direct medical treatment and improved health of about two million people is immeasurable"

Durban Council uproar at 'horrific' racist statement

Star 7/5/91

Own Correspondent (264)

DURBAN — Pandemonium broke out during a meeting of the Durban City Council yesterday after Councillor Athol Bowles uttered a racist statement.

The council was debating whether to restrict the use of the central paddling pools to children of 12 and under when Mr Bowles stood up to speak.

"As the pools are now for blacks, I don't care whether they are used by adults or children because I don't use them any more," he said

His statement, which was greeted with stunned disbelief by a multiracial group of students sitting in on the meeting as observers, provoked strong criticism from councillors.

Peter Corbett said that because Mr Bowles's statement implied that he cared only for the health and safety of white people, it was "sufficiently horrific" that he should retract it

Mr Bowles declined to withdraw his statement, persistently attempting to explain that he had been misinterpreted until he was ordered to sit down by the acting mayor, Gys Muller.

Councillor Arthur Morris also collected his share of flak for a "racist" statement

He had said, "The under-12 age restriction was respected for many years by members of the white community and it was only when the pools were thrown open to all races that they were suddenly flooded with full-grown adults."

In acting as it was now, the council was following its usual practice of changing the rules to suit situations it was unable to control, he said

Management committee chairman Derrick Watterson criticised councillors who had attacked Mr Bowles and Mr Morris.

"While I disagree totally with both their statements, I will defend to the death their right to say what they did.

"Those councillors who said they had no right to do so have no understanding of the concept of democracy," he said

He warned councillors who had expressed the hope that apartheid was in its death throes to guard against idealism "It is true that legislative apartheid is on the way out However, a natural form of apartheid, as it exists all over the world, will continue"

The council approved the reservation of the pools for children of 12 and under

A quest for common patterns

For two years, we and our colleagues studied the development of formal planning systems in 120 companies, mainly industrial goods manufacturers (client and nonclient) in seven countries To determine how, and to what extent, formal planning actually influenced the major decisions shaping those companies' business strategies, we sifted material ranging from case histories and interview notes to detailed financial analyses The four-phase evolutionary model emerging from this work was further explored by in-depth analysis of 16 representative companies, each with over $500 million in sales, in which the relationship between planning and strategically important action was especially well documented

For the purposes of the study, "business strategy" was defined as a set of objectives and integrated set of actions aimed at securing a sustainable competitive advantage The concept of strategic management described in this article differs somewhat from that of H Igor Ansoff, who invented and popularized the term * We define it as a system of corporate values, planning capabilities, or organizational responsibilities that couple strategic thinking with operational decision making at all levels and across all functional lines of authority in a corporation

*See *From Strategic Planning to Strategic Management*, edited by H Igor Ansoff, Roger P Declerch, and Robert L Hayes (New York John Wiley & Sons, 1976)

strengthen the company's long-term competitive position

One of the most fruitful by-products of Phase II is effective resource allocation Under the pressure of long-term resource constraints, planners learn how to set up a circulatory flow of capital and other resources among business units A principal tool is portfolio analysis, a device for graphically arranging a diversified company's businesses along two dimensions competitive strength and market attractiveness.

As practiced by Phase II companies, however, portfolio analysis tends to be static and focused on current capabilities, rather than on the search for options Moreover, it is deterministic—i e , the position of a business on the matrix is used to determine the appropriate strategy, according to a generalized formula And Phase II companies typically regard portfolio positioning as the end product of strategic planning, rather than as a starting point

Phase II systems also do a good job of analyzing long-term trends and setting objectives (for example, productivity improvement or better capital utilization) But instead of bringing key business issues to the surface, they often bury them under masses of data Moreover, Phase II systems can motivate managers in the wrong direction; both the incentive compensation program and informal rewards and values are usually focused on short- or medium-term operating performance at the expense of long-term goals. In sum, Phase II planning all too easily becomes a mechanical routine, as managers simply copy last year's plan, make some performance shortfall adjustments, and extend trend lines another 12 months into the future.

Phase III: externally oriented planning

In an environment of rapid change, events can render market forecasts obsolete almost overnight Having repeatedly experienced such frustrations, planners begin to lose their faith in forecasting and instead try to understand the basic marketplace phenomena driving change. The result is often a new grasp of the key determinants of business success and a new level of planning effectiveness, Phase III

In this phase, resource allocation is both dynamic and creative The Phase III planners now look for opportunities to "shift the dot" of a business on a portfolio matrix into a more attractive sector, either by developing new business capabilities or by redefining the market to better fit their companies' strengths A Japanese conglomerate with an underutilized steel-fabricating capacity in its shipyard and a faltering high-rise concrete smokestack business combined them into a successful pollution control venture.

In the search for new ways to define and satisfy customer needs, Phase III strategists try to look at their companies' product offerings and those of their competitors from the viewpoint of an objective outsider. For example, one heavy equipment manufacturer assigned a strategy team to reverse-engineer the competitor's product, reconstruct its manufacturing facilities on paper, and estimate the manufacturing cost for the competitor's product in the competitor's plant The team members discovered that design improvements had given the competitor such a commanding advantage in production cost that there was no point in trying to compete on price But they also found that their own product's lower maintenance and fuel costs offered customers clear savings on a life-cycle cost basis Accordingly, the sales force was trained to sell life-cycle cost advantages Over the next three years, the company increased its market share by 30% and doubled its net profit

Another strategy, derived from an external perspective, was devised by a U.S industrial commodity manufacturer When sales in one of its

want to come to the hon member for Delmas The hon member raised the problem of Delmac Agencies Apart from the fact that the Transkei basically chased them out, the supplier of beer to Delmac also put a stop to it That means the hon member was fighting for an organisation which in any case is no longer acceptable to the firm who supplied them with beer

Furthermore, if one looks at the Sorghum Beer Act of 1962 and reads it carefully—it was our Bill—one would see that no business may sell beer in South Africa unless it produces it here That means that we do not allow the Transkei to sell beer in South Africa That is what is upsetting people, because incidentally our beer is very good We have now formed the National Sorghum Beer Corporation and hon members will see, if they look at the information, that this enterprise is going to control the South African market for six years Now hon members are saying that we must attack the Transkei

It is not that I want to defend the Transkei, but that party's hon Leader, the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition, stood up and said that the person who was visiting them was Maj Gen Holomisa [Interjections] They said they were friends with Holomisa [Interjections] He is their only Black friend [Interjections] The only person they talk to is Maj Gen Holomisa of the Transkei Why do they not mention the matter to him? Why do they not tell him that they will put his case here in Parliament? However, what do they do? They attack Maj Gen Holomisa in this Parliament I do not know what type of friends they are [Interjections]

Debate concluded

Indaleni/Magoda: displaced persons

2 Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

(1) Whether any steps have been taken to effect the return of certain displaced persons to Indaleni and Magoda near Richmond, Natal, if not, why not, if so, what steps,

(2) whether any other steps have been taken in regard to the needs of these displaced persons, if not, why not, if so, what steps?

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING Mr Chairman, the hon member wants to know whether any steps have been taken to effect the return of certain displaced persons to Indaleni and Magoda near Richmond in Natal Unfortunately not, because the warring parties have not yet agreed to sit down to peace talks, which means that until then these displaced persons refuse to return However, there are ongoing efforts to bring these warring factions together to discuss their differences, peace and the development of their region

This is one of the dreadful results of ongoing violence affecting 465 people, of whom a hundred are children under the age of 10 years Obviously these people must return to their place of abode They are at present residing on two factory premises on an acre of land adjoining the SA Defence Force base in the Richmond Town Board area, but they will temporarily be relocated to the old NPA road camp nearby

Obviously steps are being taken in regard to the needs of these displaced persons, but for the benefit of the hon member may I elaborate on the background

The Richmond Town Board directed a written appeal to the Natal Provincial Administration on 4 April 1991 to assist with the establishment of a protected location outside the boundaries of the town to contain persons displaced on account of violence

Natal Provincial Administration personnel investigated the situation and reported the matter to the Joint Co-ordinating Centre for Region 35 The Joint Co-ordinating Centre convened a meeting with the relevant role players on 30 April 1991, at which action plans were compiled to cope with the plight of the displaced persons on three different levels *inter alia*—firstly, accommodation, secondly, resolving their differences, and, thirdly, a communication strategy

On 8 May 1991 the local co-ordinating committee convened the first of four meetings at the Richmond Town Hall with all the role-players to seek a solution to the displacee problem Immediate steps were taken to obtain funds in order to establish a protected area on the outskirts of Richmond Shelter will be by way of tents with pit toilets, piped water and a supportive administrative section under armed protection of the SA Defence Force

Three sites, namely a local farm, the NPA roads camp and the Indaleni Mission were identified

Two sites, namely the local farm and the Indaleni Mission, were initially accepted by the displaced persons, but these have since been rejected The local co-ordinating committee has decided to press on and establish the area as planned on the site of the NPA roads camp

The role players were the Richmond Town Board, the local co-ordinating committee of Region 35, the NPA, the Department of National Health and Population Development, the clergy, the police, the SA Defence Force, Inkatha, the ANC and various committees representing the displacees

Mr W U NEL Mr Chairman, the communities of Indaleni and Magoda are only some three kilometres outside Richmond, but they are over the hill, out of sight and, it seems, therefore also out of mind

So effectively has partition worked that even today the local residents of Richmond mostly form their opinions from the media, reports from Black people who happen to have fled out of the community and now live with their employers, or the few who have battled on to try and save what they have

The hon the Deputy Minister refers to 465 people who now have to be attended to

*Allow me to inform the House about what is going on there Since January this year Indaleni and Magoda have turned into ghost villages and it is estimated that between 30 000 and 40 000 people have left the area, not 465 people [Interjections] More than 70 people have died in unrest incidents since the end of January this year Three secondary and seven primary schools with a total of nearly 5 000 pupils have been closed for nearly two months, and the teachers have been transferred to other schools

This community is like the Wild West Armed people can be seen everywhere Last Wednesday two people were shot dead in broad daylight during a pension pay-out at the hall of the school for the deaf—the only school that is keeping up its good work despite everything and in the face of real personal danger

This disaster is undeniably this hon Minister's baby too. Forty thousand people are homeless and at the mercy of either their employers or of their friends, or they are squatting somewhere else in Richmond or wherever they can The rest who have not yet fled, are in mortal danger and without services

Many things have led up to this event More than a year ago, after a protest march, a petition was handed over that requested that the access road to Indaleni, which was really untraversable, be repaired, that administrative services be rendered at Richmond and not at Bulwer 80 km away, and that water supply and certain other community services had to be looked at Nothing was done about those things The truth is that Indaleni and Magoda have always been Black spots that were to be removed eventually, and that is why no development took place there KwaZulu administrates them at present, but they have not been incorporated Therefore, they remain this Government's responsibility

The community services of the Natal Provincial Administration are struggling with the problem at the moment, but without any significant success to date, and the idea of an emergency camp between Richmond and the Black township will not work either until order has been restored The problem has to be addressed at the highest level, also together with the leaders of the KwaZulu government and the ANC, otherwise the hon the Minister will toil in vain The people have to be resettled and not simply passed on

Forty thousand refugees, 70 or more people dead, 5 000 pupils without schools and dozens of houses burnt down, is simply not good enough The department has failed [Time expired]

*Mr D S PIENAAR Mr Chairman, the hon member of the DP is complaining to the Government, but he is not justifying himself in respect of the fact that the policy that has caused all this misery is also the DP's policy I agree with the hon member that the problem baby belongs to the Government and the hon the Minister However, the DP is just as guilty as this Government because they share the same policy

It is a tragic scene of murder, disruption, flight, living on factory premises, emergency camps, old road camps, of tens of thousands of people with disrupted lives and of squatting as a result It is the tragic face of the new South Africa that is emerging It is the tragic face of violence, murder and disruption

This is exactly the opposite of what the Government had imagined the new South Africa would

look like This is not peace, but violence, not security, but disruption in the worst degree, and not prosperity, no, but conditions in which there is no stability, where the country's real needs—job creation, growth and development—cannot be addressed

Furthermore, against this background and in these circumstances, we have the statement made by the hon the Minister of Constitutional Development to the NP youth the other day, that the Government was no longer in the dock, since the violence was no longer being perpetrated by Blacks against a mainly White government It is Black on Black now A cynical observation!

*The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING Mr Chairman, I am surprised at the hon member for Mooi River for trying to gain political advantage from a situation that nobody in South Africa can approve of I want to say to the hon member that I think his comment about out of sight, out of mind, was really unfair This hon member knows as well as I do that that situation arose in that area because of faction fights among the people living in that area

Now I want to ask the hon member Has he brought this matter to the authorities' attention? No, never We are not aware of one single letter from him, neither at my department, nor at the province

I have mentioned the role players here The hon member is the MP for that area, Mooi River When this issue was being addressed at the highest level, the Richmond Town Board was represented there, as well as the local co-ordinating committee for Region 35, the NPA, the Department of Health and Community Development, the clergy, the SA Police

*Mr C H PIENAAR The Broederbond!

*The DEPUTY MINISTER the SA Defence Force, Inkatha, the ANC and committees representing these people However, I do not see this hon member's name among them All this hon member does, is come here and try to make politics out of it

*Mr W U NEL Who is making politics?

*The DEPUTY MINISTER I want to say to the hon member that of course the final answer is that a solution has to be found between Inkatha and the ANC I want to assure the hon member that talks with the factions are taking place I want to say to the hon member that I am just as concerned about the matter as he is I want to make him the offer that if he wants us to go and visit that area together, I shall gladly do so, but we are not responsible for faction fights and all the rest Our department—the question has been put to us—is only responsible for those people who have been displaced and who turned up in another area We have identified them and I told the hon member exactly what we are doing

Mr P C CRONJÉ Mr Chairman, I am absolutely shocked to say that the hon the Minister identified them and now knows where they are

For the thousands of victims of violence in Natal, the new South Africa is nowhere to be found There is no single door of the State to knock on, no immediate relief, not to mention rehabilitation Volunteer agencies can no longer cope with the constant stream of refugees It is no excuse for the hon the Minister to say that because there is no peace, people are displaced It was equally cynical of the hon the Minister last year, when we were talking about 20 000 refugees, to say that the money will only be provided if there is peace The fact is that victims are victims because there is no peace, and the Government should look at that A year later hardly any of the 20 000 refugees of the Edendale valley have returned

At the end of last year Kwa Magoda and Ndaleni near Richmond were thriving communities There were only very few isolated incidents Then suddenly there was an attack from Pathemi and in January there were 2 500 refugees overnight

The hon the Minister asked us whether we had brought this to the attention of the authorities At that time I discussed it with the NPA, the SA Defence Force, the SA Police, the Richmond Town Board and the Richmond Civil Protection Unit I warned them that they needed to take matters in hand immediately and that they had to deal with security, immediate relief and rehabilitation as a holistic exercise

However, it is true that it was a case of "out of sight, out of mind", because they took those 2 500-odd refugees and simply expelled them from the Richmond Town Board area The onslaught was then allowed to carry on for four months For four months the systematic onslaught has continued until today Today there are a further 34 000 refugees [Time expired]

Mr R F HASWELL Mr Chairman, my hon colleagues have made the point that in the case of this hon Deputy Minister forewarned is certainly not forearmed However, we welcome his enthusiasm about going to the area We would simply like to know when we are leaving, because the communities cannot wait We have once again drawn attention to the human suffering which has been endured in Natal with virtually no response from the State When we hear of 465 people, it simply emphasises the complete lack of awareness of how serious the situation is As a result of this neglect, people have to make do

Nearby cities such as Pietermaritzburg, of course, now have squatters in ever-increasing numbers However, rather than dealing with the cause of the problem and making it possible for people to return home, the State buys land for urban housing sites The Natal Provincial Administration is expending R87 million on land this year It has set as its goal the annual provision of 20 000 serviced sites However, the same department turns a blind eye to the destruction of communities which produced twice their annual target in a matter of weeks How on earth are we going to catch up with urbanisation if we set the figure of 20 000, while at the same time we are producing three or four times that number in terms of refugees, who have no alternative but to resort to squatting? We ask the question again How much longer must the people of Natal suffer? [Time expired]

*The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING Mr Chairman, before I come back to the DP, let me briefly comment on what the hon member for Potgietersrus had to say He made sweeping statements about the Government's policy in general in respect of the violence situation

I find this very strange since the CP's solution is a separate "volkstaat" I want to ask the hon member the following question If Zulu should fight against Zulu in Natal, how is the CP's policy going to solve that problem of two groups within one nation? [Interjections]

When the hon the State President really addressed this violence problem by convening this conference, the only people who were absent, were the members of the CP [Interjections] They and the ANC must not attack us when such conditions are created [Interjections]

†Let me come back to the hon member for Greytown He said that there was no place to report I do not think that is fair I do not think that the hon member even listened to my initial remarks when I told him exactly what was happening and what was being done in that particular area He did not listen to that I gave him dates to indicate when it was brought to the attention of the Natal Provincial Administration He can go and read the Hansard again [Interjections]

I want to come to the hon member for Pietermaritzburg South The question that was asked on the Question Paper for this interpellation—they say that we are only referring to 400 people—only relates to those people in the Richmond Town Board area There are not 30 000 people there They are scattered all over Natal and all over that area The question relates to the Richmond Town Board area in particular, and I think I have dealt with that quite adequately

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

General Affairs

SABC. pirate viewing

*1 Dr P W A MULDER asked the Minister of Home Affairs †

Whether he and/or the SABC intends to take any action in respect of pirate viewing, if not, why not, if so, (a) what action and (b) what was the estimated number of pirate viewers in the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available?

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†The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

Yes

(a) The SABC is continuously busy with steps to curb pirate viewing In the past 12 months the SABC has taken the following steps

(264)

R100-a-head indaba slated

Own Correspondent

Star 29/5/91

MARITZBURG — The Maritzburg City Council was criticised yesterday by the chairman of the Housewives League and the secretary of the Concerned Citizens Association for holding a squatter conference in the "opulence" of the Hilton Hotel at a cost of R16 000 and spurning its own conference facilities

Both Mercia Watkins of the Housewives League and Lorraine Kettley of the CCA said it was insensitive to spend R100 a head for meals, teas and facilities for a conference on abjectly poor squatters

The city administrator, G G S Shenker, said the total cost of the conference was R16 000, which included meals, hotel facilities and consultants' fees

Mr Shenker said efforts to obtain a grant to subsidise squatter planning for the Maritzburg metroplitan area were being made and, if approved, would result in an allocation of funds of more than twice the costs of the conference

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING (for the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing)

(1) No The description of the land as promulgated in the Official Gazette of the Province of the Transvaal is incorrect Urgent steps to rectify the matter and to ensure proper control are at present being undertaken

(2) Yes Approximately 115 additional families settled themselves in this area during the period 1 December 1990 to 30 April 1991

(3) No—because the Administrator's Notice in terms of which the area is declared a transit area, was incorrect and will now be rectified urgently

(4) The following services are provided on request of the Transvaal Provincial Administration by the Local Government Affairs Council

(a) 30 Water taps were installed During installation of further water taps the constructions personnel were instructed and/or intimidated by the local residents to leave the area

(b) 175 Chemical toilets were provided

(c) No refuse removal services or extension of other services can be rendered due to the lack of funds

Explanation During discussions between myself, Minister Moolla, the Administrator of Transvaal and the MEC concerned on 30 May 1991, it was agreed that the House of Delegates will make ± 200 ha of land known as Finetown available for the permanent resettlement of the squatters and that the Provincial Administration and the Department of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing wil undertake the development and bear the costs

Mountain Rise police station: numerical strength

*3 Mr H M NEERAHOO asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether he will disclose the actual numerical strength of the Mountain Rise police station in Pietermaritzburg, if not, why not, if so, (a) what is it and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

(2) what is the approved numerical strength of this police station,

(3) whether this police station is understaffed at present, if so, what steps does he intend taking in this regard,

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

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) to (4)

No, it is not in the interest of the members at the police station in question, and policing in general, to furnish information of this nature I am, however, prepared to inform the hon member personally and confidentially in this regard

The increase of manpower at police stations takes place on the basis of investigations by the Division Efficiency Services of the South African Police Such an investigation in respect of the Mountain Rise Police Station has not yet been carried out The personnel at the police station in question is, however, not at full strength The available members nevertheless perform an outstanding task in maintaining law and order in the station area

I have requested the Commissioner of the South African Police to conduct an efficiency investigation regarding the manpower situation at the Mountain Rise Police Station so as to supplement it, should such an investigation prove it to be essential

INTERPELLATION

The sign * indicates a translation The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language

Own Affairs

Shallcross link road

1 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Housing

(1) With reference to the statement made by the Deputy Minister of Housing on the Shallcross link road, what was the outcome of the negotiations with the Durban City Council and the Development and Services Board in regard to the sharing of costs,

(2) whether his Department has decided on a course of action in the event of no agreement being reached with either of the above authorities, if so, what is this course of action?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, the financial responsibility for the final cost of the link road project will be borne proportionately by the Development and Services Board and the Durban City Council The need for the link road was established more than 10 years ago by the Development and Services Board, and the project has been supported by the civic association, the Local Affairs Committee of Shallcross, the Southern Durban Indian Local Affairs Committee, and the hon member for Parliament for the constituency concerned, Mr P I Devan

It could have been completed at a cost of approximately R500 000 in 1981 The delay in implementing the construction of a link road has resulted in the cost escalating to R5,47 million In view of the need to avoid further delay, the Administration has taken the responsibility upon itself to fund the project and to recoup its outlay on the basis stated earlier

With the coming into being of the joint services board, consideration will also be given to the possibility of an application being made to this body to provide funding for the project which would serve to lighten the burden on the two local authorities

There are many benefits that the community of Shallcross will gain from this project I would like to name a few They will have easier access to the main arterial routes leading to and from places of work and the city The link road will alleviate the present dangerous and congested indirect routes through populous residential suburbs, including Chatsworth Furthermore it will shorten the length of journeys by an average of five to 12 kilometres per journey It will serve to reduce travelling time and cost, and it will open up the hitherto largely undevelopable land for residential and industrial purposes with its concomitant income-generating potential This in turn can be applied to the provision of low-cost housing

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, it is unfortunate that the hon the Minister of Housing did not answer the second part of the question, because this interpellation arises out of a statement made by the hon the Deputy Minister in this House

Firstly, I want to place on record that I am not opposed to the link road I have also championed the cause of the link road However, the reservations I expressed relate to the manner in which this project has been undertaken The hon the Minister said today that the Development and Services Board would be approached to fund this project, and that the financial responsibility was going to devolve proportionately upon the Development and Services Board and the Durban City Council

My question is whether his department has decided upon a course of action in the event that no agreement is reached What is surprising, however, is that the Durban City Council and the Development and Services Board must accept the financial responsibility, but according to my information they have not The Durban City Council has not decided to accept the financial responsibility I would like anybody to dispute that, because this was conveyed officially at the last meeting of the Southern Durban Indian Local Affairs Committee when this item was on the agenda The Durban City Council has not adopted a resolution The matter has not been dealt with by the management committee

What is surprising is that in the last statement the motivation for the road is that it will open up commercial and industrial development [Interjections] No, in the statement made by the hon the Deputy Minister the emphasis was not on what has been outlined by the hon the Minister today However, the motivation in that statement—which was also circulated to all hon members—was that it was going to open up commercial and industrial development Section 10(2) of the Development and Housing Act was quoted I would also like to quote section 10(2) It reads

> For the purpose of achieving its objects the board shall

A list of what the board shall do follows The board can build a road or a bridge provided that the objective is township development This link road

An HON MEMBER What about industrial development?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION No, that is not the object of the board The object of the board is contained in section 10(1) of the principal Act I want to place it on record that I find it rather surprising that the hon the Deputy Minister should inform this House that commercial development is the prime purpose of the link road, and that the residents will benefit from that I want the hon the Minister to examine this [Interjections] Because the question of a declared area was raised [Time expired]

Mr P I DEVAN Mr Chairman, let us not be fooled by opportunistic agents in this Chamber or anywhere else This is one glaring issue on which the hon the Minister of Housing should be given full marks He must be complimented unanimously by hon members of this House

I am a person with a scientific mind and I say things that are based on facts With the knowledge of the sad saga relating to the Shallcross link road, the hon the Minister of Housing acted deliberately and conclusively With the concurrence of the Ministers' Council, he took a decisive step in advancing finance for the development of the vital link road between Shallcross and the highway Otherwise the question of the Shallcross link road would have been as dead as a dodo

The Durban Corporation is evasive and they come up with all kinds of stories of which they may inform the Southern Durban Local Affairs Committee I am fully aware of this The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is also fully aware of that Let me substantiate this conclusion

As recently as 5 January 1990, in a letter from the Town Clerk, the reply was as follows

> It would appear that the planning of the road does not at this stage involve the Durban City Council

What nonsense! The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition ought to know the mentality and attitude of most city councillors and officials of the Durban Corporation and also that of the Development and Services Board

In no way were they sympathetic to the needs and aspirations of the Indian community I challenge anybody to contradict this I shall even go through the entire history in this regard [Interjections] They were in no way sympathetic With regard to the Shallcross link road, let us put the record straight here and now In 1966 the link road between Nutley Road in Shallcross and the Higginson Highway was deproclaimed There was a road there There was a link road In 1980 the Shallcross Advisory Committee requested the chief engineer of the Development and Services Board to take up the matter of an alternative access to Shallcross with the Durban Corporation The Durban Corporation played all kinds of games If they were here I would tell them so

Among other advantages mentioned by the hon the Minister of Housing, this road is a prerequisite to the development of industrial housing [Time expired]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I do not disagree with the sentiments expressed by the hon member for Cavendish However, let us do things properly and in the right way, because the second access road is equally important We did not go and draw plans We do not issue contracts since section 14 of the Housing Development Act (House of Delegates) states that the use of monies in the fund and the management of the fund are prescribed

What we want here is a guarantee Parliament must be given the guarantee that the Durban City Council has agreed to accept a loan They must be persuaded Why should we force the richest local authority in South Africa to accept a loan when they are refusing to do so? The Durban City Council is still refusing to accept that loan to this very day There might have been discussions, but an explanation has to be given to this House that

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, may I ask the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition a question?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I cannot take a question

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is not prepared to take a question

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Contrary to what the hon member for Cavendish has said, I support the link road It is not a question of having failed, but the motivation here is commercial interest

Mr T PALAN There is no commercial interest! Name the person who has a commercial interest!

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION I am not saying this, this motivation is contained in the statement made by the hon the Deputy Minister in this House The motivation is that of commercial interest and not the interest of the broad mass of the people of Shallcross I want to suggest that the hon member for Cavendish read that Press statement What I have found surprising is that of all the statements made on the Shallcross link road, the question of commercial interest being the prime motivation for this link road happens to fall into the lap of the hon the Deputy Minister [Time expired]

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition says that in principle he is not opposed to it No one can be opposed to an issue of this nature In a letter to the Director-General, he states that the real reason this road is being pushed is to promote vested interests

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Correct!

The DEPUTY MINISTER However, there should be total exposure when an allegation of this nature is being made [Interjections]

The other statement he made had reference to commercial interest Let us look at the commercial interest of the area This road will reduce travelling distance for motorists between Shallcross and the town centre of Chatsworth by 12 km The reduced traffic on the interchange road between Crossmoore, Arena Park and Moorton provides an opportunity for commercial light industry which in turn will provide job opportunities

The issue also has the full support of community organisations such as the Shallcross Ratepayers' Association and others The important aspect, however, is that we have five hectares of important and valuable industrial land which can be developed [Interjections] If the worst comes to the worst, and even if the Durban City Council remains reluctant, that five hectares of land will be a blessing in that it may assist this entire exercise

Nonetheless, meetings took place between all the parties concerned during 1986 There is no total rejection by the Durban City Council, but negotiations are afoot

Coming back to the other point, as far as the Housing Development Act (House of Delegates) is concerned, section 12 states as follows

> There is hereby established a fund to be known as the Housing Development Fund

This is not necessarily a housing development fund, but a development fund which it is within our right to administer in order to complete this road Therefore, in the interests of a community, this exercise was absolutely justified [Time expired]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I wrote a letter to the Director-General, but why is it that the hon the Deputy Minister is now empowered to issue a statement? I want to say it smacks of suspicion It is strange, because the statement said that this was in the interests of the people of Shallcross, but I feel there is a difference I want to say that the manner in which this is being rushed shows that the real motivation is to promote vested interests and not the interests of the people of Shallcross

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Whose vested interests? [Interjections]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION My substantiation for this lies in the statement made and circulated by the hon the Deputy Minister that the road is for commercial interests and the interests of the people The general interests of the people, which were the prime motivation of the hon member for Cavendish, have taken secondary place Therefore we cannot talk about five hectares of industrial land One can add R5 million of the cost of the road in

respect of the alienation One does not need that link road for that commercial and industrial development

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, that road is a necessity I want to compliment everybody, including the City Engineer's department, who assisted us in getting that road off the mark Other people struggled to do so for 10 years A road will serve some people and not serve others Those whom it does not serve must take it for granted that the road is being located in the right place It is being located in the right place and I want hon members to go and have a look at it The hon member for Cavendish, the hon member for Mariannhill and other hon members from that area could guide them and show it to them

We have subsidised housing in Lotus Gardens We are subsidising land development in Copesville The people of Shallcross were put there by the Department of Community Development

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION But who has a finger in that commercial development?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon the Minister may proceed

The MINISTER Not me! The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition must not judge everybody by his own standards [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I am not going to permit a slanging match across the floor [Interjections] Order! The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition must contain himself [Interjections]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION I crave your indulgence, Mr Chairman Aspersions have been cast on me

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition must find some other opportunity to respond to that The hon the Minister may proceed

The MINISTER I am trying to explain to the best of my ability what has been done The road is a necessity The Durban City Council is assisting in order to arrive at the cost Our consultants will work out the cost and apportion the costs between the Durban City Council and the Development and Services Board

Mr M RAJAB They agreed

The MINISTER They are waiting for those figures

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION No, they refused

The MINISTER The Development and Services Board has agreed I do not know why the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is so negative Why is he negative? Is it to benefit [Interjections]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Because you've got a vested interest!

The MINISTER I do not! He failed and his failure is now evident

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION This is a scandal!

The MINISTER What can be done? I will take the hon the leader to Shallcross and show him what can be done As far as I am concerned, I take full responsibility for that road

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I regret that the time permitted for this interpellation has expired

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

Own Affairs

Certain person: allocation of business site

*1 Mr D K PADIACHEY asked the Minister of Housing

Whether a business site in Lenasia South Extension 1 was allocated to a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if not, why not, if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) is the name of this person?

D182E

The MINISTER OF HOUSING

No

The possible allocation is still under consideration

(a) Falls away

(b) Falls away

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, would he inform the House as to whether a standard procedure is applied in respect of identifying resettlement cases and allocating business sites in respect of resettlement cases?

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, I do not know whether the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is referring to the cases in the Transvaal for which we are trying to make land available from an industrial estate that has been established No sooner were some applications under consideration, than we learnt there were many people who were interested in acquiring land and who had lodged applications with our Department As a result of that the Department has put out an advert calling for tenders from people so that they could be adjudicated, because the number of sites is not sufficient to satisfy all the applications that have been made This particular one has been sent to the Housing Development Board for consideration ,

Mr D K PADIACHEY Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, would he tell us whether land will be set aside for the backyard traders in the Lenasia area?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, the backyard traders are not really considered to be traders A man who is doing panelbeating in his backyard is an informal businessman, but he is not a trader in the sense that he is selling goods over the counter I get the impression that there is a large number of these people looking for land on which they can settle themselves and do business, and we are now carrying out an investigation to see whether we will be able to set out a larger number of stands, because rather than allowing people to squat and create problems for us, we should make stands available to these people If we have the required number, the manner in which we can distribute them will be more acceptable to our hon friend from Central Rand

Mr D K PADIACHEY Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, will he also acknowledge that the tender system is not in the interests of the small businessman?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, it is not a matter of what I think That is the manner in which the State applies the rules, and one has to abide by that However, as I have said, I am sympathetic to the representations that have been made by the hon member for Central Rand

Mrs R EBRAHIM Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him how he intends handling the application of T N Day Care Centre for a crèche site in Lenasia?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, we are in touch with T N Day Care Centre, negotiations are taking place and we are expecting an amicable settlement in respect of this whole issue

For written reply

General Affairs

N2 North/Quary/Inanda Road intersection: traffic problems

15 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Transport

(1) Whether traffic problems are being experienced at the intersection formed by the N2 North, Quarry Road and Inanda Road in Durban, if so,

(2) whether it is the intention to take steps to alleviate these problems, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b) when,

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

D163E

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

(1) Yes

(2) Yes

(a) The possibility to provide left and right turn lanes, the widening of the ramps and the changing of traffic

'SADF planning election tricks'

(264)

Own Correspondent CT 11/6/91

DURBAN. — A former South African military intelligence officer claims the SADF masterminded a dirty tricks campaign to defeat Swapo in Namibia's 1989 elections — and that a similar campaign is planned for South Africa's first non-racial poll

According to a report in London's Observer newspaper, Major Nico Basson said he drew up the 1989 campaign plan, codenamed Operation 'Agree' It aimed to ensure a Democratic Turnhalle Alliance victory using media front companies

The report says Major Basson believes the army is planning a propaganda effort for Angola's first post-independence election next year, for Namibia's next election and for South Africa when the National Party eventually faces the ANC at the polls

● An SADF spokesman dismissed Major Basson's allegations as "ridiculous", and denied that he was ever involved in intelligence work.

The spokesman said Major Basson "undertook not to reveal any information unless compelled to do so by a legally appointed commission or legal court", and legal action had been initiated against him

"Therefore the matter is regarded as sub judice"

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version.

For oral reply·

General Affairs

Allocation of land/houses: responsibility

*1 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing·

(1) Whether his Department will be responsible for administering the allocation of land and/or houses after the repeal of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, if not, which Government Department will be charged with this responsibility; if so, to what extent;

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

D198E

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING (for the Minister of Planning Provincial Affairs and National Housing)

(1) The present constitutional arrangements in this regard remain unchanged

(2) In terms of Item 5 of schedule 1 of the Republic of South Africa Constitution Act, 1983, community development i e housing and the development of land, is regarded as an own affair and the various own affairs departments will continue to administer it The functions of the Department of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing provincial administrations and the Department of Development Aid in respect of housing and the development of land, will likewise be maintained pending the rationalising of functions and deliberations with a view to a new constitutional dispensation

VAT: service charges on municipal houses

*2 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Finance

(1) Who will be responsible, once value-added tax has been introduced, for paying service charges on municipal houses in cases where prices of houses have not been finalised because of delays by the Minister of Housing or municipality concerned;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the proceudre that will be followed in this regard?

D199E

The MINISTER OF FINANCE·

(1) Rental of dwellings used for accommodation of a natural person is exempt from value-added tax and municipal rates are not subject to the tax The supply of services such as water, electricity, gas, sewerage and refuse removal is, however, subject to the tax The person responsible for the payment of the tax to the State is the person supplying such services He will normally recover the tax from the person to whom he supplies the goods or services in the consideration he charges for the services

(2) No The procedure to be followed depends on the contractual relationship between the supplier of the service and the person to whom the service is rendered

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is it not correct that he once stated in the Chamber of Parliament that even he does not clearly understand the VAT details? [Interjections]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. Sir, if the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition did not see my tongue in my cheek, it is not my problem! [Interjections] I would gladly have myself subjected to cross-questioning in any circle However, I must add that if it were expected of me to become so *au fait* with taxes at the lowest accounting level, I would seek other employment, because then I would act as a consultant, and it would not be necessary for me to work at my present salary! [Interjections]

Control of medicines: stock/agricultural remedies

*3 Mr N JUMUNA asked the Minister of National Health:

(1) Whether she intends to extend the control exercised over human and veterinary medicines in terms of the provisions of the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, No 101 of 1965, to include stock remedies and agricultural remedies presently controlled in terms of the provisions of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, No 36 of 1947, if not, why not, if so, (a) why and (b) what are the relevant details;

(2) whether she will make a statement on the matter?

D203E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

(1) No, there is clear differentiation between a stock remedy and an agricultural remedy on the one side and a veterinary medicine on the other side, according to the respective Acts They exclude each other,

(2) no

Mr N JUMUNA Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, will she agree that the deletion of the reference to Act 36 of 1947 from Schedule 1 to the Medicines and Related Substances Control Bill, will extend control of Act 101 of 1965 to include stock remedies and agricultural remedies? I have the deletion from Schedule 1 here with me

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH Mr Chairman, I shall have a look at the explanation put to me by the hon member However, I stand by the explanation provided by my technicians, namely that one excludes the other

INTERPELLATION

The sign * indicates a translation The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language.

Own Affairs·

Second access road in Chatsworth: procedure

1 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether he intends following the same procedure in regard to the second access road in Chatsworth as he did in regard to providing the Chatsworth/Shallcross link road; if not, why not,

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

D215E INT

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, the answer is no The provision of this road is the responsibility of the Durban City Council which mooted the road as an essential requirement when the plans for the development of Chatsworth were formulated

The answer to the second part of the question is no

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I am surprised that the hon the Minister now says that matter is the responsibility of the Durban City Council This interpellation is linked to the Shallcross link road which, by virtue of the statement made by the hon the Deputy Minister on 23 May 1991 in this House at the request of the hon the Minister of Housing, is also the responsibility of local government bodies, one of which is the Durban City Council That is why a loan arrangement was being negotiated

If, however, one were to put the Shallcross link road and the Chatsworth second access road on a scale, the importance of the Chatsworth second access road would far outweigh that of the Shallcross link road What we want to know is why there are differences in approach Why are there double standards? According to the last submission made by the hon the Minister of Housing at the housing advisory committee meeting held in Durban, there is a new designed road Consequently the question of the new designed road cutting across the Stainbank Nature Reserve is no longer an obstacle

I think this House and the community deserve an explanation in that the Chatsworth second access road is a direct link to Chatsworth which is a resettlement housing scheme in respect of which the Durban City Council is only the agent of the State Therefore, one has to consider, on the one hand, a small population which is benefiting and on the other, the welfare and the benefit of approximately a quarter of a million of South Africa's people

I find it strange and unacceptable that the Department of Housing has not undertaken to appoint consultants to go on tender in order to award contracts in respect of the Chatsworth second access road where we accept that the

responsibility to construct the road is that of the municipality

However, all the arguments and all the data provided in the debates in respect of the Chatsworth second access road far outweigh those in respect of the Shallcross link road If one has money to allocate to local government bodies in respect of building a road, absolutely no priority can be attached to the Shallcross link road when compared to the Chatsworth second access road [Time expired]

Mr P I DEVAN Mr Chairman, I have a short answer to this long-drawn-out issue If bridging finance was not made available for the Shallcross link road, it would not be developed in the foreseeable future Hence I complimented the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council the other day on funding its construction

The second access road is a different kettle of fish For the information of the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition, even if bridging finance is made available here and now, the second access road will not be built along the Coedmore Reserve Route It is a great pity that the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition did not put it to the test by offering bridging finance for its development when he was administering the House of Delegates, because there was probably a remote chance of succeeding at that time

The problem with the second access road is not finance, but the siting of the road The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is aware of the long history relating to the second access road The question dogging the second access road is not money, therefore the question falls away

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, we would all like to see all roads built However, the second access road to Chatsworth was vetoed by the Stainbank family who donated the nature reserve, and the cost of implementing the alternative road plans, which were discussed with hon members of this House in confidence, is enormous and could only be undertaken by the authority responsible for that kind of work if it had that kind of financial resources Therefore one cannot equate one with the other

I also want to mention, as far as the second access road is concerned, that the hon the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture and I have been conducting negotiations and we intend to meet with the province shortly, when the session is over, to pursue this matter further

We have not let it lie We realise that such a road is necessary and we are addressing this problem on an urgent basis It is hoped that we will be able to give the community some information as soon as we have made further progress in this direction

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, I must honestly say that I am surprised by this interpellation raised by the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition I say this advisedly and with due respect The fact is that the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is a member of a multiparty advisory committee In March, when this committee met, he raised the issue of the costing and financing of this project An explanation was offered to him at that particular meeting

The issue of the link road as well as that of the second access road were on the agenda at a subsequent meeting on 4 April 1991 There was unanimity concerning this particular approach and also concerning the fact that we should proceed with the second access road as well The basis on which we were to proceed with the second access road was also explained, as were the difficulties that we had experienced The alternative proposals were also explained to hon members at that meeting I believe we wanted to work in unity and harmony across the party-political divide Why, then, bring this up as if to create divisions here when we had such harmony at that meeting?

The second access road is expensive Even the Durban City Council has said that the amount of money required for even the alternative plan is so large that negotiations will have to take place with various other State agencies, including the central Government itself, to ensure that the second access road is built Nobody denies the fact that the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is right The second access road is an important arterial road that is required for the people of that particular region Therefore we

must not spare any effort in achieving that objective I think that scoring points in this particular regard is nonsensical, because the funds of the Housing Development Board will not be able to sustain the total cost, even with the best will in the world, of providing bridging finance for the second access road

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, are the hon member for Cavendish and the hon the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture not aware of the fact that in their presence we were given new plans and a new drawing of the new direction of the second access road? This was done approximately 10 months ago [Interjections] The plans were shown to us [Interjections]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE It was on 4 April 1991

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Even if it was on 4 April, I am sure that if a massive commercial development was being planned next to the new road, bridging finance would have been provided If one wants to talk about priorities, the cost in respect of the new plans contained in the new drawings will be more or less the same as that in respect of the Shallcross link road Even if it means R10 million [Interjections] It is not a question of sucking up to people, but of what lies next to the road The question is What is the motivation? [Time expired]

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition wants to know what lies next to this new road that is being prepared It is a cemetery, which is available for use by anybody [Interjections] I just want to reiterate that studies are being done and I hope one day we will have the results here

The road which has been authorised, linking Chatsworth Central with Shallcross, will certainly take the pressure off the Higginson Highway That road in fact meets with the Sarnia arterial road, which in turn goes right through to Edwin Swales In the case of an emergency, people from there can go to Merebank, Jacobs and Durban

When we plan something, we do not take instructions from any nightclub We are doing this because a local authority, the DSB, wanted this road That is why we are doing it I am not interested in who benefits from it, apart from the public Some will benefit and some will not It all depends on how one approaches this thing

However, I am not answerable to any individual businessman as far as this road is concerned I responded to a request made by the DSB and I can also tell hon members at this point in time that the local authority, the city council of Durban, is working out how this whole matter may be resolved to the satisfaction of the House of Delegates, because the city council of Durban and the DSB will each accept responsibility for their share

What we have done, is to bring some relief where it is possible Where it is difficult or impossible, we make the effort, as the hon the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture has indicated We will try our best to do it, but again I want to reiterate that we are not building roads because there are certain businesses there As I said, the only thing that will be next to this second access road to Chatsworth is a cemetery That can be a business for some people, and nobody will stop one from becoming an undertaker

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

Own Affairs

Precedence given to Questions Nos 4 to 6 on Own Affairs

Certain organisation: request for financial assistance

*4 Mr E JOOSAB asked the Minister of Health Services and Welfare

Whether his Department has received a request for financial assistance from a certain organisation, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if so, (a) when, (b) what (i) were the reasons for and (ii) was his

Areas already proclaimed	*Size*
5 Zonnebloem (Cape)	93 ha
6 Waterval (Transvaal)	211 ha
7 Zuurbekom (Transvaal)	1 375 ha
8 Messina Extension 8 (Transvaal)	35,43 ha
9 Knysna Extension 10 (Cape)	90 ha
10 Ottery/Wetton (Cape)	109 ha
11 Cato Crest (Natal)	101 ha
12 Zeekoe Vallei (Natal)	139 ha
13 Alwijn Balmoral (Uitenhage)	1 205 ha
Total	4 786,73 ha

(d) Unknown

(e) 30 April 1991

Consolidation· KwaZulu farms

446 Mr J A JORDAAN asked the Minister of Development Aid †

(1) Whether any farms purchased for consolidation purposes and transferred to the KwaZulu Government by the Government over the past 20 years, have been donated and/or transferred to King Goodwill Zwelethini by the KwaZulu Government, if so, (a) how many farms are involved and (b) what is the value of each farm,

(2) what amount was spent directly or indirectly on these farms by the KwaZulu Government out of Treasury funds in each financial year over the past 20 years,

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

B1160E

The MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AID

(1) No farms have been donated and/or transferred to King Goodwill Zwelethini by the KwaZulu Government As with other Tribal Authorities several farms have been included into the Usuthu Tribal Area which is under the jurisdiction of the King

The following farms are affected

Swartkop, Units 11 and 23 of Sterkstroom, Tokazi, Excelsior, Welgevonden, Portion of Driefontein, Jackalsdance and Uitkyk

Only one farm, Subdivision 11 of Mkuzi West No 14403 measuring 1140 hectares was donated to "The King of the Zulu Nation" by the South African Development Trust in 1988

The value thereof amounted to R300 000

The said property was not registered in the name of the King personally but in his official capacity

(2) No separate accounts are kept in respect of the development of the various tribal authorities

(3) No

Province of Natal· Vote 6

454 Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing †

Whether, with regard to the Province of Natal Estimate of Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31 March 1992, he will subdivide the amount of R301 111 000 under Vote 6—"Community Development", according to aims, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

B1182E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

In order to give a meaningful reply to the question, my Department enquired as to the meaning thereof and it was indicated that the purpose of the question was to obtain the information per population group

The amount of R301 111 000 under Vote 6—"Community Development" has been provided solely for the Black community

Province of Natal Vote 2

455 MR F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of

Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing †

Whether, with regard to the Province of Natal Estimate of Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31 March 1992, he will subdivide the amount of R908 079 000 under Vote 2—"Hospitals, Medical and Health Services", according to aims, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

B1183E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

In order to give a meaningful reply to the question, my Department enquired as to the meaning thereof and it was indicated that the purpose of the question was to obtain the information per population group

The amount of R908 079 000 under Vote 2—"Hospitals, Medical and Health Services" is provided for all population groups and cannot be subdivided per population group

Administrations or Administration House of Delegates

(3) Members of the Ministers' Council of the House of Delegates are entitled to furnished official residences in both Cape Town and Durban Office-bearers have the option to reside in either State accommodation or private residences Should office-bearers choose to reside in their private residences the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs will, subject to certain conditions, compensate office-bearers for the use of their private residence as official residences Such compensation consists of Basic rental for the use of the residence, general maintenance, use of own furniture, cleaning and gardening services as well as actual expenditure on municipal services and rates and taxes The compensation is paid throughout the year as State-owned residences are continuously at the disposal of office-bearers

Offences relating to Mandrax arrests

19 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Law and Order

(a) How many arrests were made in Chatsworth in respect of offences relating to Mandrax during the period 1 January 1991 up to the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b)(i) how many Mandrax tablets were confiscated during this period and (ii) what is the monetary value of these tablets?

D207E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a) 67

(b) (i) 815 Tablets and 7 capsules

(ii) Approximately R28 405,00

Note

The figures are furnished for the period 1 January 1991 until 12 June 1991

SAP fraudulent claims in film industry

20 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether the South African Police have been investigating a claim by the Department of Home Affairs that certain film producers or distributors submitted fraudulent claims for the payment to them of film subsidies, if so, what are the relevant details? D209E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes, it is alleged that false claims with regard to 64 films were submitted by 26 film producers and distributors, as a result of which approximately R12 million was paid out as film subsidies The investigation of this matter is of great magnitude and is expected to carry on for quite a while

Written replies to questions set down for oral reply on Tuesday, 25 June 1991

SABC: extension of Radio Lotus service

*1 Mr E JOOSAB asked the Minister of Home Affairs

(1) Whether he or his Department has received any representations to request the SABC to extend the Radio Lotus service to the Cape and Eastern Transvaal, if so,

(2) whether this request has been conveyed to the SABC, if not, why not, if so, with what result,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D212E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(1), (2) and (3)

Except for a request addressed to me by the hon member for Eastern Transvaal on behalf of the hon member for Rylands during the debate on the Budget Vote Home Affairs on 5 June 1991 to extend the services of Radio Lotus to the Cape Province, no representations were received by me or my Department The SABC itself has received requests in the past from Indian cultural leaders and listeners to extend the Radio Lotus service to other areas in South Africa, including the Cape and Eastern Transvaal

The Indian communities of the Cape and the rural parts of Transvaal do not receive the Radio Lotus broadcasting service as the provision and hire of additional transmitters for the coverage of the relatively small Indian communities in these geographically large areas is not economically viable

It is estimated that the introduction of such a service would almost double the present costs of broadcasting Since the introduction of Radio Lotus it has never shown an operating profit and the suggested extension would require abnormally large subsidies to serve an estimated 16% of the total Indian community of South Africa

Radio Lotus presently reaches approximately 84% of the total Indian population

In an attempt to alleviate the problem for the communities which do not receive the normal Radio Lotus programmes, a special two-hour programme is broadcast on Sundays from 11 00 to 13 00 on the transmitters of Radio Lotus and Radio 2000 at a cost of approximately R180 000 per annum It is also important to note that no additional income is obtained from advertisers in these regions

Fraud in film industry legal action

*2 Mr E JOOSAB asked the Minister of Home Affairs

Whether, with reference to recent allegations that certain members of the film industry submitted fraudulent claims to his Department for the payment to them of film subsidies, he intends taking legal action against the persons concerned, if not, why not, if so, (a) what legal action, (b) when and (c) against whom? D213E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

Yes

(a) The Department has instituted civil and criminal actions and will continue to do so, depending on the ongoing departmental and police investigations

(b) This is done on an ongoing basis whenever investigations are completed

(c) It is deemed not expedient to divulge names of persons against whom legal steps have been instituted at this stage as none of the persons involved had an opportunity to reply in court to allegations made against them

Natal Prov Executive Committee certain member

*3 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

(1) Whether he will furnish information on the hours worked daily by and punctuality of a certain member of the Executive Committee of the Province of Natal, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if not, why not, if so, (a) what is this person's name, (b) how regularly is he present in his office in Pietermaritzburg and (c) how punctual is he in arriving at his office,

(2) whether he has received any complaints in regard to the manner in which this person performs his official duties, if so, what is the nature of these complaints,

(3) whether he has investigated or will investigate these complaints, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

D216E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

(1) Yes

(a) Mr I Omar

(b) Whenever he is required to be present

(c) His punctuality is satisfactory

(2) No Remainder of question falls away

(3) Question falls away

Own Affairs

Improper land/house allocations: legal action

43 MR S PACHAI asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 33 on 21 May 1991 in connection with alleged improper land and house allocations in Richards Bay and Howick West, any legal action has as yet been taken against the 18 persons who had sub-let their accommodation, if not, why not, if so, (a) what are the names of these persons and (b)(i) when was legal action taken and (ii) what legal action was taken,

(2) whether, in respect of this sub-letting, any improper enrichment took place, if so, (a) to what amount and (b) by whom,

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DURBAN'S BLOCK AK

PUTTING IN PEOPLE

Durban City Council has decided to hedge its bets until it has greater clarity on options for the controversial Block AK site just a stone's throw from Greyville racecourse

The area is, like Cape Town's District Six, a victim of the Group Areas Act — a mixed residential neighbourhood before government rezoned and expropriated it in the early Seventies Most dwellings were razed and redevelopment was frozen With the scrapping of the Act, Block AK has become the centre of a political, economic and emotional tug of war (*Property* May 31)

The basic argument, now that government (the House of Assembly) has agreed to sell the land, is whether there should be some form of market intervention, to redress the wrongs of apartheid past, or whether Block AK should simply be offered to the highest bidder in the private sector

Some members of the business community have reasons for opposing the free-market option Through an initiative known as Operation Jumpstart they want to promote rapid economic development and job creation in Durban — and so have become among the most vehement exponents of intervention The city, on the other hand, seems reluctant to take this route.

Block AK is in the heart of one of Durban's commercial growth points so market forces should dictate zoning for offices or factories rather than homes In such circumstances the land should fetch about R20m

However, the jump-starters are adamant that government should not profit from apartheid and that the land should be sold at its historical value of about R1,9m. Their proposal, which has been put to the city's management committee, advocates establishing a low-to-medium-income residential area in Block AK, cross-subsidised by a commercial component

In this they have support from the ANC and Inkatha which, in a rare show of unity, have warned they will oppose any redevelopment without housing

The political considerations are undoubtedly significant But what is at stake is rational town planning — Durban's orderly development should not be compromised by the emotions surrounding past injustices The outcome could create a precedent for the handling of other expropriation issues

This is recognised by Durban's management committee. Chairman Derrick Watterson says the estates department has been instructed to try to secure the land from government at its historical price or, at the very least, at below market value. However, he stresses this doesn't imply council endorsement of Jumpstart's proposals

Developers appear split on the issue. Sapoa believes few would be interested in bidding for the site unless a deal is struck on the residential component The opposing argument is that the resource would be better used if rezoned and sold for commercial development The substantially higher proceeds could then be ploughed into low-cost housing at other more appropriate sites, like Cato Manor

Organised commerce and industry endorses this view, saying the land should be put on the open market for commercial development ■

DP claims 4 other groups got money

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By Esmaré van der Merwe

UMHLANGA — Democratic Party MP Kobus Jordaan, a key figure in disclosures of the secret Government funding scandal, yesterday revealed the names of four organisations — in addition to Inkatha — he believes might also have received money.

Mr Jordaan is the Umhlanga MP and a former senior official at the Department of Constitutional Development

In an exclusive interview with The Star, Mr Jordaan disclosed the names he had submitted — in parliamentary questions about suspected secret funding — to President de Klerk, Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok and Minister of Defence Magnus Malan

The four organisations are the United Municipalities of South Africa (Umsa); the Urban Councils Association of South Africa (Ucasa), National Forum (a moderate alliance consisting mainly of black local councillors), and the Federal Independent Democratic Alliance (Fida) of Dr John Gogotya.

In Parliament, Mr Jordaan asked President de Klerk, Mr Vlok and General Malan whether "certain organisations" had received direct or indirect financial aid from the Government

In his reply, Mr de Klerk said the matter involved security information which could not be revealed

Mr Jordaan also referred to a parliamentary question asked by colleague Jannie Momberg regarding possible financial assistance to "cultural or political organisations" in the homelands.

Development Aid Minister Jacob de Villiers furnished details of some homeland organisations who had been supported by the Government

But, said Mr Jordaan, no mention was made of five homeland organisations he believed were worthy of investigation

They were Ximoko Progressive Party, Inyandza in KaNgwane, Intanda ye Sizwe, United Peoples Front, and Dikwentla.

Mr Jordaan also referred to the undermining of Cosatu, the ANC-aligned labour federation

NPA to re-hire workers

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Sowetan 29/7/91

THE Natal Provincial Administration is to pay about R5 million to more than 500 dismissed workers who are to be reinstated next month.

The back-pay follows an out-of-court settlement between the NPA and the National Education and Health Workers Union (Nehawu).

The 548 employees, who were dismissed in 1988, are to receive more than two years' back-pay, including increases made during their absence.

They will resume work at the beginning of August

The employees were among 800 people dismissed after taking part in strike actions at various NPA depots in Natal in November 1988.

They were demanding salary increases and recognition of their union

New-look Point coming nearer

(264) Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The multibillion-rand Point waterfront redevelopment scheme in Durban is expected to begin early next year B/Day

Point redevelopment committee vice-chairman Peter Mansfield said yesterday plans for the revitalisation of the 50 ha of prime land would be drawn up within three months.

"If all goes well, and we are determined it will, the plans will be approved by the city and Portnet later this year," he said after a planning workshop yesterday 2/8/91

There would be significant progress within two years, but the project could take 20 years to complete.

Let dorp be an example to the 'last bastion', urges MP

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OWN CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN — A Durban city councillor and an Indian Member of Parliament clashed angrily this week over the issue of whether Local Affairs Committee (LAC) members should be given full voting powers on the Durban City Council

This follows the signing of an historic charter this week in Glencoe by the mayor, Richard Nel, and LAC chairman Harry Juggan, in terms of which the Indian LAC members will be the first people of colour to become full town councillors with full voting powers

Reacting to the news and throwing the first punch was Kamal Panday, MP for Reservoir Hills and chairman of the North Durban LAC, who accused the city council of "lagging shamefully behind a tiny town like Glencoe"

Glencoe is seeking the authority to make its Indian LAC members fully fledged town councillors, and town clerk Hennie Jacobs believes that the province's approval of the move will be only a formality

Durban city councillor Margaret Ambler counter-attacked Mr Panday sharply, saying "I think it is a foolish step because the whole LAC system is totally rejected by the majority of the population"

Mrs Ambler said she would go along with Mr Panday's proposal that Durban follow in Glencoe's footsteps only if it were fully negotiated and supported by all relevant organisations, including the Labour Party, African National Congress and Inkatha.

"You are on a very dangerous path if you go ahead with this proposal without due negotiations," she said.

There had been a widespread boycott of the LAC system and many people had refused to register as voters LAC members were elected by a very small percentage of the few registered voters

Mrs Ambler said "I want a council elected by the people, not one rejected by the people"

But Mr Panday said the proposal was an "interim" one, in line with the Interim Measures for Local Government Act recently passed by Parliament, which proposed that local affairs committees be merged with their local "mother" authorities

He agreed that the council should be a fully multiracial, fully elected body as soon as possible

"But in the meantime, Durban is lagging behind shamefully, living up to the title of the last bastion of the British Empire"

Glencoe town clerk Hennie Jacobs has said the town council was seeking approval from the Provincial Administration to enable the Indian LAC members to become fully-fledged town councillors, and this should be a formality.

Once this was obtained, the LAC system would be disbanded and the members would don councillors' robes at council meetings

Glencoe leads SA way to new

Indians get full status on council

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MARTIN CHALLENOR

DURBAN — Glencoe, the small, platteland town in Northern Natal, is feeling proud — it has made history by becoming the first town in South Africa to give Indian people full status on the white town council

When Parliament passed the Interim Measures for Local Government Act during the last session to allow local government to shake off its racial tags, the town's nine white town councillors and the five members of the Indian Local Affairs Committee, whose job it was merely to advise them, quickly negotiated a new deal for their town.

Their unanimous agreement was contained in a charter, which has now gone to the Administrator of Natal, Con Botha, formally to approve.

There are about 2 500 Indian people in Glencoe and 3 200 whites

Mayor Richard Nel said the town councillors had negotiated the charter with the Indians because Indian residents were also taxpayers The new South Africa should not have "all these different councils, they cost ratepayers a lot of money", he said

Making the LAC members full-blooded councillors — even down to wearing official robes — meant there would be one council meeting, not one for the council and another one for the LAC.

The new councillors would have the same voting rights as existing white councillors when it came to appointing the mayor or chairmen of committees

Once Mr Botha approved the charter, the LAC would be disbanded, Mr Nel said

Glencoe did not have politics in its council, but there were right-wing people sitting on the council "When it comes to decisions, we chuck politics out of the door and make decisions that are good for the future of the town"

After debate, the decision to make the LAC members full council members went through without a vote The council had a very good relationship with the LAC and had treated them as fully fledged councillors for the past two years

'Very proud'

"So now it was just a matter of making this legal by given them their full share in the council with votes that would be able to count"

Glencoe was proud to be the first town in South Africa to present a formal proposal under the new Act "and I am very proud of my councillors," Mr Nel said.

The average Afrikaans-speaking person was "a little rightwing in his heart," he noted But in the new South Africa people had to get together and talk

At present Glencoe was talking with its African township, helping them with their finances and planning All their accounts would be done through the Glencoe office. Hopefully soon Glencoe could start "helping them in the same way" as the Indian members of the LAC had been helped, Mr Nel said. "I think our relationship with our black town in quite good"

One of the town council's major projects was to try attract industrialists to the town

A couple of other towns have made inquiries about how the charter was put together.

Changing the racial composition of councils was easy "if you just trust each other and go for the future," Mr Nel said

The new South Africa depended a lot on mayors and town clerks getting their councils to think in the direction of the new South Africa and going for it

Mr Val Volker, the MEC in charge of local government said this week that the Natal Provincial Administration was "actively pursuing" discussions between white and black local authorities in terms of

NP, DP join forces in Durban

Own Correspondent (264) CT 6/9/91

DURBAN — The National Party and the Democratic Party joined forces here yesterday to take all the top positions on the city council

One of those ousted in the move was Mr Derrick Watterson, who had been chairman of the management committee

In the NP-DP sweep, Mr Gys Muller was re-elected mayor, Ms Margaret Winter deputy mayor and Mr Peter Mansfield became chairman of the management committee

The alliance also took all eight of the other committee chairmanships

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Showing the way

With the highest population growth rate in SA and one of the country's lowest economic growth rates, the Durban Functional Region (DFR) — roughly a 3 000 km² semi-circle with Durban at the core — is heading for trouble

A few years ago various forums (including the Tongaat-Hulett Planning Forum and an economic development conference called by Durban's mayor, the late Jan Venter) looked at the region's problems It became clear that both central and regional government could do little to ease Natal-KwaZulu's employment crisis

This led to the formation of a broad-based, Durban-led group called Operation Jumpstart It is a largely private sector initiative, but includes local, regional and central government representatives Initially the group was mildly criticised for being talking heads

But the operation has now answered its critics by detailing nine projects, some of them already under way, to stimulate the region The basic aim is to create 300 000 new jobs and raise the region's growth rate to 8% a year by the end of the decade That's very optimistic — but Jumpstart has projected that this is what's needed just to prevent present levels of unemployment worsening

To do this, a number of committees and sub-committees have been formed to tackle development projects from all angles Sometimes they operate as pressure groups, as in the debate over the future of Durban's Block AK, or as facilitators, as Jumpstart is doing with Cato Manor, the centre of a dispute between the State, House of Delegates, city council and private developers

Headed by Prefhold chairman and CE Terry Rosenberg, Jumpstart has had to steer a delicate political path in a region still racked by political violence Consequently, besides a number of top Durban businessmen and academics, its steering committee has also brought together Inkatha Youth Brigade chairman Musa Zondi and southern Natal ANC executive Mike Sutcliffe

Projects under way include

- ☐ A metropolitan plan to push for the cutting of bureaucratic red-tape,
- ☐ Developing Cato Manor as a low-cost housing and light industrial area,
- ☐ Promoting the export of manufactured goods by pushing for exemptions in customs duty, income tax and foreign exchange, as well as better harbour tariffs,
- ☐ Identifying inner city areas for housing and job creation,
- ☐ Persuading Transnet and city officials to get on with the development of the Point and Victoria Embankment,
- ☐ Providing for mixed-use housing and industrial/business areas,
- ☐ Promoting the region's tourism,
- ☐ Agitating for a State lottery to raise funds for development projects, and
- ☐ Creating, through existing education and

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training facilities, more effective job and entrepreneurial skills

The projects have some way to go and it will be some time before the first results are seen But the operation seems to be getting increasing support from a broad range of individuals, groups and businesses, they have stepped in where all levels of government seem to have given up ■

Durban set to be first

DURBAN. — This city could soon become the first in the country to abolish racial discrimination from its bylaws. (264) CT 20/9/91

The City Council's management committee yesterday recommended that the council pass two new bylaws to remove discrimination on the grounds of race, religion and gender.

However, the change relating to gender will not apply to provisions regarding codes of dress, public change rooms and toilets.

Manco chairman Mr Peter Mansfield said he hoped other cities and higher levels of government would follow the city's lead. — Sapa

Witnesses charged in Khutsong probe

PATRICK BULGER

FIVE witnesses who gave testimony that led to 11 policemen being suspended following 22 deaths at a western Transvaal township are facing criminal charges

The witnesses to alleged police killings in Khutsong township and nearby Welverdiend police station have co-operated with lawyers and police attached to the investigations office of Maj-Gen Ronnie van der Westhuizen

The deaths occurred last year and earlier this year B/Day 26/9/91.

This week Sally Sealey of the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, who helped locate witnesses, was herself arrested and charged with assault and crimen injuria She, and local ANC leader Dan Ndzeku, were later released on bail of R500 each

Their arrest followed that of five witnesses who have been charged with illegal possession of firearms and robbery

Sealey said that witness William Fantein was charged with illegal possession of a firearm in January this year and released on free bail Witnesses Enos Mahlangu and Samuel Nkuta were charged with robbery at the end of last month Late last month Thomas Monene and Thomas Mavundla were charged with illegal possession of firearms and ammunition

The Welverdiend docket is due to be handed over to the Attorney-General tomorrow

Natal is chosen for tourist boom project

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IAN HOBBS

LONDON — Natal has been chosen to pioneer the potentially huge and lucrative package tourist trade to SA, which starts in November

SA's Ambassador in London, Kent Durr, yesterday welcomed the high quality packages from the UK as a historic step towards SA becoming one of the world's prime tourist destinations by as early as 1993

As a further benefit from political reform, major international hotel groups had anticipated a spectacular tourist boom and were already planning to invest in SA

He said that by 1993 the "great boom" in SA tourism, in co-operation with neighbouring countries, would have attracted all the world's main airlines to the area

The Natal packages, first of a series of planned countrywide "SA Delight Holidays" run by experienced UK operators, are expected to take 5 000 people to Durban and Natal beauty spots between November and April 1992

The first season of a new breed of adventure package tourists, who will pay from £599 each for a basic two-week holiday with Monarch Airlines, flying in new Boeing 757s, will spend at least a further R25m in Natal

Durr, who was involved as a former Cabinet minister in the planning for the venture, told an embassy launch reception that "SA Delight Holidays" had spectacular potential that would create many jobs and benefits for all South Africans He hoped to see the initial tours to Natal spread quickly to take in the full beauty and spectacle of SA

He promised that the carefully controlled, very high quality packages would never turn into the "tourism pollution" that has wrecked Spain's Costa Brava

SA Delight Holidays MD David Bennet, who spent two years planning the venture, said Durban and Natal had been chosen for the launch beause they alone had the hotel capacity and experience to handle SA's first major foreign package tours

A special tour being offered will take steam train buffs on a 10-day old-fashioned journey around SA Accommodation is limited and most places are already sold, after news leaked out to steam fans

ANC candidates for Durban council posts

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WILSON ZWANE

THE ANC is lining up potential municipal employees for the Durban City Council

An ANC human resources department spokesman said the council was keen to employ ANC people trained in local government B/Day 21/11/91

"The council did not tell us how many people it wanted . it also did not say what posts it had But we have 10 people who were trained in local government in Britain, India and Zimbabwe and we will be submitting their names to the council in due course," he said

Durban management committee chairman Peter Mansfield confirmed yesterday he had written to the ANC asking to be put in touch with black people who had received training in local government "with a view to possible employment".

