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Civics group pledges to go on targeting councils

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CIVICS Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) yesterday vowed to continue its "highly successful" campaign to force councillors to resign, because negotiations between the ANC and government had not had any effect on the day-to-day lives of South Africans.

Cast said in a statement yesterday the acid test of the success of talks between the ANC and government was the effect on the day-to-day lives of the majority of the people.

There was still a serious crisis of homelessness, housing and unemployment and the greater part of the land was still in the hands of a minority.

"Little or nothing has changed to improve the living conditions and standards of our people."

Cast also said defence

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committees would be formed to protect residents from state-related violence and other forms of crime.

It reserved the right to mobilise people as long as apartheid was alive and their day-to-day lives remained unchanged. (266)

Disrupted

The organisation also believed the actions of the people brought about the changes that had occurred, and it would ensure their continued participation in the process of change through mass action.

President F W de Klerk's claim that local government was being disrupted through mass action sounded hollow, the statement said.

It was Cast's contention

that local government was disrupted when government forced its "puppets" on to people. Cast believed it was beginning to normalise local government by pressurising councillors and management committee members to resign.

The organisation's campaign in this regard had been very successful and it would be intensified until all resigned.

The statement said Cast had no reason to have confidence in the police force, given its past record of atrocities and its collusion with state-related vigilantes.

It insisted that the 10 000 policemen to be deployed to combat crime be accountable to the people, and that all details related to their deployment be made available to local civic structures.

31 councils collapse in Transvaal

By IKE MOTSAPI and Sapa

AT LEAST 31 of the 82 black local authorities in the Transvaal have collapsed through mass resignations of councillors, the Transvaal Provincial Administration said yesterday.

TPA official Mr Jan Loubser said most collapsed black local authorities had been replaced by administrators who will see to the day-to-day running of the affected areas. He did not name them.

However, in the past few months it is known that councillors have resigned in Daveyton, Mamelodi, Lekoa in the Vaal Triangle, Tokoza near Alberton, and KwaGuqa near Witbank.

Some of the councillors in these areas heeded the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal call to resign while others opted out after being frustrated because residents had refused to pay for services charges.

Black local authorities owe the TPA millions of rands.

Loubser attributed the resignation of councillors to what he termed "intimidation" by forces that wanted to see the country ungovernable.

He promised residents in affected areas that essential services would not collapse because the TPA had appointed administrators who had "similar powers to those of the local authorities".

He said: "The TPA has appointed administrators to those affected local authorities and residents are assured that everything is running normally."

Loubser's announcement is a victory for Cast,

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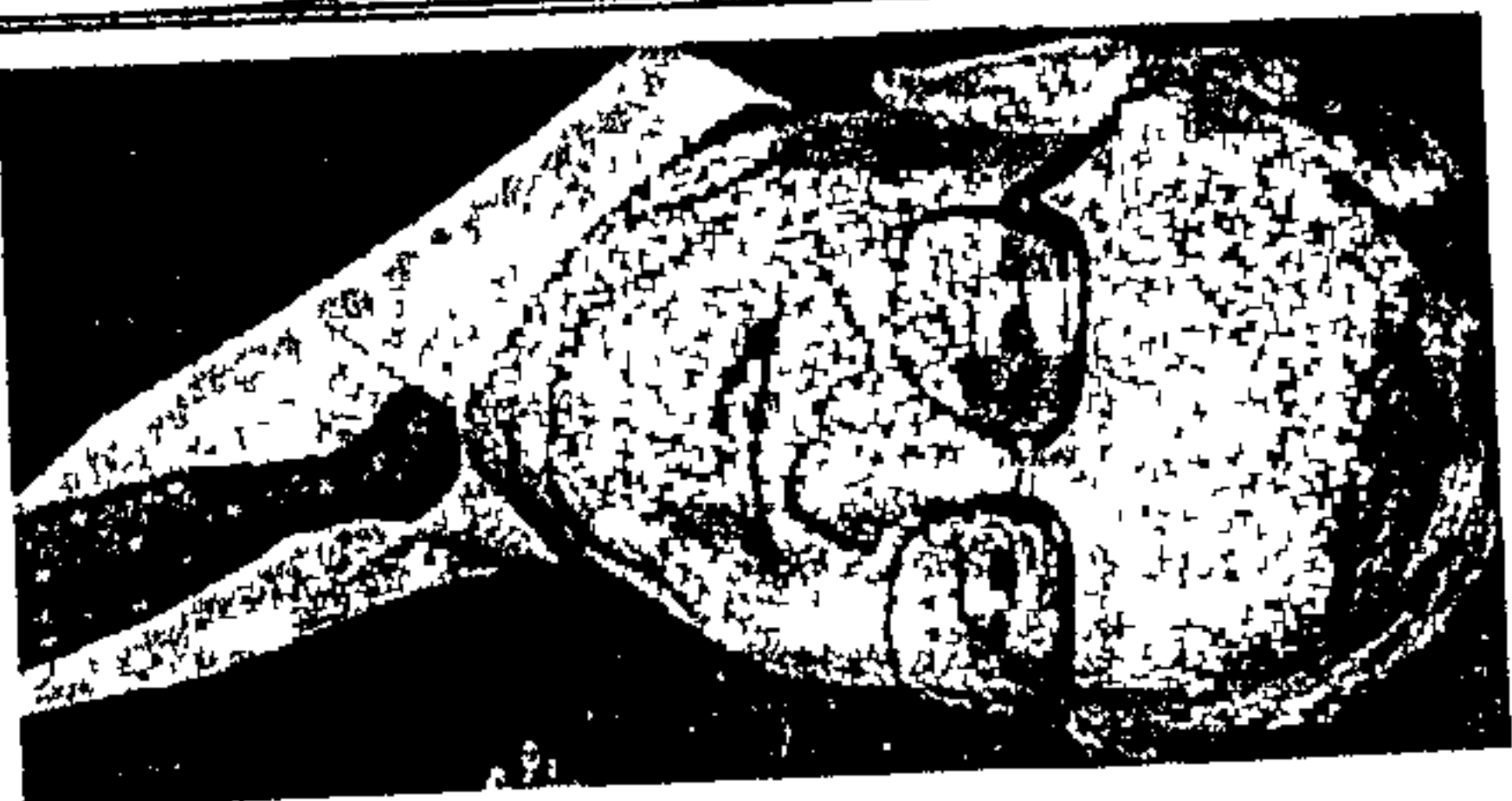
which has vowed to step up its campaign to force all remaining councillors to resign from what it called "the apartheid structures".

Cast, like the ANC and other black organisations, has declared 1991 a year of mass action against apartheid laws.

Meanwhile controversy surrounds the resignation of 10 members of the Mamelodi City Council last week.

The city council and the TPA claim they have not yet received the councillors' letters of resignation. Sowetan 4/1/91

The 10 claim to have handed in a single letter of resignation signed by all of them.



Vlok... Security Branch to play a cardinal role in fire-arm recovery units.

By CHARLES MOGALE and Sapa

THE ANC has dismissed the government's crackdown on illegal firearms as a veiled attempt to disarm the organisation.

Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok announced this week the establishment of special police units to track down unlicensed firearms and substantial rewards for information leading to the recovery of weapons.

ANC spokeswoman Gill Marcus said the causes of crime in the country were broader than the government seemed to perceive.

"The issue of AKs or any weaponry belonging to the ANC is part of the discussions of the (ANC-government) working group. We

ANC hits at police firearm crackdown

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are hoping that Vlok is referring to gunrunning. The problem should be addressed from a broader perspective. You have to talk about the disarming of the population in general," she said.

South African whites had about five guns to a family, making the country one of the most highly armed in the world.

Vlok said the new measures would form part of the police's anti-crime drive. He announced a reward of R6 000 for information leading to the recovery of an AK

47 rifle or any machinegun.

The police would in addition pay rewards ranging from R800 for a handgun to R5 000 for a radio-controlled explosive device.

Vlok said the availability of AK 47 rifles was a source of great concern.

"I am convinced the removal of this type of weapon from the community would lead to a great reduction in violent crimes," he said.

Firearm-recovery units would be established wherever needed, countrywide. One such unit would be formed

immediately in Soweto.

Because of their knowledge and experience, members and former members of the Security Branch would play a cardinal role in these units, he said.

Vlok revealed that an alleged robber - armed with an AK 47 - who died during a robbery attempt at the Voortrekker Road Cash Butchery in Pretoria on December 23 last year, had been a trained PAC "terrorist", Ephraim Lebakwe.

Vlok said police had also formed three "tourism sup-

protect people against thieves

Other elements of the anti-crime blitz, dubbed "Operation Sentry", include the following:

■ A campaign to recruit at least 10 000 more cops,

■ Civilians would, where possible, replace police members performing administrative duties; and

■ Vehicle and foot patrols would be extended and temporary crime-reporting centres opened

Vlok said former Koevoet members, employed temporarily as civilians by the SAP, had tracked down as many as 115 000 stolen head of cattle and slashed the theft of, Eskom powerlines from R3-million to R600 000 a month

Why I quit and ended our nightmare

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TERIDGEVILLE deputy mayor Justus Tshungu's seven-year-old son Coopsie woke up screaming hysterically one night last November.

"They're coming! They're coming to kill us," he screamed.

A chanting crowd was massed outside his father's modest township home, some armed with petrol bombs. Soon the bombs were flung and Coopsie's bedroom was burning.

Coopsie knew what was happening.

The crowd had come to kill his father. Township thugs on street corners had told him often and in graphic detail how it would be done.

Coopsie Tshungu became a nervous, sleep-deprived little boy as he listened to the whispers. And that was when Justus Tshungu decided to quit.

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"That was the end to see my life reduced to a quivering wreck. I could not sleep and who could not sleep and who couldn't wake in nightmares. I quit on November 15, 1990, rather than see my family destroyed," he said.

This week, as he spoke, Mr Tshungu's famous smile and laugh — at of the man who often appeared on SABC's TV1 and who attempted to teach whites to speak Xhosa — are still there but his eyes refused to light up and the gestures, although friendly, were nervous.

"White people have no idea what it

THE pressure on black local authority councillors to resign has intensified to unprecedented levels. Already 31 of the 82 black local authorities have collapsed. This is one councillor's story of life under siege in a township. Justus Tshungu quit on November 15 rather than allow intimidation destroy his family life.

has been like in the townships recently.

"My wife and I would go to bed and instead of discussing family things we would be planning strategy. If a bomb comes through that window, dive here. If one comes through that window, crawl here. If worst comes to worst, use this escape route. It was hell.

"One day I walked into a supermarket and everybody froze. Some people called my kids over and asked them if I was their father. When the kids said yes they told the kids they would kill me. The kids came back to me with scared faces and told me what had been said.

"Suddenly friends were no longer friends... no one dared speak to me.

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"When the telephone rang we would tremble because invariably the voice on the other end would say, 'You are dead tonight, Tshungu... resign or your family will be killed.' "I had two constant police guards — even when I went to the toilet. But they, fences and other security measures could not hold back the deter-

mination of those who had vowed to get me out.

"My home was bombed twice. Luckily, the second time, someone telephoned and warned me. We fled like refugees that night," he said, wiping his eyes as though to get rid of the image of flames and people chanting. "One Tshungu, one bullet. One Tshungu, one bullet."

"The earth would tremble when they chanted that slogan and their voices pierced my mind as effectively as any bullet," he recalled.

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"The pressure was so intense that I decided to quit and join them — rather than attempt to beat them.

"Whites must listen carefully get involved and solve the problems of our youth give them training and education before it's too late.

"Those who now stand idly by in the townships and who are used by evil people for evil purposes will one day start on the white suburbs do not wait until they are on your doorstep. Our children have nothing to do and are easy prey for those who want to abuse them.

"Our youths have nothing more than idleness, hate and mass force. They need to be taught to channel their aggression and energy into building, not destroying — and that's what I and several others are attempting to do right now," he said.

"The change since I resigned has been amazing. Now, friends come and visit once more. I no longer have to telephone my wife after a meeting and warn her that I will be home in 10 minutes and that she should open up the security gates at that precise second so that I could drive in fast before being killed.

"I have resigned and rather than attempt to beat them, I have joined them because the civic associations and the councillors should begin working together. The time for war is over.

"There should be a meeting in the middle, the nomination of a central committee — that's the only way out now," he said.

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"We were trained to handle local government, civic associations were not. Street committees are too eager to rule and do not know how to because they know nothing about leadership. A combination between the two will work.

"You do not know what it is like to be told what buses to use... where to shop — to be dictated to. These things happen daily in townships.

JUSTUS TSHUNGU... Suddenly, friends were no longer friends, no one dared speak to me.



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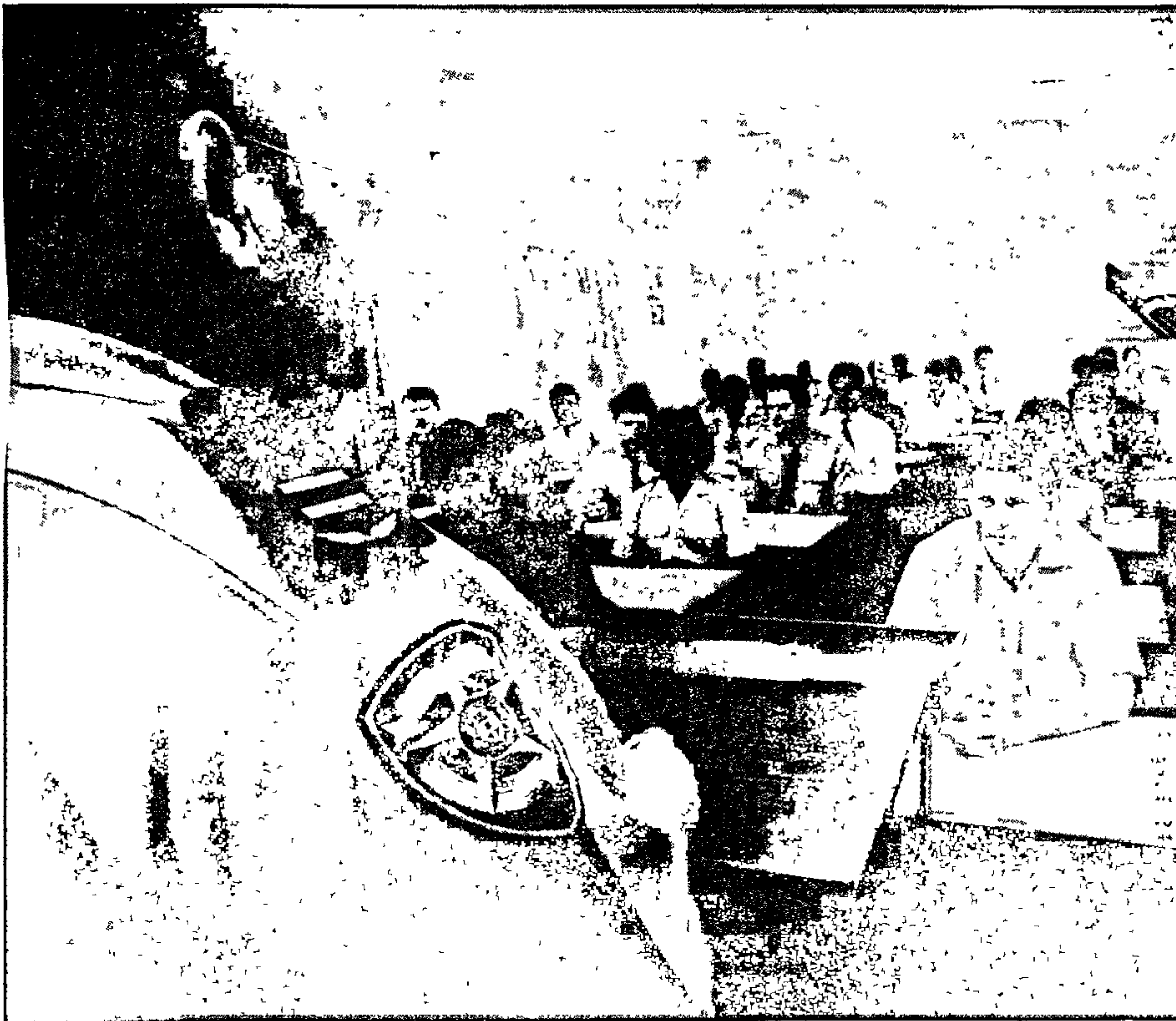
"I have seen old ladies' shopping bags punctured and the contents thrown into the streets and I have seen people assaulted for saying and doing the wrong things. This is life in our rotting townships now."

Mr Tshungu, a devout Christian, has started an organisation called the Dumezang Agency — involved in helping township youth with gainful

employment and education.

"It could do marvellous things if the right climate is created. The time for confrontation is over.

"I am talking to people once again and I hope people will listen, grievances will be solved and a beautiful country emerge from out of the ashes of the hate and fear which now covers us all."



Training begins . . . Superintendent Hennie Momberg briefs the Johannesburg traffic department's new recruits on what will be expected of them. Picture: Sean Woods

Council police recruits start training

Municipal Reporter

The first intake of recruits for the Johannesburg City Council's municipal police force have started their three-month training course

Forty three recruits began the course yesterday. The next course starts in April

Management committee member Paul Asherson said he was confident their target of 500 extra men on the streets would be reached

within the next 30 months

"We're very excited about the prospect and can only promise that we as politicians will do everything within our power to make Johannesburg a safer place"

He said during the training of the recruits, emphasis would be placed on increased vigilance — "far and above the normal traffic duties which any officer is expected to perform".

Johannesburg traffic officers have the same powers of

arrest as police. They are, however, not allowed to release a suspect on bail, obtain a search warrant, obtain a warrant of arrest from a magistrate or serve any subpoena or summons

"Our mission is to serve," traffic liaison officer Eric Hill said.

In October last year, the council accepted recommendations from a special committee that the Johannesburg Traffic Department be expanded by 500 members in

the next 30 months to put officers back on regular street patrols

In terms of the law, the new recruits would at first be employed to fill vacant positions within the traffic department

A special council committee is considering the financial implication of the additional personnel and equipment. The annual running costs are expected to be about R40 million

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Appeal for clarity on talks to end boycott in Thokoza

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THE Alberton Industries Association (AIA) has called on parties engaged in talks to resolve Thokoza township's rent and service charges boycott to clear the confusion which marred the talks last week. (124)

The association, which draws its labour from the township and has been attending the negotiations as an observer, urged the parties to work for an accord that would benefit the township's residents. (266)

Parties to the talks were the Thokoza Civic Association (TCA), Alberton and Thokoza town councils, Eskom and the TPA, which has said it would not talk to the TCA.

Electricity supply has been cut off to the township, which owes Alberton Town Council R1,8m. This triggered a violent situation which has claimed hundreds of lives.

Confusion reigned last week after the TCA announced that a meeting held on January 4 had agreed that electricity would be restored on payment of R40 — against the R70 Alberton was demanding.

Residents paid R95 000 in two days but power was not reconnected.

The TPA and the Thokoza and Alberton councils denied there had been agreement and the TCA then also denied it.

The TPA subsequently announced it was terminating talks with the TCA, alleging the association had broken an undertaking not to make announcements.

The AIA said it was concerned at the parties' inability to reach any accord that

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would normalise the situation in Thokoza.

Statements by both parties confused and frustrated residents who had already been subjected to unacceptable living conditions, the association said.

"Such conditions must not be allowed to continue and the AIA urges all parties to negotiate in good faith, so as to reach agreement which places the best interests of the residents of Thokoza above all other considerations," AIA said.

AIA spokesman Noel Kent said his organisation sought a stable workforce. "We have found it difficult running our operations during this period," he said.

Sapa reported on Friday the Thokoza council was to approach the TPA for bridging finance to cover its R1,833m debt in electricity arrears.

Thokoza Town Clerk Gert Muller said residents must pay between R200 and R209 a household a month to cover running services accounts for electricity, water, refuse removal and sewage treatment.

Of this amount R107 would go towards the payment of electricity, he said.

Sapa said the East Rand Civic Associations warned of a full-scale East Rand consumer boycott if a settlement was not reached before the end of this week.

Muller stressed communication between the council and all residents' groups would continue.

New order for local government dawning

By Louise Burgers
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History will be made next week when a metropolitan chamber comprising provincial and Witwatersrand civic associations and town councils is constituted to negotiate a new order for local government.

Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) officials from extra-parliamentary groups and council officials have been putting the finishing touches to the chamber's constitution.

The chamber, formed after the signing of the Soweto Accord in September, will act as a forum to investigate the setting up of regional, non-racial policy approaches for use at metropolitan level.

Progress

The final geographical delimitation has not yet been negotiated, and the structure and composition of the chamber has still to be finalised.

TPA official Vic Milne said the joint technical committee formed to co-ordinate the formation of the chamber had made "quite good progress".

A chairman will be elected by a simple majority.

There will be a three-month interim period after the constitution is laid so the final boundaries of the chamber's area and membership can be decided.

A joint technical committee will be formed to appoint working groups made up of officials and other experts to study constitutional, economic, social, institutional and physical development.

Think-tanks

The working groups will, in turn, set up think-tanks to investigate affordable tariffs, improvement of infrastructure, transfer of rented housing stock, and a common fiscal base.

One of the biggest decisions the chamber will face is whether to allow political parties representation.

The chamber will eventually have about 50 members.

Coloured, Indian councils targeted

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COLOURED and Indian management committees will be the next targets in the campaign to force the collapse of government-sponsored black local authorities

Cas Coovadia, assistant general secretary of the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast), which spearheaded an intense campaign against local authorities, said more consumer boycotts and marches could also be expected.

"In Indian and coloured areas the management committee members are still in place," Coovadia said.

Cast is pushing for the resignation of all councillors ahead of a new deal for non-racial local governments, which central government has indicated it is willing to negotiate.

Coovadia said Cast would decide on action later this month.

"If we believe that pressure on the business community will bear fruit, we will look at limited consumer boycotts." Cast was willing to negotiate interim local government structures with provincial administrations but had not received a positive response to its approaches, he said.

Cast's activities had resulted in the

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virtual collapse of black local government in all provinces except Natal.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) said 240 local councillors had resigned since last February, leaving 302 council posts vacant.

The Transvaal still had 390 councillors serving out of a possible 692.

Throughout SA, 106 administrators were running local authorities.

In the Transvaal 47 councils were still operating while 31 were being run by administrators, in the Free State there were 38 administrators and 32 councils, in the Cape there were 35 administrators and 58 councils; and in Natal there were two administrators and 15 councils.

Coovadia said there was no indication that central government was prepared to scrap local authorities.

"All the indications are that they will protect them," he said.

While 207 resigning Transvaal councillors had cited intimidation as the reason for their resignation, Coovadia denied Cast was using the tactic.

"We reserve the right to put pressure on local authorities by peaceful means," he said.

Pearce before inquiry over spy scandal ²⁶⁶

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg's suspended public safety director John Pearce pleaded not guilty to charges of misconduct at his disciplinary inquiry which began yesterday.

Mr Pearce was sus-

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pended last year after the Hiemstra Commission, which investigated the municipal spy scandal, found him to have been negligent.

Some witnesses who appeared before the Hiemstra Commission are likely to be recalled to give evidence.

It is being presided over by independent senior counsel T Plewman.

Mr Pearce is represented by an official from the Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Association, Theo Crouse.

Boycott spreads after Klerksdorp cuts power

8/Dec 16/11/91
THE Klerksdorp town council yesterday carried out its threat to cut electricity and drastically reduce water supplies to the township of Jouberton

Klerksdorp Town Clerk J L Muller said last week his council had resolved to suspend the supply of bulk electricity to Jouberton from yesterday, while the water supply would be reduced to certain hours a day

He said Jouberton's service charge payments were R626 000 in arrears.

Sewerage

"Bulk supply of electricity to Jouberton will be cut off until such time as the Jouberton Town Council will be able to meet its obligations towards the Klerksdorp Town Council

"Water supply to Jouberton will not be interrupted but will be drastically reduced, to such an extent that the load on the sewerage pump stations is relieved," Muller said

Jouberton residents started an indefinite consumer boycott of Klerksdorp businesses on Monday

Jouberton Civic Association spokesman Howard Yawa said the boycott was prompted by supply cut-offs. But residents were also demanding the release of four civic

leaders and an end to an alleged police clampdown

Sapa reports from Klerksdorp that about 2 500 more people from Kanana near Orkney reportedly joined the consumer boycott yesterday in solidarity with Jouberton residents

Jouberton Consumer Boycott Coordinating Committee sources said the Kanana residents had started boycotting the tiny business district of Orkney yesterday, as well as Klerksdorp businesses

Klerksdorp is where township residents usually do the bulk of their shopping

In addition to demanding the release of local detainees, the township residents are also demanding the dismantling of Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging training centres in certain parts of the western Transvaal and the unconditional restoration of power supplies

Klerksdorp Chamber of Commerce spokesman R A Brady said the business community was doing all in its power to "bring people together"

Sapa also reports that the Civics Association of the Southern Trans-

vaal (Cast) said yesterday it was paying special attention to threatened services cuts in the East Rand township of Vosloorus

On Monday Vosloorus Town Clerk George Prinsloo raised the possibility of discontinuing or reducing essential services in the township if residents failed to pay their bills

Cast general secretary Sam Ntuli said the township's rent and service charges payment dilemma was receiving serious attention, and that a plan of action to address the matter was being formulated within Cast ranks

Meters

The Vosloorus Town Council and the local civic association deadlocked on the matter of the rent boycott in November last year

Prinsloo said yesterday Vosloorus residents owed R23m and should be paying something while the council was repairing the township's meters

He said the township owed Eskom a total of R6,3m

Asked how much the council expected residents to pay since there was a deadlock, Prinsloo said the R104 a month they were paying before the breakdown in talks should apply

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Louis Trichardt's council opposes free trade area

The CP-controlled Louis Trichardt council firmly opposed the conversion of the town's central business district to a free trade area at a public hearing in the town yesterday.

An application to convert the central area of the town into a free trade area, originally initiated by NP councillor Renier Pieterse, was supported by the Indian management committee, the Afrikaanse Sakekamer, the Louis Trichardt Chamber of Commerce and the Venda Chamber of Commerce.

But council representatives yesterday argued that converting about 20 blocks in the centre of town would ultimately lead to the establishment of black residential area there.

The public hearing, chaired by Group Areas committee member N Terreblanche, heard emotive speeches by CP councillors and town residents, the vast majority of whom were against the conversion.

A council spokesman said one of the municipality's chief complaints was that 145 of the 229 "burger erven" in question

were currently residential properties.

In his summation of the argument, the spokesman said the Soutpansberg area had historically developed an ethos of negotiation and reconciliation.

The town therefore did not want to be forced in any particular direction by intervention from above or from outside. It would deal with its own problems in its own way and in its own time, he said.

Opening the town was one of the main demands of the Consumer Boycott Committee (CBC), which launched a consumer boycott just before Christmas.

The boycott was initiated after 12 khaki-clad men allegedly whipped Venda residents and schoolchildren at a Louis Trichardt park. Twelve people are due to appear in Pietersburg Magistrate's Court today in connection with the incident.

The CBC has emphasised that the lifting of the boycott shortly after Christmas was to allow other parties to meet outstanding demands.

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Pearce's council hearing begins

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THE Johannesburg City Council's in-house "mini-trial" of its suspended public safety director, John Pearce, began behind closed doors yesterday.

Pearce, who was found by the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into the council's spy network to have been "grossly negligent", could face dismissal if found guilty by the council.

Sapa reports he has been charged with "disgraceful or unbecoming conduct, prejudicial to the good working of the council's services".

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday the matter was being heard by an outside senior advocate to ensure neutrality.

The "prosecutors" were members of the council's city secretariat. Defence would be by Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Association officials.

Davidson said the hearing, which he described as a "mini-trial", was closed to the public in terms of municipal rules governing all disciplinary inquiries. He said the charges against Pearce arose from evidence led before the Hiemstra Commission. However, the internal hearing had the right to call witnesses and hear fresh evidence.

Mr Justice Hiemstra found Pearce had been grossly negligent in his duties. As public safety director he was responsible for the security department's monitoring section, which had spied illegally on organisations including the End Conscription Campaign, Black Sash and Lawyers for Human Rights.

The inquiry is expected to last several weeks.

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THE Atteridgeville Town Council had agreed to write off R22,5m owed by Atteridgeville and Saulsville residents, ending the nine-month-old rent and service charge boycott in the Pretoria townships, it emerged yesterday.

The Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation (Asro) and Atteridgeville administrator Ernie Jacobson on Monday reached an accord under which debts accumulated since April last year were to be written off.

The parties said in a joint statement that households, hostel dwellers, businesses and other concerns would start paying interim rates of:

- ☐ Hostel dwellers — R15 a month;
- ☐ Households — R50,

R22m written off in rent boycott accord

- ☐ "Small" business — R60; and
- ☐ "Big" business — R150.

"Further negotiations will commence immediately on monetary matters, transfer of (rented) houses to tenants and availability of land," the statement said.

Jacobson, who was appointed administrator of the townships after the local council collapsed late last year, said "I am glad we have this agreement and can now start the wheels turning."

Several other townships in the Transvaal such as Thokoza near Alberton, Jouberton near Klerksdorp and Toekomsrus near Randfontein are still embroiled in disputes with bulk-suppliers and the TPA over rent and service charge debts.

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Boycott

Jouberton near Klerksdorp and Toekomsrus near Randfontein are still embroiled in disputes with bulk-suppliers and the TPA over rent and service charge debts.

Sapa reports a negotiated settlement seemed remote as the boycott of white business in Klerksdorp by residents of Jouberton and neighbouring villages entered its third day yesterday.

The boycott was in protest against power cuts and reduction of water supplies to Jouberton.

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Klerksdorp town clerk A J Swanepoel said his council was not in a position to negotiate directly with the civic association, because that would be sidestepping the Jouberton Town Council.

But Jouberton Civic Association spokesman Henry Moleme said the civic association was not prepared to hold talks with the Jouberton council, because the latter was almost near collapse as three of its remaining five councillors had made public their intention to resign on January 31.

Result of council inquiry into official expected soon

THE outcome of the internal inquiry into suspended Johannesburg City Council public safety director John Pearce could be expected by the end of the week, city secretary Howard Veale said yesterday.

Pearce is facing charges of gross negligence arising from last year's Hiemstra Commission into the municipal spy scandal.

Evidence by the presenting officer, Rhett Gardiner, was "substantially completed" yesterday morning and the proceedings had been adjourned until today, Veale said.

A Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Association official, Theo Crouse, would begin presenting Pearce's defence today. Pearce was appearing before an independent senior counsel, Chris Plewman, Veale added.

The inquiry is behind closed doors and the media are excluded from the proceedings. Veale said this was in accordance with an industrial agreement between the City Council and the employers' association.

The inquiry was initially expected to last weeks, but Veale said the outcome

could be expected within days. The charges against Pearce followed his alleged misconduct, namely "disgraceful and unbecoming conduct, prejudicial to the good working of the council's services".

Veale confirmed Pearce could face dismissal.

Last year the Hiemstra Commission found the city council's security department had infiltrated and spied on a number of local anti-apartheid organisations. — Sapa

Campaign to break council

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THE Mamelodi Civic Association will step up its campaign against the township's council following uncertainty over the resignation of nine councillors in December.

Addressing a Press conference yesterday, MCA chairman Mr Lazarus Muzwayeni said that in spite of a joint resignation letter, individual resignation letters of the nine councillors had not reached the council or the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

Muzwayeni said the general council of the MCA, which met earlier this week, resolved to step up the campaign for the resignation of all councillors.

This is in line with the December resolution taken by the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal.

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He said the campaign would include the isolation of families and businesses of the councillors, the dumping of refuse at the houses of the councillors and the consumer boycott of their businesses.

"We will also embark on marches and hand petitions to the Transvaal Provincial Administration and other relevant departments to force the councillors to resign.

"This is a non-violent protest action against the present system of local government and we hope that they will accordingly resign".