This was in response to a newspaper article quoting the ANC as saying 20 people trained in local government in England would be returning to SA

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"I asked to be put in touch with those people with a view to possible employment, but I did not commission the ANC to recruit people for us," Mansfield said

He would have written a similar letter to Inkatha or PAC had their officials been quoted in the article

In another development, the ANC has been asked to find candidates so that a group of 20 students can be sent to Zimbabwe early next year, probably in January, for technical training, including motor maintenance, carpentry and building

The ANC spokesman said the two-year courses would be financed by "independent funding organisations, such as the Zimbabwe Lutheran Foundation" About R60 000 would be pumped into the training

No vote for non-residents, urges mayor

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OWN CORRESPONDENT

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DURBAN — Durban mayor Gys Muller yesterday launched a stinging attack on foreign nationals who "reaped the profits" of living in SA but were not prepared to become citizens

"I am 100 percent against giving these people the vote in municipal elections Only South African citizens should get the vote," Mr Muller told delegates at the Natal Municipal Association's annual general meeting

He was reacting to a call by municipalities in the Natal Midlands to allow non-South Africans to vote in municipal elections.

Howick mayor Keith Humphries disagreed with Mr Muller "I believe in the principle 'he who pays, gets'. There are many people, in the Midlands especially, who are not South African citizens, but who pay rates (and) buy services. They have a right to a say in how their money is spent."

Rob Haswell, Martizburg city councillor and MP for Pietermaritzburg South agreed with Mr Humphries, but took a different tack when he argued that before the issue of foreign nationals being allowed to vote, it should be remembered that there were millions of black South African citizens who did not have the vote.

Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C(3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament

Housing assistance: Whites

*3 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Housing and Works

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

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND WORKS

An amount of R86 080 544,00 was spent by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works in respect of housing assistance during the 1990/91 financial year which ended on 31 March 1991

Rent-controlled premises: Cape Town Gardens

*4 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Housing and Works

(1) How many rent-controlled premises/dwelling units were there in the Cape Town Gardens constituency as at 31 December 1991,

(2) how many premises/dwelling units in the said constituency were decontrolled during the period 1 January 1990 to 31 December 1991?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) There were still 905 dwelling units subject to rent control as at 31 December 1991,

(2) 996 units were conditionally exempted from rent control during the period 1 Janaury 1990 to 31 December 1991 subject to the granting of continued protection to the tenants thereof if and for as long as such tenants comply with the prescribed requirements for continued protection

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

INTERPELLATION

The sign * indicates a translation The sign †, used subsequently in the interpellation, indicates the original language

Own Affairs

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Shallcross link road. recovery of money

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Housing

Whether any arrangements have been made to recover from the Development and Services Board and the Durban Municipality money spent on the Shallcross link road, if so, what are the details of these arrangements?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, in response to the interpellation put by the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition, I wish to say the following

The final cost will only be established when the project has been completed, after which the ongoing negotiations with the relevant authorities for the recovery of funds outlaid in respect of this project can proceed

This road is being built at the request of the Development and Services Board, the local authority responsible for the Shallcross area and following representations made by the local MP supported by the Shallcross Local Affairs Committee

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I should like to place on record that I am not arguing the merits or demerits of this road It is necessary and it is there for the general benefit of the residents

In this regard, however, the House of Delegates is acting as a financing institution We do not give grants for roads This is the fastest project ever undertaken in the history of the House of Delegates In record time the plans for the road were drawn up, tenders called for and contracts awarded It is just like the House of Delegates going to a man's property, drawing up the plans for his house, awarding the contract, building his house and completing it without any binding arrangement as to the recovery of the cost incurred That is the reason for my question

I want the House to know whether or not it is correct that the director-general of the Administration received a letter from the Durban Municipality which, in blunt language, told him to "go to hell" because this road was supposed to promote a business venture I want to know that If this was not brought to the attention of the hon the Minister, I want to know why not, because I have a photocopy of that letter It actually conveys a blunt message to the effect that a statement was made in the House that the road was supposed to promote a commercial venture and that therefore the Durban Corporation is not paying

I warned the Ministers' Council before the contracts were awarded that they should tie up arrangements for the recovery of the R6 million We are telling every hon member of Parliament that there is no money for housing, but the picture as far as our money recovery is concerned, is dismal This is a House of Delegates project and I believe the House of Delegates must emerge from it with integrity The full facts have to be placed before the community and this House

I want to say to the hon member for Cavendish that I am not opposing this road, but we should do things properly I understand that the cost has escalated to R7 million, and yet we have not made any arrangements for the recovery of this amount I want to know when we received a letter from the Development and Services Board requesting that this road be built If there was a request from the Development and Services Board, we want to know when this was decided by that Board

I still maintain that this road has nothing to do with any housing scheme or development It is going to become a scandal I am not trying to score points and I will not do so in the future, but I believe the House of Delegates has to retain its credibility I want to say that I warned the Ministers' Council before the contracts were awarded that they should reach binding arrangements with the local government structures for getting the money back [Time expired]

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, one can fully understand the comments made by the hon the Leader of the Official

Opposition regarding this particular matter An announcement to that effect was made in this House last year Understandably the contracts have been awarded and work is in progress At the same time, this department has been in consultation with reputable institutions such as the Durban Municipality and the Development and Services Board At no stage was there total reluctance on their part

The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is absolutely correct as far as the justification for that road is concerned We are in agreement on that However, what one foresees in these circumstances is a situation in which the institutions know full well the plight of the House of Delegates is in the balance Therefore I believe that their co-operation we expected will not be forthcoming I want to be very honest as far as this is concerned

On the other hand we did state in the announcement that, in addition to this road's being absolutely essential to cater for the vast number of people in that area, it would also contribute as far as commercial stands were concerned [Time expired]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, the hon the Deputy Minister made an announcement here before the contract was signed—I emphasise, before the contract was signed They are not reacting because of the plight of the House of Delegates The Durban Municipality will honour its obligation if one forces them to do so Nothing was finalised They took the statement of the hon the Deputy Minister of Housing to mean that this road was for a commercial venture I do not want to say that this is scandalous One cannot argue that the road will be for commerce and industry, because commerce and industry already has a road There is a beautiful access road for that purpose All the link road does is to provide for business to get business from Chatsworth I am afraid that the municipality has taken that statement and used it in the letter to the director-general to say that this is for a commercial venture

I want to say that I will fight tooth and nail We are not going to come here to pass a Bill for an additional appropriation I warned the Ministers' Council and the director-general in a number of letters that, before he leaves his department—he is an accounting officer—they will have to pay R50 000 per month, with interest, from their own pockets to make good the R7 million [Interjections]

Mr P I DEVAN Mr Chairman, to begin with I wish to state that I am not at variance with the views expressed by the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition, but I crave his indulgence with regard to the circumstances in which we find ourselves in the House of Delegates I think this is of paramount importance

The proposed Shallcross link road has an interesting background which I would like to share with all hon members Unfortunately time does not permit me to give hon members this background as fully as I would like to All representations by the Shallcross Ratepayers' Association and the advisory committee to the authorities were fruitless There were several memos and many meetings, but no progress The problem was compounded as this specific road fell within two local authorities, namely the Development and Services Board and the Durban Municipality Representations were also made to the provincial administration and the central Government The local authorities were not sympathetic to the demands of the Indian community What can one do? There was prolonged correspondence between the people affected and the authorities, extending over 15 years Since I started in 1985 I have received a large amount of correspondence

It must be conceded that if the House of Delegates had not stepped in and provided the much-needed bridging finance, as I still call it, the Shallcross link road would have been a non-starter This road would not have become a reality for the next 10 years or more and the community would have continued under sufferance We would still be whistling like birds in the wilderness, and I mean it

I am not opposing what the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition said We want to pursue that path The strategy adopted by the hon the Minister of Housing was a laudable one under the circumstances and nobody can dispute that

I want to qualify my assertion It is the service given to the people that should be extolled The Development and Services Board and the Durban Municipality have a moral obligation to fulfil [Time expired]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, last Friday I indicated that I had enough ammunition, but I want the House of Delegates to come out of this with integrity Its integrity is at stake, because this is going to be one of the biggest scandals ever to have rocked the House of Delegates

I believe that all the facts should be put on the table and that the director-general and the Ministers' Council will have to accept the responsibility for the recovery of this amount There is such a thing as a surcharge If one deliberately does something that is wrong, one has to pay from one's pocket I want to say that this is not a matter to be taken lightly

Our allocation for housing next year will be the lowest we have ever had We are crying about not having money for homes, yet we are actually squandering money This is an excellent example of the squandering of the much-needed money that is required for housing

One cannot simply make an arrangement In this House I warned them not to award the contract because they had not signed agreements with the Durban Municipality [Time expired]

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, the need for the road link was established more than 10 years ago by the Development and Services Board and the project has the support of the civic association, the local affairs committee and a whole lot of other organisations including the Southern Durban Indian Local Affairs Committee

In 1981 the cost was R500 000 and if the road is not built, the cost will continue to escalate We will do our best to negotiate with the local authorities concerned

As far as I am concerned, the road is being built in the larger interests of the people of Chatsworth I cannot identify who is going to benefit and who is not The fact remains, however, that at this point in time, an individual living in Burlington Heights who wants to go to the R K Khan Hospital in an emergency, has to travel seven and a half kilometres This makes for a return journey of 15 kilometres This distance will now be reduced to about a kilometre and a half

We have lost money in Mariannhill, in Pietermaritzburg and in the Transvaal Even if we do not recover this money, I believe it was a justifiable investment [Interjections]

I want to go along with the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition, however, and say that we will try to recover this money from the Development and Services Board, the regional services board and from anyone else What we did was done urgently, and if it had not been done then, it would never have been done I would like hon members to show some understanding The matter was put out to public tender Discussions were held between the city engineer of Durban and members of the Ministry, as well as with the Development and Services Board

I believe, however, that it is natural for the financial climate we are slowly entering to present problems, and we will do our utmost to recover the money we have used in providing this road, from the Development and Services Board It does not matter how long it takes, because ultimately they are responsible To the extent that we can get the Durban Municipality to compensate us, we will do so However, this can only be done once we have the figures

Whatever attitude the Durban Municipality may have adopted, we do not have to accept it They have a responsibility because the new road links with the Higginson highway The people living within the Chatsworth scheme which was developed by the Durban Municipality, will also benefit from this road I think the best way to judge this matter, is to go and see what benefit will accrue to the people of Chatsworth as a whole, including the people in Shallcross, before we pass any adverse judgement in this regard

An HON MEMBER We must join hands and demand the money

The MINISTER That is correct

Debate concluded

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Showing the way

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While political parties wrangle over the intricacies of running a nonracial SA, a Natal community has set up its own form of grassroots multiracial government

Westgate, a former white Maritzburg suburb of about 1 500 households, has become predominantly black since the beginning of the reform process It is now establishing a neighbourhood charter which it hopes will give it considerable control over its own affairs

The experiment is based on establishing "cells" of about 10 homes which set out their own rules — a mixture between a body corporate in a townhouse complex and a neighbourhood watch These cells then appoint representatives to a neighbourhood committee, which, in turn, lobbies the official ward councillor to gain influence at a municipal level However, it is possible, under existing municipal legislation, that the cells could in future be given the authority to create some of their own by-laws.

Ironically, according to the ward councillor George de Beer, an independent, the area used to be largely conservative But that began to change even before the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, with other races buying through nominees There was another surge of buying and an influx of black tenants when the Act was scrapped

It is estimated that 60% of the community is now black, says De Beer. "These blacks had no official representation and I started canvassing the idea of a neighbourhood charter to give them a voice about five months ago The result was the establishment of a steering committee of four blacks and three whites On their recommendation, the inaugural committee of the Southgate Neighbourhood Charter was officially formed at a meeting a fortnight ago attended by 450 to 500 people"

The name Southgate was chosen in preference to Westgate because it covers more than one geographical area.

"Now begins the hard work of getting the rest of the community to adopt the concept," says De Beer

A commentary on the success of the racial integration of the area is that in 1989, average house valuations in Westgate were about R80 000 These dropped to about R50 000 when the Group Areas Act was scrapped Now, in spite of the depressed state of the housing market, they have bounced back to

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their 1989 levels, according to De Beer

This small experiment in a tiny corner of the country does two things it indicates that the spirit of reform, reconciliation and negotiation are filtering down to grassroots level and it flashes a clear signal to rightwing and other sceptics that South Africans of all races can live together in harmony ■

DURBAN REDEVELOPMENT

Making a point

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Durban's less-than-happy holiday season has resulted in calls for an acceleration of new capital development projects The city suffered the double indignity of reduced hotel occupancy — though it was still the highest in the country — and incidents of unseemly behaviour on overcrowded beaches on peak days FM 14/2/92

Now the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce says the city must take stock and develop the best strategies for attracting more money-spinning tourists

It stresses that the beach troubles should be seen in perspective overcrowding occurs on two public holidays a year and some Sundays Nevertheless, property owners and the city council should look at ways of dealing with problems

On the broader issue of bringing more money into the city through tourism, it says projects like the Point redevelopment and the Victoria Embankment scheme should be pushed — possibly along with the development of hotels and restaurants on the Bluff. The Bluff, it argues, has magnificent panoramic views of the city and harbour — particularly at night

Word from the council is that the Point and Victoria Embankment projects are pro-

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ceeding according to plan but there is unlikely to be any large-scale development of the Bluff — partly because it could disturb the area's ecological balance and technical considerations, particularly subsidence, would make costs prohibitive

Management committee chairman Peter Mansfield says "We hope to see the first physical development taking place on the Point before the end of the year, though it is a project which will span many years"

A great deal depends on how Transnet — with the council a co-sponsor of the multibillion-rand scheme — sees the development being structured. A steering committee, comprising private-sector developers and members of Transnet and the council, last year drew up a draft structure plan for the Point That is in abeyance pending Transnet's recommendations on the establishment of an independent development agency to manage it — recommendations are due this month

Once those details are known the steering committee will meet to see whether Transnet's proposals are acceptable

The Victoria Embankment project, first mooted 90 years ago (through the Hartley Barry Report of 1902), could take a little longer Increasing interest in the area culminated last year in a R450m proposal by Portnet to dredge and reclaim about 20 ha in the bay. It suggested the creation of three islands linked to the mainland by bridges The islands would accommodate an hotel, conference centre, yacht marinas, recreation areas, swimming pools, a fairground, aquarium, parks and restaurants, waterfront residential areas, office park and marine-related industry

It was also suggested that Victoria Embankment Road, a major CBD bypass, could be upgraded. The project came under fire from the Natal branch of the SA Institute of Architects. Mansfield says the council would also have opposed the scheme because traffic studies show the road infrastructure would have been unable to cope with that level of development

"However, I understand that Portnet-Transnet (Transnet is the land owner) have accepted this and are now looking at a considerably scaled-down version of the scheme on an area known as Festival Island. I expect the city council to support this approach"

If Portnet had proceeded with its proposals it might have locked horns with environmental lobbies, over filling in large areas of the bay, but never reached that stage. ■

will respond to the offer made, within 60 days

(2) No In cases where sales have been subsequently concluded, the Housing Development Board offered the tenants the opportunity to purchase the complexes in question at prices lower than market value and therefore counter offers were not entertained

(3) No Negotiations are entertained where the pre-determined price asked for is the open market value based on sworn appraisal For example, the Moorton Complex's open market valuation was R2,6 million The final negotiated selling price was R1,8 million

Further examples are

	Open Market Value	*Final negotiated selling price*
Havenside	R3,2 million	R2,65 million
Montford	R2,7 million	R1,9 million

(a) Falls away

(b) Falls away

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, in the light of the answers given to me by the hon the Minister, is it not correct that according to the hon the Minister's words on 12 August 1991, the ruling was not followed?

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, when the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition posed the question at a meeting where other Ministers and MPs were present, as to whether or not it was correct that the shop-keepers in a complex should have the right to come forward and negotiate the price and be given the opportunity to do so, I said yes, because that was a decision taken by the Ministers' Council That is based on the fact, however, that in terms of the Treasury rules, we have to obtain a sworn valuation by a sworn appraiser, and that is the price on which we begin negotiating However, with regard to both Montford and Morton, there were extensive and ongoing negotiations over a long period of time prior to the day when I answered this question

I stand by the fact that these people were given the opportunity to negotiate However, once a discount price had been arrived at, and that discount price was arrived at by taking into consideration the fact that the people involved were displaced traders who had suffered as a result of a big shopping complex having opened in Chatsworth, the information was then fed to competent persons who were asked to make a new estimation on the basis of those issues which could have had a bearing on the price That is how the second price was arrived at, after which agreements were signed

*2 Mr M Abraham—Health Services and Welfare [Withdrawn]

New questions

Maintenance of schools: increase in subsidy

1 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether a certain association, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, has requested him or his Department for an increase in the subsidy paid by his Department for the maintenance of community-built schools, if so, (a)(i) how and (ii) when was the request made, (b) what was his response thereto and (c) what is the name of his association,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D16E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) No

(a)(i) and (ii)(b) and (c) fall away

(2) Yes

I am mindful of the financial hardships being experienced by the grantees of our state-aided schools via the media In a press statement on 10 January 1992, I appealed to grantees to transfer these schools to the State whilst still retaining full and free usage of the premises for community activities On takeover, the State will be responsible for all the maintenance and further improvements, if necessary

During the current financial year, the existing 29 state-aided schools are receiving R380 000,00 as maintenance subsidy

This figure is being reviewed for the next financial year

I wish to make it absolutely clear that the general workers employed by the grantees as school cleaners are also entitled to a living wage Hence, it is incumbent on them to ensure that the state subsidy is supplemented accordingly as the decision to maintain the state-aided schools is theirs and not that of this Administration

Finally, I must point out that teachers' salaries, telephone bills, furniture and equipment, textbooks, and stationery at state-aided schools are paid fully by the Department of Education and Culture, and this presently runs into millions of rands

New local government system

*2 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture

(1) Whether the Member of the Executive Committee for Natal in charge of local government has consulted him in regard to consultations with civic organisations, local affairs committees and municipal authorities with a view to negotiating a new system of local government, if so, (a) when and (b)(i) what form did the consultations take and (ii) what did they entail,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D19E

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE

(1) No

(a) falls away

(b) (i) falls away

(ii) falls away

(2) No

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware that Mr Volker, the member of the Executive Committee, in charge of local government in Natal, has indicated publically that he has had discussions with various civic organisations, local affairs committees and other municipal authorities?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, I do not keep Mr Volker's diary, and he is at liberty to have meetings with anyone he wishes

Mr M RAJAB I asked whether the hon the Minister was aware of the fact Does he read the newspaper?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I do not know whether what is said in the newspapers is authentic or not, so I cannot vouch for that

A change of style, but not of heart

W/Mail 21/2-27/2/92 (264)

Eighteen months ago protesting civic activists were dragged out of Durban's City Hall Now they hold meetings and chat sessions with city councillors What lies behind this change of attitude? **By PAUL STOBER**

ARMED with maps and reams of paper promises, the Clairwood Ratepayers' Association this month prepared for another battle in its ongoing war to win services for the township from the Durban City Council

But the charges of mismanagement and neglect it directed at the council were countered by the management committee's latest weapons — reason and pragmatism

Wielding these to great effect, committee chairman Peter Mansfield charged to the moral highground "The management committee recognises Clairwood has been treated disgracefully in the past and is ready to discuss ways to improve the lot of the residents," he said

The Durban City Council has always regarded Clairwood as an industrial area — despite the fact that some 300 families live there

Since before 1969, when the council froze development in the area, the families have had to use an antiquated bucket system of sewage removal, the roads have remained untarred and they have had no access to the finance needed to improve their homes And while they have not received any services, they have had to pay the city industrial rates, which are substantially higher than residential rates

By the end of this month's meeting, not only had the management committee agreed to assist the residents while a waterborne sewage system is installed, it had also initiated a joint working group which will discuss how best to upgrade the area

Negotiations completed, civic activists who 18 months earlier had been dragged out of the city hall while protesting their living conditions stood chatting to suited city councillors once held responsible for those conditions

The Clairwood meeting represented a major change in attitude on the part of white city councils, which for decades have ignored the need for essential services in black townships.

Among the civic associations affiliated to the Durban Housing Action Committee (DHAC) there is agreement that "there has been a change in the way the Durban City Council operates"

Says Peggy Pillay, of the Phoenix Working Committee "Now they respond to our memorandums, grant us meetings and co-operate with us where possible Although they are not able to solve our problems, at least they are willing to negotiate with us"

However, despite this acknowledgement of a change of style, civic activists are not convinced there has been a change of heart "They are negotiating because of the changes in the country, not because they want to," says the Bayview Civic Association's Kevin Naidoo

Lacheesa Tsenoli, an executive member of the Lamontville Civic Association, adds "We are still dealing with the same little officials and during negotiations we often feel they are not part of the spirit abroad in the country"

Surprisingly, the deputy mayor of Durban, Margret Winter, is also reluctant to speak about a change of heart "I do not know about a change of heart, but there has been a recognition that civic associations are an important factor where before they were seen as a nuisance. There has been a basic change in philosophy in the council as to what is a ratepayer and we are prepared to look at the expenditure of the council in this light and be pragmatic."

Mansfield differs slightly "A gradual genuine change of heart is taking place under the present leadership of the council However, while the officials of Durban may be happy to move forward, many councillors do not want to look at the future," he says

Mansfield's last point may be the key to the different signals the council is sending to civic associations While some members of the management committee and its present leadership may be committed to change, it still has to win the support of the majority of councillors to implement any action decided upon — a task Mansfield describes as "sometimes near impossible"

One solution is a non-racial city council, allowing the black townships, which have no representation on the council, a decision in the sharing of the city's resources Last year, in a step towards this solution, the DHAC began to campaign for a single democratic city

According to DHAC fieldworker Trevor Bonhomme, the campaign is presently being revitalised "Work on the campaign stopped in November last year as we were drawn into the establishment of a national civic structure," he says, "but we have started meeting again"

By November, a meeting of 297 organisations which supported the campaign had established a committee to co-ordinate work Explaining the large number of organisations involved, Bonhomme says "We want to develop the campaign from the bottom up so everybody understands what is meant by an open city and so joint pressure is applied to the local authorities."

DHAC treasurer Ishmael Marahaj says he does not see a return to campaigning and protest as a step back from negotiation "There is nothing stopping the city council from scrapping the local authorities councils and taking other steps towards a non-racial city council If they are not prepared to enter into genuine negotiations, we will resort to mass action," he warns

Winter suggests the formation of a forum of "civic and political groups which will decide jointly the future of the city", adding that "such a forum is on the cards"

The DHAC has already entered discussions with the city council about a non-racial housing list and the review of city by-laws

Citing the example of a by-law which forbids horses to wander loose in the city, Winter explains "There are a number of antiquated city by-laws in force which affect everybody's lives We want to draw everyone in the city into reviewing these laws"

Even if civic associations do not have strong views on horses' right of access to the city, horse-trading with the city council will be a new experience for both the civics and the management committee

Says Mansfield "We are operating from different perspectives The civics are sometimes hyper-democratic, which could be a result of a lack of decision-making experience, but they have brought us a concern with accountability that has been lacking in local government. We will most likely end with a compromise between the two"

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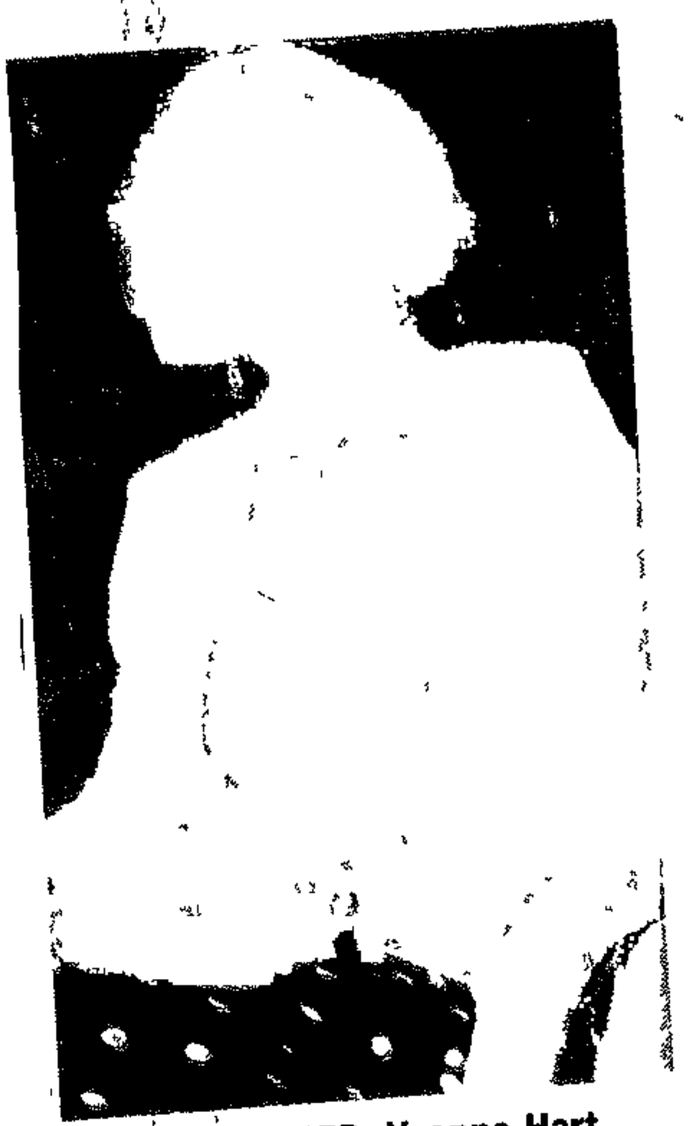

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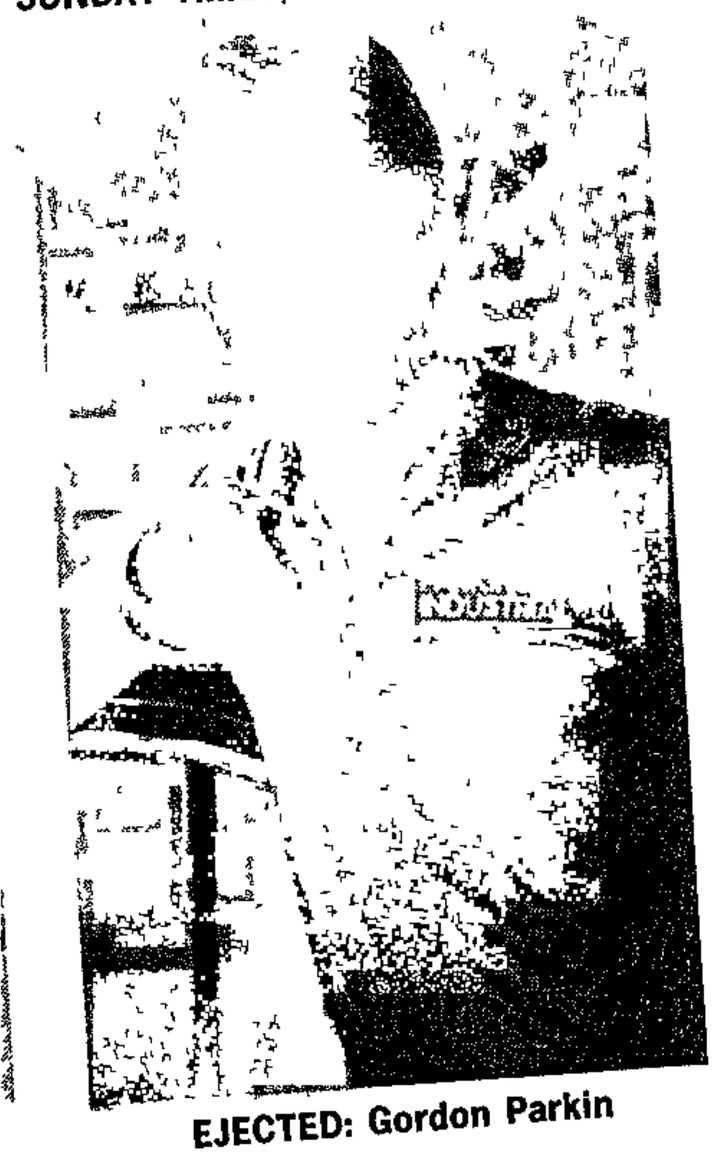

EJECTED: Gordon Parkin

Councillor tells woman critic: 'Step outside'

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S/Times 8/3/92.

By RYAN CRESSWELL

RIGHT-wing Durban city councillor Gordon Parkin was nervous and "hyped up" during his maiden speech at City Hall But when the Democratic Party's Yvonne Hart asked him to speak up he angrily suggested that she "come outside".

Mayor Gys Muller ordered Mr Parkin to leave the council chamber after he refused to withdraw his "threatening" remark.

It was the first time a Durban councillor had been ejected after making a maiden speech

The confrontation occurred on Monday when Mr Parkin — councillor for Umhlatazana East — rose to speak on the issue of appointing a task force to draw up by-laws to control informal street-trading

Mr Parkin had not said anything in the chamber since his election last year and appeared nervous on his big day He spoke quickly — and not into the microphone

Several councillors asked him to speak up, but Mr Parkin continued to "ramble" When Mrs Hart stood up and asked him to speak more slowly, he said: "If you want to argue, come outside."

Mrs Hart said afterwards "I was not heckling on this occasion, but Mr Parkin interpreted it as heckling and then got aggressive"

She said Mr Parkin made his big mistake when he refused to withdraw his remark after the mayor asked him to do so three times

Afterwards Mr Parkin said the mayor's decision to eject him had been unfair and unilateral.

Mr Parkin said he hadn't intended to threaten Mrs Hart, only to get her to leave so he could get on with his speech

"I was hyped up delivering my maiden speech, which was controversial," he said

Eskom fund buys Natal centre

PETER GALL

THE Eskom Pension Fund has bought the Pavilion shopping centre in Westville, Durban, for R340m from developers Murray & Roberts Properties (Natal) and Retail International, the companies announced yesterday

There was competing interest for the development from other financial institutions, M &R Properties (Natal) MD Chris Lawrence said.

The centre hit the headlines when Johannesburg-based developers Matrix Projects sought a court application to compel the Westville town council to reverse the sale of the land to Murray & Roberts Properties.

It also called for Westville to reinstitute the tendering procedure. This followed the simultaneous announcement by Westville and the Durban City Council that they were going ahead with plans for their own regional shopping centres, despite sufficient demand for only one.

This matter went to the Supreme Court but was dismissed with costs. Other similar applications were also dropped with costs once the Durban City Council decided not to proceed with its regional shopping complex at Sherwood," Lawrence said.

The 75 000m² centre, under construction at the N3 Westville interchange, will offer about 200 shops, eight Nu-Metro cinemas and restaurants and fast food outlets.

The Pavilion, which comes on-line in October 1993, is about 50% let. Woolworths and Edgars have committed themselves to flagship stores of more than 8 000m² each OK will launch a 15 000m² Hyperama, while Pick 'n Pay will take a 5 500m² supermarket and Game a 4 000m² store

Eskom Pension Fund property development adviser Jan Mostert said "The Pavilion will strengthen the fund's geographically diversified portfolio of shopping centres."

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10/3/92 B/Day

Durban growth 'needs plan'

GERALD REILLY (264)

PRETORIA — Greater Durban is second only to Mexico City as the fastest growing urban area in the world, a study by Human Sciences Research Council researcher Anthony Minnaar has found.

Minnar said the rapid urbanisation resulted from the influx of squatters to informal settlements surrounding Durban. B/Day 12/3/92

The area's population was about 3-million and could reach 6-million by the year 2000.

He said the area was in urgent need of a comprehensive and co-ordinated development plan

Among others recommendations, he called for the creation of a single local authority for the area and permanance given to squatter settlements.

Durban banishes discrimination

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Own Correspondent STAR 24/3/92

DURBAN — The Durban City Council yesterday became the first council in South Africa to officially banish all forms of discrimination from its by-laws

In terms of the umbrella by-law passed at yesterday's meeting, discrimination on the basis of race, gender or religion contained in any by-law or policy of the council is outlawed

"The city council should be proud of this new by-law," said council management committee chairman Peter Mansfield

"If we are to be completely honest, we must confess that the council has been guilty of discrimination in some of its by-laws This decision to clean up our act is historic and is a first for a South African city"

The by-law passed through council with surprisingly little opposition from a deflated right-wing camp, with only two of its members voting against

Speaking after the meeting, Point councillor Arthur Morris said he had no objection to the by-law, so long as it did not take his choice "to live here, or mix with whom I please"

● Sapa reports from Maritzburg that the northern Natal town of Glencoe yesterday became the first racially integrated town council in the province, giving its Indian local affairs committee members full councillor status Today the second Natal town to integrate its council, Stanger, receives its proclamation from Administrator Con Botha

Other local authorities moving towards integrated councils in Natal are Mooi River, Kokstad, Harding and Kloof

Township residents ignore service bills

B/Day 25/3/92

ONLY about 30% of Greater Soweto residents are paying their monthly municipal bills, and two of the three city councils have indicated they will not introduce increases due in April

Spokesmen for the councils said poor payments could be blamed in part on the fact that new procedures to act against defaulters had not been fully implemented

Soweto Civic Association president Isaac Mogase said many residents felt services were not up to standard and it was difficult to persuade them to pay the new tariff of R55 a month

He emphasised his association would adhere to the agreement negotiated in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber last year to normalise services in Greater Soweto

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In terms of the agreement, tariffs would be increased by R10 every three months until October 1 Each increase would depend upon the satisfactory performance by the relevant parties and would be monitored by the Metropolitan Chamber

Our political staff reports Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels said yesterday black local authorities were owed R1,463bn in arrear housing rentals and service charges

Most of this debt, R1,252bn, was owed to local authorities in the Transvaal, he said in reply to a question tabled in Parliament by Peter Soal (DP Johannesburg North).

A further R7,3m was owed in Natal, R68,6m in the Free State and R134,4m in the Cape

Eighteen townships in the Transvaal owed more than R10m, including Soweto (R471,7m), Diepmeadow (R110,1m), Sebokeng in Vanderbijlpark (R98,4m), Katlehong in Germiston (R71,6m), Tembisa in Kempton Park (R61,3m), Vosloorus in Boksburg (R35,9m), Mamelodi in Pretoria (R36,3m), Sharpeville (R38,8m), Daveyton in Benoni (R37,4m) and Thokoza in Alberton (R37,8m)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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Interim antagonism

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Government's decision to force the pace of local government reform is running into stiff resistance Strong criticism followed its recent ultimatum that — in certain circumstances — local authorities could face fiscal penalties unless they establish nonracial, joint administrations in terms of the Interim Measures for Local Government Act (1991)

On the face of it, the Act's provisions are innocent They empower local authorities to appoint negotiating teams to reach agreement with other local government bodies or organisations, which in their opinion should be represented

However, some of the more liberal town and city councils strongly oppose the Act. They want nonracial local authorities to be based on principles negotiated at Codesa

This is also the route favoured by the ANC, which sees the Act as a device to entrench the National Party's proposals on devolution of power

"It indicates quite clearly that the Nats want original (as opposed to concurrent) powers to be extended to a local level where they will be protected by entrenched local charters, which cannot be tinkered with by any future national government," says Michael Sutcliffe of the ANC's Southern Natal Region.

This interpretation is denied by Val Volker, Natal Provincial Administration MEC He points out that the Act is, as its title implies, strictly an interim measure to enable negotiations — and that it would be possible for a future government to override decisions taken now

Government is pressing ahead So far this year, 20 of Natal's local authorities had agreed to, or were discussing, merging their administrations Last week, the process went a step further with the formal merger of the Glencoe and Stanger town councils (for whites) with their respective Local Affairs Committees (LACs) — the old apartheid bodies for Indians in Natal

The ANC points out that most of Stanger's consumer base and, therefore, a major contributor to rates, are blacks at Groutville — yet they are excluded from the agreement.

Volker argues there are complexities that make it difficult if not impossible to include black areas immediately. They can follow at a later stage, he suggests Some negotiations, such as those at Harding and Kokstad, have included black civic associations, Volker points out

Durban's management committee chairman, Peter Mansfield, refuses to take "antagonistic short cuts" which enhance discredited structures like the LACs. He argues· "It ignores the needs of the significant groups which boycotted the LAC and black local authority elections" He adds that matters are moving on the local government front at Codesa and, when the time comes, Durban will be ready, having had informal, across-the-board discussions to establish truly representative multiracial local government

Volker, however, remains keen to get local authorities moving quickly on the Interim Measures Act He argues this would allow

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them to tackle the practical administrative issues now, rather than seeking political quick-fixes to local issues Water supplies, sewerage facilities and refuse removal are still essential services which must be provided, irrespective of the political leanings of the local council, he says

Despite suspicion that the Act may be used to entrench apartheid through selective local authority action, the fear would seem to be overblown in view of the likelihood that any future government would be able to override any local government measure that clashed with a bill of fundamental rights

By the same token, there would seem to be little point in forcing the pace of change that in any way deviates from basic principles agreed at Codesa

However, the area where least is happening is where most action is needed — in the black local authorities ■

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Cape Corps farewell

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MIGHTY FORCE: Soldiers of the Cape Corps in training, above, and on the parade ground, right, were a mighty force in combat.

Long legacy of courage

The Cape Corps has been part of South Africa's defence history since 1661. Its volunteer soldiers served in colonial times, in two world wars, the Namibian border war and in the townships. Next Tuesday it disbands to join other units and become 9 SA Infantry Battalion. But centuries of history and tradition live on for all who served and were associated with the Lady of Good Hope.

and commitment

ESANN van RENSBURG, Staff Reporter

WHEN Hitler's forces began goose-stepping across Europe in 1939, a call to arms was made throughout the British Empire.

One sector of the South African population answered that call in an overwhelming way· 40 000 "coloured" men volunteered for service in the South African Cape Corps.

The courage of Cape Corps soldiers during World War 2 is legendary. But, their history as brave soldiers began long before that

Their association with the protection of South Africa goes back to 1661 when a Hottentot group, the Kaapmans, joined forces with the Dutch against the Gonnamans.

By 1774, after the British occupied the Cape, the Pandour Corps was established as regiment for freed slaves.

During the 18th Century the Dutch called on them to help oppose the first British occupation of the Cape.

In 1806, under British rule and during the second occupation of the Cape, the Pandours were renamed the Cape Regiment and in 1817 it became the Cape Corps

Their history until the early 1900s is sketchy. They were used in several of the frontier wars fought in the 19th century and were disbanded in 1851 following a mutiny in the ranks.

In 1915 the Cape Corps was established again — as an "experiment" — because many colonials were opposed to their introduction into the forces, because of prejudice and memories of the mutiny.

Within two months of the call for recruitment the ranks were full and 14 months later 32 officers and 1 022 troops embarked for East Africa proudly displaying the Lady of Good Hope, their official emblem This has remained their insignia.

In January 1917, in what was then German East Africa, lost their first man in battle at Kobongo. They became known as First Battalion Cape Corps

In battles in East Africa, Palestine and Egypt in 1916 and 1917, 450 Cape Corps officers and men lost their lives Another 156 men die of influenza while billeted at Kimberley during World War 1

The corps was officially disbanded in September 1918 and members were awarded eight battle honours for their part in the war

For 22 years the regiment was dormant, but was revived in 1940 during World War 2

This time the men of the Cape Corps were used in non-combatant roles and served other South African regiments.

They distinguished themselves in this capacity Four soldiers were awarded British Empire medals, nine Military Medals and 51 were mentioned in despatches

In 1962, so called "coloured" people were permanently appointed in the defence force and on September 3, 1963, the corps began to function officially at a former World War 2 air force base near Eerste River under the command of Commandant M J B Bredenkamp

In 1972, the name was changed to the South African Cape Corps and from 1973 "coloured" people were able to join up as volunteers.

At that stage there was one unit, the SA Cape Corps Service Battalion In 1974 the infantry was formed and served in the 1976 South West Africa conflict. In 1980 the Corps was split into the infantry and a maintenance unit and the Cape Corps school was opened

The three units functioned until 1984 when the school was closed. In its place 2 SA Cape Corps Battalion was formed

At times, Cape Corps soldiers made up a third to 45 percent of forces in the operational area, said officer commanding the corps Colonel Willem Bester

"From 1980 to the end of 1991, more than 1,6 million Cape Corps soldiers served in the operational areas This means more than 250 men a day were operational," he said.

World War 2 was the only time Cape Corps soldiers did not carry arms.

"The corps served exceptionally Some men joined for financial reasons But, make no mistake, many joined out of a deep-rooted sense of loyalty Many had a family history in the Corps," said Colonel Bester.

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

General Affairs

Umzinto Prison

*1 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Correctional Services

(1) Whether the Umzinto Prison has been completed, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that it will be completed, if so, (i) when was it completed and (ii) what is the cost of the project,

(2) whether this prison has been inaugurated, if not, why not; if so, when;

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

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The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

(1) No

(a) Due to limited capital funds the erection of the prison at Umzinto has not yet commenced However, civil engineering works has been completed

(b) According to present planning the tender date is set for February 1993 and it is expected that the project will be completed by 1996, provided that sufficient funds are available

(i) and (ii) Fall away

(2) Falls away

(3) I do not envisage making a statement on the matter at this stage

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, would the hon the Minister tell us whether the number of inmates that will be accommodated at this particular institution is in line with what had been arranged previously, or whether this number has been reduced?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, as far as I know —I do not know what was arranged previously —however the number of prisoners is 355, plus housing for married members of the prison staff as well as single quarters

Mr P NAIDOO Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware that the existing prisons are bursting at the seams and lacking in facilities?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I am aware of this problem that we are experiencing countrywide This is why I am pushing very hard for more money As hon members all know, this is a big problem at this stage and we must do our best to deal with the situation as best we can I am worried about this situation, however, and I want to assure the hon member that I am doing everything in my power to get the funds available as quickly as possible so that we can alleviate this very serious problem

Local authorities: rearranging of council membership

*2 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Local Government and National Housing

(1) Whether, in view of certain remarks the Chairman of the Management Committee of the Durban City Council is alleged to have made recently, it is the intention of his Department to allow local authorities to rearrange council membership in such a way as to represent truly all citizens living within their area of jurisdiction, if not, why not, if so, what steps will be taken in this regard,

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

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING

(1) It is accepted that the remarks referred to by the hon member, concern the news report which appeared in the Daily News on 11 April 1992 Section 8 of the Interim Measures for Local Government Act, 1991, provides for six possibilities regarding negotiated settlements, of which sections 8(e) and (f) include the possibility that representatives of all citizens of a town or city can be represented in one council

(2) No, I am not prepared to make a statement

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The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, is he aware of the fact that the mayor of Durban made attempts to establish forums in terms of the legislation, and that extra-parliamentary forces do not want to work within the ambit of this particular legislation, because they are opposed to co-option? In the light of that, is the hon the Deputy Minister's department prepared to create informal forums so that such structures can be established?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, I am standing in for the hon the Minister at the moment and I have not been informed on that point Consequently I shall not be able to answer the question

INTERPELLATION

The sign * indicates a translation The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language

Own Affairs

Land/housing in Lenasia· irregularities

1 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION to ask the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether he will appoint an independent committee of inquiry to investigate allegations of irregularities relating to land and housing matters in Lenasia, if not, why not, if so, what are the details,

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

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, the answer to the first part of the question is no and the answer to the second part is yes

As the administration already has a senior regional magistrate seconded to it at present, and because this person is currently investigating a series of alleged irregularities, both past and present, regarding land and housing matters throughout the administration's area of jurisdiction, including Lenasia, it is not considered necessary at this stage to appoint any further committees of inquiry

Should hon members have information about any specific cases of alleged irregularity, they should submit it to the Director-General or to me for referral to this investigating officer It must be stated clearly, however, that such submissions should be supported by substantial evidence of irregularities to enable the investigating officer to proceed with his investigation

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I was under the impression that the hon members of the Ministers' Council attach tremendous importance to values We are not referring to an official of another department who was seconded to screen applications That is the task of the magistrate, Mr Reed, and not of a committee of inquiry As a magistrate, he investigates individual cases

As far as substantiated allegations are concerned, many questions have been tabled in this House by many hon members What prompted me to put this question was the official answer given to a question in this House last week, which pointed a finger not at the administration, but at one or two hon members of the Ministers' Council It is very clear that the hon the Minister does not want a departmental investigation If a Minister took part in an act of corruption, would a departmental investigation reveal that? There is a need, because the House of Delegates is stinking as far as Lenasia is concerned

There is no doubt about the fact that the political arm is heavily involved in going against officials I believe in one case an official had to intervene because a Minister was going against the Housing Development Board They are manipulating the board They are deciding I believe one hon member of this House was called by a Minister who said they wanted to give somebody a plot and asked whether he had any objections This type of evidence can only be produced at an independent committee of inquiry

I want to appeal to the hon the Minister, seeing that he has taken over, please to get hold of those files I believe the handwriting of his predecessors should be made available before these files disappear, because when the James Commission of Inquiry was announced, some valuable files which I could have used disappeared from the departmental records

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Independent agency appointed to look at Durban's rezoning plans

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PETER GALLI

THE proposed R1,9bn redevelopment of Durban's Point area moved a step closer yesterday as Transnet and the Durban City Council announced they were establishing an independent development agency to supervise the land and rezonings

Transnet property project manager in Natal, Roland Bohmer, said he was expecting feedback next week on the feasibility study on the plan for the area

Transnet holds about 80% of the land, and the Durban City Council about 20%

The privately owned, commercially zoned land in the area would remain in private hands, Bohmer said

"It will take about nine months for the rezoning of the land to be completed, with the development not expected to get off the ground for the next year to 18 months"

An initial analysis of the infrastructure costs for the project is estimated at about R150m, with the entire redevelopment plan expected to cost R1,9bn

"The entire development will probably take between five to 10 years to complete and will be done in phases Phase 1 will probably involve the entertainment section, beachfront development and hotels"

The development was being aimed at the tourist market and, in spite of objections from the ANC, which was trying to expand its sphere of influence into commercial developments, Transnet was confident the development would go ahead as planned, Bohmer said

The plan proposes an extension of the beachfront from Bell Street to the North Pier, consisiting mainly of residential buildings combined with hotel and tourist-related developments. The commercial development will take place behind this

However, nothing had been put out to tender as the agency was still being formalised, Bohmer said

Cutting sugar cane in Natal

Ambitious plan to attract investment

(264) B/Day 15/5/92

THROUGHOUT SA, cities are realising they stand or fall by the number and quality of the investors they are able to attract and in recent years this has led many of them to adopt a more aggressive stance in an effort to attract investment to their areas.

Durban has traditionally concentrated almost entirely on the promotion of its tourist industry. However, this position has changed and the city council has created the Greater Durban Marketing Authority (GDMA) to market both tourism and economic development

Durban City Treasurer's Department project executive Rory Turner says· "We have recognised for some time that weneeded to promoted Durban from both the tourism and economic development side The Durban Publicity Association was too concentrated in tourism

"So GDMA has been set up The city has commited itself to putting R6,5m into the GDMA this year, and the amount will escalate each year

"It is all very well for the city to get involved but we are also looking for private sector participation We are also broadening the catchment area to include the whole Durban Functional Region

"Economic development, from the GDMA's point of view, is endeavouring to get investors and businessmen to locate in the functional region The GDMA will set out all the advantages to investing in the region The GDMA will then hand the investor over to Durban's new growth and facilitation director, Keith Matthias"

"One of the problems in the past has been that a developer acquires a piece of land then tries to put his plans into operation It is at this point he starts to run into problems which, had he known about them before, could have been avoided by taking a slightly different direction

"We want to start at the beginning working with the investor, rather than entering the picture half way through the project.

"We will guide him through the regulations and provide the local input so that when he is ready to move, the whole project will fit and plans can be passed quickly

"We are also looking at our regulations and putting them under review"

Another aspect of the City's development strategy is the creation of a database showing all the vacant or under-utilised land, both private and council held

"We are identifying vacant and under developed land in the region that is more than a hectacre in size and what sort of potential it has The database will not just concentrate on land for industrial use, it will look at all opportunities

"We are looking at releasing more city land than in the past Before we held back a bit If we had an inquiry we would think about it When the economy starts moving again we will be going to the market place to say we have land to sell and asking who is interested.

"This is city land which has been allowed to appreciate over time — all types of land. The city has always had an "estate" bank We are one of the very fortunate local authorities to have large land holdings and this includes land for all types of use

"Some is ripe for redevelopment and other parts are under development We are also negotiating to acquire more land from the state," says Matthias

(3) No

(4) Crèche

Re-instatement of sale

*2 Mrs R EBRAHIM asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply to Question No 5 on 22 April 1992 in regard to Portions 3 and 7 of Stand 6876 in Lenasia Township, the companies involved were registered in terms of the Companies Act, No 61 of 1973, at the time the properties were sold to them,

(2) what basis was used by the Housing Development Board in re-instating the sale,

(3) whether the purchases were advised of the re-instatement prior to 13 December 1991, if not, when were they advised of the re-instatement, if so, (a) why and (b) when were they so advised,

(4) Whether the purchasers have been advised of the cancellation of the re-instatement, if not, why not, if so, when?

D162E

The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) Yes

(i) Lenzcraft (Pty) Ltd was registered on 13 May 1982 Portion 7 of Stand 6876 Lenasia Extension 6 was sold on 21 May 1982 The Department of Trade and Industry advised on 13 April 1992 that Lenzcraft (Pty) Ltd was placed in the process of deregistration on 16 August 1990 The company was converted into a "close corporation" on 22 August 1989 and is now known as Moffatt Properties C C

(ii) Thambi Investments (Pty) Ltd was registered in terms of the Companies Act No 61 of 1973 The company was deregistered on 26 February 1988

(2) The company Lenzcraft (Pty) Ltd undertook to liquidate the outstanding balance of the purchase price amounting to R38 980,24 as at 9 September 1987 in respect of Portion 7 of Stand 6876 Lenasia Extension 6

Thambi Investments (Pty) Ltd agreed to settle the outstanding balance of the purchase price amounting to R31 043,24 as at March 1990 in respect of Portion 3 of Stand 6876 Lenasia Extension 6

Both these companies indicated that they have applied for rezoning and relaxation of the building lines from Special to Industrial 3 to the Johannesburg City Council during 1982

(3) Yes

(a) In terms of standard procedure adopted by the Department the applicants are normally advised of the resolutions of the Regional Allocations Committee

(b) 29 March 1990

(4) No

Attempts were made by the Regional Representative to arrange a meeting but he was unsuccessful In the light of fresh representations being made by the hon member for Lenasia East that the companies were registered a meeting was arranged with the attorney representing Thambi Investments (Pty) Ltd and Lenzcraft (Pty) Ltd on 14 May 1992 at the Johannesburg Regional Office The outcome of the meeting is still to be made known

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, would the hon the Minister please tell us how it was possible to complete this transaction with a deregistered company as one of the parties?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I had hoped to have an answer for the hon member for Springfield However, as this is a legal issue I do not have an answer, but I will look into the matter If the hon member puts his question in writing I will give him an answer in writing

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, I will assist the hon the Minister It is not possible to complete a transaction with a company that is deregistered If that is not possible, I would like to ask the hon the Minister how it was done?

The MINISTER Legally!

Sale of business sites in Cato Manor: negotiations

*3 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether he has entered into negotiations in regard to the sale of business sites in Cato Manor, Durban, if not, why not, if so, what are the details in this regard,

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

D170E

The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) No

The Housing Development Board will attend to the sale of business sites in Cato Manor in due course

(2) No

Paying over of amount to Durban City Council

*4 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether his Department intends paying over or has committed itself to paying over an amount of approximately R7 million to the Durban City Council, if so,

(2) whether the City Council requires these funds in connection with finalizing the sale of duplexes in the Newlands West area, if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, what are the relevant details?

D172E

The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) No

(2) Falls away

I want however to give the following explanations on the matter An amount of R4 286 033,00 was originally approved by the Housing Development Board for the project The Durban City Council has already drawn an amount of R3 556 293 and also applied for an increased loan for the upgrading of the domestic water supply The Housing Development Board on 3 April 1992 approved an increase of R391 662,00 An amount of R1 121 402,00 of the total loan of R4 677 696,00 approved for the project, is therefore still available

the National Minimum Wage debate

CAROLE COOPER* reports on the major views in COSATU

The question of a national minimum wage (NMW) was widely debated within COSATU during 1990. The call for a NMW has a long history: it was contained in the Freedom Charter; in 1985 at its inaugural conference, COSATU called for a 'legally enforced national minimum living wage for all workers'; and the Conference for a Democratic Future in December 1989 endorsed this.

The question of a NMW was fully discussed at COSATU's first campaigns conference in May 1990. The conference agreed that there should be an NMW, and that a campaign for such a wage would bring together organised and unorganised workers and would be important for workers in low wage industries. The living wage committee (LWC) was asked to establish what the NMW should be, to develop a programme of action to achieve such a wage and to submit its recommendations to the second campaigns conference.

However, the second campaigns conference, held in September 1990, did not lead to the setting of a national minimum - instead the entire question came under renewed scrutiny.

The LWC, in preparatory documents for the conference made a strong case for a campaign for a NMW, which it set at R700. It said that the union movement should urge a new democratic government to introduce a NMW, but in the meantime unions and their members should demand this in their negotiations with management.

The main point of the committee's demand was that the NMW could provide the 'basis for a wage solidarity campaign to raise wages of the lowest-paid workers in all sectors of the economy, and in the process can build working class unity'. In other words, its value lies in its force as an organising tool. Workers who had achieved the national minimum would still be able to campaign for further progress towards the 'living wage'.

Turning to why there should be state control of minimum wages, the committee put forward three reasons:

- Some workers are especially vulnerable to exploitation and need protection (particularly domestic workers and agricultural workers);
- It is impossible to eliminate poverty and reduce inequality in living standards without setting

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PARTY POLITICS (264)

Shrewd move

FM 5/6/92

The ANC's drive to attract white support received a boost with the announcement that prominent Durban city councillor Ros Sarkin has joined the movement

This comes a month after the defection to the ANC of five DP MPs Rob Haswell, Pierre Cronje, Dave Dalling, Jannie Momberg and Jan van Eck They now form an ANC-aligned caucus in the all-white House of Assembly The lack of fuss which followed Sarkin's move indicates the speed with which SA politics is adapting

Sarkin was elected as an independent by the largely affluent Mitchell Park ward on the northern side of the Berea She chairs the city's creative and recreation committee

She says her decision is based on the belief that the ANC represents SA's best hope for a democratic, nonracial, nonsexist future

The announcement, made by the ANC's Southern Natal Region, came just before the ANC's national policy conference held in Johannesburg last weekend The secretary of the Hindu Maha Sabha (which boasts 80 affiliated Hindu organisations), Rugbeer Kalideen, has also thrown in his lot with the ANC

Sarkin says her decision means the ANC now has formal representation on the council But she says she will continue to serve the interests of her ward and argues that there is no reason for the management committee to ask her to resign as a committee chairman

Though another whites-only municipal election is not likely in Durban — Management Committee chairman Peter Mansfield says a nonracial city council could even be in place this year — Sarkin could have a difficult time taking her voters with her at the next ballot She must convince them that she will look after their interests, especially in economic terms

That assumes, of course, that council elections would still be based on wards rather than on proportional representation ■

mence this month, the response experienced is overwhelming Apart from the positive response from the educational community, parents are also keen to have the package and have requested a similar programme for themselves It is user friendly and offers all relevant information,

(3) yes, response so far has been positive There have been requests for the package from Canada, Iceland, Namibia, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Swaziland The European Economic Community in Brussels requested 3 packages and so did the Bureau of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases in London,

(4) no

Academic hospitals: registrars

287 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health

(a) How many registrars are there at each academic hospital in South Africa, (b) what is the present patient/registrar ratio at each such hospital and (c) how many registrars in each year of study resigned at each of these hospitals during the course of 1991?

B714E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

TYGERBERG ACADEMIC HOSPITAL COMPLEX

(a) 197,

(b) only the number of beds per registrar is available and that is 9,18 and

(c) 3

GROOTE SCHUUR ACADEMIC HOSPITAL COMPLEX

(a) 388,

(b) 15 beds/registrar and

(c) not available

H F VERWOERD ACADEMIC HOSPITAL COMPLEX

(a) 281,

(b) 26 patients/registrar per month and

(c) not available

JOHANNESBURG ACADEMIC HOSPITAL COMPLEX

(a) 597,

(b) 12,6 beds/registrar and

(c) not available

GARANKUWA ACADEMIC HOSPITAL COMPLEX

(a) 63,

(b) 28,7 beds/registrar and

(c) 50

KING EDWARD VIII ACADEMIC HOSPITAL COMPLEX

(a) 299,

(b) 17 beds/registrar and

(c) 52

UNIVERSITAS ACADEMIC HOSPITAL COMPLEX

(a) 156,

(b) 114 patients/registrar per month and

(c) 10

Accommodation for Administrator of Natal: Durban

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297 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Regional and Land Affairs

(1) Whether any accommodation is available for the Administrator of Natal in Durban, if so, (a) where in Durban and (b) what is the (i) nature and (ii) size of the accommodation,

(2) whether this accommodation is utilized by the Administrator, if not, why not;

(3) whether it is the intention to utilize the accommodation for other purposes in the future, if so, (a) why and (b) for what other purposes?

B745E

The MINISTER OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS

(1) Yes

(a) Napac Building

(b) (i) and (ii)
Originally a flat in the Napac Building, consisting of a bedroom,

lounge, bathroom and kitchen was available for the exclusive use of the Administrator Several years ago, this area was split into a bedroom with bathroom for each of the Administrator and the Director-General with a shared kitchenette

(2) Napac Building — no, due to its inadequacy

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(3) Napac Building — yes

(a) The existing office accommodation, in the Napac Building, for members of the Executive Committee is inadequate At present five MECs share three offices

(b) Office accommodtaion for members of the Executive Committee and overnight facilities for the MECs who reside in Pietermaritzburg

Differences between White/Coloured warders: Pollsmoor Prison

313 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Correctional Services

Whether there were any differences in the (a) accommodation, (b) recreational facilities and/or (c) remuneration offered to White and Coloured warders at Pollsmoor Prison as at 31 December 1991, if so, (i) what differences in each case and (ii) why?

B776E

The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

(a) No

Accommodation on premises countrywide is accessible to all personnel in accordance with the Correctional Services Regulation 25 This implies that accommodation is allocated discretionarily by commanders at the hand of inter alia the following

— functionary requirements,

— allocation according to level of post,

— merit and efficiency principle, and

— advertising of available accommodation

The following norms are automatically applicable in respect of the allocation of housing on reserves in order to ensure orderly community life

— the combating of overpopulation on living premises,

— a prohibition on subleasing,

— keeping premises tidy and hygienic,

— promotion of healthy neighbour relations and the combating of behaviour which may upset these relations on such premises, and

— the orderly use of public facilities on reserves according to accepted norms and standards

(b) No

All available recreational facilities at the Pollsmoor Prison have been accessible to all members since November 1990 There are still two facilities in use at Pollsmoor (the former White and Coloured facilities) but both facilities are accessible to all personnel and are utilized as such

(c) No

All disparity in respect of remuneration has already been eliminated with effect from 1 March 1988 There is thus no difference in the remuneration in respect of the mentioned population groups

(i) and (ii) Fall away

THE NATION

STAR 8/6/92. (264)

Natal mass action planned

Major disruption to municipal services in Natal can be expected from June 16 following the weekend decision by the 10 000-member Democratic Integrated Municipal Employees Society to embark on a campaign of peaceful mass action This decision is binding on all the union's members in the 28 local authorities in the province The union's demands are for a nonracial, democratic SA; the acceptance of a workers' charter, and, locally, that each local authority begin a programme of affirmative action

should play a responsible role in the Development Advisory Committee That is the forum where everything in this regard needs to be articulated, and the forum from which a co-ordinated approach could develop [Time expired]

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, I am sorry that we are limited to such a short debate on this I want to stress that I think this is one of the most important debates one can possibly have about developing that particular area

I think the hon member Mr M F Cassim proved my point Mr Saunders of Tongaat-Hulett has millions of rand of capital that could be invested in order to create jobs We in the Government can only create a climate conducive to development The private sector, of which the Tongaat-Hulett Group forms part, should put their money where their mouth is, by putting money into South Africa to create the necessary jobs I want to commend the hon member on making that point

As far as the water resource is concerned, I do not want to instigate anything here, but I think some hon member should submit an interpellation to the hon the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry in regard to the amount of water running to the sea If one talks to anybody in Natal, one is asked why a dam has not been built in the Tugela Basin As far as the Department of Regional Development is concerned, I will act as a facilitator if it is possible for us to assist in doing something in this regard

I cannot pass up the opportunity to make one last remark I think the hon member Mr M F Cassim was a bit naughty to say that we were penalising KwaZulu My job is to do regional development on the one hand, and urbanisation on the other If we do not do regional development, as in KwaZulu, we pick up the tab when people urbanise There is no reason, therefore, for us to penalise anybody In fact, the figures I have given—these are available, I shall send hon members each a copy—are evidence of what has been achieved in that particular area

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

General Affairs

Emergency food supplies: Lebowa

*1 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of National Health

(1) Whether any emergency food supplies have been distributed in Lebowa in terms of the Government's food relief programme, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,

(2) whether she will make a statement on the matter?