Both the town clerk, Mr JP Nel, and the TPA have confirmed that they had not yet received official resignation letters from the councillors.

tioner shall not represent conflicting or competing interests without the express concern of those involved without a full disclosure of such interests to all involved" Sub-section 2.4 says that an accredited member "shall not accept payment either in cash or kind in connection with those services from any other source without the express consent of his employer or client."

It is known that the Public Relations Institute of Southern Africa (Prisa), of which Vorster is a member, has been keeping a close watch on developments between the SABC and IBC and on Vorster's involvement

Meanwhile, the SABC's payment of SwFr41 000 (R84 000) to IBC for the placement of various ads is still outstanding. The *FM* has also reported that publication of a pre-paid R80 000 Transnet ad intended for the current edition of the trade and industry's who's who was delayed and it will only appear in the next edition.

Ofenheimer told the *FM* that his attorneys were told by the SABC's legal department that in the light of the Transnet experience payment has been withheld.

"I do not understand this," said Ofenheimer. "Harmse personally signed the deal. I expect them (the SABC) to honour their obligations."

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DOWN THE DRAIN

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Alexandra township — that sinkhole of liberal hopes — is once again floundering under the weight of garbage. Despite a R200m upgrading project, sewers spill their effluent into the streets, new stormwater drains don't work and the roads remain possibly the most rutted of any township in the country. *FM* 18/11/91

The situation in Alexandra is echoed in countless townships across the Transvaal. Alex, however, is situated between Kew, Wynberg and Marlboro, surrounded by Sandton and Johannesburg, and its situation so close to affluent white areas is a constant reminder of the malaise of the townships. The authorities blame extensive rent boycotts while residents blame apartheid policies — which either refused to recognise the existence of communities or left them under threat of removal and reluctant to improve their homes or streets.

After the 1976 Soweto uprising, the then West Rand Administration Board began curtailing services and it was only after intense lobbying that the Alexandra area was given a reprieve from the threat of forced removal. The population was then estimated at 45 000; today the same small area houses about 180 000-200 000 people with a rapidly growing squatter population.

Ian Bernhardt, of the Alexandra Development Foundation — a private-sector initiative which has built 177 affordable houses in the past four years — says its efforts at

providing decent accommodation are being stymied by stormwater drains that don't function and flood new homes, or piles of rotting garbage next to brand new houses.

The Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) has discussed the matter with the authorities but apparently to little avail. It has held several clean-ups of its own, the last early last year at a cost to the civic of R88 000, primarily for the hire of front-end loaders to remove the rubbish. However, Obed Bapela of the ACO says they lacked the time and funds to collect all the garbage.

Bapela says garbage collection takes place once a week in Alexandra though not all areas are serviced because of rutted roads and trenches dug across some roads for the laying of electrical cables. Garbage bags are not distributed in the township and anything not placed in specific bins — which the ACO says are too few — is not collected. For the rest, a construction company comes into the township regularly and pushes all leftover garbage into huge, fly-buzzing piles on street corners.

On Thursday this week the ACO will meet the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), the Rand Water Board and Eskom to find ways of ending the boycott. However, neither side has yet submitted proposals of what it considers would be a reasonable rate of payment.

Cas Coovadia of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) says more townships are now paying for services than those that are not. Civic associations are pressing for electricity to be supplied direct to township authorities because they are now channelled through adjoining municipalities, increasing the cost.

Eskom is in favour of a system whereby it will supply direct to townships; but the barrier to this appears to be the provincial authorities, who are reluctant to move away from the existing system.

Coovadia says residents also want to pay a flat rate for electricity until meters are repaired. He says residents who have been paying service charges have been discouraged by a lack of improvement in services and upgrading, with piles of garbage remaining and roads still untarred and rutted.

Cast will hold a major meeting with the TPA and relevant authorities next month — a date has yet to be fixed — to discuss the crisis. "We will be discussing the issue of flat rates and affordable tariffs — and how an affordable tariff can be arrived at, among other issues," Coovadia says.

"We want a situation where solutions arrived at can be applied to all townships, not the present situation where negotiations are continuing all the time at different levels with the various townships. There needs to be a quicker solution to problems," Coovadia says.

The people of Alexandra do not presumably enjoy living in filth. It remains unclear how many of them would be willing to resume payment for services if this were not such a politically fraught issue.

Klerksdorp talks nonracialism

A FORUM had been established in Klerksdorp to discuss the possibility of a single, nonracial local government, Mayor Steve du Toit said yesterday.

Sapa reports that, referring to the consumer boycott of white businesses and the withdrawal of power, and the limited water supplies, in the neighbouring black township of Jouberton, Du Toit said it was no use addressing only the latter problems.

"We have to start looking earnestly into the future of the town. People are keen to discuss issues such as a single tax base, education, housing and so forth. We are planning the new SA in our own small way," he said.

TANIA LEVY reports that Jouberton Civic Association (JCA) chairman Henry Moleme said he was surprised by Du Toit's announcement, as the Klerksdorp council had avoided this issue when it was placed on the agenda by the JCA during negotia-

tions last October. The talks subsequently broke down and services to the township were cut.

Water and electricity supplies to Jouberton were cut again this week.

Moleme said his association had not been invited to take part in the forum mentioned by Du Toit.

The only overture had come last year when the civic association was asked to form part of a body consisting of the Jouberton Town Council (which has subsequently folded), Klerksdorp Town Council and a few other organisations which the JCA felt were unrepresentative.

We also felt we could not form part of a forum which included the Jouberton council, he said.

However, the JCA would now be willing to take part in discussions about a single local government structure for the area.

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NEWS

Councils agree on metropolitan body

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

8 Feb 23/1/91

At an historic meeting in Johannesburg yesterday, 22 local government bodies and civic associations in the central Witwatersrand recommended the acceptance of a draft constitution for the establishment of a Metropolitan Chamber.

The constitution was presented to delegates after months of negotiation and hard work by officials behind the scenes.

The chamber will serve as an interim forum to investigate and formulate nonracial, democratic regional policy approaches for the future.

MEC Fanie Ferreira, who chaired the meeting, said the formation of the metropolitan chamber was a breakthrough for consensus politics

He said delegates at the meeting yesterday reaffirmed their commitment to the establishment of the chamber and

agreed to recommend the acceptance of the draft constitution to members

In anticipation of such ratification, Mr. Ferreira said the Joint Technical Committee, which drew up the constitution, had been instructed to continue urgently with various investigations envisaged by the draft constitution.

Fulfilled

The formal agreement will be signed on March 6 by all parties

The intention of the chamber is that political participation, dialogue and interaction take place within the forum during the period of constitutional transition in South Africa.

High on the agenda will be the investigation of a common fiscal base for black and white local authorities

The chamber will be considered to have fulfilled its functions as soon as an appropriate system of local government and

administration has been established for the region

Cyril Ramaphosa, representing the Soweto Civic Association, said such developments in local government at grassroots level were of national significance and would influence national negotiations.

Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST) deputy general secretary, Cas Coovadia said the formation of the chamber was an extension of the struggle. He said CAST would continue to object to the presence of black councillors and Indian and coloured management committee members at the chamber.

However he said the civics were "committed to the formation of the chamber"

Delegates included representatives from the Johannesburg City Council, Sandton, Randburg and Roodepoort town councils, five management committees, the three Greater Soweto Councils, nine civic associations and observers



Historic day . . . NUM general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa and Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson in discussion shortly before the start of a meeting to debate the constitution of a Metropolitan Chamber. Picture John Hogg

Plan to act against councils

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23/1/91

A TOP anti-apartheid activist yesterday said no immediate action was planned against white local authorities although they were regarded as illegitimate.

Mr Cas Coovadia, deputy secretary general of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal, said all racially-based local government structures were illegitimate.

He said discussions were in progress with white local authorities to explore interim measures to replace present systems.

"We do not want to create chaos and anarchy. But if they become intransigent or obstacles to reform, then we will take action," Coovadia said.

He also spoke out against Indian, coloured and black local

authorities, whom he said were impeding "medium and long-term solutions in the townships".

"Our strategies are dictated by the situation in the townships."

Coovadia said the mass action campaign to force all Indian and coloured city and town councillors to resign would continue.

Letters, petitions, mass meetings, marches and boycotts would be used, he said.

Last week the South Western Management Committee laid charges of intimidation against seven members of the Eldorado Park Civic Association who called for committee members to resign - *Sowetan Correspondent*.

Regional chamber is taking shape (266)

EDYTH BULBRING

REPRESENTATIVES of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and 22 local government bodies and civic organisations in the central Witwatersrand met in Johannesburg yesterday to consider a draft constitution for the establishment of a regional Metropolitan Chamber.

TPA MEC Fanie Ferreira said in a statement the parties agreed to take the draft constitution back to their constituencies for approval. It was expected the chamber would be set up on March 6. A number of Joint Technical Committees, established at the signing of the Soweto Accord on September 25, were yesterday given the go-ahead to work on various local issues, a Johannesburg council source said. 6/04/77 23/1/77

Present at the meeting were all the region's civic associations, the Soweto People's Delegation, the town councils of greater Soweto, Johannesburg, Roodepoort, Ennerdale, Randburg, Sandton and Eskom and the Rand Water Board.

The source said the chamber's constitution provided for the inclusion, at a later stage, of other councils who were not represented at yesterday's meeting.

Cast slams crackdown on council campaign

THE Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) yesterday slated the launch of a government crackdown on campaigns against racially defined councils

Cast said its campaign could not be construed as being intimidatory

Law and Order deputy Minister Johan Scheepers this week launched a "top priority" crackdown to counter what he described as vicious intimidation

The intensified, orchestrated campaign of mass intimidation had reached intolerable levels for the police and the community, Scheepers said

Cast assistant general-secretary Cas Coovadia said in Johannesburg a peaceful campaign for the collapse of racially based local authorities was disciplined and could not be construed as intimidation

"A peaceful campaign, which has the participation of the majority of people who have borne the brunt of

WILSON ZWANE

an undemocratic and unrepresentative structures, cannot be construed as intimidation," Coovadia said

He said if government interpreted the campaign for the resignation of black, coloured and Indian councillors as intimidation, then "it is saying that it is not prepared to heed the demands of the majority".

Scheepers said police saw mass action aimed at, among other things, the destruction of local government authorities, as nothing less than mass intimidation

Coovadia said police should "concentrate on curbing criminal and vigilante activities rather than curbing legitimate people's campaigns"

"We must reiterate that we believe our mass action campaign to be our democratic right and we know that it has been a disciplined one," Coovadia said.

Doornkop squatting sites

WILSON ZWANE

COUNCILS in the Greater Soweto area will select from scores of homeless people those who will be allocated squatting sites at Doornkop, west of Soweto

The plan was decided upon at a meeting of the Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville councils on January 18, spokesman Simon Mkhize said yesterday

He said the councils would get names for the pool, from which the allocations would be made, from organisations in their areas. Selections would be made and successful applicants' names forwarded to the TPA for a final decision. Squatters and families whose incomes are less than R600 a month qualify for sites

He said the factory had military guards
logical warfare production

had made "great headway" in elimi-
Iraqi air defences but knocking out

Johannesburg councillors reject call to quit

By Susan Smuts

SPW 25/1/91

Johannesburg city councillors across the political spectrum have rejected calls by Actstop and CAST (Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal) to quit

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson (DP) said "I will not resign I was elected with a clear majority and mandate by voters who recognise the system in which I operate as legitimate

"Until white communities feel the system is illegitimate, I will not be resigning"

Hendrik Claasen (CP) said the call was undemocratic and ridiculous "I was lawfully elect-

ed There will be no such thing as councillors resigning"

Jacques Theron (also CP) agreed, adding he had been elected by people in his ward, and was answerable to them

Cecil Long (independent) said "If I resign, it won't be because of them They did not elect me, and I am not subject to their whims"

Judith Briggs (DP) said chaos and anarchy would prevail if councillors resigned before any structure could replace the existing one

"Obviously, I want to see a situation where councillors are voted in on a nonracial basis As soon as we have a new local

government model, new elections must be called"

Hein Kruger (NP) said "We all agree something is lacking The council is part of the apartheid system which we all want to get rid of, but to call for councillors to resign when there is nothing to replace them is ridiculous"

Les Dishy (DP) said one of the reasons he had served as a councillor was to fight for the rights of others.

"I do believe we need to get everyone into one municipality I have not been called on to resign People who have played an active part have got a lot of

things done (for example, integrated transport)"

Criticisms of councils that hampered progress did not necessarily apply to the Johannesburg council, said Sias Reyneke (DP)

"I don't see myself resigning as a result of the call It is also not consistent to call for resignations while negotiating with the council through the Metropolitan Chamber"

Theuns Oosthuizen (NP) said "We have a duty to all people in the country, especially at local level to keep the ball rolling while negotiations for a new regime at local level are still proceeding"

Fury in Sandton over Alex uplift

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By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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A row is brewing in Sandton after the refusal by the management committee chairman and town clerk to assist in the rebuilding of adjoining Alexandra's administrative structure

Instead, the Randburg Town Council offered to lend a hand when approached by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council

Sandton councillors are furious they were not consulted over the issue

Said one "We feel we have a moral responsibility to help the people of Alexandra. Not one of the town councillors was consulted. This would've been a perfect chance for closer co-operation between the two towns"

A Randburg council source said he could not fathom Sandton council's negative attitude

At a press conference last week, Alexandra Civic Association president Moses Mayekiso said ACO would pressure the Sandton Town Council to resign as it was reluctant to unite with

"poor" Alexandra in a nonracial municipality

He said the council claimed it could not afford to carry Alexandra's financial burdens

Randburg management committee chairman Andre Jacobs confirmed his council had offered help after being approached by CWRSC chairman John Griffiths and was probing the situation in the township

He said the problems were mostly technical and administrative. He hoped Sandton would join Randburg in provid-

ing assistance.

Sandton management committee chairman Meyer van Niekerk said the council did not have the manpower or finances to take over Alexandra's administration

"We are still discussing how we can help"

Mr Griffiths said he had approached Sandton informally to assist

"Randburg indicated they may be able to assist in some ways. We must try to involve both Sandton and Randburg in this. There have been informal discussions but nothing is final yet"

Council spent R700 000 on overseas trips

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council has spent more than R700 000 on overseas business trips for councillors and officials in the past year.

In reply to questions tabled by councillor Hans Strydom at last night's council meeting, it was revealed that the recent European trip by the chairman of the management committee, Ian Davidson and five officials cost R126 834.

Mr Davidson and his officials

attended a financial conference and toured companies and British councils to investigate new financial management systems for the Johannesburg City Council.

The cost of a trip by health and housing chairman Marietta Marx and several officials to South America to attend a conference on housing cost R92 000.

A trip to study civil defence systems overseas by councillor Eddie Venter and officials cost R33 700.

Chairman of the transport and utilities committee, Paul

Asherson will be flying to the Far East this week with three officials for 26 days to study various transport systems in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Bangkok, Singapore, Japan and South Korea at a cost of R80 000.

Mr Asherson said he and his entourage would be flying economy class and would share accommodation in hotels to cut down on costs.

In addition, 26 council officials visited Europe and the US last year to attend conferences and meetings at a total cost of more than R400 000.

Jo'burg Council to adopt new financial strategy

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Municipal Reporter

8/20/91
In a new financial strategy, the Johannesburg City Council is to sell under-used assets and invest the money in a fund for the future development of the city.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said that in the past, money had been put straight into pet projects on a political priority basis, without Johannesburg's

needs being considered.

"Now the development of the city is going to be a priority. Money from the sale of assets, such as land, is going to be put in a consolidated loans fund and invested at market rates to boost reserves."

Money would then be borrowed from the fund to pay for capital projects, such as the Civic Theatre, he said.

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DP councillors' travel expenses criticised

JOHANNESBURG spent more than R660 000 last year sending three councillors and more than 30 officials overseas.

At its monthly meeting last night, the city council was told that R250 000 had been spent on trips by management committee chairman Ian Davidson, committee member Marietta

TANIA LEVY

Marx and councillor Eddie Venter. A further R80 000 was earmarked for a trip by management committee member Paul Asherson who, with three officials, leaves on Saturday on a four-week trip to the Far East.

Trips overseas by 25

council officials — besides those who accompanied councillors, cost about R409 000

The figures were provided in response to a question from independent councillor Hans Strydom, who has accused his former DP colleagues of jumping on the same "gravy train" they criticised when they were the official opposition

PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz



throughout the entire organisation

Lekoa set to write off R120m owed

THEO RAWANA (266)

THE Lekoa Town Council yesterday decided to write off a rent-and-services debt of at least R120m which residents of the Vaal Triangle township have built up over six years.

Lekoa town administrator Jaap Joubert said in a statement the council had reached agreement with, among others, Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong and Boipatong, which were under its control.

"The exact amount to be written off could not be ascertained last night, but the council was R120m in arrears last August when bridging finance provided by the TPA dried up.

The Greater Soweto councils of Diepsmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto wrote off R516m arrears last September and the Atteridgeville Town Council (near Pretoria) wrote off R225m this month.

Joubert said application would be made to the Transvaal administrator for formal approval. Debts of businesses would not be written off. *Day 30/1/91*

The agreement provided for each household to pay a fixed interim charge of R41 for services (including water and electricity).

Joubert said grievances listed by the Vaal Civic Association and the Vaal Triangle Committee of the National Forum would be investigated at working group meetings which would start soon.

Tough year expected as retrenchments continue

THE rate of retrenchments had increased sharply in 1990 compared with the previous year, Steel and Engineering Industries' Federation (Seifsa) spokesman Hendrik van der Heever said yesterday.

Industrial council figures showed about 16 600 workers were laid off in 1989 compared with at least 25 200 last year and the trend would continue this year, he said.

At least 35 000 mineworkers — about 5% of the total workforce — lost their jobs in 1990.

Engineering retrenchments last year represented more than 7% of the 350 000 workers employed by Seifsa members.

Industry spokesmen say mounting retrenchments and falling sales volumes in the metal and engineering industry are signs the sector is hard pressed by the mining industry's declining fortunes.

Van der Heever said Seifsa's members contributed one third of SA manufacturing input, a major share of which was consumed by the mining industry.

When the mining industry struggled — the Chamber of Mines said recently mining houses intended to peg their costs at zero growth until 1993 — Seifsa members inevitably

suffered as well.

He said the low gold price, labour costs and lack of foreign investment were among factors likely "to exacerbate the existing poor business conditions in our industry".

Dorbyl group executive director Mike Smithyman said yesterday "it seems very clear mines are cutting expenditure to an absolute minimum. Volumes are definitely much lower than last year".

Problem

He said the downturn in the fortunes of the mining industry was most acute in gold mining but even coal mining was affected.

Siemens energy and automation GM Ruelof van Ark said yesterday mining industry uncertainty was the most difficult problem with which the company had to contend concerning its mining contracts.

Mines were evaluating new developments and reviewing projects previously approved, and Siemens was waiting to see "how drastic the cutbacks would be".

Van Ark said only 10% of Siemens business concerned mining, but the company depended on big

turnkey projects, like the aborted Samancor, Highveld Steel Column stainless steel project, for its prosperity. If the country's economic downturn continued, there would be retrenchments, and not only in Siemens' mining division.

Haggle Rand marketing director Alan Clarkson would not comment yesterday on his company's position but said "Haggle is likely to be affected (by the contraction in the mining industry) but to what extent it is too early to say".

Anglo American gold and uranium chairman Clem Sunter said last week Anglo had been able to minimise December quarterly cost increases — its Freegold operation kept the increase in its operating costs down to 0,1% for the three months — partly because of the "understanding approach" taken by mine suppliers.

The February edition of Mining News reported that most companies supplying gold mines were "cutting back on advertising and other expenses in order to boost bottom line balance sheet figures".

Anglo's President Steyn Mine engineering supervisor Jeff Armstrong said the mine was likely to reduce purchases, especially of high-tech items.

State aims to dissolve Vaal town council

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN
Political Correspondent

A BILL aimed at dissolving the Lekoa Town Council will come up for debate during the new session of Parliament starting on Friday.

The Bill, tabled during the last session, is among about 50 which propose a joint executive authority for a homeland and a province.

Because of the uniqueness of the Lekoa Council - half of it is in the Transvaal and the other half in the Free State - the Bill seeks to divide Lekoa into two or more councils. *Sowetan 31/1/91*

Provinces will administer

Each province would administer the councils in its area. The Free State would oversee Refengkgotso and Zemdela and the Transvaal would manage Boipatong, Bophelong, Sebokeng and Sharpeville.

The Bill notes that in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act, the administrator of the province in which a local authority is situated exercises control over that local authority.

Because there are no legal provisions existing to divide a local authority and its assets, liabilities and rights, "legislation is therefore required to regulate the matter", the Bill says.

Pearce found guilty on all misconduct charges

Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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Johannesburg's controversial public safety director John Pearce was yesterday found guilty of all misconduct charges brought against him by the city council after the Hiemstra Commission found him grossly negligent.

No official statement was issued by the city council, but sources said Mr Pearce had been found guilty by Advocate Chris Plewman, SC, who would recommend on Tuesday what action should be taken.

Asked if he would comment after the hearing yesterday, Mr Pearce, who has been under suspension for the past four months, said "No — never".

Mr Pearce, a central figure in the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry which investigated the

Johannesburg municipal spy scandal exposed by The Star, pleaded not guilty to charges of misconduct involving negligence and unauthorised activities.

He is believed to be the most senior official in the council's 104-year history to face an internal disciplinary enquiry.

Organisations infiltrated and spied on by the monitoring section all called for Mr Pearce's dismissal.

The End Conscription Campaign chairman in Johannesburg, Chris de Villiers, said Mr Pearce had to be dismissed immediately to stop the public's money going to people like him who had abused their power.

Actstop spokesman Mohammed Dangor said not only Mr Pearce, but all in authority during the operation of the spy network should be forced to resign.

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Shaky future for Mamelodi council

THE future of Mamelodi's town council looks shaky after members failed to attend a meeting yesterday where a new mayor was to be elected.

A council spokesman claimed that councillors had been scared away by threats from the local civic association that it would intensify its action aimed at forcing them to resign. *Councilmen 11/4/91*

Late last year 10 councillors announced their resignation but only three have handed in letters of resignation. The rest had announced earlier that yesterday's meeting would be their last

The spokesman said the meeting was likely to take place, but it would be behind closed doors. - Sapa

TPA warns against Atteridgeville low tariff deal

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The Transvaal Provincial Administration cannot approve the low tariffs agreed to between the administrator of Atteridgeville and the residents' organisation, said Olaus van Zyl, MEC for local government and Regional Services Councils.

He warned that under the agreement reached between Dr Ernie Jacobson, administrator of Atteridgeville, and the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Association (Asro) on January 15, the council would have to find R6 million to cover its deficit for the first quarter of this year.

He warned further that the TPA had no funds for more bridging finance.

Mr van Zyl said that while he was in favour of negotiations, the TPA had not been party to this agreement.

He pointed out that if all consumers paid the monthly low tariffs as indicated in the Asro agreement, the council's income would be about R750 000 a month — less than 30 percent of the costs of services. It would be enough only to pay the salaries of officials.

"A deficit of R1,3 million a month would accumulate

just for water, electricity and sewerage services. The council would therefore not be able to . . . any other services," Mr van Zyl warned.

The TPA was in favour of any negotiations where good relations and an understanding were established. However, it also believed that the actual amounts in respect of the income and expenditure of the town had not been taken into account.

Atteridgeville's estimated operating costs will be about R8,5 million for the first three months of 1991.

Under the Asro agree-

ment, residents would only start paying tariffs in March, by which time the council would already be faced with a R4,5 million deficit.

Moreover, the Atteridgeville council already owed R2,16 million to the Pretoria City Council for outstanding bulk services charges.

"It is known that the council of Pretoria is considering the suspension of bulk services to Atteridgeville if these monies are not paid."

"It would cause great bewilderment and discontent among residents if they paid

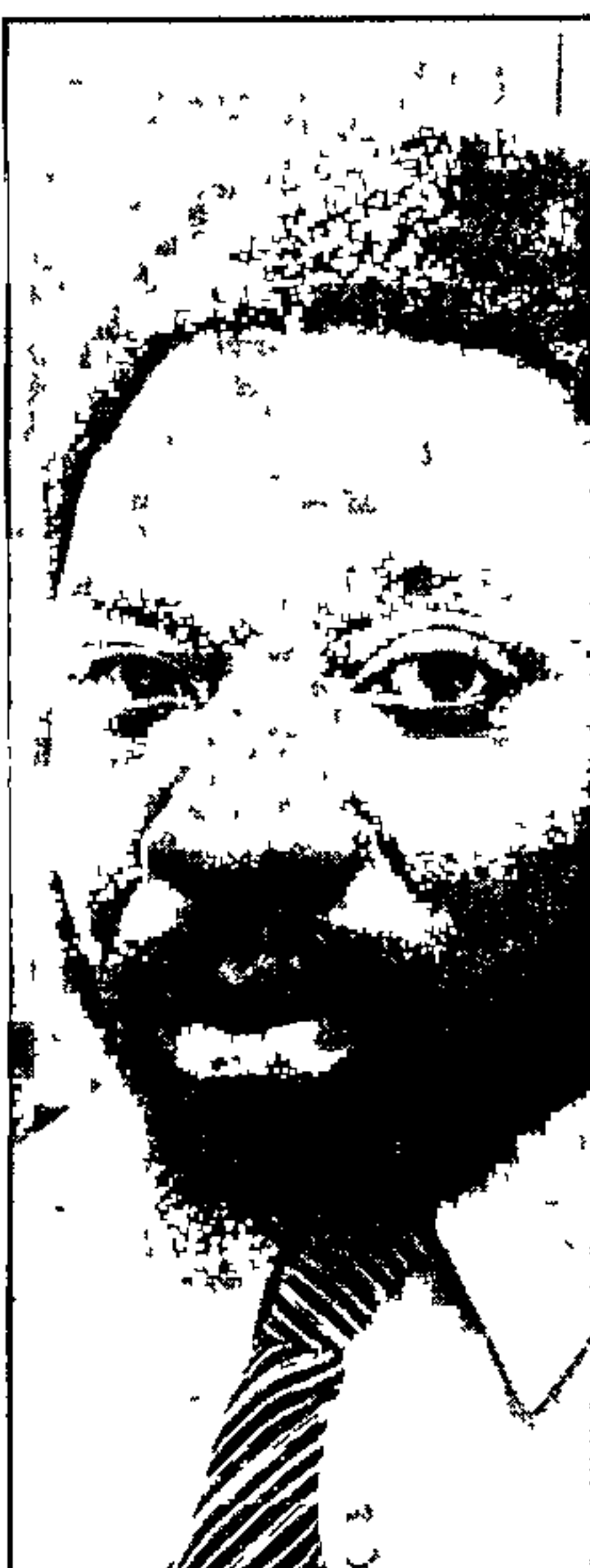
their municipal accounts based on the low tariff, under the impression that it would be sufficient to cover everything, while it would not be the case at all, and would result in certain services being suspended."

He also warned that the agreement that all money outstanding up to January 1 should be written off was not financially accountable.

He pointed out that this money was, moreover, owed to council and residents would lose if all debts were written off — Sapa



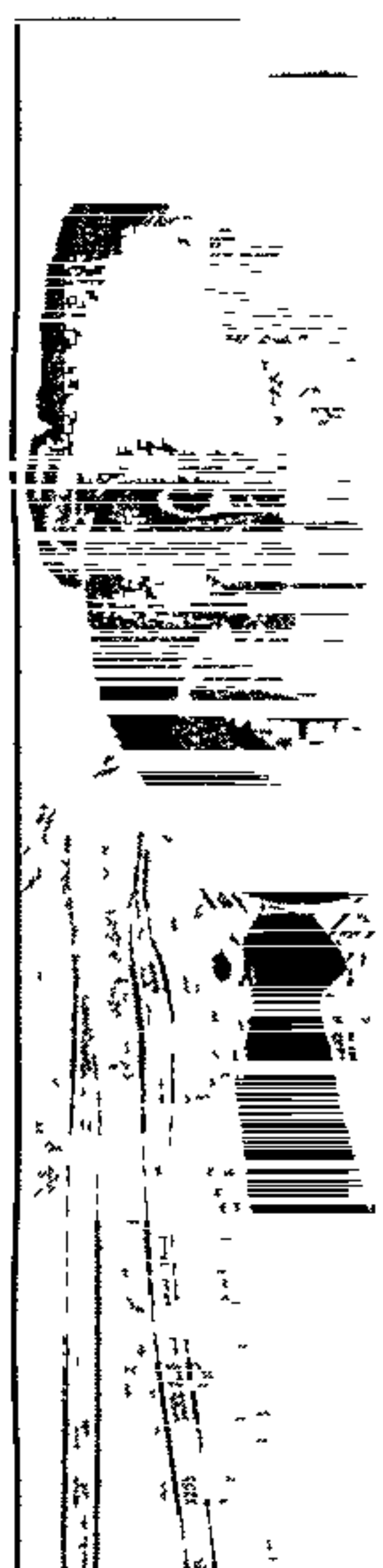
Olaus van Zyl: MEC for local government in the Transvaal. A former member of the President's Council and former Randburg Mayor. He is regarded as an impressive mediator. He was a major force behind the formation of the Johannesburg Metropolitan Chamber.



Cyril Ramaphosa: National Union of Mineworkers general secretary and a Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) representative. He is a Soweto resident and was with the SPD when it was formed in 1986 to negotiate with the province. He is described as an excellent negotiator.



Ian Davidson: Chairman of the Johannesburg City Council management committee and Democratic Party leader in the council. He has been a councillor for nine years and is chairman of the Johannesburg study group on local government. Johannesburg is one of the chamber's main players.



Patrick Lephunya: Secretary of the Soweto branch and coordinator for the Democratic Front. He was involved in the establishment of the chamber from the start. Mr Lephunya is a strong speaker.

On road to non

Star 5/2/91

PRESIDENT FW de Klerk announced in his opening of Parliament speech that legislation would be introduced this year to enable black and white local authorities to establish joint structures even before a new constitution was tabled. The assurance was given that local government initiatives such as the Johannesburg Metropolitan Chamber (JMC) would be "legalised". Altogether 22 bodies in the central Witwatersrand — city and town councils, civic associations and provincial representatives — have taken part in initial meetings of the chamber, which will be formally constituted on March 6. Mr de Klerk said the Government did not wish to pre-empt the national negotiation process in any way. Interim steps would be taken to accommodate the co-operation which had developed in many communities, and to give legal sanction to existing joint actions and joint structures.

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the JMC was a mirror image of initiatives at national level. "It will not be too long before we in the Johannesburg region will utilise that piece of legislation in order to constitute a mixed city council for the Greater Johannesburg area. In my opinion, Government is looking to the JMC to pave the way and guide other councils." "This is a positive piece of legislation which will encourage local initiatives." "We are the only negotiating forum of its nature in South Africa and well ahead of any other region. Eventually the chamber will be disbanded in its present form, but the concept of metropolitan government will survive." Professor Lawrence Schlemmer of the Centre for Policy Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand said Mr de Klerk had effectively legalised the JMC. He said there would be objec-

tions from extra-parliamentary bodies to some of the proposed legislation because they would claim the component parts of new joint structures were racially defined structures. "In a sense, what is a pragmatic step viewed from one angle, will be seen as entrenching apartheid from another viewpoint. The negotiation of such structures will be the key towards resolving the differences." The new legislation would entail: ● Joint provision of services and establishment of a single administration for various participating local authorities. ● The possibility for participating local authorities to take decisions at joint meetings that would be binding on all of the participants. ● The creation of a single body to which the powers and functions of the participating authorities could be assigned either in whole or in part. The Government was also attending to the financial implica-

President de Klerk's announcement that reforms at local government level would be "legalised" has placed the spotlight on the Johannesburg Metropolitan Chamber. Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS looks at the chamber's pivotal role in negotiating democratic, non-racial structures. tions, since progress in development of structures for co-operation could not be impeded by financial limitations. Fanie Ferreira, who is chairing the meetings of the JMC at present, describes the formation of the Metropolitan Chamber as a breakthrough for consensus politics. (Mr Ferreira is a member of the executive committee of the Transvaal Provincial Administration.)