D181E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

(1) Yes, an amount of R5,3 million, in terms of the Goverment's Nutrition Development Programme was made available to the Department of Health and Welfare of Lebowa in the first quarter of 1992 for the 1991/1992 financial year This amount was allocated with the proviso that the Lebowa Government assumes full financial accountability for the allocation and judicious spending of funds, as well as full responsibility for implementing, co-ordinating and monitoring programmes Quarterly reports of how the programmes are progressing, as well as financial statements must be submitted to the Head Office of the Department of National Health and Population Development (NHPD), furnishing information on the progress of programmes and how funds have been spent As a result of certain allegations made in the media, the matter was dicussed on departmental level The situation is now being monitored continuously,

(2) no

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, given the fact that Lebowa at the present time is experiencing its worst drought in seven years, would she like to comment on the news report that tons of food relief have been lying unattended in four storerooms at that hospital in Lebowa and the fact

that something needs to be done about that urgently?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman I cannot attest to the truth of that story because the Lebowa Government is fully responsible for the allocation and distribution of funds and food As I have said, the programme is continuously being monitored by the Department of National Health and Population Development We find that unacceptable and we do not approve of food being left in a storeroom

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, further arising out the hon the Minister's reply, I thank her for that answer, but I would like to ask her whether in fact the correctness of those reports was investigated?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, as I said the Department has had discussions with the relevant departments I have not received a report on those discussions as yet, but the situation is being monitored We will not allow food to be stored in a storeroom

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Report on food prices

*2 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Trade and Industry

(1) Whether the Board of Trade and Industry initiated a report on food prices in or about July 1991, is so,

(2) whether this report has been completed, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that the report will be completed, if so, what are its main findings,

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

D182E

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

(1) The former Minister of Trade and Industry and Tourism, Dr G Marais and Dr A I van Niekerk, Minister of Agriculture requested the Board of Trade and Industry (now the Board on Tariffs and Trade) to investigate food prices A press release in this regard was issued on 5 July 1991

(2) The Board has decided to issue a preliminary report in order to stimulate further discussion on the subject This report should be available before 17 June 1992 I have given permission to the Board for the establishment of a committee in terms of the Board on Tariffs and Trade Act (Act 60 of 1992) on which representatives of the Co-ordinating Committee on VAT and other consumer bodies will serve This committee will take the matter further

(3) I will await a final report from the Board and do not intend issuing a statement at this stage

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, I thank him for his reply, but I would like to ask him whether that report will in fact be made public and made available to hon members of this House?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, the report will be made public

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INTERPELLATION

The sign * indicates a translation The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language

Own Affairs

Shallcross link road repayment

1 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether, subsequent to the reply by the Minister of Housing on 4 February 1992 to an interpellation on the Shallcross link road, he or his Department has made any arrangements for the Development and Services Board and the Durban Municipality to repay the total amount that is being spent on this link road, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,

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

D203E INT

The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, ongoing negotiations are taking place between the Administration House of Delegates and the local authorities involved Officials of the Durban City Council are currently preparing a submission on this issue for consideration by the city

council The Development and Services Board has indicated in writing that it will contribute a reasonable proportion of the cost of constructing the link road, in co-operation with the local affairs committee The amount which the Development and Services Board will contribute has yet to be negotiated There are indications that the contribution of the Development and Services Board, as its share of the cost, will be influenced by the sum which the Durban City Council contributes I quote an extract from a letter written by the chief executive secretary of the Development and Services Board

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> The Board remains committed to its support of the project and, with the backing of the Local Affairs Committee, will contribute a reasonable proportion of the cost involved which in terms of the Shallcross budget, will represent a major item of expenditure

The paragraph continues as follows

> I repeat the Board's commendation of the courage and initiative displayed by you and your Administration in taking steps to bring the project to fruition

This letter is addressed to the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council

With due respect to the concern entertained by the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition, I wish to inform hon members that if the question of financial commitments had been drawn into the initial negotiations that led to the ultimate construction of the link road, it would have been a nonstarter I want to substantiate that statement with documentary evidence

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION It would be better if you closed off your speech

The MINISTER I cannot seem to find the document [Time expired]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I indicated to the hon the Minister that it would be better if he closed off his speech for one reason The hon the Minister is not aware of the fact that during the housing debate he indicated that the Durban City Council was prepared to pay only R1 million of the cost of the alteration to the Higginson highway We are a financial institution, like a building society We do not build roads This road has nothing to do with a housing scheme and this is going to be the biggest scandal the Ombudsman has investigated, because I am now preparing affidavits to go first to the Auditor-General and then to the Ombudsman

We are complaining The hon the Minister said that if financial issues had been raised, this would have been a nonstarter How many housing projects throughout the country are nonstarters? How many of our essential school projects are nonstarters because of finance? However, this Administration, through the efforts of the Ministers' Council, has deliberately and wilfully misused public funds, and in terms of the Ombudsman Act this is maladministration of the worst kind

As a result of actions such as these, this scandal will make this Administration a mini-Department of Development Aid This Administration deliberately did not make any financial arrangements with one of the richest municipalities in this country for the repayment of a loan Hon members can try to give me one example of someone who, having given a municipality a loan to build a house, does not tie up the agreement before releasing money Who is going to pay this R5 million? We are not going to approve this particular expenditure if it is going to be declared unauthorised I put it in writing that this is the fastest project ever tackled by the House of Delegates with regard to the advertisement being placed and tenders being awarded I asked those who were responsible please not to sign the contracts, because they did not have any agreement with the local government body Today we have been told that the DSB contributed a reasonable amount, while we are crying in all our debates that we do not have money

Hon members ought to look at this sketch This road was not built for the community It was built to promote a business project, and this is the business project This is the scandal [Interjections] There are other roads that should enjoy priority Hon members must look at the Chatsworth second access road This is not a link road It is a stink road This is a scandal [Interjections] This is a real stink

I gave letters to the accounting officer every 72 hours to remind the hon the Minister of Housing and Agriculture that he had not

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I would like to remind the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition that his time has expired

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition has made some very startling disclosures in this House this afternoon Before I get to that, I would like to say that it was regrettable that the hon the Minister of Housing and Agriculture was unable to substantiate his view that had there been a delay in arranging the finance, this road would not have been built I trust the hon the Minister will now do so

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I think in principle we have no quarrel with the construction of this road I believe the problem lies in the manner in which it was financed In previous debates in this House I was given to understand that all this Department was going to do, was to provide bridging finance until the relevant authorities were able to pick up the tab This is what the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council gave me to understand [Interjections]

If that is the correct interpretation of the words of the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council, then we are now hearing something new What are we hearing? First of all, the Durban City Council will only pick up a reasonable contribution whatever that may be It has not yet been quantified The Development and Services Board will do likewise

I trust that the Administration will do everything in its power to get both these authorities to pick up the entire tab, so that there will be no stink, which is what the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition has alleged would result

I must confess that I am a little bit disturbed when the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition comes to this House and says quite categorically—he appears to have some proof of his statements—that the construction of this particular road was, in fact, to serve a private development I would like the hon the Minister of Housing and Agriculture to address that particular issue when he rises to reply in this debate [Time expired]

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, this interpellation affords me a unique opportunity I want to answer the questions raised by the hon member for Springfield He has his viewpoints and I have my opinion It is all fair and reasonable

I want to read from an extract which I will let him or any other hon member have

In any event, as previously indicated,

This matter had led to a struggle with the Durban City Council for 12 years

> This project is not on Durban's five-year construction programme and cannot be afforded greater priority than projects currently on that programme
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> This project can only be considered for inclusion on the Town Planning Scheme once Council approval of the revised proposal has been obtained A prerequisite for this is an acceptable design and agreement on funding Thereafter the necessary procedures to include the proposal on the Town Planning Scheme could take a year or longer depending on the number of objectors

I have files with information on this issue and I am ready to accommodate and entertain the wishes of any hon member who wants to know the history of this issue Even after negotiations extending over a period of 12 years, the Durban City Council rated the Shallcross link road as just a local service road I want hon members to note this fact quite clearly I am glad that the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition has posed this interpellation, because if I were in a similar position, I would have asked this question out of sheer ignorance The very fact that this question has generated so much interest in this link road merely highlights the importance and significance of this road

The council made it clear that it did not consider the road to be a metropolitan project There was an indication by the Durban City Council as late as August 1990 that this project was not on Durban's five-year construction programme and could not be afforded greater priority However, the Durban City Council had suggested to the Development and Services Board in a letter that the latter authority should find the funds for the development of the link road I am talking about funds [Time expired]

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, this particular interpellation has been placed on the Question Paper for the second time I can understand the feeling of hon members of this House

Firstly, this particular link road and the funds which have been ploughed into its construction are cause for concern, but the road is the result of dire need in that area Every organisation, from civic associations to local authorities, as well as community leaders, supported this project Even the hon member for Springfield acknowledged the need for the road (264)

However, what is of importance at the moment is the question of funding Unfortunately the Durban Municipality appears to have placed this item on their next five-year plan, but the hon the Minister has undertaken that whoever holds this portfolio, or is on the Ministers' Council, will be honour bound to account to the community and to give proof of continuous negotiation to secure these funds Whatever monies have been ploughed in, must be secured If not, other projects that are absolutely necessary for the poor section of the community will be nonstarters This is important

The other startling exposure made by the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is indeed surprising [Interjections] I only hope the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition will be given another opportunity to speak [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order!

The DEPUTY MINISTER I only hope he will be given another opportunity to speak so that he can tell us who is behind this project [Time expired]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, before this contract was to be signed, I instructed the accounting officer to sign an agreement with the Durban Municipality that they would repay the money

Five-year priorities are a normal thing When we began the Cato Manor scheme, a link road was supposed to be built five years later The Durban Municipality built the road, and we provided the finance, but we only gave them the money after we had signed an agreement that they would repay it, with interest, five years later What our Administration and the Ministers' Council therefore failed to do, was to sign such a loan agreement

In May last year, when we were trying to expose that the purpose of this road was the promotion of business, the hon the Deputy Minister woke up and read a statement I asked him why he had read the statement and he answered that as he had entered this Chamber, he was told to read this statement That statement confirmed

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I confirm that the time of the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition has expired

The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, I want to repeat that in a way I am pleased that the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is focusing attention on this issue He referred to this as a great scandal, but sensible hon members will realise, and I believe posterity will record, that this is not a scandal, but a blessing in disguise

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION This is the biggest scandal!

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I ask for your protection

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order!

The MINISTER I think people must not be foolish about this

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, is the hon the Minister prepared to take a question?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, my time is limited

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon the Minister is not prepared to take a question The hon the Minister may proceed

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I offer anyone any platform at any time, at midnight or at any other time, to discuss this issue [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon the Minister must proceed

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, there should be no doubt [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon the Minister's time has expired

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I ask for injury time [Interjections]

I have received letters from the hon the Minister of Transport I want to read from a press report

> The Metropolitan Transport Advisory Board, which is a national transport commission representing the local level, has refused to classify the link road as a national road (264)

This decision means that the ratepayers of Durban and Shallcross must meet the cost of the road over a 20-year period, unless the Joint Services Board approves a grant In the light of this substantial evidence, I want to know what the crisis is

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION You must sign the agreement! You did not sign the agreement!

The MINISTER The Durban City Council undertook to bear only the cost of that part of the road which traversed the land within its municipal jurisdiction It is probably a matter for negotiation if they say it is R1 million I am glad they are starting at R1 million, because it seems to be an excellent exercise in futility, if not in auctioneering!

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I regret that even the non the Minister's injury time has expired

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

Own Affairs

Amount spent on purchase of toilet rolls

*1 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of the Budget and Auxiliary Services

(1) How much did the Administration House of Delegates spend on the purchase of toilet rolls during the period 1 January 1992 up to and including the latest specified date for which figures are available,

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

D183E

The CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL (for the Minister of the Budget and Auxiliary Services)

(1) R135 062,03 for 146 130 rolls of 600 sheets each

(2) Yes

The Chief Directorate Procurement Administration of the Department of State Expenditure is responsible for the framing of specifications and the invitation of tenders for contracts After the awarding of a contract by the State Tender Board, purchases by all State Departments are then made in terms of this contract

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the reply read by the hon the Chairman of the Minister s Council, I want to ask him a question, but I want to caution him to be very careful Is it not correct that the blame cannot be laid at the door of the State Tender Board? Is it not true that the State Tender Board receives the tenders, but that the House of Delegates has to approve them?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL Mr Chairman, I am not in a position to answer the question put by the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition However, I wish to confirm that the hon the Minister of Education and Culture has asked for a full report on the procedure that is followed by our Administration We will, upon receipt of this report, be able to investigate that matter

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the reply of the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council, in view of the Government's commitment to curbing State expenditure and in view of the repeated cries by the Minister's Council about a shortage of funds, I want to know whether the hon the Minister or the Administration took into consideration that if reasonable toilet rolls were bought at supermarkets on streets corners, this amount of R135 000 would have been reduced by half?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL Mr Chairman, I am not in that business, but I want to assure the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition that we have asked for a full report Upon receipt of the report we shall take into account the suggestions that have been made by different hon members

*2 Leader of the Official Opposition—Housing and Agriculture [Withdrawn]

Mayor suggests visitors pay toll to enter Durban

(264) Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Mayor Gys Muller last night suggested that a boundary be erected around Durban and that non-residents pay a toll to get into the city if they want to enjoy its facilities.

Moving that "this house welcomes moves towards the establishment of a Greater Durban" at a sitting of the Durban parliament, Muller claimed the boundaries between the city and its neighbouring townships — both black and white — were "ill-considered and inappropriate" and were "separate in name only".

"There is a high degree of economic interdependence between us ... look at Westville, its residents may live there but they work and play in Durban.

"And what do Kloof residents do when they want to go to the beach? Kloof, Westville and their neighbours drive to Durban to use our beachfront facilities, recently revamped at great expense to Durban's ratepayers. B/Day 9/6/92

"Is it right that residents of Queensburgh come to a show at the Playhouse when their tickets are, in effect, subsidised by the Durban ratepayers?"

Muller said an acceptable format should be worked out by which adjoining boroughs could contribute to the coffers of the city.

"In the absence of co-operation ... there is always the option of erecting a boundary along the city limits and subjecting non-residents to a toll. It would not be the first time . in the old days when wagons drove down West Street they had to pay something in the region of two and six to come into Durban"

Row over 'racist' council

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Crisis in Durban over NP motion

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — The crisis over the appointment of four Durban city councillors of colour deepened today with a controversial new bid by a National Party member to include 12 more nominated councillors

Councillor Mr Johan Krog drafted notices of motion calling on the council to allot 12 further seats to the African National Congress, Inkatha and the civic movement

This is being seen as an effort to defuse mounting opposition, including threats of strikes and breakdowns in negotiations

But the ANC has rejected the idea as "racist tokenism" and plans are going ahead for concerted action against the council. The municipal employees' society promises to bring the city to a standstill "if the council persists in its foolishness"

In theory, Mr Krog's motion means the council could have 16 new councillors, most "non-white", but appointed, not elected

"Totally unacceptable," was the response of Mr Mike Sutcliffe, ANC local government convener for Southern Natal

"We reject outright this racist attempt to hand out a few token seats," he said, adding that the ANC would continue planning concerted action against the council

Mr Nad Murugan, general secretary of the Democratic Integrated Municipal Employees Society, Natal's biggest municipal trade union, said the proposal was "unacceptable".

"If the council thinks the leaders of the community will insult their constituents by accepting co-option into such a racist set-up, they are more stupid than I imagined

"My union will bring this city to a standstill if the council persists in its foolishness," he said, indicating that the public transport system would be the first target

The grim threats by the ANC and its allies have prompted growing concern in the city's business community

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT FM 24/7/92

A road blocked

(264)

A local government constitutional crisis has been averted in Durban. The council has withdrawn a controversial bid to extend voting rights to three Indian (and one coloured) local authorities The retreat, which followed threats to bring the city to its knees, is seen as a defeat for council rightwing elements and is likely to speed up the process of establishing a nonracial local authority in the area

Matters came to a head a week ago when the management committee, in the absence of two liberal members, recommended full voting rights on the council to four Local Affairs Committees These LACs were established in Natal in terms of apartheid policy as advisory bodies for the administration of Indian and coloured areas Their counterparts in other provinces are coloured management committees and black urban and community councils

Liberals on the Durban council have for some time resisted government and Natal Provincial Administration (NPA) pressure, in terms of the Interim Measures for Local Government Act, to enhance the status of the LACs They argue that many see them as discredited vestiges of apartheid For its part, the NPA wants LACs to have full political participation in existing councils

Groups such as the ANC, civic associations and the powerful 13 000-member Democratic Integrated Municipal Employees Society (Dimes) strongly oppose any moves to upgrade the status of the LACs Following last week's management committee decision, Dimes and the ANC warned they would withdraw from every council structure in protest, including a joint negotiating forum This would result in a collapse of recent agreements and could jeopardise future development projects such as those at Cato Manor and the Point

A compromise proposal that 12 additional nominated seats — four for the LACs, four each for the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC — was also rejected on the grounds that it "smacked of tokenism"

Councillors, due to vote on the issue and the compromise on Monday, were given a taste of things to come when Durban's city centre was brought to a standstill as municipal bus drivers blocked West Street in protest They were also greeted by a picket line on the steps of the city hall

The deadlock was broken during the council debate when the LAC chairmen agreed to delay implementation until a forum representing all political and community organisations could be established to negotiate a new democratic local authority structure

NPA MEC for institutional development Val Volker says Durban councillors were only trying to broaden representation at a local level as advocated by President F W de Klerk. "This is not a setback, but it highlights the need for broader discussions in local government rather than disruption" ■

Durban agrees to one council

C/News 26/7/92

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By FRED KHUMALO

FOLLOWING intense pressure from progressive groups, including the ANC, the Durban city council was this week forced into voting to negotiate for an interim, non-racial council before the end of the year.

This was an unexpected about-turn on the part of the council which, late last week, voted for the extension of voting rights to four local affairs committee members, effectively entrenching the status quo.

The stormy winds of change howled through the pillars of city hall on Monday when municipal bus drivers caused a two-hour traffic snarl-up in the city centre while councillors were confronted with a placard protest against the local affairs committees on the city hall steps.

The ANC and local unions, including the Democratic Integrated Municipal Employees' Society, threatened to "bring the city to its knees" should the council proceed with the controversial bid of extending full voting rights to four local affairs committee members.

Said ANC southern Natal secretary S'bu Ndebele. "We are the people of Durban. You cannot sit there, unelected, and make decisions on our behalf."

Inside city hall, a stormy debate ensued. For the first time in many years the public gallery was packed .. and noisy.

The four LAC chairmen, Farouk Vahed, Kamal Panday, Robbie Katts and Vic Pillay, had to back down following the intense pressure.

The decision reached by the council means that a forum will now be set up at which all political and community organisations can negotiate a new, democratic council.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES FM 28/8/92

Robbing the poor

(264)

Paying full assessment rates would have a devastating effect on churches, schools, old age homes and sport clubs This could be about to happen in parts of Natal

There is renewed fear that local authorities will take advantage of the amendment to Natal Provincial Ordinance 153, passed at the end of last year on the recommendation of government's Permanent Finance Liaison Committee The crux of the amendment is that local authorities are now empowered to exact assessment rates from all organisations that were previously exempt

Such bodies include churches, manses, schools, sport and leisure clubs and the premises of other non-profit organisations However, the ordinance also gives local authorities powers to grant rebates of up to 100%.

Catholic Archbishop Denis Hurley of Durban admits he is confused, surprised and alarmed about the issue "The churches were taken by surprise We have not yet organised ourselves but we want to bring our case before government "

Representatives of cash-strapped schools, churches and sporting bodies believe they will not be able to survive if they are not granted generous rates relief

Initial indications are that Natal municipalities are granting rebates of between 10% and 100% One local authority, Pinetown, has been singled out for particular criticism But town clerk Hercules Hattingh feels that this is largely due to a misunderstanding brought about by the town's unusual rating system

Unlike most towns, Pinetown's sewerage and refuse collection charges are lumped in with the assessment rates They account for 25% to 27% of these charges This meant that exempted organisations in the town, unlike other towns, historically never paid for these services

Hattingh says a 50% rebate formula has

Archbishop Hurley *churches taken by surprise*

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now been worked out whereby qualifying bodies will pay about 23% of the assessment rate This, he claims, is still considerably lower than the basic cost for those services Pinetown's Anglican Church, for example, will pay R6 664 a year, compared with a potential R8 349 services charge

Regarding the rating of school properties, Mark Henning, executive director of the Independent Schools Council, says "It is internationally accepted that educational institutions and churches should pay for services but they should not have to pay rates The same law should apply to SA Implementing the amended ordinance has just begun So it is too early to assess the impact on Natal schools — but education will not be able to withstand additional costs if no rebates are applied "

Most Transvaal local authorities, including Pretoria, have elected not to exact rates payments from schools — which were previously subsidised in this area by central government The glaring exception was Johannesburg, which elicted a storm of protest from schools ■

NP meet on disquiet over FW?

Political Correspondent

THE National Party's parliamentary caucus last night began gathering for a "bosberaad" this weekend to discuss rumblings in the party and the crisis facing the country at a remote holiday resort in the Eastern Transvaal

Sources said there was increasing unhappiness among some senior members of the party at President F W de Klerk's leadership style, particularly his handling of the ANC.

It is understood some party members believe Mr De Klerk has not been pro-active enough in dealing with a constant stream of demands and threats emanating from the ANC

An example is the recently announced restructuring of the police force, which allowed the ANC to shoot down the reforms as "too little, too late"

The way this was handled, the argument runs, gave the impression the government was buckling to ANC pressure rather than seizing the initiative and high moral ground.

The negotiations impasse and looming violence would probably also be discussed at the "bosberaad".

Also on the agenda would be the legislative programme for Parliament when MPs convene for a special short session in October

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by Ian Walker

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'NP toady' boycotted

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DURBAN — Seven councillors boycotted the mayoral induction in the city hall here yesterday.

The boycott was in protest at the election as deputy mayor of Mr Johan Krog, leader of the National Party caucus on the council

The seven said he was not eligible for the post because he had been on the council for only just over a year.

"He's an NP toady," they said

In his induction speech Mr Krog said he was aware of the criticism being levelled against him

"But I intend to make up for my lack of experience through approaching things in a businesslike manner," he said

The formal election of Mrs Margaret Winter as mayor was greeted by cheering and ululating from a row of colourfully-clad black women.

Haswell: ANC warns council

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MARITZBURG — The African National Congress yesterday warned it will reconsider its relationship with the city council here if deputy mayor Mr Rob Haswell is "sidelined" in next week's mayoral elections because of his ANC membership (264)

Mr Haswell, independent ANC MP for Maritzburg South, has been deputy mayor for the past three years

ANC MP loses council post in Maritzburg

(264) CT 30/9/92

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — City councillor and ANC MP Mr Rob Haswell was yesterday ousted as deputy mayor at a private meeting of councillors to elect a new mayor and deputy for 1992/93. His successor is Mr Vernon Mason, who was hotly tipped to beat Mr Haswell.

Mr Haswell, who had served three terms as deputy mayor, was at the centre of a controversy last week when the ANC called on the council not to sideline him, or face a possible fall-out with the organisation.

Mayor Mr Pat Cornell was returned unopposed, and he and Mr Mason will be installed tomorrow.

ANC Natal Midlands region deputy chairman Mr Reggie Hadebe said the ANC was not bothered about the outcome of the election as the present all-white council was "an illegal apartheid structure whose days are numbered".

Mr Haswell, independent ANC MP for Maritzburg South, said after the election that on a personal level he congratulated both Mr Cornell and Mr Mason.

"The latter has served the council loyally and diligently. However, on a political level, whether they are able to lead the city forward and out of the National Party's apartheid quagmire remains to be seen," Mr Haswell said.

In an interview after the hour-long closed meeting, Mr Cornell said his main purpose would be to get the greater Maritzburg local government forum operating.

He said Mr Mason was an impartial councillor and his election as deputy mayor was his reward for his services to council.

He said Mr Haswell could possibly contribute more to the forum now that he no longer held the position of deputy mayor "and I sincerely hope he will assist us in going forward".

Mr Mason said yesterday's election had been a fully democratic one and the ANC's statement last Thursday had not affected him at all.

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DURBAN DEVELOPMENT

Trimmed down

Any joy over Durban City Council's decision to give the nod to over R400m worth of city development projects has been short-lived

In what is seen as a political decision, the Natal Provincial Administration (NPA) has insisted that the projects be trimmed by R100m

Earlier there were fears that the NPA would block the establishment of a R400m capital development account by Durban City Council altogether and that the projects would be stillborn

The city has been waiting for approval since August and has also claimed that the delays have been costing it R1m a month

The NPA's threat was based on accusations that the proposals — which include the construction of a convention centre, a regional library and the infrastructure for the Point redevelopment project — are intended to "glorify the council" instead of channelling the capital into upgrading facilities in black areas

The irony is that the accusations weren't levelled by the ANC or IFP — who, with some reservations, are actually backing the council

Instead they stem from two Indian Local Affairs Committees (LACs)

The LACs were established in Natal in terms of Nationalist apartheid policies as advisory bodies for the administration of Indian areas (their counterparts in other provinces are Coloured Management Committees and Black Urban Councils and Community Councils)

The result is that the NPA's reluctance to agree to the establishment of the development account is seen in some circles as a retrogressive step "smacking of an attempt to entrench apartheid systems"

Funds for the development account — or what is left of it — are to be raised through the sale of council-owned properties rather than rates

ANC development spokesman Michael Sutcliffe dismisses the suggestion that disenfranchised people are not being given a say in the development "We are involved in discussions and getting effective representation through a variety of projects That money is not going into some individual's bank account It will be an accountable process"

He believes that attempts to torpedo the projects were instigated by the more "right-wing elements in government" trying to force the administrator to accede to the wishes of some of the LAC members

NPA Administrator Con Botha, however, stresses that the administration has a responsibility to ensure that there is complete consultation with all communities

Botha's green light came last week after a meeting with city management committee chairman Peter Mansfield and mayor Margaret Winter, a R300m fund will be established and there is a promise to reconsider approval for the R100m balance in a year

The projects can now proceed

Mansfield warns, however, that a negative decision on the R100m 12 months down the line could result in hundreds of millions of rand worth of development work being left half complete However, he is confident that this will not come to pass when the review is done ■

R198m centre boosts Durban

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By ZILLA EFRAT

20/12/92

THE Durban City Council has announced its largest single investment — a R198-million convention centre The council's management committee chairman, Peter Mansfield, says the centre will be a catalyst for further development of the city It is expected to generate foreign earnings of R120-million a year and create around 2 500 jobs in ancillary industries

The centre, to be located on the Walnut Road — Central Jail — site adjacent to the existing Exhibition Centre, should attract private sector investment well in excess of its costs.

It could "internationalise" Durban as a destination, taking a bite out of the huge, but competitive, international convention market, estimated to be worth well over $150-billion a year

It is expected to be completed in September 1996 and will be run by private sector experts on a profit driven basis Its income is forecast to exceed its operating costs within three to five years

The council believes that Durban's infrastructure, hotels, visitor facilities and services make it an ideal destination for conventions The city also has the largest accommodation capacity of any centre in southern Africa

Marketing of the centre will start immediately, as international conferences usually take at least four years to organise

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Leaving the pack behind

Durban's R198m Convention Centre got off the ground last month — well ahead of its Johannesburg and Cape Town rivals And it had the approval of organisations like the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party

The centre — which will seat 5 000 — is due for completion by September 1996 However, this will be augmented by a 3 000-seat facility being established at the neighbouring Durban Exhibition Centre Four significant international conferences have already been booked for the new facility

Design work will be carried out by a team headed by architects Stauch Vorster and, unusually, will be closely watched by two monitoring groups According to Durban City Council urban development director Alec Gilbert, the project has been endorsed by the Interim Development Forum, a multi-party outfit established to ensure full consultation on developments in the "public interest" during SA's transitional phase And a convention centre steering committee comprising leading "regional role players" is being organised to ensure that the centre is developed in accordance with the interests of the region's community

An offshoot of this committee will be a working group consisting of officials and role players to deal with issues as they arise To ensure that design also complies with broader interests, an architectural review team comprising leading local architects — including representatives of the poorer communities — is being set up

"This is part of the ongoing consultative process with which we have been involved, to ensure that it becomes a widely owned community project," says Gilbert

In this context, emphasis will be given to the appointment of local contractors and consultants

Gilbert adds that a feasibility study has already been carried out and the old prison site in Walnut Road, close to the existing exhibition centre, was selected from a short list of 12 potential locations *(Property* October 16) "Now design work begins and we hope to begin demolition and site preparation by August That should enable us to be ready for a September 1996 opening"

He adds "The convention centre's main hall will have 1 800 seats, though the complex is being designed with the flexibility to accommodate 5 000 delegates"

The centre is being funded through the council's R400m development fund — which has just been slashed by R100m by the Natal Provincial Administrator *(Property* December 11)

However, Gilbert doubts that the scale and timing of the scheme will be affected by this decision "Because of contract obligations we must assume that we'll get the go-ahead and the project will be structured accordingly," he says ■

We'll implicate ministers — CCB

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By Susan Smuts

Former members of the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) have threatened to implicate Cabinet ministers if the inquest into the death of Dr David Webster is used to make the CCB a scapegoat for the clandestine actions of other State organs.

The threat was made in a letter to President F W de Klerk by CCB administrative manager Wessel Huyser (an alias) on behalf of CCB managing director Colonel Joe Verster in October last year Verster was questioned about the letter during his six-day in-camera appearance at the inquest, which resumes today

Although the inquest adjourned early last month, parts of Verster's evidence have not been made available to the press until now

Huyser wrote "The Webster inquest is clearly an orchestrated attempt to use the CCB to protect other entities .. If the Webster inquiry becomes a second Harms Commission, the CCB members will reserve their right to defend themselves"

They would defend themselves by giving evidence which had been deliberately suppressed in the past, and which implicated Cabinet members, Huyser wrote They would testify about orders to destroy documents and files pertaining to CCB projects, and orders that CCB agents be kept away away from the Harms Commission

Cross-examined by Eberhardt Bertelsmann, SC, for the Webster Trust, Verster conceded that the evidence would implicate him as much as any Cabinet member and said the letter was intended as an invitation to the Government to be "reasonable"

He named SADF generals Eddie Webb, Jannie Geldenhuys, Witkop Badenhorst and Kat Liebenberg as those who had ordered the disappearance of files Verster denied he had decided to implicate them after Webb had told the inquest Verster had authorised the elimination of two activists in contravention of CCB procedures which required Webb to authorise such actions

Verster said he had been offered protection from the State if he was prepared to abandon his subordinates as "fall guys" He claimed CCB agents had been intimidated and said he had been threatened with death and the rape of his 16-year-old daughter

The security forces had been creating a climate for the CCB to take the blame for the dirty tricks performed by other security forces, he said

Debate on Natal plan will widen

CT 19/1/93

Political Staff

A DECISION to submit the controversial Natal/KwaZulu "federal" constitution for "wider constitutional debate" has been seen within government circles as a significant step in getting Inkatha back to the negotiating table.

The constitution will form a substantial part of the government/Inkatha bilateral meeting which started in Pretoria yesterday and which continues today.

This follows an agreement between Natal's National Party and Inkatha at a regular working group meeting at the weekend where it was decided to take the constitution to the "wider constitutional debate".

Deputy Constitutional Minister Mr Fanus Schoeman and Natal NP leader Mr George Bartlett were at the meeting. The Inkatha delegation was led by IFP national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose.

There was concern within the government when the KwaZulu constitution was published last year.

The NP's Natal branch strongly supported the move while President F W de Klerk voiced his displeasure.

It is also known that the government was insisting that the debate on the constitution be pulled into the multiparty constitutional talks to prevent a possible secession by Inkatha.

Since then the instruction to the Natal NP had been that it continue discussions on the constitution to persuade Inkatha to take it into bilateral and multilateral discussions before going ahead with its plans, a government source said.

This appeared to have been achieved at the weekend with a joint statement by Mr Bartlett and Dr Mdlalose stating that there were "points of agreement and points of difference" but that these be discussed within the wider constitutional debate.

Natal looks set to get its first mayor of colour

(264) ARG 29/1/93

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — Greytown could be the first white-controlled area in Natal to have a mayor who is not white (Franschhoek has a Coloured mayor)

The prospect was raised by the Town Clerk of Greytown, Mr Graham Henderson, who said there was every possibility that if the towns do merge there could be a black mayor

"Even if it did not happen the first time round, this would open the way for a black mayor in the future," said Mr Henderson, who emphasised that no formal decisions would be taken without close consultation with the local people

The mayor of Enhlakahle, Mr Cornelius Hlongwa, said that while discussions were still very much in the early stages, the residents of Enhlakahle had been petitioning the town board to join the two areas for some time and welcomed the possibility

Greytown and Enhlakahle are two of several local authorities in Natal working on proposals for establishing a single administration. In Louwsberg, the geographically separated black and white areas have formed a joint local authority that is handled by Vryheid on a regional basis

The closness of Enhlakahle to Greytown — only 500 metres away — make the two areas economically interdependent and already the township's electricity and financial administration are handled by Greytown.

A formal invitation will be issued shortly to residents in Greytown, inviting participation and feedback on the setting up of formal negotiations to discuss the proposals

"Obviously we need to look at the economic viability of joining the two areas, issues like rates and the accumulated costs of services but it is important the people understand they will be consulted on all possibilities," said Mr Henderson

Senior Natal MEC Mr Val Volker said last night the NPA had encouraged the idea of a merger in Greytown and other areas, such as Mooi River and Bruntville, Dundee and Sibongile and Glencoe and Thembalihle

This week in Cape Town there was a meeting to approve the names of the people, including two Coloured people and an Asian, nominated by the first non-racial voters' roll in Harding to serve on the area's first joint local authority

Although there were no black nominations first time, Mr Volker said "There could well be a black mayor in the near future because anyone who is a South African citizen and a ratepayer of Harding is now on the common voters' roll and can be nominated for election to the council"

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DURBAN DOCKS (264)

Getting to the Point

Durban's ambitious R1bn plan to redevelop the Point has moved a step closer through adoption of a Point Development Protocol The scheme breaks new ground by involving the community more intimately in property development

Signing of the protocol means the project is now endorsed by a diverse group which includes the ANC, Durban City Council, the Consultative Business Forum, IFP, SA National Civic Organisation, Inyanda Chamber of Commerce, Durban Chamber of Business and Propnet, Transnet's property development unit

It also presupposes, though it's not spelt out, that these organisations will be represented on a project steering committee Most have a clear vision of what the Point should look like and are unafraid to say so

The draft structure plan was published less than two years ago It reflected Transnet's and the Durban City Council's vision for the transformation of the decaying, but potentially high-yielding, Point area on the northern fringe of the harbour

The original plan is now dramatically changed With the new participants in the protocol, emphasis is being placed on addressing inequalities by ensuring that the Point is developed as a resource benefiting the greater Durban population This means balancing market requirements with community needs, such as job creation and enabling disadvantaged groups to participate in the project For example, though greater opportunities may lie in developing the area for recreation and tourism, signatories insist that bringing housing, small industry and commercial activity into the mix should be explored

An agency for land consolidation and development is to be established Once that happens developers will begin to get some idea of where they fit in and then the first projects should start

Signing of the protocol addresses an obstacle which halted progress on the project for some time — namely the ANC's concern that the disenfranchised sector of the community was not being involved in the development It was also concerned that the land, mostly held by public bodies, should not be summarily sold to developers

Adoption of the protocol implies that land should be offered to developers on 99-year leasehold, though there are also references to freehold tenure

The protocol is encouraging for what has been dubbed as Durban's answer to Cape Town's Victoria & Alfred Waterfront but care should be taken to ensure that the commercial imperative is not subjugated by the development committee's high social ideals

The signs are encouraging In the protocol is a commitment that the development should be operated on sound business principles ■

KWANATAL FM 26/2/93.

Seeking redress

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"We wuz robbed, now give us the money you owe us " That's the essence of the cry from Natal and KwaZulu businessmen and politicians, following claims of gross underfunding of the region by the central Treasury

Management consultant Deloitte & Touche, whose recent findings first raised the issue, is now, with Treasury consent, probing the region's tax burden in relation to the amount of money it receives from central government

The Deloitte & Touche report was commissioned by the Natal/KwaZulu Joint Executive Authority The consultant was asked to show why KwaNatal had received less than a "proportional" share of public funding It was also instructed to indicate any negative impact on the regional economy

The results appear to back the thesis that the region is hard done by. Deloitte & Touche's Guy Harris concludes that in roads, health and education alone, Natal/KwaZulu is underfunded by R1,2bn a year, given the number of people it serves

In another sense, it appears that KwaNatal can be accused of not working hard enough Though the region accommodates 23% of SA's population, it generates only 14,7% of GDP Per capita GDP is the second-lowest of the nine development regions — and it has the second-highest unemployment rate KwaNatal can, says Harris, at best provide employment for only 35% of its potential labour force, compared with a national average of 49% It also has a higher dependency ratio — that is, more economically inactive people depend on each worker in Natal than in most other places in SA.

The question is whether it is artificial to judge a region's funding in terms of a national average The existence of an average at all indicates that there is disparity is it possible or desirable to attempt to equalise spending as exactly as possible?

Another issue is the level of economic decentralisation that might be urged on a future government for purely political reasons If Natal were to have more political autonomy, could if afford to look after its population with reduced funding from central government? ■

The absence of a political forum where grievances could be discussed, resulted in a total country-wide boycott of rent and service charges during 1990, instigated by local civic associations

After negotiations by the four provinces, the situation improved to the extent of a fifty percent payment by the end of 1990 This situation has however deteriorated since April 1992

Effective suppression of violence, the achievement of the political aspirations of all inhabitants and the rendering of effective services is seen by black communities as the solution to rent and service boycotts

The still to be formed local government negotiation forum will address, as a priority, various problems experienced on local level

The suspension of the boycotts of rent and service charges will inter alia be one of these problems

A culture of non-payment has however already established itself and it will take a major effort to vest the responsibility of payment of service charges on residents After this, economic tariffs could be negotiated, and only then a shift could be made to the principle of one city, one tax base

SADF personnel: drug abusers/addicts

85 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Defence

(1) Whether any Defence Force personnel and national servicemen were found to be drug abusers and drug addicts during the latest specified 12-month period for which information is available, if so, (a) what estimated number of persons was involved, (b) which drugs were most commonly used and (c) what were the sources of the drugs,

(2) (a) what steps are being taken to (i) treat and (ii) rehabilitate drug abusers and addicts in the Defence Force and (b) what results have been achieved,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B219E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(1) Yes, for the period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1992

(a) 907, including alcohol abusers

(b) Alcohol and a combination of other substances among others dagga and Mandrax

(c) Alcohol and certain medicines are purchased legally from registered tradesmen and pharmacies Where illegal trade is concerned the same sources exist as in the civilian sector, viz retail and wholesale drug-dealers who maintain a black market network If illegal trading is suspected, the matter is referred to the SA Police for further investigation

(2) (a) (i) and (ii) A multi-professional team provides treatment in the SA Defence Force Serious cases requiring long term treatment are referred to State Institutions

(b) 847 members were successfully treated in the SA Defence Force while 60 members were initially referred to institutions outside the SA Defence Force and are at present receiving internal after care

SADF: failure to report for duty

93 Lt-Gen R H D ROGERS asked the Minister of Defence

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 14 on 14 February 1992 he will now furnish particulars in regard to the number of persons who failed to report for (a) national service, (b) Citizen Force camps and (c) Commando duty, if not, why not, if so, how many failed to report for (i) national service in February 1992, August 1992 and February 1993, respectively, and (ii) (aa) Citizen Force camps and (bb) Commando duty in 1992? B228E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

The hon member is referred to my oral reply to Question No 27 on 17 March 1993

Natal Drakensberg: controls i r o development

136 Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Local Government

(1) Whether any authorities falling under the Natal Provincial Administration ap

ply controls in respect of development in the (a) Mont-aux-Sources, (b) Cathedral and (c) Cathkin areas of the Natal Drakensberg region, if not, why not, if so, (i) what is the (aa) nature and (bb) extent of these controls and (ii) what authority or authorities (aa) enforce these controls and (bb) grant permission for development,

(2) whether environmental impact assessments are required in each case before such permission for development is granted, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? B308E

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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

(i) (aa) Nature

— Natal Town Planning Ordinance No 27 of 1949
— Natal Roads Ordinance No 10 of 1968
— Advertising of Roads and Ribbon Development Act No 21 of 1940
— Local Authorities Ordinance No 25 of 1974

(bb) Extent

Development, whether it be in urban or rural areas, or with or without subdivision is controlled through the provisions of the Natal Town Planning Ordinance within the objectives set out in Section 40 (1) being to secure " co-ordinated and harmonious development "

The Town Planning Ordinance also regulates the subdivision of land, the development for urban purposes of land without subdivision—and the use which is made of that land or of any buildings on it Broadly speaking this is a private township and as such the establishment thereof requires the Administrator's approval in the form of need and desirability, development and/or private township applications

The other Acts and Ordinances referred to in 1 (a) (i) (aa) inclusive above, supplement these provisions and are normally included in the form of conditions of approval relating to for example, access, building lines and/or incorporation into a local authority area The main headings are as follows —

Need and Desirability application (Section 11bis)

Such applications are to be submitted where more than 10 lots or units are proposed in rural areas and in urban areas where there is no town planning scheme control Here the principle of urban development in the public interest has to be established Consultation with a wide range of agencies including local communities provides a comprehensive base for assessing such applications in the public interest Where objections are received or concerns expressed, the Town and Regional Planning Commission whose responsibility it is to formulate recommendations to the Administrator-in-Executive Committee, normally calls for a hearing and site inspection to enable the affected parties to present their case Thereafter the documents together with a recommendation are submitted to the Executive Committee for a decision

Development application (Section 11 (2))

This falls under the "development without subdivision" category of a small scale nature and again is for those rural areas or areas without town planning scheme control As with Need and Desirability applications there is consultation and thereafter approval can be granted under delegated authority within the Community Services Branch of the Natal Provincial Administration

Applications for private townships (Section 12 to 32 and Chapter 3)

Such applications are for subdivision and/or follow the favourable granting of a Need and Desirability application Here the focus is on the provision of adequate access and infrastructural services, environmental management during and after construction, the provision of public uses, conditions ensuring security of title for purchases, the layout, design etc Again there are extensive consultations and a hearing and site inspection is normally held where there are objections Approval can be granted

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Structure plans, development plans and town planning schemes (package of plans) (Section 40 to 48)

A Structure Plan is a policy document which

— sets the character, role and function of the town in relation to its national and regional location, and in relation to national, regional and local policies,
— sets out the present and future boundaries of a town and will show the direction, the extent and phasing of the planned growth of that town,
— shows the broad planning goals and policies including policies with regard to density and design

Whilst it will be prepared for a 20 year period, it is to be reviewed every 5 years

A Development Plan is the document through which a local authority will programme and budget the planning proposals as a means of achieving the goals of the Structure Plan It will cover a 10 year period with a budgeting plan for 3 years

A Town Planning Scheme within the Package of Plans concept is a control document zoning and reserving land for a 5 to 10 year period Such controls within the zoning for each property include density (F A R coverage, Height, Units/ha) space about buildings, layout, design, environmental management, parking etc

At all 3 levels there is extensive consultation before the plans are adopted There are adopted town planning schemes for Cathkin Park and Driefontein A Structure Plan is being prepared for the Cathkin Park area

Town Planning appeals (Section 67)

This provides the opportunity for an applicant or objector who is aggrieved by a decision of a local authority under Section 67 of the Ordinance to lodge an appeal to the Town Planning Appeals Board For an appellant to succeed in an appeal and reverse the decision of the local authority he should prove that one or more of the following circumstances apply

— the town planning scheme is wrong
— the site/circumstances are unique
— the local authority has exercised its discretion incorrectly in Special Consent cases
— the appellant would suffer substantial hardship

The Appeals Board convenes a hearing at which all affected parties present their case after which the Board's decision is forwarded to the Administrator-in-Executive Committee for review

— Standard and location of access points onto provincial roads
— Building lines on provincial roads
— Incorporation and creation of new local authorities, leases and closure of roads and public places

(1) (ii) (aa) *Authorities enforcing controls*

— Administrator-in-Executive Committee and the Community Services Branch of the Natal Provincial Administration through conditions of approval
— The Development and Services Board is the Local Authority and Planning Authority for the Cathkin Park Regulated Area and the Driefontein Development Area
— Natal Roads Branch

(1) (ii) (bb) *Authorities granting permission*

Administrator-in-Executive Committee, on the advice of the Town and Regional Planning Commission and the Town Planning Appeals Board through the Community Services Branch of the Natal Provincial Administration

(2) No

Where for example Need and Desirability applications are made under the Natal Town Planning Ordinance, environmental impact assessment is requested when considered appropriate This will depend on

— the scale of the proposed development and environmental sensitivity of the site In this regard cognisance is taken *inter alia* of *The Drakensberg Policy Statement* (1976), *The Drakensberg Approached Policy* (1990), *The Wetlands Policy* and current research on selected development nodes in the Drakensberg, and
— the responses received from those agencies consulted on the proposal, particularly the Natal Parks Board, the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, the Development and Services Board and local communities

The criteria used in screening development proposals are set out in detail in *The Drakensberg Approaches Policy* (1990), supplemented by the Integrated Environmental Management procedures guideline document issued by the Department of Environment Affairs Important aspects that are considered include areas of conservation value, areas with agricultural and recreation potential, slope analysis, areas of instability, visual impacts, existing infrastructure and socio-economic aspects.

Outstanding telephone applications in major urban areas

166 Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Posts and Telecommmunications

What was the total number of outstanding telephone applications in each specified major urban area of the Republic as at the latest specified date for which information is available? B380E

The MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The position as at 28 February 1993 was as follows

AREA	
Cape Peninsula	3 843
Port Elizabeth	2 922
East London	192
Uitenhage/Despatch	321
Central Johannesburg	812
East Rand	12 244
North Rand	4 375
West Rand	3 766
Pretoria	7 969
Vaal Triangle	5 052
Bloemfontein	796
Welkom	1 808
Kimberley	109
Durban	8 635
Pietermaritzburg	2 049

SA Communication Service: publications/total cost/printing contract

172 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Communication

(1) (a) What total number of publications was produced by the South African Communication Service in 1992, (b) what was the title of each publication, (c) what was the total cost of producing these publications and (d) who printed each of them,

(2) whether the printing contract in respect of each of these publications was put out to tender, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? B386E

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION

(1) (a) SACS published a total of 43 publications from 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1992

(b), (d)

Title of Publication	*Printer*
Suid-Afrikaanse Panorama	ABC
South African Panorama	ABC
Southern Africa Today	Perskor
RSA-Beleidsoorsig (until Aug '92)	Promedia
RSA Policy Review (until Aug '92)	Promedia
RSA-Beleidsoorsig/RSA Policy Review (from Sept '92)	Promedia
Beleidsgids/Policy Review	Aurora
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changing this policy, if not, why not, if so, (a) in what manner and (b) when,

(3) whether she will make a statement on the matter? D122E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) *General Policy*

The policy for the introduction of Indian languages and Arabic, with effect from January 1984, is clearly set out in Paragraph 5 2 (pp F5 and F6) in the Principal's Handbook In summary the policy is as follows·

The initial choice between an Indian Language and Cultural Studies rests with the parent/guardian of the pupils concerned

The institution of an Eastern language teaching unit at the Std 2 level in a school in any year shall be conditional on

(i) A minimum of 15 pupils being enrolled for the language chosen; and

(ii) A teacher for the language chosen being available at the school concerned

If there is a viable demand for an Eastern language, but a teacher is not available at the school, the principal may arrange to engage the services of a part-time teacher in consultation with the Superintendent of Education (Management) for the school and Staffing Section

With the appointment of Language Promoters the responsibility for approving institution of teaching units and the appointment of part-time teachers are handled by them

(2) (a) and (b)

No, in respect of the following policy issues

The policy in respect of the following will not be changed in the immediate future because of their relative effectiveness in promoting Eastern languages

Size of teaching units

Where economic units cannot be established class sizes of 7 pupils (and in some special cases even lower) will be permitted

Use of part-time teachers

The use of part-time teachers will also continue although it is preferable to have academically and professionally qualified educators.

Rate of payment

The present rate of payment will be retained to ensure that we do not lose the services of these teachers in the course of the year

Yes, in respect of the following policy issues

Giving Indian languages a more curriculum-based identity

Over the years, Eastern languages had acquired a more culture-oriented identity The result was a general approach that stressed both culture and language competence, often to the detriment of the latter Pupil motivation often tended to weaken with each passing year

Therefore, serious attention is being given this year to the task of ensuring that Eastern languages are given a curriculum-based identity This is a matter of great urgency as an educational language policy is currently being discussed nationally in preparation for a revised curriculum for a unitary education system

(3) Up till 1991 class units for Eastern languages were constituted and commenced within the first month of the school year In 1991 creation of class units continued well into the latter half of the year. This was

— educationally unsound in that there was no possibility of uniform syllabus coverage for all pupils,

— organisationally disruptive to the school,

— detrimental to the image of Eastern languages as a subject in the curriculum as no other subject was organised in this manner,

— fiscally irregular in that funds could not be accurately budgeted

The accelerated creation of class units will minimise the consequences noted above Nevertheless, adequate time was allowed to Language Promoters in that the task of creating class units was extended into March The effectiveness of this policy can be inferred from the fact that as at 13 August 1992 the Department had employed 460 part-time teachers of Eastern languages The number projected for 1993 was 511 part-time teachers But, as at 24 March 1993 the Department has employed 644 part-time teachers for the 1993 academic year. The pupils in the charge of these teachers are thus guaranteed at least three full terms of instruction in Eastern languages

State financed dwellings: hardships

*6 Mr G MARI asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether the Durban City Council has approached his Department in respect of hardships allegedly experienced by persons occupying State financed dwellings as a result of the application of the 1987 rental formula, if so, when, 264

(2) whether any steps have been or are to be taken to deal with this matter, if not, why not, if so, what steps,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D141E

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) No

(2) Falls away

(3) Yes On 3 March 1993 the Durban City Council made an application to the Department to transfer an amount of R1 million from the Community Facilities Fund to the hardship fund to assist tenants who are experiencing difficulties in paying their rentals This matter is being investigated at present and should there be sufficient monies in the Community Facilities Fund, the matter will be referred to the Housing Development Board for a decision

For written reply

General Affairs

Short-term insurance: regulation by legislation

21 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Finance

(1) Whether he intends introducing legislation to regulate the short-term assurance industry, if not, why not, if so, (a) for what reasons, (b) when and (c) to what extent will such legislation amend existing legislation in this regard,

(2) what (a) persons and/or (b) bodies have been consulted in this regard,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D108E

The MINISTER OF FINANCE

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

The insurance industry is presently regulated in terms of the Insurance Act, 1943 (Act No 27 of 1943) Due to the fact that this Act is outdated and in need of reform it has been decided that draft bills to regulate the short-term and long-term insurance industry should be formulated to replace the Act

(2) (a) and (b)

The representative organisations of the long-term and short-term insurance industries, academics and other interested

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JUMPING THE GUN OR POINTING IT?

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A proposal to build a R45m small-boat marina at Vetch's Pier near Durban harbour mouth may help kick-start the multimillion-rand Point Redevelopment Project. Reaction to the scheme has been mostly negative in semi-official quarters but the proposal has sparked renewed interest in the Point project, which has been languishing because of development politics.

The next step is for the redevelopment committee to appoint an agency to spearhead the project. Durban management committee chairman Peter Mansfield says the Point committee is close to a decision on the nature of the agency. It is possible that a private company, with main shareholder Propnet, the community and council, could oversee the scheme.

The small-boat harbour, conceived by consulting engineers and projects manager B S Bergman & Partners, would provide berths for about 500 vessels. Spin-offs could include extra beach facilities for Durban, a reduction in harbour congestion and a large area of reclaimed land. Later a National Sea Rescue Institute base, clubhouse, restaurants, hotels, shops and additional tourist amenities could be developed.

A Ewen Duncan consulting engineer spokesman says: "About 100 concepts were put forward to the committee but ours has a distinct advantage. Rather than using up the 50 ha of available land we're going to reclaim land from the Vetch's beach area to add a further 7 ha to the development. This could be sold at prime prices which means the project will pay for itself."

One feature of the marina would be a new pier. Existing piers would be upgraded and extended Dredging would create a beach on the northern side of North Pier, while another beach would be developed north of Vetch's Pier.

Mansfield believes more proposals will come once the development agency is operational and that the marina proposal is premature. Don Macleod, the project planning co-ordinator for the Point committee, says the proposed marina is "beset with practical difficulties."

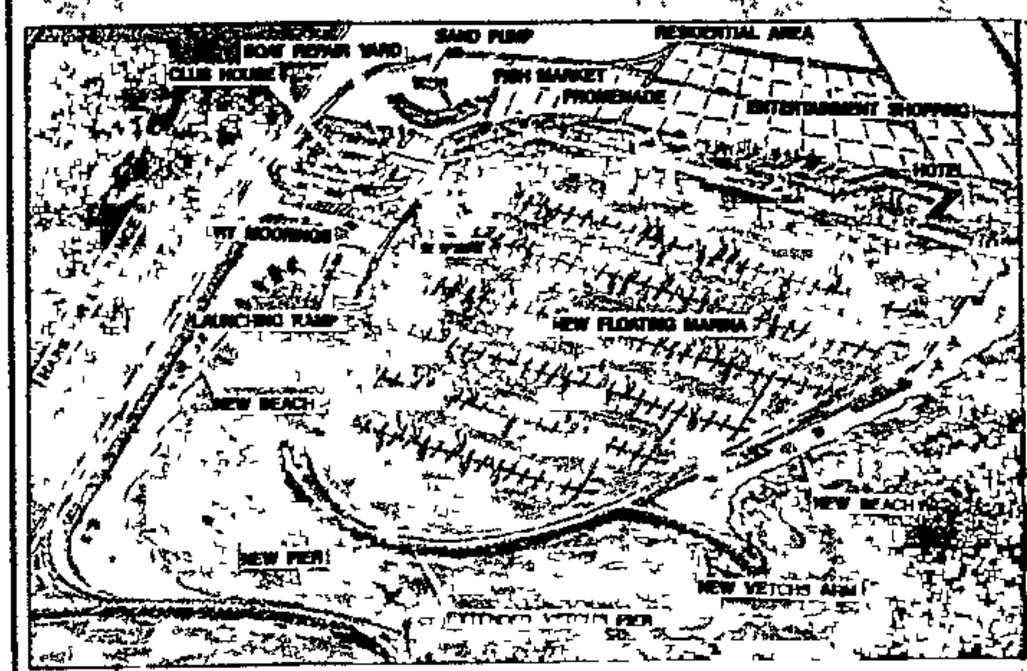
He adds that yachtsmen are concerned about the strong north-easters and closeness of yachts and launching ski-boats. Concern has also been expressed by some councillors over the possible threat to marine life.

Duncan says designers have addressed these problems and that if they were given the go-ahead extensive feasibility studies would be conducted. "Construction of the marina will include the use of modern techniques.

"The piers will be protected from heavy seas by Dolas armouring concrete breakwaters."

Duncan says: "On the environmental issues, we think the marina will improve the situation. It will provide a haven for crustacea and small fish."

He adds: "There will be no big ships or industries discharging into the small-boat harbour so it will be relatively pollution-free."



Church leaders win battle over rates laws

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By CARMEL RICKARD

RELIGIOUS leaders have won a determined passive resistance campaign against new laws allowing local authorities to charge rates on places of worship

The new laws were planned for each province, giving local authorities the right to decide whether to levy rates on previously exempt property, including schools and property owned by welfare and religious bodies

Although all the provinces were due to have the new regulations in place for the current provincial financial year ending in June, only Natal's legislation was passed by Parliament The other provinces were due to be processed during the present sitting of Parliament

From July 1992, local authorities in Natal began sending out rates bills to places of worship Some of them, however, decided to give grants-in-aid on these religious properties, sometimes up to 100 percent

A number of religious leaders whose properties were affected began working together They decided they would not pay the rates in those cases where they were billed. They also refused in principle to apply for the grant-in-aid, saying this would acknowledge they were liable to be charged rates

The leaders expressed their concern that the decision to allow local authorities to levy rates on their religious sites was made by government, without any consultation with the religious groups

When it became clear the religious leaders would not budge on the issue, the Administrator of Natal wrote to all the local authorities, urging them to adopt a flexible approach

A few, however, decided on a tough line, and some religious bodies were threatened with court action if they did not pay

Eventually a delegation representing a wide cross-section of Christian denominations, the Muslim Judicial Council and the South African Union of Orthodox Synagogues, met Local Affairs Minister Tertius Delport in March

At the end of March, his department issued a statement that the government had decided not to go ahead with legislation allowing churches and other religious property to be liable for rates

Mistake

The Natal ordinance would have to be "urgently reviewed", while plans to introduce similar legislation in the other provinces would be dropped

The chief director of local government, Mr Peet Stopforth, said the Co-ordinating Council for Local Affairs met last Friday to consider the issue.

He said the strong feeling after hearing the church leaders was that the law had "been a mistake"

However, the issue is not completely resolved Several parishes, apparently frightened of being taken to court, paid their rates and now want to know whether they can claim their money back

(2) In view of the reply to Question 2 (1) an investigation does not seem necessary

(3) Yes The tender system is available to one and all to tender No exception is made in respect of books The State Tender Board cannot impose restrictions on publishers in a free market system The Competition Board also has no problem with competition between publishers and the small businesses

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The MINISTER OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Law and Order)

Yes

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(ii) request the State Tender Board to reconsider the reasonableness and fairness of its decision

The State Tender Board did not accede to the representations

Borough of Isipingo: inquiry

*6 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Local Government

(1) Whether a commission was appointed to inquire into the affairs of the borough of Isipingo, if so,

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(2) whether this inquiry has been completed, if not, why not, if so, when,

(3) whether this commission has brought up a report, if not, why not, if so, what are the findings,

(4) whether this report has been handed to the Administrator of Natal, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,

(5) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D224E

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(1) A commission of enquiry was appointed on 9 September 1992 by virtue of Proclamation 53 of 1992 (Natal) to enquire into the affairs of the said borough

(2) It is understood that the Commission has completed its hearings

(3) No report has been brought out as yet as the Commission's activities have been complicated due to the fact that 23 hearings have been held The Commission is in the process of preparing its report at present

(4) Falls away.

(5) No

Unitary system of education: number of teachers

*7 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of National Education

(1) Whether there is a sufficient number of teachers in the Republic at present to meet the demands of a unitary system of education; if so, what are the relevant details, if not,

(2) whether it is the intention to review the current policy of allowing teachers to retire early, if not, why not,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D226E

The CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL (for the Minister of National Education)

(1) Yes The estimated average pupil.CS educator ratios in the RSA (for all education departments combined) with regard to primary and secondary education are at present 34 1 and 29 1, respectively The former ratio compares well with the corresponding median value of 36:1 for 51 African countries as calculated on information recently published by UNESCO

The Government's standpoint, as explained in Chapter 24 of the ERS-report, is that the best ratios affordable over the long term are 35 1 and 32 1 for primary and secondary education, respectively Using these ratios as the criterion it would seem that at present there are too many CS educators in service

Only education departments with substantially more favourable pupil CS educator ratios than the joint figures for the RSA have been forced since 1991 to retrench a limited number of CS educators in order to keep within their budgets This was done only after all other possible savings were effected

(2) Lapses

(3) No

INTERPELLATION

The sign * indicates a translation The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language

Own Affairs

1 Mr M F CASSIM—Education and Culture [Withdrawn]

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

Own Affairs

*1 Mr A RAJBANSI—Housing [Withdrawn]

Former director-general: relocation allowance

*2 Mr A RAJBANSI asked the Minister of the Budget

(1) Whether a relocation allowance was paid to a former director-general of the Administration House of Delegates, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if so, (a) (i) for what purpose and (ii) by whom was such allowance paid and (b) (i) what is the name of this official and (ii) what was the total amount paid to him in respect of this allowance,

(2) whether any steps were taken or are being taken to recover from the said official any part of the sum so paid to him, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b) why? D182E

The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET

(1) No, not a relocation allowance An advance payment was made to the former Director-General of the Administration House of Delegates

(a) (i) To re-imburse for approved items of expenditure

(ii) The advance payment was made by the Administration House of Delegates

(b) (i) Dr B G Ranchod

(ii) R11 147,72

(2) Yes

(a) and (b) The former Director-General is in the process of compiling and completing the required documents to determine the actual cost in connection with his transfer

Mr A RAJBANSI· Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, in the event of the former director-general's disputing any claims, will the hon the Minister of the Budget take legal action against him?

The MINISTER. Mr Chairman, the hon member for Arena Park may be in a position to advise me as to whether we can change the South African legal system in order to make that possible It would be great fun if it were

*3 Mr K PANDAY—Education and Culture [Question standing over]

THE POINT FM 11/6/93

A strong pointer

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Alarm bells must be ringing for the planners of Durban's ambitious Point redevelopment project. There are signs that private-sector investors are losing faith in the scheme because of apparent bureaucratic dithering.

Property auctions form a good barometer of the market And two recent auctions of Point property have flopped. Clearly, the message for Durban's Point Development steering committee is: investors want to see some progress before they speculate on Point property.

Project co-ordinator Roland Starkey concedes criticism of the delays is valid but says most issues of principle have been sorted out

The first of the two properties to come up for sale was one of the last pieces of vacant council land in Point Road. It failed to attract its reserve price when it came under the hammer at the beginning of April.

The second property, on auction a fortnight ago, did not attract any bids The building is a 907 m² (net) low-maintenance, face brick structure with general business rights. It gets rental of R6 000 a month and boasts drive-in access from Point and Albert roads.

It could be argued that the owners wanted too much for their properties and pegged their reserve prices high or that the failures were symptoms of a depressed property market. But had investors been confident of a spin-off from the Point redevelopment, the money would have materialised.

Management committee chairman and steering committee member Peter Mansfield says he is not worried about the failure of the first auction. "The plot is outside the Point development area, on the least attractive edge Pilot projects will not be in that vicinity."

Norman Christoforos of Maxprop, the

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broker that conducted the auction, believes that had a date been set for the start of the Point development or had the first pilot projects begun, there would have been more interest in the sale

The upset price for the land — a 1 000 m² site on the north side of Point Road between South Beach Avenue and Bell Street with general business rights — was R500 000 The site's bulk rating, combined with its development rights, allow for the development of more than 8 000 m² of offices, shops or industrial premises

Being just outside the redevelopment area and likely to feel knock-on benefits of the scheme's implementation should have made it an attractive investment, says Christoforos

Guy Levene of J H Isaacs, which handled the second auction, concurs "We thought this property would interest entrepreneurs A lot of people have held on to properties in the Point area in anticipation of the development getting under way However, some have grown tired of waiting and have attempted to sell with disappointing results Clearly, there is growing scepticism and nobody is willing to commit until they see real action from the planners "

That's not to say that no progress is being made Starkey stresses that obtaining agreement on how the scheme should proceed has been tricky "We are committed to bringing the people of Durban, many of them with different views, with us Their commitment is necessary to make the project a success "

He accepts that investors want greater clarity on the Point project and its development phases so they can calculate property investment holding costs But he believes that details like how the development company will work, how it will be funded and how many directors it will have should be agreed on within the next fortnight

If its structure is endorsed by the various interest groups, the development board should be constituted later this year Meanwhile, services surveys are being carried out for a few pilot projects which should be offered to investors within months ■

Auditing 'deficient' at 30 Natal local authorities

B/Day 24/6/93

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — The auditor-general yesterday painted a grim picture of the financial state of 11 local authorities in Natal which notched up debts of R8,2m at the end of the 1991/92 financial year

Gerhard Croeser also reported that eight local authorities exceeded their budgeted estimates by between 13% and 55%

Topping the list of debtors was Isipingo town council, which accumulated R3,6m in debts It was followed by Verulam with R1,8m and Margate with R773 344

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The other eight heavily in the red were Amanzimtoti, Gingindlovu, Kloof, Mtubatuba, Pennington, Scottburgh, Umhlali and Umtentweni

Croeser's audit said the internal control "over a variety of matters" was seriously deficient in the case of 30 of Natal's 115 local authorities

He said Isipingo, Margate, Umzinto North, Umhlali Beach and Verulam were guilty of "deficient internal control over almost all aspects of the activities of these authorities"

The tiny Wartburg local authority spent R630 755 in 1991/92 — 55% more than its approved estimate Umzinto North overspent 39% — more than R2m Amanzimtoti spent 38% or nearly R10m more than its budget

Isipingo spent R1,5m on professional fees without Treasury approval The suspension of the town clerk and health inspector — who were later reinstated — cost the Isipingo municipality R92 935

Richards Bay spent R801 000 on computer program developments and Umkomaas spent R60 000 on a litigation claim

Affirmative action for Durban council

B/Day 6/9/93

DURBAN. — The Durban City Council yesterday agreed to spend about R2m on an affirmative action programme after a heated debate and a walkout by 10 councillors. (264)

A firm of outside consultants would implement the project.

Management committee chairman Peter Mansfield said the programme's aim was to bring about a change in attitudes within the organisation and to develop training and development programmes for the upliftment of blacks and women.

The councillors walked out of the council chamber after Local Affairs committee member Kamal Panday called them hypocrites. Panday said the supporters of affirmative action were those who had "brought in the rot" of the council and the country.

Councillor Lorna Emmanuel later defended the walkout, saying it was in protest against the disrespectful treatment of the chamber. — Sapa.

Durban subsidises rates, spends on electricity

B/Day 15/7/93

DURBAN — Durban's city council yesterday unveiled the country's largest municipal budget for the 1993/94 financial year but held down rates increases.

The R3,149bn budget proposed rates increases of 11,62% for residential properties and 11,78% for business properties

City Treasurer Mike Turrell said it was only through the one-off financial measure of using money originally set aside for other purposes that a rates increase of 20% or higher had been averted

City councillors expected this budget to be the last municipal one for the region, and expressed the hope interim metropolitan and local structures would be in place next year

Chairman Peter Mansfield said. "We are handing over to the new generation of local government leaders what is probably the most financially sound city in SA. It's a legacy of which we can be proud"

The council is also expected to spend nearly half the 1993/94 total capex estimate of R279m on its Electricity For All campaign.

Although about 20 000 homes have been linked to the council-serviced power grid two years into the campaign, Town Clerk Eddie Morton said this was below target.

"But our commitment to bringing electricity to underdeveloped communities in the region cannot be questioned"

Durban's electricity service achieved a surplus of R22,6m last financial year but businesses have criticised the council for its large spending on the campaign (244)

Mansfield countered that the campaign would result in long-term benefits for commercial enterprises as well as social upliftment

"As quality of life improves, spending power increases

"This will not only put electricity charge revenue in the council's pocket, and hence ratepayers' pockets, but will also boost retail trade." — Sapa

Sowetan 20/7/93

Natal may expand borders

A REQUEST that Griqualand East be allowed to remain part of Natal in the new dispensation has been submitted by the Durban Regional Chamber of Business to the Commission for Regional Demarcation

In oral and written representations, the chamber also proposed that the part of Transkei known as the "Island of Umzimkulu" be incorporated into the Natal region and that the province should retain the coastal strip between Port Shepstone and Port Edward (264)

Cops deny Kei border row

THE SAP yesterday denied they had stopped manning the South Africa-Transkei River border post, saying they had only withdrawn from the office of the Department of Interior to set up their own charge office 3km into the Republic Sowetan 20/7/93

Police spokesman Colonel Christo Louw said police had moved away from the border post last Thursday to set up a charge office "where the roadblock is being conducted'

"It is is not true that we have withdrawn the roadblock It is still in place," he said

Sowetan 20/7/93

Lesotho scheme nears end

CONSTRUCTION of the Lesotho Highlands Water Scheme's southern tunnel is expected to be completed within weeks, almost two years ahead of the planned completion date of April 1995 — *Sowetan Correspondents and Sapa*

Plan for Natal based on business principles

B/Day 20/7/93

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The Durban Regional Chamber of Business recently submitted its proposals to the commission on regional demarcation

"Our submissions were based purely on business and economic considerations and clearly spelt out that, although there might be political considerations relevant to the region's future and people, our major concern was the health of business," it said in its latest edition of the Chamber Digest

The chamber supported keeping east Griqualand as part of Natal The region's economy "was so interwoven with that of the rest of the present region, that any attempt to link its future with another region would heavily penalise the economic development of the area and the future wellbeing of its people"

The chamber said that, given political freedom, economic development was the primary determinant of individual wellbeing.

Mount Currie should also remain linked to Natal, as the chamber believed research would show that people in the region were already paying a penalty for earlier decisions made on political grounds

The chamber also submitted the area between Port Shepstone and Port Edward — a portion of the southern development region 36 — be part of the province

"Considering the vast concentration of infrastructure, holiday developments and retirement homes in this area, heavily linked to Natal and areas to the north and integrated into the province's growing tourist industry, it becomes ludicrous to contemplate prying it loose for the sake of bolstering some other area," the chamber said

It said many authorities regarded tourism as a vital employment generator, and as the key growth generator for Natal's economy.

"It would be tragic if our potential for growth in the tourist industry was limited by the creation of artificial linkages or strangled by the decay of our resort areas as other similar areas to the south have experienced."

The chamber based its arguments on the fact that Durban and Maritzburg were the dominant economic nodes with all established infrastructure gravitating towards the two centres

"We believe the more business-friendly the regions, the greater will be the economic development of the area," the chamber said

1 ● AWB, MK leaders to be honoured

Natal NP and IFP slate commission

Sowetan 4/8/93

■ REGION'S LOSS New plan seeks to place East Griqualand in Eastern Cape:

Sowetan Correspondent

NATAL MEMBERS OF THE National Party and the Inkatha Freedom Party are to fight a proposal by the Regional Demarcation Commission that East Griqualand becomes part of the future Eastern Cape province

East Griqualand, including the towns of Matatiele, Kokstad and Cedarville, has been part of Natal for 17 years Previously, the area fell in the Cape Province - though many services such as railways and telephones were provided from Natal - but this arrangement was ended as part of the Transkei independence process

White residents in the East Griqualand area have called for their region to be included in Natal However, many black people in the area have family links with Transkei

There were several submissions to the commission for East Griqualand to stay in Natal The commission, set up at the multiparty talks, did say that the final Natal-Transkei border should be decided by negotiation.

Mr George Bartlett, Natal leader of the NP, said the NP was totally opposed to separating Natal and East Griqualand The people in the area preferred to be in Natal

"We will have to do something about that," Bartlett said IFP member Mr Peter Miller, formerly a Natal MEC, said the IFP would oppose the change tooth and nail "People in East Griqualand will oppose this tooth and nail, right across the political spectrum"

However, IFP and KwaZulu government negotiators are still staying away from the talks, so will not be able to make their points known at the multiparty talks this week.

There were overwhelming economical, traditional, government, sport, agriculture and business links between East Griqualand and Natal, said Miller

Miller said he proposed new Eastern Cape region would stretch from East Griqualand to Humansdorp, 1 000km away "It's ridiculous I can only think that the commission must be totally bereft of any sense whatsoever"

B/Day 4/8/93

Fewer workers observe municipal strike

ERICA JANKOWITZ

THE second day of the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) strike was heeded by fewer workers in most areas and marred by violence in Cape Town.

Samwu regional organisers from around the country were meeting last night on whether to continue the strike, which had been resolved in some areas.

Our Cape Town correspondent reports that police fired rubber bullets and birdshot during a Samwu demonstration The union said 10 workers were injured. Police said three policemen were injured in the clash, which arose from protesters stoning cars Six people were arrested

Cape Town city council spokesman Dulcie Perks said negotiations between officials and the union were suspended after this incident, but resumed later Another meeting will be held today

Reduced support for the strike in western Coast and Boland towns was reported, as was a willingness by employers' associations to continue negotiations

Durban was more badly affected by the strike yesterday, with more than 700 workers disrupting bus services and electricity supplies Council spokesman Mike O'Meara said the city's management committee would meet today to discuss the union's demands and possible action

"As far as we're concerned wages have been settled and are being implemented"

In Johannesburg, workers attended a report-back meeting and ratified the wage package agreed to on Monday night The council said about 3 600 employees did not report for duty

A Samwu spokesman said some employers had responded to strike action The Municipal Employers' Association, which represented local authorities in Natal, the Free State and Transvaal, had agreed to meet the union today The conservative-aligned employers' organisation had set up a meeting for next Friday

A small part of Natal that everybody wants

S/Times 8/8/93

By RYAN CRESSWELL

EAST GRIQUALAND

THE son of a once-great Basotho chief who was given East Griqualand to rule over by Queen Victoria wants to reclaim the region

Meanwhile, businessmen, farmers, politicians and workers in East Griqualand — a farming area at the tip of southern Natal — are squabbling over whether the area should be part of Natal or a new eastern Cape/Transkei region

The Commission of Boundaries of Regions has recommended to the negotiating council that East Griqualand be incorporated into the new eastern Cape region, but the area has been part of Natal/Kwazulu for more than 20 years and the decision has outraged many residents who fear economic disaster.

While the land battle rages around him, Mr Nthlahlokoa Moshesh, 78, sits in his small home on a hill at Queens Mercy and broods on how to reclaim the region for his family and tribe

He says that on October 10, 1881, and then on December 3, 1883, representatives of Queen Victoria met Chief George Moshesh, then head Griqua chief and parliament member, at Matatiele and Kokstad and promised him that he would be the independent head of the region after 50 years if he kept peace in East Griqualand

Mr Moshesh said that at times the white community of the area fought against this decision but failed because the chief and his people had the title deeds.

He said that later, after the Lesotho and Natal borders had been drawn up, the government of the day took back the land

East Griqualand was originally part of the Cape, but some people in the area felt isolated from the administration there, and in 1978 it became part of Natal.

Businessmen and farmers say it makes economic sense to stay that way, but workers in the area have close ties with Transkei and say that, ethnically, it would make sense to combine the region with the new eastern Cape/Transkei zone.

Mr John Vos, director of the East Griqualand Development Association, said that over the years several commissions had looked at the question of where East Griqualand belonged

"But we believe the recommendation of the latest commission is economic nonsense"

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In its report the commission said the border between Kwazulu/Natal and Cape/Kei "is a highly complex issue which would require further consultation with affected parties"

"We are waiting to hear what form further consultation will take. As soon as we are aware what channels to pursue we will hold protest meetings, public meetings and even referendums," said Mr Vos

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Although the region is not traditionally a Zulu stronghold the Inkatha Freedom Party also objects to the recommendation

But Mr Geoff Doidge, a regional executive member of the African National Congress, said that if the region became part of the Cape people should try to be "positive" about the change

Municipal workers face the sack

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STRIKING municipal workers in Durban have been given until tomorrow to return to work or face the sack (264)

The ultimatum by the Durban City Council was issued this week as the strike organised by the SA Municipal Workers' Union intensified, with workers vowing to continue boycotting work until the council meets their demands

Samwu regional secretary Fakazani Mgwaba said they were not going to heed the call to return.

Star 24/8/93

Springs boycott ends

An agreement has been reached between the Springs Town Council, the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) — comprising the KwaThema Civic Organisation, the ANC, the SACP, Cosatu, Cosas and the Unemployed Workers' Congress — and the local Chamber of Commerce and Industry to end the consumer boycott in the town.

A council spokesman said the parties had agreed to establish a local government forum. The council agreed to re-engage workers sacked at the beginning of June.

The council said it would re-employ only 350 workers and would thus need to embark on a retrenchment exercise. The council and the MDM agreed that if there were a need for retrenchment, the terms would be negotiated with the union involved. — East Rand Bureau.

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NP 'coup' in Durban

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Own Correspondent

THE National Party caucus on Durban's city council yesterday succeeded in ousting Mrs Margaret Winter as mayor and already the new NP mayor-in-waiting, Mr Mike Lipschitz, is hinting at completing the coup by unseating Mr Peter Mansfield, the DP-aligned chairman of the powerful management committee

"There is a possibility we'll dissolve the committees," he said shortly after yesterday's election

Completing the 10 DP councillors' misery was the election of Mr Dave McNaught as deputy mayor He describes himself as moderate but is generally perceived as right-wing

Commenting on the outcome, Mr Sbu Ndebele, ANC southern Natal regional secretary, said it was an unexpected "slap in the face for the voteless black people of Durban"

Mr Mike Ellis, DP MP for Natal Coastal, said the party was "deeply concerned" that the "vicious leap backwards" would have severe consequences for the city

Opposition to non-racial council plan for Durban

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — The revolutionary 50-50 non-racial council proposal for Durban will be put to the city council at the earliest opportunity, management committee chairman Peter Mansfield said today

"I have no doubt it will receive the support of most councillors in spite of the predictable, knee-jerk reaction of council conservatives," he said

Shocked rightwing councillors, several independents and a handful of National Party caucus members have vowed to oppose the agreement reached behind the scenes of yesterday's controversial mayoral induction ceremony

In a development unprecedented in South Africa, the recently formed Leadership Accord — comprising representatives of the ANC, IFP, National Party and liberal councillors — committed themselves to a non-racial, interim council by early October

Council Conservative Party leader and Natal vice-chairman of the party Duncan du Bois was the first to take his opposition further

Mr Du Bois has asked Town Clerk Eddie Morton to investigate whether, in terms of the code of conduct for councillors, it is possible to censure Mr Mansfield, former mayor Margaret Winter and former deputy mayor Johann Krog for signing yesterday's agreement

Historic step for Durban

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DURBAN. — This city could have a new, non-racial city council within a month, comprising existing councillors and nominated councillors from bodies like the African National Congress, Inkatha and the civics

In a development unprecedented in South Africa, the recently formed Leadership Accord comprising representatives of the ANC, IFP and National Party and liberal councillors — met yesterday and committed themselves to a non-racial, interim council by early October

Said management committee chairman Mr Peter Mansfield "The parties have agreed in effect to commit themselves to power-sharing within one month".

The NP was the only member not to have signed the agreement by the time yesterday's controversial mayoral induction started

But soon after the ceremony, Natal NP secretary Mr Ferdi Labuschagne added his signature

The "package deal" is already under fire Right-wing councillor Mr Arthur Morris said "We are still running the city at the moment this is absolutely ridiculous" — Own correspondent, Sapa

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Non-racial Durban council soon

Star 10/9/93

■ OWN CORRESPONDENT

Durban — Durban could have a new, nonracial city council within a month, half of it comprising existing councillors and the other half nominated councillors from organisations like the ANC and IFP

In a development unprecedented in South Africa, the recently formed Leadership Accord — comprising representatives of the ANC, IFP and National Party and liberal councillors — met yesterday and committed themselves to a nonracial interim council by early October

Yesterday's induction of the new mayor, the NP's Mike Lipschitz, took place amid a strong police presence (264)

But although large protest demonstrations were expected by people who wanted outgoing mayor Margaret Winter to stay on, a group of only 50 jeering protesters mustered by the Durban Housing Action Committee disrupted the ceremony

In his induction speech, Lipschitz said he was aware the present council was unrepresentative "I am unhappy about this situation and trust the day is not far off when we will have a truly representative body."

On Wednesday night councillors were called to a crisis meeting where the ANC and the IFP made it clear that a decision to push ahead with the induction would jeopardise their support for major projects and Durban's Olympics bid, as well as any future negotiations.

The two groups urged the council to delay the induction for 10 days to allow parties time to hammer together the framework for a new interim council

The meeting ended in a deadlock, with the NP insisting that the induction went ahead

Yesterday's agreement, however, appears to have averted the looming crisis

Durbs to pioneer 50/50 system

(264) ARG 11/9/93

Interim council soon

ALAN COOPER
Weekend Argus Correspondent

■ Durban is set to become a local government test case for the whole of South Africa

DURBAN — Heated arguments over the pros and cons of the controversial "50/50" system as a form of interim local government have ceased to be academic.

Major role players in Durban have committed themselves to implementing the system here within the rather optimistic space of a month, making Durban the guinea pig for the rest of South Africa

The city council has still to ratify any agreement to go this route, but with the National Party and Democratic Party caucuses — who make up a combined majority on the council — largely behind the idea, it is likely to be approved

Hurdles and pitfalls are inevitable, but it is now entirely possible that a radically different city council will be deciding the affairs of the city at the end of this year

Half of its members will be drawn from the ranks of the present council and half nominated by the so called non statutory organisations — groups like the African National Congress, Inkatha and civics

What has come to be known as the "50/50' system had its origin in the Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF) — as the name suggests, a local government version of the national negotiations currently underway at Kempton Park

The ratio of establishment and non-establishment representation on the LGNF is 50/50, so it was probably inevitable that a similar ratio would emerge in proposals for an interim system of local government.

Detractors of the "50/50" system brand it undemocratic, a point ruefully conceded by its supporters

Both view elections as the only true basis for a fully democratic system of local government

But supporters of the "50/50' system argue that fully democratic local government elections are a desirable, but still distant, goal

Preparations for next year's national elections — themselves a giant logistical operation — appear almost straightforward compared to the complexity of local municipal elections to follow

Drawing up voters rolls and deciding on and demarcating new municipal wards are only some of the daunting issues to be resolved

Even the optimists say this will take between a year to 18 months after national elections and some negotiators say it could take as long as five years

By midway into next year, the majority of South African citizens will probably have voted in a national election

Proponents of the "50/50" system argue that this majority will hardly be in the mood to patiently endure months, and perhaps years, of minority local rule until municipal elections can be held

Some form of interim arrangement is necessary to satisfy the aspirations of the majority, and the "50/50" system, while undemocratic, is at least more representative, goes the argument

After months of behind-the scenes negotiations, the key political players in Durban agreed yesterday to implement the "50/50" system

The recently-formed Leadership Accord — comprising representatives of the city council, National Party, African National Congress and Inkatha — gets down to the nitty gritty of planning the new system on Tuesday Council management committee chairman Peter Mansfield, a council representative on the Leadership Accord, is under no illusions that this will be an easy process

"There are very difficult negotiations ahead before we can reach agreement on the details of such a system," he said, conceding that the October target for implementation was probably unrealistic

As the first city in South Africa to opt for such an ambitious route, Durban will be in a position to reap all the kudos that will follow a successful implementation of the system

BAPTISM OF FIRE: Durban Mayor Mike Lipschitz takes the podium for his induction after protesters were thrown out of the city hall

Picture: MS ROY

Mayor is branded 'racist'

By MARLAN PADAYACHEE

DURBAN'S last mayor to be elected by white councillors was inducted this week amid strains of the Beatles' classic *Yesterday*.

But Mr Mike Lipschitz's troubles may not seem so far away if the stormy protest by Indian, black and coloured demonstrators is a sign of things to come.

One protester was dragged away, shouting: "We don't want Lipschitz! He's a racist!" ST 11/12/93

The protest action was sparked by Mr Lipschitz's actions as councillor for the beachfront complex a few years ago when he voted against opening the city's beaches to all races. Since then, he has been widely regarded as "politically conservative". 12/9/93

But the 44-year-old mayor is unlikely to see Christmas in office. (264)

Durban's Leadership Forum is hammering out a deal to pave the way for a non-racial city council to be run by 30 white councillors and 30 appointed from the ANC, IFP and the civics. The new council is expected to be in place within months.

Tide ebbs for white rule in Durbs

By SIPHO KHUMALO

C/Press 26/9/93

AFTER 139 years of white rule, Durban could soon be run by a non-racial city council

The city council this week approved a deal which set the city on a path towards a non-racial interim council

This decision was taken after much bickering which ended with a 19-5 routing of the conservative bloc in the council

The victory for liberals in the council could see Durban become the first big city in the country to be run by a non-racial council

The victory put an official approval on a deal brokered two weeks ago between the council and a black alliance incorporating the ANC and Inkatha.

The new council will probably be set up next month and will comprise existing councillors and councillors put forward by the alliance on a 50-50 basis.

The deal followed an uproar from both the ANC and Inkatha over the election of a conservative NP councillor to the post of mayor.

NP councillor Mike Lipschitz, who was notorious for his conservative views and who opposed the opening of Durban's beaches to all races, beat the more liberal Margaret Winter to the mayor's seat

His election led to the formation of an unusual alliance of Inkatha the ANC and Azapo The front threatened to withdraw their support for Durban's bid to host the Olympics in 2004 and other council projects.

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The front demanded that the induction be delayed and a system worked out to establish the country's first non-racial council It said their half would be made up of people put forward by community organisations.

The council negotiators conceded but not before Lipschitz was inducted. His induction came with the proviso that the new non-racial council be installed within a month

The deal, in the form of a declaration, was signed by ANC regional secretary Sbu Ndebele and Inkatha central committee member John Bhengu.

This deal was put to vote this week and accepted by 19 to 5

The deal also signified a closer working relationship between the ANC and Inkatha in Durban.

Bhengu said. "For the two parties (ANC and Inkatha) to be working hand-in-hand augurs well for the future The Lipschitz election now becomes irrelevant"

Lipschitz said he was "over the moon" about the deal.

The CP's Duncan du Bois said the city was being handed to "usurpers and revolutionaries"

Colenso's arrows miss Indian mayor

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Weekend Argus Political Staff

COLENSO — It's conservative, but it's definitely not like Pretoria or Boksburg

That's the description of Colenso given by businessman Yuri Gangai, 32, an Indian, who recently became the first person of colour to be elected mayor of the Northern Natal "dorpie" 2

Colenso's youngest mayor said his dream was to see one council in Colenso representing all, including the residents in the neighbouring African township of Nkanyezi Negotiations were going on to this effect

The new mayor won by five votes to three — and two of his votes came from white councillors in the town's first non-racial town council

White residents have adopted a "wait and see" attitude to Mr Gangai's election

The new mayor referred to past incidents of racial intolerance in the town as "unfortunate"

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Compromise on Natal's name

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THE ANC wants the Natal/KwaZulu province to be called Natal — but it will accept a decision by the new provincial parliament on the region's name, spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said yesterday

"We would prefer that it is called the Natal region," he said in response to a query.

The IFP wants the province called KwaZulu and has listed this as one of its demands before it will participate in the election

Natal ANC releases its election candidate lists

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DURBAN — The African National Congress in Natal has released its long awaited election lists for the National Assembly and Provincial Legislature

Topping the provincial list is ANC deputy secretary-general Jacob Zuma, followed by Natal Midlands stalwart Harry Gwala

Southern Natal ANC organiser Bheki Cele is third, followed by Cosatu's Fatima Nahara, the first woman on the list

The remaining top 10 are: Sibusiso Ndebele, John Jeffery, Nkosazana Zuma, Thami Mhlomi, Sifiso Nkabinde and Willies Mchunu

Leading the regional list for the National Assembly is southern Natal deputy-secretary Mpho Scott followed by Maritzburg academic Yunus Carrim and Mac Makume of northern Natal.

The remaining top 10 are Sipho Gcabashe, Ben Martins, Ian Phillips, Curnick Ndlovu, Pierre Cronje, Richard Sikakane and Mendi Msimang. — Sapa.

(News by Craig Doonan, Suite 1008, Colonial Towers, 330 West Street, Durban)

Natal 'against rule by ANC'

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22/2/94

DURBAN — The vast majority of people in Natal/KwaZulu did not want to be governed by the ANC and its hardline elements, Natal leader of the National Party Mr George Bartlett said here at the weekend.

He said the voters were starting to realise that the NP was the only party that had the potential, the leadership and the experience to beat a "power-hungry" ANC/-Communist Party in the coming elections

Newcastle 'a volkstaat'

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NEWCASTLE — The Northern Natal Boerekommando yesterday presented the ANC with a declaration claiming the Newcastle region as part of an Afrikaner volkstaat

They threatened to retaliate against any attempts to deny them this "right"

The officer commanding of the Boerekommando Mr Leonard Veenendal walked into the ANC offices here to deliver the declaration before a right-wing march through the town

Wearing military fatigues and armed with a holstered pistol, he told local ANC chairman Mr Mandla Cele his organisation was "the aggressor"

The declaration said the claim for a volkstaat was based on "volkereg" (peoples' rights), and the right of the boerevolk to retain its own land, which it had acquired in negotiations with the Zulu nation

● Traffic in Bloemfontein was disrupted for about 30 minutes yesterday when about 300 vehicles, four horsemen and a few motorcyclists and cyclists staged a procession in support of a "volkstaat" — Sapa

Strike may cripple Durban

Sowetan 11/3/94

FURIOUS Durban Corporation Workers are threatening a crippling city-wide strike in protest against "dangerous" working conditions in squatter settlements and townships

The council's squatter management programme has already ground to a halt Yesterday, workers refused to enter the Cato Crest informal settlement to demolish new shacks being erected

"If our concerns are not speedily addressed, we'll have no hesitation in bringing this city to a standstill," said Mr Nad Murugan, general secretary of the powerful Democratic Integrated Municipal Employees Society "As of this morning workers will no longer destroy shacks which in essence are people's homes," said Murugan, who described the duty as a "heinous task"

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He said most of workers employed in demolishing shacks were Indians, which was causing a strong anti-Indian feeling among the black squatters The issue is likely to spread beyond the workers involved in squatter control For several months electricity workers, doctors and nurses working in townships and informal settlements have complained about hazardous working conditions and inadequate protection

"Some doctors based in these areas do not even have telephones and several health workers have been threatened and have had their cars vandalised "

Any disciplinary action taken against workers who refused to work in conditions they viewed as dangerous would be "vigorously defended by the union by any means necessary", said Murugan

"This is not intended as a threat to tbut the lackadaisical attitude displayed by some service units leaves us with no option but to seek the only tool we have, which is to withhold our labour "

Mayor against 'volksbaai'

GREG KNOWLER (264)
Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — Richards Bay town council is to consider a proposal from rightwingers calling for the town to form part of a volkstaat. ARG 5/3/94

About 1 000 signatures supporting the town's inclusion in a volkstaat were handed over to municipal representatives during last weekend's Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging march through Richards Bay

However, the proposal will not carry the support of mayor Gerald Truter who is "totally opposed" to the idea

"I see our town as part of the new South Africa and it will play a vital role in the country's future," he said

"Richards Bay is the gate of international trade into South Africa and there is no way I could be in favour of being in a volkstaat"

Mr Truter said the municipality needed to serve all sections of the community, instead favouring one "To have the town in a volkstaat would not be economically viable"

Richards Bay has a population of about 28 000, comprising 20 000 whites, 1 000 coloureds and 7 000 Indians Blacks who work in the town live in surrounding townships like Esikhawini which are controlled by KwaZulu

FW hints at possible poll alliance between Nats and IFP in Natal

ARG 15/3/94

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PRESIDENT De Klerk has hinted at a possible alliance in Natal between the National Party and disgruntled Inkatha Freedom Party officials following the IFP's decision not to take part in next month's election

Addressing the media after a gruelling one-day election tour of the greater PWV area, Mr De Klerk said he had been told of the possibility of senior IFP officials "taking hands with the NP" in Natal either as candidates or other office-bearers

This was technically possible in view of the fact that candidates' lists could be changed until today, he said

Earlier, Mr De Klerk assured KwaZulu that it did not face the same fate as Bophuthatswana, but warned that the IFP's decision to stay out of the election would create "a dangerous situation"

Addressing Pretoria businessmen, he said that violence in Natal-KwaZulu was already increasing, as was evident in the killings there at the weekend

"I'm astounded by (IFP leader) Mangosuthu Buthulezi's decision not to participate in the election If the IFP took part, it together with the NP could achieve a clear majority against the African National Congress

"Buthelezi has chosen the worst possible option, but that is now a reality," Mr De Klerk said

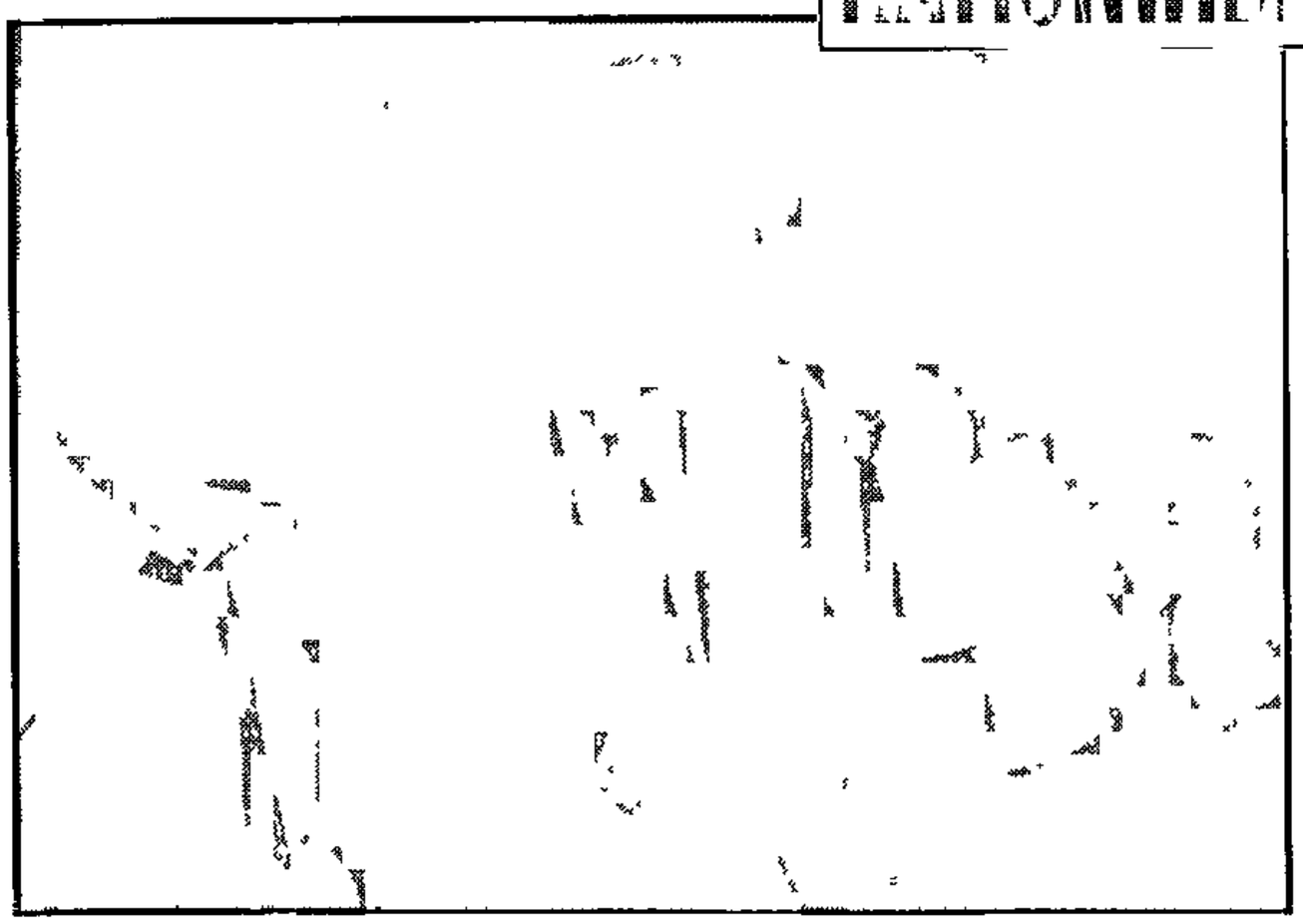
Referring to the rightwing Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's defeated move into Bophuthatswana, Mr De Klerk said "The rejection of their approach by their supposed friends might open their eyes to the realities of South Africa"

South Africa's takeover of the homeland was legal in terms of international law and a document was being drawn up setting out the legal basis for it

Mr De Klerk elicited a lukewarm response throughout the tour, but said during all his speeches that he knew intimidation was preventing many black people from publicly declaring support for the NP

● The government has welcomed the National Housing Forum's decision to support its controversial housing subsidy scheme, Minister for National Housing and Public Works Louis Shill said

"This is a strong indication the major role players have placed the need for housing delivery above political concerns It also makes it possible for us to proceed uninterruptedly with the scheme," Mr Shill said



MIXED REACTION: President F W de Klerk speaks to schoolchildren on a train outside Pretoria yesterday during an election roadshow. De Klerk was given a mixed reception on the commuter train, one man saying he agreed with the president, but would nevertheless vote ANC

The NHF announced in Johannesburg yesterday that a comprehensive package on housing subsidies and finance was essential if the housing crisis was to be solved

● The deadline for registering candidate lists for the elections is 4 30pm today

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) said these lists would be the final adjustment to lists registered by parties by March 11

The names of candidates on these lists would be published in the Government Gazette on Friday

● An urgent meeting has been convened for today to discuss the weekend crisis in Umlazi, Durban, peace committee spokesman Stephanie Miller said

The leadership of relevant political parties had been invited to attend but no agenda had yet been agreed on, she said

On Saturday about 2 000 IFP supporters occupied Umlazi's King Goodwill Zwelithini Stadium ahead of an ANC election rally on Sunday

Thousands of ANC supporters gathered along the township's highway, but were prevented from entering the stadium by police who cordoned off the area

● More than 80 political prisoners belonging to the IFP have begun a hunger strike in jails across Natal in a demand for their release before the election, the IFP has claimed

The prisoners are prepared to fast until death to win public support for their release, IFP spokesman Ed Tillet said

Correctional Services spokesman Captain Bert Slabbert said political indemnity for 80 IFP prisoners was under consideration and no inmate would be incarcerated longer than was necessary

● Former Bophuthatswana chief negotiator Rowan Cronje is to take a decision about his political future by today He said yesterday he would have to make a decision before the deadline for changing candidates' lists

Although Mr Cronje would not be drawn on the matter, this seems to indicate that one of his options is to join one of the parties registered for the election

Given the tension in the negotiations process and within the Freedom Alliance as well as the events of last week, Mr Cronje said he was "pretty tired" and it was "the worst time to think of politics"

(Compiled by H S Roberton, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

New flag to fly tomorrow

Political Staff

THE transitional national flag, to be used for the inauguration of the new president after the election, is expected to be made public tomorrow

The choice has been narrowed down to five possibilities, all of them "simple and inoffensive and based on stripes and geometric designs", said sources in the Transitional Executive Council

The TEC is to choose the interim flag, which will be the official national flag until a final one is decided on by the constituent assembly after the election

About 20 000 to 30 000 flags are to be made for the inauguration of the president and for the ceremonial opening of a new parliament

(News by E Waugh, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg)

Equal access to airwaves

Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG — The TEC is today expected formally to appoint the Independent Broadcasting Authority which will ensure equal access of all political parties to the airwaves.

The declaration of 52 unrest areas at the weekend by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel was referred to the TEC subcouncil on law and order The subcouncil is expected to meet Mr Kriel at noon today.

(News by E Waugh, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg)

Bartlett confirms IFP, NP talks

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Natal NP leader Mr George Bartlett confirmed yesterday that IFP and NP officials had been "talking to each other" about the possibility of IFP members joining the NP's Natal list

But the talks were being held on the basis they would provide the IFP with a voice in parliament rather than IFP members formally changing parties

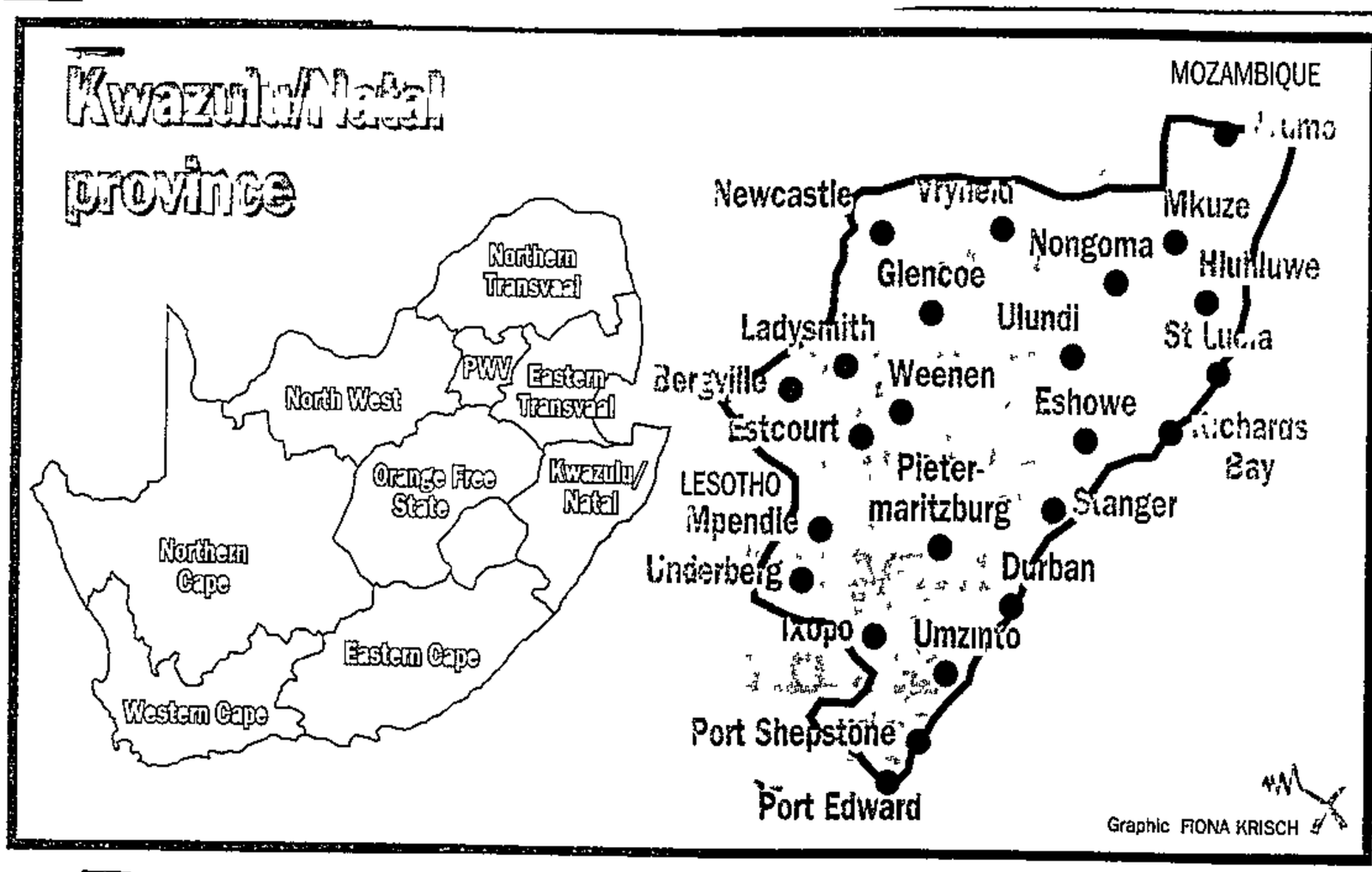
Mr Bartlett said no firm proposal had yet been tabled and declined to metion who the IFP members were who may be included on the NP's Natal lists of candidates

All parties have until this afternoon to make changes to their candidate list in terms of an extended deadline The IEC corrected yesterday a statement it made on Monday that the deadline was yesterday afternoon

Mr Bartlett said there had never been any suggestion that he may stand down from the leadership of the party in Natal to make room for a senior Inkatha member

If it meant that Inkatha would "have a voice" in Parliament, now that it had decided not to participate in the election then, Mr Bartlett said, he would put the proposal to his executive committee

No names of Inkatha members had been put forward yet, he said (264) (3[redacted])



Boycott would suit ANC

INKATHA'S decision to boycott the April elections will hand overall control of Kwazulu/Natal to the ANC, according to the latest Sunday Times Pulse of the People poll.

The poll, conducted by Markinor in the first two weeks of March, shows that the ANC can expect to receive 49,7 percent of the votes for the provincial parliament followed by the National Party with 25,3 percent and the Democratic Party with 8,0 percent

But the outcome would have been very different had Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi not decided to boycott the elections

According to the poll, overall support for the IFP running the province has risen from 18,7 percent in November last year when the previous Pulse of the People poll was conducted to 27,5 percent

In the same period support for the ANC running the province dropped from 40,9 percent to 31,9 percent

The rise in support cannot be attributed to the role played by Chief Buthelezi — the poll shows he has gone from unpopular to deeply unpopular among the majority of voters

Nor can it be attributed to a belief among voters that Inkatha is best equipped to deal with the major problems confronting the country Big majorities of voters think the ANC and then the NP are best equipped to deal with a range of issues from providing better education to attracting foreign investment

Inkatha has also lost white and Indian supporters but gained among blacks largely at the expense of the ANC.

Given the above, the only conceivable explanation for the rise in Inkatha support is the entry of the Zulu king into the political arena.

It has paid off handsomely — which prompts the question as to why, with this trump card on his side, Chief Buthelezi didn't contest the poll

As it is, up to half of Inkatha's supporters are likely to heed their party's boycott call. They will be joined by many other Natal/Kwazulu residents who told pollsters they would not cast a ballot because of the violence in the province.

S/Times 31/4/94

The indicated stayaways by these two groups of voters point to a low poll in the province which works in favour of the ANC

Although it has the backing of less than a third of the voters in the province, they are committed supporters who are determined to cast their ballots As a result Markinor has estimated that the ANC's share of the final vote will rise to 49,7 percent. With this vote the ANC will get 41 seats — in terms of the complicated formula for allocating seats — giving it an absolute majority in the province.

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According to the poll about 190 000 Inkatha supporters will vote for the NP in the election This means that, though overall only 14 percent of Kwazulu/Natal voters want the NP to run the province, on April 27 the NP is likely to get the backing of just over a quarter of all willing and able voters.

Overall suport for the DP to run the province rose marginally from 2,5 percent in November to 2,8 percent in March. In addition about 64 000 IFP supporters indicated they would vote for the DP, giving it the support of eight percent of willing and able voters

The expected low poll will also favour the PAC and the African Christian Democratic Party, giving them just enough votes to qualify for seats in the Kwazulu/Natal provincial parliament.

(News by M Robertson, 11 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg)

Natal poll readiness in dispute

Star 9/4/94

JOHN SODERLUND

MARITZBURG — The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) and independent peace monitors have expressed conflicting views over the readiness of KwaZulu/Natal for this month's election.

IEC commissioner Dikgang Moseneke, speaking at Cedara yesterday, said meetings with the province's seven sub-provincial officers had reassured him that conditions were suitable for holding the election almost throughout the whole province.

The only problem areas are parts of northern Natal. He said a plan — to be released today — had been devised to deal with those areas

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But a senior independent peace monitor in the Maritzburg area suggested last night that this was far from true in the Midlands, which is widely regarded as more trouble-free than most other areas of the province

"It is untrue that Natal is ready for the election," said the monitor, citing higher death tolls in the week since the imposition of the state of emergency than have been seen for months.

If the killings continued at the current rate, the number of violence-related deaths in KwaZulu/Natal would be around 400 for April — a third higher than all previous months and almost double the figure for February, said the monitor. He was at pains to stress that the alternative approach of a postponing the election could lead to far greater carnage

(47 Sauer St, Johannesburg)

NEWS Archbishop Desmond Tutu steals the show ● No battles in KwaMashu

Peace as residents go to vote

sowetan 28/4/94

KWAMASHU, the sprawling township near Durban, yesterday showed little sign of the political battles that have raged there since March as voters pitched up in their thousands to cast their first-ever ballots

The township appeared to be a quiet residential area far removed from nightly forays into "enemy zones" and political rivalry

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Intense political feuding has dominated the area since early March when "Zulu royalists" from the hostel in A section occupied the venue of an African National Congress rally

Yesterday morning this was hardly evident as mostly hostel residents — an overwhelming number known to have strong political ties with the Inkatha Freedom Party — arrived to vote

No one carried traditional sticks, spears or shields or wore their traditional Zulu apparel Not one IFP flag or badge was seen

They were just ordinary people on their way to vote in South Africa's landmark elections — *Sapa*

(Report by Clive Govender, 330 West Street, Durban)

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He warmly congratulated the IFP on the outcome. He said tensions had been

Gwala rejects KwaZulu/Natal results

Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — The Inkatha Freedom Party's sweeping victory in KwaZulu/Natal faces a crucial test today after fiery African National Congress Midlands leader Harry Gwala rejected the province's election results

There was joy from highly excited IFP leaders and anger from Mr Gwala, who called for a crisis regional meeting today to map the way forward, labelling the elections a "political disaster for Natal"

Independant Electoral Commission chairman Johann Kriegler yesterday pronounced the country's first democratic elections as "substantialy free and fair"

He told a Press conference in Johannesburg that problems at administrative, voting and counting levels had been dealt with

"The election was admittedly flawed, but that was peripheral"

In a day of high drama the ANC's top negotiator, Cyril Ramaphosa, declined a cabinet post and Democratic Party leader Zac de Beer resigned after his party's poor showing

Meanwhile, ANC southern Natal spokesman Dumisani Makhaye claimed the election in the province had been fraudulent and the results would rest on the conscience of IEC leaders

"All the evidence is of massive rigging in terms of millions . even the IFP knows it didn't win Natal," he said, adding that "the overwhelming majority of people in Natal will not accept the results" ARG 11/5/94

IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi accepted the results, but did not say whether he would serve in Nelson Mandela's government of national unity

"I accept this election in the interests of reconciliation as sufficiently fair and free to enable us to move forward at least," Chief Buthelezi said (264)

The former chief minister congratulated the ANC and appealed to Mr Mandela to work with Inkatha to resolve "the many difficulties that lie ahead"

Observers give nod

JOHANNESBURG. — The observer missions of the UN, Commonwealth, European Union and the OAU yesterday concluded that "the outcome of the elections reflects the will of the people of South Africa"

The huge turnout at polling stations reflected "the electorate's confidence in the secrecy of the ballot". — Sapa

Buthelezi declares election fair

ULUNDI — "This is a great moment in our history At last we can look forward to a new democratic South Africa, free of oppression, free of racialism and most of all, free of apartheid", said Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthelezi ARG 11/5/94

In a statement issued after the announcement of the final election results, Mr Buthelezi said he accepted the election to be sufficiently fair and free in the interests of reconciliation

He said the large number of voters who had flocked to the polls to cast their ballots under sometimes adverse conditions enabled him to declare the election free and fair

Mr Buthelezi congratulated African National Congress president Nelson Mandela on his party's landslide victory and appealed to the ANC "for us to work together to resolve the many difficulties that lie ahead of us" (264)

He said the ANC victory had provided space for the oppressed people of South Africa to have their voice heard

The IFP leader warned, however, the future would be "fraught with difficulties" but added, "the great South African dream of liberty and prosperity for all can be achieved"

Mr Buthelezi praised outgoing President F W de Klerk whom he said was the first National Party leader who had shown the courage and conviction to pave the way for a new South Africa

"Through the courage of Mr De Klerk, the bitter regime of oppression and discrimination could be brought to a close Now for the first time black and white South Africans can face the challenge of South Africa's future together"

He said although the IFP had realised its late entry into the election would stand against the party when it canvassed for votes, "there is no higher reward in South Africa than the victory of peace and stability"

Mr Buthelezi also paid tribute to Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini whose support and encouragement together with the loyalty of IFP supporters had made it possible for him to enter national politics — Sapa

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ELECTION CLASH . . . Angry party agents with some of the unused ballots discovered in a parked car at Nasrec yesterday. In the centre is the deputy district electoral officer Mr Mohamed Hussain. Fists flew as enraged IFP and ANC agents clashed over allegations of IEC collusion. An inquiry is to be held Picture: JON HRUSA

ANC and government in new amnesty agreement

S/Times 11/5/94

By EDYTH BULBRING
Political Correspondent

ANC leader Nelson Mandela and Mr F W de Klerk have agreed to grant an amnesty for political crimes committed before December 6 last year

The agreement between the leaders was concluded with the security forces in mind and is aimed at ensuring stability during the transition. It will be announced within six weeks

The interim constitution makes provision for an amnesty for political crimes committed between October 8, 1990, and December 6 last year But the new amnesty agreement will have the effect of indemnifying members of the security forces for crimes committed in the 1980s

The agreement between Mr de Klerk and Mr Mandela extends the 1990 indemnity arrangement to apply to members of the security forces for crimes committed before this date. It also includes further legislation to deal with crimes committed between October 1990 and December 6 last year.

Government and ANC sources said amnesty would be granted to people who applied for it, and would not be a blanket amnesty Their names would be published in the Government Gazette. However, the crimes for which they were seeking indemnity would not be publicly linked to the applicants.

Details of the categories of political offences have not been completed, but there is agreement between Mr Mandela and Mr de Klerk that crimes such as the assassination of SACP secretary-general Chris Hani will not qualify.

The sources said the ANC had over the past two months come to a keener realisation that to ensure the stability of a government of national unity it would need the co-operation of the security forces and the public service.

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Buthelezi says elections offer hope for the future

S/Times 11/5/94

By PETER De IONNO

INKATHA Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said the elections offered hope for reconciliation in South Africa.

However, he warned that if there was proof of widespread election malpractice he would challenge the results

Chief Buthelezi, speaking in Ulundi yesterday, said peace at the polls had been "a triumph for democracy" and had raised his hopes for harmony in the new South Africa.

"We have shown that any problem can be solved by sitting and working together," he said

While he had severe reservations about fairness in the conducting of the election, he had no complaints about the freedom to vote.

His followers had never been unwilling to participate in the election — only the issue of the recognition of King Goodwill Zwelithini and the king's claims for the Zulu nation had stood in their way.

Chief Buthelezi said a new government in South Africa had an obligation to make black poverty and joblessness their first priority. (264)

The chief, struggling to fight off the effects of severe flu, said Friday's additional day of voting in Kwazulu had helped ease pressures and disappointment after the confusion that had marred the first two days of voting

He added the IFP was still convinced many people had missed their chance to vote.

He warned that numerous reports of irregularities threatened to undermine the result.

"If these things are widespread then the result must be challenged," he said

"One or two things can be overlooked for a first election," he said.

"But I don't think South Africa can tolerate a culture of fraudulent practice in the name of having elections"

the business community, the security forces and the civil service

With this in mind, two ministers in the present NP cabinet who are assured of jobs are Mr Kobie Coetsee, who is likely to retain the defence portfolio, and

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Counting chaos looms in Natal

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HUGH ROBERTON, Political Editor

NEAR chaos loomed at vote-counting stations in KwaZulu-Natal today as national attention focused on the election result there — and the possibility that the outcome could push the African National Congress close to a two-thirds national majority.

With only a third of the region's estimated 4,5 million votes counted so far, and with the outcome of the ballot in the ANC's metropolitan strongholds around Durban and Maritzburg still largely unknown, the Inkatha Freedom Party held 53,9 percent of the vote and the ANC 31,4 percent

But elsewhere in the country, the trend after almost half the total votes had been counted continued to point to a stunning ANC national victory, with speculation now on whether it would win the two thirds majority needed to rewrite the interim constitution as it pleases

With 11,5 million national assembly votes counted of the estimated 22,5 million cast, the ANC held 62,3 percent, the National Party 22,9 percent, the IFP 7,5 percent, the Freedom Front 2,8 percent and the Democratic Party 1,8 percent

The Argus correspondent in Durban reports that counting of votes in KwaZulu/Natal began four days ago but is today in a mess because of staff problems in the Independent Electoral Commission and a large number of disputed ballot boxes

Some ballot boxes have arrived empty at counting stations, some obviously filled by hand and some filled with grass Seals have been broken on some and their contents lost

This has left members of political parties involved in the count annoyed and frustrated The list of allegations made by political parties against each other of voting irregularities is growing

At 6am today — 72 hours after counting started — only 1,1 million of the estimated 4,5 million votes for the KwaZulu/Natal provincial parliament had been counted

KwaZulu/Natal's biggest counting station — the Exhibition Centre — has come in for the most criticism because of the management crisis it is experiencing

The count may be finished there only tomorrow morning

At first an auditor was in charge of counting at the Exhibition Centre However, he soon collapsed under the strain and was taken to hospital

The votes cast at 95 voting stations in the Durban area, the 57 voting stations in Umlazi and the 74 voting stations in Ntuzuma are being counted there

A striking feature of the national results has been the poor showing of smaller parties While the IFP is guaranteed a place in the cabinet — if it wishes to take up such a post — the Freedom Front's share is now too small to win cabinet rank, and the DP will be lucky to secure three or four MPs in the assembly

A churlish response to the ANC's national victory from IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi last night raised doubts about his willingness to serve under ANC leadership in a government of national unity

The FF's reason for existence — the promotion of its plans for a volkstaat — is now in serious doubt Even in areas where the volkstaat idea is supposed to be strongest, it failed to secure more than 7 percent of the vote

One of the conditions for establishing a volkstaat was evidence that the concept had the support of a majority of people in the region

For the DP the familiar role of human rights watchdog appears to be its destiny in the new national assembly

MORE reports, pictures pages 2, 3, 12, 13

Massive election fraud probe

Political Staff

THE Independent Electoral Commission is investigating allegations by the African National Congress of massive electoral fraud in KwaZulu-Natal by the Inkatha Freedom Party

The allegations, if true, could influence the election result nationally and in KwaZulu-Natal the IEC confirmed today

The IEC yesterday imposed a blackout on the periodic announcement of results to speed up the counting and tallying process

IEC director of media liaison Humphrey Khosa said today counting was continuing but the process of feeding results into the IEC's computer had been reviewed

Instead of feeding in the results of every 3 000 votes counted, results are now being fed into the computer only after having been consolidated

The final result would be announced after the verification process had been completed, Mr Khosa said

The outcome in KwaZulu-Natal is crucial to the final national tally, with analysts predicting the ANC could win a two-thirds majority nationally if it could get the majority of votes in that province

ANC sources said the allegations involved at least 30 "pirate voting stations" taken over by the IFP to the exclusion of ANC supporters

Sapa reports from Durban that the ANC allegations of voting fraud were dismissed as sour grapes by Inkatha election campaign manager Arthur Konigkramer

Mr Konigkramer charged the ANC was 'not satisfied unless they win everywhere (in all regions) This is sour grapes because they fear an IFP win in KwaZulu-Natal"

IEC spokesman Pieter Cronje today confirmed the IEC was investigating allegations of large-scale fraud" in KwaZulu-Natal

Mr Cronje said the allegations were more serious than scores of earlier accusations of poll irregularities because they allege something which could influence the outcome of the elections

I don't have the details of the allegations but the ANC alleges there were irregularities with some ballot boxes and their contents,' said Mr Cronje

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Rand shooting: Probe of IFP official urged

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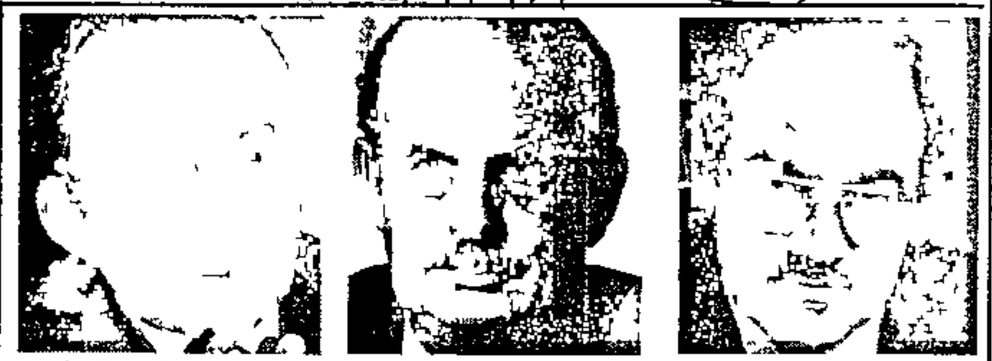

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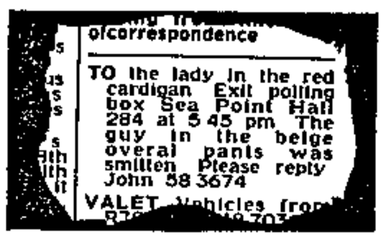

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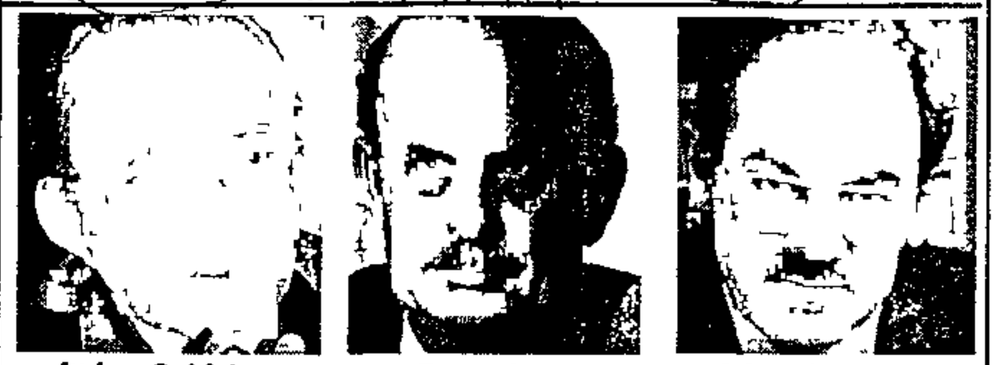

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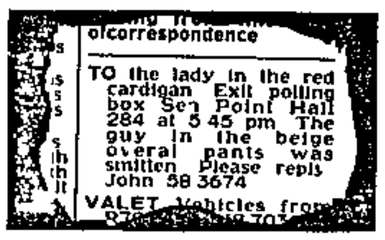

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In Maritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal Premier Dr Frank Mdlalose and his 80-member provincial legislature were sworn into office under the eyes of the region's constitutional monarch Scenes of unity and camaraderie characterised the first sitting as old foes in the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party embraced one another and the new dispensation (264)

The Provincial Government includes 41 members of the IFP, 26 ANC, nine National Party, two Democratic Party, one Minority Front, one Pan Africanist Congress and one African Christian Democratic Party member. Speaking briefly at the swearing-in ceremony King Goodwill said "All the political parties that will be in this legislature consist of my people My people are not just Zulus, but all the people who live in traditional Zulu country are my people"

Mdlalose pledged to work with all the parties, especially ANC regional leader Jacob Zuma, to achieve peace and stability in the region

Goodwill pleaded with the parties to co-operate and work together for the wellbeing of the people of KwaZulu-Natal He embraced all the people of the region with these words "I love Africans. I love whites. I love Indians I love all people created by God in His own image Let us all be one united people in this kingdom"

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KWAZULU/NATAL FM 6/5/94

Kiss and make up

Outgoing Energy Affairs Minister and KwaZulu/Natal NP leader George Bartlett could be in for a shock if he expects to become a power broker in a hung provincial parliament

On Tuesday afternoon the opposing regional ANC and Inkatha leaders in the strife-torn province, Jacob Zuma and Frank Mdlalose, were together finalising arrangements for the inauguration of the new regional premier — even though neither knew which would be the focus of the ceremonial proceedings And there were growing feelings in political circles that the two would choose to work together rather than seek more traditional Westminster-style confrontational political alliances (264)

One of the two was expected to be installed as the province's premier by Natal Judge President Allan Howard after Thursday's official opening of the provincial legislative assembly in Maritzburg by statutory head King Goodwill Zwelithini.

Ballot count bungling by the IEC, particularly at the province's biggest station in Durban, meant that four days after the last votes were cast in KwaZulu only 29% of the region's estimated 4,6m voters (the largest after the PWV) had been counted Though Inkatha, with a 53,4% share of the counted votes, enjoyed an unexpected early lead over the ANC on 32%, there was no knowing whether this could be sustained

The NP appears to have been the biggest loser to Inkatha, though significant numbers of rightwingers also seem to have swelled the Inkatha vote.

Pre-election polls and informed comment indicated a clear ANC victory for Natal However, on Tuesday it seemed the result would be much closer than expected and a hung parliament was a distinct possibility — theoretically giving a smaller third party considerable leverage But Inkatha is known

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still to be smarting from the perceived pre-election betrayal by the Nats over the issue of federalism in the new constitution Another factor is that Mdlalose and Zuma are known to get on well It is suggested that whichever way the final count goes, they have already agreed to work together

Former DP MP Mike Tarr, a high-ranking Inkatha provincial member, comments that he would prefer to see an Inkatha/ANC alliance than any agreement with the Nats

"Contrary to expectations, we will be able to work and co-operate The spirit of reconciliation which has swept the country has also arrived here Once we are all in the same legislature I don't think there will be any problems The people we represent are the same people, they are Zulus, the poorest of the poor They need jobs, housing, education and health care Differences are behind us now that the liberation struggle is over and violence will diminish dramatically"

That sounds wonderful but it glosses over the tensions and bitter political rivalry which has long existed between the two parties And yet the gunshots which echoed through Durban townships this week for once indicated exuberance at liberation rather than murderous intent

The unexpected and undeclared truce between warring ANC and Inkatha factions in the volatile region — where 10 000 have died in a decade of political strife — has generally held While the first days of voting saw a few violent deaths, police deny reports of an escalation since the polls closed

SAP spokesman Bala Naidoo describes such reports as nonsense "Over the weekend there were 17 violent deaths, of which only two were politically linked Monday night was the same There was one murder and several shootings, though these were celebratory and no injuries were reported"

The dramatic decline in political killings coincided largely with the start of polling, but there was a decrease from the time Inkatha decided to enter the elections

That is not to say that the regional elections were problem-free The ANC and Inkatha traded accusations of voting irregularities ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa accused Inkatha of violating electoral laws, regulations and codes of conduct over issues such as the removal of ballot boxes from polling stations, transferring IEC voting materials to "pirate" Inkatha-run polling stations, threats against IEC officers and expulsion of ANC party agents from polling stations, and polling booths lacking secrecy (264)

Conversely, Inkatha national political director Ziba Jiyane claimed his party had evidence that millions of missing ballots were in the hands of "certain parties," including the ANC Inkatha also lodged objections over the nonapplication of party stickers on ballot papers, supply shortages, the late and non-opening of polling stations, presiding officers refusing to seal ballot boxes and underage voting

Inkatha adviser Mario Ambrosini complained that the manner in which the election was organised opened it to cheating The party also criticised the ANC for contributing R10 000 towards busing thousands of Transkeians into the region ANC regional spokesman Mandla Galo maintained this was done because of the lack of facilities in the Transkei and that some people preferred to be associated with KwaZulu/Natal Inkatha responded that this could affect the balance of seats in KwaZulu/Natal

The biggest problem for the region appeared to be the vote counting According to IEC spokesman Glenn McDougall, problems arose because of the late start, labour disputes and interparty disputes and complaints "Because of the sensitivity of the region, scrutiny by the various parties has been considerably closer than elsewhere The result is that where it might have taken two seconds to count each ballot that went up to about 10 to 15 seconds" ■

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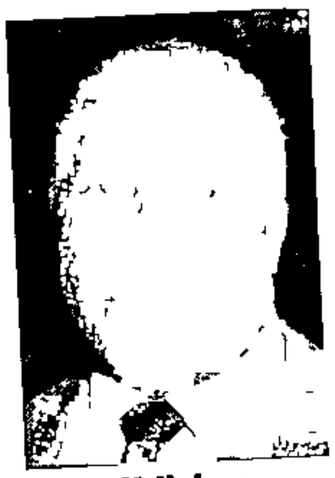

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An angry Mr Gwala called for a crisis regional meeting today to map the way forward, labelling the elections a "political disaster for Natal"

ANC southern Natal spokesman Mr Dumisani Makhaye claimed the elections in the province had been fraudulent CT 7/5/94

"All the evidence is of massive rigging in terms of millions even the IFP knows it didn't win Natal," he said, adding "the overwhelming majority of people will not accept the results"

An irate ANC supporter said "Buthelezi is a puppet, a stooge I would rather follow (outgoing state President F W) De Klerk than Buthelezi" — Own Correspondent, Sapa-Reuter ~~274~~ (264)

Mdlalose to tackle violence

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In his opening speech, he said "Eradicating violence is the number one priority of this government

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"Peace has been so elusive for so long that many are inclined to the view that there is something inevitable in violence continuing in the future," Mdlalose told the 81-seat parliament, where the IFP holds a majority

Mdlalose proposed that he and rival ANC leader in the region, Jacob Zuma, plan for peace. "Together we will do what has to be done to ensure that internecine violence never again rears its ugly head"

He urged all parties represented in the regional legislature to work together in a government of unity to redress the "desperate social and economic plight facing the majority of the inhabitants of KwaZulu/Natal"

Seated in the regional assembly were representatives from the seven parties elected. the IFP, ANC, NP, DP, African Christian Democratic Party, PAC and Minority Front

Zulu monarch Goodwill Zwelithini appealed to the IFP and ANC to bury their differences and co-operate in the assembly

"I'd like to appeal to all of you in your different political parties to work together for peace," he said during a surprise visit to the assembly

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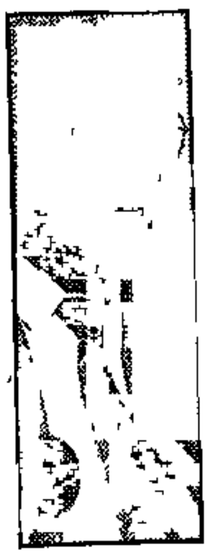

For 17 years Frank Themba Mdlalose, the Premier of KwaZulu/Natal, has been chairman of Inkatha. First when it was a cultural movement and later as a political party.

He and IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi are a study in contrasts Where Buthelezi is swift to detect slights and provocation, Mdlalose is a conciliator.

Politically, of course, the two are cut from the same cloth.

It is said that Mdlalose and the ANC's Natal opposition leader, Jacob Zuma, present a combination that is unique in its potential to make this government of political foes work

This is partly because both personalities feature a strong element of forebearance But it is also because they understand not only each other, but each other's constituencies

Mdlalose was born 62 years ago in rural Nqutu. His father was a general dealer and his mother a teacher

Initially, he seemed set to tread in his mother's footsteps, earning a BSc degree at Fort Hare with a teaching diploma But he went on to qualify as a medical doctor at the University of Natal in 1958

Mdlalose pursued his medical career in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, and Steadville, Ladysmith. In 1970 he settled in Newcastle.

Here, as a member of the Madadeni council, he got his first taste of establishment politics

In 1975, the Inkatha National Cultural Movement was formed and Mdlalose was there

Three years later he was Minister of the Interior in the KwaZulu government. He has since held the portfolios of health and education Until April 27 he was Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Chief Minister

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He has been the leading negotiator for the KwaZulu government/Inkatha during various stages of reform In the absence of Buthelezi, he became nationally recognised as KwaZulu's top negotiator at the multi-party constitutional talks at Kempton Park

Less well known is his role in the KwaZulu/Natal Indaba and in the joint executive which emanated from it.

— Cyril Madlala

Away from the centre

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Only two of the nine provincial premiers will not be members of the ANC the NP's Hernus Kriel in the western Cape and Inkatha's Frank Mdlalose in KwaZulu/Natal

Of the other seven, only two — Manne Dipico in the northern Cape and Ngoako Ramatlhodi in the northern Transvaal — have relatively low national profiles

Tokyo Sexwale (41) is one of the best known ANC leaders after Mandela He rose to public prominence after the assassination last year of SACP leader Chris Hani, who was a close personal friend Sexwale is highly regarded in the ANC and by many business leaders who consider him to be a rational and able politician who will contribute significantly to the development of the PWV He was born in Johannesburg and educated at the universities of Botswana and Swaziland

He underwent political and military training in Tanzania and Moscow and was sent back into SA where he clashed with police after being stopped at a roadblock Sexwale was subsequently arrested and convicted of treason in 1978 and sentenced to 18 years in jail He served 12 years on Robben Island until his release in 1990

Though eastern Cape premier Raymond Mhlaba has confined his political activities to the region for the past four years, his status as a national figure is bolstered by a lifetime devoted to overthrowing apartheid and his conviction alongside Nelson Mandela at the Rivonia trial

Two of the premiers, Patrick Lekota in the Free State and Popo Molefe in the North-West, developed their leadership skills in the United Democratic Front, while the PWV's Sexwale and Mathews Phosa in the eastern Transvaal waged their struggle against apartheid as exiles

Former Minister of Law & Order Kriel (52) is regarded as a tough guy During the election campaign he was portrayed by the ANC as a conservative who wanted to halt the political reform process In reality he is a pragmatist who is expected to work closely with ANC regional leader Allan Boesak As it happens, both were born in the tiny northern Cape town of Kakamas on the banks of the Orange River

After graduating from Stellenbosch with a law degree in 1964, Kriel worked for a while as a State prosecutor On his return, he served legal articles and then set up his own practice in Parow He was elected to the Cape Provincial Council in 1977 Kriel was elected MP for Parow in a by-election in 1984 In 1989, he was appointed Minister of Planning & Provincial Affairs, then Law & Order Minister in 1991

Mdlalose (62) was Inkatha's chief negotiator at the multiparty talks before the party pulled out He is regarded as a level-headed counter-balance to the sometimes erratic behaviour of his leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi Mdlalose was educated at Fort Hare where he obtained a BSc degree and came under the political influence of Buthelezi He later qualified as a medical doctor at Natal

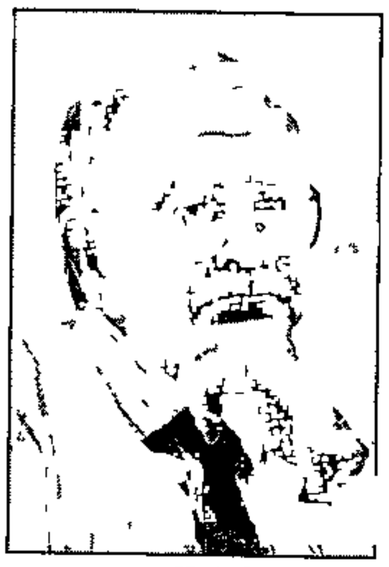
Mdlalose is a former member of the ANC and participated in the 1953 defiance campaign In 1975, he joined Buthelezi in forming Inkatha as a national cultural movement of which he later served as chairman.