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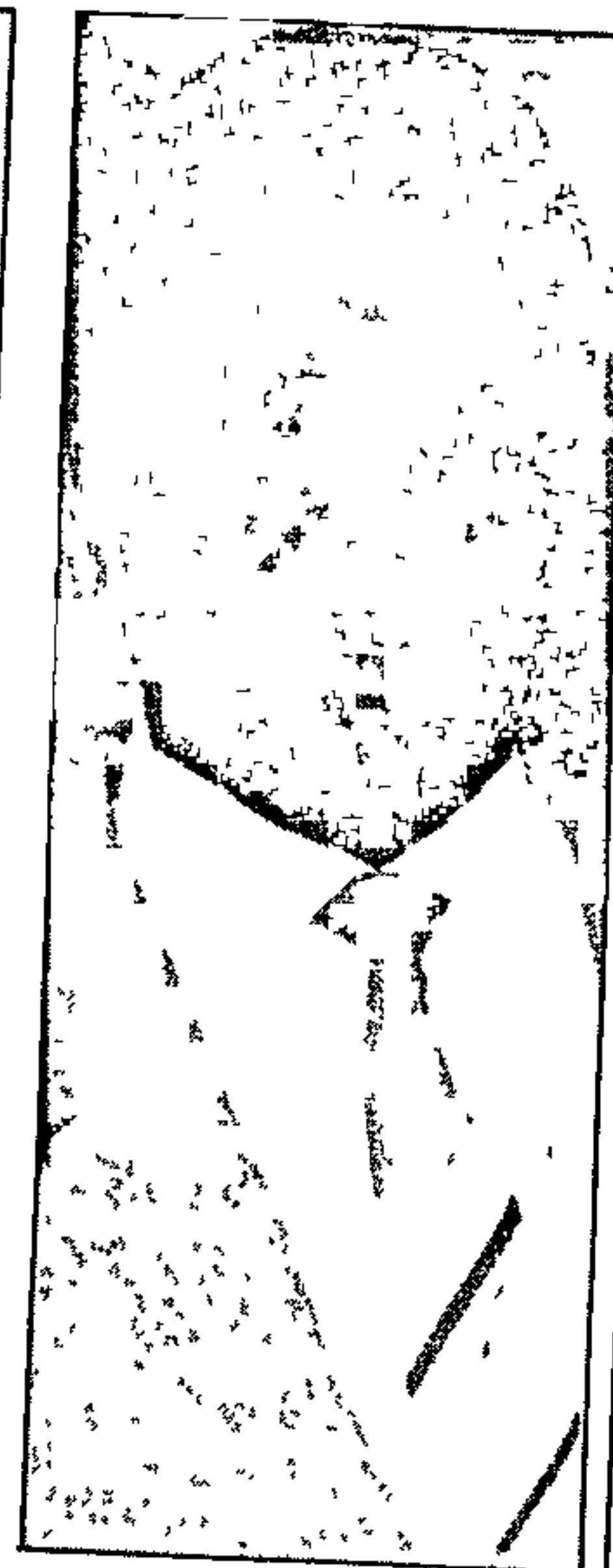
Patrick Lephunya General secretary of the Soweto Civic Association and national civics coordinator for the United Democratic Front

He was involved with the establishment of the Soweto Accord from the start

Mr Lephunya is known as a strong speaker.



John Griffiths Chairman of the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council and former Transvaal MEC for local government. The RSC has observer status in the metropolitan chamber, but will participate in debate. Mr Griffiths is regarded as an expert in local government



Moses Khumalo Mayor of Diepsmeadow in Soweto. Speaks largely on behalf of the three Greater Soweto councils. Although he is regarded as an illegitimate representative by the civic associations, other parties in the chamber feel he has made a significant contribution to debate

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President de Klerk's announcement that reforms at local government level would be 'legalised' has placed the spotlight on the Johannesburg Metropolitan Chamber. Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS looks at the chamber's pivotal role in negotiating democratic, non-racial structures.

tions, since progress in develop- ment of structures for co-opera- tion could not be impeded by fi- nancial limitations

Fanie Ferreira, who is chair- ing the meetings of the JMC at present, describes the forma- tion of the Metropolitan Cham- ber as a breakthrough for con- sensus politics.

(Mr Ferreira is a member of the executive committee of the Transvaal Provincial Adminis- tration)

Central Witwatersrand Re- gional Services chairman, John Griffiths, believes there should be a timetable for local authori- ties and communities to initiate negotiations for new forms of local government

Mr Griffiths believes Friday's speech by the State President gave recognition and encour- agement to local initiatives

"That is an absolute mile- stone and a far greater chal- lenge than we expected," said Mr Griffiths "It is exciting"

Actstop spokesman and Civic Associations of Southern Trans- vaal representative in Johan- nesburg, Mohammed Dangor, said although the civic associa- tions from the townships had committed themselves to the metropolitan chamber, a con- stituent assembly at local gov- ernment level was needed to determine the future of the cities

He said the civic associations would not accept black town councillors and Indian and coloured management committee members as legitimate mem-

bers of the chamber, and urged them to resign

Southern Transvaal Demo- cratic Party vice-chairman, Sias Reyneke said the chamber would not be representative un- less parties such as the PAC, In- katha and the Conservative Party were invited to partici- pate

Patrick Lephunya, a civic as- sociation negotiator, said the chamber's decisions should be binding, but not at the expense of national negotiations

"The reason we want some- thing to be binding is so that protection can be afforded to others," he said

"The Government is emphas- ing local negotiations at the ex- pense of smaller townships ad- jacent to Conservative Party towns, for example"

A chairman and a vice-chair- man for the JMC will be elected by a simple majority

There will have to be consen- sus on all important decisions. Each party will have one vote and a veto

The Joint Technical Commit-

tee, established after the histor- ic Soweto Accord to facilitate the formation of the metropol- itan chamber, will appoint work- ing groups made up of officials and other experts, to study con- stitutional, economic, social, in- stitutional and physical de- velopment.

Task groups appointed in turn by the working groups will in- vestigate affordable tariffs, the improvement of infrastructure, the transfer of rented housing stock and a common fiscal base

Members of the chamber are the TPA, the Johannesburg City Council, Sandton, Randburg and Roodepoort town councils, the three Greater Soweto councils, nine civic organisations and five management committees from the Indian and coloured areas

Bodies with observer status are the Midrand town council, Rand Water Board, Develop- ment Bank, Eskom and the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council □

Townships of Pretoria head for new cut-offs

by Norman Chandler
Pretoria Bureau

A row has broken out in Pretoria over a Transvaal Provincial Administration refusal to accept a three-week-old agreement reached between the administrator of Atteridgeville and the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation (Asro) to write-off millions of rands in service charges

And, in a new move, the TPA's MEC in charge of Local Government, Olaus van Zyl, yesterday indicated that Pretoria City Council might again have to cut electricity supplies to Atteridgeville — and possibly also to Mamelodi township — because of non-payment of charges

Power was cut to the two areas on September

26 last year and restored after negotiations involving the Regional Services Council took place

The threat of a new cut was confirmed yesterday by a Council spokesman, who said that the management committee would discuss the matter at a meeting later today

Pretoria is owed R5,5 million by the two councils — more than R3 million by Atteridgeville

Asro said in a statement yesterday that it was "appalled" by the attitude of the TPA

"As the agreement has been entered into with a senior official duly appointed by the TPA in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act, it is legally binding on both parties

"Our lawyers are studying the legal variables involved in this matter before we decide on our next moves"

Dr Jacobson, who runs

Atteridgeville in place of the council which resigned late last year, reached agreement with Asro in mid-January in a bid to end the impasse which has dogged relations with Pretoria City Council for several months.

The TPA, which yesterday declined further comment, said in its initial statement that it had not been party to the agreement nor participated in any discussions

"After the conclusion of the agreement, Dr Jacobson held several discussions with TPA officials and myself.

"The TPA wishes to state clearly that it is in favour of negotiations in order to address the various problems in residential areas and at local authorities," Mr van Zyl said.

The TPA standpoint was that approval of tariffs and the writing-off of bad debts was its responsibility

● Mamelodi City Council last night urged residents to pay their water and electricity accounts to avoid a cut-off.

It said that a letter from the Pretoria City Council regarding sewerage, electricity and water accounts had been received. The total amount owing was R3,5 million.

"Following the announcement by the TPA that bridging finance would no longer be made available to the Council, it was agreed between the Council and the Mamelodi Peoples' Delegation that arrears accumulated up to June 1990 would be frozen on the proviso that current accounts from July 1990 were paid promptly

"As matters stand, the Council would be left with no choice but to take drastic steps against people who failed to honour that arrangement."

Civic groups to act against white councils

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CIVIC organisations of eight Transvaal townships hit by power and water cuts are to form a coordinated strategy to pressurise white local authorities to address their problems.

This was confirmed yesterday by the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal assistant general secretary Mr Cas Coovadia.

He said a meeting would be held in Johannesburg tomorrow to for-

mulate such a strategy, between Cast, the Toekomsrus Crisis Committee, the Atteridgeville Residents Association, and the civic associations of Tokoza, Vosloorus, Jouberton, Stilfontein and Khuma.

Service cuts, as well as attitudes of white municipalities, would be discussed but he stressed that Cast was "definitely still prepared to talk to the local authorities and the Transvaal Provincial Ad-

ministration".

He said negotiations between Cast and the TPA about the reconnection of services to townships were, in principle, still on track.

"The TPA said they would send us a few dates for meetings in February. We are waiting for these dates," Coovadia added.

According to Cast general secretary Mr Sam Ntuli there was a strong possibility that residents

of affected townships might withdraw their accounts from banks and embark on bond boycotts.

He said residents were currently discussing this option but a final decision in this regard would be taken at tomorrow's meeting.

Ntuli's family members were injured late on Saturday night when assailants lobbed two hand-grenades into his Tokoza home - Sapa

Council threatens to cut electricity to townships

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Pretoria Correspondent

The Pretoria City Council has announced it will cut the bulk supply of electricity to Atteridgeville and Mamelodi on Monday if satisfactory arrangements for payment of their arrear accounts are not made before that day.

This comes after the council had said contracts for bulk supplies would be cancelled if payment on arrear accounts was not made before January 25.

The council said in a statement yesterday that its arrangement with the two councils was clearly that the contracts could be terminated without any further notice in the event of non-payment.

Atteridgeville's electricity and water accounts were now two months in arrears to the amounts of R1,2 million and R621 200. The town's sewerage account of R391 123 represented arrears of three months.

On January 25, Mamelodi paid R500 000 of its R2,1 million electricity account and on Feb-

ruary 4 paid R488 493 of its water account of R945 961.

The council said the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation's agreement to pay R50 per household, between R60 and R160 per business, and R15 per hostel resident a month to the Atteridgeville City Council in future, was "unsatisfactory".

This would bring in capital of only R800 000 a month — too small to pay Atteridgeville's expenditures, which did not include electricity costs of R697 352 a month.

Townships could lose power

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THE Pretoria City Council yesterday said electricity supplies to Atteridgeville and Mamelodi would be cut off at 6am on Monday because the townships owed it about R3 million.

Management committee chairman Mr James Leach said in a statement yesterday that the townships' councils were supposed to pay their arrears by January 25.

He said that Atteridgeville is two months in arrears, owing R1,8 million. Mamelodi paid nearly R1 million on January 25, but owes almost another million rands.

Mamelodi town clerk Mr JP Nel said in a statement yesterday that drastic action was going to be taken against rent defaulters.

"I appeal to residents to come forward and pay their

By MONK NKOMO

rent and avoid a possible power cut by the city council of Pretoria, which has already notified us that the amount we owe it could lead to such an action at any time," Nel said.

Atteridgeville acting town clerk Mr Daan Mouton made a similar appeal and urged residents to start paying the mostly interim flat rate of R50 a house.

Electricity supplies to both townships were cut last September following a rent boycott in those areas.

After intensive negotiations between the local civic bodies and the authorities, the boycott was called off.



Talks on nonracial municipality ⁽²⁶⁵⁾

THE Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) has invited neighbouring white municipalities to a summit later this month to discuss setting up a nonracial municipality and nonracial services. (Sout 7/2 - 13) 2791

The summit would also deal with creating a single tax base, assistance towards restructuring and reconstructing Alexandra, and land availability, an ACO statement said.

The municipalities of Johannesburg, Sandton and Randburg, and three Sandton members of parliament are among those invited to the summit.

Mancom flareup looms

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CONFRONTATION in Reigerpark is looming after the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Dame Hough, decided unilaterally to install a management committee in the township.

Mr Moses Mayekiso, president of the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast), said. "The limited powers of these management committees and their inability to resolve crucial issues such as housing have for years frustrated the residents.

"They are therefore called upon to heed the community's demand for one town, one town council and withdraw from participating in this structure," he said.

Cast would support the Save Boksburg Committee and the Vosloorus Civic Association in their campaign to establish a fully representative and single town council in Boksburg, Mayekiso said

Talks falter and black township lights go out

Boycott chaos looming

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

White local authorities face widespread consumer boycotts following township electricity cuts and a breakdown of negotiations with the Transvaal Provincial Administration and local authorities in certain areas.

The ANC yesterday described the possible withdrawal of power supplies from Pretoria's Atteridgeville and Mamelodi townships as a recipe for violence and a move which could perpetuate the rent boycotts.

Civic association leaders from Pretoria, the East Rand and the Vaal Triangle threatened, after a meeting in Johannesburg last night, to stage a regional consumer boycott in the southern and western Transvaal if Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Hernus Kriel did not meet them within 72 hours to discuss grievances.

Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST) assistant general secretary Cas Coovadia said: "Intransigent white local authorities behave in a way which impedes negotiations. We can't vote them out, so they will face action."

● Negotiations have broken down in Tokoza and Vosloorus on the East Rand after electricity was cut.

● Atteridgeville and Mamelodi face power cuts on Monday after warnings by the Pretoria City Council that payments were due.

● The Lekoa Town Council has threatened to cut power to Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong, Boipatong, Zamdela and Refekgotso after the Vaal Civic Association called for an intensification of the rent boycott.

Steamrolling

● East Rand civic associations have threatened to extend the consumer boycott.

● Alberton and Kempton Park have already been affected by the boycott and Pietersburg is also threatened with boycott action.

● ANC members from Vosloorus yesterday staged a sit-in at the TPA's Germiston offices to force authorities to resume negotiations.

Mr Coovadia admitted that negotiations were going badly and there was little progress outside the Johannesburg metropolitan area.

He has accused the TPA of steamrolling "weaker" civics into agreements.

MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl said none of the civics had raised their grievances with him.

The TPA was doing its best, he added, but it had to be realistic.

"We provide bridging finance and paid out R130 million last year.

"But if the people can't pay service rates, where must the money come from?"

Tembisa plans a mass protest

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TEMBISA mayor Mr Solomon More has invited the ANC and PAC to a Press conference tomorrow as the township's residents prepare to demonstrate against the local council

More called the conference to deal with issues relating to the four-year-old rent boycott in the township

The residents instead resolved at a meeting to

stage a placard demonstration outside the council offices to highlight their demand that all councillors in the township should resign

Resign

In a statement issued on Wednesday, the Tembisa Residents Association said they would spurn the conference and intensify their campaign to force councillors to resign.

"The invitation to the conference (by the mayor) was viewed as a sly and desperate ploy by the mayor and his council to avoid a strong call made by the community on them to resign," it said.

"Residents will demonstrate with placards around the township on the day of the Press conference," the statement added - Sapa.

Why the 'civics' are angry

IN his speech to Parliament, President F W de Klerk gave the green light for mixed town and city councils to be set up before a new constitution was put in place.

This was heralded as positive encouragement for bodies such as the Johannesburg Metropolitan Chamber (JMC). Yet townships in Pretoria, the East Rand and the Vaal Triangle have threatened a regional consumer boycott which could cripple up to 25 towns and impede negotiations for new non-racial, democratic local government structures.

The townships' civic associations blame the Transvaal Provincial Administration for setting flat rates for services which they (the civic associations) claim the communities can't pay. They also accuse white local authorities of cutting services while negotiations are in progress.

The TPA says if flat rates are not paid, there will not be sufficient funds to prevent services being cut.

There appears to be a breakdown in communication between the authorities and the civic associations. This could derail the negotiation process in local government. Cas Coovadia is the assis-

tant general secretary of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast).

He accuses town councils such as Klerksdorp of being obstructive to negotiations by cutting power to black areas.

But Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl holds Klerksdorp up as a shining example as one of the first white local authorities to take over complete administration of a township.

According to Mr Coovadia, the civic associations have lost faith in the TPA and have asked Hernus Kriel, Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, to intervene or consumer boycotts will be intensified. Mr van Zyl says none of the civic associations have come to him with problems. He says there is no need for boycotts and mass action because the State President has said a new local government system was on the cards.

On Wednesday, Cast held a meeting to form a strategy to pressure intransigent white local authorities and the TPA to address the power cuts. Consumer boycotts in progress on the East Rand and Stitfontein in western Transvaal will be intensified and the Tokoza consumer boycott

Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS examines the reasons behind the looming consumer boycotts.

In Alberton will be extended to all towns on the East Rand within two weeks. Cast will also consult its affiliates in the southern and western Transvaal regarding a regional consumer boycott.

Mr Coovadia says the TPA has adopted a confrontational attitude in negotiations with townships other than Soweto.

"We have told the TPA that if they continue, they will be back to square one in three to four months' time. Communities can't pay and the boycotts will resume."

"The TPA bent over backwards to conclude an agreement in Soweto because, in our understanding, they felt that if they could come to a favourable agreement with the Soweto People's Delegation they could remove Soweto from the centre of the struggle."

Mr Coovadia agreed that negotiations were necessary

in the transitional period and said Cast would rather resolve the situation than revert to rent and consumer boycotts.

"We are not going to accept a different set of values for Soweto. There must be uniform negotiations and agreements. I would appeal to the TPA and white local authorities to put the lights back on and talk."

Mr van Zyl said the civic associations should tell him where the money would come from to pay for electricity.

"We are doing our best, but we must be realistic — it is not a reluctance and an unwillingness on our side. We agree the communities are not viable. We pay bridging finance because they are not viable."

"They (black communities) have been paying two-thirds of the real cost (of services) for years. There is no money to make up the balance."

Mr van Zyl said some white local authorities were reluctant to become involved in negotiations with the TPA and black townships.

Khethla Shubane, local government analyst for the Centre for Policy Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, agrees that the TPA hoped the Soweto Accord

would have a domino effect in other areas.

"In the political scheme of things those other townships do not occupy the same position as Soweto. They are not a political threat like Soweto was, as viewed by the TPA."

He warned that organisations such as Cast had to be seen to have exhausted all avenues of negotiation before resorting to consumer boycotts.

"If Cast goes ahead with its campaign, it will be projected as the villain in the reform process at local government level."

Mr Shubane said the publicity around such a campaign should be handled with care, or it would be dismissed as a knee-jerk reaction and be of no help to negotiations.

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the civic associations should recognise black and white councils for what they were.

"No sooner did the civics sign agreements with the (black) councils, than they asked for their resignations. Why did they sign the Soweto Accord if they do not accept their legitimacy?"

"If we disappear, who are they (the civics) going to negotiate with?" he asked. □

How a Ballade on

TPA man walks out, 11 arrested 266

A MEETING of the Vosloorus branch of the ANC and the Transvaal Provincial Administration ended in a walk-out by a TPA representative, and the temporary arrest of 11 ANC members on Wednesday night.

The 11 were allegedly arrested after staging a sit-in in protest against a walk-out by Mr Tom Botha, a local representative of the TPA. *Sowetan 8/2/91*

They were taken to a local police station in police vehicles where they were warned and released.

The ANC delegation had tabled a proposal that the TPA should reconnect the power supply in the township - *Sapa*.

Stand by for 'one city' elections

THE first non-racial municipal elections on a common voters' roll could be held in South Africa this year, leading government members said this week.

And to encourage the formation of non-racial municipalities, the government is offering financial sweeteners. Deputy Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Tertius Delpoit, in an interview this week, appealed to local authorities and civic organisations to sit down now to negotiate "charters" for integrated local authorities.

Initiative

In this way the negotiated "charters" could be implemented as soon as Parliament approves legislation, which paves the way for interim non-racial local authorities.

Talks about the new "one city" initiative have already begun, with Transvaal civic associations conferring with their municipal counterparts.

Dr Delpoit and Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Herms Kriel said if local authorities decided they wanted to hold elections on a common voters' roll they would be entitled to do so. Dr Delpoit said:

By MIKE ROBERTSON and CHARMAIN NAIDOO

that, depending on progress achieved at a local level, it was possible that non-racial elections could be held this year.

Not everyone is pleased with the speed with which President De Klerk's February 1 promise is pursued. Independent Sandton councillor Liz Clogg has reservations about the "instant joining" of cities, fearing that the rapidly changing ball has begun rolling will leave thousands unconsulted.

But both Mr Kriel and Dr Delpoit stressed any agreements reached would serve as interim measures until a new local government system had been decided at national negotiations.

The interim Local Authority Bill is about to go to the Joint Committee on Home Affairs, Planning and Provincial Affairs. It should be completed before the Easter recess for presentation to Parliament.

Dr Delpoit said the first issue negotiations at local level would have to agree on who should be involved and, second, which geographic area was most in keeping with the principle of one city, one tax base. In the greater Johannesburg/Soweto area, he said, it might be necessary to have a metropolitan council which would deal with major services such as transport and electricity and a series of "borough" councils which would handle other municipal services.

Dr Delpoit said it was likely that the formation of single non-racial councils would result in rates and tariff increases for whites. "It may well be that merging local authorities will have an additional financial implication for whites. However, it won't be that dramatic and an increase in rates is a small price to pay for peace and prosperity."

The government, he said, was prepared to offer financial support to those local authorities which opted for integration. Aspects it was prepared to address were capital debts run up by councils, both black and white, council current accounts that were running at a loss, and socio-economic backlogs.

As to councils which were providing services at a loss, the government believed the rationalisation that would result from the formation of single local authorities could go a long way to offsetting such losses.

Purpose

A committee of deputy ministers had been appointed to find ways of raising off-budget funds to address socio-economic backlogs.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Deputy Finance Minister Dr Org Marais, has not yet completed its report. However, it is understood that it will suggest to the cabinet that privatisation proceeds be used for this purpose and that a football pools system be introduced.

Dr Delpoit said that once a "charter" for the creation of a single local authority had been agreed, it would have to be submitted to the provincial administrator for approval.



John Mavuso ...
squatters can't stay.

Squatting no solution - TPA

By SOPHIE TEMA

PEOPLE who spearhead campaigns to occupy unused land to accommodate the homeless have been strongly criticised by the Transvaal Provincial Administration *CP/100 10/2/91*.

MEC for Housing and Community Development, John Mavuso, said in a statement this week. "I deplore the irresponsible call by the Masakhane organisation for people to squat on any open land. Masakhane is misusing black people for its own short-sighted political purposes."

"The group is calling on homeless

people to stay on bare, unserviced land which will not be of use to anybody, but can only create health hazards and unnecessary harassment.

"Orderly urbanisation requires suitable land to be identified for residential purposes, and properly laid-out townships with schools, shops and other basic facilities.

"Therefore it is a priority of the TPA to identify land and provide serviced stands for informal housing, which is upgradable.

"People squatting on open land should remember they will not settle there permanently."

Attempt to resolve Tembisa boycott fails

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A CONFERENCE called by the Tembisa mayor to find a solution to the township's R7 million electricity debt failed dismally on Saturday, with only 50 people attending.

Mayor Solomon More earlier this week invited political and community organisations to attend the conference in an effort to resolve the four-year-old services boycott.

He also planned to set up a special committee to represent Tembisa residents at the negotiating forum established by the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The meeting's failure

follows a call by the Tembisa ANC branch for the boycott of the conference.

An urgent ANC meeting on Thursday, attended by the PAC, Cosatu, women and youth organisations, rejected Mr More's invitation and reiterated the communities rejection of black local authorities.

It also endorsed a call of the Tembisa Residents' Organisation for the resignation of town councillors, reaffirming the ANC as the people's only authentic representative.

ANC Tembisa branch secretary Mr Mathole Motshekga said the boycott of the mayor's conference was a clear reflection of residents' rejection of black local

authorities.

"Residents will settle for nothing less than non-racial and democratic local government structures," he said.

Motshekga said residents had seen through present manoeuvres by town councils backed by the TPA to amend or reform apartheid structures rather than dismantling them completely.

As the previous meeting between the mayor and the Tembisa Residents' Organisation had ended in deadlock, More was clearly trying to undermine the residents organisation, he claimed.

The ANC believed the conference was the first step in the implementation of the Thornhill Commission of Inquiry report, which was endorsed by Parliament.

The commission was to investigate a uniform system of local government for a new South Africa.

Mr Justice Chris Thornhill's commission recommended the setting up of a local government negotiation forum comprising the TPA, Eskom, Water Boards, town councils, political and community organisations.

The object of these negotiations would be to establish local authorities in various parts of the country.

"This approach is calculated to fragment the right of the people as a whole to decide future forms of local government and to endorse the government's idea of 'own' community life, which would entrench apartheid in new forms at local level," said Motshekga.

"The government will use these forums for consultation with the community to lend credibility to its efforts to amend apartheid," he said - Sapa

Services rate ^{Sowetan 11/2/91} proposal rejected ⁽²⁶⁶⁾

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration on Saturday rejected a proposed flat services rate for Atteridgeville

In a statement released in Pretoria, the TPA said the proposal was neither workable nor in the interests of Atteridgeville residents

It urged Atteridgeville administrator Dr Ernie Jacobson and the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Association to renegotiate, saying the suggested R50 monthly

rate per household would not be enough to cover the costs of services rendered.

If this rate was paid, the council's income would only be R750 000 per month, whereas at least R2,8 million is needed each month to run the town, the TPA said.

A deficit of R1,3 million per month would therefore accumulate over water, electricity and sewerage services alone.

SABC radio news

reports that the council currently owes R2,16 million to the Pretoria city council because of non-payment by consumers

The TPA added that it had no say in the proposal, which also stipulated amnesty for arrears

In addition, it argued that much confusion would result amongst residents if they paid the agreed rates under the impression that it was sufficient to pay for the costs of services - Sapa

Some remnants of apartheid not yet dead and buried

Political Staff

2/26

Transvaal municipalities are to be deprived of the power to enforce graveyard apartheid by draft legislation tabled in Parliament yesterday

However, in what a senior Government official called an oversight, provisions allowing town councils to enforce segregated toilets, laundries and lifts remain unaffected

The Local Government Ordinance Amendment Bill (Transvaal) proposes to scrap the section of Ordinance 17 of 1939 that allows town councils to set aside separate portions of any cemetery for the burial of whites and blacks

The Bill will do away with

similar apartheid in crematoriums

In addition, it will scrap clauses that allow councils to charge blacks and whites differing rates for ambulance services, that allow councils to "establish, erect, maintain and carry on kafir eating-houses", and that allow them to set aside portions of a municipal marketplace for the exclusive use of a particular race

The Bill does not however touch a number of other racial clauses in the ordinance

Among those that stay are portions of section 80 which state that a council may make by-laws for

● Compelling the provision of toilets on any premises "for the

exclusive use of Europeans and non-Europeans employed or resident on the premises"

● For controlling "non-European refreshment shops and for prohibiting the employment or presence of white females in such places"

● For "prohibiting, regulating, registering, inspecting and supervising non-European clubs"

● For providing that at laundries, clothing belonging to different races "shall be separately received, kept, handled and processed"

● For prohibiting whites from living in "premises or yards" occupied by people of colour

● The provision of separate lifts

for whites and non-whites

The Director of Local Government in the Administration, House of Assembly, Peet Stopforth, said the Bill was an attempt to clean out all apartheid from the ordinances

When asked why a number of racial provisions were untouched, he said "This is now news to me. We really tried if this has happened, it is an oversight"

Ordinance 17 was a very bulky document

The department's legal advisers would be asked to look it over and offending sections would be removed this session, if possible, he said — Sapa

Local authorities urged to link up

Sowetan 14/2/91 (266)

WHITE local authorities have been urged to use their expertise to assist black townships in the period leading up to a new dispensation for local government.

Mr Dame Hough, Administrator of the Transvaal, said at a conference of representatives of white local management yesterday that it was already known that the system of local government was definitely going to

SOWETAN Correspondent

change after negotiations

He urged local authorities in the Transvaal to co-operate on a voluntary basis with their black counterparts.

The conference was held to address the country's interests at local government level as well as those of the participating communities.

A request was made during the conference that methods be found to es-

tablish a system of joint administration for adjacent government local bodies.

It was the Transvaal Provincial Administration's aim that the different adjacent local governments should assist and supplement each other in the interest of the wider community

Hough said it was in everybody's interest if the communities held discussions from now on and began co-operating on a voluntary basis

"Because black local governments are experiencing problems, not only political problems but also institutional and financial one, it is essential that we look into the possibility of sharing experienced staff"

White local authorities have the experience and expertise acquired over decades, and therefore it will be to everybody's advantage if this expertise could be shared

Efficiency may than improve, Hough said.

Black councils are in the red

LOCAL authorities around the country are in chaos *Sowetan 14/2/91*

In his annual report to Parliament, the Auditor-General, Mr RP Wronsley, reports losses of hundreds of millions of rands in rent and services arrears as well as in financial planning and budgeting *(266)*

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"Rates of revenue are not adjusted regularly. Many charges are too low and trading services are running at a loss," he said.

In some cases local authorities run services at losses "which escalate alarmingly every year", Wronsley said.

He referred specifically to the Daveyton Council where the public bus service is being operated at a huge loss.

In 1986/87 the loss in Daveyton was R1 471 824. By 1988/89 it was R3 647 340.

Hundreds of millions of rands are outstanding in rent and service charges for black townships too.

Wronsley reports that in Soweto alone more than R255 million in rent and service charges had been outstanding for longer than 30 days by June 1989.

"There is a widespread refusal on the part of residents to pay for services whilst recovery actions, when attempted, fail."

"As at 30 June 1989 millions of rands were overdue for long periods and the prospects of

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Tenants queue to pay as rent boycott ends

Sowetan 15/2/91
By MONK NKOMO

ATTERIDGEVILLE residents flocked in large numbers to the local municipal offices yesterday to pay rent for the first time since

the rent boycott started last April.

Scores of people paid the interim basic service charge of R50 a month a house reflected on the February accounts which were delivered to resi-

dents on Wednesday.

Local town clerk, Mr Daan Mouton, said a large number of people reported at the offices in the morning to pay rent.

The positive response followed threats by the Pretoria City Council that

power supplies would be cut unless the Atteridgeville Council paid the outstanding sum of R123 000 - for electricity only - by today.

Administrator of Atteridgeville, Dr Ernie Jacobson, said he was optimistic they would raise the amount and avoid the power cuts.

Jacobson added that they owed the Pretoria City Council R1,2 million for bulk services supplied.

He appealed to residents to try and pay their arrears as from October last year.

The boycott ended last month after all Atteridgeville's councillors resigned.

The Administrator and the Atteridgeville and Saulsville Residents Organisation signed an agreement in which residents were requested to pay an interim flat rate of R50 a month.

This agreement was, however, rejected by the Transvaal Provincial Administration which submitted that the rates were far too low to run the township.

Jacobson said yesterday he would hold a meeting with Asro officials next Tuesday to determine a long-term financial arrangement.

Meanwhile, Mouton said the municipal offices would be opened until 7pm during the week and until noon on Saturdays to allow consumers to pay their service charges.

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Return to the 'Dark City' days

By WALLY MBHELE

ON Monday Jabulani Mthembu really felt the electricity switch-off in Vosloorus township on the East Rand. He missed Nelson Mandela's televised speech on the first anniversary of his release because his television had become an ornament in his lounge.