Dipico (pronounced Dipitso) (35) was born in Kimberley, where he matriculated in 1979 He worked at De Beers' Finsch Mine in the city but was fired for participating in a strike He registered as a student at Fort Hare and became closely involved in student politics and in the underground structures of the ANC

In 1987, he was convicted of furthering the aims of the ANC and sentenced to five years in jail He was released in June 1990 and rejoined the NUM as head of the education department at the union's head office in Johannesburg In 1991, Dipico was elected regional secretary of the ANC in the northern Cape and chairman the following year He is not married

. Ramatlhodi (38) was born at Tauetswala, a village near Potgietersrus He was twice expelled from university for his political activities in 1977, but twice re-admitted After working for six months in Johannesburg he went into exile in Lesotho where he studied law

During his time in Lesotho, Ramathlodi played a prominent role in the ANC After the coup in Lesotho in 1986 he went to Zimbabwe where he continued studying He was awarded a master's degree in law in 1988. From Zimbabwe he went to Zambia where he worked as a speechwriter for the late ANC president Oliver Tambo



Kriel

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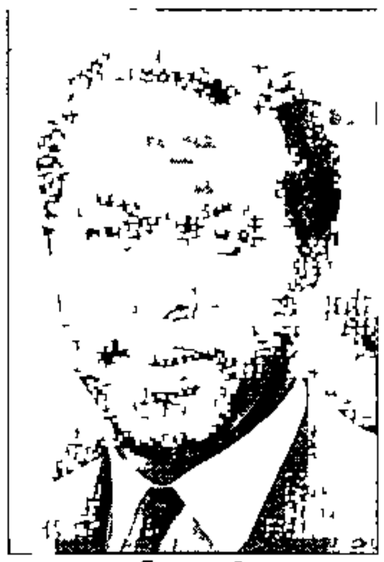

Sexwale

Phosa (41) crossed the border into Mozambique in April 1985 to escape what Umkhonto we Sizwe intelligence officers believed was a plot by the SA security forces to kill him He was at the time a prominent lawyer having served as national organiser of the Black Lawyers' Association

Phosa was born in Mbombela township, Nelspruit and studied law at the University of the North After graduating, he completed his articles and started his own law firm of which he is still a senior partner When he went into exile, Phosa was involved in various business and community projects and had been a leader of the campaign to stop the SA government pushing ahead with the incorporation of the KaNgwane homeland into Swaziland in the early Eighties

Molefe (42) was born in Johannesburg and educated in Soweto, where he was head prefect of Naledi High School in 1976 He played a leading role in the student uprising in June that year In August, he was arrested and detained for seven months Over the next two years he was a leader in student and political organisations

He was a leading figure in the formation of the UDF in 1983 and was appointed national general secretary He was detained in 1985 and charged with treason After a trial lasting four years, he was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in jail The following year the Appeal Court quashed the convictions and he was released

Mhlaba (73) is an ANC stalwart He was jailed for treason at the Rivonia trial in 1964 and spent 26 years on Robben Island before his release in 1989 At the time of his arrest, Mhlaba was ANC regional leader in the eastern Cape, a senior member of the SA Communist Party and on the command council of MK He was born in the eastern Cape and was active in the trade union movement in the Forties Since his release from jail, Mhlaba has lived a fairly quiet life in Port Elizabeth where he is regarded with awe by ANC supporters in the region

Lekota (46) was born at Kroonstad in the Free State and educated at St Francis College near Pinetown where he matriculated in 1969 He started studying law at the University of the North but left for financial reasons and played semi-professional soccer for a team in Durban His prowess on the field earned him the nickname "Terror"

He returned to university in 1972, but was expelled for political activity In 1976, he was convicted under the Terrorism Act and sentenced to six years, which he served on Robben Island In 1985, he was one of a group of activists charged with treason He was convicted in 1988 and sentenced to 12 years in jail but was acquitted on appeal

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Down to business

The condescending gaze from the portrait of Lord Milner — who after the Anglo-Boer War spearheaded a drive for reconciliation, reconstruction and restoration of economic stability in SA — was far from being the only irony when ANC revellers took over Durban's City Hall last week to celebrate their victory. (264)

While the party had won a resounding victory for the national assembly, it was (unknown at the time) headed for defeat in the race for the KwaZulu/Natal provincial legislature. That prospect, however, did little to dampen spirits

But the hangover remains After 10 years of violence, a bitterly contested election and ongoing allegations on both sides of gross electoral fraud, all suggest a community as deeply divided as any created by apartheid

In the midst of this, the two candidates for

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the premiership, Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdlalose and the ANC's Jacob Zuma seem to have kissed and made up They have been quietly involved in negotiations aimed at discussing how best to work together The two are known to have developed a mutual respect and they have been working at identifying the province's priorities Both agree that preventing a resurgence of pre-election violence is top of the list

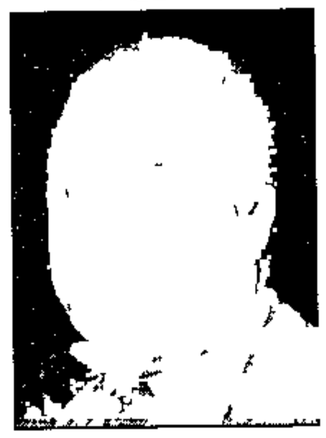
But Mdlalose cautions against exaggerating the significance of his relationship with Zuma — and with good reason Not everyone is overwhelmed with the spirit of reconciliation Feisty ANC Midlands leader Harry Gwala swiftly rejected the election results and called for a re-run of the provincial election

And, though the ANC has officially accepted the result, it is pursuing its claims of massive electoral fraud in the province, said to involve up to a million irregular votes This largely explains the delayed swearing-in of members of the Natal provincial legislature last Saturday The other eight provinces duly did so, in generally solemn and moving ceremonies

But perhaps more fundamental in Natal will be whether the two parties can ever be reconciled The University of Natal's head of politics, Mervyn Frost, stresses that there are two aspects to the co-operation

"In terms of a government of provincial

Zuma



Mdlalose

unity, both parties share major common objectives which should foster co-operation However, there are bound to be deep divisions in the constitutional negotiations"

He maintains that there is a common need for both parties to deliver goods to the black constituency through provincial government, such as in agriculture, industry, the promotion of tourism, the environment, roads and health "That, combined with the Mdlalose/Zuma commitment, means there should be few problems at the leadership level However, while the ANC central office has accepted the election, some regional office bearers are unhappy It is up to the party structures to ensure that the regions co-operate and this could provide a real test for party discipline"

Frost doubts that the dissidents will persist The price of regional ANC rebellion would be too high, he maintains

However, unlike resource allocation, the lines will be sharply drawn on constitutional matters "Inkatha, having shown it has considerable support, will feel its hand has been considerably strengthened in terms of pushing for federalism They could well gain support in constituencies such as the white and Indian business communities, where it had dribbled away"

Furthermore, he adds, many international groups are in favour of federalism and could add their weight — with the result that the federal lobby, with its increased legitimacy through electoral support, will gather momentum "The parties will be learning federal lessons, whether or not SA is a federation The province is unlikely to continue as a cinderella province as it has in the past" (It is widely accepted that Natal was underfunded by successive NP governments because of that party's lack of support in the region)

"It might have happened had a similar result been achieved in, for example, the Northern Cape However, this being one of the three largest provinces in terms of voter numbers means that no central government dare, with a view to the next elections, ignore it"

According to Frost, even the seven ANC-run provinces could find federal pressures rising through the daily practice of provincial government seeking to build up power at the cost of the centre ■

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Zwelithini enters new SA spirit

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■ OWN CORRESPONDENT

Durban — Zulu monarch King Goodwill Zwelithini threw open his arms to all the people of KwaZulu/Natal on Wednesday as the region joined the other eight South African provinces in the new South Africa.

KwaZulu/Natal's Premier Dr Frank Mdlalose and his 80-member provincial legislature were sworn into office under the eyes of the region's constitutional monarch in Maritzburg on Wednesday night

Scenes of unity and camaraderie characterised the first sitting as old foes in the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party embraced each other and the new dispensation.

Mdlalose pledged to start working immediately on a peace plan to end the internecine conflict that had become one of the main features of KwaZulu/Natal.

The provincial government includes 41 members of the IFP, 26 ANC, nine NP, two DP, one Minority Front, one PAC and one African Christian Democratic Party member

A commitment to peace and to the new dispensation was made both inside and outside the old provincial council buildings in Longmarket Street as several hundred supporters of the ANC and IFP cheered their leaders in the new goverment

Speaking at the swearing-in ceremony, Zwelithini said "All the political parties that will be in this legislature consist of my people

"They are all my people. My people are not just Zulus, but all people who live in traditional Zulu country are my people."

Mdlalose pledged to work with all the parties, especially the ANC's Jacob Zuma, to achieve peace and stability in the region

Zwelithini, whose arrival drew cries of "Shenge" and "Wena weNdlovu" from the legislators, pleaded with the parties to co-operate for the well-being of the people of KwaZulu/Natal.

Zwelithini said. "I plead with you to co-operate in bringing about conditions that will create peace in this kingdom.

Mdlalose said. "Together we will show the world that the people of this province have within them the strength to forgive and the strength to move forward, committed to eradicating the scourge of violence from our lives."

Mdlalose also pledged to improve the living conditions of people in the region and to continue addressing the "unfinished" constitutional issues of the province, particularly in respect of the king.

Both Mdlalose and Zuma played down the court battle that regional ANC leaders have threatened to institute against what the organisation alleges was massive electoral fraud perpetrated by the ruling party in KwaZulu/Natal

Mdlalose said his party was also the victim of fraud Zuma said Independent Electoral Commission investigations into complaints would settle such disputes

KwaZulu/Natal Cabinet announced

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The new Cabinet Ministers in the KwaZulu/Natal provincial legislature are

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■ [illegible] Local Government [illegible] (IFP)

■ [illegible] Conservation and Tourism [illegible] (IFP)

■ [illegible] (IFP)

■ Auxiliary Services and Traditional Authorities [illegible] Nsubane (IFP)

■ Agriculture George Barrett (NP)

■ Health and Welfare Dr Zweli Mkhize (ANC)

■ [illegible], Transportation and Traffic Control Sbu Ndebele (ANC)

■ [illegible] Jacob Zuma [illegible] course — Political Staff

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THE TOUGHEST CHALLENGE OF ALL: BRINGING PEACE TO AN AREA

KWAZULU-NATAL Farouk Chothia (264)

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IN a buoyant mood after winning control of the strategically important kwaZulu/Natal province, the Inkatha Freedom Party is set to adopt a two-pronged strategy — waging fierce battles against the ANC-dominated central government while forging a closer relationship with the party's leadership at provincial level.

At national level, the IFP will be in opposition, fighting for its constitutional demands. At provincial level, it will lead the government — and needs the support of the ANC to ensure stability and economic growth.

For the ANC, the strategy poses problems How will its provincial leadership respond when the IFP demands a larger slice of the economic cake for kwaZulu/Natal, only to find that the central government cannot deliver? How does it enter a coalition with with IFP from a position of weakness and still maintain credibility in the eyes of its constituents? And how can it foster development in the province without handing credit for progress to its arch-opponent?

In an interview, senior IFP senate representative Farouk Cassim said the IFP was now ideally placed to ensure that its demands on federalism were met in negotiations under the auspices of foreign mediators. "We are now in a position to keep dictatorial rule and a one-party state at bay," said Cassim.

The importance attached by the IFP to constitutional issues is underlined by the fact that it has sent its entire top brass to the national parliament.

Led by Mangosuthu Buthelezi, IFP representatives in the national assembly include chief executive officer Joe Matthews, Buthelezi's close confidante Walter Felgate and national political director Ziba Jiyane. IFP senators include former kwaZulu minister of health Ben Ngubane, Women's Brigade chairman Faith Gasa and Cassim. All formed part of the IFP and kwaZulu government team in constitutional negotiations.

Observers believe the IFP's constitutional demands will seek to ensure maximum control over income generated by the province to maintain power in kwaZulu/Natal Cassim said the constitution should allow the region to "control its natural resources", including the Richard's Bay and Durban harbours which are the economic lifeline of the PWV.

"Money coming from our ports is being shared with Swaziland, Transkei and other places It should be for the benefit of the people of kwaZulu/Natal alone," said Cassim

He also said the IFP was considering the development of export processing zones and the promotion of an "Indian Ocean Rim" which could complement the successful EPZs in Mauritius. "We want to attract capital," he said.

But such a call could lead to confrontation with the ANC and Cosatu, as successful EPZs often entail the waiving of labour rights The IFP is likely to inject new life into the "sweetheart" United Workers' Union of South Africa (Uwusa) in a bid to offset Cosatu's influence.

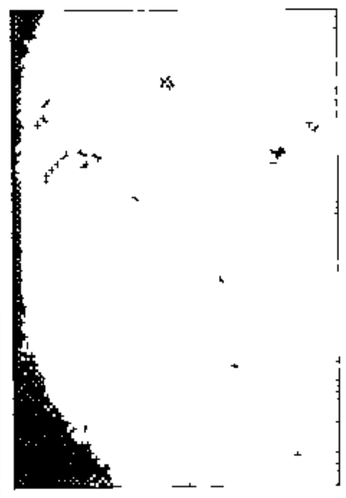
The IFP also believes its opposition to state intervention in the economy will lure back the support of business, lost to the ANC during the IFP's pre-election boycott.

In the provincial legislature, the IFP has signalled that it intends forging a close relationship with the ANC This was illustrated by its choice of national chairman Frank Mdlalose for the post of provincial premier

A moderate, Mdlalose struck up a close rapport with his ANC counterpart, Jacob Zuma, during four years of peace moves in the province.

An IFP representative in the kwaZulu/Natal provincial assembly, Mike Tarr, believes the violence in kwaZulu/Natal will dissipate "I think many of the problems in kwaZulu/Natal are historical, about the way different people saw the liberation struggle "

Cassim also expects a close relationship



THE bespectacled **Frank Mdlalose** has two qualities which will stand him in good stead as premier of kwaZulu/Natal a good ear to listen to gripes and an ability to remain impartial when dissent wrecks a party — abilities honed in chairing Inkatha Freedom Party central committee meetings since 1976

Both qualities will be tested once he assumes his functions as premier with the ANC also represented in the 10-member provincial cabinet, Mdlalose faces the task of seeking consensus in a divided cabinet and pushing ahead with peace initiatives and economic development

By choosing him as its premier, the IFP signalled it wants improved relations with the ANC in kwaZulu/Natal Mdlalose has built a strong rapport over the years with his ANC rival, Jacob Zuma — both have been at the forefront of attempts to end the 10-year-long carnage in the province

But Mdlalose's greatest strength — remaining non-partisan — is also seen as a weakness It has resulted in his failing to stamp his authority over IFP hardliners and "warlords" who will feature prominently in the provincial legislature (264) WM 13-19/5/94

He is also said to be a leader who prefers not to antagonise Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi It is also said that he has, on occasion, read speeches drafted by Buthelezi's close confidante, IFP hardliner Walter Felgate, despite disagreeing with their contents

While Mdlalose does not lack experience in the political arena — he was minister of the interior in the kwaZulu homeland and co-leader of the IFP's negotiating team at the World Trade Centre talks — there is concern in IFP circles over his health.

Aged 61, he suffered from exhaustion last year after endless constitutional wrangles and subsequently fractured his knee in a car accident Reliant on a walking stick, he subsequently fell in the bathroom and injured himself again

But Mdlalose is once more assuming a high public profile in kwaZulu/Natal.

Caught up in the hurly-burly of politics, Mdlalose finds he has little time to concentrate on his other interests tennis and boxing

IFP gears up for its new role

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DURBAN — The IFP is gearing up for its first session as a junior partner in government, with its 43-member caucus scheduled to meet early next week to allocate the remaining portfolios

The party elected former Vryheid MP Mr Jurie Mentz as one of four parliamentary whips earlier this week. He is joined by Mr Koos van der Merwe, previously MP for Overvaal, Mr Farouk Cassim, former House of Delegates IFP leader, and Mr Hennie Bekker, former Jeppe MP

The caucus must allocate party spokesmen on national issues Mr Walter Felgate is tipped for the crucial constitutional development portfolio

Others in the running for party spokesmen are Dr Jiba Jiyane (justice), Mr Senzo Mfayela (housing), Dr Dennis Madide (finance), Mrs Faith Gasa (education), and Mrs Eileen Shandu (health)

● There was "nothing curious" about SACP stalwart Mr Harry Gwala's exclusion from the Inkatha-dominated KwaZulu/Natal regional cabinet, the ANC said yesterday

The Natal Midlands leader has instead been elected as chief ANC caucus whip

Natal ANC MPs are to meet in Maritzburg on Monday to finalise the allocation of regional portfolios

Mistakes and omissions cost ANC the Natal vote

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Despite allegations of IFP fraud, the ANC ultimately has itself to blame for its poor performance in Natal. Farouk Chothia reports

THE ANC must bite the ballot a woefully inadequate campaign and poor election day organisation lost it the election in Natal

Some ANC leaders have alleged that "up to a million" fraudulent votes were presented by the Inkatha Freedom Party ANC Midlands leader Harry Gwala has blamed the IFP victory on acceptance of votes from "pirate" polling stations, together with "stuffed" ballot boxes, under-age voting and the removal of Independent Electoral Commission officials and ANC party agents from voting stations

The comments of IEC officials from rural Empangeni — where close to a million votes were cast despite a much lower estimated rural population — who said the poll were not free and fair, as well as some of the IEC's own reports indicating the existence of pirate stations, are suggestive And it would be naive to expect that the climate of fear generated by the IFP boycott campaign and the rising death toll could be exorcised from the province in the space of six days

But none of this explains why fewer than a million votes were reportedly counted at the Durban Expo Centre, which dealt with ballots from several ANC urban strongholds Even if a million of the IFP's 1,8-million votes are cast aside, other explanations are needed as to why the ANC secured less than 1,2-million votes in the province

Sources say that at one polling station on the first day of regular voting in the ANC heartland of Inanda, there were only about 10 people at 7 45am and by the end of the day only 1 200 people had voted The next day only about 300 people made their mark

The reality is that the ANC failed to mount ongoing door-to-door campaigns in secure areas, with the exception of kwaMashu Even here, the ANC failed to take full advantage of its headstart in the campaign· at rallies, there were speeches, slogans and dances, but no serious attempts to encourage people to canvass.

On election days, the ANC failed to get its voters to the polls There were also no ANC party agents at some polling stations in ANC strongholds, and in other cases those present were youths. By constrast, prominent IFP leaders took a central role in getting proper identification for their people — and ensuring they got to the polls

In its strongholds, the ANC often failed to ensure that ballot boxes were ferried safely to counting stations, a task the kwaZulu Police performed in townships under its jurisdiction

Sources stress that in its campaign, the ANC should have focused on the IFP's failure to improve socio-economic conditions in kwaZulu and on its own Reconstruction and Development Programme. Instead its campaign took off too late to offset the credibility the IFP gave the homeland by associating it with the Zulu royal house

The ineffectual focus it did adopt — that of trying to prove that it was just as Zulu as the IFP — must be seen in the context of the party's own long-standing regional identity crisis

Divided into three regions, the ANC failed to mount a co-ordinated campaign, or to demonstrate that its leaders could work together in the face of a common enemy.

Suave Southern Natal leader Jeff Radebe, bound for a national cabinet position, and militant Midlands leader Harry Gwala were miffed by the election of ANC deputy secretary general Jacob Zuma as premier candidate

But Zuma — nominated by the moderate Cosatu-aligned leadership of Northern Natal for his traditional Zulu status — failed to take a dominant role in rural campaigning, where he would have been most effective.

When the same leaders responsible for his nomination planned a cultural festival at the University of Zululand, neither Zuma nor Mandela pitched up, claiming security problems

Against this backdrop, an ANC victory north of the Tugela was out of the question and through genuine support — coupled with fraud, intimidation and violence — the IFP scored a convincing victory in the region.

ANC problems were aggravated by the state of emergency which they continued backing despite its failure to quell violence Mandela's hardline position and the ANC's failure to take up the detention of its own activists and banning of some of its meetings must have solidified the view among militants that the ANC was unable and unwilling to protect them

Zuma's leadership failed to strike a balance between the ANC's conciliatory position toward the Zulu monarch and the calls for militant action from grassroots supporters More comfortable in back-room manouevres than in the public eye, he failed to win over substantial support in the constituencies of either Gwala or Radebe

With Gwala sidelined by the moderates in the north and south of the province, he showed little interest in the campaign, and rallies in the Midlands were few and far between.

ANC infighting in the Midlands was also a major problem Co-operation in Southern Natal was equally undermined as Radebe maintained his position at the forefront of the campaign.

Setting his sights on the business community and white and Indian minorities, then viewed as a deciding margin, Radebe took for granted the African majority. In the end, most whites ditched the Nats for the IFP while many Indians stuck with the NP

In the fight for Zulu loyalties, when the ANC called its own "Zulu march" in Durban, it was Radebe and Southern Natal secretary Sibusiso Ndebele who put their name on the memorandum delivered to the Transitional Executive Committee, with Zuma's name kept safely out of the fray lest he offend his counterpart in the IFP

The net result of this two-pronged approach of appeasement and opposition was an ANC victory at the negotiating table and a defeat on the ground. It means the loss of a vital province containing a quarter of South Africa's population

In the wake of defeat, divisions are surfacing in the ANC There is resentment towards Shell House, which is seen as having "sold out" Natal by declining to tackle the IEC on IFP fraud Gwala said the election was not "free and fair" and the provincial leadership has decided to lodge court action to have it declared null and void

But Zuma appears to oppose the idea· on television, he said Gwala was expressing his "personal view" when rejecting the IEC verdict — and added that depite "some" irregularities, he accepted the outcome of the poll

Inkatha takes a hard line on posts

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Farouk Chothia

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THE Inkatha Freedom Party took a hard line in the kwaZulu/Natal provincial legislature on Wednesday by taking six cabinet posts, leaving the ANC with a mere three and the National Party with one

Some IFP sources had earlier said the IFP might opt for five cabinet posts and give the ANC four in the spirit of reconciliation

Defeated ANC premier candidate Jacob Zuma stressed the cabinet was "provisional" and negotiations on it would continue.

But IFP national political director Ziba Jiyane said he doubted the IFP would beef up the ANC's cabinet representation He said that at a national level, the ANC gave the IFP seats in the cabinet as a "fait accompli", and that President Nelson Mandela had not discussed his cabinet with leaders of other parties before making it public last week

As a result the decison on the KwaZulu/Natal cabinet will lie with the IFP as it is the ruling party in the province. In terms of the percentage vote in the election, the IFP qualifies for five seats, the ANC for three and the NP for one As none of the other parties obtained 10 percent of the vote, one cabinet seat remained vacant. This led to some IFP sources suggesting that it be given to the ANC —but they were overruled at a caucus meeting

At the first sitting of the provincial legislature in Pietermaritzburg on Wednesday, the premier, IFP national chairman Frank Mdlalose announced his cabinet.

The key police portfolio has been given to former kwaZulu Justice Minister Celani Mthethwa, a reputed hardliner. Former Nat Natal leader Peter Miller holds the Housing and Local Government portfolio, while former Democratic Party MP Mike Tarr has been given nature conservation and tourism The IFP has also included a member of the Zulu royal house, Prince Vincent, in the cabinet — ideally placing it to retain influence over King Goodwill Zwelithini.

For the ANC, Zuma holds the social welfare portfolio, ANC southern Natal secretary Sibusiso Ndebele roads and transport, and ANC Midlands treasurer Zweli Mkhize health The IFP will expect Mkhize, a medical doctor, to rein in militant health workers

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Make peace with your rivals, IFP leader urges

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Ulundi — Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi has urged his supporters to make peace with political rivals to underpin democracy and development.

"Go out and spread the word of peace and reconciliation," he told more than 2 000 followers on Saturday at a rally held to celebrate the IFP's victory in KwaZulu/Natal

Buthelezi, the new Home Affairs Minister in the Government of National Unity, said violence would scare off investors and retard development in KwaZulu/Natal.

"There can be no economic development in the region until we achieve peace. No businessman will want to invest in this region if his life is in danger No investor will want to build factories if their factories are going to be burnt down," he said.

"It is up to you to make peace"

He told youths in particular they would have to overcome hostility

"We will have to work at political reconciliation if we are to end up with a national will to make democracy work"

He said the Government faced a hard task, adding that the politics of the ANC differed in many respects from the IFP's

"And yet, through this so-called Government of National Unity, we have to operate together jointly as a Cabinet. It is not going to be easy," Buthelezi warned But he assured President Mandela of his co-operation.

Buthelezi made it clear that the IFP's election win in KwaZulu/Natal meant "the government of KwaZulu/Natal is an IFP government"

"The future of this region in relation to everything that has still to be settled can only be settled with the full agreement of the IFP and its leadership."

Turning to his demand for a stronger federal system than the ANC was prepared to endorse, Buthelezi said "The struggle for freedom and federalism has just begun"

Buthelezi also launched a stinging attack on the media for "demonising" him and his party in the run-up to last month's election

"We had no money, we had the media against us, we had gurus at universities against us

"I thank the editors and journalists who had a field day vilifying me both here and abroad." — Sapa-Reuter, Sapa.

5 slain in KwaZulu/Natal

Durban — Five people were killed in weekend violence in KwaZulu/Natal, including a father and daughter shot dead in Ndwedwe, near Durban, on Saturday, police said yesterday.

Police spokesman Constable Baba Chonco said Daniel Bhekinkosi Mngadi (61) and his daughter Zinigi (23) were shot and killed in the Ngomweni area of Ndwedwe, about 40 km north of Durban. He said the motive was unknown

Cronje Ntuli (32) was shot dead in Nongoma in northern Natal on Saturday.

Chonco said police rescued three people from being "sentenced to death at a people's court" at the Cato Crest informal settlement near Durban on Saturday. Eighteen people were arrested.

The body of Linda Mthembu (19) was found in N Section in Durban's Umlazi township on Friday, he added

And a decomposed body was found in KwaMakutha township, about 30 km south of Durban, on Saturday — Reuters

'No deal on KwaZulu if IFP disagree'

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The constitutional future of KwaZulu/Natal can only be settled with the full agreement of the Inkatha Freedom Party, the organisation's leader and Minister of Home Affairs Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi warned at the weekend.

Speaking at an IFP Youth Brigade rally to celebrate the IFP victory in the regional elections, Chief Buthelezi claimed that efforts were being made to drive a wedge between him and Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini.

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The "powers-that-be" had attempted to divide him and the monarch but their relationship had survived up to now. He did not elaborate on who was plotting to split him and the king.

Chief Buthelezi rejected the "illusion in certain quarters" that the IFP's 50,3% majority in the KwaZulu/Natal elections did not give it a commanding lead, saying that the region had an "IFP government".

"The future of this region in relation to everything that still has to be settled can only be settled with the full agreement of the IFP and its leadership," he said.

The IFP would have secured a larger majority but hundreds of thousands of votes for the IFP were not counted in the final tally because of alleged irregularities, he said.

The battle for South Africa's constitution would begin this month Chief Buthelezi said, but he was hopeful that a final settlement on the position of the monarch and the kingdom of KwaZulu would be reached in international mediation

Chief launches attack on media

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INKATHA Freedom Party president and Minister of Home Affairs Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi launched a stinging attack on the media for "demonising" him and his party in the run-up to the election

Addressing an IFP victory rally in the KwaZulu-Natal region on Saturday, Buthelezi said

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Thank editors

"I thank the editors and journalists who had a field day vilifying me both here and abroad"

He decried the fact that the IFP, which entered the election race late, had only six days to campaign, adding that the confidence ordinary people had in his leadership assured him victory

"Never in the history of democracy has any political party entered an election with just six days left to campaign and then go on to win as the IFP has done in KwaZulu-Natal"

Buthelezi implored his supporters to work for reconciliation to overcome the hostilities

These have caused by a drawn out internecine conflict which has claimed more than 10 000 lives in KwaZulu-Natal (264)

Break barricades

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"Go out and spread the word of peace and reconciliation"

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Deal struck to end holiday pay strike

DURBAN — Thousands of striking clothing workers returned to work in KwaZulu/Natal yesterday after agreement was reached ending a two-week strike, the Natal Clothing Manufacturers' Association said

The strike began over a refusal by the association to pay clothing workers for all of the April 27 and 28 and May 10 public holidays

"The strike has been resolved. There is a settlement and most factories appear to be operating," said association director Len Smart

SA Clothing and Textile Workers' Union regional media officer Rajesh Jock said "We are happy with the proposal to pay our members for three days (264) (152)

Smart would not confirm what had been agreed

Jock said it had been agreed that all three holidays "are payable, one up front, and the time-frame for paying for the other two will be negotiated at factory level"

He said the association had argued that smaller factories could not afford payment of all three holidays up front but had agreed to negotiate when these wages would be paid

Thousands of workers had returned to their jobs, Jock said

The ANC and Labour Minister Tito Mboweni came out in support of the strikers, urging employers to pay workers who stayed away on the election and inauguration holidays — Reuter

Drug pricing system likely to be changed

B/Day 19/5/94

BEATRIX PAYNE

MEDICINE pricing systems that offered different discounts to doctors and pharmacists were likely to be revamped this year, National Association of Pharmaceutical Wholesalers (NAPW) executive director Trevor Phillips said yesterday.

Phillips told the Pharmaceutical Society of SA annual conference at Sun City that the present pricing systems had created public perceptions of "high prices and unfair profits"

It was likely that a new system of "net pricing" for medicines would be introduced following the pharmaceutical wholesalers' discussions with interest groups

The NAPW aimed to introduce single exit pricing which could prevent "round tripping" of drugs, Phillips told the conference

He said "net pricing" would end the use of the Blue Book, which quoted suggested retail prices but was allegedly misleading because of widespread discounting

"Round tripping" occurred when dispensing doctors, who received greater discounts on medicines than pharmacists, supplied pharmacists with cheap medicines and bypassed the registered wholesaler

The NAPW aimed to rewrite the draft Prohibition of Discriminatory Pricing Act This was gazetted last year, he said, to try to accommodate the objections of members of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (PMA)

He said the PMA had objected to the "unclear phraseology" of the Act when it was originally gazetted

Phillips said co-operation by interest groups in the industry could contribute to an overall reduction in health care costs (183)

The launch late last year of sole distribution networks by a number of international manufacturers had caused a storm among wholesalers, many of whom had refused to supply medicines manufactured by the multinational companies

Phillips warned that it could be impossible to bypass the wholesele network that distributed medicines to 8 500 community pharmacists, private clinics and doctors

But to remain the prime conduit of medicines to the customer, wholesalers had to satify the market's distribution needs, Phillips said

☐ Pharmaceutical Society vice-president Cecil Abramson was elected president, succeeding Gary Kohn

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Business school opened to teach black managers

ERICA JANKOWITZ

ARTHUR Andersen yesterday launched a business awareness school at which black managers will learn essential business skills in an interactive environment

Speaking at the launch, Arthur Andersen consulting partner Peter Prinsloo said the first group of 35 delegates had been identified by clients of the Andersen Organisation as having potential for promotion

They would attend an eight-week, part-time course aimed at "honing this important group's awareness of business practices and disciplines".

The company expected to train five such groups a year in disciplines such as business law, accounting practice and administration (152)

Prinsloo put the cost of establishing the school and training the first participants at R80 000-R100 000, borne by the Andersen Organisation

Prinsloo said the group set aside 7% of its annual revenues for training and education, and this project extended the process beyond its own employees to include clients' employees and eventually other candidates

"The courses will be presented by Andersen partners from, among others, business law, taxation, business finance consulting, accounting and auditing, operational consulting and management consulting practices"

The guest speaker at the launch was Anglo American director Don Ncube, who welcomed the initiative as an important first step in training aspirant black managers in complex business issues

SAeKu '94

Plan to end

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Natal ANC dissatisfied

19/5/94

Maritzburg — The ANC in KwaZulu/Natal was dissatisfied with ministerial portfolios allocated to it, and asked to be excused from proceedings in the provincial executive council yesterday, said Premier Frank Mdlalose

He said after the first meeting of the 10-member council in Maritzburg that another had been called for May 24 to address the issue

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ANC protests at portfolios

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ANC suspends request over Natal results

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JOHANNESBURG — The ANC has suspended its application to the IEC to have the election results in KwaZulu/Natal set aside

IEC chairman Mr Justice Johann Kriegler and vice-chairman Mr Dikgang Moseneke said yesterday the ANC's lawyers had asked that the application be "put on ice" after earlier serving papers on the IEC's Special Electoral Court

The IFP beat the ANC into second place in provincial elections in KwaZulu/Natal amid widespread claims of voting irregularities, including the use of "pirate voting stations" allegedly manned by the KwaZulu Police

IEC sources said the ANC's application had little chance of success

The ANC has until the end of next month — when the IEC dismantles — to re-open the matter — Sapa

Bartlett to quit as party leader

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Provincial agriculture minister Mr George Bartlett will step down as leader of the National Party in KwaZulu/Natal next month to make way for younger blood in preparation for the next general election

Mr Bartlett said yesterday he would resign on June 4 at the KwaZulu/Natal NP's extraordinary congress, which would discuss proposals to restructure the party

His resignation would not affect his position as a member of the provincial legislature or regional minister, Mr Bartlett said (264)

The 63-year-old Mr Bartlett has been the party's provincial leader since 1989 CT 19/5/94

ANC 'dissatisfied' with Cabinet posts

Sowetan 19/5/94

THE African National Congress in KwaZulu-Natal was dissatisfied with the ministerial portfolios allocated to them and asked to be excused from proceedings in the provincial executive council yesterday, provincial premier Dr Frank Mdlalose has disclosed

He said in a statement soon after the first meeting of the 10-member council in Maritzburg that a meeting had been called on May 24 to address the issue

The ANC said it would issue a statement later outlining the reasons for its withdrawal It was allocated three portfolios

Six IFP members and an NP member were sworn in by the Judge President of Natal, Mr Justice Allan Howard

They are Dr Vincent Zulu, Prince Gideon Zulu, Mr Peter Miller, Inkosi Nyanga Ngubane, Mr Senzele Mhlungu, Mr Celani Mtetwa and former Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister George Bartlett (264)

Mdlalose said the meeting had focused on, among others issues, "key constitutional priorities, domestic arrangements for executive council members and administrative arrangements"

— *Sapa*

ANC ignores Natal branch

MARK ASHURST

THE ANC's decision to suspend an application to the Special Electoral Court to review the election result in Natal was taken without consulting the party's regional structure, ANC Natal secretary-general Fifo Nkankade said yesterday. B/Day

ANC national spokesmen were not available for comment, but sources at the Independent Electoral Commission speculated that the court would turn down the application if it went ahead. 20/5/94

IEC chairman Judge Johann Kriegler said the court could uphold objections from political parties and overrule IEC investigations, but its verdict could not affect the final result.

In terms of the Electoral Act, results certified by the commission were "beyond review or appeal" Consequently, the ANC could not gain from a hearing.

Nkankade said the ANC regional executive in Natal had agreed unanimously to pursue the application, which included charges that the IEC had no authority to count votes from "pirate" polling stations, where presiding officers and ANC party agents had been removed forcibly from their posts

The purpose of the appeal was to "assure our people on the ground" that an attempt had been made to correct the result "We are prepared to live with the current result, but people are very angry," he said.

Section 18 of the Act which established the IEC stipulates that the declaration of a "free and fair" election is final However, lawyers aligned to the ANC expressed surprise that the charge had been put on ice. The final tally of votes could be adjusted and the allocation of parliamentary seats corrected, said one. (264)

The decision not to pursue the application was a triumph of politics over process, another added. If the case went ahead, the final court of appeal would be the Constitutional Court, which had not yet been established.

Meanwhile, the IEC said it had asked the police and its own monitoring directorate to investigate alleged attempts to incite monitors to claim bonuses to which they were not entitled

The IEC had received several reports of messagespurporting to come from IEC provincial officers inviting monitors to report to collect bonuses However, the messages were false and bonuses would not be paid

"The IEC views such orchestration in a very serious light and has asked the police to investigate with a view to prosecution of those found to have been involved," it said

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The tables have turned

Farouk Chothia

THE ANC boycotted this week's swearing-in ceremony of government ministers in kwaZulu/Natal and refused to attend the first cabinet meeting of the provincial legislature

ANC kwaZulu/Natal leader Jacob Zuma warned that the ANC will continue with its non-participation stance until the ruling Inkatha Freedom Party agrees to beef up its representation on the cabinet.

Zuma said the main area of dispute was the IFP's refusal to agree to "joint control of the police portfolio as this was vital in order to stem political violence in the province".

But IFP-nominated premier Frank Mdlalose indictated there was little prospect of this happening He said Zuma was expressing his own opinion and the constitution does not state that the portfolio should be shared

Mdlalose last week appointed former kwaZulu minister of justice Celani Mthethwa — a reputed hardliner — as minister of police.

In another sign this week that the IFP intends to take a hard line in kwaZulu/Natal, a leading moderate in the party, Mike Tarr, stepped down as a minister in favour of hardline royal family member Prince Gideon Zulu.

Sources said Tarr relinquished his post as a result of jockeying within the IFP for portfolios: long-standing IFP members complained they had been overlooked for ministerial posts in favour of Tarr who joined the party only last year.

Mdlalose refused to discuss the reshuffle: "There is no reason I will give anybody for choosing anybody — or not choosing anybody — to the cabinet," he said.

Mdlalose added that he will meet Zuma early next week to discuss the ANC's grievances and hoped that areas of dispute would be resolved

Earlier Zuma also expressed unhappiness at the fact that an IFP member, Prince Vicent Zulu of the royal house, holds the education portfolio

Observers believe the cabinet row is an ominous sign for kawZulu/Natal· it indicates that political instability in kwaZulu/Natal will continue — and despite his close relationship with Zuma, Mdlalose may already be yielding to pressure from hardliners within his own ranks.

Likewise, the moderate Zuma may be under pressure to toughen his approach in the face of the ANC's defeat in last month's poll — and he will now be forced to take into account the views of Midlands hardliner Harry Gwala, who has been appointed ANC chief whip in the provincial legislature

The IFP holds six, the ANC three and the National Party one cabinet seat in kwaZulu/Natal.

Jacob Zuma ... Under pressure

Land deal: The king's ransom

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In a secret deal before the elections a third of kwaZulu/Natal was ceded to King Goodwill Zwelithini, report **Estelle Randall and Farouk Chothia**

FORMER state president FW de Klerk ceded control of a third of the land in kwaZulu/Natal to Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini in a highly secretive deal the day before he was voted out of office last month

The transfer of three million hectares scattered throughout the province was effected in terms of the kwaZulu Ingonyama Trust Act, passed by the kwaZulu Legislative Assembly and assented to by De Klerk on April 25 this year

In terms of the legislation, King Goodwill Zwelithini, the sole trustee, will administer all tribal land in the province — with the cost of administration being borne by the new regional government. It covers all the land for which the kwaZulu Legislative Assembly was established in 1971 and land acquired by the kwaZulu government under various proclamations and laws since then

It appears that under pressure from the kwaZulu government, De Klerk moved to prevent kwaZulu-administered tribal land from falling under state control — the automatic effect of the new constitution, which kicked in on April 27 — in an apparent sop to the Inkatha Freedom Party in exchange for its participation in the April poll

A source close to Andre Fourie, the former minister of regional and land affairs, said the land transfer had been part of negotiations between the National Party government, the ANC and the IFP

But ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa, who played a key role in the negotiations leading to the IFP's participation in the elections, denied this "The Ingonyama Trust doesn't mean a thing to me, I'm hearing about it for the first time I doubt very much that Nelson Mandela would have known about it You are drawing a blank from me"

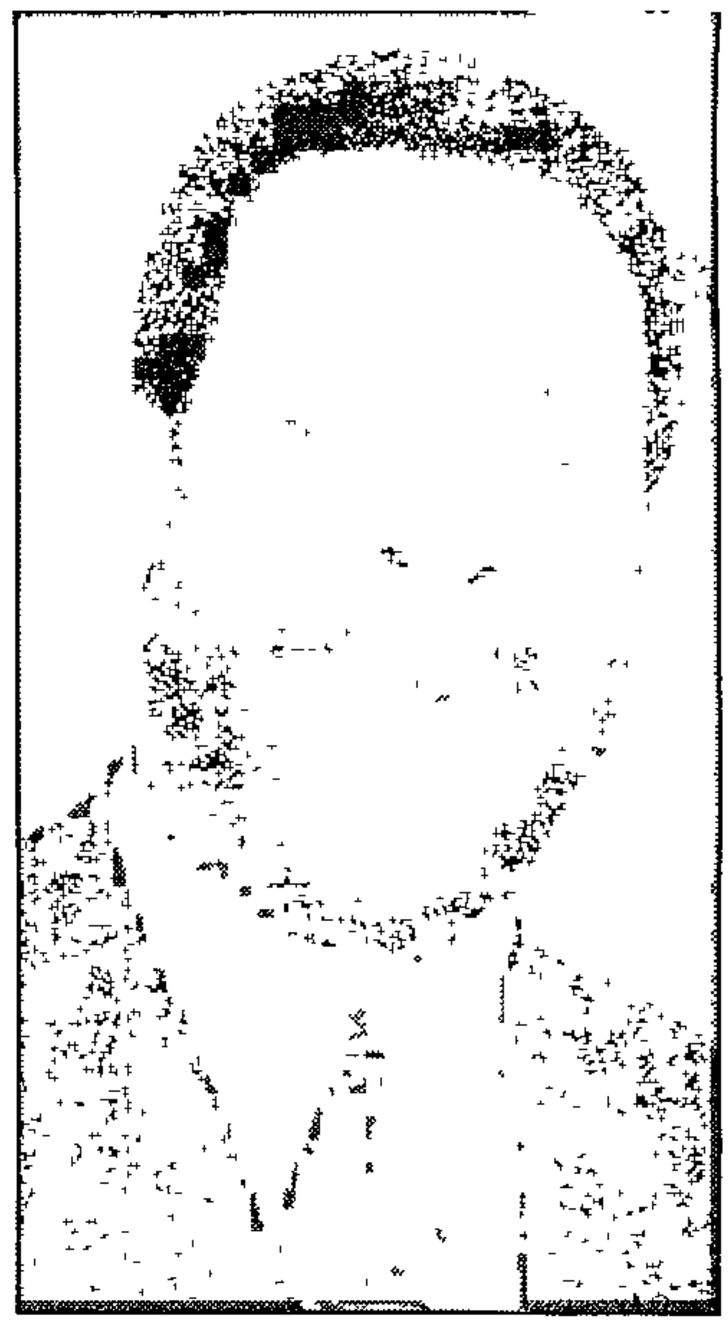
President Nelson Mandela's office was yesterday unable to comment, as was the office of Zwelithini

ANC leaders in kwaZulu/Natal also appeared dumbfounded when approached this week Regional supremo Jacob Zuma said he knew nothing of the transfer, and knew of no one else in the ANC who was aware of it "It is surprising that this happened just before the election"

And in a furious reaction, ANC Midlands spokesman Blade Nzimane said: "The fact that this was done behind the backs of people and through an illegitimate bantustan structure seems to indicate that was aimed at undermining any constitutional accommodation of the king by the ANC

"It seems to have been aimed at ensuring that kwaZulu retained actual control of the land even if it was disbanded"

FW de Klerk .. Made the secret deal



Goodwill Zwelithini ... Administer tribal land

Also unaware of the transfer was Roelf Meyer, the NP's central constitutional negotiator, Coenie de Villiers, director-general of land affairs — who said "nobody consulted me about this Act" — and the new Minister of Land Affairs, Derek Hanekom, who said he was "shocked" by the move

"Effectively the land that was kwaZulu is no longer state land," Hanekom said. "It's in private ownership, held in trust by the king"

He added "My ministry will be raising the issue politically and will be carrying out a full investigation to find out on whose ultimate authority the transfer was effected.

"We have consistently tried to get a moratorium on the transfer and sale of state land, but we never thought bantustan land would be transferred

"There are potentially grave political implications and we're deeply concerned" He hinted that the National Assembly might overturn the legislation

Some IFP sources described the formation of the Ingonyama Trust as a "house-keeping arrangement" between Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and De Klerk's governments before their demise — and an attempt to protect the monarch from possible ANC rule in kwaZulu/Natal

"The chances of the land ever being alienated (from the king) are now remote in the extreme," said an IFP source

Zuma insisted the formation of the Ingonyama Trust was not part of the agreement that brought the IFP into elections "We made an elaborate proposal for the monarchy so far as kwaZulu/Natal is concerned which we still have to iron out in the provincial constitution"

Observers believe the legislation has far-reaching implications it means that future governments in the province will have to gain Zwelethini's permission — or the permission of his chiefs or any other representative he charges with decision-making responsibility over the trust land — before engaging in any development on the land in question It means that land earmarked for redistribution in terms of the ANC's land reform plans is no longer available to the central state.

Barely 300 000ha of state land is now available for redistribution

The formation of the trust also consolidates the relationship between Zwelethini and chiefs, as they will now be reliant on him for development in their areas — and will reduce the prospect of an ANC-led government in kwaZulu/Natal winning major support among IFP-aligned traditional rulers

Lawyers contacted yesterday stressed the land deal had not gone before the Transitional Executive Council which had overthrown other land decisions

They also said that a challenge to the land transfer could be mounted In terms of court precedents, changes to the ownership status of state land could not be made without consultation with the affected parties

SOLE TRUSTEE Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini will administer third of province s land

Signing over to king 'not done in secret'

KwaZulu/Natal land deal – it is all true

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STAFF REPORTERS, CORRESPONDENT and SAPA

SENIOR government officials, including former State President F W de Klerk, Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Minister of Land Affairs Derek Hanekom, yesterday confirmed that a vast area of KwaZulu/Natal land was signed over to a trust of which Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini is the sole trustee.

Yesterday De Klerk, Buthelezi, Hanekom and senior officials of the former Department of Regional and Land Affairs all confirmed that this was effected through the Ingonyama Trust Act, passed by the KwaZulu government and assented to by De Klerk just two days before last month's election.

This bears out allegations made in yesterday's edition of the Weekly Mail and Guardian that 3 million ha — a third of the land in the province — was signed over to Zwelithini, who will now administer that land with the cost being borne by the new provincial government.

Ingonyama Trust Act was not passed to ensure IFP's participation in the election, says former State President F W de Klerk.

De Klerk and Buthelezi denied that the deal was done in secret

President Mandela yesterday said he wished to state categorically that he only became aware of the land deal yesterday from media reports Mandela said neither the ANC nor any of its officials were involved in discussions on the deal.

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Hanekom said he too had only been made aware of the land deal "following inquiries made by a member of the media. I knew nothing about it whatsoever"

Hanekom said it had also "been ascertained that senior leaders of the IFP and the ANC in Natal had no knowledge of the passage of this Act" He said the step contravened an earlier agreement that placed a moratorium on the disposal of State land

He said the deal could have important implications for rural local government, for access to land and for the land claims courts

Hanekom said the Ministry of Land Affairs was "deeply concerned about this issue and is at the moment investigating both the process that led to the passage of this Act as well as its legal implications'

De Klerk, speaking from London yesterday, denied allegations that he secretly handed over land to Zwelithini in exchange for the IFP's participation in the election. He admitted signing the KwaZulu Ingonyama Trust Bill 1994 on the eve of the election, but said it had been openly debated and adopted by the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly

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Storm over secret deal

Government faces its first crisis over FW's 'Zulu deal'

Weekend Argus Political Staff

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ONLY days after it came into being, the new government of national unity faces its first major crisis as storm clouds gather over allegations that former President De Klerk had handed over control of a third of KwaZulu-Natal land to Zulu king Goodwill Zwelithini.

The claims were last night dismissed as "cheap politicking and mischief-making" by Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who said the intention of the deal — known as the Ingonyama Trust Act — was to "return the land to the tribes and communities to whom it originally belonged before it was taken away by statutory prescription after the Zulu conquest"

He said King Goodwill was not the owner of the land, but held it in trust for and with the tribes in a fiduciary capacity

"It's our tradition that all land belongs to the king, who holds it in trust for the people He cannot dispose of it in terms of the act," said Chief Buthelezi

However, cabinet colleague and Land Affairs Minister Derek Hanekom said he was "deeply concerned" and was investigating both the process that led to the passage of the KwaZulu-Ingonyama Act, as well as its legal implications

He hinted that the National Assembly may overturn the act

And President Mandela issued a statement yesterday saying he wished to state categorically that he only became aware of the land deal yesterday after media reports He said neither the African National Congress nor any of its officials were involved in talks on this deal

Mr Mandela said he would issue a more comprehensive statement as soon as he had studied the act and consulted all the parties concerned

In what appears to have been a secret deal aimed at bringing the Inkatha Freedom Party into the election, Mr De Klerk apparently ceded three-million hectares of state-controlled land — effectively the whole of the former KwaZulu — to the Zulu monarch

The KwaZulu-Ingonyama Act was adopted by the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly on April 20, and signed by Mr De Klerk five days later

Mr Hanekom said his department had ascertained that senior leaders of the IFP and ANC in Natal had no knowledge of the act's passage

He met Mr Mandela yesterday morning to discuss the controversial land deal Mr Hanekom said Mr Mandela had undertaken to raise the matter with his deputy president on Monday, once Mr De Klerk had returned from an official visit to Britain

Some political analysts fear the secret deal will severely undermine any attempts by the ANC in the province to address the issue of landlessness

The act establishes the king as the sole trustee and administrator of all tribal land in the province, although the cost of his administration will be borne by the regional government

A senior official in the Department of Regional and Land Affairs told Sapa he had gained the impression that the deal had been decided in talks between Mr De Klerk, Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi several days before it was passed into law

In London, Mr De Klerk has denied the allegations He admitted signing the KwaZulu Ingonyama Trust Bill 1994 on the eve of the election, but said it had been openly debated and adopted by the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly

Mr De Klerk said "There can be no question of any kind of 'secrecy', or of any action 'behind the backs of the people'

"In terms of my constitutional duties, I was obliged to approve legislation"

Zulu king is on unity trail, says ANC

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KING Goodwill Zwelithini took a step towards forging Zulu unity when he stayed away from an Inkatha-organised presentation of the new KwaZulu/Natal premier and cabinet in Ulundi

Yesterday's function, arranged in the king's honour, was plunged into disarray when the ANC boycotted the affair in protest against the allocation of provincial portfolios

The event was delayed for several hours as guests and KwaZulu/Natal's new IFP and National Party ministers waited for the monarch's arrival

Proceedings finally got under way when a message was received claiming the king was not feeling well.

Last night, top IFP official and Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology, Ben Ngubane, who is also known to be close to the king, described as "very sensitive stuff" the king's absence from the event.

However, KwaZulu/Natal cabinet minister and local ANC official Sbu Ndebele said the king's stayaway was "a bold initative to forge unity" among the region's Zulus, who for years have been involved in political bloodletting as a result of rivalry between the ANC and Inkatha

Ndebele said that just the day after President Nelson Mandela had been inaugurated, King Zwelithini and the president had a lunch meeting to discuss reconciliation in KwaZulu/Natal

"Unlike the past, the king will now mix with all his people, and will be seen only at functions where they (all political groups) are represented," Ndebele said.

He described Buthelezi's invitation to the monarch as "provocative and divisive" because several cabinet members were absent

After the delay, Buthelezi continued his address

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Kwazulu powerless as wrangling continues

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By CARMEL RICKARD

SERIOUS political wrangles between the IFP and the ANC over cabinet positions has left Kwazulu Natal, one of the country's poorest, most violent and least developed provinces, effectively ungoverned and unable to begin implementing much-needed reconstruction projects.

Natal ANC officials put some blame on the hard-line approach of IFP president and National Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who meets President Nelson Mandela in Cape Town today in an effort to sort out the squabble

ANC provincial leader Jacob Zuma will also be in Cape Town today, and it is understood he will meet with Mr Mandela on the same issue

Provincial premier Dr Frank Mdlalose of the IFP and Mr Zuma, with their respective advisers, will have talks on Tuesday about the problem.

ANC sources say that until the stalemate is sorted out, the province will not be delegated its powers under the constitution. Pretoria will continue to hold its powers in trust, and Kwazulu Natal will be effectively powerless.

Allegations of Mr Buthelezi's constant interference in cabinet decisions appeared to gain credibility on Friday.

Speaking at a function in Ulundi intended to introduce new provincial cabinet ministers to King Goodwill Zwelithini, Mr Buthelezi said he would be present "in idiom and spirit" whenever the Kwazulu Natal cabinet met, and that the power of his presence would be there whenever they made decisions

ANC sources said the force of his presence could become so significant that the province would end up with "two premiers", Mr Buthelezi and Dr Mdlalose.

Regarding ANC complaints, Mr Zuma said he was surprised by IFP behaviour over cabinet appointments "If they persist with this line, I cannot see how they will be able to govern"

Among grievances listed by Mr Zuma was Dr Mdlalose's handling of cabinet allocation. Initially he announced Mr Zuma would have the post of social welfare, but this was changed — according to Mr Zuma, without warning or consultation — to public works and auxiliary services

Mr Zuma also complained that the ANC was not given the deputy cabinet position on police, which it wanted. "This is the most violent area in the country, and the problems cannot be resolved until the people feel confident in police impartiality Completely excluding the ANC from this portfolio will never work. It is a critical mistake"

Dr Mdlalose said he had "consulted" with Mr Zuma, as he was required to do under the constitution However, the law did not expect "negotiation", which was what Mr Zuma appeared to have in mind

Dispute over capital

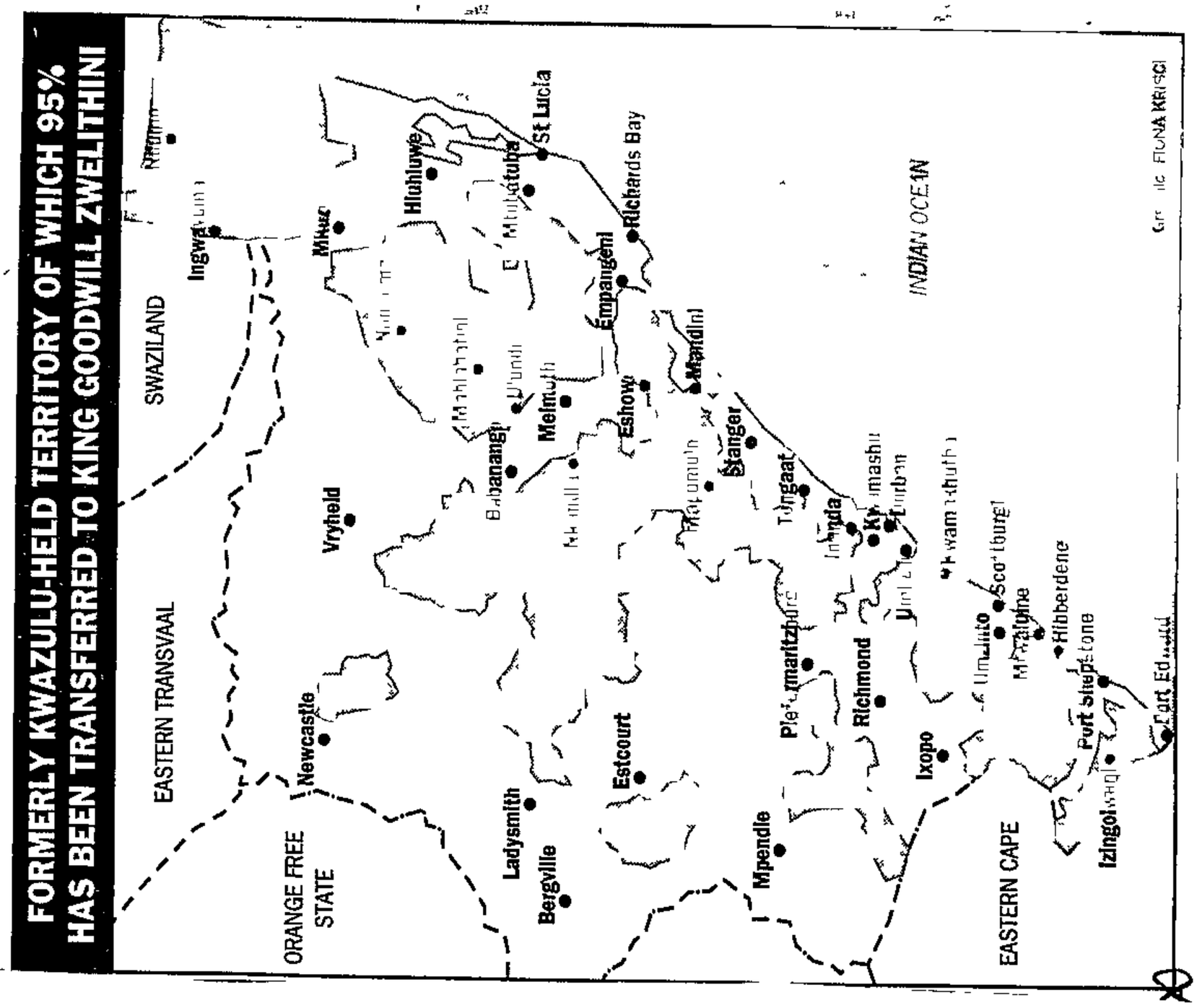
DECIDING on a capital of Kwazulu Natal has the potential to become one of the most bitter wrangles in the power struggle between the IFP and ANC in the province.

Ulundi, Durban and Maritzburg, which the Inkatha Youth Brigade regards as "a symbol of colonial oppression", are being considered.

Premier Frank Mdlalose says the members of the provincial legislature should decide the issue — but his decision to hold the next cabinet meeting in Ulundi has been interpreted as indicating his own preference.

ANC officials have objected to Ulundi, saying they would not be safe there. ANC provincial cabinet minister S'bu Ndebele said it would not make sense to travel for six hours to attend cabinet meetings in Ulundi.

The notorious road and bad phone connections are further obstacles to making Ulundi the capital, say critics.



'Gift' to king first cabinet challenge

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and pregnant pop singer hangs herself

By EDYTH BULBRING, CARMEL RICKARD and RAY HARTLEY

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PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela and Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi meet in Cape Town today to discuss the growing row over the furtive transfer of nearly all of Kwazulu's land to the Zulu king in the dying hours of the old South Africa.

Former president F W de Klerk authorised the transfer of 1,2-million hectares of land to a trust held by King Goodwill Zwelithini on April 25 — two days before the new Constitution came into effect

The king now controls 10 times more land than the 9th Duke of Buccleuch, listed in the *Guinness Book of Records* as the biggest landowner in the world

The gift of the Kwazulu land, transferred to the Ingonyama Trust by the now-defunct Kwazulu Legislative Assembly and approved by Mr de Klerk, is conservatively estimated by Natal property valuers to be worth R700-million. The king is the sole trustee

The disclosure of the transfer has precipitated the first major challenge for the fledgling government of national unity.

A meeting scheduled between President Mandela and Chief Buthelezi for tomorrow to discuss the failure to appoint a joint executive in Natal was advanced to today to deal with the land transfer

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Luyt bid to sack SA rugby selectors

By DAN RETIEF

SOUTH Africa's much-maligned national rugby selection committee may be axed just a few days before the second Test against England on June 11

Sarfu president Louis Luyt has instituted proceedings which could result in the committee, headed by former Springbok captain Hannes Marais, being disbanded before it names the Springbok team to tour New Zealand

Luyt has been so upset by a lack of direction in the selection process that he is to call a special general meeting to discuss his proposal that the selection panel be trimmed from the current seven to three — the coach, his assistant and one additional member

Fourteen days' notice is required for such a meeting so the situation arises that the current panel will

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Mr de Klerk telephoned Mr Mandela from London on Friday to discuss the matter. They are scheduled to confer before the new government's first cabinet meeting tomorrow.

Behind the land transfer lies feverish wheeling and dealing between the Kwazulu government and the NP It began on April 15 when former Land Affairs Minister André Fourie phoned his administrative secretary, Mr Eddie Kirsten, from the Union Buildings.

Mr Paul Barnard, Mr Fourie's private secretary, told the Sunday Times that his minister had been "in negotiations"

Mr Barnard said that after the conversation, Mr Kirsten had sent a memo to the Land Affairs Department asking for urgent advice as to whether the land could be transferred to the king and whether the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly had the legal competence to pass the legislation.

Mr Barnard said he did not know with whom his minister was negotiating. But on the same day, it is now known, Chief Buthelezi and Mr de Klerk spoke to each other telephonically. It was subsequently confirmed they had reached a breakthrough that paved the way for Inkatha's participation in the elections

At an election rally at Nasrec near Johannesburg on April 16, Mr de Klerk said "We are near to a solution, we are near to an agreement I put out my hand .. to the Zulu king and the Zulu nation. Let us together find a way."

The agreement, bringing Inkatha back into the elections, was officially announced on April 19. It included constitutional powers for the king.

State legal adviser Kobus van Vuuren confirmed yesterday that on April 18 he received a request for legal advice from the Kwazulu authorities on the drafting of legislation.

He gave some guidance by telephone, but, in the face of increasingly urgent demands for help, he drove to Ulundi on April 21.

The Bill transferring the huge chunk of territory to the king's trust was then drawn up with the Kwazulu government's legal consultant, Professor Willie Olivier, he said It was presented to the assembly the next day and immediately passed

On April 25, Mr van Vuuren received a call from the State President's

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office asking if the Kwazulu Legislative Assembly had the power to pass the Bill. He answered in the affirmative.

Mr de Klerk signed the deed the same day, and it was gazetted that afternoon It was one of his last official acts before the country went to the polls.

Reports of the land deal on Friday led to a flurry in bureaucratic circles

Mr van Vuuren said he was asked by Deputy Director-General Hennie Smith, following a request from Mr Fourie, to get the correspondence on the matter In particular, Mr Fourie's personal notes and correspondence to him from Chief Buthelezi, Mr de Klerk and Constitutional Affairs Minister Roelf Meyer were mentioned

He said he requested the correspondence from Mr Barnard, who then went to ask Mr Kirsten for it

When he returned, said Mr van Vuuren, Mr Barnard claimed Mr Kirsten had told him "I destroyed the whole lot yesterday"

Mr Barnard confirmed yesterday Mr van Vuuren had come to his office on Friday, but declined to comment. "I have no reason to explain what happened in my office"

He said the file was "complete"

Mr Kirsten was not available for comment yesterday

Mr Derek Hanekom, the new Land Affairs Minister, said this week the ANC had not been aware of the transfer.

"It would run contrary to everything we had taken up politically prior to April 25," he said.

"We had, in fact, come to an agreement with the Department of Land Affairs on a moratorium on the disposal of all public land."

Mr de Klerk denied there had been a secret deal

"The ANC might not like what has happened, but I was duty-bound to do so, and it was within the Zulus' power to transfer the land to the trust," he told the Sunday Times in London on Friday

Kwazulu Natal premier Dr Frank Mdlalose, a former Kwazulu cabinet minister, expressed surprise yesterday at the uproar.

He said the transfer had been debated in an open session of the Kwazulu Legislative Assembly

"This was one of the things we had to do in line with the establishment of a monarchy and a kingdom," he said. "Nobody should be surprised by what we did"

The new law requires the king to administer the trust "for the benefit, material welfare and social well-being" of the communities that now fall under his sway

The king is given the power to deal with the land in accordance with Zulu law or any other applicable law.

However, he may not sell or lease the land without first obtaining the written consent of the traditional authority of the tribe or community whose land is involved

The law also instructs the Registrar of Deeds in Maritzburg to endorse the title deeds of all land affected by the transfer, indicating that it now comes under the king as trustee

In addition, the "government of Kwazulu Natal and its successors in law" must give the king an annual grant to administer the trust.

An expert on homeland legislation, Mr Ranjit Parshotham of the Durban Legal Resources Centre, said that in his view, the new law was invalid.

The cheapest and quickest way to scrap it would be for the new government to repeal it, he said

According to well-established principles of constitutional law, any authority to whom power is given cannot, without the permission of a higher authority, give it away if it no longer wishes to continue exercising that power

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Error by Zuma 'led to crisis in Natal'

B/Day

MARK ASHURST

THE continuing stand-off in Natal between regional premier Frank Mdlalose and the ANC over the allocation of key ministerial portfolios in the provincial legislature followed a crucial miscalculation by ANC Natal leader Jacob Zuma, sources within the ANC said at the weekend 23/5/94

But the ANC has not discarded the possibility of resorting to court actions to remedy the situation The sources said Zuma agreed to accept an Inkatha victory in the province at a private meeting with ANC President Nelson Mandela during the weekend of April 30-May 1 (264)

The ANC's decision to accept the poll in Natal was based on Zuma's confidence that Mdlalose would "co-operate" in the Natal cabinet in the interests of national reconciliation ANC hopes for a settlement were pinned on talks between Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Buthelezi, who were set to meet in Cape Town last night. ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said there was little sign of goodwill at provincial level

In a speech to the Natal legislature on Friday, Buthelezi appealed to the Premier and the cabinet to resist making deals at leadership level. Democracy would be "smashed on the rocks of expediency" if

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deals were done in secret "to appear reasonable", he said. (264)

Inkatha was awarded 51% of the Natal vote in last month's election, and currently holds six of the 10 ministerial seats in the new cabinet. The ANC has refused to accept the three portfolios offered to it and is demanding the police portfolio, described by ANC Midlands chairman Harry Gwala as "the difference between liberation and oppression in Natal"

Natal University analyst Mary de Haas said ANC leaders were primarily concerned with reducing violence by not provoking Inkatha. However, any decision to concede such a substantial victory to Inkatha was "short-sighted in the extreme"

ANC-aligned lawyers confirmed they had sworn affidavits from Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) officials claiming that Inkatha's final poll was the result of "massive fraud" The ANC last week suspended an application to the Special Electoral Court from its Natal region to review the election result

Niehaus confirmed that the ANC objections were suspended in the interests of finding a political settlement in Natal The possibility of reversing this decision could give the ANC added "leverage" in negotiations with Inkatha.

Further, if Inkatha remained intransigent, the Constitutional Court could be asked to declare the Natal cabinet's decisions null and void on grounds that the cabinet was not properly constituted. Administrators could then be appointed to run the province, he said.

Zuma had "a good working relationship" with Mdlalose, said De Haas. The dispute over portfolio allocations reflected intervention by hardline factions within Inkatha, at whose insistence Prince Zulu Gideon had been granted a seat in the cabinet in favour of Mike Tarr.

IEC chairman Johann Kriegler confirmed that political parties had been involved in negotiations with the IEC during the elections count. The IEC had hoped to resolve objections lodged by parties over the IEC's handling of the elections, he said

Cabinet meets under land-deal cloud today

Star 23/5/94

BY ESTHER WAUGH and KAIZER NYATSUMBA

Cape Town — Land Affairs Minister Derek Hanekom last night disclosed he had ordered a 24-hour police guard to be placed at his office in the wake of the KwaZulu land transfer scandal

He said the move was to prevent any possible destruction or removal of documents, and added that some departmental employees might be suspended pending an investigation

The issue would be discussed at the first meeting of the new Cabinet to be held today

President Mandela and IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi were scheduled to discuss the issue at a meeting to be held late last night or today

Mandela said last night they would "discuss everything necessary to remove tensions"

The furtive transfer of land to Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini by the former government just days before the election is likely to dominate the meeting

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Vote on capital, says Buthelezi

■ OWN CORRESPONDENT

Durban — If the KwaZulu/Natal legislature cannot come to an agreement on the issue of a provincial capital, the people of the region should vote on the issue in a referendum, says Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi. Star

Buthelezi was presenting the premier of KwaZulu/Natal and his Cabinet to people gathered outside the former KwaZulu legislative assembly building in Ulundi on Friday. 23/5/94

He said he found it strange "there should be any qualms of any sort about Ulundi", when the legislature of the North West could meet in the parliamentary buildings of the former Bophuthatswana in Mmabatho. (264)

"This is an issue which we hope will be easily sorted out by the KwaZulu/Natal legislature.

"I however believe that if there is no agreement on it, let the people of KwaZulu/Natal vote on it in a referendum," he said.

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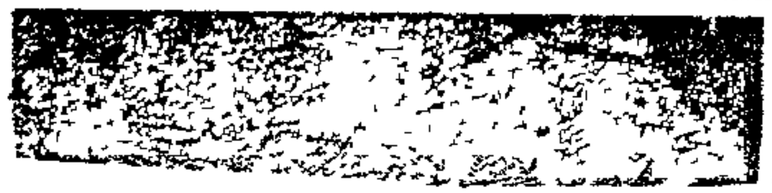

Bobbies plan to up the pace

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Baptism by fire for new Cabinet

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■ **LAND SQUABBLE** ANC not aware of land transfer to the King:

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IN ITS FIRST SITTING, President Nelson Mandela's multiparty Cabinet today faces what is likely to be its biggest challenge — the former Government's transfer of land to a trust controlled by Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini

The furtive land transfer — over whose legality some top constitutional lawyers have placed a question mark — is likely to dominate the 27-member Cabinet's first meeting

IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, whose KwaZulu Legislative Assembly passed legislation transferring 1,2 million hectares of land to a trust held by the king, sits in Mandela's Cabinet as Home Affairs Minister

Moratorium

According to weekend Press reports, former President FW de Klerk authorised the transfer of nearly all of KwaZulu's land to Zwelithini on April 25, only two days before the country's new constitution came into effect

'Transfer was above board' — De Klerk

The ANC, which had repeatedly asked for a moratorium on Government restructuring and all land transfers and sales, has come out strongly against the deal, saying it had not been aware of it

New Land Affairs Minister Mr Derek Hanekom has even hinted at a possible overturning of the deal

However, this could seriously alienate the king and Buthelezi, cause serious rifts in the Government of National Unity and once again threaten the settlement

Weekend reports said the KwaZulu-Natal monarch now controls 10 times more land than the 9th Duke of Buccleuch, listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the biggest landowner in the world

Some sources have claimed that De Klerk's magnanimity to the king on the eve of his ousting from office was intended to bribe the IFP to participate in the election and the Zulu king not to call on his subjects to boycott the election

However, De Klerk, who is now Second Deputy President, has strongly defended the transfer, saying everything was done above board —*Sowetan Correspondent*

Ministers to investigate land control deal

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DAVID GREYBE

CAPE TOWN — The Cabinet yesterday acted to defuse the row over KwaZulu tribal land controlled by the Zulu king by setting up a four-Minister committee to immediately investigate the matter.

However, presidential spokesman Joel Netshitenzhe said after the Cabinet's first meeting that if the committee found that the KwaZulu Ingonyoma Trust Act — which gave King Goodwill Zwelithini control of 1,2-million hectares of land — "blocks the purpose of government's land reform programme", it would have to be amended

Netshitenzhe did not rule out the possibility of the Act being repealed

The Cabinet committee is made up of Land Affairs Minister Derek Hanekom, Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer, Water Affairs and Forestry Minister Kader Asmal, and Arts, Culture, Science and Technology Minister Ben Ngubane

The committee's task will be threefold

☐ To report on the background and reasons for the establishment of the trust through legislation,

☐ To examine and report on the implications of the Act, including security of the tenure of residents in the area, the functioning of the Land Claims Court should any historical land disputes arise, and its possible impact on a future land reform programme, and;

☐ To make recommendations to Cabinet on the position of the trust, with primary consideration of the interests of dispossessed African people, and the security of tenure of rural communities

A clearly angry Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, speaking before he entered the Cabinet meeting half an hour late, and after he had met President Nelson Mandela at his residence at Westbrooke, blamed the media for the contro-

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versy surrounding the issue.

Buthelezi said the Act had been debated and passed "in open session" in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly.

A statement "on behalf of the Cabinet" by Deputy Presidents Thabo Mbeki and FW de Klerk said. 'Cabinet approached the discussion with a view to reaching a consensus that will contribute to the process of nation-building and reconciliation. All parties represented in Cabinet reaffirmed their commitment to such an approach"

Cabinet's discussion of the issue took place after Buthelezi had said it was not on the agenda, but "a matter between the President and myself".

Buthelezi said the reason behind the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly's decision was "to give the title (to the land) to the various tribes"

He said the SA government gave the land to the former KwaZulu government three years ago However, the homeland ran out of time to hand over the land title to the various tribes and it was decided "it should be given to the king".

"As far as I am concerned, I do not see that it is a controversial issue All communal land in SA was always protected," Buthelezi said. "The reason we passed that legislation was to prevent it becoming state land It was always protected"

Buthelezi said it was "rubbish" to suggest that the transfer of the control of the land was part of the deal which eventually led to the Inkatha Freedom Party's late entry into the election

Inkatha adviser Mario Ambrosini said he could not understand all the fuss because the Ingonyoma Trust Act flowed from Parliament's adoption on March 4 of amendments to the new constitution which gave provinces control over traditional and indigenous law, which includes communal land

"The problem was that at the time no one bothered to ask how much land was involved," Ambrosini said "Our negotiations involved only the principles"

He said it appeared the ANC never realised how much land would eventually fall under the direct control of Inkatha-supporting amakhosi (chiefs)

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'Probe KwaZulu camp training'

DURBAN — An inquiry should be launched into training that took place at several KwaZulu self-protection unit camps, including the Mlaba camp off the Natal north coast, the TEC group mandated to investigate hit squads in the KwaZulu Police has recommended

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The TEC report, released at the weekend, said information supplied by former trainees pointed to illegal military training at the Mlaba camp

The Mlaba camp was originally set up to train self-protection units, but was later transformed into a camp to train special constables for integration into the KwaZulu Police force

The camp was set up by former South African security policeman Mr Philip Powell, whom police want to question about a home-made shotgun found in his car

The shotgun is apparently the same as that made at the Vlakplaas police camp by people named in a Goldstone Commission report on March 18

The report said there was also the possibility that 1 000 semi-automatic firearms Mr Powell tried to buy from Eskom had been destined for the Mlaba camp

The TEC report recommended an investigation to uncover the origin of the weapons used at the camp, their quantity and distribution

Action should also be taken against other unlawful military training camps and the stockpiling of weapons, the TEC group said — Sapa

Good network 'key' to capital

DURBAN — Suitable infrastructure and a good communications network were key considerations in choosing a capital for KwaZulu/Natal, the Durban Regional Chamber of Business said yesterday

"These considerations need detailed study prior to taking political decisions," a chamber spokesman said

Zulu king 'distressed' over ANC remarks

DURBAN. — Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini is reported to be "very distressed" by suggestions by ANC spokesmen that he absented himself from a function in Ulundi last Friday "for political reasons".

KwaZulu/Natal premier Dr Frank Mdlalose said statements by Mr S'bu Ndebele and Mr Jeff Hadebe of the southern Natal region of the ANC were "completely wide of the mark".

He said the king had originally agreed to receive the cabinet last Friday even though he was not well

However, his condition deteriorated the night before the engagement

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Rivalry 'stalls progress'

DURBAN — Rivalry between South Africa's two main black parties has stalled attempts to redress apartheid-era inequalities in KwaZulu/Natal, political analysts said yesterday

While political violence in the region has dropped dramatically, squabbling over regional cabinet posts between the ANC and IFP has prevented the Inkatha-led regional government from functioning

"It can't go on very long The province has to be properly governed, there is too much at stake," University of Natal political scientist Mr Alexander Johnstone said

Mr Johnstone and other analysts said a row over the transfer of tribal lands to King Goodwill Zwelethini by the outgoing white-minority government could worsen relations between the ANC and Inkatha

He said the legacy of a decade-long turf war between the ANC and Inkatha in which over 10 000 people were killed was souring attempts at reconciliation — Sapa-Reuter

Group formed over land deal

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE cabinet of national unity yesterday decided to appoint a multi-party task committee to resolve the dispute over the transfer of 1,2 million hectares of land in KwaZulu to Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini.

The decision followed earlier discussions at Westbrooke between President Nelson Mandela and Home Affairs Minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi which failed to resolve the matter

The committee is to comprise the Minister of Land Affairs, Mr Derek Hanekom, the ANC's Professor Kader Asmal, the IFP's Dr Ben Ngubane, and the National Party's Mr Roelf Meyer

'Acceptable resolution possible'

A press statement issued last night on behalf of the cabinet by deputy presidents Mr Thabo Mbeki and Mr F W de Klerk said that the committee would

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- Make recommendations "as soon as possible" to the cabinet after investigating the position of the trust, with primary consideration of the interests of the dispossessed African people, and the security of tenure of rural communities

Earlier, Mr Mandela said after an early-morning meeting with Chief Buthelezi that "we can handle this sensitive question to the satisfaction of everybody," to which Chief Buthelezi added "Absolutely"

Mr Mandela said he was happy with the "candid and harmonious" manner in which discussion took place

Working group formed on KwaZulu/Natal row

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DURBAN — A joint working group, under the leadership of KwaZulu/Natal Premier Frank Mdlalose and ANC Natal leader Jacob Zuma, was established yesterday to resolve differences over executive portfolios in the provincial legislature. (2bd)

The group was formed when a delegation led by Mdlalose and an ANC delegation met in Durban.

The meeting had been called in an attempt to break the impasse that had surfaced over portfolios.

The conflict arose last week when Natal's three ANC ministers — Zuma, S'bu Ndebele and Zweli Mkhize — excused themselves from the swearing-in ceremony in Maritzburg. The ANC was dissatisfied with the portfolios allocated to the three ministers. It said Mdlalose should have consulted the organisation before taking a decision.

A joint statement issued after yesterday's meeting said that the group intended to meet in Durban tomorrow to finalise matters so the KwaZulu/Natal executive council could begin to exercise its responsibilities.

Zuma said the reallocation of portfolios was still under discussion.

Both delegations committed themselves to working together and Mdlalose said the provincial government of unity was "on track".

The statement said: "Full and frank discussions were held in a cordial atmosphere. Both sides committed themselves as a matter of urgency to finding solutions to outstanding issues and good progress was made in this regard." — Sapa.

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...on portfolios ● Meeting a result of a bitter struggle

New bid to break deadlock in Natal

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Black hole

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Land Affairs Minister Derek Hanekom's term of office began last Friday with something of a baptism of fire He was summoned to his first meeting with President Mandela since assuming office to discuss, among other things, the KwaZulu land trust issue, which he'd heard about for the first time when a journalist brought the matter to his attention Fm 27/5/94

Together with his acting legal adviser Geoff Budlender (of the Legal Resources Centre) they had done as much investigative work as possible the night before But further inquiry had to be made on this sensitive issue, whose resolution would probably require a political decision by Mandela

The issue centres on the signing into law by former president F W de Klerk, a day before the general election, of the KwaZulu Ingonyama Trust Act, which basically transfers all the land of the former KwaZulu homeland into a trust, controlled by Zulu king Goodwill Zwelithini as the sole trustee

Though passed through normal legal procedures of the old regime, says Hanekom, the circumstances surrounding it raise a lot of questions "It would seem to have implications for rural local government, for women's access to land (which is part of ANC policy) and presumably have quite serious implications for the workings of the Land Claims Court, which might have no jurisdiction over that land It's a matter which is of great concern to us People are already expressing anger over it It needs sensitive handling and the President will issue a statement"

Whether the Act was the result of a deal or not was "totally beyond my knowledge But the timing was strange" It has been suggested that "the deal" may have been to secure Mangosuthu Buthelezi's participation in the election

The background to the matter was sketched in by Budlender He says that in 1992, the SA Development Trust (SADT) was abolished as part of the process of repealing various apartheid laws, in particular the apartheid land laws

There was certain land in KwaZulu which vested in the SADT and at the time (1992) that land was transferred to the KwaZulu government The amount of land involved was about 3m ha — about a third of KwaZulu/Natal If nothing had happened after that, Budlender continues, the land would automatically have vested in the national government when the constitution came into effect on April 27 (264)

But this did not happen Instead, just before the constitution came into being, the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly passed an Act known as the KwaZulu Ingonyama Trust Act Its effect is to establish the Ingonyama Trust with the Zulu monarch as the sole trustee

All the relevant land — the former SADT

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land — is transferred from the KwaZulu government to the trust And the trustee (the king) has wide discretionary powers to administer the land and to dispose of it He also has the power to delegate his powers and functions to other authorities and individuals in Natal or KwaZulu The trust is subject to the existing rights of the people who are on the land at the moment, so the monarch's rights are limited in that respect

The upshot of all of this is that as a result of a very late piece of legislation just before the constitution came into effect, land which would have vested in the national government, is now entirely in the hands of the Zulu monarch

The Act appeared in the *KwaZulu Government Gazette* (which evidently is not read widely) on April 25 and was assented to by the then State President De Klerk on the same day, thus making it valid

Hanekom, who was shocked when he heard about the Ingonyama Act, drafted with the assistance of the legal adviser of the department he now heads, says it runs contrary to "everything that we had taken up politically prior to April 25" In particular, he says, the ANC had entered into negotiations with "this very department, of which I am now Minister and had come to an agreement on a moratorium on disposal of all public land, with possible exceptions, and there were procedures to deal with those exceptions"

Hanekom says proper estimates have yet to be done in terms of how the Trust Act — if it stands — would affect his plans for land redistribution in the area There is some 300 000 ha that could be available for redistribution outside the former homelands

"Clearly there will be various land reform measures applying to the former homelands themselves, that is, both strengthening tenure rights of people already on the land and also reviewing present land occupation within the homelands Much of the land occupied by people in the homelands is the result of questionable deals and allocations by chiefs We say that where there are corrupt deals then they have to be reviewed

"The land reform measures which apply to the internal situation within the bantustans would differ somewhat from what would happen outside of the homelands"

What is the status of the Ingonyama Trust and did it mean, in effect, that the central government has no say over that land?

According to Budlender, the land has been given to a trust It's not a matter of the king's personal property, he is required to use it for the benefit of the people But there is no monitoring provision in the Trust Act The right to challenge the trustee's exercise of his powers is larger in theory than in practice, says Budlender (264)

In the past, for example, where the SA Development Trust or the State President held land in trust, it was very difficult to hold them to account for the way in which they administered the land

When ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa heard about the transfer, he reportedly said: "We'll reverse it" But the issue has been defused through the appointment of a Cabinet committee to fully investigate the matter ■

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The glow fades

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Though the intentions might have been good, KwaZulu/Natal's spirit of provincial unity is being tested to the limit as parties jockey for position and power. At least the mounting tensions in the provincial legislature between the majority Inkatha party and the ANC have not yet filtered down to the rank and file to cause more violence. Political killings last weekend were down to their lowest level (seven dead) this year.

The fear is that if the wrangling continues, the fragile calm could come to a swift and bloody end Nobody should be surprised if past differences between Inkatha and the ANC may just be too deep-seated to brush away with platitudes and pressure from party leaderships at national level (2604)

The divisions contrast sharply with the remarkable spirit of camaraderie demonstrated a fortnight ago by followers of both parties, when hundreds *toyi-toyied* through Maritzburg — epicentre of Natal's political violence for more than a decade — chanting "IFP, ANC, peace" as members of the provincial legislature were sworn in Stalinist ANC Midlands leader Harry Gwala, and his Inkatha counterpart Thomas Tshabalala (they have both been labelled warlords), even agreed to be photographed smiling together (2604)

Zuma

Political temperatures rose almost immediately after Inkatha premier Frank Mdlalose named his provisional executive council They were heightened when he changed the council and notified rather than consulted the ANC — giving rise to speculation of behind-the-scenes pressure from Inkatha leader and national Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Other problems include a feeling within the ANC that provincial leader Jacob Zuma blundered in prematurely accepting an Inkatha victory in Natal, disagreement over where to locate the provincial capital, and the controversial King Goodwill Zwelithini land deal.

The impasse, which is delaying the transfer of power to the new legislature, is being taken so seriously that President Nelson Mandela met Buthelezi on Monday to try to defuse the situation That was followed on Tuesday by a meeting in Durban between Mdlalose and Zuma

Mdlalose's initial provisional executive council comprised six Inkatha members, three ANC members and one Nat (George Bartlett, who subsequently announced that he is standing down as provincial leader — fuelling speculation that there could be tensions within that party's provincial caucus after its poor showing in the province during the election) Mdlalose pointed out that the council was provisional

Gwala

Within days, Mdlalose reshuffled the appointments He dropped Mike Tarr (a former DP MP turned Inkatha) from the Nature, Conservation, Tourism & Traditional Authority portfolio and switched Zuma from Social Welfare and offered him Public Works & Auxiliary Services The ANC then accused Inkatha of high-handedness and ignoring the "spirit of reconciliation " It also alleged that the ANC posts were not senior enough and called for ANC Deputy Ministerial appointments to Police and Education

There was a further twist last week when the three ANC appointees boycotted a ceremony at which the council was to be sworn in

Inkatha's Mdlalose .. *chopping and changing*

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and presented to the king The fact that Zwelithini cried off the ceremony, saying he had a cold, has been interpreted in some circles as an indication of his intention to distance himself from party politics (2604)

Though Inkatha and ANC provincial leaders try to play down their differences, Natal University politics head Mervyn Frost concedes that he is less optimistic than a few weeks ago of the chances of provincial reconciliation "Political strategies have changed and are now sometimes more difficult to interpret, but clearly there are fundamental problems to be overcome "

Frost says resolution of the council crisis might alleviate tensions slightly, but what is really needed is to overturn entrenched attitudes which have permeated both parties during their years of struggle

"The ANC, for example, still regards Inkatha as an illegitimate opposition which by fluke won the election Furthermore, the ANC, prior to Inkatha joining the electoral process, was being organised on militaristic lines — with communists, still governed by Leninist principles, filling the military positions

"It is fundamental to Leninism never to lose sight of the fact that the organisation is engaged in a battle It is extremely difficult to turn people around who have been mobilised that way and tell them that the election was lost this time but it could be won next time "

Frost believes Zuma wants reconciliation — but there is no love lost between him and the extreme elements in the ANC On the positive side, Frost believes there is pressure from the top of both parties to resolve differences and get down to effective government of the province ■

Submissions on land row invited

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SUBMISSIONS from interested parties on the controversial kwaZulu land deal involving King Goodwill Zwelethini have been called for by a cabinet committee conducting a probe into the affair

The cabinet committee was set up last week by the government to probe the controversial deal which gave control of most of the former homeland's territory to the Zulu monarch.

Submissions must be sent to the land affairs minister by Wednesday June 1 The committee will then present a final report and its recommendations to the cabinet on June 14

Although the handover of the land has been dismissed by Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi as a press-created row, the cabinet committee has described the probe as urgent and sensitive.

Land affairs minister Mr Derek Hanekom also announced yesterday that a technical committee had been appointed to assist the cabinet committee in its investigations

No politics in land allocation – Zwelithini

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S'THEMBISO SANGWENI

DURBAN — The office of Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini said yesterday that the 1,2 million hectares of land handed to the monarch in the controversial Ingonyama Act would be allocated without consideration of political leanings

However, a spokesman at the king's office, who did not wish to be named, said it was "not inconceivable" that people from a dominant political party in some of the areas would victimise residents who did not belong to their organisation

The spokesman added that apart from the land in question, supporters of political parties throughout the country wanted free movement in the terrain of their enemies while they did not allow it in their own areas

"All political parties are guilty of this practice and this has been proven by the fact that despite leaders of political parties embracing each other in public, the supporters continue to guard jealously their strongholds," he said

The passing of the Act to trasnfer the land was probably the last business of the South Africa's old apartheid order

In terms of the deal, widely criticised for its secretive nature as the ANC leadership had not been informed, the king is the sole trustee of tribal land in KwaZulu Natal

Since the revelation of the land deal, a Cabinet committee has been set up to probe its implications for the planned redistribution of land (264)

Some of the criticism has centred around fears that people will be expected to have allegiance to a particular political party in order to receive sympathetic consideration for land allocation by tribal authorities — renowned for being biased towards the Inkatha Freedom Party

Cabinet deadlock begins to crack

By CARMEL RICKARD

THE stalemate over cabinet positions in Kwazulu Natal is expected to be broken soon following this week's talks between the provincial leadership of the majority Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC. S/Times

Premier Frank Mdlalose, ANC provincial leader Jacob Zuma and their advisers met in Durban on Thursday to have another try at resolving the dispute over the allocation of cabinet posts.

ANC leaders have not taken up their posts in protest at what they perceive as inadequate representation on the cabinet. They say they have too few portfolios and those they have been given are insignificant.

The official statement issued after the meeting referred to the need by both sides to report back to their principals. Although Dr Mdlalose said this meant they needed to discuss proposals with their colleagues in the provincial cabinet and the legislature, it is understood that both ANC president Nelson Mandela and IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi are keenly following developments and will be consulted about the proposals. 29/5/94

Both Dr Mdlalose and ANC provincial parliament member Dr Mike Sutcliffe said they felt optimistic that a settlement could be reached, although neither would give details of what proposals were being considered. (2604)

Dr Mdlalose said the impasse over the cabinet positions was proving a serious problem as it had impacted on the work of the province. Many projects could not begin until the leadership question was resolved. In particular, work on economic progress and the elimination of violence was in abeyance.

It is likely the compromise will hinge on the policing and education portfolios, among others. The ANC considers both crucial, but has been excluded from the two posts.

Mr Zuma said before the meeting that in view of the violence in the province it was essential the ANC be given at least the deputy police minister's post.

The public needed to see the two parties collaborating on sensitive security issues as an example of how a reconciling spirit was needed in the whole of Kwazulu Natal.

Key talks to end KwaZulu/Natal impasse and 'get down to work'

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DAVID GREYBE

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CAPE TOWN — The political impasse in KwaZulu/Natal could be resolved today at a meeting in Maritzburg of the provincial cabinet, which has not yet started governing because of ANC objections to the allocation of portfolios

Inkatha Premier Frank Mdlalose is expected to accede to the ANC demand for the important economics cabinet post The finance portfolio will be given to Inkatha.

However, Mdlalose is expected to insist that Inkatha retains the equally sensitive police post, but would propose involving the ANC in other ways in the department, a senior Inkatha source said yesterday.

The source declined to disclose the exact details "This matter is too sensitive for details to be divulged before the meeting"

Inkatha is expected to retain the education post, despite ANC objections

ANC deputy chairman in Northern Natal and deputy speaker of the provincial legislature, Willies Mchunu, yesterday described today's meeting as crucial, but said the ANC believed the matter was close to being resolved

He said that the ANC had been struck by "just how seriously Inkatha is taking the matter".

Mchunu said the ANC was committed to finding a compromise solution soon, in order to have the ANC cabinet ministers sworn in and for the new government to get down to work

He said as far as the ANC was concerned, there was too much work for one minister to handle both economics and finance While the ANC dealt with the macroeconomics portfolio, Inkatha would deal with mainly inter-departmental finance issues

The Inkatha source said the present portfolio allotment formula, under which Inkatha has six cabinet posts, the ANC three and the NP one, would not change

The ANC, at a meeting with Inkatha last Thursday, presented a compromise proposal in a bid to resolve the impasse

The ANC said it wanted economics, after it was separated from finance, as well as the creation of deputy police and education cabinet posts

KwaZulu/Natal Housing Minister Peter Miller said yesterday that "unfortunately" the constitution at present did not provide for deputy ministers Such posts could be created only when a provincial constitution was drawn up.

However, he said he was confident that the matter would be resolved at today's cabinet meeting, which would also deal with other provincial matters.

Mchunu said if the problems were resolved this week, the rules committee would meet soon to prepare for KwaZulu/Natal's first parliamentary sitting. However, he said he did not expect the first sit-

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ting before the middle of June.

Miller also joined in the call by other Inkatha officials, including Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and the DP, for the state of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal to be lifted "Central government just has to take the decision"

Correctional Services Minister and Inkatha central committee member Sipho Mzimela told Parliament on Friday his party was deeply concerned that President Nelson Mandela had not announced the end of the emergency measures in his state of the nation address.

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The continued emergency was evidence that government lived in fear and had lost touch with ordinary people, Mzimela said.

Cape Nats split into three regions

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON

THE STRAND — The 79th — and probably the last — congress of the Cape National Party unanimously adopted a new draft federal constitution for the party at the weekend which splits the Cape NP into three distinct parts.

The NP's newly established Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Northern Cape components will hold separate congresses later this year to adopt separate regional constitutions and decide on new directions for the refashioned NP according to provincial needs and priorities

The three new regions will set committees in coming weeks to advise the new provincial party structures on drafting their own constitutions

In the meantime, a commission including the three new provincial leaders elected at the weekend will meet to decide on how to divide up the spoils and liabilities of the old Cape Nat empire

Delegates to the Cape congress at the weekend voted the Minister of Environment and Tourism, Dr Dawie de Villiers (Western Cape), the Minister of Agriculture and Senator, Dr Kraai van Niekerk (Northern Cape) and Dr Tertius Delport (Eastern Cape) as new provincial leaders

Opening the congress at the Civic Centre here, Dr De Villiers told about 400 delegates that the NP would have to change its organisational structure and strategy to adapt to challenges

Apart from learning how to function as an opposition party in many parts of the country, the NP would have to transform itself beyond being a mere political party to a grassroots community organisation

The party would also have to look at introducing a system of constituency responsibilities for public responsibilities — something which is ignored by the present national constitution

The three NP regions in the Cape — which brought in 42% of the party's total vote count in the national election (a whopping 30% of this from the Western Cape alone) — would have to consolidate its support among coloureds and whites and go for growth in the black political market

Dr De Villiers — as well as the other two newly elected provincial leaders — emphasised that the 1999 election "starts now" and urged party workers to begin immediately the task of building the party

Dr Delport, who predicted that the NP would win the next national election, urged delegates not to sacrifice Afrikaner and Christian values in a bid to win over new converts to the NP cause

"Let us rather walk the hard road and grow in a healthy manner," he said

● The Western Cape delegates to the congress elected three deputy chairpersons to assist Dr De Villiers as provincial leader Mr Hernus Kriel, Mrs Marita Badenhorst and Mr Gerald Morkel

Western Cape members elected to the NP's head council were Mrs E Prins, Mr P Naude and Mr J Schippers (all platteland members), and Mrs Diana Bell, Mrs Anette van der Merwe and the Rev Thomas Bantam (all metropolitan members)

Nat MPs to vote for Natal leaders

KWAZULU-NATAL National Party MPs — for both the regional and national assemblies — meet this weekend to elect a new leadership cadre — with a battle royal expected between two old hands for provincial leader

And Indian party chairmen are expected to put up a fight for greater Indian representation in party structures following the good showing in their areas of the province in the election — in contrast to former white strongholds.

The congress, the first since the party lost power in the province, will see former Home Affairs minister Mr Danie Schutte pitted against his lieutenant, Deputy Education Minister Mr Renier Schoeman

However, Mr Schutte is expected to tip the scales, having topped the list of NP candidates in the election. The leadership fell vacant when Mr George Bartlett, the former Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister took over as provincial MEC for agriculture.

Mr Schoeman, at present one of four deputy chairmen, is likely to win the chairmanship at present held by Mr Schutte

Widely tipped to fill his shoes is Commandant Adriaan Blaas, former Newcastle MP and now a national assembly MP

KwaZulu/Natal deadlock resolved

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■ OWN CORRESPONDENT

Durban — The deadlock over Cabinet posts which stalled the historic sitting of the KwaZulu/Natal legislative assembly has been resolved, KwaZulu/Natal Premier Dr Frank Mdlalose announced last night

The announcement, made after another round of talks attended by all 10 regional Cabinet Ministers in Maritzburg, finally brings to an end a dispute which has lasted for two weeks between the ruling IFP and the ANC leadership in the province.

Mdlalose said he expected the three ANC MECs led by Jacob Zuma — who walked out from the swearing-in ceremony earlier this month in protest over the allocation of the Cabinet portfolios — to be formally sworn in on Thursday

The executive council remains more or less the same, except for the fact that Zuma will now hold the crucial Economic Affairs and Tourism portfolio — previously known as Finance and Economic Affairs — held by Johnson Mhlungu Mhlungu will now keep the Finance part of the portfolio (204)

However, the Police portfolio — which the ANC had wanted shared between itself and the IFP — is still held by the IFP's Celani Mtetwa Political observers believe that an ANC deputy Minister could still share this responsibility.

The NP's George Bartlett retains his Agriculture post and the IFP's Peter Miller keeps the Housing and Local Government responsibility

Urgent talks on KwaZulu/Natal

DURBAN — Recommendations are to be made to the cabinet on the maintenance of safety and security in KwaZulu/Natal after urgent top-level discussions held here yesterday

After a weekend in which violence in the province claimed 28 lives, Defence Minister Mr Joe Modise and Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi met KwaZulu/Natal police and army chiefs to discuss violence in the province

Mr Mufamadi said, in a statement, "intensive talks" were held between him, Mr Modise, legal adviser to the State President's office Professor Fink Haysom and the province's police and army leaders

He hinted that the state of emergency in the region might be lifted, saying the issue had been discussed and recommendations would be made to the cabinet

● Six revellers were killed when gunmen opened fire at a party in the KwaZulu/Natal Midlands on Sunday

A police spokesman said the partygoers were killed about 3 30pm in Gulube location in Umbumbulu CT 31/5/94

He said six gunmen arrived at the party in search of someone When they were told that the person was not present, they opened fire

"We believe the motive for the killing was related to faction fighting in the Umbumbulu area" — Sapa #(264)

Natal cabinet row resolved

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MECs of ANC to be sworn in

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The deadlock over the allocation of cabinet posts in the KwaZulu/Natal legislative assembly has been resolved, it was announced last night

Announcing this, premier Dr Frank Mdlalose said after a meeting attended by the 10 provincial ministers in Maritzburg yesterday he was pleased the political impasse had been resolved

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However, the police portfolio which the ANC insisted should be shared is still held by the IFP's Mr Celani Mtetwa, but political observers believed that an ANC deputy minister could share this responsibility

Nature conservation and tourism was allocated to the IFP's Mr Mike Tarr, but Mr Tarr was replaced by Mr Nyanga Ngubane, who in addition to conservation, will take on the traditional authorities responsibility

The NP's Mr George Bartlett will retain his agriculture post and the IFP's Mr Peter Miller keeps the housing and local government responsibility

The ANC's Dr Zweli Mkhize retains health and his colleague Mr S'bu Ndebele keeps roads, transport and traffic control

The IFP's Prince Gideon Zulu retains social welfare and Dr Vincent Zulu the education and culture portfolio

Dr Mdlalose said the central government would be approached about the appointment of extra deputy ministers to the province's executive council

He said it was also decided to send a letter to President Nelson Mandela asking for a speedy conference on the necessary powers for the executive council to enable it to function

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MARK ASHURST

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KwaZulu key post goes to the ANC

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By Sowetan Correspondent

■ SQUABBLE ENDS Reshuffle of posts in KwaZulu-Natal:

PROBLEMS have been resolved over the appointment of the deputy minister of police services for KwaZulu-Natal, the key to breaking the impasse over the allocation of cabinet posts for the region

The impasse was resolved yesterday after an agreement by regional premier Dr Frank Mdlalose that the deputy police portfolio would go to the ANC.

A source close to the legislature said this agreement was one of the keys to ending the deadlock between the two.

Mdlalose said in a statement on Monday that the national Government would be approached to arrange the appointment of additional deputy ministers

Now that the problems in the legislature appear to have been resolved, President Nelson Mandela would be asked to confer the powers the council needs to function effectively as soon as possible

Mdlalose announced a reshuffling of cabinet posts with ANC Natal leader Mr Jacob Zuma now being given the portfolio of minister of economic affairs and tourism (2604)

The provincial ministers are

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The three ANC ministers — Zuma, Ndebele and Mkhize — are expected to be sworn in tomorrow

They walked out of the swearing-in ceremony last month citing interference from the IFP's top leadership in the affairs of the province and a lack of consultation on the part of Mdlalose and the IFP in the provincial legislature

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Plans for KwaZulu/Natal, E Tvl

Two capital cities for 2 provinces?

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LIVELY debates rage as groups quarrel over the capitals of their choice

■ OWN CORRESPONDENT and CLYDE JOHNSON

KwaZulu/Natal and the Eastern Transvaal provinces are considering having more than one capital city — possibly split into legislative and administrative seats — following strong differences on the issue in some circles

The insistence by most IFP members in KwaZulu/Natal on Ulundi's retention as a capital has sparked off a lively debate inside and outside the IFP in the province, with some people clamouring for Maritzburg as a seat of government

To resolve the impasse, leaders in the two provinces have begun seriously considering the option of having two capitals, such as Cape Town and Pretoria at the national level.

Eastern Transvaal Premier Mathew Phosa told chiefs and traditional leaders in Waterval-Onder yesterday that his government was looking at declaring both Nelspruit and Witbank as joint provincial capitals

In KwaZulu/Natal, Premier Dr Frank Mdlalose is also reportedly considering a joint capital proposal for the region.

However, IFP regional MP John Bhengu was adamant that the IFP, with its majority in the regional parliament, could take the capital "where we want"

Bhengu said that while the possibility of Maritzburg becoming the administrative capital should not be ruled out, there was a strong feeling among IFP members "who dominate the legislature" that Ulundi was "the ideal venue for the legislature"

■ In the PWV, a select committee of the regional legislature is to hear representations from the public and interested parties on possible capitals and then report back by June 16 (264)

Johannesburg, where the regional legislature has so far been holding its meetings, is a firm favourite for the capital Midrand has also been mentioned as a possibility

KwaZulu/Natal impasse ends

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■ OWN CORRESPONDENT

Durban — The appointment of the Deputy Minister of Police for KwaZulu/Natal held the key to breaking the impasse over the allocation of Cabinet posts for the region.

The impasse was resolved today after agreement from regional Premier Dr Frank Mdlalose that the police deputy minister's portfolio would go to the ANC.

A source close to the legislature said this agreement was one of the keys to ending the deadlock between the two

(264)

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Now that the problems in the legislature appear to have been resolved, President Mandela would be asked to confer the powers the council needs to function effectively as soon as possible

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Cabinet members declined to divulge the agenda of the afternoon's meeting. Earlier, provincial secretary Bheka Shezi said the focus of the meeting would probably be administrative, with talks about office locations

The issue of where the provincial capital will be was also likely to be debated, he said. (264)

But one Cabinet member said the capital was a "very sensitive" matter which would not be resolved for some time — Sapa.

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The cabinet then met for four hours of talks but decided not to disclose the subject of its discussions CT 3/6/94

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Speculation is that the cabinet is still negotiating the duties and functions of individual portfolios

Another matter which apparently still has to be be finalised is staff for each minister — Sapa

ZULU POLITICS

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Diplomatic illness

There are growing signs that Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini may be giving his traditional prime minister and uncle, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the cold shoulder

The latest comes with an announcement from the royal household that the tribal trust land the king received through the controversial land deal from former president F W de Klerk — possibly with Nelson Mandela's acquiescence — will be allocated without regard to party political leanings (264)

The king's apparent growing independence is less surprising than many would imagine The monarch is widely believed to have resented Buthelezi's hold over him, which dates back to a power struggle between the two in the Seventies

That hold was through Buthelezi's control and occasional manipulation of the royal purse. Buthelezi is known to have slashed Zwelithini's salary on at least one occasion when he was displeased with the monarch.

So total was the chief minister's control that for a long time Zwelithini was not even allowed to talk to the press — let alone Mandela — without the KwaZulu chief minister's consent

That, however, changed overnight with the signing by De Klerk of the controversial Ingonyama Act, which cedes 3m ha to the monarch

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In addition, several other actions by Zwelithini have fuelled speculation that he is breaking away from Buthelezi

☐ The king apparently feigned illness when Buthelezi was to have presented the new KwaZulu/Natal Cabinet to him,

☐ He has replaced his KwaZulu Police personal security guard with an SA National Defence Force unit,

☐ He invited audiences with ANC Natal leader Jacob Zuma and other key figures in that party's regional hierarchy, and,

☐ He is evidently avoiding public appearances with Buthelezi

Clearly, if the king succeeds in his drive for independence, it will remove from Buthelezi a lever which he has often used to his advantage to influence Zulu opinion

The implications of separation are less clear UCT political scientist Robert Shrire believes it will be negligible He concedes that Zwelithini's "diplomatic illness" is a clear indication of the king's intention to break with his former chief minister and become his own man (264)

"In the first place, the ANC appears to have effectively communicated the fact to the new king that there is now a new order and that he no longer needs Buthelezi In the second, it is clear that there are no irreconcilable differences between the king and the ANC in KwaZulu/Natal "

According to Schrire, Buthelezi has chosen to operate in the national, rather than provincial, political arena However, Inkatha's poor showing nationally has consigned Buthelezi to being a bit player and not the key figure that he projected in the pre-election phase

But, says Schrire, he will remain as unpredictable as ever

"Furthermore, he tied himself firmly in as the king's protector and the crushing national electoral defeat suggests that few outside KwaZulu/Natal are concerned with the issue of the monarchy Indeed, few realised there was a problem until it was raised by Buthelezi "

Schrire predicts that Buthelezi's influence will decline in KwaZulu/Natal as the obvious dynamics and practicalities of premier Frank Mdlalose and his Inkatha provincial parliamentarians take on the task of governing the province themselves, rather than on Buthelezi's instructions

"Effectively, Buthelezi cut off his own legs when he chose to operate in the national rather than provincial arena and then failed to get the support he needed " ■

IFP police post saga continues

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Farouk Chothia

DESPITE earlier protests by the ANC, the Inkatha Freedom Party has retained the police portfolio in kwaZulu/Natal — without a firm undertaking to the ANC that one of its leaders will be appointed deputy minister of police.

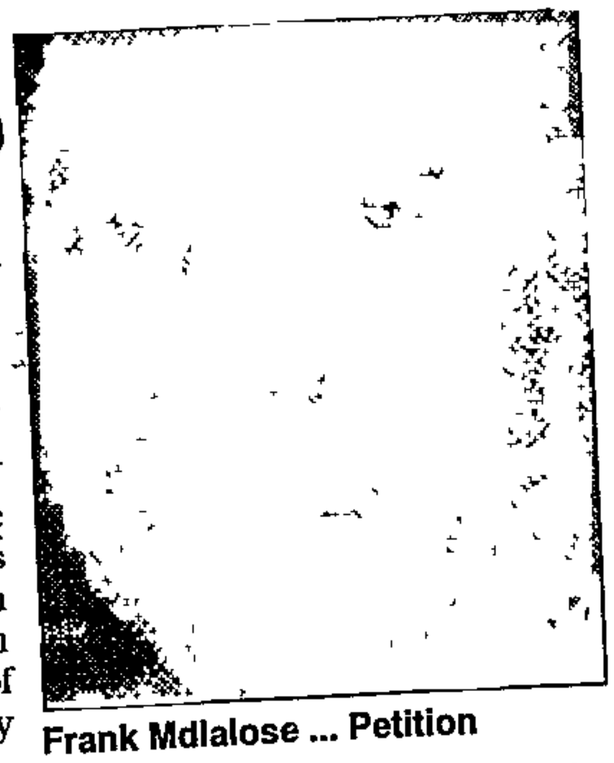
KwaZulu/Natal premier Frank Mdlalose said the two sides had agreed to petition central government to allow for the creation of deputy ministerial portfolios. Mdlalose said the ANC and IFP still needed to negotiate the number of deputy ministers kwaZulu/Natal should have and how these should be shared between the ANC and IFP.

He added that there could be a deputy minister of police, education and health but stressed that negotiations had reached the point where seats were being allocated.

But observers believe that barring any major reshuffle the ANC could [illegible] deputy minister of police [illegible] portfolios — the respective ministers, [illegible] Zulu, are from the IFP [illegible] the IFP [illegible] a deputy [illegible] ter of Health Zweli Mkhize.

The ministry [illegible] ment and housing [illegible] ted, could also be included in the trade-off. The IFP's Peter Miller holds the portfolio.

The IFP has six seats in the provincial cabinet, the ANC three and the National Party one. Mdlalose, the national chairman of the IFP, is the 11th member.



Frank Mdlalose ... Petition

While ANC kwaZulu/Natal spokesman Mike Sutcliffe said the "first stage of the negotiation process was concluded to the satisfaction of both parties" and they were "moving towards parity" in the allocation of jobs, observers believe the ANC compromised in sacrificing the police portfolio without a firm agreement that it would obtain the deputy minister's portfolio in return.

ANC chief whip in the provincial legislature, Harry Gwala, was quoted last week as saying the ANC wanted its member as the minister of police, as this was the "difference between oppression and liberation in Natal".

Now it appears that an ANC leader will be appointed deputy police minister only after the go-ahead from central government and another round of ANC-IFP negotiations are concluded.

Meanwhile, the South African Police and the kwaZulu Police are on the verge of completing negotiations about the amalgamation of the two forces.

financial expenditure, and records all its bills, Mr Bell said there was no Bell said

Ulundi showdown looms

S/Times 5/6/94

THE row over Kwazulu Natal cabinet portfolios was resolved this week — but the scene is set for a major showdown over the provincial capital.

The month-old stalemate over portfolios was finally settled on Thursday after intense discussions between officials of the Inkatha Freedom Party, which has a majority in the province, and the African National Congress

Three ANC cabinet ministers were sworn in — ANC provincial leader Jacob Zuma took the portfolio of economic affairs and tourism, Mr S'bu Ndebele became Minister of Roads and Traffic Control and Dr Zweli Mkhize became Minister of Health

Within hours of their swearing in, however, it became clear that key IFP ministers had decided to be based in Ulundi, sparking a new row which could result in an even more bitter dispute.

At least five government departments including the key education ministry and that of provincial premier Frank Mdlalose are to move to the former Kwazulu capital, or have already done so Major building operations are now under way in Ulundi, with ministerial accommodation and flats for officials already near completion

The decision by Education Minister Prince Vincent Zulu to make Ulundi his base has already come under fire

By CARMEL RICKARD

from teachers' organisations They claim they were not consulted about the move, Prince Zulu says he was not obliged to do so (264)

Opponents of Prince Zulu's decision also point out that the former Kwazulu Department of Education became notorious for its inefficiency and it would be very difficult to attract to Ulundi the calibre of staff required.

Senior members of the provincial parliament said that the issue of the capital would be discussed at the next meeting of the legislature, scheduled for the end of this month

If the IFP insisted on Ulundi as the capital it would meet with the combined resistance of the ANC and other parties

Apart from considerations of efficiency and the need for the governing body to be centrally located, the ANC is objecting to Ulundi as a capital because of its past record as a hide-out for militant IFP supporters fleeing from the law after attacks on ANC members

In addition, a number of ANC members were killed in Ulundi immediately before the elections in an attack which was blatantly political.

"We are supposed to feel free to speak our opinions in parliament," one ANC member of parliament said "In Ulundi we would be too afraid even to go there, let alone to speak freely"

QUEEN UPSTAGED: The Princess of Wales, back in the royal entourage for the D-Day commemorations, unintentionally upstaged the Queen by arriving at a memorial service in an identically coloured outfit

Both chose lilac suits in an unprecedented wardrobe clash, but this was not enough to cloud the differences between the two royals Di gave ageing Canadian survivors of the Normandy inv a generous look at her legs in a chic, short-sl linen outfit while the Queen looked her sensible s a below-the-knee woollen suit Diana is seen her the Duke of York Pictu

Development role for ANC

WHEN ANC provincial leader Jacob Zuma took the oath of office as Minister of Economic Affairs and Tourism this week, it meant more than simply resolving the provincial cabinet crisis.

It also gave his party the key role in overseeing the reconstruction and development programme in the region, and it was the third portfolio offered to Mr Zuma Previously, he had been offered the welfare portfolio and then public works

The ANC now has three provincial cabinet portfolios economic affairs and tourism, health, and roads and traffic control

The Inkatha-ANC deal also involves IFP backing for a provincial request that central government approve deputy cabinet ministers in portfolios where necessary

At present the constitution does not make provision for provincial deputy ministers, nor does it specifically outlaw them Central government has undertaken to consider the request and a further meeting on the issue is likely in about 10 days

The deal between the ANC and Inkatha focuses on the police portfolio in particular. According to sources close to the talks, the IFP agreed that if Pretoria approved deputy ministers, the ANC would take the deputy police post.

It is likely that the ANC will also put up a strong case for the deputy education position

Rush to get free health-care plan under wa

S/Times 15/6/94

By CAS St LEGER

THE NEW government's health plan is being introduced at break-neck speed

And, only days after free health care for pregnant women and children under six was launched at a cost of R77-million to taxpayers, the government is also considering free medical treatment for pensioners

The scheme is restricted to patients without medical aid

The introduction this week of free medical care for children and pregnant women caught many hospital administrations by surprise

"Administrations were asl implement the project by June the Department of Health's director-general, Dr Hans Ste

But, said Dr Steyn, such shor meant that not all hospital sup dents were fully aware of the and some hospitals contin charge patients who would ot have qualified for free treatn

Dr Steyn said the total income to the old provinces v about R77-million — about cent of their budgets

He said private hospitals h cated they would like to join health-care scheme on a cor basis.

No decision taken on Thor Chemicals

THE Minister of Environment Affairs has not yet decided on what course of action to take regarding evidence of alleged malpractice by British multinational Thor Chemicals.

Minister Dawie de Villiers confirmed he was studying ANC proposals for a commission of inquiry, but added the issue was "very complex" and had to be thoroughly studied before any decisions could be taken. He also pointed out other ministries and departments were involved in the laws which had allegedly been transgressed.

Inkatha seeks poll on capital

JOHANNES NGCOBO

THE ANC said yesterday it would oppose the establishment of the KwaZulu/Natal capital in Ulundi, while the Inkatha Freedom Party said it would opt for a referendum if the issue was not resolved by the regional cabinet. B/Day

Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillet said the matter should be decided by the KwaZulu/Natal legislature.

However, if it failed to resolve the matter amicably, Inkatha suggested a public opinion test. 7/6/94

ANC northern Natal secretary-general Senzo Mchunu said yesterday his organisation would oppose any attempts to make Ulundi the capital.

He said his regional council had expressed concern about attempts by Inkatha cabinet ministers, including KwaZulu/Natal Premier Frank Mdlalose, to "resuscitate" Ulundi.

The council said KwaZulu, as a homeland, had fallen and so had its capital city. (264)

Mchunu said if the legislature made Ulundi the capital, his organisation would tell its representatives to boycott all cabinet and legislature meetings.

Meanwhile, Reuter reports Inkatha said yesterday it wanted the resumption of international mediation on SA's interim constitution.

The movement said after the weekend meeting of its policy-making central committee it had expected that mediation would resume immediately after the April elections.

Concern over possible provincial deadlocks

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Durban — The chief whips of the three parties in the KwaZulu/Natal Cabinet met in Maritzburg yesterday and were forced to seek legal opinion on a crucial matter affecting policy-making in the provincial parliament.

The standing committee on House rules met and resolved all laws governing the functioning of the legislature, except one, NP chief whip Rudi Redinger said

He said that because the IFP had gained a slim majority of one seat out of a total of 81 in the House, there could be deadlocks in decisions as the Speaker constituted one member

If the House observed parliamentary custom, then the Speaker had a casting vote, but could not favour any new decision and had to follow the status quo This meant that 40 IFP provincial MPs could be pitted against the remaining 40 from the other six parties. (264)

Redinger added that the committee on House rules had decided to seek legal opinion from the central Parliament on the issue before its proposals on provincial parliamentary regulations could be ratified by the local Cabinet

He said the basic ground rules governing the KwaZulu/Natal legislature were much the same as those of other provinces.

"The meeting was conducted in a spirit of unity" — Sapa

Battle for Natal capital hots up

Sowetan 8/6/94

■ NEEDED BOOST Development would shift north if Ulundi is capital says council:

Sowetan Correspondent

THE SHIFTING of the provincial capital from Maritzburg to Ulundi would give a valuable boost to the northeastern part of KwaZulu-Natal, the Ulundi Town Council has said.

The council said in a statement issued on Monday that the northeastern part of the province had been bypassed for decades, while development went elsewhere. (264)

The rivalry between Maritzburg and the former homeland power base has become an emotionally charged affair.

"The Durban, Pinetown, Maritzburg axis is saturated with development," it said. "It is time the part north of the Tugela River also benefits from development programmes."

The council said that if the Government's reconstruction and development programme was to be meaningful to the deprived majority, future investment would have to be directed away from these "saturated" centres.

It attacked the Natal Agricultural Union for describing suggestions that Ulundi be the capital as "ridiculous and extravagant". The union's description of Ulundi as a "backwater" smacked of racism, said the council. "One cannot escape thinking that the NAU is opposed to Ulundi being the capital on the grounds that it is predominantly black, as opposed to Maritzburg which is predominantly white."

The council said it was "laughable" to describe Ulundi as "remote". It said Ulundi had an "adequately equipped" airport, and was only five hours' drive from the PWV, two hours from Durban and one hour from Richards Bay.

The rightwing Freedom Front has also thrown its weight behind Ulundi, and five ruling Inkatha Freedom Party ministers have decided to govern from there.

But the IFP's opponents, the African National Congress and the National Party, have registered their opposition to Ulundi as a capital.

The NP has recommended a representative, broad-based committee be established to investigate and recommend which would be the most suitable capital.

Pepsi ready to return to South Africa

Sowetan

By Mzimkulu Malunga

BLACK business people are going to play a leading role in an estimated R100 million investment by Pepsi-Cola when the company returns to South Africa in a few months time.

The American beverage giant disinvested from South Africa in 1985 in the heat of the sanctions campaign aimed at isolating this country because of its apartheid policies. 8/6/94

"Our absence from South Africa for almost a decade has given us a chance to restructure ourselves so that we can fit in with the new developments in the country and start on a clean sheet," said Pepsi's Africa, Middle East and Asia president, Mr James Lawrence

Joint venture

Pepsi's return to South Africa is going to happen through a joint venture with consortiums of black business people both here and in the United States. (62)

A locally managed black-owned company, New Age Beverages, will have exclusive rights to manufacture and distribute Pepsi's products in what used to be the Transvaal

NAB plans to launch in approximately two months time.

Pepsi will own a 25 percent stake in NAB, while the two black consortiums, comprising local and US-based business people, will own 75 percent of the company

KWAZULU/NATAL

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Smoke-filled rooms

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While government by consensus is the order of the day in other parts of SA, Inkatha and the ANC have since the election engaged in a series of skirmishes in KwaZulu/Natal which suggest a rough legislative passage for the province.

First came the issue of legal action against Inkatha by the ANC, alleging electoral fraud when the country went to the polls on April 27. That was quickly followed by the provincial executive committee (exco) wrangle and now attention is focused on whether to locate the provincial capital in Ulundi or Maritzburg (264)

Except for siting the capital, all the arguments have, after some verbal sparring, been resolved. The ANC last week dropped its electoral gripe against Inkatha

The exco issue has been settled amicably — after a stand-off which, according to Institute for Multiparty Democracy chairman Oscar Dhlomo, could have paralysed the legislature and led to the appointment of an administrator.

Attention has since switched to the provincial capital issue Divisions are drawn sharply and passionately along party political lines and it prompts the question of whether the adversaries are setting a pattern of confrontation.

Will every move made by Premier Frank Mdlalose's ruling faction be opposed by the ANC?

Dhlomo doubts it. He agrees that both parties are in the process of asserting themselves and testing opposition However, he says, it is in their interest to work together "The result is that the province, like other parts of SA, will operate effectively on consensus. In some cases, agreement will be easy and in others it won't "

The wrangle over exco selection was just such a scenario, he says Inkatha fired the first salvo, asserting its sole right as the ruling party to appoint an exco of provincial unity

The ANC objected on the grounds that there was no negotiation over posts (as there had been for Mandela's Cabinet) and because of dissatisfaction over posts allocated to it Inkatha's decision to change the exco after consultation with the ANC suggests the round belongs to the ANC.

Resurgence

It is harder to determine who emerged victorious on the allocation of portfolios. Dhlomo says it is impossible to say without knowing the internal dynamics of the negotiations

"But what was interesting was the emergence of a joint lobby from both parties to seek an amendment to the interim constitution allowing for the appointment of Deputy Provincial Ministers If agreed to, this could give the ANC the representation in the police and education Ministries which it so desperately wants It also shows that when the chips are down, the parties will work together "

Dhlomo believes the issue of where the capital should be located is symbolic "On Inkatha's side, the feeling is that, as the ruling party, it has the right to locate the capital where it likes And Ulundi was the site where the Zulus were defeated by the British in 1879, so the location of the capital there would symbolise the resurgence of the Zulu nation.

"In contrast, the ANC sees Ulundi as a Bantustan edifice. Added to that are fears that ANC members will not be safe there. The death of party canvassers on the outskirts of the town on the eve of the election is still fresh in party minds."

The obvious practical choice is Maritzburg

Dhlomo is optimistic because he notes that "most (of the politicians involved) agree that the emphasis should be on implementation of the Reconstruction & Development Programme (RDP) and so they have common objectives — though the parties may differ on emphasis and issues such as how to implement it without incurring unmanageable debt or a crippling tax burden

"There could also be differences over the role of provinces versus central government in its implementation. Buthelezi made it clear in his maiden National Assembly speech that he does not want the provinces to be subservient to central government on the RDP issue " ■

The king and Mandela

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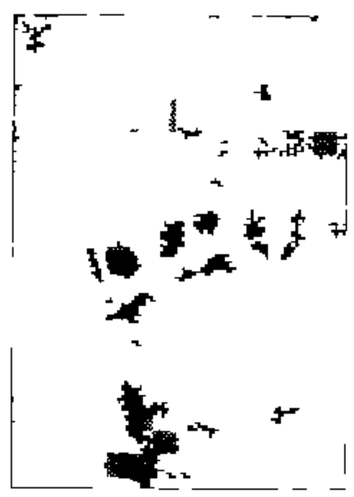
Farouk Chothia

FURTHER signs of a warming of relations between Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini and the ANC appeared last week.

Zwelithini and President Nelson Mandela met briefly in Durban last Friday. Their encounter was a coincidence: the two were in the same hotel attending different functions. When Mandela learned that Zwelithini was also at the beachfront hotel, he went to meet the monarch — and the two greeted each other warmly, shared jokes and spoke briefly to each other in Zulu.



Goodwill Zwelithini

This was the third public encounter between the two since Mandela's inauguration as president a month ago. By contrast, Zwelithini has not been seen in public with IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi since the April 27 election. However, the two — along with KwaZulu-Natal premier Frank Mdlalose and ANC deputy secretary-general Jacob Zuma — are scheduled to attend a function in northern Natal next weekend.

Zwelithini declined to comment on a *Mail & Guardian* report published three weeks ago of a rift between himself and Buthelezi. In his speech to businessmen attending a breakfast organised by the *Natal Mercury* and Pam Golding, Zwelithini steered clear of making any major political statement, but called on the mainly white guests to encourage black entrepreneurs by seeking out their services and offering training opportunities to them.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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Nothing going right

(264)

The row over the DP's controversial decision to appoint an Eastern Cape farmer to the national Senate, at the expense of a KwaZulu/Natal nomination, won't go away In the latest development, DP dissident and Durban city councillor Peter Corbett is threatening legal action unless his suspension from the party is rescinded.

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The issue erupted because the KwaZulu/Natal DP faithful were angered by what they saw as shabby treatment by the DP's national executive, when it nominated Adelaide farmer Errol Moorcroft as one of the DP's three national Senators

The thinking behind Moorcroft's nomination — which is unlikely to be reversed because it would fracture the party still further — was to create a DP team to service all nine regions in the provincial legislatures, national assembly and Senate.

The executive's rationale was that the DP has two representatives in the KwaZulu/Natal legislature, whereas it is not represented in the Eastern Cape.

It decided, therefore, to create that representation by allocating one of its three Senate seats to Moorcroft But the decision prompted a string of resignations from the DP in KwaZulu/Natal.

The most significant resignation is that of northern Natal chairman Graham McIntosh from the DP federal council and all provincial party structures.

He was thought to be a strong contender for a Senate seat. But the resignation by six Durban city councillors, including Corbett, could be equally destructive, as the party and the country prepare for the next political hurdle — the democratisation of local and metropolitan authorities

Corbett is alleged to have exacerbated the problem by leaking the disquiet over the Moorcroft appointment to the press, on the day after it was discussed at a confidential DP executive meeting. After Corbett refused to apologise in writing, Natal leader Mike Ellis last week suspended him from the party. Though Corbett threatens legal action unless the suspension is lifted, DP provincial vice-chairman Mamoo Rajab says Corbett must now take it up with the federal executive.

When the issue blew up, DP Natal Midlands regional director Radley Keys explained that the discontent stemmed from the fact that KwaZulu/Natal has candidates of calibre who would be effective senators capable of servicing other provinces as well as Natal. (264)

He pointed out that those who resigned had not terminated their party membership, but rather their positions in the party structures

In spite of the furore, the party's Natal provincial executive decided just over a week ago to accept Moorcroft's appointment. At the same time, however, the party's national Federal Council has accepted that the rules for the selection of candidates and senators need revision to take cognisance of the party's federal nature

Ellis explained that the provincial executive had three choices. to put pressure on the national executive to rescind its decision, to call on Moorcroft to resign; or to bite the bullet. "We chose the last option." ■

Pressure on Natal's state of emergency

ARG 13/6/94

☐ IFP threatens mass action

(264)

MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

PRESSURE is mounting on the government to lift the state of emergency in Natal

As the Inkatha Freedom Party threatened mass action were it not lifted, the Black Sash said the emergency was unconstitutional and flew in the face of "the democratic order for which the new government stands"

In a blunt letter to Minister of Safety and Security Sidney Mufamadi, the Black Sash Legislation Watch Group said that, in terms of the constitution, a state of emergency could be imposed for no more than 21 days, unless extended by a resolution approved by more than two-thirds of the national assembly

"As of May 18, the new constitution had been in force for 21 days, thus the state of emergency in Natal — declared weeks before the election — is in direct violation of the constitution"

The Black Sash said it had called on President Mandela four weeks ago to lift the emergency

"A week of parliamentary debate and at least two cabinet meetings have passed and the issue has yet to be publicly addressed"

Calling on Mr Mufamadi to raise the issue at Wednesday's cabinet meeting, the Black Sash said "If the cabinet cannot see its way clear to lift the state of emergency immediately, then the question must, according to the law, be put before the national assembly during the parliamentary session beginning on June 22"

IFP MP Themba Khoza said that while other provinces were also affected by violence, KwaZulu was the only one under emergency rule.

ANC appeals to Chief Buthelezi

CT 13/10/94 Own Correspondent (264)

DURBAN — The ANC has called on Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi not to politicise talks between ANC leaders and King Goodwill Zwelethini "as it could put the lives of people in danger"

The appeal, by ANC regional MP Mr Dumisani Makhaye, followed Chief Buthelezi's weekend attack on the ANC leadership for holding "clandestine" meetings with the king

Addressing an IFP election victory rally at Umlazi's King Zwelethini stadium, Chief Buthelezi said Inkatha would control the king's purse strings through the regional assembly.

But Mr Makhaye said yesterday "The issue of the king's salary shouldn't be subject to the whims of any political leader." He accused Chief Buthelezi of "blackmailing" the king.

Mr Makhaye, who said he suspected that the IFP was concerned that the king would now be allowed to be neutral, emphasised that there was nothing sinister about ANC subjects of the king having meetings with him

Among issues which had been discussed were national reconciliation and the need to achieve peace in the region

Single health plan for province

DURBAN — National Health Minister Nkosazana Zuma said after a visit to KwaZulu/Natal yesterday that she hoped there would be a single health administration in the province within six months B/Day

Zuma and MEC for health Zweli Mkhize met local health leaders, the Natal Provincial Administration and the National Health Department 14/6/94

She said "I estimate six months . We should have one provincial authority," adding that regular meetings to discuss integration were being held between the various administrations

During talks with local administrators, Zuma focused on how well the state's plan to offer free medical health to children under six and pregnant woman was being put into place

Complaints from medical staff ranged from "unrest in the workplace" to a lack of "affirmative action in terms of gender", she said

Other worrying features were a shortage of medical facilities in rural areas and the need for better nutrition for children.

Zuma said the province had received 19% of the national health budget, and with nine provinces rather than four, was not the most underfunded region in terms of health care

She said the high incidence of HIV infection in the province was "worrying", and government departments were to blame for not promoting education about the disease

Meanwhile, the Inkatha Freedom Party has threatened mass action if the state of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal was not lifted

IFP MP Themba Khoza said there were also other provinces affected by violence, but it was the only one where emergency regulations were in effect The IFP, however, had no problem with the deployment of the army in the province, he said.

The Black Sash yesterday also said the continued retention of the emergency in the region flew in the face of the democratic order of the newly elected government

The Black Sash said it had called on President Nelson Mandela nearly four weeks ago to lift the emergency (264)

☐ A tripartite alliance in the KwaZulu/Natal Midlands at the weekend called on ANC MPs and MECs to boycott any meetings of the provincial legislature at Ulundi

Blade Nzimande, spokesman for the ANC/Cosatu/SACP alliance, yesterday said a weekend congress had voted for Maritzburg as the provincial capital

The province's executive council holds its weekly meeting at Ulundi today. If the three ANC MECs attend it will be their first official visit to the former homeland capital — Sapa

Call for constitutional king

ET 14/6/94

DURBAN. — The ANC has demanded that the status and remuneration of the Zulu king be entrenched in the constitution

The ANC's Midlands and southern kwaZulu/Natal regions have repudiated claims that the ANC wants to control King Goodwill Zwelethini, as alleged by IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. (264)

ANC regional spokesmen Mr Blade Nzimande and Mr Dumisani Makhaye said yesterday the IFP leader's accusation was proof he did not want King Goodwill to establish relations with those of his subjects who belonged to political parties other than the IFP.

Chief Buthelezi was also accused of trying to blackmail the Zulu monarch by suggesting the IFP controls his salary.

Also at the weekend the tripartite alliance in the Midlands called on ANC members of the provincial legislature and executive council to boycott any meetings at Ulundi.

Mr Nzimande said a weekend congress had voted for Maritzburg as the kwaZulu/Natal capital and had called for a referendum on the siting of the capital. The NP also favour Maritzburg as the capital — Sapa

ANC boycotts exco meeting at Ulundi

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Political Staff

DURBAN — African National Congress members of the KwaZulu-Natal provincial legislature's executive committee boycotted today's sitting of exco in Ulundi, saying they were "physically unsafe" in the former KwaZulu capital

Their absence from the exco sitting means a further delay in the functioning of the legislature which is already lagging behind other provinces because of now resolved differences between the Inkatha Freedom Party and ANC over the allocation of portfolios.