Mthembu, who lives in a posh four-roomed house in the elite section of Rockville, recently bought a hi-fi stereo system. It is useless in the blackout. So is his fridge that he used to stock up with meat for the family for the month.

Mthembu puts a brave face on the changes in lifestyle that have been necessitated by the shut-off. "It's worth it and is part of the struggle," he says. "As long as the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) refuses to negotiate in good faith with the civic association, we would rather remain without electricity forever."

Talks between the Vosloorus Civic Association (VCA) and the TPA deadlocked last year, with the civic offering to pay a flat rate of R50 a month, while the TPA stuck to R60.

A VCA spokesman, Keith Montsitsi, says they do not regard talks as having collapsed and are prepared to continue negotiations. He says a letter was written to the Vosloorus council this week advising it to negotiate or face united mass action.

Business in the township, where electricity was cut off two weeks ago, has been brought to a standstill. The most common items on sale in the shops are candles and paraffin. Residents used to the luxury of modern stoves are back to pumping Primus stoves for cooking and boiling water, taking

them back to the old days of "dark cities".

Residents say they go to bed as early as 8.30 pm, waking early in the morning to boil water for bathing.

There are still those who try to keep the spirit of the boycott burning with slogans such as "Phambili nge Primus stove, phambili" (Forward with the Primus stove).

At Zandi's Tavern, which usually sparkles with sounds of disco music, proprietor Zandi Poee has decided to close down. He tried operating for a while with a generator but it was too costly.

"It's very tough," says Poee, who is facing financial ruin. "Entertaining people is important to me and to the people who spend their free time here. Many people must be missing this place and I feel very sad when I think of what this has done to them."

Many shopkeepers and businessmen had electricity disconnected from their shops despite the fact that they were paying for their business services. Angry bottle store and supermarket owner TW Thulwane is one of these. "This thing is going to kill our business," he said. "I've already lost R2-3 000 in food that went rotten in the fridges."

Thulwane says he can no longer make the fish and chips which attracted pupils of the nearby Dithomo and Naheng schools.

"I tried to go and negotiate this dilemma with the council but I was told to go and tell the people to pay rent," he says.

When it became dark, it was difficult to take notes so I had to leave the township. Mthembu offered a candle and said: "With this faint light, we are going to win at the end of the day."

We won't quit, say defiant councillors

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THE three Greater Soweto councils told the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) and the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) in no uncertain terms yesterday that they would not be intimidated into resigning.

During a Press conference at Soweto City Council chambers, Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville councillors said they would stay in office until a new form of local government was introduced.

At the conference, chaired jointly by mayors Julius Khumalo (Diepmeadow), Oscar Maseko (Soweto) and MacFairlane Phenethi (Dobsonville), a statement bearing the slogan "Enough is Enough — An Injury to One Councillor is an Injury to All" was read.

Half the Transvaal's 600 black councillors have resigned since last February.

Khumalo said: "We are tired of threats and calls to resign by organisations which are not democratically elected."

"We call upon all councillors in SA to stand up and be make themselves heard," he said. *15/2/91 SVS*

The councillors also announced the formation of a three-man Greater Soweto Councils Committee (GSCC) made up by Khumalo, Maseko and Phenethi.

Cast general secretary Sam Ntuli said his organisation would meet today to discuss the councillors' statement.

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Mayors will not bow to pressure to resign

By SOPHIE TEMA 266

MAYORS of the three councils in Greater Soweto will not bow to pressure from liberation movements and relinquish their positions.

The three mayors of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville this week said they had taken a firm stand against calls by the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) for them to resign.

The mayors — Oscar Maseko, Moses J Khumalo and McFarlane Phenethi — met at the Soweto City Council chambers and called on all councillors to make their voices heard.

Amid chants of "enough is enough" members of the three councils said they were elected representatives of their communities and were tired of threats and calls for them to resign by organisations which were not democratically elected.

In a joint statement the councillors said: "We have had enough. We all represent powerful civic parties with large followings, namely the Sofasonke Party, the Diepkloof and Meadowlands People's Party and the Dobsonville People's Party."

"It is time people realised we are here to stay until the next democratic election and we owe this to our constituencies. We have made this stand quite clear on various occasions in the past."

"We are part of the oppressed but we had the guts to join a system to change it from within."

Showdown looms over rent arrears

TRADERS and the three Greater Soweto councils are heading for a showdown.

The traders have vowed to put a list of grievances against the council at a report-back meeting to be held at the Jabulani Standard Bank Hall in Soweto on Wednesday.

The businessmen claim they have continued to receive bills amounting to thousands of rands for rent arrears from the councils.

This is despite the Greater Soweto Accord in which all rent and services charges amounting to more than R516 million dating back to 1986 were written off.

Claim

They claim they have been harassed by the authorities, who cut off their electricity without notification, their refuse is not collected regularly, street lighting is not maintained and meters are not read satisfactorily.

However, the three

By JOSHUA
RABOROKO



MR MAKHETHA

Diepkloof and Dobsonville - maintain that the businessmen and hostel dwellers were not part of the talks that led to the signing of the accord.

The signatories to the accord, which also saw an end to a five-year rent and service charges boycott, were the councils, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Soweto Peoples Delegation.

The president of the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce, Mr Philemon Makhetha, says the traders are part of the community and also resi-

boycotts, they supported the protest action.

He contends that the civic associations have urged them to refrain from involving themselves into the private arrangements with the councils regarding payments of arrears.

All the letters of demand and summonses should be forwarded to them to take appropriate action.

The president of the Soweto Civic Association, Mr Isaac Mogase, says the businessmen are definitely included in the accord.

"There is no reason to exclude them. Churches, schools and charitable organisations are also included.

"There are some discrepancies brought about by the councillors, by demanding huge sums of money from certain individuals. This is definitely incorrect."

There is speculation that the traders will decide to send a delegation to meet the three councils

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More calls for mass action (266)

THE Pimville branch of the Soweto Civic Association at the weekend called for the intensification of mass action to force councillors to resign.

The call came after a 10-man Pimville delegation was allegedly snubbed by Soweto town councillors on Saturday.

According to the deputy president of the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal, Mr Kgabisi Mosunkutu, the delegation had arranged to meet councillors at Pimville council offices on Saturday morning.

They were to receive a response on their calls for the councillors to resign.

The councillors did not turn up and instead allegedly sent a junior council official and 20 policemen to present a statement to the delegation, reiterating their refusal to step down.

This official said councillors, including Soweto mayor Mr Oscar Maseko, were unable to attend the meeting.

SCA members later claimed to have seen Maseko slip out of the council offices shortly after the delegation had left.

Maseko could not be reached for comment - Sapa.

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Local government groups join forces

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SA's leading black local government organisations are to amalgamate to form a "formidable force" against intimidation headed by the UDF-aligned Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast)

United Municipalities of SA (Umsa) president Henock Ngakane said his organisation and the Urban Councils of SA (Ucasa) would have a stronger voice against Cast, which has been campaigning for the resignation of black councillors

"The two organisations will meet on March 9 to decide on a date for amalgamation. Umsa wanted a mandate from its membership for an alliance with Ucasa, but instead received an urgent appeal for full amalgamation with them," Ngakane said

"The amalgamation will be of benefit to both organisations because we will also have a stronger voice when talking to government and the TPA," he said

Ucasa national organiser and Alexandra mayor Prince Mokoena said "With the new dispensation coming, we need to speak with one voice.

"When we go into the stage of one local government for all, we need to go as one"

He said in the new structure black councillors would be joining people who were well-versed in politics

"They don't have to contend with, and have never been asked to resign as was done to us by Cast. All they have to contend with are their ratepayers," he said

Cast vice-president Kgabisi Mosunkutu said the amalgamation of the organisations was "of no importance to the liberation of our people

"The only importance is that their grouping together will make it easier for us to remove them — we'll need to identify only one organisation

"But what they are doing clearly points to a collusion between government, the TPA and the councillors (Transvaal) Administrator Danie Hough has already called on councillors to organise themselves," he said.

More pressure on councillors

A NATIONAL civics association will be formed soon to force black councillors countrywide to resign.

The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) will play a key role in forming the body.

Cast has, so far, targeted councillors in the southern and western Transvaal.

Cast president Moses Mayekiso said the body would be formed in the "very near future". Plans for its formation were at an advanced stage.

"The fact that Cast will play a key role in that formation is an indication of how successful our campaign against black councillors in the western and southern Transvaal has been," he said.

About 41% of black councillors in these regions had resigned since Cast started campaigning for the disbanding of black local authorities last September.

"Out of 311 black councillors about 127 have resigned," Cast assistant general secretary Cas Coovadia said.

Mayekiso expressed satisfaction with the resignations, saying "they show how

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successful our campaign has been, considering that Cast was launched only four months ago".

However, the resignations were not the only yardstick of the campaign's success. "The realisation by both the government and white local authorities that Cast is existing and cannot be wished away; the signs of insecurity on the part of councillors who refuse to resign and the fact that Cast has been able to mobilise people regardless of their political affiliations are all indications of our campaign's success."

"But the campaign is not over yet. It will continue until all black local authorities collapse," Mayekiso said.

"The ultimate goal is to have non-racial local authorities. But until those structures are put into place, we demand that the appointment of administrators to collapsed councils should not be unilateral."

"The TPA should negotiate such appointments with the civic associations concerned," he added.

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Council tells businesses to pay up

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By ALI MPHAKI

THE Soweto Council would not back down on its insistence that local businessmen must pay their rent and services charges' arrears, chairman of the executive committee, Mr Mbutana Tshabalala, said yesterday.

Tshabalala said as far as the Soweto Accord was concerned, only residents were exonerated from paying their arrears, which amounted to R516 million.

The arrears were subsequently written off.

Boycott

The Soweto Accord was signed on September 24 last year after arduous negotiations between the three Greater Soweto councils, the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) and the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The Accord brought to an end the three-year-old rent and services boycott in Soweto.

Tshabalala said the council was sympathetic towards people who suffered cash-flow problems. He said, however, that this was not an excuse for them not to pay their accounts.

Accord

"The Soweto Accord is a public document and

is there for everyone to read. There is definitely no mention of businesses, churches, schools and charitable organisations," Tshabalala said.

However, the president of the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce, Mr Philemon Makhetha, was reported as saying that businesses were included in the accord.

BUSINESS DAY, Thursday, February 21 1991

Soweto businesses vow not to pay services 'backlog'

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Defence counsel submitted Nani's prior condition coupled with the possibility that he hit his head against the wall of the moving police van could have led to his death.

Residents will not pay councillors, govt pledges

WILSON ZWANE

BLACK councillors would not be paid by township residents, Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing Minister

Hernus Kriel told the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) this week after a two-hour meeting with Cast on Tuesday, Kriel said a specific account would be created for services such as water, sewerage, refuse removal and electricity.

"The allowances of councillors will not be paid out of this account. Government will undertake to use the present bridging finance system to cover these costs," he said.

Cast president Moses Mayekiso welcomed the creation of the "specific" account.

In another development, the Alexandra Civic Organisation, the Transvaal

Provincial Administration and the Alexandra Town Council failed to sign an agreement aimed at ending a five-year rent and services boycott in Alexandra when they met yesterday.

A source said they were on the verge of consensus but there were a couple "of hiccups such as the issue of the far east bank land which had to be overcome"

The parties are expected to meet again next week.

Jews 'might p

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ISRAEL should not underestimate paying for its so-called "admission" conflict, Soviet Jewry campaign said in a statement released visit to SA

After the war, Israel might with concessions that could independence, he said

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Verkrampte dorp myth destroyed

PIETERSBURG'S incoming mayor Nic van Oudtshoorn is in step with the attitudes in the growing town

He is a forward-thinking man with a vision

He is also a civic-hearted man, a dentist by profession, a staunch De Klerkist — he was marginally beaten by a CP candidate in 1987 — avid Vryburger member in his leisure hours and an experienced town councillor

He says "To a large degree, we have succeeded in destroying the myth that Pietersburg is a Verkrampte platteland dorp, but we still have to tackle a few pockets of resistance"

He says most of the NP support lies in the town's urban area, a power base

he plans to build on

He is a firm believer in winning support through dialogue and has been involved in talks between the council and almost every political group in the region, from the ANC to the AWP, something he would like to see more of once he is in office

Accommodated

"We realise we've a heterogeneous population on our hands and everyone has to be accommodated in whatever political model is developed," he says

"Apart from Tzaneen, we are surrounded by towns with a good track record in handling political issues

"Since we took over from the CP council in

1989, politics has been more vigorously practiced than ever before, even more than in Cape Town," Van Oudtshoorn says

Pietersburg is one of a few major centres in the country not to have been targeted for consumer boycotts and only recently experienced its first mildly successful stayaway on February 1

Van Oudtshoorn says this is due to the policy of dialogue

Van Oudtshoorn has his feet firmly planted on the ground

He says political good-will is not all it takes to run a smooth city

"Our job as a council is to see to infrastructure, rates and taxes which are among the lowest in

SA — to increase and improve recreation and sports facilities while all the time keeping politics on a sound footing," he says

Pietersburg has a long way to go until it reaches its natural population saturation point

Growth

It has recorded a growth rate of more than 5% a year. If more big investors set up shop in the region, this trend could be sustained for some years to come, says Van Oudtshoorn

"We see Pietersburg playing a leading role in the northern Transvaal

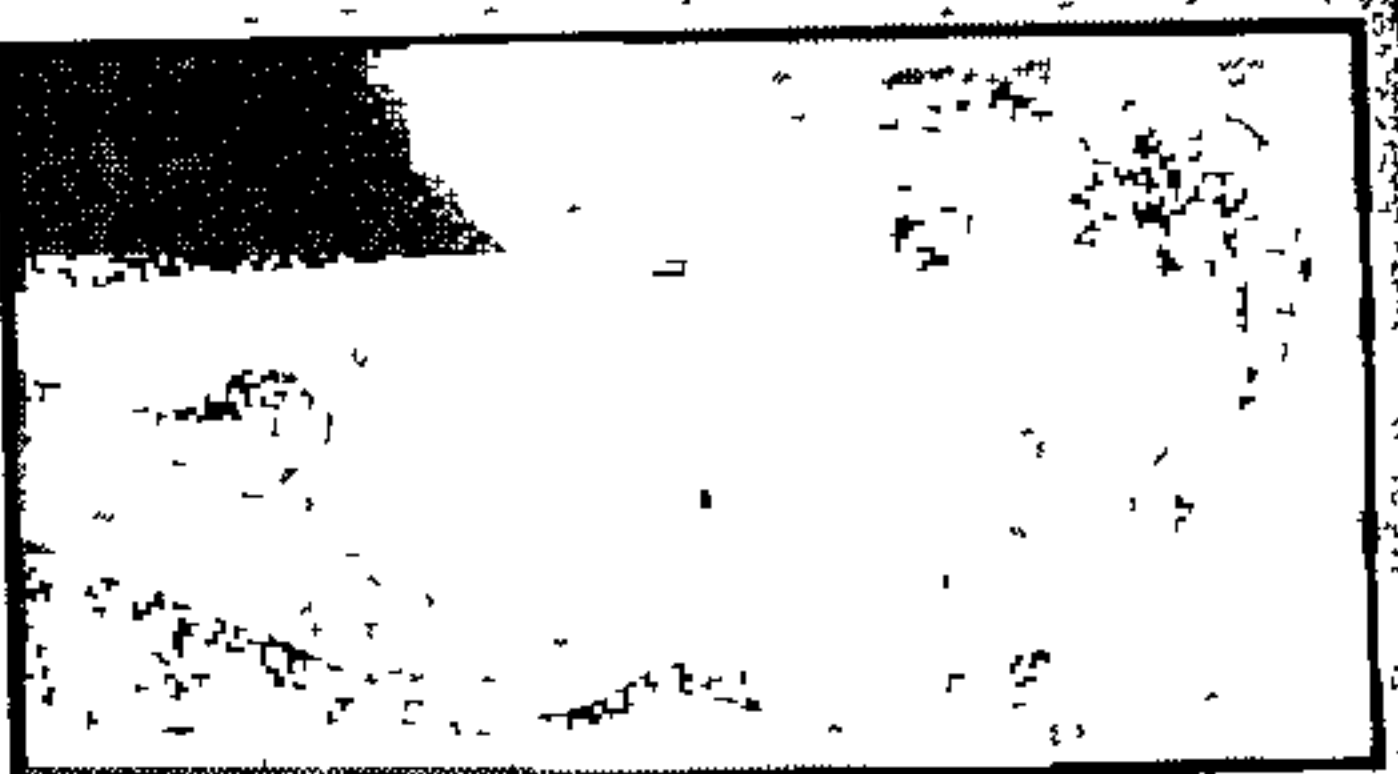
"It is the capital of Region G and the far north, and with George and Nelspruit we're one of the big-

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gest growing centres in SA," he says

"One thing we have going for us is that Pietersburg people don't suffer from tunnel vision

"We like to run with the ball, be creative and do our own thing," he says



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Tourism needs a brush-up

TRAVEL and tourism businesses in the northern Transvaal will have to tailor their marketing activities to suit the recession-hit pockets of SA spenders

Pietersburg town secretary and Noordratour chief Tom van der Hoven says a lack of experience and expertise in the industry needs to be addressed so the region can be effectively marketed

To this end, Noordratour — the region's official marketing organisation run as a joint project between the local authority and the pri-

vate sector — has appointed a private consultancy firm to devise a strategy aimed at maximising the region's tourism and travel potential and raising the level of expertise in the industry

Noordratour was set up in the '60s and controlled initially by local authorities

The '70s and '80s saw an increase in private sector members who wanted to promote the area's tourism assets, Van der Hoven says

"We needed the services of a consultant because

most of the people running Noordratour are from a local government background and do not have any experience in the commercial side of the tourism and travel industry

"Hopefully, this strategy will help educate local people in the trade," he says.

This year, Noordratour is taking part in the Department of Trade, Industry and Tourism's Indaba/Focus exposition in Cape Town and will also launch an awareness campaign throughout shopping centres in the PWV

'Toothless' council a bone of contention

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LAZY, a farce, a one-party state, a toothless chihuahua is how the Johannesburg City Council and its 51 councillors have been labelled by two fed-up city councillors who have resigned "in disgust".

Former National Party councillor Cecil Long (Ward 45/Robertsham) labelled the city council a farce and Hans Strydom (Ward 2/Northcliff), who left the Democratic Party last year, repeated his submission that councillors were nothing but "toothless chihuahuas" with no meaningful powers.

Johannesburg Metropolitan Action Group (Jomag) secretary Conrad Berge feels that the alliance between the NP and DP has resulted in Johannesburg being run along the lines of a one-party state.

Actstop spokesman Mohammed Dangor this week repeated the call for all white councillors to resign.

"We question the legitimacy of the Johannesburg City Council as it was elected on the basis of racially segregated areas. As the Group Areas Act is going to be repealed, there is a legal question as to their continued existence."

Mr Dangor said a constituent assembly should be established at local government level.

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson accused Mr Long of being a "bitter old man" who resented the fact that he was no longer part of the management committee and said Mr Strydom was still angry at not receiving the Midrand nomination for the 1989 general election.

Mr Davidson believes that now, more than ever, the city council has a role.

"In terms of legislation the Government is preparing to put before Parliament, the role of

Two independent Johannesburg city councillors this week announced they were quitting council because it had become irrelevant. Not so, says Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson. **LOUISE BURGERS reports.**

the council is enhanced.

"Councils are going to be defining the nature and role they will play in future government structures — this is what the metropolitan chamber is going to be all about. Local government will dictate the pace."

Mr Long said. "The whole thing has become farcical — a complete shambles. If anyone tells me this city is better-run now than a year ago, I will refer them to a psychologist."

"The management of the city is non-existent, people are there for themselves, not the voters."

Survive

Mr Long said this was because councillors would not have to face their electorate again as there would not be another whites-only municipal election.

Johannesburg city secretary Howard Veale yesterday refused to give The Star details of the attendance records of councillors at monthly city council meetings and at section 60 committees that they were required to serve on.

Mr Long said some councillors had not the faintest idea, even after 28 months in office, of how the city was run.

Mr Strydom agreed: "Councillors today are just trying to survive their term of office —

they don't look to the future. We have an ad hoc kind of administration in Johannesburg."

"One of the reasons for the formation of the Johannesburg Village Council was for the organised removal of manure from the streets. We are still busy with it in a symbolic sense."

Mr Strydom believes that in terms of developments in South Africa, city and town councils have become irrelevant.

"Every single step has to be approved by central Government in some way or another."

Mr Davidson said one of the reasons nothing much appeared to get done in council was because work was now done in committees.

"The nature of the council has changed. There was great interest in council meetings in the past when there were slanging matches between councillors."

"This is no longer a political council — the magnet is no longer there."

He said poor attendance by some councillors at the monthly meetings did not mean they were not hard-working.

"I recognise that councillors, if they are worth their salt, are professionals. I don't want quantity representation, I want quality representation."

He said the working relationship between the DP and the NP had introduced stable government into Johannesburg.

Mr Davidson acknowledged that certain powers which the Government and the province had over the city were unacceptable. "Johannesburg should be given back to its people."

It was wrong to opt out now when the council was busy making its mark — one had to increase the pressure, especially when the Government was openly talking about a devolution of power, he added. □

DP 'now drives council gravy train'

Jon Qwelane

MEMBERS of the Junior City Council of Johannesburg, after a visit to the real thing, say the best part of their outing was the tea break

Out of the mouths of babes, reckons independent councillor Hans Strydom who, with fellow independent Cecil Long, is resigning for, among other reasons, "uncontrolled" spending by the City Council

But management committee chairman Ian Davidson says the two men are not being totally honest with voters about why they are resigning. He says "Cecil Long

THE ACCUSERS . . . Hans Strydom and Cecil Long are both fed up with the council.

no longer holds a job and needs his councillor's pension. Hans Strydom has sold his house and is moving to the northern Transvaal to be involved with Promat College, so he has to resign.

Mr Strydom and Mr Long are accusing the council of excessive spending on foreign trips for councillors. Mr Strydom also

THE ACCUSED . . . Ian Davidson, went to London; Jan van Blerk, back pay of R44 000; Marretta Marx, trip to South America; Cecil Bass, trip to Moscow is off.

They also accuse the Democratic Party of hypocrisy and say while it was in opposition it vehemently opposed overspending on junkets by Nationalist councillors.

Mr Davidson dismisses these claims as "absolute rubbish and nonsense". Says Mr Strydom, who resigned from the DP several months ago "The double standards in the

council are disgusting. When I was in the DP we hammered the Nats for going on junkets and jumping on the gravy train at ratepayers' expense.

"Our election slogans even focused on the Nats' gravy train. Yet what happened when our chips got in? They actually drove the train." Mr Davidson says

Johannesburg's budget is R2,2 billion a year, of which something like 0,02 percent is spent on councillors' overseas trips. This is money well spent, he says.

"We did not criticise the Nats for going on overseas trips, but for travelling first-class. We also argued that Johannesburg was part of the global village and must

not be isolated." Former Nat Mr Long feels there is more to his impending resignation from the council than just the "holidays at ratepayers' expense" by the city's ruling coalition.

He says poor accountability has been the order of the day in the eight months since the DP won control of the city and struck a partnership with

the Nats. Mr Davidson disagrees. "Cecil Long left the management committee because he could not go along with the new liberal thinking. His political philosophy is very close to the Conservative Party and that's why he walked out - that's why he's bitter."

At a council meeting three weeks ago, Mr Strydom asked questions

will treble in the next three years with their implementation. What also irks Mr Strydom is the R44 000 paid to Mr van Blerk, whom he accuses of racist tendencies.

"When the Nats were in power Jan van Blerk was chairman and you never saw a more biased chairman. One night he even ordered (former DP councillor) Tony Leon, pit of the chamber, but we prevented this by arranging our chairs in such a way that no one could get to him," he says.

"It was Van Blerk who, as ward councillor (for Pageview, was behind the racism which split that suburb. There was a chance to oust him when the Nats and the DP got into a coalition, but because of some deal Van Blerk was protected and

about overseas trips by retained his position
councillors

He was told the cost of Mr Davidson's trip to Europe, which he had undertaken with five other people, was R126 834. And R92 136 had been spent on a trip to South America by Marietta Marx and her entourage.

The cost of Paul Asherson's trip to the Far East was provisionally estimated to be R80 000, he was told.

Councillor Eddie Venter's trip to Europe, which was related to civil-defence matters, cost ratepayers R33 700.

Mr Strydom also asked "Has Councillor (Cecil) Bass's proposed trip to Moscow in 1991 been finally cancelled, or will it be reconsidered at some stage?"

The response was "Neither the management committee nor the council has authorised Councillor Bass to proceed to Moscow at the council's expense."

'Backed off'

Mr Long believes the DP-NP coalition "took fright" and backed off "If we had not protested vigorously the trip to Moscow might have taken place."

Mr Strydom was also told that last year some 26 city officials had gone on overseas trips, which cost the council more than R400 000.

With the R332 670 spent on travel by councillors, it brings to R741 942 the amount spent by the Johannesburg City Council last year on overseas trips.

Defending the overseas travel by officials, Mr Davidson says ideas picked up by the city engineer on a recent trip have saved Johannesburg R5 million a year, which

"One agrees councillors do a lot of work and deserve the R2 000 a month they are receiving now, but Van Blerk's pay has been backdated to April 1989. Apparently there is a move to buy his silence and hope that he will be involved in no more controversy. But why backdate his payment to April 1989?"

"That means he is carrying a cheque for R44 000 in his pocket for doing nothing. A chap like Van Blerk should be penalised, not rewarded."

No pay

Mr Davidson disagrees. "Jan van Blerk is chairman of the town-planning tribunal and his is a full-time job. He has done it since 1986 for no pay, and the backdated pay is a small token of thanks for a man doing a great job. The council has agreed that he must now be paid a salary."

Mr Strydom says there is still a place of honour in politics, but "What credit is there for politicians in the eyes of the public if the DP does exactly the same things for which it took the Nats to task?"

Mr Long feels the city has become markedly dirtier under the new management, and says unweeded pavements and hawking on city streets are a serious problem.

Mr Davidson points out that the council's policy on hawking was approved by the management committee on which Mr Long served.

Mr Strydom says councils are "toothless chihuahuas" and Johannesburg councillors should be "going less to London and Europe and more to Cape Town to demand from the State President more powers for councils."

Non-racial-local govt chamber delayed

Municipal Reporter

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8/24/91
The institution of a metropolitan chamber for the Johannesburg and Soweto region will be delayed for another month at the request of civic associations in Johannesburg.

The Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, as it will be formally known, will be constituted in mid-April instead of next week.

A Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman said a new date was still being sought after requests from civic associations that the March 6 ceremony be postponed.

He said the delay would not affect the progress of the chamber's task teams which were already investigating the transfer of housing stock and affordable tariffs for services.

Cas Coovadia, spokesman for

the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal, said Johannesburg civics were not against such a chamber, but were not completely happy with the constitution.

The Soweto civics have already accepted the chamber in principle.

The chamber's main task will be to negotiate the formation of a new democratic, non-racial system of local government for South Africa.

Council has teeth, says Magid 266

Municipal Reporter *Star*

Claims that the city of Johannesburg was mismanaged and that councillors had no real powers have been dismissed as "nonsense" by Johannesburg's longest-serving councillor, independent Eddy Magid.

He was responding to

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claims by two councillors who recently announced their resignations from council, Hans Strydom and Cecil Long.

The issue is expected to provoke heated debate during the council meeting tomorrow.

"Local government, and especially the Johannesburg City Council, is

on the threshold of a major breakthrough in terms of delegated authority, planning autonomy and administrative responsibility.

"Never before has there been a greater challenge to city councillors to prepare themselves for the devolution of power," he said.

ready and eager to do battle with the council.

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Multiracial venture wins support

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

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There was widespread support in the Germiston City Council last night for future joint administration and co-operation between the council and the town council of Katlehong township.

A heated debate over the possibility of a merger between the two councils left 16 National Party councillors and two Independents voting in favour of an amendment that the future co-operation between the two councils be dealt with in an urgent report of the management committee.

Five Conservative Party councillors and an Independent voted against the amendment.

The debate was sparked off by a motion forwarded by John Oxley, an Independent, that a development fund be established to up-

grade Katlehong and the Asiatic Bazaar.

Mr Oxley discussed various aspects of raising capital to uplift the two areas and said every effort should be made when drawing up the new budget to reduce and conserve cash resources. Savings should be channelled into the upgrading programme, he said. *SA 26/2/91*

Conservative party councillor and Volkstaat supporter Jackie Nel said the problem was that Germiston was a first world situation, and Katlehong a third world. He said Germiston had higher standards and the difference between the two was the "level of civilisation".

He said it was unacceptable to draw funds from the white pool. "Why don't they (the residents of Katlehong) sell off their assets? Why should we sell ours to help them, which will de-

prive whites who have dutifully paid their rates and taxes?

"If residents of Katlehong refuse to pay for their services as well as their rent, why should the whites be held responsible?"

Mr Nel agreed that Katlehong was "a sore point" and that something should be done about the poor living conditions.

Ray Hofmeester (Independent), said "instead of holding out their hands, they must learn to help themselves".

Mario Valli (CP), said "look what happened in Rhodesia — the Lancaster agreement is not worth the paper it was written on. Do you think Mandela and company will be any different?"

The chairman of the management-committee, Leon Louw (NP), proposed the amendment to the motion.

Council wants more contact with Katlehong

By Anna Louw *star*
East Rand Bureau *26/2/91*

There was widespread support in the Germiston City Council last night for joint administration and co-operation with the town council of neighbouring Katlehong.

A merger between the two councils was heat-

edly discussed and 14 National Party councillors and two Independents voted that future co-operation between the councils be dealt with urgently.

Five Conservative Party councillors and an Independent opposed the amendment.

The debate was sparked by a motion by John Oxley (Independent) that a development fund be established to upgrade Katlehong and the Asiatic Bazaar.

Conservative party councillor and Volkstaat supporter Jackie Nel,

while agreeing Katlehong living conditions had to be addressed, said Germiston had higher standards than "third world" Katlehong, and it was unacceptable to draw funds from the white pool while township residents refused to pay rent.

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Soweto civic steps up campaign

B/Day 26/2/91
THE Soweto Civic Association (SCA) is to intensify the campaign against black councillors, step up occupation of vacant land by homeless people and embark on an anti-privatisation drive.

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Outlining the resolutions of a three-day conference held in Soweto at the weekend, SCA general secretary Pat Lephunya said yesterday the "crush apartheid structures" campaign would start with a march to the office of the Soweto City Council on March 23.

"Realising that the existing local authorities are designed on an apartheid racism structure and do not serve the needs of the whole people, the SCA has

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resolved to intensify the campaign by isolating councillors' businesses, educating the community on local structures and electing campaign committees in all branches," Lephunya said.

The SCA would step-up occupation of unused land by homeless people to put pressure on government and "conglomerates" to speed up their housing schemes.

The SCA realised that government was adamant on privatising hospitals, schools, municipal services, post offices, railways and electricity which would leave the economy in the hands of a few

"The SCA will embark on an anti-privatisation drive which will start with a signature campaign.

"Branches will be mobilised to adopt and run their essential services," said Lephunya.

The SCA would convene an anti-crime conference within six weeks and defence committees would be established in all SCA areas to prevent vandalism of schools and other property.

Lephunya said the SCA endorsed the back-to-school campaign led by the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC) and would make this education organisation an associate member of the SCA.

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From 4 January 1991 up to and including 15 February 1991

Margate police station: illegal practices

*12 Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether any steps have been taken by the Commissioner of Police to investigate the alleged illegal practices at the Margate police station detailed in the judgment in the matter of *The State v S V Madikane and Others* (1990 (1) SACR 377 (N)) if so, what steps, if not, why not.
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

Heussens 26/2/91 B216E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER.