The ANC said its members would not attend the exco meeting because it was opposed to Ulundi as a future capital.

Previous exco meetings have been held in Maritzburg, the provisional capital.

Both the ANC and National Party in the provincial legislature opposed an IFP decision at last week's exco meeting to hold today's meeting in Ulundi.

ANC MEC for roads, Sbu Ndebele, said ANC members felt unsafe in Ulundi

"No one who is opposed to the IFP has been physically safe in Ulundi. We have the unsolved murders of three of our comrades who were killed when the IFP had said Ulundi was open to free political activity"

He said the IFP "did not understand how a government of provincial unity worked"

The question of the new capital is believed to be on the agenda of today's meeting

The ANC and the NP favour Maritzburg, which is the provisional capital in terms of a Transitional Executive Council decision.

The ANC said a referendum should be held to determine the new capital

Ministers boycott Ulundi meeting

B/Day 15/6/94

JOHANNES NGCOBO

THE ANC's three KwaZulu/Natal regional ministers yesterday boycotted the first sitting of the provincial cabinet in Ulundi, leaving the province still without effective government or a capital. (264)

A highly placed source in Ulundi confirmed that ministers Jacob Zuma (Economics and Tourism), S'bu Ndebele (Roads and Traffic Control) and Zweli Mkhize (Health), citing concerns over their safety, failed to attend the meeting despite arrangements made for them to be picked up by VIP cars.

The ANC and the ruling Inkatha Freedom Party are at loggerheads over the siting of the provincial capital.

Yesterday's boycott followed a meeting last week between premier Frank Mdlalose and Zuma, at which Zuma told the premier that ANC representatives were opposed to Ulundi as the regional seat of government.

Ndebele said yesterday his organisation had mandated Zuma to inform Mdlalose ANC regional MPs and cabinet ministers would not be attending the meeting if it was held in Ulundi.

He said Mdlalose knew very well the ANC was opposed to meeting in the former KwaZulu homeland capital.

The ANC and Inkatha have been in dispute since Mdlalose swapped previously agreed cabinet positions without consulting the ANC more than a month ago.

According to Ndebele, the new row was sparked by Inkatha's unilateral decision to hold cabinet meetings in Ulundi.

KwaZulu/Natal education minister Prince Vincent Zulu's announcement that his office would be based at Ulundi was met with fierce resistance from teacher and student organisations.

On Monday the ANC, Cosatu and SACP in the Natal Midlands said their members in the legislature and in the cabinet would boycott all meetings of the legislature and the cabinet if they were held in Ulundi

ANC/Cosatu/SACP alliance spokesman Blade Nzimande said yesterday the alliance had, at a regional general council at the weekend, deplored the "high-handed, unilateral and premature actions" of Inkatha in announcing that the seat of education would be in Ulundi.

"The meeting resolved that a referendum be immediately called to test the will of the people in the province about the issue of the capital," said Nzimande.

Another ANC region that wants the regional capital to be in Maritzburg is Northern Natal, which called for a boycott of meetings in Ulundi three weeks ago

Our political staff report from Durban that a meeting between Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer and KwaZulu/Natal regional ministers was postponed yesterday following the crisis.

Warders stage sit-in protest at Pollsmoor

CAPE TOWN — Warders at Pollsmoor Prison near Cape Town staged a sit-in outside the commanding officer's office yesterday over the transfer of a colleague

More than 100 warders, all members of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru), occupied the courtyard outside Brig Johan Roberts's office before handing the brigadier a letter addressed to Correctional Services Minister Sipho Mzimela outlining their grievances

A Popcru spokesman said the main reason for the protest was the "unfair transfer" of union member Maj Stephen Korabie. B/Day 15/6/94

"Maj Korabie was transferred to Pollsmoor Prison from the regional commissioner's office without any explanation and without being told what his new job entails," he said.

Correctional Services spokesman Lt Mike Green confirmed the transfer of Korabie and said the regional commissioner had told the officer exactly why he was being transferred and what his new job entailed.

Meanwhile, Correctional Services spokesman Lt Rudi Potgieter said in Pretoria that prisons which were the scenes of violence last week were calmer yesterday

There had been no incidents and "routines were slowly returning to normal" But prisoners were still unhappy about the issue of amnesty, he said.

Among the prisons damaged during the outbreaks of violence were the Medium B block at Victor Verster Prison near Paarl and a juvenile prison block at Brandvlei Prison near Worcester.

Two escapees from Modderbee Prison on the East Rand were rearrested at an SA Prisoners' Organisation for Human Rights news conference in Johannesburg on Monday

Correctional Services spokesman Lt Rudi Potgieter said that a third escapee had reported to the prison yesterday morning.

An escapee was shot dead and 16 were rearrested soon after 104 prisoners broke out of the jail during riots on Friday. Eighty-four are still at large — Sapa.

ANC boycotts Ulundi meeting

Star 15/6/94

Durban — ANC members of the KwaZulu/Natal provincial legislature's executive committee boycotted yesterday's sitting of the committee in Ulundi, saying they were "physically unsafe" in the former KwaZulu capital

Their absence meant a further delay in the functioning of the legislature, which is already running behind the other regions because of the earlier, and now resolved, differences between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC over the allocation of portfolios.

The ANC said its members would not attend the meeting because it was opposed to Ulundi as a future provincial capital — Own Correspondent

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NP accuses Buthelezi

Sowetan Correspondent

MR DANIE Schutte, leader of the National Party in KwaZulu-Natal, has accused Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of making a thinly veiled threat to cut off the funds of Zulu monarch King Goodwill Zwelithini

The relationship between King Zwelithini and his traditional prime minister, Buthelezi, has now become a public matter Schutte said Buthelezi's thinly veiled threat at an IFP election victory rally in Umlazi at the weekend that the IFP could discontinue funding King Zwelithini "draws attention to a constitution for the province of KwaZulu-Natal"

"The NP has always maintained that the king should be impartial and should not be drawn into the political arena "

Schutte said the NP's proposed KwaZulu-Natal constitution made provision for a nonpolitical position for the Zulu monarch.

"It is strange that the IFP's proposed constitution does not mention the king," Schutte said

Buthelezi, who is also Minister of Home Affairs, has publicly accused members of the African National Congress in KwaZulu-Natal of trying to create a rift between him and King Zwelithini

King Zwelithini has not attended any post-election IFP functions. King Zwelithini has replaced his KwaZulu police guards with members of the National Defence Force

Buthelezi's rival in the Zulu royal house is Senior Prince Mcwayisemi Israel Zulu, an ANC member of the National Assembly

He is a brother of the late King Bhekuzulu, King Zwelithini's father Buthelezi said in Umlazi at the weekend that "very large budgets" to maintain the King would come from the KwaZulu-Natal budget, which the IFP now controlled

Meanwhile, Schutte also differed with the IFP on lifting the state of emergency in KwaZulu-Natal Such a decision should not be taken lightly while the killings continued.

He was responding to "an arrogant and unacceptable statement" by Mr Themba Khoza, a PWV member in the IFP, that the emergency measures should go

"Mr Khoza is obviously not familiar with the situation on the ground in KwaZulu-Natal and should rather refrain from interfering Last week 45 people were killed in KwaZulu-Natal.

"It is high time that the IFP shows commitment towards creating a culture of democratic decision-making and ceases juggling with peoples' lives," Schutte said

Mbeki to speak at Volkstaatraad opening

DAVID GREYBE

CAPE TOWN — First Deputy President Thabo Mbeki will deliver the inaugural address at the swearing in ceremony of the 20-member Volkstaatraad in the Ou Raadsaal in Pretoria today.

The CP, in a further indication that it was moving away from its strong pre-election opposition to a government of national unity dominated by the ANC, confirmed yesterday it had accepted an invitation to attend the inauguration.

A spokesman at the party's head office in Pretoria said CP leader Ferdi Hartzenberg would attend.

Hartzenberg will join Freedom Front leader Constand Viljoen, who will also deliver a speech.

A Volkstaatraad source said Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini was "moving heaven and earth to be there" after receiving short notice of the inauguration.

Volkstaatraad spokesman Johann Wingard said the statutory body did not comprise high-profile politicians, but a wide-range of professional people.

Wingard said Mbeki would "point out that the Volkstaatraad is a statutory body, put into place constitutionally, to reconcile the self-determination aspirations of the Afrikaner with the political, economic and social realities of the sub-continent today". B/Day

Wingard, the top contender for the election today of the post of chairman, said the Volkstaatraad would begin work immediately. He said the forum would finalise its policy and strategy at a meeting tomorrow. 16/6/94

Seven or eight task groups would be established to deal with specific subjects, and members would work fulltime.

Wingard said the policy adopted by the Volkstaatraad would have to be a balance between "ideological" issues and "technical" ones.

He said the "quest for ethnicity" had become one of the hottest topics internationally, and had to be dealt with in SA.

"This nationalism force is a destructive force which has the capacity to destroy nations."

Wingard said the Volkstaatraad would try to resolve the issue of political viability. Economic viability was no longer an issue, because of the existence of regional economic integration.

New twist over capital for KwaZulu/Natal

B/Day 16/6/94

JOHANNES NGCOBO

THE KwaZulu/Natal impasse on the siting of the provincial capital took a dramatic turn yesterday when the NP and DP joined the ANC in demanding that the seat of government be Maritzburg and not Ulundi.

This followed a statement by a spokesman for Provincial Affairs Minister Roelf Meyer that the region should resolve the issue itself without involving national government.

Izak Retief said the request made earlier by KwaZulu/Natal premier Frank Mdlalose for deputy ministers in his cabinet could be discussed only at a full session of Parliament.

On Tuesday three ANC Cabinet Ministers, Economics and Tourism Minister Jacob Zuma, Roads and Traffic Control Minister S'bu Ndebele and Health Minister Zweli Mkhize boycotted the first cabinet meeting in Ulundi.

The boycott followed a meeting last week between Mdlalose and Zuma, at which Zuma told the premier that ANC representatives were opposed to Ulundi as the regional seat.

The NP and DP in the province said yesterday the capital city impasse was not only affecting the ANC but the entire regional government of unity and had brought the provincial government to a halt (264)

The NP and DP said they supported the ANC's choice of Maritzburg because of its infrastructure and its economic viability.

KwaZulu/Natal NP leader Danie Schutte said Inkatha was being inflexible and had indicated sectional ethnicity by wanting to force Ulundi on other people.

However, Schutte said his party was opposed to boycott tactics, and the NP would argue its position in Ulundi if legislature meetings were held there.

He said the NP knew that if the matter was put to the vote in a legislature meeting even Inkatha members would vote for Maritzburg.

DP spokesman Wessel Nel said his party agreed that the nature conservation ministry should be based in Ulundi, but the rest of government should be seated in Maritzburg.

If legislature members were allowed to vote as individuals on the matter, Maritzburg would receive the most support

ANC meet on Ulundi as venue

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The kwaZulu/Natal Legislative Assembly crisis could be averted tomorrow when ANC Natal caucus members meet to decide whether to boycott or attend the first full sitting of the provincial Legislative Assembly in Ulundi on June 28-30.

The ANC's MEC in charge of roads transport and traffic control, Mr S'bu Ndebele, said yesterday the caucus would meet and was expected to "thrash out" whether or not to attend the Ulundi sitting.

He said the issue of the capital would have to be resolved and ANC members' security looked into.

The ANC's three MECs boycotted yesterday's first executive committee meeting in Ulundi.

MP Mr Amichand Rajbansi suggested the capital be moved to Durban if both parties failed to agree on Ulundi or Maritzburg.

KwaZulu land dispute resolved

TIM COHEN B/Day

PRETORIA — The Cabinet yesterday agreed on a formula that would effectively resolve the Ingonyama land issue to the satisfaction of all parties 16/6/94

The agreement followed submission of a Cabinet committee report after land, constituting about a third of KwaZulu/Natal, was handed over to Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini a day before the elections

In terms of the formula, the king would remain the guardian of the tribally occupied land, but a new Act would be drawn up outlining his functions and power

The new Act would govern all tribally owned land within the former KwaZulu territory, subject to the existing rights of the land's occupants (264)

Cabinet committee member Kader Asmal said the report had pointed out that the transfer of the land was open to legal challenge because, in terms of the Act transferring the land to the Ingonyama Trust, all public buildings and mineral rights had also been transferred

New legislation was needed to put the transfer beyond legal challenge

Land Affairs Minister Derek Hanekom said that in discussions with people in the area, including ANC members, it had been decided that the king would be an appropriate person in whom to vest the trust

The committee found that the trust's goal was to ensure that the rights to the land was vested in the tribes when the new constitution came into effect

Land deal 'has limited impact'

Star 16/6/94

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POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

The controversial transfer of almost 3 million ha of land to Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini was not intended to give the Ingonyama Trust "powers of government" and would therefore have "a limited impact on land redistribution and restitution".

This was the view of the Cabinet committee which investigated the land transfer and made its report yesterday Deputy President F W de Klerk had signed the Ingonyama Trust Act a few days before the Interim Constitution was to take effect

The committee believed "the relevant parties" could arrive at a solution and secure an appropriate role for the Zulu monarch "as guardian of tribally occupied land", said Land Affairs Minister Derek Hanekom

"The goals with the establishment of the trust were to ensure that land occupied or owned by tribes in the area would vest in them when the new constitution came into effect.

Since the land had been occupied by "tribes and communities since prior to 1913", the Act would have limited impact on land redistribution

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Conflict over the capital business

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Clashes over the location of the new capitals have erupted both between and within political parties, reports **Chris Louw**

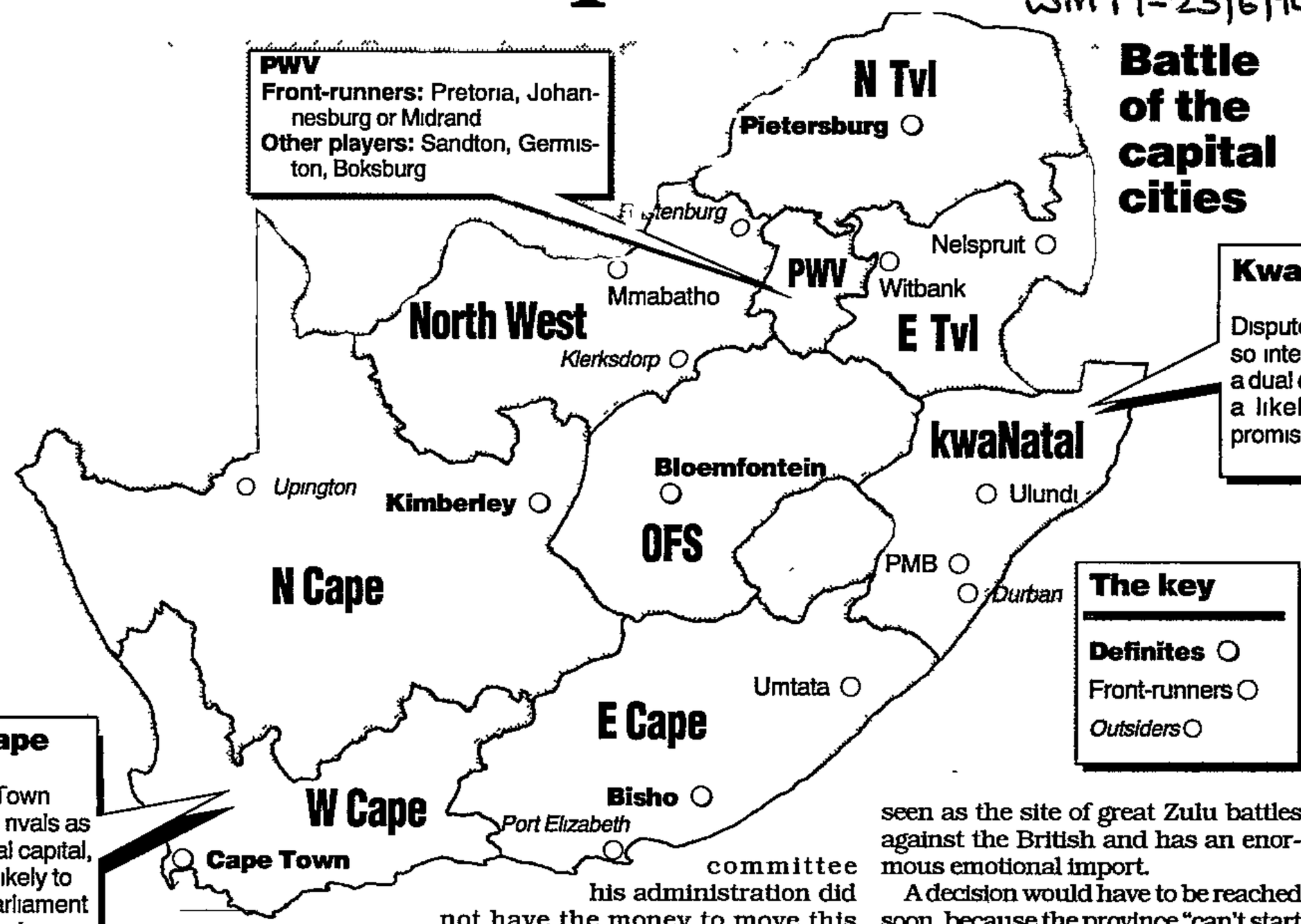
WITH only four of the nine new provinces taking a clear decision on their legislative centres, acrimonious battles over South Africa's new provincial capitals are expected to come to a head next week.

Only the Free State, which opted for Bloemfontein, and the Western Cape, which chose Cape Town, have been entirely conflict-free Both cities were the capitals of the former provinces, and were respectively the national judicial and legislative capitals

At national level, the signs are that Pretoria will become the seat of parliament, despite a keen but belated bid from Cape Town to retain its current status. A final decision is expected only later in the year.

A four-member cabinet committee, headed by Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer, was recently appointed to examine the future location of parliament Other members of the committee are Minister of Transport Mac Maharaj, Minister of Public Works Jeff Radebe and Minister of Finance Derek Keys

Informed sources this week said the fact that parliament would sit for most of the year — and not for six months, as in the past — might swing the balance in Pretoria's favour The executive needs to be close to the administration, which is based in Pretoria.



Battle of the capital cities

W Cape
Cape Town has no rivals as regional capital, but is likely to lose parliament to Pretoria

KwaNatal
Dispute here is so intense that a dual capital is a likely compromise

The key
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Front-runners ○
Outsiders ○

development, they argue

☛A final decision on the **PWV** capital — Pretoria and Johannesburg are in the running — will be made next Monday, when the provincial legislature reassembles to discuss a report by an ad hoc committee which received submissions from 20 cities this week. The committee is chaired by PAC regional MP Benny Alexander

Although submissions were made by Boksburg, Germiston and Sandton, the committee

his administration did not have the money to move this financial year. The necessary infrastructure was already established in Pretoria.

Advocate Tiego Moseneke, on behalf of the Pretoria Capital Initiative, argued that it would cost R2-billion to move the province's 4 800 bureaucrats to another city.

The committee is expected to finalise its report today

☛ In **kwaNatal** a three-way tussle is being fought between Ulundi, Pietermaritzburg and Durban. Decided only one capital.

Submissions were expected from Nelspruit and Witbank, but ultimately the decison ould be taken by the provincial legislature, said Phosa.

☛No final decision has yet been taken on the capital of the **North-West** province Indications are that Mmabatho, former capital of Bophuthatswana, may retain its status, at least in part The only other towns in the running are Klerksdorp and Rustenburg. Potchefstroom, where the inauguration ceremony of premier Popo Molefe was held last month, has fallen out of the race

Businessmen say they have accepted that Mmabatho will become the administrative capital of the province. It has the necessary infrastructure — a remnant from Lucas Mangope's regime — and will turn into a "ghost town" if the administration is moved away.

However, Klerksdorp still hopes to become the legislative capital.

A final decision was supposed to have been taken last Wednesday by the legislative assembly, but agreement could not be reached. North-West MEC for media and broadcasting Riani de Wet said meetings would be held next week in the Odi-Moretele and Vryburg areas to involve people at grassroots level in the process

"We don't want to make the mistakes of other provinces by rushing in. Whatever the capital is, we will have to live with the decision for a long time."

She did not expect a final decision before the first week of July.

☛Pietersburg was designated capital of the **Northern Transvaal** last month, but the province's first legisla-

seen as the site of great Zulu battles against the British and has an enormous emotional import.

A decision would have to be reached soon, because the province "can't start governing effectively if it is paralysed by squabbles about the capital"

The Zululand Chamber of Commerce recently came out in support of Ulundi, arguing that the underdeveloped Tugela basin was ready for huge investment. Because of the Cinderella status under the previous government, all previous development plans were frozen.

Natal Agricultural Union president William Mullins, however, has rejected as "ridiculous and extravagant"

The Pretoria City Council has already identified seven possible sites for the new parliamentary building, which will cost in excess of R1,5-billion.

Indications are that the conflicts over provincial capitals will be resolved before the end of the month to allow for effective government in the various regions

The fiercest battles are being fought in the PWV, the Eastern Transvaal, Natal and North-West. And although the Northern Transvaal has already decided on Pietersburg as capital, premier Ngoako Ramathlodi announced this week that the parliament buildings in Lebowakgomo, Giyani and Thohoyandou would be used on a rotation basis for sessions of the provincial legislature

Economists have voiced severe reservations about plans in some provinces to duplicate the current national two-city model. Money spent in this way could be better used for ton, the only other strong contender was Midrand However, the cost of erecting new parliamentary buildings in Midrand is expected to be prohibitively high.

Johannesburg's bid was supported by Sanlam Properties, which motivated the creation of a loan stock company enabling black investors to participate in up to 50 percent of the project's financing.

Other submissions supporting Johannesburg came from the Metropolitan Chamber and the Black Sash. The Central Johannesburg Partnership and SA Rail Commuter Corporation subsidiary Intersite also supported Johannesburg.

They argued that the people of Soweto and other Rand townships would benefit financially from Johannesburg's designation as capital.

Pretoria was supported by the Pretoria Capital Initiative and the Transvaal Provincial Administration. TPA director general Len Dekker told the ing on a capital has the potential to become one of the most bitter wrangles in the power struggle between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC.

The ANC is strongly opposed to Ulundi This week ANC members of the provincial legislature's executive committee boycotted a sitting of the committee, saying they were "physically unsafe" in the former kwaZulu capital ANC provincial cabinet minister S'bu Ndebele said it would not make sense to travel for six hours to attend a cabinet meeting in Ulundi

KwaNatal premier Dr Frank Mdlalose is known to favour a dual capital, with Ulundi as the legislative and Pietermaritzburg as the executive capital.

However, IFP spokesman Ed Tillett said there were differences of opinion within the IFP on the issue. The IFP Youth Brigade regarded Pietermaritzburg as "a symbol of colonial oppression". Ulundi, in contrast, is the suggestion that Ulundi, and not Pietermaritzburg, become the capital.

The IFP has now said it would opt for a referendum if the issue is not resolved by the regional cabinet. This option is supported by Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

☛ Plans in the **Eastern Transvaal** to have two or even three capitals are under reconsideration after the costs of the project became clear.

Eastern Transvaal premier Mathew Phosa announced last week that the province would have different executive and legislative capitals — Witbank and Nelspruit were mentioned. Secunda was proposed as seat for "one-stop offices" of departments as part of the province's plans to decentralise.

However, this week Phosa said if these plans proved to have a detrimental effect on the ANC's reconstruction and development programme, it may be decided to have tive assembly meeting will take place in Lebowakgomo on Monday.

Northern Transvaal premier Ngoake Ramathlodi said sessions would be held on a rotation basis in the previous capitals of the Lebowa, Venda and Gazankulu homelands until a new parliament building has been completed in Pietersburg

Members of the executive council will be accommodated in the official residences of the previous homeland governments for the duration of the session.

☛ In the **Eastern Cape**, where before the elections East London, Umtata, Port Elizabeth, King William's Town and Bisho were jostling for the role of new regional capital, the debate has quietly faded away.

Before the elections the ANC named King William's Town and nearby Bisho, with its infrastructure housing the Ciskei administration, as its choice.

The then Transkei ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa pushed for Umtata but in an apparent trade-off, the town is now set to house the headquarters of the Reconstruction and Development Programme.

The Eastern Cape's regional parliament was convened in the legislative assembly building in Bisho and parliamentarians are being allocated offices and houses in the former homeland capital.

It is still unclear if the capital will be called Bisho, King William's Town or a combination of the two, although there is opposition to the name Bisho because of its association with the vilified former homeland.

☛ In the **Northern Cape**, Kimberley has been made the new capital, despite a strong bid from Upington.

Northern Cape premier Manne Dipico said there was basic consensus that Kimberley — which enjoys the necessary infrastructure — should remain the capital. The provincial legislature already had two sittings in Kimberley

Pressure mounts over local elections

Chris Louw

NATIONAL Party Cabinet minister Roelf Meyer may relinquish his newly acquired Local Government portfolio in the face of mounting demands for local government to fall under the provincial administrations.

Meyer was first appointed Minister of Constitutional Development and Provincial Affairs by President Nelson Mandela when he announced his new cabinet last month. The portfolio of Local Government was only later added to Meyer's responsibilities.

This means Meyer will take charge of the local council elections, scheduled for April next year. The elections will take place in terms of voters' rolls, which still have to be drawn up.

However, pressure is being exerted by some of the provinces to take charge of their own local elections. They argue that local government is a provincial, not a national, function.

A spokesman for Meyer said this week it was recognised that the portfolio was a temporary one. "Ultimately, local government will resort under the provinces."

Recently, rural development organisations expressed "alarm" because of "the lack of attention paid by the new cabinet" to the issue of local government.

The fact that local government was only added by Mandela to Meyer's portfolio as an "afterthought" was described as worrying by National Rural Development Forum (NRDF) representative Louise Colvin. The portfolio seems to be "without enough power and recognition", she was quoted as saying.

Calls have recently also come from metropolitan and rural areas for changes to the Local Government Transition Act.

Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban started lobbying for changes to the Act which have bogged down planning for democratic municipal elections this year. The Act sets out a process for appointing metropolitan and local councils in a pre-interim phase before electing transitional councils on a partly race-based roll.

The problem is that voters' rolls cannot be prepared until boundary disputes are resolved. Redrawing municipal boundaries within new metropolitan council areas provides enormous problems.

A Constitutional Development spokesman said it was doubtful that local council elections could still take place this year. Indications are that it will only be practically possible to have the voters' rolls and municipal boundaries sorted out by March or April next year.

The rural development organisations met earlier this month to discuss recommendations for the establishment of rural local government structures. Rural areas had always been marginalised, a problem that would continue without strong rural structures. There was consensus on the need for district councils.

The RNDF's programme of action includes seeing members of the national and regional governments as well as provincial committees on local government.

Meyer said this week the resolution of problems would be a slow process.

Natal ANC refuses to go to Ulundi assembly

DURBAN. — The ANC in kwaZulu/Natal will boycott the first sitting of the provincial assembly if it is held in Ulundi, ANC legislature member Dr Mike Sutcliffe said yesterday. (264) CT. 17/6/94

He was responding to a recent decision by the Inkatha Freedom Party, which holds the majority in the legislature, to hold the sitting in Ulundi between June 28-30.

Dr Sutcliffe said the interim constitution designated Pietermaritzburg as a provisional capital, and "under no circumstances are we going to Ulundi", as the decision to meet there was "unconstitutional".

Earlier this week, the three ANC MECs boycotted an executive committee meeting in Ulundi. — Sapa

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Capital row becomes a dogfight

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The essentially simple question of where the KwaZulu/Natal provincial capital should be has turned into a political nettle

What started as a three-way contest between Durban, Maritzburg and Ulundi has degenerated into a dogfight over Maritzburg and Ulundi, with the former KwaZulu capital in the ascendancy in spite of strong opposition from non-Inkatha politicians, business and the agricultural community

With only Inkatha championing Ulundi, the biggest fear is that it will make a decision based on passion rather than practicality

A strong undercurrent appears to be an attempt by Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi to manipulate the situation Sources in other parties say he is the prime mover for Ulundi and that many Inkatha provincial MPs support Maritzburg

The gravest concern of the ANC and Nats is that Inkatha, having taken such a passionate stand, will become inflexible and unable to back down for fear of losing face

Matters came to a head this week when ANC Ministers boycotted the first Cabinet meeting to be held in Ulundi They stress, however, that this was a short-term measure based on concern for their security

ANC provincial MP Mike Sutcliffe explains "We are certainly not applying a blanket boycott to Ulundi Cabinet meetings However, until the provincial legislature decides otherwise, the provisional capital, in terms of the constitution, is Maritzburg

"Inkatha has charged the issue with emotion, even though it has not yet been debated in parliament We don't want to pre-empt that debate, which should lead to a consensus-based decision " Furthermore, says Sutcliffe, Durban, Ulundi and Maritzburg will all have roles in provincial administration irrespective of which is the capital

KwaZulu/Natal NP leader Danie Schutte is also firmly for Maritzburg, for four reasons central location, established infrastructure (making it the cheapest option), political neutrality and because "Maritzburg is best attuned to the provincial aspirations of a prosperous region "

Premier Frank Mdlalose, though known to favour Ulundi, emphasises that no final decision has been made Two suggestions for breaking the deadlock include a referendum or the establishment of a special commission Mdlalose, however, would prefer the legislature to make the decision

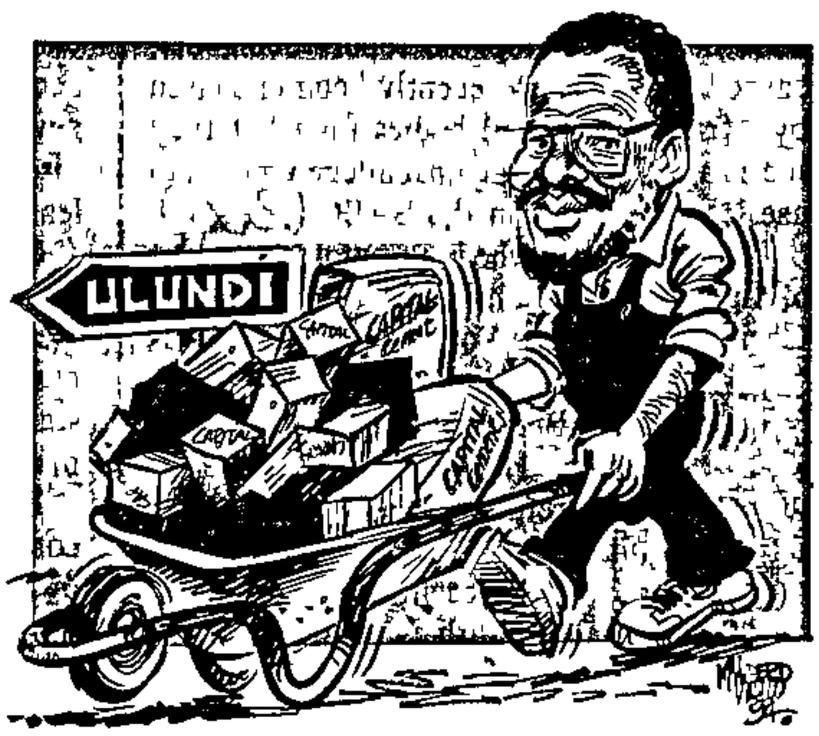
The argument for Ulundi seems largely historical The "high place" (translation) is where on July 4 1879 the British finally defeated Cetshwayo's 20 000-strong army and burnt his capital to the ground

Not surprisingly, therefore, making it the capital is to traditionalists a phoenix-like resurrection of the Zulu nation This is thought to be why Buthelezi in the Seventies preferred Ulundi to a more suitable Eshowe as capital of his self-governing territory

The Ulundi legislative assembly (completed in 1983) cost R13m Today it also has a hotel, housing and a shopping centre Nevertheless, many civil servants, whites in particular, live in Melmoth, 50 km away

Arguments against Ulundi are that it lacks facilities to make it a practical capital. Added to this, it is 200 km north of the Pinetown/Durban commercial hub

Another important consideration is that Ulundi is in the heart of Inkatha territory



and therefore seen as unsafe for ANC politicians or supporters in the civil service

Aside from Inkatha and the Ulundi business chamber, support comes from Empangeni and Richards Bay, which claim that job creation on the Zululand coast is running at 3% and see the north coast as the region's future powerhouse

Maritzburg's biggest drawback is its colonial heritage

Dating back to 1838, it was initially regional capital of the Boer republic In 1855 it became capital of the colony of Natal and remained the provincial seat after the formation of the Union of SA in 1910 ■

TRUTH COMMISSION

FM 17/6/94

Tearing the stitches

Government's proposed truth commission could end up being so limited in its scope that the exercise could become pointless

The range of views on the commission's brief since it was officially announced last week by Justice Minister Dullah Omar *(Current Affairs* June 10) indicates a lack of clarity over what it is intended to achieve

In developments over the past few days it has emerged that FM 17/6/94

☐ Omar was essentially flying a kite with his announcement, which has not been discussed by the Cabinet,

☐ President Nelson Mandela has made it clear that murderers and those who planned murders will not qualify for indemnity in terms of the proposed commission's procedures; and

☐ Second Deputy President F W de Klerk fears that the commission could undermine goodwill and feels it needs to be approached with extreme caution

At a press conference in Cape Town De Klerk said he had not been consulted about the commission and it was not agreed policy He would have preferred Omar not to have made the announcement before there was wider consultation, but accepted that the action was "part of the growing pains" of the new government

In reply to questions at the World Economic Forum conference in Cape Town last week, Mandela said the commission's terms of reference would exclude people who "sat down and plotted murder " They would be dealt with in a different way

He added that the commission was intended to cater for people who committed political acts in support of apartheid in the course of their duties

In an indication that the ANC does not see the commission's brief as ranging much wider than apartheid crimes, Mandela said opponents of apartheid had already gone through an indemnity process at the insistence of the previous government

To be even-handed the new government now had to grant indemnity to people who committed politically related offences in support of apartheid, but the same condition must apply full disclosure of the action for which indemnity is sought The President said the commission would not be an instrument of retribution or a Nuremberg-type trial

By excluding murderers and people who plotted murder from the indemnity process, government will remove from the commission's jurisdiction the worst human rights abuses committed during the apartheid years by agents of the State and members of the liberation groups

This could mean that many of SA's murders and disappearances will remain unsolved unless it is intended to set up a special police unit to track down the killers and their handlers

It would also allow government to exclude

Land deal may be nullified

Sowetan 17/6/94

By Josias Charle

THE parliamentary act which enabled former State President FW de Klerk to transfer three million hectares of land to King Goodwill Zwelithini is set to be abolished

This was announced at a Press conference by members of the Cabinet committee appointed to investigate the controversial transfer made two days before the April 27 election

The recommendations of the four-man committee were accepted by the full Cabinet at its weekly meeting at the Union Buildings on Wednesday

The committee comprised Land Affairs Minister Mr Derek Hanekom, Constitutional Development Minister Mr Roelf Meyer, Water Affairs and Forestry Minister Professor Kader Asmal and Dr Ben Ngubane, the Minister of Science, Technology, Arts and Culture (264)

The ministers recommended that the KwaZulu Ingonyama Trust Act be amended or be substituted

They also recommended that King Zwelithini continue as guardian of the tribally occupied land

"New legislation should create a structure for managing the land which is sufficiently broadly based to ensure that any unwarranted interference or manipulation of the land is not possible," the ministers said

New legislation is expected to be tabled in September, but the ministers warned that it could take longer

It was also pointed out that the act did not make the king the owner of the land, but a statutory trustee

"Furthermore, most of the land involved is already occupied by tribes and communities"

HEALTH *Region accounts for 25 percent of South Africa's total population*

Health services under-funded

By Praveen Naidoo

PRELIMINARY details of the national Budget indicate that health services in KwaZulu-Natal may continue to be under-funded

Speaking at a Press conference in Durban yesterday, Minister of Health Dr Nkosazana Zuma disclosed that about R2 424 million would be spent on health services in the region during the next financial year

The Natal Provincial Administration would provide R1 600 million, the KwaZulu administration would allocate R700 million and R120 million would come from the Department of National Health and Population Development.

Asked if the money would be adequate for the region, Zuma replied· "I don't think so Discussions indicate there may be a shortfall "

The allocation means that KwaZulu-Natal, which accounts for 25 percent of South Africa's population, will receive only 19 percent of national health funds Zuma said that KwaZulu-Natal's health budget was still ahead of "some other regions" when compared with the population of the regions In an interview soon after her appointment as minister last month, Zuma said a new formula would have to be applied to supply adequate health funds for all the provinces This would ensure KwaZulu-Natal would no longer be under-funded It was not known how much influence Zuma had on allocations in this year's Budget Many details had been finalised before she took office

A health administration source said funding for KwaZulu-Natal was equivalent to last year's Budget which was widely accepted as too little for the region's population

A gradual increase in the budget for KwaZulu-Natal was envisaged over the next five years so that other provinces would not suffer from a lack of essential services, said the source

Zuma was in Durban to meet staff from the various health departments as part of a national tour She said integrating the three health administrations now serving KwaZulu-Natal was proving to be "a major problem"

Each department had separate offices, staff and budgets Integration had already begun at leadership level.

All departments were expected to be integrated into one working unit within six months, said Zuma

Zuma chastised government departments for not doing enough about the "worrying" incidence of Aids in the region

"In many government buildings you will still find three-dimensional posters showing bombs and guns But you will be lucky to find one poster about Aids "

■ SHORTFALL *KwaZulu-Natal will receive only 19 percent of health budget:*

ANC says Natal can't govern itself

Sowe S/Times 19/6/94

By CYRIL MADLALA

AS the Kwazulu Natal government became entrenched in a grave constitutional crisis this week, ANC leader Jacob Zuma declared "We are not ready to govern ourselves in this province"

Since the IFP's election victory in the province, the chemistry that seemed to work wonders between Mr Zuma and the region's premier, Frank Mdlalose, has not been enough to resolve the crisis.

This week the ANC did not attend an executive council meeting in Ulundi, and on Friday its parliamentary caucus decided that its members would meet in Maritzburg when the first full session of the provincial legislature gathers in the former capital of the Kwazulu homeland on June 28

Mr Zuma said the decision to hold the meeting in Ulundi was not "politically and constitutionally" correct because the Transitional Executive Council had designated Maritzburg as the provisional capital Only a full legislature meeting in the provisional capital could decide to meet elsewhere, he said

He said the ANC would approach the provincial secretary, and prepare to set up offices in Maritzburg as Kwazulu Natal was "limping behind" in the transition process

Security considerations have been cited by the ANC for refusing to go to Ulundi, but Dr Mdlalose was very clear about the "real" reasons

"Because the IFP won, this is a calculated stance to undermine this government which is led by the IFP We will hear more irrelevant so-called reasons why they will not come to Ulundi"

The issue of the venue for meetings is just one in a string of problems facing the provincial government (264)

When Dr Mdlalose announced his cabinet, the ANC boycotted the swearing-in ceremony in Maritzburg. It was only later that Zuma was sworn in as MEC for Economic Affairs and Tourism, Mr Sbu Ndebele for Roads, Transport and Traffic Control, and Dr Zweli Mkhize for Health.

Mr Zuma said "I made it clear to the premier that if any of my colleagues say they fear to be in Ulundi for the safety of their lives, I cannot say risk your life and see if you will come out alive or not"

However, Dr Mdlalose has dismissed these concerns

"Mr Zuma has come to Ulundi several times Thabo Mbeki has been here and nothing happened Even Mr Ndebele is known to frequent Ulundi to visit his friends, and nothing happens We reject it as lies that they fear to come here"

He said the question of the capital would be resolved by the legislature, and meeting in Ulundi did not indicate that it would be the capital

Meanwhile, the transition process has stalled in the province

"I doubt if anyone could say this province is ready to govern itself, or that it is ready to be given powers when we have such problems over venues. How much more when we have full powers?" asked Mr Zuma

The premier said if the central government withheld powers from Kwazulu Natal, it would be a further "calculated slight" on the IFP

"They are now doing all in their power to destroy the government of Kwazulu Natal led by the IFP" Dr Mdlalose said

Politicians 'snub' Zulu village bash

CT 20/6/94

Own Correspondent

KWAZULU/NATAL politicians — including Home Affairs Minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi — were absent at the official opening of the DumaZulu traditional village near Hluhluwe on Saturday which was addressed by King Goodwill Zwelethini

Instead, Chief Buthelezi attended an IFP rally in the Maritzburg area, further fuelling speculation about a rift between himself and the monarch.

According to invitations politicians including Chief Buthelezi, the ANC's Mr Jacob Zuma, and kwaZulu/Natal premier Dr Frank Mdlalose were invited to the function

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No explanation was given for the absences

In his speech the king said tourism was one of the few industries in which South Africa had a competitive edge and called on the central and regional governments to support the industry to guarantee its success

Tourism was in a prime position to stimulate jobs should the political situation remain calm, he said.

According to Gooderson Leisure Corporation, DumaZulu, meaning "thundering Zulu" is the largest Zulu village of its kind in the southern hemisphere and one of the few authentic villages in South Africa

Referendum possible in Ulundi impasse

JOHANNES NGCOBO

THE KwaZulu/Natal cabinet — with the exception of ANC ministers — had resolved to establish a commission of inquiry or hold a referendum to determine the seat of the regional government, regional agriculture minister George Bartlett confirmed yesterday

However, the row between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC over the choice of capital appears far from over

While a legislature meeting is scheduled for June 28 to 30 in Ulundi, ANC members are expected to attend a caucus meeting in Maritzburg instead

This follows boycotts of cabinet meetings by the three ANC ministers Jacob Zuma (economics and tourism), S'bu Ndebele (roads and traffic control) and Zweli Mkhize (health), who cited concern for their safety if meetings were held in Ulundi as reason for their non-attendance.

A week ago the ANC, Cosatu and the SACP in the KwaZulu/Natal Midlands said their members would boycott meetings of the legislature and cabinet if they were held in the former KwaZulu homeland capital

Bartlett said the regional cabinet, in an attempt to break the impasse, on Tuesday resolved that a commission be established to investigate the matter or that a referendum be called

He said Premier Frank Mdlalose had undertaken to discuss the issue fully at a legislature sitting in Ulundi on June 28

Bartlett yesterday said he hoped the three ANC cabinet members would attend tomorrow's cabinet meeting in Maritzburg

He said his party believed Maritzburg should be the capital but would not boycott meetings in Ulundi

Study criticises bid for Ulundi

B/Day 21/6/94

DURBAN — Relocating the KwaZulu/Natal capital to Ulundi would be extremely costly and have a disastrous effect on investor confidence in the province, a University of Natal study has found

Business and the ANC have opposed a call by Inkatha for the regional capital to be moved from Maritzburg

The ANC has said it will boycott the first sitting of the regional legislature planned for Ulundi on June 28, but premier Frank Mdlalose said at the weekend it would continue with or without the ANC

A study by Natal University's economics department, undertaken on behalf of the Maritzburg City Council, said a core of 332 administrators would have to be moved to Ulundi at a cost of about R10m

Martizburg would lose about R26m in the form of the administrators' salaries

The study said moving administrative head offices and senior staff would be prohibitive in terms of relocation, construction and infrastructure costs

Maritzburg had the capacity to absorb a larger public service It was in the economic hub of the region and the relocation would retard its growth and development

In addition, the present provincial capital sat at the centre of the regional road and rail network

Ulundi was only central to rural Zululand and was at least three hours away by car from Durban "along a tortuous and reputedly dangerous road" (264)

"In short, intra-government efficiency and the efficiency of the private sector would be adversely affected by a move to Ulundi," the study said

Our Maritzburg correspondent reports the debate took a new turn yesterday when three ANC Youth League regions proposed steps to resolve the deadlock

The ANC Youth Leagues of the KwaZulu/Natal Midlands, southern and northern KwaZulu/Natal proposed that the provincial legislature appoint a fairly representative committee of political, business, labour and other interests to investigate which was the best venue

In the interim the provincial legislature should use Maritzburg as the capital until the matter was resolved

They also proposed that the representative committee use consultants from a well known group to provide technical advice. — Reuter

or KwaZulu-Natal

Bid to end conflict over seat of govt

Sowetan 21/6/94

■ **ULUNDI MOVE** Buthelezi threatens to fire dissident IFP lawmakers:

By Sowetan Correspondent

MEMBERS of KwaZulu-Natal's executive committee will have a chance today of halting snowballing conflict between the ANC and IFP over the issue of the new provincial capital

Unless they do, the province faces a collapse of the legislature with the ANC intent on boycotting its first full sitting in Ulundi at the end of the month (264)

Today's executive committee meeting takes place in the middle of a public slanging match between the two most powerful parties in the legislature, with the issue of the capital halting the regional government from assuming control of all government functions in KwaZulu-Natal

The ANC took a decision to boycott the first full sitting of the legislature in Ulundi at the end of the month after boycotting a meeting of the executive committee in Ulundi last week

IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said he feared the Ulundi problem was just a smokescreen by the ANC for a new campaign to demonise him and the IFP and threatened to expel IFP members of the legislature who did not support Ulundi as the capital

Buthelezi said premier Dr Frank Mdlalose had decided that Ulundi would be a temporary capital - a flouting of the TEC decision to name Maritzburg as the provisional capital

Mdlalose said the ANC was refusing to recognise the IFP ministers and refusing to co-operate in the cabinet but "whatever happens, they will ultimately go to Ulundi"

A commission and a referendum have been proposed to resolve the problem, and they have the support of both parties

The ANC said yesterday its campaign to have Maritzburg retained as the capital was being supported by certain IFP legislators

ANC MEC for Roads Mr S'bu Ndebele said Buthelezi's threats to IFP members of the legislature who were opposed to Ulundi as the capital were "an indication that the IFP does not have a majority on the issue of the capital" He said he was aware that certain IFP members were opposed to Ulundi becoming the capital

Assuming that all the other parties are opposed to moving to Ulundi, the ANC needs only two IFP votes to secure a majority in favour of Maritzburg

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Natal capital referendum

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MARITZBURG — The KwaZulu-Natal executive council has decided to settle by referendum a dispute about the siting of the provincial capital, but said this could take a year or more.

The ANC said earlier it would boycott the first sitting of the provincial legislature next week at Ulundi, favoured for the capital by the IFP.

Premier Frank Mdlalose said the sitting had been postponed to late July or August — Sapa

Natal poll coming over capital

(264) CT 22/6/94

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A referendum will decide the future capital for kwaZulu/Natal (KZN), the provincial cabinet decided after a six-hour meeting in Maritzburg yesterday

Premier Dr Frank Mdlalose said "very fruitful" discussions were held and it was unanimously decided the referendum will decide the outcome However, this could take about two years as a voters' roll must be prepared

He also announced the first sitting of the KZN legislative assembly scheduled for yesterday had to be postponed as bills which were to have been discussed and enacted had not yet been finalised

It could take about two months before it is finalised, he added

In the meantime, cabinet meetings would alternate between Maritzburg and Ulundi, he said The next cabinet sitting will take place in Ulundi next Tuesday

Dr Mdlalose said a commission will be set up to consider the siting of an interim capital as the provincial parliament had to function and could not wait until the voters' roll had been prepared

Natal ANC leader Mr Jacob Zuma said once the referendum was over, it would be confirmed by the provincial legislature

Mr Zuma said the cabinet was now moving forward

R7bn for kwaZulu government

CT 23/6/94 (264)

Political Staff

APARTHEID may be gone, but taxpayers will still be paying for two separate regional administrations in kwaZulu Natal this year — at a combined cost of R10,8 billion

The kwaZulu government may have left office at the end of April, but its administration got a 16,2% increase in its budget allocation for the financial year

The "kwaZulu self-governing territory" budget amounts to R7,1 billion, more than double the R3,7 billion budget for "Natal"

The Natal budget, which previously financed the Natal Provincial Administration, increased by 13,6%

Both allocations are well above the inflation rate of 7%

Finance department officials said yesterday there the separate budgets would continue to operate until administrations were fully merged — and this may not be completed even by next year's budget

The old "apartheid" allocations will continue with the two budgets falling under the control of the central government.

5% import

Commission to choose capital

(264) ECT 23/10/94

DURBAN — A special commission to choose an interim capital for kwaZulu/Natal should be established within a fortnight in time for the next provincial cabinet meeting, regional minister of agriculture Mr George Bartlett said yesterday

The decision to set up the commission averted a possible constitutional crisis in the province

The NP's only representative in the cabinet, Mr Bartlett said his party would recommend the commission's terms of reference be extended to consider a permanent siting for the capital — Sapa-Reuter

Natal in chaos as parties argue on

(264) WM 24-30/6/94

Farouk Chotia

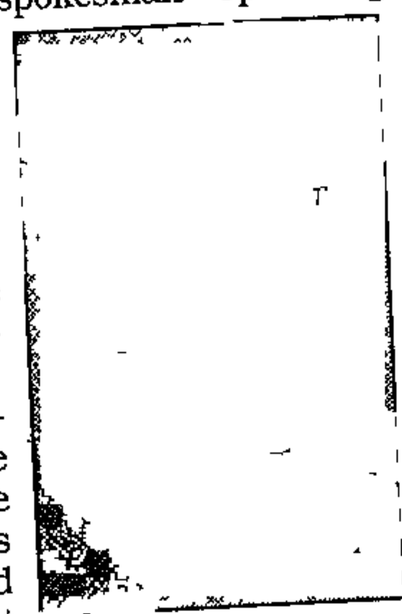
AGAINST the backdrop of continuing violence in kwaZulu/Natal, the government of provincial unity in the province is proving to be a dismal failure, with the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC at loggerheads on almost every issue Since it opened over a month ago, the provincial legislature has not met once

The composition of the cabinet has to be finalised and ministers have set up offices in three cities as the debate around the capital bogs down progress in the province

Although the ANC agreed with an IFP proposal at a cabinet meeting on Tuesday to hold a referendum to decide whether Ulundi or Pietermaritzburg should be the capital, the two sides still need to hammer out details on who will draft the voters' roll and conduct the referendum

ANC kwaZulu/Natal spokesman Mike Sutcliffe suggested this week that the task fall to the permanent electoral commission central government intends to set up, removing it from Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi

KwaZulu/Natal premier Frank Mdlalose said although the provincial cabinet was unanimous on the need for a referendum, it would take one to two years to hold



Frank Mdlalose .. Capital confusion

Observers argue that the decision to hold a referendum sends the wrong signal to the province's population, clearly showing that the IFP and ANC have failed to find common ground through negotiations

The political temperature in the province is certain to rise as the ANC and IFP do battle to win the hearts and minds of voters, and the possibility of an upsurge in violence cannot be ruled out.

The stakes will be high in the referendum if the IFP loses, it will give fresh impetus to ANC claims that the Zulu nationalist party won the April poll "fraudulently".

Sutcliffe said while the ANC accepted the need for a referendum, it maintained the issue should first be debated in the provincial legislature Observers believe the IFP is avoiding this as it may lose such a vote

Informed sources said that at least two IFP parliamentarians favoured Pietermaritzburg, and their votes would assist the ANC, National Party and Democratic Party to defeat the Ulundi bid

Against this backdrop, Buthelezi took the unprecedented step of threatening IFP leaders opposing Ulundi with expulsion from the party at a rally last weekend

Mdlalose said the legislature would only meet in late July or early August as Bills are still being drafted. Before then, a commission will be formed to determine the interim venue of the legislature

With no finality on the capital, it is unclear whether the cabinet will attend all such meetings

Mdlalose said the meetings would rotate between Pietermaritzburg and Ulundi but Sutcliffe said the ANC caucus still needed to decide whether its leaders would go to Ulundi, because of concern over their safety

According to reports, all IFP ministers have set up their offices in Ulundi, except Peter Miller who is operating from Pietermaritzburg along with the ANC's Zweli Mkhize and Sibusiso Ndebele Jacob Zuma is said to be still operating from Durban

The acrimonious state of inter-party relations in Natal is reflected on the ground Police said at least 35 people had died in political and criminal violence since the weekend

One of the worst-hit areas is the lower South Coast region where the local ANC branch said its hopes that the April poll would end violence had been "sadly dashed" as violence swept through the townships of Umvuschini, Jenco, Gcilima and Lamont

Speaking to the *Mail & Guardian* from the ANC's office, a 35-year-old mother of two, who asked not to be identified, said suspected IFP supporters had tried to rape her and that mobs forced their way into homes every evening before taking residents to an open site

Men were whipped for not having IFP membership cards, while IFP supporters were armed with G-3 rifles, spears and knobkierries

In a statement, the ANC said many residents had sought refuge in surrounding bush to avoid being attacked or drawn into the IFP "night camps".

An IFP official in Ulundi, Thami Duma, said he was unaware of IFP-sponsored violence in the area.

"We have responsible leaders there," he said "The IFP doesn't believe in such things — it would be a grave violation of human rights"

KWAZULU/NATAL

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Still coming to terms

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If the Mandela government has its work cut out at a national level, so too does KwaZulu/Natal provincial premier Frank Mdlalose — a man under siege from all sides as he tries to get his provincial government off the ground

On the one hand his Inkatha-led administration has faced a succession of attacks from the ANC opposition since its upset April election victory in the province

On the other hand, critics accuse Mdlalose of simply being a front man for party leader and Home Affairs Minister in the Mandela government, Mangosuthu Buthelezi They claim Buthelezi dictates policy in the province — a claim which Mdlalose, in a wide-ranging interview with the *FM*, rejects as insulting

"Nothing has been forced on my administration by Buthelezi When my cabinet meets this week it is my cabinet and my ideas Buthelezi won't be there We will have our own discussions and come to our own conclusions and decisions"

Added to this are frustrations over the transfer of what Inkatha regards as limited powers to the provincial legislatures and government's refusal to lift the state of emergency in the province — even though there has been a dramatic decline in levels of violence

But probably the biggest problem is an alleged destabilisation campaign which Mdlalose believes is currently being waged by ANC extremists

"I believe moderates in the ANC, at national executive and provincial level, want the party to get on with implementing a government of provincial unity But there is a faction within the provincial ANC which is intent on promoting conflict with Inkatha at all costs and all levels This faction wants central government to withhold powers, frustrate our efforts and destabilise the province, so that central government will appoint an administrator They will then be able to blame Inkatha for failing to govern KwaZulu/Natal"

He claims the ANC adopted its obstructionist stance right from the start Inkatha won the provincial election in spite of ANC boasts that it enjoyed majority support The ANC immediately contested the result in court, though it never completed the action

"It then contested my cabinet appointments Though these appointments conformed with the new constitution — of which the ANC was the chief architect — they were rejected Only when I offered the ANC the economic affairs portfolio did it grudgingly accept"

The result, says Mdlalose, is that the administration has lurched from one crisis to the next "Now when we talk of meeting in Ulundi, the ANC threatens boycotts. The fact is it just doesn't want anything to do with Ulundi Claims of being afraid of going there are simply untrue ANC provincial leader Jacob Zuma has been here many times, as has Deputy State President Thabo Mbeki"

In view of the problems, Mdlalose admits that his optimism that the province can move into a phase of provincial unity and settled government "is tempered with realism I'm a pragmatist These issues can be resolved"

Mdlalose says his first goal in the province is to eliminate violence "We would like to facilitate this though reconstruction Peace cannot be sustained without practical or visible progress on reconstruction From there we would like to get down to the nitty gritty of providing housing, education, infrastructure, jobs, investment and the development of small business and industry"

Premier Mdlalose *under siege*

One of the frustrations, though, he says, is that though the province has asked for powers to which it is entitled, government has been slow in granting them "Limited powers were granted last week, even though we have asked for a long list But I instructed Ministers to take over whatever powers come their way immediately and begin work implementing policies"

Just as frustrating is the state of emergency imposed on the province prior to the election "Though we ask for its removal, government does nothing We will keep asking and if it still does nothing, we will consider it an act of bad faith Nevertheless, we won't toyi-toyi to Pretoria, conduct stayaways, or destroy property such as cars and schools That is not our way" ■

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Turning on the power

An important step in the phasing in of provincial government was taken last Friday with the transfer of "major executive powers" from central government to the nine new provinces Fm 24/6/94

Announcing proclamations to this effect, Public Services & Administration Minister Zola Skweyiya explained that the administration of almost 800 regional laws would now be transferred to provincial governments They include almost all laws dealing with housing and health The development follows weeks of intensive discussion between Skweyiya and provincial premiers

In accordance with the constitution, all executive powers were, before June 17, vested in the central government (for about two weeks) in terms of a Presidential proclamation on May 26 This initial centralisation of powers was a transitional measure to allow for the orderly establishment of the new provincial governments and their administrations

Provincial powers

In terms of the constitution, Skweyiya explained, premiers may, after certain conditions have been met, request the State President to assign provincial powers to them This has been done

The effect of proclamations is to assign to the provinces almost all the laws of the defunct TBVC states, self-governing territories, as well as the ordinances of the old provinces

Apart from health and housing, provinces will now have the authority to render services in regard to urban development, local government, nature conservation, roads and other functions

Skweyiya points out that only the education laws of the former homelands have been assigned to the new provinces

The remainder of the executive powers to be exercised by the provinces — for example, in agriculture and health which formerly fell under those national departments — are to be transferred to the provinces as soon as possible Substantial amendments to these laws are required before they can be transferred

Skweyiya says transfer of these powers will have to be accompanied by a restructuring of the relevant government administra-

The committee formed to promote Cape Town's pro-parliament campaign hopes to raise at least R1m this week to finance its efforts

A similar committee in Pretoria has a R3m kitty to promote that city as a new site for the legislature

MPs and the Cabinet are divided on the issue and it could become one of the most heated debates the new government will face this year Deputy State President and NP leader F W de Klerk was questioned on the issue at a press conference in Cape Town this week but chose not to take sides either personally or on behalf of the NP

He said the Cabinet committee would have to report before discussion of the issue could begin The matter had not been raised for debate either in the NP caucus or its federal council De Klerk warned, however, that SA could not at present afford a "heated and emotional" debate on whether parliament should move

National Assembly Speaker Frene Ginwala has announced parliament's programme for the rest of the year MPs will sit, until July 5 at the latest and adjourn until August 1 when the Budget debate will begin

Over the next few days MPs appointed to various standing committees will be given orientation briefings by senior officials from government departments If draft legislation emerges from the committees it will be debated in the National Assembly next week

French President Francois Mitterrand will address a joint session of parliament early next month The session starting in August is scheduled to continue until the end of October ■

KWAZULU/NATAL

Other priorities

Enter Peter Mokaba — the fiery former leader of the ANC Youth League — to exacerbate the already tense KwaZulu/Natal capital row The ANC could again be forced to rap the outspoken MP over the knuckles for further inflaming an issue it wants to defuse (264)

The party's national executive seems keen to reduce temperatures in the debate over whether Ulundi or Maritzburg should become the provincial seat But Mokaba, censured before the general election for his "kill the boer, kill the farmer" chants at political rallies, used a Soweto Day platform at Durban City Hall to warn KwaZulu/Natal's Inkatha government that it would be "broken" if it insisted on pressing ahead with plans to site the provincial capital in Ulundi

Cosatu's regional executive has also taken up the cudgels, accusing Inkatha of behaving in a manner completely contrary to the spirit of reconciliation and reconstruction in the rest of SA

Others, including KwaZulu/Natal Premier Frank Mdlalose, believe the capital row is simply being used as a tool by extremists to try to make the province ungovernable and force central government to appoint an administrator

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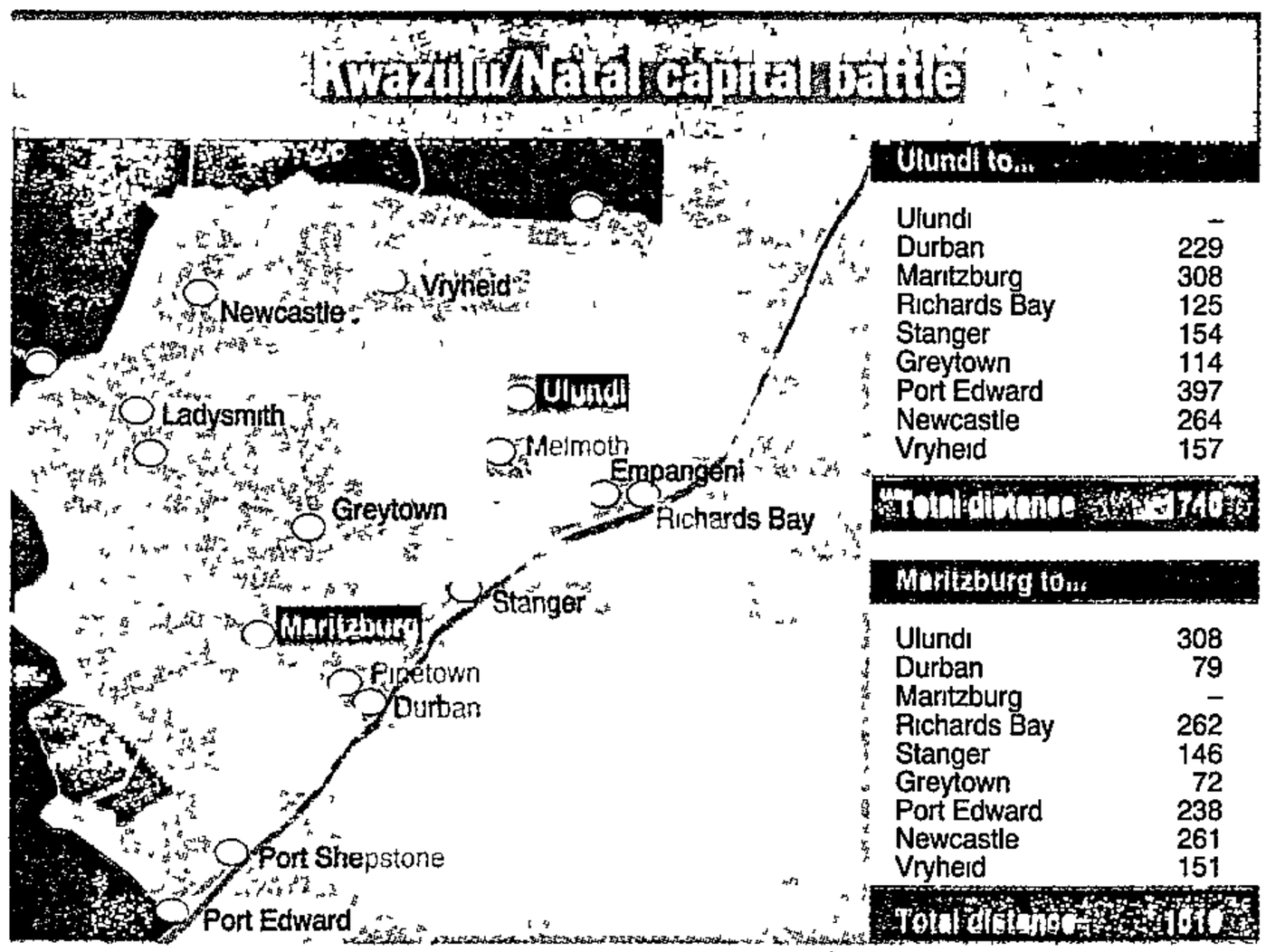
The Premier says he would like the people to decide where the capital should be through a referendum "But that could take time because we first need a voters' roll As an interim measure it seems sensible to create a commission of inquiry to recommend a suitable capital Such a commission though is not without problems It could be influenced by vested interests and of course its members would have their own preconceived ideas about the issue " Mdlalose, as he told party supporters at a weekend Inkatha rally to celebrate the party's provincial election victory, clearly favours Ulundi

At the same gathering Inkatha president and Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who is widely thought to be the prime instigator behind the Ulundi option, weighed in to claim that the ANC is using the dispute as a smoke screen for a new campaign to demonise him and Inkatha He described Mdlalose's decision to "temporarily locate the provincial capital in Ulundi" as wise and prudent

Mdlalose says the provincial assembly and executive committee will meet in various places "This week's cabinet meeting is in Maritzburg where the issue of the location of a capital will be discussed There is no place which is sacrosanct or beyond me I will attend meetings anywhere in the province even if I don't feel terribly safe I use offices in Maritzburg and Ulundi because all these places are in the province If there is work to be done, I will not hide Conversely, however, when we suggest a meeting in Ulundi everyone's up in arms "

Maritzburg City Council joined the argument with a study prepared for it by Natal University's economics department in Maritzburg The 29-page report, which scrutinises the pros and cons of locating the capital in Durban, Maritzburg or Ulundi, touches only briefly on the merits of Durban as the capital and clearly favours Maritzburg. Nevertheless, it makes some interesting points (264)



It argues logically that the choice of capital should be based on whichever centre best serves the greatest number of people

It looks at infrastructure in the different centres and takes into account the need to establish new offices and housing as well as the cost of moving civil servants from one centre to another The estimated relocation allowances for transferring Natal Provincial Administration employees to Ulundi would be R10m The major cost of moving to Ulundi, however, would arise if new buildings were needed

The report also rejects the dual capital concept, of the administrative centre in Maritzburg and the legislative seat in Ulundi, as with Cape Town and Pretoria at national level While the idea seems appealing it could result in slow and disjointed decision making and be expensive because of duplication and transport costs

Though Maritzburg is easily accessible to about 70% of the region's people, Ulundi is central only to rural Zululand, it adds

The report claims it is fallacious to believe that, while growth in Maritzburg would be undermined were Ulundi to be chosen, this would be counterbalanced by equivalent growth in Ulundi A more probable result would be a capital like Canberra or Brasilia where the bureaucracy is virtually the only source of employment or economic activity

Whatever Ulundi's attractions, it would take years and huge capital sums to provide infrastructure and services comparable to those in Maritzburg

☐ Johannesburg was on Tuesday officially named capital of the PWV province ■

8,6% rise in Durban budget

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DURBAN — The city council has tabled a 3,45 billion rand municipal budget for 1994/5 — an 8,6 percent increase on last year's budget

A special R20 million fund has been created in the budget for a new nonracial council, should it have "new priorities" that required funds, said council treasurer Mike Turrell. — Reuter

KwaZulu mission for Meyer, Moosa

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Problems in the kwaZulu/Natal region will be discussed this week when Inkatha and the ANC meet Provincial Affairs Minister Mr Roelf Meyer and his deputy, Mr Valli Moosa, at the region's first provincial cabinet meeting in Ulundi tomorrow

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The indefinite postponement of the first sitting of the provincial legislature and the acrimonious dispute over the siting of the new capital, both inside and outside the cabinet, has caused concern in central government

Mr Meyer and Mr Moosa will fly to Ulundi tomorrow to address the cabinet and help get the provincial government back on track

Zulu 'rifts' smoothed over in ceremonies

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EMPANGENI — Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini has made bold strides to reconcile his divided people by calling for Zulu unity across party political lines

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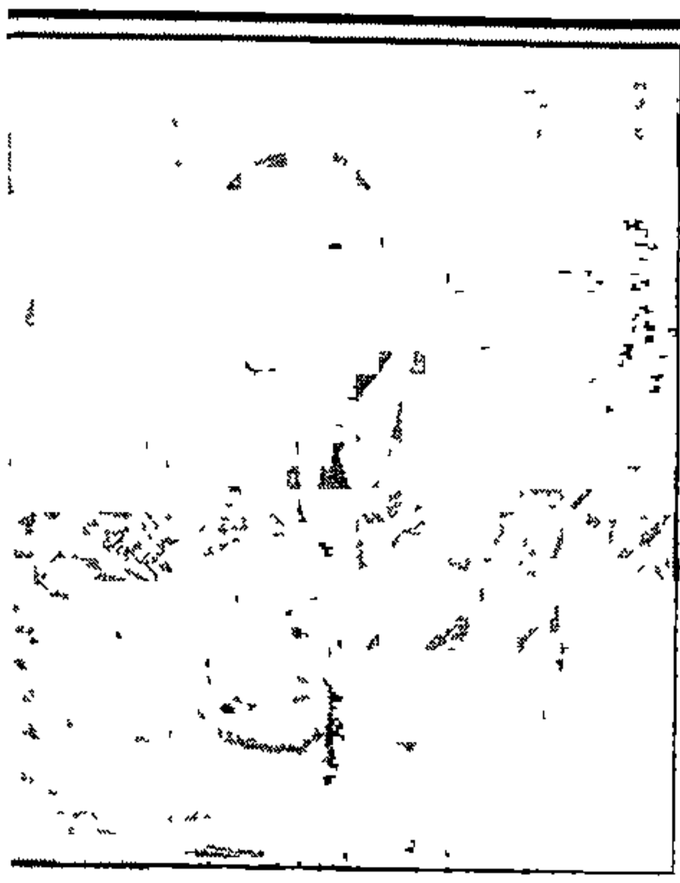
President Nelson Mandela attended the capping ceremony After the ceremony, kwaZulu/Natal's three ANC ministers joined their cabinet colleagues in the IFP at the rally

There Chief Buthelezi, smoothing over recent speculation of a rift with the king, paid tribute to the Zulu monarch, hailing his unique position in South Africa as king of 8 million people

Chief Buthelezi's praise followed his earlier public utterances about the king which drew the ire of the ANC, including accusations that members of the Zulu royal family were trying to drive a wedge between him and King Zwelethini — Sapa

Soweto shebeen king to be buried



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King's bid to unite his nation

Sowetan

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Buthelezi's praise follows earlier public utterances about the king which drew the ire of the ANC.