(1) Yes

The unfortunate incident which resulted in the death of Sithembiso Mbuto and during which Ke Nyrose was assaulted, was adjudicated by a competent court and the responsible members of the South African Police punished accordingly. They have in the meantime been dishonourably discharged from the Force.

The Commissioner of the South African Police received a copy of the judgment from the honourable Judge and immediately gave instructions that the negative remarks contained therein must be investigated. The investigation revealed that the reprehensible conduct of the members concerned was an isolated incident and that it was by no means an everyday practice at the Margate Police Station.

It was also found that the general supervision and control at the aforementioned police station left nothing to be desired and that the use of a shock apparatus at the police station was limited to the members who were convicted for their deeds.

- (2) Conduct of this nature by members of the Force is totally unacceptable to the Commissioner, the South African Police and to me and will under no circumstances be tolerated. The conviction of the members involved after the investigation had been

carried out by the South African Police, and many other investigations in the past against members for criminal offences, is striking proof of this.

The remark by the honourable Judge that Captain Koekemoer, because of his work and social relationship with some of the convicted members, should not have handled the investigation, is supported. It is an established policy in the South African Police that investigations against a member or members of the Force in a specific branch of the Force, must not be carried out by members attached to the same branch. *Heussens* 26/2/91

No further steps in this regard have been taken against any other member of the Force.

D F Malan Airport: Immigration officials

*13 Mr J H MOMBERG asked the Minister of Home Affairs +

- (1) Whether he or his Department has received any complaints that delays are caused by the actions of immigration officials at the D F Malan Airport, if so,
- (2) whether it is the intention to take any steps in this regard, if not, why not, if so, what steps?

Heussens 26/2/91 B219E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS.

(1) and (2)

Neither I, nor the Department's Head Office, or its representatives in the Peninsula have received, during the past 12 months, any complaints regarding the service rendered by officials of my Department at the D F Malan Airport.

It is true that a newspaper recently approached the Department regarding complaints which that newspaper allegedly received from new immigrants regarding delays at the migration counters of the airport concerned. A report on this appeared in the newspaper concerned on 7 February 1991.

On 15 February 1991 the Regional Representative of the Department in Cape Town responded in a letter to the South African Airways, inter alia, as follows

"Die Immigrasiebeamptes Poortbeheer te Kaapstad poog deurlopend om 'n professionele diens aan die reisigerspubliek te lewer en is om die volgende redes ontseel oor die eensydige wyse waarop hul beeld afgetakel is

- (i) Daar word moete gedoen om vlugte in 'n kort tydbestek in te klaar. Verwagte passasiersgetalle word byvoorbeeld vooraf vanaf British Airways verkry en die skroefroosters word dienoreenkomstig saamgestel in 'n poging om beskikbare personeel optimaal te benut.

(ii) In gereverdigde omstandighede word personeel na die lughawe getrek en oortyd diens word verrig ten einde te verseker dat 'n professionele diens gelewer word. Oor die tydperk 9 Desember 1990 tot 5 Januarie 1991 het hierdie afdeling byvoorbeeld 211 uur oortyd diens verrig ten einde vlugte behoorlik te dek—248,75 uur oortyd diens vir die tydperk 6 Januarie 1991 tot 9 Februarie 1991.

(iii) In die geskiedenis van Poortbeheer het dit nog nooit gebeur dat 'n vlug twee ure geneem het om in te klaar—tyd geneem vanaf die eerste passasier wat aanmeld tot die laaste een geklaar. Normaalweg word vol vlugte binne die bestek van 'n uur ingeklaar. Op Sondag, 3 Februarie 1991 is vlug SA231 met 267 passasiers aan boord, byvoorbeeld in 40 minute ingeklaar en op Vrydag, 8 Februarie 1991 is vlug SA237 met 229 passasiers aan boord in 45 minute ingeklaar.

Slegs in hoogs onsonderlike gevalle word daar nie daarin geslaag om 'n vlug binne die bestek van 1 uur in te klaar nie.

Dit gebeur gewoonlik as binnekomsvorms (BI55's) swak of glad nie voltooi is nie en die aantal probleemgevallen abnormaal hoog is.

(iv) Nog nooit is dit skriftelik of by die "You make the difference" vergaderings onder aandag gebring dat die Immigrasiebeamptes tydsam is nie. Hierdie kantoor beskik oor talryke briewe waarin die reisigerspubliek hul waardeering teenoor die Departement uitspreek vir die dienslewering wat hulle te beurt geval het deur die Immigrasiebeamptes Poortbeheer.

(v) U grondpersoneel sal daarvan kan getuig dat die Immigrasiebeamptes altyd huijvaardig is en dat daar 'n gees van onderlinge samewerking heers. Onlangse voorbeelde hiervan is die drie Nambiers wat sonder studiepermities en reisoortkartytjies geland is na onderhandelinge met die Universiteit van Wes-Kaapland en uself, asook die wyse waarop daar saamgewerk is om vlug SA237 (wat met 6 uur op 8 Februarie 1991 vertraag is) in te klaar."

The full letter, as well as copies of various letters in which the officials of the Department are being lauded for their excellent services rendered at the airport concerned, is available for the honourable member's perusal at my Department's Parliamentary Office.

*14 Mr J A Jordan — Justice + [Withdrawn]

Anti-Aids advertisements

*15 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Home Affairs *Heussens* 26/2/91

- (1) Whether any representations have been made to him concerning free air-time on radio and television for anti-Aids advertisements of any form and/or Aids information or education programmes, if so, (a) by whom, (b) when and (c) what was (i) the purport of and (ii) his response to these representations, if not,
- (2) whether he will give consideration to the matter?

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The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(1) No, (a), (b) and (c) fall away

- (2) Should such a request be received, it would be considered as in all other cases, in accordance with the guidelines for such programmes and advertisements

Zeerst: assistance to refugees

*16 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs *Heussens* 26/2/91

Whether his Department recently assisted South African citizens who left their homes in Braklaagte and sought refuge in Zeerust, if so, (a) why was this assistance given, (b) what form did the assistance take, (c) what was the

total cost to his Department and (d) how many citizens were involved?

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The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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An amount of R10 000 was paid to the Municipality of Zeerust by the Department of National Health and Population Development as a special assistance measure on account of the greater pressure on the rendering of health services by that Municipality

Middle East: return of SA citizens

*17 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Whether his Department recently assisted South African citizens to return to South Africa from the Middle East, if so, (a) why was this assistance given, (b) what form did the assistance take, (c) what was the total cost to his Department and (d) how many citizens were involved?



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The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Yes

(a) The assistance was provided in response to appeals from representatives of a large group of South African citizens stranded in Saudi Arabia as a result of the war in the Gulf and from many of their relatives in South Africa. Normal commercial air traffic into and out of the region had been virtually suspended and there were increasing concerns about the welfare of large numbers of the stranded persons. Many of them were elderly people and small children, others were affected by the failure of repeated efforts to evacuate them via the few remaining commercial flights, by the declining prospects of bringing them home via commercially available means or by their growing financial plight or being forced to stay in hotels or rented accommodation.

(b) The assistance provided took the form of two special charter return flights from Jeddah to Nairobi. Initial efforts to utilise the few remaining commercially operated flights out of Jeddah to evacuate the group were thwarted partly because of the call of a South African Muslim organisa-

tion in the Eastern Cape to recruit Muslims to fight for Iraq. Following this, efforts were made to arrange special commercial flights by either Kenya Airways or Saudi Airways to bring the South Africans home. Security, technical or operational difficulties arising from the use of civilian aircraft in a war zone coupled with security considerations raised by some governments en route to and from Saudi Arabia, led to the failure of these efforts. It was finally decided in the circumstances to mount special charter evacuation flights from Jeddah to Nairobi. The South Africans were able to return to Johannesburg from Nairobi on a South African Airways flight.

(c) It has not yet been possible to determine the cost involved. In accordance with standard consular practice, fees are levied for certain consular services provided to distressed South Africans abroad. In normal circumstances the standard commercial cost of transporting persons from abroad to South Africa would be charged. The evacuation from Saudi Arabia was, however, abnormal in the sense that the circumstances brought about huge increases in, for example, the insurance costs of operating civilian aircraft in a war zone. The Government feels that the South Africans in question should not be required to meet the additional, abnormal costs of evacuating them from Saudi Arabia. The circumstances which led to their plight were beyond their control. The consular fee to be submitted to them will thus be computed on the basis of the approximate costs of a normal commercial flight from Jeddah to Nairobi under normal conditions. This figure is presently being calculated with the assistance of South African Airways. The State will bear the additional abnormal charges. Many other governments incurred considerable expenses in evacuating their citizens from the war zone and from Iraq. In a situation such as that which prevailed in the Middle East, costs were not a factor in determining what needed to be done in the interests of ensuring the safety of their citizens.

(d) 304 South African citizens were involved.

Certain person: criminal record

*18 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Home Affairs

(1) Whether his Department has received any information on the alleged criminal record of a certain person, particulars of whom have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if so, what (a) is the name of this person and (b) are the details of his criminal record,

(2) whether this person holds a South African passport under the name of Chns Alexander, if so,

(3) whether this is his real name, if not, what steps has his Department taken in this regard, if so,

(4) whether this person recently changed his name, if so, what are the relevant details?

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The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(1) Yes

(a) Alexander Kavouras

(b) The Department was informed of previous convictions between 1976 and 1983, which include convictions in respect of a traffic offence, Sabotage, an infringement of the Gambling Act, 1965, and common assault.

Kavouras's file is available in the Parliamentary Office of the Department for the honourable member's confidential perusal.

(2) No South African passport has been issued to a Chns Alexander.

(3) Falls away.

(4) No.

Certain person: deportation

*19 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Home Affairs

Whether his Department has received any requests from the South African Police for the deportation of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if so, (a)

what is the name of this person, (b) on what dates were these requests received, (c) why were the requests made and (d) what (i) was his Department's reaction to each of these requests and (ii) were his Department's reasons for its reaction in each case?

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The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

On 2 September 1980 the Commissioner of the South African Police submitted to my Department a provisional report, a memorandum and a list of previous convictions, in respect of one Alexander Kavouras, together with a recommendation that he be deported.

The Minister of Law and Order requested in a letter dated 20 January 1988 to my predecessor that one Alexandros Kavouras be deported, should my predecessor agree that Kavouras was an undesirable person and not an asset to the Republic.

According to Departmental records Alexander Kavouras and Alexandros Kavouras is one and the same person. The latter name is the name under which the person concerned is officially known in Departmental records.

On 23 December 1980 the Department informed the Commissioner of Police that no steps were contemplated against Kavouras. According to Departmental records this decision was made by an official of the Department on 17 December 1980, due to the fact that none of the previous convictions were deportable offences in terms of the Admission of Persons to the Republic Regulation Act, 1972 (Act 59 of 1972), and also because of insufficient grounds to recommend to the Minister that Kavouras be removed in the public interest.

In consequence of the Minister of Law and Order's letter the Department recommended to my predecessor on 18 February 1988 that no steps be taken against Kavouras by reason of the fact that he had permanent residence and vested interests in the Republic from 1966, and that deportation in the public interest was not justified on the available evidence. My predecessor accepted the recommendation and the Minister of Law and Order was informed accordingly.

UNHCR meeting

*20 Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Germiston supports one council

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GERMISTON City Council members voted overwhelmingly in favour of a joint administration and co-operation with its Katlehong township counterpart.

After a heated debate, 16 National Party councillors and two Independents voted in favour of an amendment that future co-operation be dealt with in an urgent report of the management committee.

Five Conservative Party councillors and an Independent voted against the amendment.

The debate was sparked off by a motion by Mr John Oxley, an Independent, that a development fund be established to upgrade Katlehong and the Asiatic Bazaar.

Oxley said every effort should be made when drawing up the new budget to reduce and conserve cash resources and that savings should be channelled into the upgrading programme.

CP councillor and Volkstaat supporter, Mr Jackie Nel, said Germiston was a "First World" situation and Katlehong "Third world".

Germiston had higher standards and the difference between the two was the "level of civilisation", he said.

Nel said it was unacceptable to draw funds from whites.

"If residents of Katlehong refuse to pay for

their services as well as their rent, why should the whites be held responsible."

He agreed that Katlehong was "a sore point" and that something should be done about the poor living conditions.

Mr Henrie van Zyl (NP) said the biggest problem of all was the fact that the "blacks" had not received an education for which whites were to blame.

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Mr Ray Hofmeester (Ind) said "instead of holding out their hands, they must learn to help themselves".

The chairman of the management committee, Leon Louw (NP), proposed the amendment to the motion.

After the meeting he said Germiston had the knowledge and expertise which it had been sharing with Katlehong people who are struggling.

In an earlier debate about a strategy for the future of the city, Nel said his "volk" would be overwhelmed by the greater Azania.

Louw said the crux of the issue was joint administration and joint co-operation for Germiston and Katlehong.

"It is a pity that some of the councillors on the right are jumping on the political bandwagon, which appears to be a real 'donkiewa'". - Sowetan Correspondent.

Laws planned to cover open local government

810003 27/2/91 GERALD REILLY 266
PRETORIA — Draft legislation to provide for multi-racial metropolitan authorities was expected to be tabled in Parliament before the Easter recess, a spokesman in the office of Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel said yesterday.

This would ensure the legalisation of bodies such as the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber (CWMC) even before a new constitution was negotiated.

At meetings of the chamber so far 22 bodies have participated, including city and town councils, civic associations and provincial officials.

The chamber will be formally established next week. Deputy Constitutional Development and Provincial Affairs Minister J P Delport told the President's Council recently government was ready to take the initiative in introducing legislation enabling local authorities to enter into agreements with each other.

In this way new structures would be created on a basis of "one city, one tax base".

A framework had to be created to provide for a joint rendering of services and the establishment of one administration.

Delport said two practical consequences of the proposed framework were that communities could negotiate the dissolution of management committees and direct representation for those areas on the council, and a metropolitan council could be established.

THEO RAWANA reports the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) held talks with the Sandton and Midrand town councils over the establishment of a non-racial municipal structure and a single tax base for the area.

The meeting, which was meant to have included the Johannesburg and Modderfontein councils, had been requested by the ACO. An ACO spokesman said Modderfontein did not attend and Johannesburg sent an apology.

MPs criticise housing fund

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HOUSE of Representatives MPs were aggrieved at the lack of use of the R2bn Independent Development Trust housing fund administered by Jan Steyn, Les Abrahams (LP Diamant) said yesterday.

Speaking during Second Reading debate on the Part Appropriation Bill, he said it was time the House invited Steyn to clarify how he planned to spend the funds.

As a direct result of the ANC's call for a rent boycott, the housing revolving fund had been reduced by R100m since 1988.

By calling for the rent boycott, the ANC and its

followers in the civics had contributed to the chronic housing shortage in the country.

"These false prophets must be exposed for what they are," he said.

Minister of the Budget in the House, Miley Richards, also said it was important that the House get access to the trust.

He said they noted with disdain that nothing had been done with the R2bn in the trust.

He said the future was "too ghastly to contemplate" if access to these funds was not granted — Sapa

Widespread boycott threatened (266)

By Abel Mushi 8/27/29

The Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) has threatened to call for large-scale blanket consumer boycotts of white-owned businesses in East Rand and Witwatersrand towns, including Johannesburg and Pretoria, if their problems are not addressed.

CAST assistant general-secretary Cas Coovadia said yesterday his organisation would decide on March 9 and 10 what action to take after their meeting with the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs. Hernus Kriel last week had failed to yield results.

The Minister had been asked to help settle a rent services dispute with the TPA.

Meanwhile a boycott is con-

tinuing in Klerksdorp in the Western Transvaal and organisers are claiming successes in Alberton, Germiston and Kempton Park on the East Rand.

Westvaal Chamber of Commerce spokesman Bobby Brady said yesterday that NP-controlled Klerksdorp was still the target of a consumer boycott, while that in nearby CP-controlled Orkney and Stilfontein have been suspended.

Spokesman for the ANC-affiliated consumer boycott committee in the area, Howard Yawa, said yesterday they were to hold a meeting with the Klerksdorp Town Council last night to discuss the boycott.

The Klerksdorp Town Council switched off electricity and had Jouberton township's water supply rationed from January

15 after residents embarked on a rent and services boycott.

The chairman of the East Rand Civic Association, Ali Tleane, told The Star yesterday that on February 5 his organisation called for a consumer boycott of all East Rand towns after the Alberton, Vosloorus, and Kempton Park councils had failed to reconnect electricity to Tokoza, parts of Vosloorus and Tembisa townships.

Although they did not succeed in other East Rand towns, Mr Tleane said the boycott was about 90 percent effective in Alberton, and 60 and 50 percent effective in Kempton Park and Germiston respectively.

However, president of the Kempton Park Chamber of Commerce Gavin Peterson said he was not aware there was a boycott.

Councillor's apartheid apology

Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg National Party councillor Hein Kruger last night apologised to residents for the mistakes of apartheid and called on all groups to work together towards a solution to the city's problems.

At the city council's monthly meeting, Mr Kruger repeated the words of Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Leon Wessels, who last week said in Parliament that apartheid had been a terrible mistake and he was sorry.

"I would like to associate myself fully with these words and sentiments. They are also appropriate in Johannesburg," Mr Kruger said.

He was speaking during a debate on the draft constitution of the Metropolitan Chamber for the central Witwatersrand.

"We say to our fellow residents of greater Johannesburg

"Take our hands and let us together build the future of our metropolis and not make the mistakes of the past that have caused so much pain and suffering.

"Over the past 40 years, the National Party has learnt important lessons, and we have become aware not to repeat them."

He called on all political parties and citizens to work together to find solutions.

But he slammed Conservative Party council leader Jacques Theron for his "archaic" way of thinking.

Mr Theron had asked how the council could associate itself with the murderers and arsonists who had burnt out and intimidated black councillors.

He warned the council to consider the implications of the Metropolitan Chamber seriously. "Otherwise one will get a government of the self-appointed over the elected."

Mr Kruger said Mr Theron had no notion of the process of negotiation. "You want to go to Orania, and already you people are complaining you can't take your black domestics with you."

He said Mr Theron sounded like a man from another world.

Alex bid to have arrears written off

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RESIDENTS of Alexandra Township may be reprieved over rent arrears if an agreement reached between three groups yesterday is approved by the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The Alexandra Civic Organisation, TPA and the Alexandra Council agreed to recommend to the Transvaal Administrator that rent arrears be written off.

Negotiations between the three parties were almost disrupted when more than 100 protesters

stormed the council chambers demanding the immediate resignation of Alexandra mayor Mr Prince Mokoena and the four remaining councillors.

However, two ACO delegates, Mr Zondile Mayekiso and Mr Thomas Mdakane, pleaded with the protesters not to disrupt the negotiations.

The parties agreed to recommend to the Administrator that:

- * Residents pay for services;
- * Arrears be written off,
- * Rented houses be

transferred to the people;
* Hostels be upgraded and converted into family units;

* The area known as the "Far East Bank" be transferred to a land trust administered by representatives of Alexandra residents.

The parties agreed that in the event of any disputes arising, every effort should be made to resolve such problems through negotiations.

A joint Press conference will be held within the next few days to announce the Administrator's reply. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Beseiged councillors find ally in Inkatha

DEFIANT township councillors who have resisted calls by the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal to resign have finally found their ally in the Inkatha Freedom Party

At a rally attended by more than 35 000 Inkatha supporters at Jabulani Amphitheatre on Saturday, councillors and mayors received a standing ovation and a mock 21-gun-salute

Introduced as guests of honour, Kwa-Zulu chief minister Chief Gatsha Buthelezi joined them for photograph sessions

Buthelezi assured them of IFP support - something they have been yearning for for sometime

The councillors have been ostracised.

Some have had their houses petrol-bombed Others have had their businesses boycotted

Last year Cast embarked on a concerted campaign to end the councillors' jobs

While some resigned, others remained defiant, especially those in Soweto Even mass action campaigns could not change their minds.

Those that resigned criticised the Transvaal Provincial Administration for "legitimising" Cast by overlooking them, particularly during negotiations

By DON SEOKANE

over power cuts.

Buthelezi strongly lashed out at the campaign to oust councillors

"It is shameful that campaigns against local authorities have cost us so many lives and such heavy losses through the destruction of so many homes," he said.

"We respect the right of people to offer themselves for these council positions and we respect the right of people who want to vote for them to do so.

"We respect you for the positions that you hold," Buthelezi told the councillors

The councillors have accused Cast of being undemocratic, pointing out that its leaders are not elected.

They have urged Cast and any other organisation that opposes them to contest their legitimacy through the ballot.

They argued that the reason for the low turnout in their elections is that people have been intimidated and told not to vote

In a message of hope to councillors besieged by rent boycotts and power cuts, Buthelezi said that he expected that people would no longer be intimidated after his meeting with the ANC.

Traders and town councils prepare for a showdown

HUNDREDS of businessmen in Greater Soweto, who owe town councils millions of rands for rent and service charges for the past five years, are facing prospects of closure.

The three councils of Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow have written letters warning them to pay their arrears or face prosecution that may result in the termination of services such as electricity and water.

However, businessmen have vowed that they will not pay the arrears because they are covered by the Soweto Accord, an agreement between the Soweto Civic association, the TPA and the mayors of the councils, providing for the writing off of the R515 million arrears on rental and services for all residents.

The Soweto Council's public affairs consultant, Dr Johan van der Westhuizen this week said businessmen were not part of the delegation which signed the accord and as such were not affected by it.

He confirmed that the council had written to hundreds of traders warning them to pay arrears which amounted to hundreds of thousands of rands. The council has invited entrepreneurs to a meeting to be held on March 7 in Soweto.

"We are going to explain the situation to them. There is misunderstanding regarding the accord which involves the thousands of residents. We warned traders before, and if they do not pay, the ball is in their court," he said.

The Greater Soweto

Chamber of Commerce members pledged to resist and to jointly fight their common enemy.

A TPA spokesman confirmed that the accord did not cover businessmen.

The traders and the three councils are heading for a showdown in the forthcoming meeting as failure to pay may lead to electricity and water cuts culminating in the closure of their businesses - most have indicated that they did not have money to pay.

The president of the GSCCI, Mr Philemon Makhetha, said his chamber was a solid body that was cooperating with other chambers that emerged after the division of Soweto into administrative councils.

He emphasised the need for commitment

from businessmen who must support chamber activities and to show solidarity during "the worst of times".

The PRO of the Soweto Independent Shopkeeper Association, Mr Lucas Nkosi, said they fully supported the move by the chamber and reiterated that "as Soweto residents we are part of the accord". His association had asked for a meeting with the council, but their request had drawn a blank.

Most businessmen claim they have been harassed and intimidated by council officials who have threatened to close their businesses. They have also indicated that they might close their operations because of the financial squeeze and downturn in the economy.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

Transvaal Townships Board: members

2 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

(a) What are the (i) names, (ii) ages, (iii) dates of appointment, (iv) academic qualifications, (v) past employment experience and (vi) cities of residence of the members of the Transvaal Townships Board and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

The information requested is set out in Annexures A to I

ANNEXURE A

(a) (i) Mr P W J van Heerden (Chairman)

(ii) 59 years

(iii) 1 December 1987

(iv) Matriculation

(v) Employment in the former Department of Local Government in an administrative capacity for more than 30 years, and was mainly concerned with town-planning as well as local government and is at present employed as Director in the present Community Services Branch of the Transvaal Provincial Administration

(vi) Pretoria

(b) 12 February 1991

ANNEXURE B

(a) (i) Mr G Visser

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

(ii) 66 years

(iii) 1 December 1984

(iv) Diploma in Public Administration

(v) Now retired. Formerly employed in the Deeds Office and the former Department of Community Services. Was mainly involved in state housing and accommodation, acquisition of properties, subdivision of land and the establishment of townships

(vi) Pretoria

(b) 12 February 1991

ANNEXURE C

(a) (i) Mr D P Wilcocks

(ii) 78 years

(iii) 1 August 1977

(iv) BA Law — Diploma in Public Service Law

(v) Retired Magistrate after 35 years' service. The last 12 years as Regional Magistrate

(vi) Pretoria

(b) 12 February 1991

ANNEXURE D

(a) (i) Mr D J L Kamfer

(ii) 71 years

(iii) 1 June 1981

(iv) Matriculation and Diploma in Public Service Law

(v) Retired as Brigadier in SA Defence Force and Director Financial Institutions and Administration. Served for 8 years on the Permanent Committee for Defence Force properties

(vi) Pretoria

(b) 12 February 1991

ANNEXURE E

(a) (i) Mr J S van der Walt

(ii) 70 years

(iii) 1 April 1985

(iv) Matriculation

(v) Was employed in the municipal service for 36 years of which 28 years were as Town Clerk of Warmbaths

After his retirement he served as councillor and deputy chairman of the Management Committee and one year as mayor

(vi) Pretoria

(b) 12 February 1991

ANNEXURE F

(a) (i) Mr D G Raath

(ii) 70 years

(iii) 1 June 1985

(iv) BSc Land Surveying, Diploma Town-Planning, Wits

(v) Private practice for 7 years and thereafter employed in the surveyor-general's office for 10 years. Also employed as town-planner in the former Peri-Urban whereafter he served with the former Department of Local Government for 20 years

(vi) Pretoria.

(b) 12 February 1991

ANNEXURE G

(a) (i) Mr C W Erasmus

(ii) 54 years

(iii) 1 June 1987

(iv) Matriculation, National Diploma for Survey Technicians, Certificate in Public Management

(v) Presently employed as Deputy Director in the Technical Services Division of the Roads Branch of the Transvaal Provincial Administration. Mostly concerned with matters regarding protection of provincial roads in terms of the Advertising on Roads and Ribbon Development Act, 1940, for approximately 14 years

(vi) Pretoria

(b) 12 February 1991

ANNEXURE H

(a) (i) Mr J N P du Plessis

(ii) 47 years

(iii) 1 February 1991

(iv) BSc (Town and Regional Planning)

(v) Department of Development Aid for 18 years. Since 1988, Director Land Use Control, Community Development Branch, Transvaal Provincial Administration

(vi) Pretoria

(b) 12 February 1991

ANNEXURE I

(a) (i) Mr E Myburg

(ii) 41 years

(iii) 1 February 1991

(iv) B Art et Scien (Town and Regional Planning), 1973 and Masters Degree in Public Administration

(v) January 1974-1983 Department of Community Development and since 1984 Department of Local Government Housing and Works

(vi) Vervoorburg

(b) 12 February 1991

Black local authorities: amount owing

12 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

What total amount was owing to Black local authorities in respect of (a) housing rentals and (b) service charges in each province as at 31 December 1990?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

(a) Cape Province

R29 201 381

(b) Cape Province

R79 908 332

In the following instances only total amounts are available.

(a) & (b) Transvaal

R996 572 389

(a) & (b) Natal

R3 682 013

(a) & (b) Orange Free State

R40 008 967

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

A VICIOUS row has blown up in the Johannesburg City Council over Monday's mayoral elections.

The elections are normally considered a formality, in which previously negotiated choices for mayor and deputy mayor are merely rubber-stamped.

But this time resentments have emerged over promises allegedly made and broken by the Democratic Party.

Under fire are Democratic Party members Ian Davidson, who currently heads the management committee, Paul Asherson and Cecil Bass.

All three have been accused by independent councillor Mike Levin of back-stabbing and deceit in their efforts to take control of the management committee after a no-confidence vote in April last year.

Flourishing a letter signed by Mr Davidson who promised Mr Levin the position of deputy mayor for the 1991/92 term, an embittered Mr Levin said "They double-crossed me and at least two other independents, Professor Harold Rudolph and Howard Bloomberg.

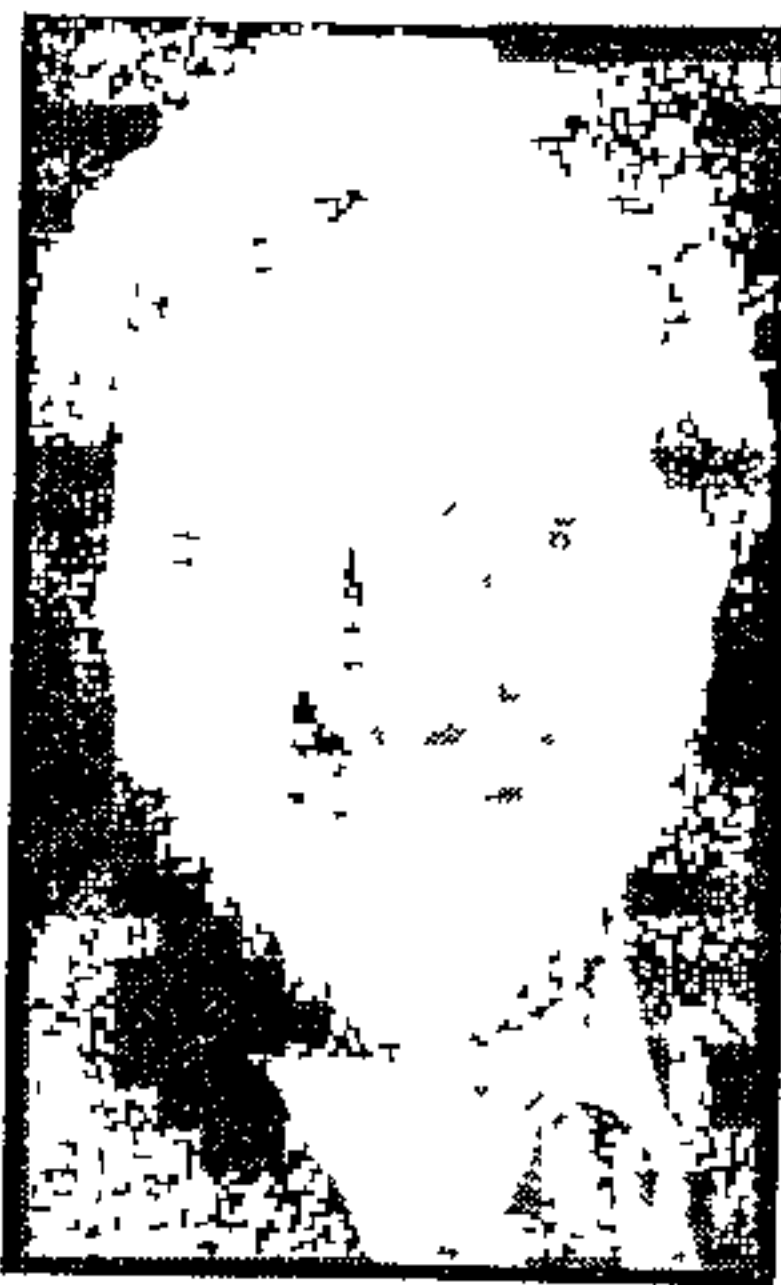
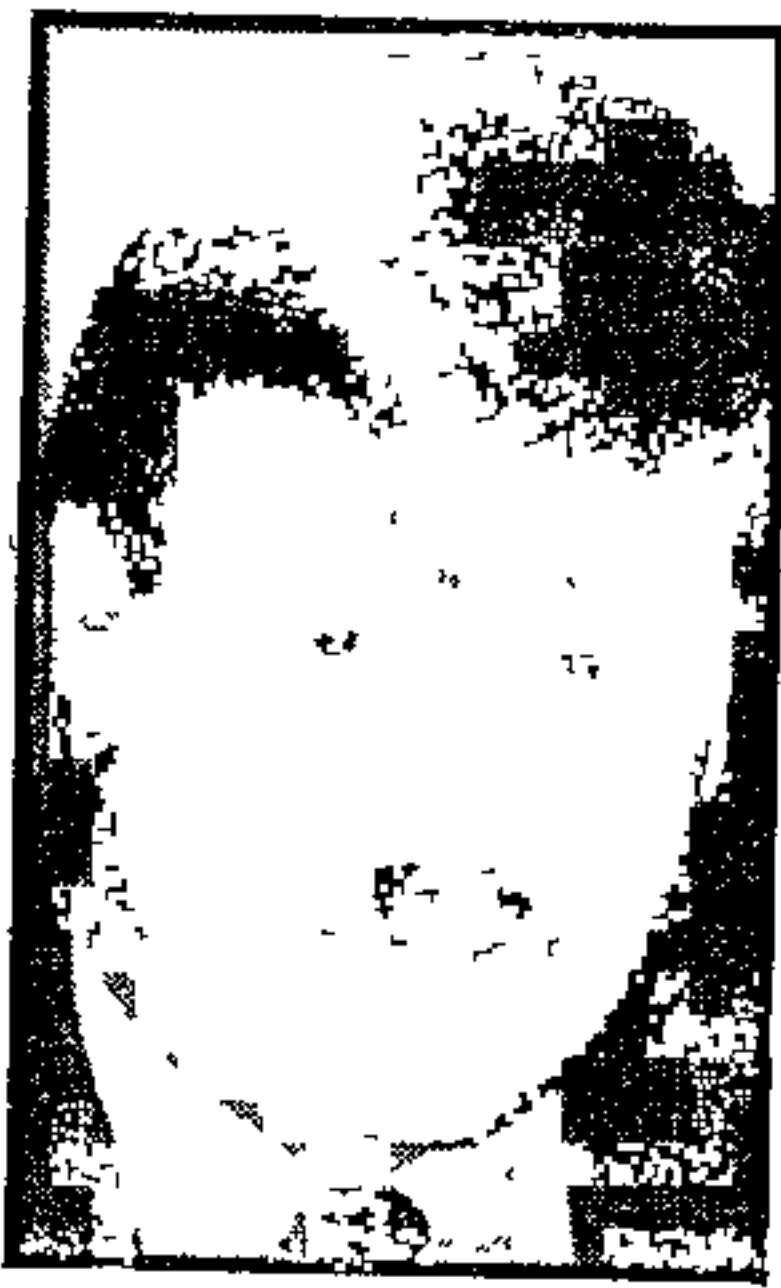
Crucial

"A handshake agreement with the three DP men before the no-confidence vote led to Professor Rudolph and Mr Bloomberg being promised seats on the management committee with Bass, Davidson, Asherson and independent Eddy Magid, in return for their support in the crucial vote," he said.