Previously, the IFP leader and now Home Affairs Minister accused certain members of the Zulu royal family of trying to drive a wedge between himself and the king

Speaking at the rally, King Zwelithini urged compromise among his people and encouraged talks between opposing parties over the future of his nation. — *Sapa*

kwaZulu/Natal's first cabinet sitting 'fruitful'

CT 29/6/94 Own Correspondent (264)

DURBAN — Several "problematic issues" appeared to have been ironed out at the first full cabinet sitting of the kwaZulu/Natal regional parliament in Ulundi yesterday.

Minister of Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development Mr Roelf Meyer and his deputy Mr Valli Moosa, who also attended the executive committee meeting, described it as "fruitful".

The meeting was the first attended by the ANC, who had previously boycotted the Ulundi venue

ANC Ministers attend first Ulundi sitting

Star

Ulundi — Two ANC provincial Ministers attended their first KwaZulu/Natal Cabinet meeting in the Inkatha stronghold of Ulundi yesterday

The ANC's KwaZulu/Natal leader Jacob Zuma, who is the provincial Minister of Economic Affairs and Tourism, and Sbu Ndebele, provincial Minister of Roads and Transport, had attended the meeting, said former KwaZulu government spokesman Thembinkosi Memela 29/6/94

ANC Ministers have in the past expressed concern for their safety in Ulundi, where three ANC election workers were killed while campaigning a few days before the April election

Problems (264)

Speaking yesterday after meeting the KwaZulu/Natal provincial Cabinet, Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer told reporters that all provinces had experienced problems in establishing administrations and KwaZulu/Natal was no worse off than the other eight

He said there were no problems regarding the provinces' willingness and intention to get on with their work

Zuma later told reporters he agreed with Meyer that the central Government was on track in KwaZulu/Natal — Reuter

Radio Pretoria spokesmen Mossie van den Berg, left, and Vim Eek address IBA member Lyndall Shope-Mafole and co-chairman Sebiletso Mokone-Matabane, right, at a public hearing in Johannesburg yesterday to canvass opinion on the issue of temporary broadcasting licences.

Picture ROBERT BOTHA

Broadcasters state their case

MARK ASHURST

THE Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) should avoid attaching strict editorial guidelines to the issue of community broadcasting licences, aspirant broadcasters told the IBA yesterday

Addressing the first in a series of public hearings to canvass opinion on community broadcasting licences, speakers said the role of community radio as a "catalyst for social transformation" would be impaired if IBA policies on language and programme content were inflexible.

"Street dialects in Soweto are no respecter of formal language policy," said Voice of Soweto spokesman Nsimbi Buthelezi

Portuguese Radio Cicade chairman Dario Bettincourt said his station would be limited by a standard programme format

Radio Cicade had a responsibility to play African music for Portuguese-speaking immigrants from Angola and Mozambique, while other listeners depended on the station as a source of Portuguese culture

All the applicants at the hearing supported licences that allowed them the option of seeking revenue from advertising and state funding

No voice for black Afrikaners on station

B/Day 30/6/94

MARK ASHURST

BLACK Afrikaans speakers seeking to broadcast on Radio Pretoria frequencies were misguided, station technical manager Wim Eek said yesterday after the first day of public hearings hosted by the Independent Broadcasting Authority

"Speaking English does not make me an Irishman. The history of black, coloured and Indian Afrikaans speakers is not the history of white Afrikaners."

SA Student Press Union spokesman Nazeem Pather had asked whether blacks who identified with the Afrikaans language and culture would be entitled to broadcast on Radio Pretoria if it were granted a licence.

Radio Pretoria chairman Mossie van der Berg said applications would be considered in terms of the principles and constitution of the station.

However, Eek said the question had been "loaded" The station's objective was to promote the "Protestant, Christian, Western heritage of the Afrikaner"

About 20 representatives from satellite stations attended the hearing in support of Radio Pretoria's bid for a licence.

Radio Pretoria's directors decided yesterday morning to establish a board of control consisting of two representatives from each of the satellite stations. The board would establish a network of stations, each registered as a Section 21 public utility, if licences were granted.

Van der Berg hoped editorial policy for community stations could be resolved internally without formal restrictions.

Radio Pretoria had acted in good faith by investing in the industry, and it was unreasonable to expect any authority to lay down effective guidelines during this "experimental stage."

The station accepted the code of conduct in the Independent Broadcasting Act, but Van der Berg said it was "intolerable" that assurances from former Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte to consider licence applications by the end of 1993 had not been honoured.

Kwazulu/Natal desires flexibility

B/Day 30/6/94

ADRIAN HADLAND

DURBAN — The "tug-of-war" developing between central government and the provinces was to be expected with the creation of a new tier of government, but did not constitute a serious problem, ANC Natal leader Jacob Zuma said yesterday.

But Provincial Affairs Minister Roelf Meyer had been told this week that greater flexibility was required towards the region.

KwaZulu Natal premier Frank Mdlalose said the piecemeal delegation of powers together with a central government scheme to exercise financial accountability in the provinces was "grossly unfair, unreasonable and bureacratic"

The problem was that central government was treating all the provinces as though they were equally developed and were infrastructually and administratively similar

"Not all the provinces are the same There is an asymmetry; each has its own idiosyncrasies."

Zuma said central government had tried to work out "a formula" for assisting the creation of provincial government. "We need a different, more adjustable formula," he said.

One aspect of the formula, which has been criticised by the KwaZulu Natal cabinet, is the appointment of new directors-general in each province by July 1

The directors-general, for whom posts had been advertised recently in the national media, were intended to become the principal accounting officers for each region, responsible for withdrawals from the Provincial Revenue Fund. They were also responsible for the allocation to projects and administrations.

KwaZulu Natal had 13 accounting officers, 12 from former KwaZulu government departments and one from the Natal Provincial Administration, Mdlalose said.

"We can't accept that one person, an interim acting director-general, can step in and take control of a R10bn budget."

The piecemeal granting of powers had also affected the work of KwaZulu/Natal Joint Services boards.

Meyer and his deputy Valli Moosa, who visited Ulundi this week, had also been told that provincial governments required the power to appoint deputy ministers.

Further unhappiness was about central government's interference in local government structures while bypassing the provincial tier.

Coming clean with a clear flow of profits

What's the best way to get clean water to millions of people? Umgeni Water, the largest supplier of bulk potable water in KwaZulu/Natal, believes it has the answer

Though it monopolises water supply in the area and has a 14-member statutory board appointed by the Water Affairs Minister, Umgeni gets no government funds and the management committee runs on business lines The utility last week reported net income up 46% to R17,2m for the year to February despite higher electricity costs for pumping, the slump and the continuing drought Turnover from water sales rose from the year-ago R242,7m to R275m Yet tariff increases have been below the inflation rate since 1989 FM 1/7/94

Investment rating company Republic Ratings recently awarded Umgeni an AAA investment-grade debt rating for the second time in a row Republic says "entrenched position as sole bulk supplier to the area, relative price inelasticity of demand and solid financial structure" justify the rating

The utility serves 2,5m consumers in a 24 000 km² area from the Tugela River in the north to the Umzimkulu in the south and the Lesotho border in the west Umgeni draws from eight large storage dams, purifies at plants and sells the water to local and regional authorities — the Durban City Council takes nearly half — responsible for water reticulation Umgeni's total assets stand at R1,5bn, which includes nine waterworks, four large storage dams and 60 km of tunnels, more than 500 km of pipes and aqueducts, a major pump station and two large waste water works (204)

Chairman Ken McDonald recently announced the early retirement of six white, male management committee members as part of Umgeni's affirmative action programme The six, who will retain their positions on six-month renewable contracts until their successors are ready to take over, include CE Graham Atkinson and finance & administration director Avison Carlisle

Umgeni doesn't get handouts or government subsidies so loans are raised on the open market The numerous loan issues were recently consolidated into two megastocks, the UG50 and UG55, on the JSE gilts sector, making Umgeni and Rand Water the only two water utilities that have gone to the capital market (Rand is the largest water supplier, with Umgeni second) More than 450 investors, including some from Europe, Australia and Canada, hold Umgeni paper, nearly double the number of a year ago The utility will need R540m from the capital market in 1994-1995, including about R300m for the construction of waterworks at Midmar Dam

FirstCorp vice-president Roland Richter says one of the stock's main strengths is the company's cash-flush position, with surplus cash being hedged in the RSA 150s and Eskom 168s Operations in Natal's turbulent Midlands are sometimes difficult but investors seem confident about Umgeni's future "The violence in Natal has not affected the stock's performance "

By accumulating reserves (budgeting for a surplus), Umgeni has been able to finance capital development without running up crippling debt But Carlisle acknowledges "the debt equity ratio remains too high at 1,84 compared with the international standard of 1 for public utilities "

Umgeni plans to spend about R1bn to meet its goal of supplying everyone in its region with potable water by 2005, Carlisle says In doing so, Umgeni is branching out from its core business of bulk supply and into distribution It expects to spend about R350m on rural reticulation schemes in violence-racked Durban/Maritzburg over the next five years "Water reticulation is not really part of our business, so this plan is unusual for us," says rural planning manager Isaac Ngwenya

For communities where residents lack private connections, the utility has erected hundreds of water kiosks Run by community members elected by local committees, the kiosks are subsidised (by Umgeni) at R1 000 each Of that cost, R120 goes to the committee and R800 to a local contractor who builds the kiosk around a water connection The committee sells coupons to residents to exchange for water at the kiosk Each 7c coupon buys 25 *l* People carry the water in buckets and drums

Water can also be collected from community standpipes installed by the utility The standpipes are managed by householders who monitor usage and collect money

Atkinson believes Umgeni's strength is its manageable size He is wary of the utility becoming a regional water authority that follows political boundaries rather than catchment areas "We don't want to end up as another government department or layer of bureaucracy "

Straight from the source *collecting water at Mpumulanga*

Child detention to end

JOHANNES NGCOBO

SECTION 29 of the Correctional Services Act, which allowed juveniles to be detained before their conviction, would be abolished, Correctional Services spokesman Capt Bert Slabbert said yesterday.

" Correctional Services Minister Sipho Mzimela is drafting legislation to remove 800 detained juveniles from prison and put them in places of safety."

The proposal had been approved by Cabinet on Wednesday. B/Day 11/7/94

"The proposed amdendment will be drafted in such a way that juveniles will be safeguarded against detention in prison," Slabbert said

Mzimela said: "This should serve as a clear signal about government's intention to solve the serious and sensitive matter of unsentenced children in prison."

President Nelson Mandela said heads of departments involved with the detention of children would draw up guidelines to remove children from prison and place them in suitable care.

Meanwhile, Slabbert said two advocates, Pius Langa and Ronnie Pillay, had been appointed to join IEC chairman Judge Johann Kriegler's commision into the recent prison violence.

SA Prisoners' Organisation for Human Rights spokesman Golden Miles Bhudu welcomed the appointment of the commission.

He hoped prison warders who had shot and killed prisoners would be called to explain the circumstances that led to the killings. If sufficient evidence was found, warders would be tried and convicted

Report alleges illegal KwaZulu Police camp

JOHANNES NGCOBO and TIM COHEN

A TEC report on KwaZulu Police hit squads has alleged that as many as 5 000 Zulus were illegally trained at a camp at Mlaba to become "soldiers for Inkatha". B/Day

The report, which has not yet been officially released, forms part of a more extensive TEC investigation 11/7/94

It stated that the training was unlawful in terms of the Self-Governing Territories Constitution Act which prohibited the establishment of military units (2604)

Home Affairs Minister and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi said he had not seen the report but added that the existence of the camp was not a secret.

He denied that the camp was illegal, saying he had discussed the creation of self-protection units with Police Commissioner Johann van der Merwe

Arms from the camp were removed just prior to the arrival of an inspection team, which reached the camp on April 26, shortly before voting began

The KwaZulu Police Department decision to convert the trained persons into KwaZulu Police special constables had to be "closely scrutinised", the report said

The KwaZulu government may have spent more than R500 000 on paying trainees who were not deployed as special constables, the report added

The report implicated Inkatha's Senator Philip Powell as having been involved in training at the camp, and said a homemade shotgun had been found hidden under the seat of his car

The ANC, Cosatu, the SACP and the PAC called for the findings of the task group, headed by lawyer Howard Varney, to be made public

SACP general secretary Charles Ngqakula and Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said their organisations were still receiving reports of third force activities in KwaZulu/Natal despite the TEC investigations

PAC NEC member Maxwell Nemadzivhanani said his organisation wanted the report to be made known so that political criminals could be identified

ANC spokesman Lindi Zulu also called for the report to be made public

Two Ministers want emergency lifted

B/Day

ADRIAN HADLAND

DEFENCE Minister Joe Modise and Safety and Security Minister Sidney Mufamadi have recommended the lifting of KwaZulu/Natal's state of emergency to Cabinet

A source said that after a visit to the region, the two Ministers had suggested the repeal of the emergency and its replacement with the declaration of unrest areas in certain "hot spots". 4/7/94

While the recommendation had been forwarded to Cabinet, it had yet to be discussed in detail, the source said

Some senior officials, however, were reportedly concerned that future outbreaks of violence could be tackled effectively only if the emergency remained in place

The emergency regulations gave government greater flexibility to act should the need arise, the source said (264)

In the meantime the emergency, which continues to invoke the ire of the region's political representatives, has become little more than a precautionary measure

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Emergency

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With few incidents of political violence now occurring in the region and the demobilisation of most security force troops, pressure is mounting on Cabinet to lift the promulgation 4/7/94

Troop levels in the province had been dramatically reduced by about 70% since the elections, an SA National Defence Force spokesman said

Citizen force and commando members had been demobilised while several SANDF companies had been withdrawn. Fewer than 1 000 troops were now on duty in the province. (264)

An SANDF source said that in any case the remaining troops were no longer using the emergency powers which had been available to them during the election period.

The police, however, said they would assume the emergency remained in place until official notification had been received to the contrary

KwaZulu/Natal Premier Frank Mdlalose said the regional cabinet had become frustrated with the emergency issue. Appeals to government had been fruitless

"We've done our best but we are simply not capable, in legal terms, of lifting the emergency If we could, we would."

KwaZulu/Natal police said yesterday about 40 people had been killed in the province in the preceeding week

Most of the cases were criminal, or faction-oriented, rather than political crimes

ANC, Inkatha rally for peace

CT 4/8/94 (264)

Goodwill comes to hot spot

DURBAN — Inkatha Freedom Party and ANC residents of formerly embattled townships north of here thronged to a joint peace rally in the area yesterday, some of them venturing into "enemy" territory for the first time since the election

The event, at Ntuzuma's Gugulabasha sports field, drew over a 1 000 supporters, and bore testimony to the new atmosphere of goodwill that prevails in the formerly volatile area

Leading their supporters into the venue, IFP and ANC provincial MPs Mr Thomas Shabalala and Mr Bheki Cele embraced, putting past acrimonies behind them in order to facilitate peace

ANC supporters and local church groups arrived first, many wondering if their past rivals in neighbouring Lindelani would show up

But IFP supporters, many of them collected in traditional impis, eventually arrived at the field, led by Mr Shabalala

Among his supporters was Sipho Shembe, who described the occasion as "a good day"

ANC supporters had similar reactions to the rally One who did not want to be identified said "There was too much fighting, now we want peace"

Meanwhile, Mr Cele and Mr Shabalala made a joint plea for peace, and encouraged supporters to fight crime and reject violence

Mr Cele said parents should guide their children and encourage youths to enjoy their youth, "instead of running around the country with matches, tyres and guns"

He said residents should resist drug dealers and gun smugglers and concentrate on demonstrating peace

Mr Shabalala said residents should sustain their efforts for peace because these had paid off during the election, when people had expected a Rwanda-type situation

Mr Cele said the area had the potential to become one of the most peaceful owing to IFP/ANC co-operation — Sapa

IFP calls for Gwala probe

(264)

CT 5/7/94

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The IFP has called for urgent investigations into allegations that led to the suspension of Natal Midlands firebrand Mr Harry Gwala from the SA Communist Party.

IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillet said the six-month suspension as a disciplinary measure should force the ANC to take action against Mr Gwala

"We are calling on the ANC to expel Mr Gwala from his position in the kwaZulu/Natal legislature," he said

Mr Gwala has rejected allegations about his involvement in hit-squad activities as "rumours" aimed at getting rid of him

KwaZulu-Natal govt is under pressure

Sowetan 7/7/94

PRESSURE is mounting on the KwaZulu-Natal cabinet to get its act together and hold a first sitting of the provincial legislature

In the past week party caucuses are believed to have taken their representatives on the cabinet to task for moving ahead — on vital decisions related to the provisional capital and other matters — without approval or consultation with the legislature.

Yesterday the cabinet met again in Maritzburg to decide the terms of reference and composition of the commission to decide on a provisional capital

Three-man commission

It was announced afterwards that a three-man commission was to be formed to investigate a seat for the legislature

Details of the commission would be finalised as a matter of urgency by KwaZulu-Natal premier Dr Frank Mdlalose and ANC leader Jacob Zuma

The cabinet's moves on the issue, according to some sources, has drawn an angry reaction from MPs from both the IFP and ANC

An ANC MP said "we are sitting around and waiting". (264)

Chairman of the Natal National Party caucus Mr Val Volker said the NP preferred to have "representatively elected members of the legislature to publicly debate the issue transparently"

The NP said the provincial legislature "which was elected in April 1994 and which is representative of the voters of KwaZulu-Natal should not be bypassed"

"We support the suggestion that a commission should be appointed to consider all aspects that would affect an impact on a decision as to where the capital of KwaZulu-Natal should be" — *Sowetan Correspondent*

KWAZULU/NATAL

FM 15/7/94

The Nelspruit way

Letting the people of KwaZulu/Natal choose their provincial capital may be the noble and democratic thing to do, but it is undoubtedly the wrong way of reaching what is essentially an economic and practical decision (264)

So the provincial authority has decided to use a referendum to break the deadlock It means the crucial choice will be emotional and politically motivated rather than rational — and is likely to create more problems than it solves

Among them is the fact that the final choice will probably take at least two years — long after other provinces have bedded down in the new dispensation

Meanwhile, a commission will be established to recommend the best location for an interim capital Even that is taking time The decision was taken weeks ago but there's still no word on who'll sit on it

Though the capital issue precipitated a political storm in KwaZulu/Natal, the problem is not rare The PWV had to choose between Pretoria and Johannesburg Eastern Cape had at least three potential capitals and Eastern Transvaal made its choice from five possible towns

The difference, of course, is that where the other provinces chose their seats of government on pragmatic grounds, in KwaZulu/Natal it has become become an emotional and political nettle

For the ruling Inkatha Freedom Party, the selection of Ulundi would underline its provincial dominance as much as symbolise the resurgence of the Zulu nation Conversely, for the ANC, promoting Maritzburg is, it seems, part of a process of undermining that dominance and destabilising premier Frank Mdlalose's government The consequence is a two-year political stalemate with little prospect of a widely acceptable solution at the end of it

The contrast with the slick way the matter was handled by premier Matthew Phosa in the Eastern Transvaal is stark His approach began before the general election when the Regional Economic & Development Forum appointed an independent committee to recommend a capital Committee convenor Phillip Hattingh, of the University of Pretoria's geography department, says the idea was to resolve a potentially divisive issue It specifically sought to avoid a purely political decision

Defining criteria

According to Hattingh, writing in Natal University's *Indicator* magazine, the committee was given two instructions define the criteria for selecting a capital by March 15 and, after consulting the forum and regional services councils, recommend the most suitable site by end-April so that the facts could be presented to the provincial legislature at its first sitting That is what happened

The 17 priority selection criteria, explains Hattingh, were based on the premise that a capital is normally a symbol of provincial unity embracing the political and administrative seats, but also including institutions which need speedy access to government and bodies involved in the province's welfare

Capitals also frequently feature prominently in the iconography of the region and express provincial capacity and feeling, he says

The financial, economic and development potential of each town were considered, as well as resources and services, national significance, demography, history, infrastructure and location relative to the PWV The significance of even vaguely political criteria were well below economic and practical issues

The result was the no-fuss selection of Nelspruit — though Secunda, Middelburg and Witbank were close contenders

What, then, will a KwaZulu/Natal referendum achieve? First, it will provide a two-year cooling off period

Second, it will be a useful test of public opinion midway through the incumbent government's term of office

However, these are short-term political issues that cannot be justified in what should essentially be an apolitical, pragmatic decision For this, Inkatha and the ANC must accept blame

The message to both, therefore, should be to put their differences behind them, appoint a credible commission, probably headed by a judge and including political and economic interests, as well as technical expertise, to do, as quickly as possible, what the Eastern Transvaal did months ago ■

IFP sticks to Ulundi as provincial capital

ULUNDI — Inkatha Freedom Party kwaZulu/Natal MPs were paraded in front of their party's annual general conference here yesterday and asked to name their choice for the province's capital after the issue had been debated for about 90 minutes

The discussion resulted in thousands of IFP delegates jumping up in wild applause at the suggestion that Ulundi be the capital

All the MPs present affirmed their commitment to Ulundi, with only Mr Arthur Konigkramer and Mr Mike Tarr publicly urging that economic realities and other considerations be brought into the capital choice.

CT 18/7/94 (264)

Newly-elected IFP secretary general Dr Ziba Jiyane admitted the party had only a slim chance of Ulundi being chosen if the issue were put to a vote in the kwaZulu/Natal parliament — Sapa

Chief warns on Ulundi

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CT 29/7/94

DURBAN — IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday warned the ANC to stop its objection to Ulundi as the kwaZulu/Natal capital or face losing support

Addressing a victory rally in the province, Chief Buthelezi told supporters "important personalities" were trying to get President Nelson Mandela's ear in an attempt to thwart Ulundi's chances of being the capital

"If the ANC continues to oppose Ulundi as the capital it will cost them dearly because the people will not vote for them in the next election."

He had not been acknowledged for averting wide-scale bloodshed by bringing his party into the elections and accepting the results

He had wanted to contest the results in court but had decided not to as the cost would have been "counted in terms of thousands of deaths in an upward spiral of violence"

"To spend the lives of thousands of people to prove that we were right when the next election would do so, was just not justified" — Sapa

Call for govt in Natal to get going

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The National Party has urged the IFP and the ANC to bury their "political swords" and work together in the interest of peace and reconciliation in the kwaZulu/Natal government.

The NP said "a lack of political leadership" was delaying the government from getting off the ground. (264) CT 29/7/94

Natal NP spokesman Mr Pieter van Pletzen said while other provinces had speedily tackled their problems with enthusiasm, kwaZulu/Natal was still a non-starter.

Political opportunism and accusations, Mr van Pletzen said, would not rectify the appalling situation.

He said public representatives should immediately restore the confidence of the electorate by doing their job — meeting in the provincial parliament immediately.

Some of the urgent issues that needed to be addressed were:

- The non-sitting of the legislature;
- The political violence;
- The choice of the capital;
- The provincial constitution;
- A policy speech by the premier.

New party to support king

DURBAN — A new political party was quietly launched in kwaZulu-Natal this week, but was immediately dismissed by the Inkatha Freedom Party (264)

The Kingdom Party, or Inkululeko Yesilo (the freedom of the king), was set up in the IFP heartland of Nongoma, near Ulundi, and hopes to contest the local government elections next year CT 30/11/94

Local IFP minister Mr Arthur Konigkramer this week dismissed the party, saying "it won't last" — Sapa

Dismissals slammed

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Conservation and Traditional Authorities Mr Nyanga Ngubane has lashed out at ERPM management for firing 350 Zulu-speaking workers, because of ethnic clashes at the mine.

Ngubane said the dismissals were "cruel and unfair" and would also affect about 1 900 family members of the fired workers.

He said he had requested Government's intervention because the issue was not labour related. The problem was "political and racial".

He said it was a shame to let the dismissals go ahead, especially after the election of a democratic Government.

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"The people who are driving the Zulus away from the mine are supporters of a certain political party while the Zulus support a different one and are a minority within this mine," he said

Ngubane has asked Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister Mr Pik Botha to address the issue because mines fall under his jurisdiction.

He has also asked the State President's office and the PWV government to intervene

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Push towards nonracial local govt

B/Day 5/8/94

DURBAN — KwaZulu/Natal MEC for local government and housing Peter Miller said yesterday he had been designated powers by the executive council to facilitate progress towards nonracial local government

The council, at its weekly meeting in Ulundi on Wednesday, had conferred on him powers granted by central government which made him a "competent authority" in administering local government, he said

He had approved the first four transitional local councils in KwaZulu/Natal They were at Kokstad, Matatiele, Greytown and Ixopo. Subject to proclamation and publication, these local authorities could start functioning immediately and elect office bearers and mayors. (264)

He said he had also approved 12 negotiation forums to work towards setting up such councils

The councils would have to prepare for next year's local government elections

Miller urged local authorities to keep in mind the objectives of transitional local councils and to agree on membership and the boundaries of their areas of jurisdiction.

"Avoid nit-picking about which is a statutory and non-statutory body . these elections will soon sort out the men from the boys," he said The elections would determine whether the councils were representative. — Sapa.

Powers delay 'frustrating'

(264) CT 24/8/94

ULUNDI. — kwaZulu/Natal Premier Dr Frank Mdlalose yesterday lashed out at the government for delaying the devolution of provincial powers

He told the first sitting of the provincial legislature since its inauguration in May, it might take months, even years, for the province to get certain powers.

Dr Mdlalose said he had asked for the powers nine days after the April election, but only some had been granted a month later

"This has caused tremendous frustration among all nine provinces."

It had taken the government three months to decide it needed technical committees to draft proposals for the distribution of powers and responsibilities

"When those technical committees will meet and make those proposals, I have no idea."

Dr Mdlalose, referring to criticism of his IFP-led administration, said progress had been made.

"Despite poor assignment of powers by the untouchable central government, much work has been done by members of this house."

The administration has been accused of failing to govern while squabbling about whether Ulundi or Maritzburg should be the provincial capital. — Sapa

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Mdlalose berates govt over delays

B/Day 24/8/94

ADRIAN HADLAND

KWAZULU/NATAL premier Frank Mdlalose hit out at government yesterday for delays in assigning provincial powers and for not clarifying the goals of education and reconstruction and development initatives

The removal from the provinces of local government powers had caused "incalculable harm" to the transition process, he told the KwaZulu/Natal legislature's first meeting since its inauguration in May

Mdlalose said the region's power to implement the Local Government Transition Act had been removed from provinces' administrative competence on May 11 and were returned at the end of July

Repeated appeals to government to assign more powers, and the belated creation of technical committees to look into the matter, had caused "tremendous frustration among all nine provinces", Mdlalose said

It had taken central government three months to decide it needed technical committees, but when those committees would meet and make proposals, he had no idea

Provinces were still awaiting about 80 pieces of legislation which they had formerly administered

This had caused enormous administrative delays, he said

Since some local government powers had been assigned to the provinces in July, considerable progress had been made approving transitional local councils and approving negotiation forums

Mdlalose said a five-year, R8bn programme had been launched by the province with the objective of building 250 000 houses by 2 000

The target of 20 000 houses in the first year, increasing by 50% each year, was realistic, he said

A nutrition programme for primary school children would be launched in 15 districts of KwaZulu/Natal by September 1, Mdlalose said While this would involve feeding 600 000 children, the figure was expected to increase to a million children by the end of September.

Mdlalose appealed for more clarity on education and RDP issues "It would help if the central government would indicate to what extent education will be free, and when exactly it will begin to operate" (2604)

Legislation expected included Bills on a provincial tender board, a language policy, traditional leaders, a provincial service commission, a public protector and an exchequer Bill, he said

Sapa reports from Ulundi that the KwaZulu/Natal legislature yesterday approved 12 standing committees The opposition ANC was awarded chairmanship of the safety and security committee and three other committees

The ruling Inkatha Freedom Party heads six committees, the DP one and the NP one

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Old enemies put aside vitriol

IFP and ANC start the job of governing

Star 25/8/94

Ulundi — Former bitter enemies in the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC in KwaZulu/Natal have finally got down to the business of governing, swopping their old vitriol and slander for pleasantries and laughter

The first sitting of the provincial parliament three months after it was installed was marked by conciliatory statements by many of the 81 legislators who met in the former KwaZulu homeland government's legislative assembly chamber

It was the first time some of the ANC's 26 MPs had visited Ulundi, an Inkatha stronghold considered hostile country

But on Tuesday the ANC spoke of reconciliation, reconstruction and development Mangosuthu Buthelezi had often berated and castigated them as political enemies.

ANC MPs joked and chatted amicably with their Inkatha counterparts in the corridors of power, apparently at ease in the administration building of the former homeland government which they fought for so long

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Both parties, whose supporters have fought a bitter political war for over a decade, stressed reconciliation when they spoke for the first time in the new provincial parliament.

"We have to work together, co-operate and lead by example," KwaZulu/Natal ANC leader Jacob Zuma told the gathering

"Our people don't need arguments that lead to violence They need work and economic growth so they can enjoy the fruits of South Africa The rule of democracy is people disagree as colleagues and discuss as colleagues to find ways of finding agreement," he said

Inkatha provincial cabinet minister Inkosi Ngubane agreed

"In fact, we have more in common than differences," he said

Ngubane and two ANC legislators traded quips over the issue of a provincial capital, which had threatened to sour relations between IFP parliamentarians wanting Ulundi, and the ANC, which favours Maritzburg

Inkatha calls for mediators

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CT 6/9/94

INKATHA wants its unity government partners to immediately appoint international mediators to oversee the entrenching of the kingdom of kwaZulu/Natal and federal powers for the provinces in the final constitution.

The ANC and NP had promised the party president, Home Affairs Minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, that international mediators would be appointed as part of the deal.

IFP senator Dr Ruth Rabinowitz warned that the powers assigned to the provinces could become a stumbling block to the deliberations of the constitutional assembly.

Zwelithini nods to an old Buthelezi enemy

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King Goodwill Zwelethini wants to restore relations with a senior prince who has rivalled Mangosuthu Buthelezi for 26 years, reports **Farouk Chothia**

ZULU King Goodwill Zwelithini wants an "urgent meeting" with a senior prince who is Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi's rival for the post of "traditional prime minister" to the monarch

Sources close to the Zulu royal house said this week that Prince Mcwayizeni Israel Zulu — locked in a 26-year feud with Buthelezi — would meet Zwelithini "any time now" in a bid to restore relations between them They last met several years ago

Mcwayizeni, a member of the ANC's national executive committee (NEC), has always insisted that he is the rightful "senior adviser" (traditional prime minister) to the monarch, by virtue of the fact that he is the most senior prince in the royal family He acted as regent before Zwelithini was officially installed as the Zulu monarch in 1971

At the time of Zwelethini's coronation, Mcwayizeni announced that Buthelezi was to be excluded from a proposed royal council to advise the monarch In 1979, Buthelezi accused Mcwayizeni and the king of attempting to form an opposition party in the kwaZulu homeland

But as Buthelezi entrenched himself in the homeland, he kept tight control over Zwelithini and Mcwayizeni found himself sidelined

Zwelethini's request to meet Mcwayizeni "as a matter of urgency" was conveyed to him through another non-IFP prince and bypassed Buthelezi The move raises the questions will he now opt for Mcwayizeni as his senior adviser, and will the prince attend the Shaka Day celebration at Shaka's tomb in Stanger in two weeks' time?

Sources said this week that obstacles in the way of Mcwayizeni's appointment include his positions as member of the NEC and as MP in the national assembly They said Zwelithini strongly believes that his close confidante should not belong to any political party as he wants to adopt a "non-partisan" stance amid the conflict between the IFP and ANC

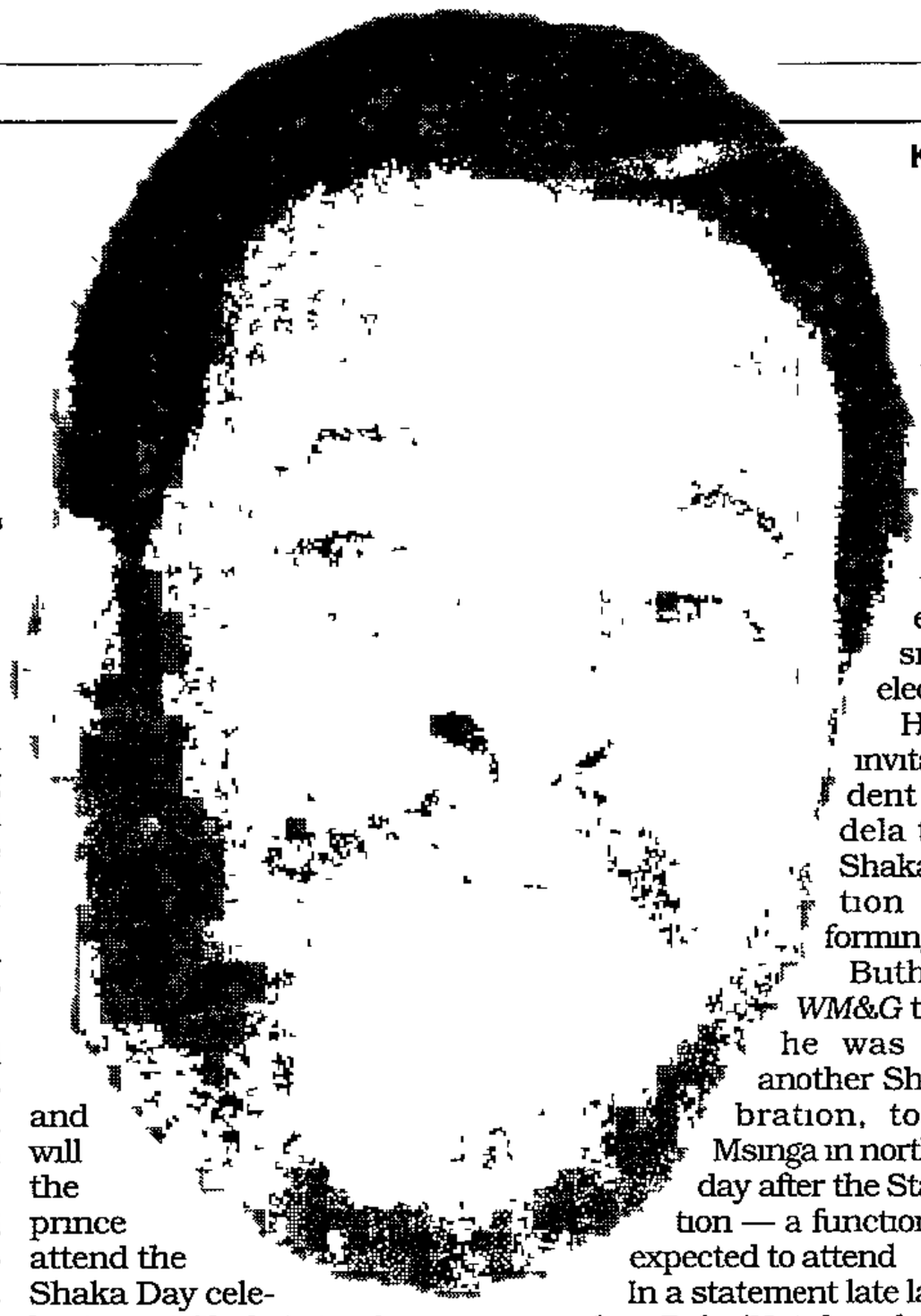
It is now more clear than ever that Buthelezi enjoys the title of "traditional prime minister" in name only Zwelithini has hardly been seen with Buthelezi in public since the April elections

He issued an invitation to President Nelson Mandela to attend the Shaka Day celebration without informing Buthelezi

Buthelezi told the *WM&G* this week that he was unaware of another Shaka Day celebration, to be held in Msinga in northern Natal the day after the Stanger celebration — a function Zwelithini is expected to attend

In a statement late last week, ANC kwaZulu/Natal spokesman Dumisani Makhaye said: "Chief Buthelezi must understand that he has only two positions — that of minister of home affairs and, privately, the president of the IFP He has never been the so-called traditional prime minister of the king Nobody has ever appointed Buthelezi to that position "

With Buthelezi stripped of his special relationship with the royal house, the IFP may find it difficult to hold on to its traditional support base in kwaZulu/Natal in the run-up to next year's local government elections



King Goodwill Zwelethini ... Matter of urgency

Buthelezi seeks settlement

CHIEF Mangosuthu Buthelezi is desperately trying to cling on to traditional power. For the first time ever, he has issued invitations to ANC-aligned traditional leaders to attend Shaka Day celebrations, to be held in Stanger in two weeks' time. He issued the invitations in his capacity as "traditional prime minister".

Buthelezi is also seeking a negotiated settlement with King Goodwill Zwelithini. He disclosed this week that headmen from the Buthelezi clan and Zwelithini's headmen were making arrangements for a "family discussion" to hammer out differences.

Speculation in IFP circles this week was that failing a negotiated resolution to the bitter feud, IFP-aligned princes may attempt to dethrone Zwelithini. For Buthelezi to succeed in reining in Zwelithini, he would need to rally chiefs and headmen behind him, as they are the link between the monarch and his subjects.

Significantly, while headmen from East Rand hostels condemned Zwelethini's decision to invite President Nelson Mandela to the Shaka Day celebration without first consulting Buthelezi, no such condemnation emanated from kwaZulu/ Natal, where the majority of traditional leaders and their subjects live. Instead, kwaZulu/ Natal chiefs were scheduled to make a visit to the East Rand hostels to muster support for Zwelithini.

As many of the East Rand hostel dwellers come from Msinga in northern Natal, the decision to hold a Shaka Day rally there the day after the Stanger celebration is significant.

By addressing East Rand hostel dwellers, Zwelithini hopes to shore up his credibility among them and send a powerful message advocating peace. But some observers fear that the Zwelithini-Buthelezi row could spark off a new wave of violence between clans with divided loyalties.

Buthelezi hits out at royal 'trouble-makers'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A vilification campaign against the IFP was being conducted by relatives of the royal family, IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi claimed at the weekend

He named the "trouble-makers" as a sister of King Goodwill Zwelethini, her husband and an uncle

At a rally in Nongoma on Saturday Chief Buthelezi dismissed claims that his party was "riding on the back of the Zulu king for political gain"

He said the impression was being created that the IFP supported the king and the monarchy for political gain (264) CT 12/9/94

"I have been a political personality in my own right long before the reign of the present king my family served Zulu kings and the Zulu nation before the kingdom became the great kingdom that it now is," he said

● Chief Buthelezi faces a tussle with Prince Mcwayizeni Zulu over who will be the king's adviser

Zulu crisis deepens

(264) CT 21/9/94

By CHRIS BATEMAN

THE crisis in kwaZulu/Natal deepened last night as the Inkatha Freedom Party vowed that Shaka Day celebrations would go ahead this weekend — in defiance of a "cancellation" of the festival yesterday by King Goodwill Zwelethini.

The king said he and his advisers had decided that he was not safe so he could not attend and the celebrations should be cancelled

The "cancellation" emerged from a crisis meeting held by members of the royal family, including ANC MP Prince Mcwayizeni Zulu after Monday's attack on the Zulu Royal Enyokeni Palace by Inkatha Freedom Party youths, in which property was damaged The king was not injured

The IFP supporters were protesting against President Nelson Mandela's "invitation" to attend the celebration Mr Mandela decided not to attend the celebration and revealed after a meeting in Nongoma yesterday between himself, the king and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi that he had not been 'invited" but had indicated to the king that he would like to have attended

Mr Mandela said he would like to visit the region at a "more suitable" time

Last night Chief Buthelezi insisted that Shaka Day celebrations continue "because any cancellation is bound to inflame anger against the king, just as the invitation to President Mandela did It is best it go on that will protect the king"

He said in an interview on SATV's Agenda programme last night that the celebrations would go ahead as planned, not in defiance of King Goodwill but because preparations were too far advanced for a cancellation.

At the same time that they announced the Shaka Day celebrations would be cancelled the Zulu royal committee also announced the king was breaking all relations with Chief Buthelezi, apparently clearing the way for Prince Mcwayizeni Zulu to take his place

SHAKA DAY DISPUTE . . . Home Affairs Minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi insisted yesterday that Shaka Day celebrations would go ahead even though King Goodwill has cancelled them Picture BENNY GOOL

While the commemoration would not be held, the Zulu nation and the royal house should observe the period between September 22 and 24 as a "solemn period of prayer, unity, reconciliation and peace," the committee said

Last night Chief Buthelezi said kwaZulu/Natal Premier Dr Frank Mdlalose and his cabinet were equally in the dark about the king's decision

The attitude of the provincial government was the same as his — the celebrations would go ahead on September 24

"We have set aside money for the day's festivities. It is not a question of defying his majesty the king He can advise as the father of the nation but he has no legislative authority to veto something that was set up by the kwaZulu government. The preparations have gone so far there is no way it can be cancelled"

Chief Buthelezi said there was no conflict between the king and himself He remained the king's "loyal subject"

The king had not mentioned to him that he had severed ties with him and he did not believe the king had done so, Chief Buthelezi said

"I find it very difficult to react. I am in a very difficult situation"

Also on Agenda, ANC Midlands chairman and chief whip of the kwaZulu/Natal legislature Mr Harry Gwala said "We are trying to play down a really serious situation. The situation is very ugly in the province"

The conflict had been "inflamed" and was potentially explosive, he said

IFP general secretary Dr Ziba Jiyana said the IFP was doing its best not to let the conflict escalate

He said the king was a constitutional monarch who operated under a democratic government "He does not exercise direct power over his subjects He is a ceremonial figurehead of his people

"To celebrate Shaka Day is so deep in the psyche of the Zulu nation that it will take the nation to cancel it.

"The IFP says that the white government in the past could not suppress the Zulus during this period and it is unimaginable that any force after liberation will stop them either"

He urged people, whether they decided to celebrate or not, to do so peacefully

Mr Gwala retorted that he "abhorred" the IFP remarks

"What in fact the IFP is saying is that it is above his majesty the king and the people of Natal, and is therefore setting itself up as the monarch of this province"

He said the IFP would be held responsible for any deaths and "further insults" to the king or Mr Mandela

The attack and the stoning of Mr Mandela's helicopter at Nongoma had "gone beyond protest"

"At no time in the history of our province has the palace of any king been attacked except by those elements who were bent on deposing the king"

He urged people to rally behind the king

Yesterday Deputy President F W de Klerk promised to try to help defuse the crisis He said his mediation would avoid interfering in the internal affairs of the Zulu nation and Zulu hierarchy, but he would try to play as constructive a role as he had in the past.

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KwaZulu aims for system to include tribal authorities

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WILSON ZWANE

KWAZULU/Natal wants a local government system which will ensure effective participation of tribal authorities.

Local government and housing minister Peter Miller said yesterday the transformation of government was "much more complex" in the province than in the PWV.

He attributed that to 50% of the province being under the jurisdiction of tribal authorities. He likened the province to the Eastern Transvaal, Northern Transvaal and the Eastern Cape.

Miller said since the Local Government Transition Act did not deal with rural government adequately, the matter would have to be addressed through comprehensive local government legislation. (264)

His government had indicated to a task team, charged with advising on rural government, it would like to have three forms of local government — transitional local councils, district councils and tribal authorities.

These structures would be under regional councils as the province wanted two tiers of local government.

A senior government official said the task team had advised the eight provinces it had visited so far to form technical committees to look into possible local government structures and their functions as well as the role of traditional leaders "where applicable".

The official said it had been impressed on the provinces that all local government structures should be in place by the end of next month so that elections could be held on the same day next year.

He said the task team had formed a "smaller committee" which was looking at election regulations for rural areas. He said input from this committee as well as the nine provinces would be hammered into a report which would be tabled at a meeting between Provincial Affairs Minister Roelf Meyer and the nine provincial local government ministers towards the end of the month.

On the transitional local councils, Miller said there were eight in place. However, 36 forums had been given recognition to negotiate new local government structures and it was hoped that these structures would have been negotiated by the end of next month.

Miller hoped that negotiations on the establishment of the Durban Transitional Metropolitan Council would have been concluded by next month.

Meanwhile, Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber CEO Vic Milne said the chamber's committee charged with negotiating outstanding issues would finalise nominations to the transitional metropolitan council's substructures on October 17 for submission to PWV premier Tokyo Sexwale on October 20.

Water authorities 'have to hike prices'

B/Day 6/10/94

MICK COLLINS

SA WATER authorities would be forced to hike prices to meet the demands of the reconstruction and development programme, international utilities research group National Utility Services said yesterday.

Of 14 countries surveyed, SA posted the highest increase of 10,65% in the period July 1993 to July 1994, the group said. The increase, reflecting the average across the six major municipal suppliers, exceeded the 7,5% inflation rate for the period.

Group sales manager for SA Rob Mackenzie said water authorities were faced with a period of critical change, given the paucity of natural water resources

Under the RDP, the focus would fall on providing poorer populations with reliable, affordable supplies

Studies were already being conducted by the Rand Water Board into the pros and cons of bypassing municipal authorities and supplying directly to communities.

"The Rand Water Board has stated its objective to play a role in implementing the RDP. It sees a broadening of its involvement in water reticulation and sanitation as central to achieving this"

The considerable variance in the percentage increases applied by local municipal suppliers reflected the limitations of SA's natural water resources.

Durban (6,92%) and Cape Town (5%) kept prices below inflation Johannesburg increased 13,01%, Pretoria 9,5% and East London 9,19%.

"Water supplies in the coastal cities, where natural resources are more abundant, are considerably cheaper than cities in the interior. East London at 121,2c/m³, remains the cheapest supplier. Johannesburg at 304c is the most expensive."

SA maintained its ranking as the 12th least expensive out of the countries surveyed, with an average price of R1,79/m³

The group provides water, fuel and energy cost control services to 750 000 locations worldwide, including 30 000 in SA

kwaZulu capital may cost R50m

SELECTING a capital for kwaZulu/Natal may cost taxpayers R50 million — which includes a three-man probe and a referendum

This was the estimate made yesterday by the NP, which lays the blame of the mounting costs of choosing either Maritzburg or Ulundi at the door of the IFP (264)

Maritzburg, which the NP has backed, will have to spend R100 000 to secure itself as the seat, a spokesman said CT 20/10/94

This money could have been spent on social projects "were it not for the IFP's insistence that Ulundi be the capital", he said

But IFP regional MP Mr Arthur Konigkramer said democracy required that money should be spent on allowing people to make their choice

● People's safety would be jeopardised if the provincial legislature sat in Ulundi as police were unable to protect citizens in the area, academic and violence monitor Ms Mary de Haas said yesterday — Political Staff, Sapa

Walkout over kwaZulu bill

MARITZBURG — The African National Congress walked out of the kwaZulu-Natal legislature here yesterday in protest against the passing of the House of Traditional Leaders Bill

The ANC strongly opposed the bill, saying it contained clauses that belonged in a provincial constitution

The ANC said it would refer the bill to the Constitutional Court (264)

The measure was supported by the IFP, the NP, the PAC and two smaller parties The DP abstained CT 29/10/94

ANC members returned to the legislature after the vote — Sapa

King, IFP: Rift widens

(264)

CT 31/10/94

Political Staff

KING Goodwill Zwelethini has thrown down the gauntlet to the Inkatha Freedom Party and is seeking ANC assistance to overturn legislation passed by the regional legislature which he believes does not befit his position.

The king distanced himself from the House of Traditional Leaders Act on the grounds that he had not been consulted and that it had not taken into account agreements made in constitutional talks over his position.

The bill — which will set up a 78-member House of the amakhosi — creates a mechanism for traditional authorities to interact with the kwaZulu-Natal legislature on matters affecting Zulu traditions and culture.

It provides the king with no executive powers but grants his traditional prime minister, a position claimed by Chief Buthelezi, a seat on the council

In an attempt to diffuse growing enmity between the Zulu Royal House and Inkatha, Chief Buthelezi called on Constitutional Development Minister Mr Roelf Meyer to begin international mediation over the king's future

It is understood that King Goodwill held secret talks with Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, Public Works Minister Mr Jeff Radebe and kwaZulu-Natal Economic Affairs Minister Mr Jacob Zuma in Cape Town at the weekend to determine ways of circumventing the legislation.

One option would be to take the act, passed by the Inkatha-dominated regional parliament on Friday, to the Constitutional Court. Members of the ANC caucus in the provincial legislature have already threatened to take this step.

Meanwhile, IFP regional MP Arthur Konigkramer said attempts to impose an executive monarchy on kwaZulu/Natal were designed to sow disunity among the Zulu people and break down the royal house.

Mr Konigkramer said the king had been given the bill long before it was tabled and had been given notice of the where the amakhosi had discussed the bill. He had not attended.

But ANC regional MP Mr Dumisani Makhaye, said the bill sought to reduce the stature of the king to an ordinary chief. It did not provide him with his own constabulary and salary which would make him impervious to the designs of any political party.

ANC supports Zulu peace drive

CT 3/11/94

DURBAN — The ANC has come out in support of efforts by Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini to unite the Zulu community and boost peace initiatives in the province.

Regional MP and ANC spokesman Mr Dumisani Makhaye said yesterday the peace drive was long overdue He said the king and the royal house were above party politics and occupied a unique station in society which allowed them to appeal to their subjects for peace.

The ANC also appealed to the king's subjects to put aside their party political rivalries and heed the call of his majesty.

"Let every loyal subject of the ki avoid political point-scoring ... too many people have lost their lives and too many properties have been destroyed," he said.

The Zulu monarch, through his spokesman Prince Sifiso Zulu, said peace drives would be launched in kwaZulu/Natal and efforts would be made to bring together traditional leaders.

Meanwhile, the Inkatha-dominated provincial legislature was going ahead with plans to set up a house of traditional leaders, despite the bill adopted in Parliament on Friday being rejected by the king. (264)

"The king is not in a position to reject an act of Parliament," provincial legislator Mr Arthur Konigkramer said.

The ANC said the act reduced the king's status to that of an ordinary chief.

KwaZulu/Natal to spend R301m on RDP projects

B/Day

DURBAN — KwaZulu/Natal economic affairs minister Jacob Zuma yesterday announced reconstruction and development programme (RDP) projects in the province amounting to R301m for the current financial year. 8/11/94

"We have now established the package of funding for the RDP in our province from the national RDP fund," Zuma told about 400 delegates to a KwaZulu/Natal economic workshop aimed at boosting the provincial economy.

Provincial legislator Mike Mabuyakhulu, who is involved in implementing the RDP, said central government had allocated the funds and "it's now for the province to comply with the necessary requirements so we can access the funds".

Zuma said R130m had been made available for urban renewal projects in the province.

He said three "lead projects" were planned for Durban's Cato Manor and areas around Maritzburg and Empangeni.

Zuma also said a R14m discretionary fund had been allocated and would possibly be directed at rural development, particularly at providing water; and R30m would be made available for community-based public works projects

"I urge communities to immediately start discussions about what projects they want to put forward that are labour-based while simultaneously addressing a priority developmental need within that community," Zuma said.

He said about R125m would be allocated to the province for the extension of municipal services while about R2,5m was budgeted for land reform projects

Sapa reports that Zuma said one of the province's challenges was to contribute more than 15% to the national economy, as it was home to more than a quarter of the population

He said agricultural output accounted for 16% of the national total and manufacturing 18%.

Zuma suggested the province offer inducements to financial institutions to give credit to black small entrepreneurs. — Reuter.

Dams to be 'democratised'

kwaZulu announce R301m RDP projects

CT 8/11/94 Own Correspondent (264)

DURBAN — The kwaZulu/Natal government announced reconstruction and development programmes amounting to R301,5 million yesterday

Provincial Economic Affairs and Tourism Minister Mr Jacob Zuma told the top-level economic workshop here that his government had already received R130m which would be spent this financial year on urban renewal projects at Cato Manor, Maritzburg and Empangeni

"The key aim of this programme is to kickstart development in our major urban areas, focusing on violence-torn communities and communities in crisis," he said.

The development of Cato Manor was going to affect the future of the Durban Functional Region for better or for worse

School bans new flag, anthem

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Vryheid High School has banned the singing of Nkosi'i'Sikelele and the flying of the new South African flag

A local resident and concerned parent who didn't want to be named said "The headmaster refuses to let the children sing Nkosi i'Sikelele and he won't allow the new flag to fly at the school It's doing the school a lot of harm"

A pupil said "We are angry that we seem to be the only school in the country which refuses to change with the times It's extremely embarrassing"

Headmaster Mr Friekie Botha refused to comment

Mr Alan Mengel, chairman of the school's governing body, said he had not realised the banning was being seen as a problem

"It shocks me that pupils and parents run to the papers without consulting us first If anyone is dissatisfied with the way we run the school they must contact me"

A local resident said the community found it difficult to consult with the "right-wing" governing body on issues in keeping with the spirit of the new SA.

'Lost' region plans agribusiness revolution

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KWAZULU/NATAL was pushing for the development of 69 farms in its "lost" region at Vulamehlo and Umzinto between Ixopo and Richmond, Farmer Foundation executive director Clive Nicholson said yesterday

The area, consisting of 14 districts with a population of 400 000, is to be "revolutionised" by the Land Affairs Department at a cost of R35m over the next three years.

The success of the pilot programme, aimed at turning 200ha of high potential farmland into small commercial farms, also depended on the support of local commercial farmers who would provide expertise and equipment, Nicholson said

Project co-ordinators — the Farmer Foundation was one of four shortlisted — were expected to be appointed by the department within a week.

Nicholson said an example of what was needed to boost the area was a halt to the large quantities of Free State maize going to Natal broiler farms as chicken feed and the transport of broilers all the way back.

"This interferes with job creation in rural areas and forces urbanisation to take place on a large scale.

"The Farmer Foundation is applying a structured approach to the reconstruction and development programme in rural areas of Kwazulu/Natal The imbalances of the past that are being addressed through this programme will not only reduce capital flight and improve the province's GDP, but will also revolutionise the agribusiness and create a series of rural livelihoods."

Nicholson said the pilot programme involved a number of aspects including the establishment of the Kwazulu/Natal Agriculture Forum and on which the Natal Agricultural Union, the Kwazulu Agricultural Union and the Farmer Foundation was represented

Other aspects included using "unconventional farming techniques", extension services by experienced farmers, help from the Agricultural Research Council and the CSIR and a move away from subsistence farming to "sustainable" farming systems on small farms of 2ha (264)

ZULU POLITICS

Out of court

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Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini seems to be at the losing end of a power struggle with Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi (264)

The battle is not over but there seems little the beleaguered monarch and his cohorts can do, except make apparently empty threats about taking Inkatha to the Constitutional Court and perhaps lobby for the allegiance of some of the traditional leaders — most of whom seem to have pinned their colours to Buthelezi's mast.

The latest battleground was the House of Traditional Leaders' Bill passed by the KwaZulu-Natal Legislative Assembly but still to be signed by premier Frank Mdlalose At stake is the backing of traditional leaders (amakhosi and indunas) who exercise almost feudal control over the province's large rural community

DP provincial member Wessel Nel says that in reality the Bill only provides a mechanism for communication and consultation between traditional leaders and the provincial legislature It will have no legislative powers of its own

A separate Bill, yet to be introduced, will define the king's role in the province

Zwelithini and his allies, including the ANC who walked out of the legislature when the Bill was being passed, have been at loggerheads with Inkatha ever since

The king's direct appeal to his subjects recently received a mixed reception It was supported by the 500 traditional leaders and hostel dwellers who met at the royal palace in Nongoma, but rejected by the National Hostel Residents' Association and the Transvaal Zulu Warrior regiments. Head induna of the regiments, Anthony Lamula, claims Zulu indunas in the Transvaal will boycott initiatives by Zwelithini which do not have Buthelezi's backing.

The king may have found allies in the ANC, but its support has been insufficient to swing the balance in his favour

Perhaps the most surprising thing in the whole drama, observes UCT's Robert Schrire, has been the lack of support for the king in the traditional constituency "However, the reality is that he is so personally discredited, that the kind of legitimacy which he ought to have is simply not there He has been used for a long time by Inkatha and now he's being used by anti-Inkatha forces"

On why the amakosi have thrown their lot in with Inkatha, he suggests "The traditional leaders simply asked themselves which political faction would best serve their basic interests of power, resources and control And it's quite clear that the answer they've come up with is Inkatha

"It is equally clear that they regard Buthelezi — whatever his traditional credentials may or may not be — as the man who can in fact best champion their political cause"

Zwelithini does not have a political base While that may be bad from the viewpoint of ANC and other Zwelithini allies, the sooner Inkatha scores a decisive victory the better for all There is no contest — simply a question of how much damage will be done while the struggle lasts ■

Durban signs historic deal

DURBAN — Local authorities here are to join the new South Africa after signing an historic agreement. (264)

The Durban Metro Negotiating Forum on Wednesday night signed a proposal package on new transitional local councils

A 150-member umbrella metro council and four substructures will now be promulgated early in the new year. — Sapa CT 2/12/94

Row over Zulu chiefs' pay hots up

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A major clash over the role of amakhosi is brewing in kwaZulu/Natal, and with elements within the ruling IFP threatening to force a provincial election, is putting strain on the fragile provisional legislature

The ANC and IFP, who, with the NP control the 11 ministries in the province, are at loggerheads over who should pay the amakhosi (chiefs) when the kwaZulu chief minister's department is phased out next year

The IFP want the regional legislature to do so, while the ANC want the Commission for Administration to take care of pay for the 300 chiefs

This issue, and the question of international mediation to determine the future constitutional position of the king, will be at the centre of internal discussion at an emergency Inkatha conference set for early next year

One option to be considered is a complete withdrawal from unity structures possibly at both regional and national level However, the ANC is expected to chart a plan to overcome differences with the IFP and reduce tension over the future role of the king and his chiefs.

Hardliners in the IFP, including national parliamentary caucus chairman Mr Walter Felgate, are growing impatient with what they see as a lack of commitment by the ANC and NP to the agreement — made between the three parties in April — to call in international mediators

Inkatha MP Mr Inka Mars said last night that while the party was fully committed to the principle of regional and national unity government, there were discussions about taking alternative routes to achieve party aims

Those included withdrawing from the central government and going into opposition and the question of forcing an election in kwaZulu/Natal to strengthen Inkatha's hold on the province

One senior Inkatha MP said the party was confident it could push up its majority of two seats in the 81-seat legislative assembly to at least 10 seats if an election was held

Who'll rule rural Zulu roost?

The assegais are out in run-up to KwaZulu/Natal local government elections

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THE ongoing quest for control over KwaZulu/Natal is gaining momentum as next year's local government elections draw closer. GREG ARDE reports.

DURBAN — Assegais have been sharpened in KwaZulu/Natal tribal areas as control of chiefs in the run-up to local government elections becomes increasingly vital to the ANC and IFP

The Human Rights Committee says 87 percent of the killings in the province last month were in rural areas

"This is the scene of an intensifying power struggle for control of the traditional leaders and the rural vote in next year's local government elections," it says

While internecine violence between rival Zulu factions has abated since the April election, more than 600 people have been killed in political violence since then

The IFP, which enjoyed control over all traditional structures, including Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, before the April poll has since had a setback with the fallout between its leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and the monarch

But the party still claims to have the backing of chiefs

The king's new spokesman, Prince Sifiso Zulu, maintains that chiefs support the monarch but are afraid to do so openly for fear of reprisals from the IFP

He claims recent meetings of chiefs to discuss their status in the province have been hijacked by Iso leSizwe (Eye of the Nation), an organisation headed by Buthelezi and consisting of members of the former KwaZulu legislative assembly

According to Zulu, one way of immediately showing where the chiefs' support lies would be to cut the shackles of financial control of chiefs by the IFP-led KwaZulu/Natal government and remunerate them centrally

Another way of helping them to cut political ties would be to speedily integrate the KwaZulu Police into the national police force and complete investigations into claims of KZP hit squads

"The picture they (the IFP) is painting is aimed at winning control The IFP is mobilising chiefs under its banner The only reaction the king can have is to reiterate his plea for chiefs to extricate themselves from party politics," Zulu says

Zwelithini recently publicly rejected the IFP's passing of the House of Traditional Leaders Act in the regional legislature, saying he had not been properly consulted (264)

Chiefs need to be told of their rights and obligations under the new constitution. He believes Buthelezi is using them to further his own objectives.— ANC.

IFP MEC Arthur Konigkramer claims the king "is in the ANC's fold" and that the ANC is orchestrating violence in rural areas to destroy the power of the chiefs

He also questions the status of Zulu "Who is Sifiso Zulu? He's not a member of the royal house and has no authority. He's actually an ANC activist "

Zulu, who has been seen and publicly acknowledged at the king's side since his fallout with Buthelezi, replies "The king's council is not a political party, nor does it have a political agenda "

Regional legislation which the king opposes was enacted because it was a pre-election agreement, Konigkramer says, adding that it would not be changed because it secured the position of the king and his amakhosi

Konigkramer says the IFP has the support of chiefs and will press ahead with its attempts to structure local government as it sees fit

"There is nothing inherently undemocratic about traditional leadership In rural areas the traditional form of government is perfectly able to act as the local government structure," he says

There is nothing inherently undemocratic about traditional leadership. In rural areas the traditional form of government can act as the local government. — IFP.

The ANC says IFP attempts to change local government elections are undemocratic

Provincial ANC spokesman on local government Dr Mike Sutcliffe says his party does not believe chiefs are behind moves to "continue apartheid" in third-tier government

He says chiefs need to be told of their rights and obligations under the new constitution He believes Buthelezi is using them to further his own objectives