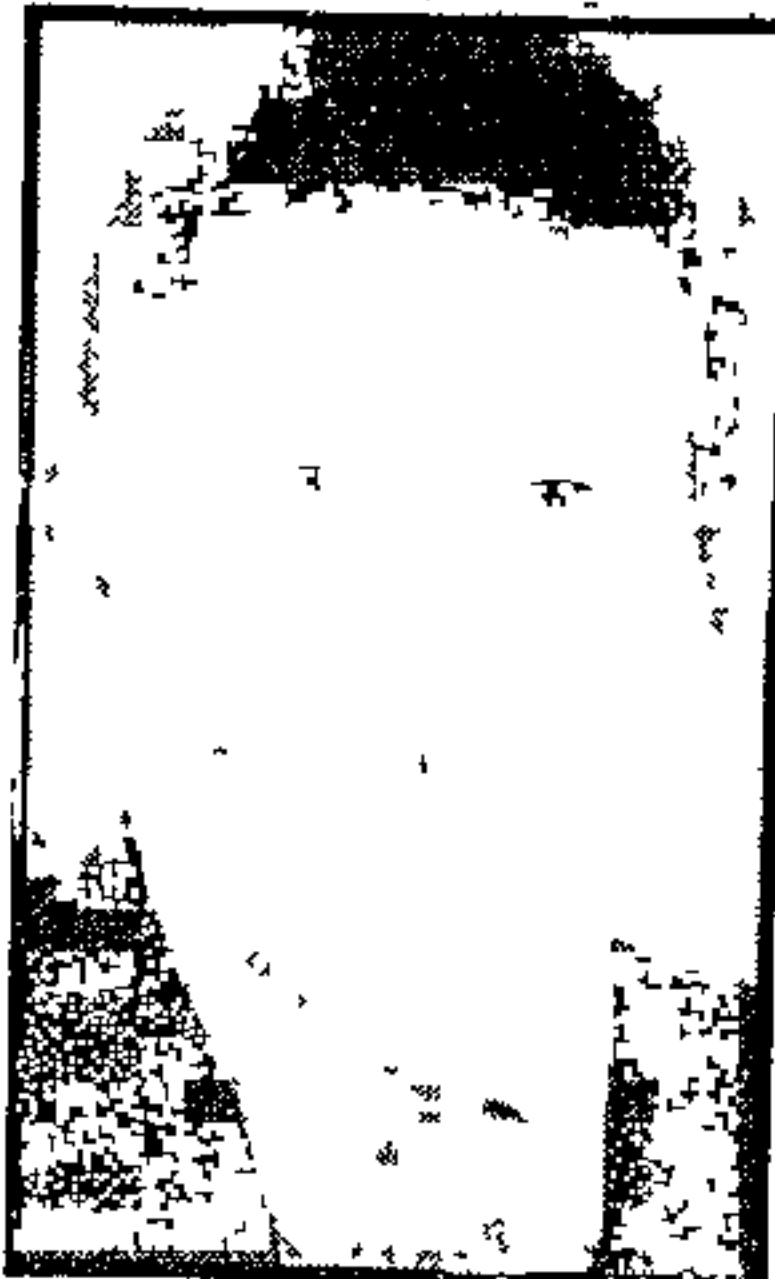
But now that former NP management committee chairman Jan Burger is to be nominated as deputy mayor, Mr Levin has gone public.

Backed by Professor Rudolph, Mr Levin revealed details of a string of alleged deals during cloak-and-dagger meetings before the DP launched its campaign to take over the management committee last year.

The two men alleged the final trade-off had



PROMISES: Ian Davidson and Paul Asherson of the Democratic Party.



DOUBLE-CROSSED: Councillors Professor Harold Rudolph and Howard Bloomberg.

Angry Levin claims DP ⁽²⁶⁶⁾ broke promise

SHIRLEY WOODGATE

been settled with a handshake on the night of Friday April 6.

"But on the Monday when the votes were counted, Ian Davidson, Cecil Bass and Paul Asherson were on the management with two Nats, Marietta Marx and Jan Burger and sitting independent Eddy Magid, and we were out.

"I was flabbergasted," said Professor Rudolph.

Mr Levin claimed the DP had approached the NP after their trade-off with the independents and renegotiated the deal, this time guaranteeing the Nats manage-

ment committee positions in return for support.

Recently councillor Hans Strydom, who resigned from the DP to sit as an independent, has twice challenged Mr Davidson to reveal what happened "on the night of the long knives".

But, he said, he had received no response from Mr Davidson.

When the dust settled, Mr Davidson took over the reins of the council and Mr Asherson and Mr Bass became management committee members holding a DP casting vote.

Reacting to accusations, Mr Davidson confirmed Mr Levin had

been overlooked as deputy mayor.

"At mutual discussions we indicated we were not seeking power for power's sake, but to implement a programme.

"A significant issue was the opening of residential areas throughout Johannesburg to all races.

"During our negotiations Mr Levin agreed to support such a resolution and it was agreed we could structure a deal with the independents.

"But he subsequently voted against the resolution and my caucus said there was no way we could support an individual for deputy mayor who did not support open suburbs.

"Only Mr Levin, Cecil Long and the Conservative Party opposed the item".

"I have told Mr Levin we had struck up a deal within a context and one question was the opening of Johannesburg.

"In fact it is he who had reneged on the deal," said Mr Davidson.

Turning to Professor Rudolph's allegations, he said: "We took a decision on a more stable government for the future of Johannesburg after approaches from more liberal members of the National Party."

Red herring

But Mr Strydom has openly disputed Mr Davidson's claims which he labelled "a complete red herring".

"The DP caucus was fully aware that Mr Levin and Mr Bloomberg did not support the open city concept and it was suggested that they should be asked to indicate their opposition to segregated suburbs and their support for the DP on this issue in their letters of resignation to the Nats.

"We were told then by the negotiators, Davidson, Asherson and Bass, that the two men would never sign such an undertaking but, despite this, they decided to go for power," he said.

Elliot Kréztmer will be elected mayor of Johannesburg on Monday and Mr Burger is still expected to occupy the deputy mayor's chair.

Row erupts over mayoral posts

Joburg 'spy'
ring man fired

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. —
Public safety director
Mr John Pearce has
been fired for his part in
the Johannesburg City
Council's security de-
partment spy ring

The council's manage-
ment committee decided
yesterday that he should
be given a month's
notice and dismissed
from the council's ser-
vice at the end of April

The decision follows
advocate Mr Chris Plew-
man's finding that Mr
Pearce was guilty of 15
counts of misconduct.

Cultural era dawning for Jo'burg, says new mayor

By Louise Burger
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg was last night launched into a new era as a cultural city with the election of the Democratic Party's Elliot Kretzmer as mayor.

Ian Burger (NP) was elected deputy mayor. Independent Mike Levin did not put forward his nomination.

Mr Kretzmer said his mayoral theme was aimed at the promotion, encouragement and advancement of the arts and cultural activities and at the promotion of the city as a cultural, educational and entertainment centre.

266 Obviously, an ambitious programme of this nature cannot be accomplished within the scope of a single year, but the object will be to get the show on the road — one which will be an on-going process and make Johannesburg the place where people want to come to.

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"We have been starved of appearances by the great international artists of our time and now the ice is melting, we must ensure that our city is in the forefront of the new age."

● Africa's new cultural Mecca
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Vision of a cultural Mecca

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THE gold-mining, industrial, manufacturing and financial capital of South Africa will now be promoted as a cultural city.

Jazz festivals, film festivals, open air theatre, alternative theatre, water front symphonies and all other cultural events in Johannesburg will now be promoted by the city council with assistance from the private sector.

In the pipeline is a major arts festival planned for next year, which the city council hopes will become an annual event.

The new mayor also hopes to set up a City of Johannesburg Cultural Trust, designed to assist talented youngsters to advance their studies and skills, as well as the establishment of a science and technology museum.

With the cultural boycott coming to an end, the opportunities for the city were boundless, said council culture and recreation chairman Cecil Bass.

Identified

The idea to put Johannesburg on the arts map originated in the new Joint Democratic Party/National Party management committee and Mr Kretzmer seized on it as the theme for his mayoral year.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said culture had been identified as a major priority in Johannesburg. A director of culture for the city would be appointed shortly.

Mr Kretzmer said, "The city has always been a cultural centre, it has just never been spotlighted."

He has promised fun, entertainment and excitement this year.

"This is a major campaign to promote Johannesburg internationally and locally as the ACE (arts, culture and entertainment) city in Africa."

The mayor will attempt to draw all cultural happenings in the city under one banner.

A special logo has been designed to illustrate the energy and "buzz" of Johannesburg. The catch phrase will be: "Johannesburg — the city with its act together."

Events planned for this year are an arts ball, a water music festival on Zoo Lake, a jazz festival, a film festival and sym-

Johannesburg's new mayor, Elliot Kretzmer, last night launched an unprecedented campaign to promote Johannesburg locally and internationally as the cultural capital of Africa, writes Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS

phony concerts featuring a 12-piece female orchestra from Austria and the Baden Baden Symphony Orchestra.

A detailed brochure listing cultural events in Johannesburg month by month, will be issued free.

Mr Kretzmer stressed that the council, public and private sector had to work together or the campaign would not work.

"We want to make Johannesburg a place people want to come to, the place where it is all happening — a city with its act together."

His second aim was to give recognition to the efforts of those who were improving the lives of people in the asphalt jungle — the "backroom boys and girls" behind all the cultural events in the city.

"Thirdly, we have to try to be instrumental in initiating new events we don't have in the city."

"We have to encourage the private sector to become involved in, for example the staging of a jazz festival and film festival of a top quality."

Hammering

Mr Kretzmer also envisages the establishment of an open air theatre in Johannesburg, possibly in one of the parks.

Johannesburg Art Gallery director Christopher Tull said the cultural sectors in the city had been hammering away for a long time that they were important.

As Johannesburg was the financial capital of South Africa, money for the development of a cultural industry was ensured.

"There is a large music and theatre-going public in Johannesburg. It is also the centre of the visual arts, it has more art gallery exhibitions, it is the media centre in the country and



the film and music industries are based here.

"We have the largest art gallery in South Africa — but we have tourists flying in and flying out to other centres like Durban and Cape Town.

"Culture is not confined to drinking wine on the slopes of Table Mountain. We need to draw the tourists in and make

make it happen.

"This is also the gateway to South Africa — but we have

tourists flying in and flying out to other centres like Durban and Cape Town.

the artists, musicians and performers stay. We have to offer them something," Mr Tull said.

Mr Bass said the campaign was one of the most exciting cultural developments in Johannesburg for many years.

"While it is well known that many cultural events take place in the city, the stature of the

mayor's office together with a co-ordinated programme will give culture in the city a tremendous boost.

"We are determined that this will not be a one-year event, but that the seeds planted by the mayor will be nurtured and developed in years to come," Mr Bass said.

Johannesburg Publicly Association (JPA) director David Appleton said promotional material and banners bearing the new logo were on the Johannesburg stand at an international tourism fair being held in Berlin, Germany, this week.

Mr Appleton said it was time Johannesburg beat the drum

and projected its happenings its facilities and its dynamism in a graphic and exciting way.

The JPA has adopted the new slogan and logo for its promotional efforts and publications for the city.

A cultural hotline has been established at JPA to assist the public (011) 29-4664 □

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I won't be sacrificed, says sacked Pearce as he promises to fight on

By Louise Burgers ^{Star} S1319
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg's public safety director, John Pearce, was yesterday sacked with a month's notice — and vowed to take the city council to court as he objected to being what he termed the "sacrificial lamb".

The council's management committee yesterday unanimously accepted a recommendation from acting town clerk Graham Collins that Mr Pearce be dismissed with

a month's notice from April 1. He remains on suspension.

Mr Pearce said "I intend going to the Industrial Council, the Industrial Court, the Supreme Court, the Appellate Division — whatever it takes to get justice."

"Decisions of this nature concerning one of the most senior municipal executives in South Africa are not taken lightly."

Mr Pearce, who likened himself to the Info Scandal's Eschel Rhoadie, said he would definitely write a

book — "and then there will be troubles in this country".

He would not be the council's sacrificial lamb "I will fight to clear my name and keep my job. It is a matter of principle. When politicians take decisions, they must stick to them, not look for scapegoats."

Last month, Mr Collins recommended to the management committee that Mr Pearce be dismissed after Chris Plewman, SC, the presiding officer in the internal

disciplinary inquiry, recommended that Mr Pearce be dismissed after he was found guilty of misconduct and negligence.

Mr Pearce (46), with former Johannesburg town clerk Marie Venter, was named as a key figure by the Hiemstra Commission in its investigation into The Star's revelations of the municipal spy network.

After the commission's hearings he was found to have been grossly negligent

This is the first time in the history of the Johannesburg City Council that such a senior official — Mr Pearce is number three in the council hierarchy — has been dismissed from his post.

In its 217-page report, the Hiemstra Commission found the city council did not have the authority to run a spy ring with ratepayers' money and that its clandestine activities were illegal.

During the sifting of the commission, Mr Pearce ad-

mitted he had authorised payments for spies without reading their reports. He said he trusted his former security chief, Brigadier Jan Visser.

Mr Pearce now loses his estimated R112 000-a-year job, which included a housing allowance and a staff car with a driver. Other perks included overseas trips, an expense account and usual civil service benefits.

He is, however, guaranteed a substantial lump pen-

sion pay-out and monthly payments. Figures were not available at the time of going to press.

Mr Pearce has been with the Johannesburg City Council since he joined the traffic department in 1968.

End Conscription Campaign national secretary Roddy Payne welcomed Mr Pearce's dismissal but warned that there were others who should also be called to account — namely, the actual spies.

line letter This happened despite all these intense, overwhelming and sustained local objections! [Interjections] The decision-making process, therefore, is secretive, undemocratic and even sinister [Interjections] Houghton and other surrounding suburbs will, if matters remain unchecked, go the same way as Parktown It will be bulldozed into office blocks Every northern suburb in Johannesburg as well as other surrounding suburbs are at risk and under threat from rapacious developers who are assisted because of the appalling nature of the current decision-making process [Interjections]

The townships board can and often does ignore every single objection and makes its recommendations to the hon the Minister in secret [Interjections] The hon the Minister himself, or more usually his designated representative, then simply announces his decision [Interjections] He gives no reasons He might or might not have considered the findings of the townships board The objectors, as suburban residents, and the city council are never told, and that is it The decision is final and no appeal is allowed under any circumstances, except in the limited case of a review

We have to return power to the people Since vast suburbs are transformed in the fashion I have just described, the hon the Minister must scrap the townships board and indeed, as he said, divest himself of the vast authoritarian powers he currently possesses [Interjections] [Time expired]

*Mr H J COETZEE Mr Speaker, it is customary for the DP to table a problem they have here and then think they are simply going to solve it across the floor However, I think there are other courses one can adopt

Because the hon the Minister has said that he is not prepared to amend the town planning decisions of local authorities at this stage, I assume that he will also support the following statement, namely that the own affairs concept must be developed and more power must devolve on local authorities so that White local authorities can be protected

That is what the hon the State President said, in his capacity as Minister of National Education, in Bloemfontein in 1988 during the opening of the Free State Municipal Congress That was quite a while ago I am sure the hon the Minister of the Budget and Local Government supports this statement by the hon the State President If this is so, I accept that he also rejects the hon the State President's radical about-face, according to the pronouncement of his own brother, Dr

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Willem de Klerk, in the *Sunday Times* of 24 February

The hon the Minister will have to decide in his capacity as the Minister of the own affairs component of local government, because many things are happening over his head He will also have to tell us whether he is in favour of the repeal of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act Is he in favour of the repeal of the Group Areas Act? Is he in favour of the repeal of the Land Acts and the abolition of the legislation on race classification? One mixed race is going to come into existence The hon the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing says that permits are now being issued freely to people of colour to live in White residential areas Is he in favour of this?

The hon the State President said that he would accept a Black majority government and serve under an ANC communist government The hon the Minister of Defence has also said that he will serve under it [Time expired]

*The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT Mr Speaker, the hon member for Middelburg is misusing the opportunity afforded by this interpellation He is not discussing the subject at all I do not think he has any knowledge of the topic under discussion I myself took the lead in this House in piloting legislation through here to abolish the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act The hon member opposed me at that stage Now he is asking such silly questions [Interjections]

I would like to say to the hon member for Houghton that I will deal with the particular matter he has referred to in more detail in my Budget Vote According to my information there was close liaison between the applicants, the objectors and the community in that instance

I would like to say to the House that I intend to introduce an amendment to the Removal of Restrictions Act during the current session of Parliament This Act provides for the removal of, inter alia, certain restrictions contained in town-planning schemes I take it the hon member will perceive this as being a positive step When an application for the removal of such a restriction is not directly connected with an application for the removal of a restrictive condition registered against the title deed of the land in question, the matter should preferably not be dealt with under the Act, but under the applicable ordinance regulating the use of land Provision will accordingly be made in the amending legislation to be lodged soon In this way the

local authority processes the application and the local community is given the opportunity to comment on the application

*This way of dealing with applications applies to a great extent in all the provinces, although the system of authorised local authorities does not exist everywhere I am in favour of larger local authorities having maximum powers to deal with applications which concern township development, rezoning and so on

Dr Z J DE BEER Mr Speaker, this hon Minister is normally one of the most friendly and helpful Ministers that we have, but I am sorry to tell him that on this occasion he is proving unhelpful and evasive

The issue here is the accountability of the Government to the people The issue is whether the Government is going to let the reasons for its decision be seen and be prepared to defend them What we are getting is arbitrary decision-making in secret

We are dealing here with the important interests of individual citizens who happen to be the constituents for some of us The hon the Minister has said today, and it is true, that the townships board was only a recommending body The responsibility is his It is the Minister who makes the decisions The hon the Minister sends two-line letters out telling us afterwards what his decisions will be We have to ask what the hon the Minister knows about the interests of the people in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg, whom some of us represent These people are getting sick and tired of being treated with contempt by a Government which does not know them and does not care about them That is what we are seeing here

We heard this afternoon that when this kind of thing takes place it is inevitable that there will be suspicion of corruption I point no finger I have no positive evidence of corruption, but if decision-making is done in this way and foisted upon citizens, they will become suspicious, and they are

It has become fashionable—the hon the State President himself did it last night—to refer to the fact that there are fewer and fewer differences of policy between that party and this one There is substance in that, but there are important differences, and it seems to me that the most important difference of all is that we remain convinced that the individual citizen and his rights are central to the whole process of government The hon gentlemen on that side of the House seem to retain, from their Verwoerdian past, their belief that Big Government knows what is good for

people and will tell the people what is good for them [Interjections]

Mr A J LEON Mr Speaker, I would like to thank the hon the Minister for his concession—announced today—that he is going to introduce remedial legislation, but that is very much the second prize That does not deal with the major issue and the promise of legislative reform, made by his Ministry to various local authorities and municipal bodies in the Transvaal last year, a promise that he would offer or that there would be the possibility of the fundamental repeal of this legislation by virtue of the fact that he and the board would return the town-planning and decision-making functions to authorised municipalities [Interjections]

What we want is to return all planning matters to the city council and replace the townships board or the Minister's arbitrary say-so to allow a town-planning appeal board, based in the city where the town planning is done, presided over by, for example, a retired judge and two town-planning experts We must compel each body which makes such decisions to publish in full the reasons for its decisions That is what the hon member for Parktown was saying When we do not know what the reasons are—it does not matter how closely bodies work together—and when the townships board and the hon the Minister himself can ignore every single recommendation made to it, simply by publishing a two-line response, then we are in a very, very serious state of planning crisis

A failure by the Government to enact these proposals or similar proposals will simply mean that this Government's commitment to the principle of devolution of power and democratic accountability is simply hollow rhetoric—the sort of tribute which vice ritually pays to virtue I think the hon the Minister can come with something much more comprehensive [Time expired]

*The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT Mr Speaker, I have a great deal of respect for the hon member for Parktown I think he will be satisfied with that We want to follow an open policy, I have no problem with that

My view is that more emphasis must be placed on the views and the inputs of a specific community which is affected by an application which is being dealt with by the townships board As a matter of fact, I have issued such a policy instruction and the Ministerial Representatives who must deal with the applications and finalise them must acquaint themselves with the subject of the

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

INTERPELLATION

The sign * indicates a translation. The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language.

Own Affairs

Provincial townships boards: powers

Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of the Budget and Local Government

Whether the Government intends to remove the powers of various provincial townships boards over the town-planning decisions of local authorities, if so, when, if not, why not?

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THE MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT Mr Speaker, it is not the present intention to remove the powers referred to by the hon member for Houghton. I am prepared to consider, in close liaison with the Administrators, constructive proposals by the hon member and other hon members.

The townships board in the Transvaal exercises the powers and performs the duties vested in it by the ordinance and only makes recommendations to the Administrator or Minister in respect of an application regarding township development, rezoning, subdivision of land and town planning schemes or appeals in terms of the ordinance. The townships board has no power to take final decisions on matters placed before it. It only investigates and advises the Administrator or the Minister.

The Town Planning and Townships Ordinance of 1986, Ordinance 15 of 1986, of the Transvaal, already provides for authorised local authorities in the Transvaal to take decisions regarding town planning matters such as the amending of town planning schemes and township establishment.

In the Transvaal 55 out of 112 local authorities are authorised local authorities. An applicant or objector who is dissatisfied with a decision taken by an authorised local authority may, in terms of section 139 of the ordinance, appeal to the townships board which will then investigate the matter and make a recommendation to the Administrator or Minister for a final decision.

In respect of non-authorised local authorities, the townships board only makes recommendations which are submitted to the Administrator or Minister for a decision. These local authorities are empowered to deal with applications up to and prior to the stage of final approval.

The composition of the townships boards in the Transvaal, Orange Free State and Cape Province is decided upon in close consultation between me and the Administrators concerned. The composition of the townships board of the Transvaal is at present under consideration and an announcement will be made in the very near future.

* As regards appointment to the other two townships boards, functionaries are at present under consideration.

Mr A J LEON Mr Speaker, I found the hon the Minister's reply somewhat disappointing, because I am advised that a draft Bill, which would have comprehensively revamped the entire town planning procedure and would have divested the Minister and the townships board of its current strengths and powers and given this back to local authorised municipalities, was in circulation last July and was being considered and commented on by the UME, the TMA and the Johannesburg City Council, and now this Bill is off the table. I believe it behoves the hon the Minister to tell this House why there has been a change of heart, because our town planning laws and procedures require fundamental, radical change.

At the moment organised residents' associations and ratepayers' groups in the Transvaal are in a state of revolt over the two pieces of legislation that the hon the Minister has talked about.

Viewed together, the use and abuse of their provisions indicate at least the following. Firstly, Johannesburg and other major cities' planning destiny is being controlled by Pretoria. The townships board in Pretoria sits in judgement on any rezoning in a suburb which involves the removal of restrictive conditions and title deeds. Since 90% of the transformation of our suburbs from residential areas to business rights areas involves the removal of these restrictions, this is the route developers generally have to follow.

It means that in the case of a recent spectacular example in my constituency, the Houghton Island, the following happened. Firstly, the townships board held a four-day hearing on the matter, secondly, despite the fact that 6 500 people objected to the proposed conversion of a beautiful residential suburb to six-storey office blocks, and despite the objection of the Johannesburg City Council and every neighbourhood school to this disfigurement, and despite my personally petitioning the hon the Minister, and despite the board being presented with over 600 written motivations of objection, which is a record for an application of this kind, the original proposals were recently approved by the hon the Minister, notification being furnished in a two-

applications. It is the specific community which must in the first place look after itself and its environment. In my opinion a peaceful residential area must not suddenly be confronted with a high-rise office block. Of course there must be a balance, because urbanisation also contributes to new development and requires more community facilities and infrastructure.

From the outset there must be close liaison, co-operation and negotiation between representatives from the relevant residential area or community, the city council and members of the city council from that area, the developers and/or applicants and consultants so that sufficient knowledge and perspective can be exchanged regarding the application and intended development and the nature of objections from the community involved. Many problems which crop up later could probably be resolved in this way. As a matter of fact, in most cases the development can be effected with maximum satisfaction and expense, lengthy court cases can probably also be curtailed, and I think this will contribute to eliminating misunderstandings, uncertainty and emotion at the end of the day.

Debate concluded

Natal Provincial Division of the Supreme Court against certain persons, whose names have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, and whose action allegedly caused the death of a Mr W Ndadla in the vicinity of Vryheid, if not, why not,

- (2) what are the names of the persons concerned?

Answered 5/3/91 B321E

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE

- (1) No, because the Attorney-General concerned is of the opinion that there is no reasonable prospect of success on appeal. In this regard it must be mentioned that the test which is applied by a court of appeal when considering whether a sentence should be altered, is whether it can be said that the trial court did not exercise its discretion reasonably.

In the case in question, the accused were only convicted of assault (common) and no sound reason can be advanced that the trial court did not exercise its discretion reasonably when passing sentence.

- (2) (a) Kenneth Thomas Edmund Westermeyer
(b) Johannes Fred Westermeyer

Certain person: torching of minor

*11 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Justice

- (1) Whether the State intends charging a certain person from Messina, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, with purportedly attempting to set alight and burn a minor boy, whose name is not known at this stage, if not, why not, if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what is the name of the person in question, *Answered 5/3/91*

- (2) whether any charges have been laid against the minor boy, if so, with what has he been charged? *Answered 5/3/91* B322E

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE

- (1) The Attorney-General concerned referred the docket to the South African Police for further investigation

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- (a) A charge of alleged assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm is being investigated, but the results of the tests done by the Forensic Laboratories of the South African Police are being awaited. As soon as the investigation is completed, a decision will be taken. *Answered 5/3/91*

- (b) Jan van der Westhuizen

- (2) Yes. A charge of alleged housebreaking is presently being investigated by the South African Police. The Attorney-General concerned will make a decision in this regard as soon as a docket is submitted to him.

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

Inquest witness

*12 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether, with reference to the inquest into the deaths of certain persons killed in Mamelodi on 21 November 1985, the South African Police have ascertained the whereabouts of the witness referred to by the Minister of Justice in his reply to Question No 9 on 12 February 1991, if not, why not, if so, what is the name of the witness? *Answered 5/3/91* B325E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes, after an intensive search since 6 November 1990, when the docket was received from the Attorney-General, the witness was traced on 15 February 1991. Tracing him was made very difficult due to the fact that he continually eluded the Police. He initially did not want to make any statement to the Police concerning the events in Mamelodi on 21 November 1985. Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act 51 of 1977) was subsequently applied. He then made a statement. The docket is presently in the possession of the Attorney-General.

Purchase of microwave ovens/refrigerators

*13 Dr W J SNEYMAN asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing: *Answered 5/3/91* (266)

- (1) Whether the provincial health department purchased microwave ovens and refrigerators for the administrative offices in the Northern Transvaal region round about March 1990, if so, (a) how many, (b) for what purpose and (c) what amount was spent,

- (2) whether a needs assessment had been carried out before these items were purchased, if not, why not, if so, what was its nature, *266*

- (3) whether these purchases were made in accordance with the requirements of the tender system of the State, if not, what procedure was followed in this regard? *Answered 5/3/91* B327E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

- (1) During March 1990, no refrigerators were purchased for administration offices in the Northern Transvaal region, but microwave ovens were bought, ie

- (a) four of 38 litre each,

- (b) for use by nurses to prepare food,

- (c) cost was R699,99 each

- (2) Yes, nursing service managers responsible for community health and family planning investigated and assessed the need

- (3) Yes

Government Service Pension Fund—accumulated funds

*14 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Finance: *Answered 5/3/91*

- (1) Whether there has been any change in the policy regarding the investment of accumulated funds of the Government Service Pension Fund, if so, (a) what change and (b) what effect has the change had in financial terms in regard to increased interest and/or dividends,

- (2) whether it is the intention to extend any investment policy to utilise most or all of the accumulated funds of other State pension funds, if not, why not, if so, (a) in what manner and (b) over what period,

- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B342E

The MINISTER OF FINANCE

- (1) Since 1984—when the Public Investment Commissioners succeeded the Public Debt Commissioners—the management and investment policies of the Government Service Pension Fund have been drastically amended. *Answered 5/3/91*

- (a) The funds are now being actively managed according to accepted portfolio management principles. Firstly, the investment portfolio has been completely restructured so that the emphasis is no longer on long-term stocks. Secondly, the funds may now also be invested in recognised money market instruments whilst financial derivative instruments, like options and futures contracts, may be employed as hedging mechanisms. Thirdly, and this is a very important amendment, it could be noticed from the 1990/91 budget address that the PIC is no longer formally expected to fund the major portion of the budget deficit.

- (b) The effect of this more dynamic approach to the management of these funds cannot summarily be expressed in terms of improved interest income alone. The accepted principle in portfolio management is to express the combination of the assets in the portfolio as a portfolio yield. Since 1 April 1984 till the end of 1990, an average yield of 17,47% was obtained on the investment portfolio of the Government Service Pension Fund, which yield is substantially better than the 14,7% average inflation rate for the same period.

- (2) (a) and (b) All funds under the control of the Public Investment Commissioners—which also automatically include the accumulated funds of other State pension funds—are, since 1984, being managed in accordance with the principles outlined above.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Town planning laws 'need drastic change'

The Townships' Board should be scrapped and the Minister of Local Affairs and Budget Amie Venter must divest himself of the "vast authoritarian powers" he now had, Tony Leon (DP Houghton) said in Parliament yesterday.

Speaking during an Own Affairs interpellation debate, Mr Leon said town planning laws and procedures required fundamental, radical change.

"At the moment organised residents' associations and ratepayers' groups in the Transvaal are in a state of revolt over both the Removal of Restrictions Act and the Transvaal Town Planning Ordinance."

Viewed together, the use and abuse of the provisions of the Acts indicated that Johannesburg's planning destiny was controlled by Pretoria and that the decision-making process was secretive, undemocratic and even sinister.

Authorised

Each body should be compelled to publish reasons for decisions. If the Government was not prepared to follow this advice then its talk of devolution of power was hollow.

Mr Venter said the township boards had no power to make decisions but were there only in an advisory capacity to the ad-

ministrator, whereas authorised local authorities could take decisions on town planning matters such as the amendment of town planning schemes.

The Removal of Restrictions Act was expected to be amended soon.

The leader of the Democratic Party Dr Zach de Beer (DP Parktown), said the issue at stake was the accountability of the Government to the people.

Instead, the Government was guilty of arbitrarily making decisions.

Dr de Beer said it was inevitable that suspicions of corruption were raised when decisions were made arbitrarily. — Sapa

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**Pretoria looks
at new local
govt models**
B. 10 am

LINDEN BIRNS 7/13/91

PRETORIA's NP-controlled city council is considering four possible models for the city's future government and its satellite townships, including a one man, one vote system.

The council is still deciding which model to adopt and how or whether it should involve its neighbouring black councils.

Pretoria management committee chairman Pieter Smith said last night a referendum among the city's white residents on whether to have talks with the township councils of Mamelodi, Atteridgeville, Eersterust and Laudium was a possible alternative.

This would not be necessary if the NP caucus used its majority position and push ahead with talks.

The first model involved maintaining the status quo with no change to the present municipal structures while the second proposed a simple majority vote on a one man, one vote basis.

The third model envisaged local councils deciding policy on "own affairs" while sending representatives to a central body to decide on issues such as water and electricity.

He said in the fourth model various community groups within an existing municipality would make their own decisions and send a representative to a central local council to take general decisions.

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Councillors under attack by DP man

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CAPE TOWN — Black local councillors around the Reef and Pretoria who joined Inkatha had "ensured their total alienation from, and rejection by, their communities", Jan van Eck (DP Claremont) told Parliament yesterday.

Speaking during the debate on the Lekoa City Council Dissolution Bill, he said the degree to which councillors had become alienated from the communities they represented was "starkly illustrated" by the fact that about 30 black councillors from the Reef and Pretoria had attended an Inkatha rally last month.

This was in spite of the fact that they came from townships that overwhelmingly backed the ANC.

Van Eck said he was not making this point because he objected to the councillors supporting Inkatha, but allowing them to continue as councillors would further destabilise the townships.

Laundry apartheid won't wash

Apartheid regulations governing laundries are to be scrubbed from the Transvaal's provincial ordinances by proposed amendments before Parliament

If changes to Ordinance 17 of 1939 are approved, municipalities in the province will no longer be able to force laundries to clean the clothing of blacks and whites separately

The changes are listed in a revised version of the Local Government Ordinance Amendment Bill (Transvaal), tabled in the House of Assembly yesterday

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The original Bill scrapped only the powers of municipalities to enforce apartheid in graveyards and marketplaces, to demand different ambulance fees from different races, and to run "kaffir eating-houses"

The revised Bill will also

scrap municipalities' powers to enforce laundry apartheid, set aside stands for the use of hawkers of a particular race, lay out housing land for "coloured persons as may be deemed desirable", regulate for separate toilets, prohibit the presence or employment of white females in non-European shops, prohibit or regulate non-European clubs outside Native locations and to prohibit whites from living in yards or premises occupied by Natives, Asiatics or coloured persons

Sapa

Public was 'misled over council scheme to put bobbies on beat' ^{Star 8/3/91} ²⁶⁶

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg management committee has been accused of misleading the public by promising to put bobbies on the beat when legally it was not possible.

National Business Watch co-ordinator Gerald Heine and independent councillor Cecil Long have slammed the management committee for "bluffing" the public.

At a November meeting, city councillors were told the council had no powers to establish a municipal police force.

They agreed that, subject to funds being available, the traffic force be expanded by 500 men.

However, according to a report before the man-

agement committee in January, legal counsel warned it was not possible to create a municipal police force "through the back door under the guise of such a force being traffic officers".

If the traffic force was increased so substantially that it was out of proportion to the genuine needs of the traffic force and if some officers' duties were directed towards the prevention of "ordinary crime" instead of traffic enforcement, then the establishment of an expanded force would exceed the legal authority of the city council.

However, provided the expansion of the traffic force could be justified, it would be lawful even when, in the course of their duties, officers used

their peace officer powers to deal with criminal offences they encountered.

Mr Long said the management committee was bluffing the public into thinking a bobby-on-the-beat force would be in operation this year to fight crime in the city.

Paul Asherson, management committee transport and utilities chairman, said the matter was sensitive and the committee would shortly receive a motivation for the expansion of the traffic department.

He said the council had a responsibility to residents to do all it could to put more law enforcement officers on the streets, even if this meant taking a backdoor approach.

Big John refuses to accept sacking

By MARTIN WELZ

"BIG JOHN" Pearce, Johannesburg's former traffic and security boss whose appeal against the findings of a council disciplinary committee failed this week, is back in the ring — with a challenge to his opponents to try to get a full council vote in support of his dismissal.

"The management committee fired me, but I have reason to believe the majority of council members — of all parties — support me. The full council hired me, I reckon only the full council can fire me," he said in an exclusive interview with the Sunday Times.

"Last year they were unable to muster the necessary quorum for a meeting just to suspend me, let alone a majority to fire me," he said.

A judicial commission of inquiry, headed by Mr Justice V Hiemstra, last year found that a spy network was beyond the scope of a city council's business and was therefore illegal.

Mr Pearce said he did not intend to "take the pain" for the network of



JOHN PEARCE
Will not take the 'pain'

Johannesburg council officials who for several years were paid to spy on people and organisations — and then secretly also reported to the security police and military intelligence.

Offer

He also revealed for the first time that the council had actually approached municipal trade union representatives in October last year with an offer of early retirement if he would "go quietly". He made a counter-offer and then heard nothing further of the matter.

"Instead, the management committee paid

R48 000 for two Johannesburg advocates to draft a charge sheet against me alleging various counts of misconduct," he said.

Mr Pearce insisted that he had not been guilty of any misconduct as department head in charge of a security department whose written brief from the council was to "monitor" people and organisations that were a potential security threat to the council.

Unfair

Johannesburg's former security chief intends fighting his dismissal "all the way to the Appeal Court, if necessary".

For a start that means an application to the Industrial Court for his reinstatement as, Mr Pearce claimed, he was unfairly dismissed by the management committee, "while the council official who was by law responsible — former town clerk Mame Venter — was allowed to take paid leave and then early retirement".

He said he believed the case against him was being pressed by people who have for years held a political grudge because of his long and close friendship with various prominent Nationalist politicians.

Upset

"Because several of my best friends were top Nationalists — Gerrie Bornman, Damié van Zyl and Pik Botha for instance — does not mean that I am a Nationalist," he said. "I have, as a matter of principle, never belonged to any political party."

"They didn't like me for organising security assistance for Mr Botha's meeting in Pietersburg; they were upset about me taking Franz-Josef Strauss to a game farm when the government asked me to do it, they were unhappy about my business at the show grounds — but there was nothing wrong with any of it."

"They were frustrated because I had, in fact, done nothing immoral or illegal," he said.

State bid to ratify pacts by councils

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ANY agreements reached between civic associations and town or city councils are expected to be made legal through legislation which will be moved through Parliament soon.

The draft Bill for such legislation has not been published yet, but it is expected within the next few weeks.

Miss Dene Smuts of the Democratic Party yesterday warned that the situation was still in flux and that it had to be approached carefully.

"All formations including the Democratic Party will be looking at the draft Bill very carefully," Smuts said.

Government's attitude to local government can perhaps be measured by its decision to dissolve the controversial Lekoa Town Council.

A Bill to dissolve the LTC went through Parliament last week and is expected to be passed by a majority vote as law within days.

This dissolution of

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN
Political Correspondent

Lekoa could be just the beginning according to Smuts.

Speaking during the debate on the Lekoa City Council Dissolution Bill, Smuts said "It is hard to escape the conclusion that the Lekoa City Council Dissolution Bill will have to be the forerunner of other such Bills (to dissolve black local authorities) of an omnibus measure to address the problem of the non-representative nature and consequent unsuitability, in some places of the black councils as negotiating partners - which leaves the civics

"The Transvaal Provincial Administration itself consulted the Vaal Triangle Civic on the deteriorating Lekoa situation.

"It is not possible to talk new deals and dispensations without these bodies."

There are already at least three towns in the country where agreements have been reached be-

tween civics or and city councils - Middelburg, Klerksdorp and Kimberley.

The expected legislation is also in line with State President FW de Klerk's remarks during his opening of Parliament speech on February 1 where he expressed Government's desire to create a "one city one tax base" status quo with regard to local government.

He also alluded to the expected legislation in his speech.

"The Government does not wish to anticipate the national process of negotiation in any way. Therefore, without wishing to establish a final structure at the local level, the decision has been taken to initiate interim steps to accommodate the dynamics of co-operation which have developed in many communities in respect of co-operation, and to give legal sanction to agreed joint actions and joint structures," De Klerk said.

Alexandra council to be dissolved

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THE Alexandra Council is to be dissolved so that a single non-racial local authority for Randburg and Sandton districts can be created.

This emerged in a statement released after an historic meeting last week between the Government, Alexandra residents and officials of the Randburg and Sandton councils.

The parties - which also included officials of Eskom, Rand Water Board, the Development of Southern Africa and members of the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council - established a forum to work out the details of the future council.

The forum promised to pay "attention to issues which are of importance" to Alexandra.

The establishment of the forum follows five months of intensive negotiations.

Members of the forum also hope to end the rent boycott in the township.

In a joint statement, the parties pledged to work for improvement in

the quality of life in Alexandra.

The statement added "Negotiations were always conducted in good spirit although it should be pointed out that there were always differences about specific matters."

"The viewpoint of the parties during negotiations and in the agreement was that the interests of the residents must at all times be the number one priority."

Possible

"The fact that co-operation between the civic organisations and the authorities is indeed possible and that reasonableness can prevail is proved by the fact that the Alexandra Civic Association was most of the time represented by its chairman Mr Moses Mayekiso, who is also president of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal."

Some of the important aspects of the agreement are

* The writing-off of

arrears;

* Payment for services;

* Transfer of rented houses to the people;

* Upgrading and conversion of hostels into family dwellings;

* Upgrading of services;

* Transfer of the land known as the East Bank to a land trust administered by representatives of Alexandra;

* Implementation of low income housing;

* Provision of additional land, and

* Dissolution of the Alexandra Council and other local authorities

White Paper lauded, slated

Star 13/3/91
By Jo-Anne Collinge

Reaction to the Government's land reform proposals took the pattern of sharp rebuke from organisations representing the homeless and the Right — and a warm welcome from most bodies speaking for those who own property.

Heading the critics were the African National Congress and the Conservative Party. Those adding their praise included the SA Agricultural Union (SAAU), the Democratic Party and the South African Chamber of Business (Sacob).

The ANC — stressing that the Government had not consulted it or any of the communities subjected to forced removal under apartheid —



Playing with fire . . . Andries Treurnicht

said the White Paper presented a view of land ownership "that absolves the white population of all responsibility for the existing unequal land dispensation".

It added, "The Government takes the geography of apartheid as its starting point and explicitly refuses to deal with the landlessness

and dispossession that is the direct legacy of apartheid's policy of forced removal and bantustan consolidation".

The ANC condemned the Government's refusal to restore land to the victims of forced removal.

Dr Andries Treurnicht said the Government was "playing with fire".

He said the CP found it inexplicable that the Government was turning white South Africa into everyman's land before negotiations on a new constitution had begun.

What made these proposals even more drastic was that black people retained their land in the independent states and self-governing territories while whites did not have this right.

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Residents want their land back

Star 13/3/91
By Helen Grange

Residents of three rural communities plan to reoccupy land they were forcibly moved off — despite the Government's rejection of this proposal in its White Paper on Land Reform, published yesterday.

About 39 000 former residents of Roosboom, near Ladysmith, Charlestown near Volksrust and Criemen near Elands-laagte were moved off their freehold land in the late 1970s.

A number of former Roosboom residents were prosecuted for attempting to return to the land last year.

Legal action was suspended pending negotiations with the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs.

People from Charlestown and Criemen say they will begin reoccupying their land on April 30 and May 31.

Spokesmen from the three communities said there were rumours that the Government was considering selling the land. "This we totally reject," they said.

Councils cheered by wider powers

Star 13/3/91
By Jacqueline Myburgh

Extended powers for local authorities and residents in maintaining physical standards have been welcomed by local councils and residents' associations, especially since they signal further decentralisation of power.

Andre Jacobs, chairman of Randburg Town Council

management committee, said it was for local authorities to ensure an orderly urbanisation process.

Randburg had promulgated housing nuisance by-laws to protect minimum standards.

Sandton town councillor and property expert Peter Gardiner said the new powers would be effective in

protecting standards.

Johannesburg city councillor Claire Quail said the more powers local authorities had for planning, the better.

It was preferable to make decisions regarding living standards at grassroots level as opposed to involving someone who did not live in the area, she said.

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Kempton Park council to help Tembisa counterpart

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KEMPTON Park Town Council will sign a historic agreement tomorrow with its black neighbour Tembisa to provide the township administration with badly needed expertise

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Ruling due today on CCB claims

A Pretoria Supreme Court judge will decide today if three former operatives of the now disbanded Civil Cooperation Bureau (CCB) can proceed on an urgent basis with a claim of more than R1,5 million.

The claim is in respect of pensions and other perks, against the Minister of Defence and the Defence Force.

The three men have instituted a claim under the code names of Derrick Farrell, Riaan Bosch and Daan du Toit for the payment of substantial benefits stipulated in their CCB service contracts.

These contracts, they said, were about to be nullified by coming legislation.

Du Toit said about 80 per cent of CCB members were so intimidated by the threat of legislation that they accepted the retrenchment packages offered them.

Counsel for the three men, F Hattingh SC, said the CCB members' contracts specified a retirement package as if the member had reached retirement age should the CCB be disbanded.

SW Burger SC, for the respondents, argued that the matter was not urgent and the applicants were asking the court to interfere with the sovereignty of Parliament — Sapa

Walvis talks end in stalemate

CAPE TOWN — Negotiations between Pretoria and Windhoek over the control of Walvis Bay ended yesterday without a final agreement.

After several attempts to hammer out a joint press statement failed, the two Foreign Ministers, Pik Botha and Theo-Ben Gurirab, said they would have to report back to their governments on the day's progress.

Both were in a congenial mood as they spoke on the steps of the Westbrook residence after a hard day's bargaining.

The outcome was predictable after Mr Gurirab had compromised the talks earlier in the week by telling the Namibian National Assembly he would settle for nothing less than the unconditional surrender of Walvis Bay by South Africa.

"The way we organised and convened the meeting obviously raised high and unrealistic hopes," he said.

There was light at the end of the tunnel, although "it is too small to show the time frame" within which a solution may be found, he added.

The two Ministers led high-powered delegations, numbering 11 Cabinet Ministers, supported by administrative and legal teams.

They met to try to resolve the dispute over the historic sovereignty inherited by South Africa over the Walvis Bay enclave — Namibia's only deep-water port — and the southern offshore Penguin Island group.

In addition, Namibia wants the boundary of the old Cape Colony moved from the northern shore of the Orange River to the centre —

the normal line for international boundaries.

No progress was made on any of these issues and Mr Gurirab would not say whether Namibia was prepared to negotiate them as separate issues.

After the talks ended, Mr Botha said it was the first time the two governments had discussed the issues.

"We conveyed to each other our views on these issues and, as you can imagine, there was a difference of opinion," he said.

Mr Gurirab said the fact that South Africa had not handed over the disputed territory on independence day, March 21 last year, "will remain a monument of tragic betrayal, motivated by a legacy of colonial conquest" — Sapa and Star Africa Service

CP backs Tembisa expertise pact

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

A unanimous decision by the Kempton Park Town Council, with the full support of a six-man CP caucus, will be sealed today with the signing of an agreement with Tembisa to provide the black local authority with administration expertise.

The agreement will be executed on an agency administration basis in which the

municipality will oversee operations in Tembisa.

Councillor Chris Bekker (CP) said the initial proposal advocating joint administration was amended so assistance would be conducted on an agency basis to prevent financial implications for the ratepayer.

The mayor of Tembisa, Solomon More, has welcomed the move.

He said Tembisa's debts,

which amount to more than R8 million in electricity and water accounts alone, would be best dealt with by an upgrading of standards.

In Germiston, management committee chairman Leon Louw said negotiations had been under way for some time between Germiston, Bedfordview, Katlehong and Palm Ridge, regarding co-operation on a municipal level.

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Local govt to have teeth to stop decay

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RESIDENTS, ratepayers and housing associations will be given teeth to enforce by-laws and keep neighbourhoods in good nick when the Residential Environment Bill is passed by Parliament, town council spokesmen said this week.

The Bill aims to prevent the possible downgrading of neighbourhoods with the scrapping of the Group Areas Act. It also confers additional power on local authorities to pass and enforce by-laws in order to maintain neighbourhoods. But the Bill stipulates that racially discriminatory by-laws will not be allowed.

The Bill provides for the setting up of an Urban Environment Board to help local authorities to maintain standards and set up urban renewal projects. The board will play an advisory role and consist of experts in urban renewal.

Standard

Apart from providing for the maintenance of norms such as tidy and hygienic premises, the Bill provides for ways to settle disputes and for the orderly and civilised use of public facilities, noise control and urban decay.

"This national provision sets minimum standards which go further than previous legislation," said Midrand Management Committee chairman Ian Bekker.

He said Midrand had already amended existing by-laws, mainly to ensure ghettos don't develop.

Asked about the effect the Bill would have, Sandton town councillor Peter Gardiner said "Neighbourhood standards could be protected and most municipalities could now decide on what standard of service they want in their area."

"Presumably we are now allowed to

set our own standards. For example, Sandton neighbourhoods want high security standards and environmental standards. We could even provide our own security force.

"Our council could now pass a by-law to set up residents' associations more formally. This would put teeth into the system and residents would be encouraged to pay for upgrading their neighbourhoods."

He said another example would be to formalise homeowners' associations — which in Sandton already raise money to control architectural standards and maintain landscaping.

The Bill also means local authorities will have more control over spending and it provides for financial assistance to local authorities to undertake projects out of appropriated funds, according to Mr Gardiner.

Johannesburg City Council spokesman Professor H Hurwitz said he believed local authorities may have more power to enforce legislation because penalties would now be more realistic. Offenders could be fined up to R10 000 and there is an additional R100 fine a day for an ongoing offence.

The Randburg Town Council has promulgated housing nuisance by-laws, aimed at ensuring minimum standards, according to council spokesman Andre Jacobs.

But he admitted that it may be difficult to enforce legislation while the country was going through a transition.

Federation of Western Johannesburg Ratepayers' Associations spokesman Frank Salmon said residents were already contributing to maintaining standards in their suburbs but the new legislation would give local authorities more power to prevent urban decay.

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Alex council sit-in a 'coup'

A SIT-IN at the office of the Alexandra mayor and the town clerk will continue until mayor Prince Mokoena resigns, says the Alexandra Civic Organisation.

Now in its third week, the 24-hour-a-day sit-in has crippled the running of the council and is regarded as a "coup" against Mokoena and his council.

Since the sit-in started on February 27 Mokoena has not been in his office and town clerk Willie Khumalo said he had been working under "extreme" pressure.

"I have no secretary because they are also occupying her office," he said.

ACO general secretary Richard Makane said the sit-in was part of an ongoing struggle by residents against the role played by the council.

"We are putting pressure on the councillors to resign because they are not serving the needs of the community," he said.

Khumalo said there were no plans to try and evict the strikers by force.

Pay up, warns Soweto council

By Stan Hlophe

The Soweto City Council has warned residents to pay for service charges and electricity in terms of the Soweto Accord signed last September — or else it will cut the power supply

In a statement, acting town clerk Johan Oosthuizen said that from April 1 the council would no longer receive financial assistance from the regional services council and, therefore, the council would be unable to provide electricity unless all residents honour the accord

Agreement

Mr Oosthuizen reminded residents that in terms of the accord, signed by the Greater Soweto councils, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), the following agreement was reached

- Writing off R450 million arrears (residential units only)
- Ending the four-year rent boycott as well as the immediate resumption of R23 monthly payments for service charges and for metered electricity consumption on a sliding scale
- Establishment of a Metropolitan Chamber

to serve as a forum whose primary purpose would be to investigate and formulate the setting of regional, nonracial, and democratic structures.

Meanwhile a meeting between the council and representatives of the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce resolved to form a working committee to reach an amicable settlement on whether the traders were part of the accord

It was also agreed that the businessmen should continue paying their monthly accounts while negotiations are on course

This follows a war of words between the council and the chamber over the interpretation of the Soweto Accord

Breaching

The chamber maintains that as Soweto residents they are included in the accord, but the council is adamant that they are not

SPD spokesman Pat Lephunya said that if the council could carry out its threat, it would be breaching the accord, which stipulated that if either side should encounter a problem, a solution had to be found before any action could be taken

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Outrage at city council spy ring

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By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

JO'BURG's longest serving councillor, independent Eddy Magid, could be ousted from the management committee after admitting he used the municipal spy network to investigate prominent business and political leaders.

Councillors yesterday expressed shock and amazement that Magid had asked the council's security department to collect information on the trustees of Africa Cultural Trust.

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Milling Group chairman and Liberty Life director Peter Wrighton, DP Southern Transvaal executive member Irene Menell, Anglo American Corporation director Bobby Godsell, theatre director Benjy Francis and Mary Slack, daughter of Harry Oppenheimer and wife of another Anglo American director, Hank Slack.

"I am totally astonished by this ridiculous turn of events. We thought this Mr Eddy Magid was an

ordinary councillor trying to help us secure land for the trust. To have this spy intrigue is all ridiculous," Klaaste said.

The result of the investigation was an "unfavourable" report which advised Magid against involvement with such people.

Magid said in a statement that there was a major difference between information gathering and spying.

The spy probe also targeted five other trustees. Their involvement with the trust led to the council probe.

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By NKOPANE
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HISTORY was made on Friday when the Kempton Park Town Council agreed to provide the Tembisa Town Council with administrative expertise.

The agreement is the first of its kind in a metropolitan area.

The arrangement will not put an extra financial burden on Kempton Park residents.

The initial proposal advocating joint adminis-

tration was amended so that the assistance would be conducted on an agency basis to prevent financial implications for the ratepayers.

Kempton Park's management committee chairman Arie Korf said Tembisa was not being incorporated into the white municipality.

"We have taken these measures in order to save a nearly bankrupt Tembisa from total disaster and help it to get back on its feet," he said.

Tembisa mayor Solomon More has welcomed the move. He said Tembisa's debts, which amounted to more than R8 million in electricity and water accounts alone, would be best dealt with by an upgrading of standards.

Do not resign - Kriel

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should not allow themselves to be intimidated to resign and should instead stand up and say "no further", a senior Government official said.

The Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing, Mr. Hernus Kriel, said councillors were there to serve as well as attend to the needs of their communities.

Kriel was addressing guests during his visit to Duduza township on the East Rand where he presented the council with a new tractor and trailer to remove dirt.

The Minister said residents should not allow themselves to be intimidated into not paying for services - *Sowetan Reporter*



Aggrey Klaaste, shocked at what "trend" was doing



Bobby Godsell, condemned the councillor's actions



Mary Slack "Investigated" by Mr Magid



Peter Wrighton angry that funds were spent this way



Benji Francis also on the "Investigation" list

Spying row: Magid job on line

By Louise Burgers and Carina le Grange

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Mr Magid has long been at odds with certain councillors regarding town planning matters and the controversial civil spine project. Several councillors told The Star off the record that the latest controversy was a "golden" opportunity to remove Mr Magid from his town planning portfolio

Capture

There are also strong moves afoot in the National Party to try to capture Mr Magid's seat to equal the balance of power on the committee.

Mr Magid said in a statement that there was a major difference between information-gathering and spying. "I sought information. The

question of spying is totally anathema to me

"I received a request from Africa Culture for the council to donate valuable land. I believe it to be in the council's and the ratepayers' interests to seek information on the organisation making the request.

"The body entrusted with obtaining such information is the security department. Notwithstanding their reply in respect of the organisation, the eminence of the people involved led me to believe the council could willingly become involved in such a project," he said

DP councillor Claire Quail said she would propose a motion of no-confidence at the next DP caucus meeting on Mr Magid's continued presence on the committee

"Mr Magid's position on the management committee may have to be reconsidered," DP councillor Sias Reyneke stated. He said Mr Magid owed the

council an explanation because he had not disclosed that he knew of the spy network

DP caucus chairman Les Dishy said Mr Magid's position on the management committee was precarious

"All these people are held in high esteem in private and public life. I absolutely see no reason for such a probe to have gone on. To do it through a spy organisation, as alleged, is a shock," Mr Dishy said

Valued

NP council leader on the management committee Koos Roets said Mr Magid was a valued member of the committee

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson could not be reached for comment

Remaining management committee members refused to comment

Mr Magid was approached to help the trust to obtain "dere-

dict" potato sheds in Newtown, Johannesburg, to serve as a training centre for children

"We thought Eddy was our friend. To find out that we were spied upon is shocking," Sowetan editor Mr Klaaste said yesterday

Mr Klaaste said the trust was involved in a "splendid initiative which is positive and constructive". The trust had been established to foster the development of the arts among underprivileged and disadvantaged young people

Mr Godsell condemned Mr Magid's actions and those of the spy unit as a "most foolish waste of ratepayers' money".

He added "It does make me angry that with all the problems Johannesburg faces, very scarce funds had been spent on something like this."

Mr Wrighton said the spying scandal "would have been a laughing matter if it wasn't so sad"

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DP: what about prejudice victims?

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The Democratic Party yesterday proposed an amendment to the "essentially passive" Local Government Ordinance Amendment Bill (Transvaal).

Speaking in second-reading debate on the Bill in the House of Assembly, Tony Leon (DP Houghton) said that while it removed the lawful right to discriminate, it did not provide an enabling right not to be discriminated against.

The proposed amendment, entitled "Prohibition of Discrimination on the Grounds of Racial Class etc", specifies that a council shall not exercise any power or perform any duty conferred upon it "in a manner which results in discrimination against persons on the grounds of race or class"

"The failure of this Parliament to enact this clause in the Separate Amenities legislation last year, and our failure to do so in an ordinance of today's kind, means that we are not giving individuals the positive right not to be discriminated against

"Today's ordinance does not oblige municipalities to integrate facilities. We leave it to the common law"

The DP supported the Bill, however, as it removed "highly repugnant" expressions from the statute book

After the enactment of the Bill, Transvaal municipalities would be deprived of their power to enforce graveyard apartheid, the separate cleaning of the clothing of whites and blacks in laundries, and the enforced separate use and provision of elevators

"The Bill we are dealing with today vividly illustrates the kind of alienation, rejection and arrogance which the measures over the years, enforced by our provincial councils and city councils, have caused to millions of fellow

South Africans," Mr Leon said

Hendrik Bekker (NP Jeppe) said Mr Leon's approach to the subject was "overkill"

The National Party was against discrimination in any form and was committed to ridding the system of legal impediments "smelling of discrimination"

Mr Bekker recommended that the DP take the proposal to the negotiating table where a draft constitution would be discussed

The common law was able to handle cases of "stubborn municipalities"

Derek Christophers (NP Germiston) said "We want to kill apartheid but we don't want to antagonise everyone in sight"

He was referring to the possibility of a negative reaction from the Conservative Party to the proposed amendment

Proof

The Bill was a good thing as it was repugnant that people be buried separately purely on the basis of colour

"Finally in death we will be united," Mr Christophers said

The CP was against certain clauses in the Bill, Pikkie Coetzee (CP Middelburg) said

The party did not want to be part of integration and would not support it

The CP was also against the burial of separate races together

Minister of the Budget and Local Government Amie Venter said in reply to debate that the Bill was proof of the Government's desire to do away with racial discrimination.

The Government was busy with dynamic reform and any discriminatory measures in legislation would be done away with

The Bill was referred back to the joint standing committee — Sapa

CP boycott delays mayoral election

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By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

The election of a new mayor for Vanderbijlpark had to be postponed last night because of the lack of a quorum after the entire CP caucus failed to turn up at a town council meeting.

Lashing out afterwards at the CP contingent, including management committee chairman Gerhard Smith and the present mayor Hennie Pretorius, the leader of the NP caucus, Johan Kilian, described their behaviour as shocking.

"We regret and deplore the bad behaviour displayed by

those who are responsible for the running of the town.

"We also find it amazing that people who claim they are prepared to fight for a cause are too cowardly to turn up at such an important meeting," said Mr Kilian.

Insulting

According to Mr Kilian, Mr Smith and Mr Pretorius were spotted "speeding away" from the municipal complex about five minutes before the meeting was scheduled to start.

He added that all the department heads and other senior council officials had arrived for the meeting and that the "boor-

ish behaviour" of the CP caucus was an insult to members of the town council and local rate-payers.

He also said the NP caucus had already decided, in terms of standing orders, to hold the election meeting later this week. Further action concerning last night's incident was being planned.

Mr Smith was not available for comment last night.

According to Mr Kilian, the CP caucus decided at a special meeting last week to change the council's quorum to an attendance of 50 percent plus one.

This decision was apparently pushed through without any reason and with the casting vote of the mayor.

Conference: local government affairs

*3 Mr Y M MAKDA asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

- (1) Whether the Administrator and/or Executive Committee of the Transvaal hosted a conference on local government affairs in Pretoria on or about 12 February 1991, if so, what are the relevant details,
- (2) whether representatives of Black local authorities were invited, if not, why not,
- (3) whether representatives of Indian and Coloured management committees were invited, if not, why not in each case,
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING,
PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL
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- (1) The Administrator invited all White local governments to a meeting which took place at the CSIR on 12 February 1991. The primary objective of the meeting was to request White local governments to render assistance to Black local governments, and where possible to establish joint administrations between neighbouring local governments
- (2) No. The purpose of the discussion was to request specifically White local governments to assist. Discussions are already taking place on a local level between neighbouring local governments
- (3) No. Indian and Coloured Management Committees were not invited because the meeting was held with the specific aim to effect arrangements between White and Black local governments
- (4) The Administrator released a press statement after the meeting

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I would just like to inform hon members that the time for questions is about to run out. If hon

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members want to hear the response to Question 4, then hon members had better not ask supplementary questions

Mr Y M MAKDA Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, as the hon the Deputy Minister has said that members of Indian and Coloured management committees were not invited and in view of the possibility of agreements between Black and White local authorities, will the hon the Deputy Minister concede that the areas administered by White local authorities affect Indian and Coloured people, because they also contribute to the tax base?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS There is no doubt about their contribution to the tax base, but the hon member will realise and know, because he is involved, that we are in the process of looking at new third-tier government structures. In the interim, however, we have to function within the existing structures

Black boycotts: RSCs levied

PATRICK BULGER

TRANSVAAL regional regional services councils (RSCs) have been asked to hand over 15% of their budgets to compensate for rent and service payment boycotts in black townships

The move by the TPA will drain much needed funds from development projects and put added pressure on RSCs to increase levies on businesses in their areas

The request was made in a letter to the RSCs late last month which said the Greater Soweto area and Alexandra township alone would receive grants of up to R131,8m from central government through the TPA this year

Between September last year and the end of this month, the Central Witwatersrand RSC passed on R170m of its approximately R400m budget as bridging finance to crippled black local authorities

The RSC decided yesterday to defer a decision on whether to raise loans to finance the bridging finance or whether it would increase levies

Earlier this week the East Rand RSC decided on a 21% increase in tariffs Chair-

man Leon Ferreira said the TPA wanted R22,63m for bridging finance, but that there was no link between the levy hike and the amount paid as bridging finance

In terms of an earlier agreement with the TPA, the Central Wits RSC was to have paid bridging finance only until the end of this month. "Such funds were intended to compensate for the non-viability of black towns," the TPA said in its letter

It cited government's previous policy of not accepting the permanence of urban blacks, limited income from rent and service fees, rapid urbanisation, low incomes, unemployment and intimidation as reasons for the councils' non-viability

The TPA said the minimum contribution of 15% was "unavoidable"

The Central Wits RSC will consider the matter further after a meeting with provincial officials and Finance Minister Bar-end du Plessis

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Councils are down by R23-m

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BRIDGING finance for the Greater Soweto, Diepmeadow and Alexandra councils has been slashed by R23 million this year.

The councils will this year receive R131,8 million, down from R155,6 million last year.

This emerged at the monthly meeting of Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council this week.

The Alexandra Council will receive R10,1 million, up from last year's R9,4 million, Diepmeadow R25 million, down from last year's R32 million, Dobsonville

By **DON SEOKANE**

R6,6 million, almost the same as last year, and Soweto R90 million, down from last year's R107 million.

Chairman of the CWRSC Mr John Griffith said yesterday insufficient funds from the Government meant that people who did not pay tariffs would not receive services.

The bridging finance, provided by the TPA, is necessary to keep the councils afloat following crippling rent boycotts that hit Reef councils for about seven years.

Regional Services

Councils have been asked by the Government to contribute a minimum of 15 percent of their income for expenses on essential services.

Griffith said even with the grant from the Government and the 15 percent from the RSCs, the present level of payments did not guarantee that services would be maintained on a continuous level.

Anger over TPA man's statements

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THE Civics Association of Southern Transvaal and the ANC have condemned a Transvaal Provincial Administration official for warning activists campaigning for the removal of local councillors.

The official, TPA executive council member for housing Mr John Mavuso, had said people, who he did not identify, were capable of "organising resistance" to action against the councillors.

In separate statements, both organisations said Mavuso's comments were "inflammatory, irresponsible and tantamount to the creation of a war psychosis".

Mavuso had also said that the councillors had the backing of the Inkatha Freedom Party, implying a connection between the IFP and potential "resistance".

By **DON SEOKANE**

The ANC called on the IFP to distance itself from Mavuso's comments.

"At a time when leaders of the IFP and ANC are trying to bring peace to our trouble-torn townships, Mavuso's statements subtract rather than add to this momentum," Mr Ronnie Mamoepa of the ANC's PWV regional office said.

Attack

Mr Sam Ntuli of Cast said Mavuso's statements were irresponsible in the present political climate.

He said Cast could not understand why any organisation outside the Government should show support for an unrepresentative and corrupt system that is impeding progress towards resolving problems in the townships.



Black councils still owe Eskom R120-m

By Sven Lunsche ^{star} 22/3/91

Black town councils owe Eskom R120 million in outstanding electricity payments, Eskom chief executive Ian McRae said yesterday.

Presenting the group's 1990 annual report, he said the supply of electricity to the townships had become almost completely politicised over the past year.

Many township residents had refused to pay their electricity rates to the city councils, who pay bulk rates to Eskom. In response Eskom had cut off electricity supplies to many of the councils.

Eskom general manager of finance Mick Davies yesterday said Eskom sold about R250 million worth of electricity to black townships last year.

Total arrears this month were recorded at about R120 million and Eskom listed R95 million of this as an abnormal item in its latest balance sheet.

Although Mr Davies stressed this was not a write-off, listing the amount separately on the balance sheet is an indication that repayment will be difficult.

Despite these financial problems, Mr McRae said Eskom was committed to the electrification programmes in black townships.

"Roughly two-thirds of South Africa's population still have no electricity at home," he said.

Mr McRae said the availability of electricity was essential for the country's stable economic growth.

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Councillors warn after bomb attack

SOWETO'S three councils "have power behind them", the Greater Soweto Council Committee warned yesterday. *Soweto 22/3/91*

The committee was reacting to the recent petrol bombing of the home of a Diepmeadow councillor.

In a statement released yesterday, the committee said it took a serious view of the incident.

Statement

It repeated its statement made last month that "an injury to one councillor is an injury to all".

"We also would like to point out that people must follow the example of our leaders. Mr Nelson Mandela does not throw petrol bombs at President FW de Klerk or vice versa. - Sapa."

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The housing crisis: who will solve it?

If we look at the class struggle today, one of the first things we will notice is the very militant housing struggles the working class is fighting. This latest wave of housing struggles started with the Defiance Campaign of 1989. Since then it has spread to different places around the country, and has also become more militant. Although the struggles around housing have spread to many places, they have been concentrated mainly in the Transvaal.

The purpose of this series of articles on housing is to add to the discussion on why there is a housing crisis facing the working class in the first place. It is also to look critically at some of the solutions that are being proposed. Hopefully these articles will then assist the working class in coming to an understanding of what its political and organisational tasks are in the struggle for proper housing.

This week we want to start by looking at the important features of the present rent and services struggles.

● The first point we have mentioned already is that the rents and service charges boycotts have spread nationally in the last year. But it is mainly in the Transvaal that these struggles have been most widespread and intense. Fifty two out of eighty townships in the Transvaal are presently boycotting rent and/or service charge payments. The rent struggles spread across the eastern and western Transvaal, through the northern Transvaal townships including Atteridgeville and Mamelodi in Pretoria, down the southern Transvaal, right into the Vaal area.

● The second feature of these struggles is that they are not all new struggles. In the case of the Vaal townships, the rent boycott has been going on since 1984. In Soweto, the boycott has been going since 1986. In other cases, such as in Alexandria, the township residents have again picked up the fight which they first began in the 1984 - 1986 period - a fight which the state crushed through the states of emergency. In many of the eastern and western Transvaal townships, the rent struggles are new, and more directly related to either the Defiance Campaign of 1989 or political developments after February 2 1990, when the ANC, SACP and PAC were unbanned. These political developments definitely inspired a new sense of confidence in the working class which intensified its mass struggles. It is clear though that in all 3 cases, it was this new confidence of the working class that led to the renewed militancy with which the class tackled this old problem.

● The third feature is the common causes and demands that we can see in these struggles. In most cases, the immediate cause of the rents and service charge boycotts was that either the rents or the service charges were too high. In the same way, the townships have all put forward a common set of demands.

In the next few weeks, we want to look more closely at the civic struggles around rent, service charges, squatting and hostels.

We will look at why they have erupted again, why they have been concentrated mainly in the Transvaal and what demands the masses are making around housing. We also want to look at why the state builds houses for the working class, how this benefits the bosses and why the bosses themselves will not build houses for the working class. In other words, we will show that it is capitalism that creates the housing crisis. But this raises the question: can capitalism solve the housing crisis? We will look at the 'solutions' of the state and the bosses to see if they will satisfy the needs of the working class. At the same time, we will need to look at some of the solutions that have come from the democratic movement itself.



These demands have been

- * removal of the Black Local Authorities and councillors
- * reduction of rent and service charges to an affordable level
- * writing off of arrears owed by residents
- * upgrading of services
- * transfer of the houses to the residents
- * more land for development
- * one tax base
- * a single non-racial municipality

The demands for the removal and resignation of the community councillors, for one tax base and for single non-racial municipalities have all given the rent struggles a strong political undertone.

● The fourth feature is the very militant action that residents have engaged in around the rent struggles. From the time of the Defiance Campaign, some of the militant action has included marches on and the burning down of community councillors houses. The forced resignation and scrapping of the community councils has been a big feature of the present campaign. It is also the first time this issue has been taken up again since the 1984-1986 period. Other actions have included consumer boycotts, not only of councillors businesses but also of white businesses in the adjoining white municipalities. Perhaps the most militant action has been the single-township stayaways that have been called, such as

on east rand, Alex and places even like Middleburg.

When workers from single townships like Alex stayaway, it is easier for the bosses to dismiss them or victimise them. Workers living in Alex work in many different areas, so they are not the majority in some of the factories where they work. They are therefore in a relatively weak position when they stay away. In spite of this, all the single-townships stayaways have been very successful. This shows the militancy of the rent struggles.

● The fifth feature has been the renewed building of civic organisations in the townships, together with street, area, block and zone committees. The state of emergency definitely broke many of the civic organisations that were then part of the UDF. The latest wave of rent struggles has been accompanied by a strong emphasis on rebuilding township organisations. Throughout 1990 we read about the launching or re-launching of the civic organisations. But it must be said that the level of organisational re-building has been very uneven. In some townships, strong street, block and area committees have been built. These function regularly to discuss the on-going housing struggle and give mandates and direction to the civic leadership.

In other cases, the grass-root struc-

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tures are not so strong. There the leadership depends more on mass rallies to involve the residents more directly and to get mandates from the. In yet other cases, no structures exist at all, and it is only a small activist layer that is actively involved in the struggle, although most residents might actually be boycotting rent and service charge payment.

● The sixth feature is related to the problem of uneven levels of organisation. This is the problem of absolutely no co-ordination of the various rent struggles. This has been the single-biggest weakness of the rent struggles in the recent period. How many times have we not seen one township engage in a march and a stayaway one week, only to be followed by a similar march and stayaway the following week by the township right next door. Kaitleng and Vosloorus are just one example of this kind of problem. The result of this lack of co-ordination has been to weaken all the different rent struggles.

We have seen this weakening of the rent struggles by the way in which the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has responded to the rents boycott crisis. The TPA has taken full advantage of the lack of a co-ordinated housing campaign and has tried to divide the townships even further. In some cases like Soweto, the TPA has agreed to write off all arrears payments. In other cases like the Eastern Transvaal, the TPA has agreed merely to freeze the payment of arrears. This means that at some point, the residents would still have to pay the money that is outstanding. The TPA has also used the flat-rate in this divisive way. In some cases it has agreed to a flat rate of R60, in other cases it insists on a flat rate of R70.

This TPA strategy has really weakened the civic struggles. The formation of the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) was a big step forward for the working class. Co-ordination of the various rent struggles should now be more possible. But it is alarming that individual civics still negotiate separately with the TPA. In other words, individual civics are still trying to solve a problem that is really a very big one, and can only be solved on a much higher political and organisational level.

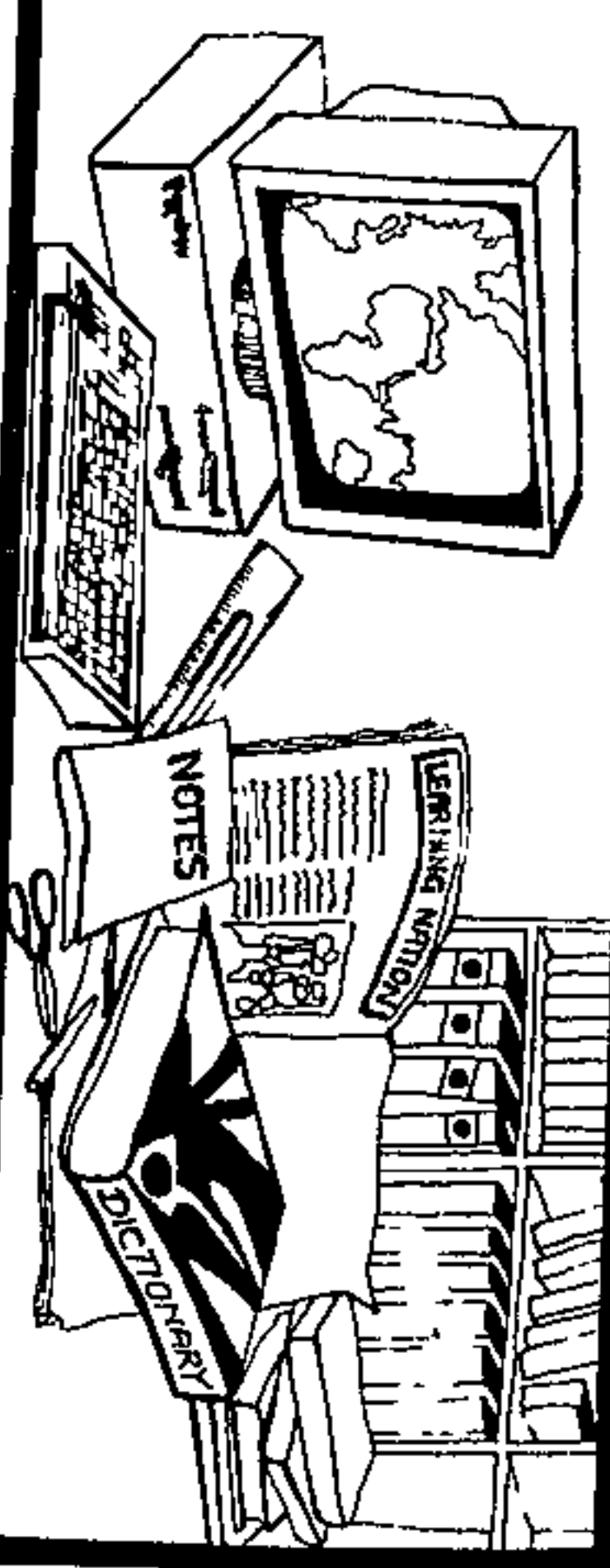
These have been the main features of the rents and service charge struggles that we have seen over the last 18 months. Next week we will look at the source of the housing crisis and why it has become so serious again.

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RESOURCES



Taking action on resources

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Learning Nation used a dictionary as a resource to find a definition of a library. The Oxford dictionary says that a library is "a room or building in which is kept a collection of books, public or private." But is that really all that a library is? This definition sounds more like a store-room. What is missing from this definition is the activity that takes place in a library and the fact that libraries must make books and resources available for people to use.

Different libraries have different functions and different reasons for their existence. There are different libraries such as school libraries, public libraries, specialist libraries, business, academic, professional, workers' and community libraries. The way in which libraries are used will be different depending on the purpose of the library. A professional library in a business company will be very different to a community library based in a township. One would not expect to find a group of workers sitting and debating the need for centralised bargaining in a plush library located in the offices of a big company. One may well expect to find this happening in a community library. One would not expect to find professors and academics using a primary school library to do technical research. Different kinds of libraries serve the different needs of

agrees to read a particular book, article or chapter. Once everyone has read it, either before the meeting or together at the meeting, the group then discusses and analyses the text. The books or articles for the reading group could be photocopied or borrowed from public libraries, trade union education officers, service organisations or community resource centres.

You might like to set up a reading group to work through and discuss articles from Learning Nation. You could collect all the Learning Nation articles in a file so that you have a complete set of articles which you can refer to. Files for keeping all the articles together can be bought at the Learning Nation offices.

A reading club: To set up a reading club you need a group of people who have similar reading interests. A reading club works on the basis of each person buying a book every few months. Each person reads their book and then passes it on to someone else in the reading club who in turn reads it and then passes it on to the next person. If for example, there are five people in your reading club and you each get a new book every few months, in the end you will have the opportunity to each read five different books instead of just the one that you bought. It's important to remember that all the people in the reading club should have similar reading interests. The club might not work very well if someone buys books on metal-working, another on political theory and another buys romantic novels. Unless people in the group are interested in all

* Do people have money to set up a resource unit or are they trying to set it up with resources that they can get for free?

How would you know or find out what people's resource needs are? You could send a questionnaire to people living in a particular area. If it is a resource unit for your youth league branch, for example, you could put it on the agenda and discuss it at a branch meeting. You could write an article in your civic newsletter, trade union newspaper, SRC newsletter or branch newsletter. You could put up posters inviting people to attend a meeting to discuss the resource unit. You could even phone a radio station and ask them to advertise the fact that there will be a meeting in a particular township or community centre where the issue of a resource unit will be discussed. You could discuss the resource unit with friends or tell people about it while you're waiting at the taxi rank or train station.

Once you have established what people's resource needs are, you can begin setting up the particular resource unit that people would like.

Next week we will look at how to set up a community resource centre and will give you the contact numbers of a range of different resource centre projects that can offer guidance in setting up a community resource centre.



The books in libraries should be determined by the needs of people who use that library and the information needs that they have. If it is a public library, there should be books that serve the interests of everyone in that society. If it is a specialist library it may only have information on a particular topic such as archaeology and might only serve a few specialists who have a specific interest in that area.

How easy is it to get reading resources?

Public libraries are often inadequately stocked and do not always cater for the needs of all their users. There are seldom bookshops and very few libraries in South African townships and the majority of South Africans do not have access to reading materials. Most books are very expensive and people cannot afford to buy them. Resources are often centralised in the urban areas and people living in rural areas have very little access to reading resources - in some rural areas it is very difficult even to get hold of a newspaper! For all these reasons and because the majority of South Africans have very little leisure time in which to read, we have not developed a strong reading culture.

How can we begin to cater for the reading and information needs of our community? We need to find ways of getting resources to the people who need them and to provide people with information about where to go to get the information they need. This article and the next one are going to look at how to go about setting up a resource unit or resource centre in your community, at your place of work, or in your trade union.

There are a number of different ways of getting reading resources to people. One could set up a reading group or club, a suitcase library, a book box project, or even a community resource centre.

Here is a brief outline explaining what some of the different kinds of resource units are:

A reading group: To set up a reading group you need a group of people who are interested in reading about a particular issue for example, the history of trade union struggles or practical teaching methods. The group then

will become frustrated and not want to stay in the reading club. It's a good idea to hold discussion sessions on a particular issue or book once a number of people have read the book. Once everyone has read the book you bought you can ask for it back or you could all agree to set up a reading club mini-library where all the books will be kept or you could give the books to a group of people who might be setting up a community resource centre.

A suitcase library: A group of people, for example, a trade union local or a civic could get together and decide that they want to build up a collection of books that they want to read. They can either buy books for the library or get them donated. The books can be kept in a suitcase in the civic or trade union local's meeting place. People can then take out books to read by writing their name, contact address and the title of the book in a notebook which is also kept in the suitcase. As with the reading groups or clubs, people can meet together to discuss what they have read.

A book box: A book box is a bigger version of a suitcase library. It is usually a portable wooden box with shelves which contain a collection of books. There are some service organisations which provide community-based organisations with book boxes on request. Some book box projects provide study materials for students and teachers and others provide a range of resources such as information to be used by trade union educators and organisers, socio-political novels, political theory, skills and craft manuals or poetry and plays. These book boxes or mini-libraries can be borrowed and set up at the venue used by your organisation.

Before you can decide about setting up any of these resource units, you need to find out a number of things. Here is a list of things one should check before setting up a resource unit:

- * who will use the resource unit?
- * what kind of resources do people want?
- * what kind of resource unit do people want?
- * where will the resources be kept - what venue can be used?
- * who will be responsible for co-ordinating the use of the resources?
- * Is there a need to set up a co-ordinating committee?



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 If you are interested in finding out more about these different resource units you can contact the following organisations:

For information on:

1) Suitcase libraries:

COSAW

P.O Box 421007,

Fordsburg, 2033,

tel (011) 833-2530

2) Book box projects and reading groups

Community Resource and Information

Centre (CRIC)

P.O Box 31621

Braamfontein 2017 Johannesburg

Tel: (011) 403-2340

EWE: Sached

P.O Box 320, Grahamstown, 6140,

tel (0461) 26415

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P.O Box 30994, Braamfontein, 2017,

tel (011) 403-2830



Councils owe Eskom R120-m

BLACK town councils owe Eskom R120 million in outstanding electricity payments, says Eskom chief executive Ian McRae *Sowetan*.

Presenting the group's 1990 annual report McRae said that the supply of electricity to the townships had become almost completely politicised over the last year. 25/3/91

Many township residents have refused to pay their electricity rates to the city councils, who pay bulk rates to Eskom. In response Eskom has cut off electricity supplies to many of the councils.

Giant

Eskom's general manager, finance, Mick Davies said that the utility giant had sold about R250-m worth of electricity to black townships last year.

Total arrears this month were recorded at about R120-m and Eskom listed R95-m of this as an abnormal item in its latest balance sheet.

Although Davies stresses that this is not a write-off.

Despite these financial problems McRae said Eskom was committed to the electrification programmes in black townships. - Sapa

Funds for township bulk services run out

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By Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau

Bulk services such as water, refuse removal and sewerage may no longer be provided to most East Rand townships next month because of a lack of funds

The East Rand Regional Services Council has been providing funds for bulk services, but at its monthly meeting last week it said it no longer had the money to do so

The funds given to the local authorities for bulk

services were originally intended to be used for capital development, but were diverted by the Transvaal Provincial Administration

Tokoza Administrator Gert Muller said the TPA had made R4,5 million available to his council for the next financial year. This amount was not even enough to pay for the salaries of his staff

Mr Muller said his council was negotiating with the TPA to review the matter

TPA tables R4,9bn budget

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration's R4,9bn budget, which was tabled yesterday, provides for R400m in non-repayable grants to impoverished black townships *blpaw 27/3/91*.

Almost half the R4,9bn will be spent on health services, while the allocation for roads has been cut by 4%.

Presenting the budget to the Extended Public Committee on Provincial Affairs in Pretoria, Administrator Danie Hough said from April 1 the province would stop providing townships with bridging loans to finance essential services.

Instead, it would implement a system of intergovernmental (*interowerheids*) grants aimed at ensuring a more fair distribution of assistance to all communities.

He said the funds would not be granted to finance boycotts but rather to help communities where personal income was so low that people were unable to pay economic rates.

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Hough said government's fiscal policy made the TPA a major player in regional development and welfare.

Dynamic changes, rapid urbanisation and population growth in the PWV required the TPA to devise new strategies and plan intensively for additional facilities, particularly for health services and infrastructural development for community development.

The community development allocation has been increased almost 10% to R1,37bn, compared with last year's R1,242bn. This includes the R400m in grants.

Approximately half the budget will be spent on health services which have been allocated R2,336bn — a 17,8% increase on last year's budgeted amount.

Hough said the TPA had adjusted its priorities to provide funds for the render-

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TPA budget

ing of the most essential emergency services *blpaw 27/3/91*

The roads budget, however, had been cut by about 4%, from R561m to R539m.

Hough said that while an effective roads network remained a priority, limited funds meant the province had had to cut back on road construction and maintenance. He said government would have to rely increasingly on the co-operation of the private sector in this regard.

Other budgetary items are R30,6m for

nature and conservation (R27,1m last year), R249,8m (R234,2m) for works, R26,7m (R20,4m) for library and museum services and R227m (R189,6m) for general administration.

Hough said the R4,9bn requested was 13,45% more than last year's R4,3bn vote but once the R183m for the improvement of staff's conditions of service was excluded, the increase was 9,26% — an amount much lower than the inflation rate.

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R5-bn TPA budget stresses upliftment

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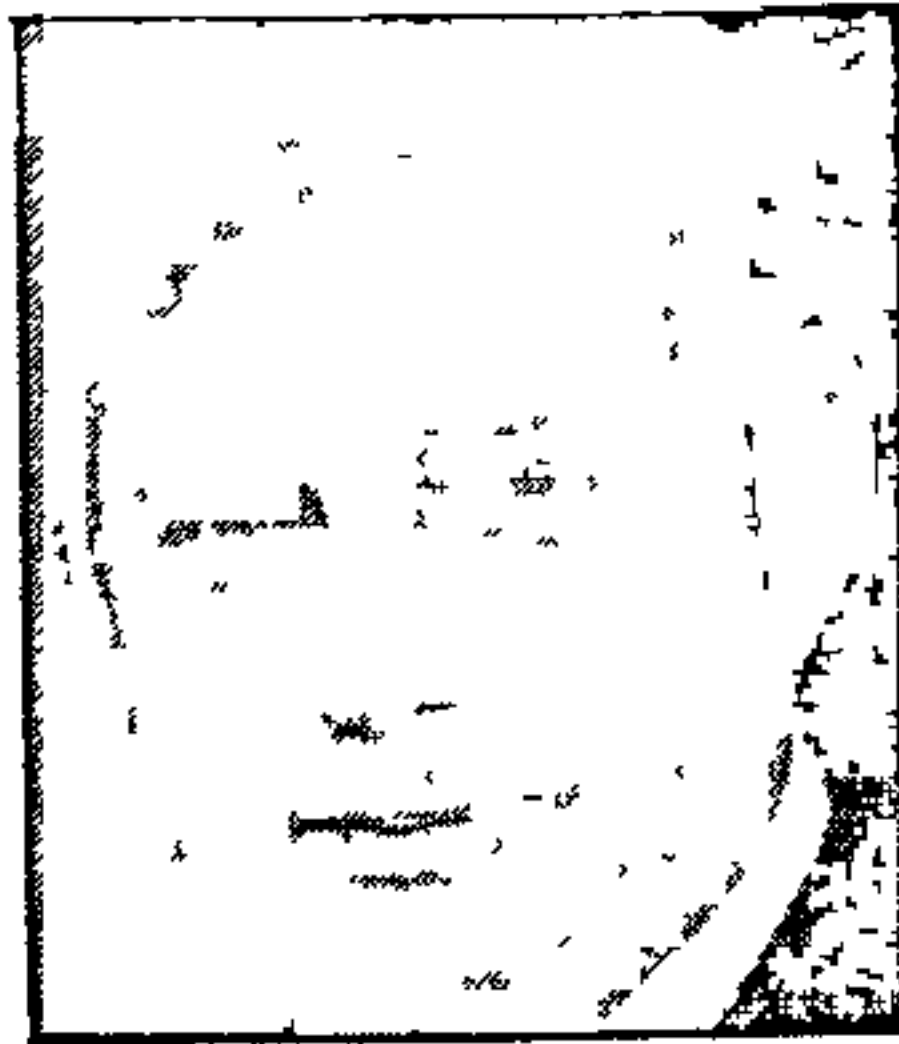
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Mr Hough warned that limited funds had forced a cut-back on the construction of new roads. And the maintenance of existing roads in the Transvaal, with an estimated replacement value of R21,2 billion, had deteriorated at an alarming rate

He said the present form of provincial government was not representative, not elected, did not have its own legislative body, its functions were limited and it had only limited revenue-sources

Mavuso should resign - DP

THE Democratic Party suggested Transvaal MPC Mr John Mavuso should consider resigning.

The call was made by Mr Dave Dalling DP MP for Sandton, who said members of the Transvaal Executive Committee

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should be impartial

Dalling said Mavuso was reported to have told a crowd of 50 000 that if the ANC carried on with intimidation to force local councillors to resign, organised resistance

would follow

He asked whether these were the words of the person dignified to be appointed MEC, or those of a "captain of an Inkatha Impi" - *Own Correspondent*

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Transvaal's poor get big slice of Budget

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration this week asked approval for a record R5 billion Budget - with the major slice going to the upliftment of disadvantaged communities.

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Land

Hough said the Government's White Paper on land reform had placed the emphasis on the provision of suitable land for informal housing which may subsequently be upgraded.

The acquisition of land for this purpose had been put "at the top of the list".

The TPA's community Development Branch had made "excellent" progress in the past year in the establishment of informal towns, Hough added.

Regarding bridging finance to black local authorities, Hough said from April 1 the TPA would change over to from the existing system of bridging loans to a system of intergovernmental grants.

"I wish to emphasise that these funds are not granted to finance boycotts, but that they are grants to those com-

low that they are unable to pay economic rates," he said.

Resistance actions against local government and unrest in the black townships had also affected the Health Services Branch and had "an enormous effect" on hospitals in the province.

"As far as health services are concerned, this Budget makes it possible, through priority adjust-

ment, that very necessary funds can be provided for the rendering of the most essential emergency services," Hough said.

While the provision of roads remained a priority, limited funds had necessitated a cutback on the construction of new roads.

Funds will be channelled towards the maintenance of the existing road network.

Mr DANIE HOUGH

Bridging finance of R1,3bn 'given away'

TRANSVAAL black local authorities have repaid just 0,1% or R1,3m of the R1,3bn in bridging finance provided to them by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) over the past five years

MEC for Local Government Olaus van Zyl said in Pretoria yesterday the TPA had not intended the bridging loans to be repaid because they had been given to non-viable communities that could not afford to run essential services.

The TPA has budgeted R410,9m for bridging finance this year.

Last year R428m was paid out.

In an information document, he said since last August payment of bridging finance had been limited to R10,5m a month after the province had paid out R120m more than estimated between April and July.

Van Zyl said the boycotts had lasted longer than expected, forcing the TPA to cut bridging finance.

The comprehensive payments boycotts which start-

ed last March resulted in the amount of levies, rents and service charges unpaid jumping by 132% by last December compared with the previous year

He said from July between 53 and 60 black towns experienced payments boycotts.

In January 1990 about 55% of amounts levied were collected but by December this declined to about 32% a month.

Essential

In 1989 an average 54% of rents and service charges had been collected compared with 70% in 1988

He said bridging finance was not aimed at financing boycotts but at maintaining essential services in economically non-viable black local governments.

For better control and co-ordination of funds, the TPA had decided that from April 1 it would hand over to regional services councils the amounts it had allocated in bridging finance.

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Beyond boycotts: Tale of two civics



Talking it out... Sakhile Civic Association members meet a Transvaal Provincial Administration delegation to iron out difficulties in the township

SHOVED almost out of sight behind a bookshelf in the Sakhile Civic Association's office is a nicely framed certificate. Presented to the councillors of this Standarden township by the Department of Co-operation and Development, it wishes them a "fruitful and successful tenure in office" \\\Mw\\ 283-4\\4\\91

That was some time ago and the councillors are all gone. It is the civic now that is housed in the township administration buildings. "We went to the community to ask for a place to meet," says the SCA's Dan Soko. "They said we have already paid for that building. Go and get a place there."

It was the politics of defiance, including a five-month rent and service charge boycott, which helped persuade the Sakhile councillors to resign, albeit one at a time. But for some time now the civic has been more concerned with getting on with the politics of development. A few doors down a dimly-lit corridor from their office, they sit in a spacious meeting room with a group of men in suits. This is the civic's first meeting with CM Zayman, the Transvaal Provincial Administration's newly-appointed director for their region. The opening rounds are pretty fierce.

"We are here to talk about bridging finance," says Petrus Dlamini of the SCA. "The TPA was supposed to provide money for paying administration salaries while we paid service charges to meet the cost of the bulk supply. Now we find that our money is being used to pay those workers."

Soko adds his piece. "We were sent a circular saying the bridging finance is now cut, which is unfair to the people of Sakhile and to the people of Standarden who have been so fair and patient to us. We have been paying for our bulk supply. If we had not agreed to do this, we would still be on boycott. And now the money is not being used for what we paid for."

Zayman listens as others repeat and amplify the charges, then speaks. The TPA has already given Sakhile large amounts in bridging finance, he says. There will be more assistance, but he cannot at this point say how much. The arrears many townships face — Sakhile's is currently around R860 000 — have been caused by the rent boycotts, he says, and not by any steps taken by the TPA. "Don't forget that in 82 townships the TPA was already making good the difference between the actual cost of services and what people paid for them. Then the boycotts came and the TPA now has no more money," he says.

There is some common ground. The civic set a flat rate for services when it lifted the boycott and from January, following a residents' meeting, brought in an increase of R10. "With this increase we thought that we would meet our bulk supply and start paying off our deficit," says Soko.

"The fact that you have done this

proves to the TPA that you are prepared to pay for your services," says Zayman. "How much you pay can be negotiated. We will be prepared to meet you somewhere along the road. What we need to find out is who can pay what, and then we can draw up a proper budget for Sakhile."

Zayman argues that the current flat rate in effect means "that the poor subsidise the rich". The civic members agree that if all electricity and water meters are repaired — at the TPA's expense — the residents will return to paying a metered rate. "Now at least we know where we stand," Zayman concludes. The meeting ends with handshakes and thumb shakes all round, and then it's back to work.

The SCA does not just spend its time in meetings. Members help identify land where squatters can set up homes — they too pay service charges — and assist with building. The kids of Sakhile have been coaxed back to school, but the civic has met the DET and set up a working committee with student, parent and teacher representation to look at ongoing problems.

More school buildings have been put up — "contractors building houses here have been persuaded to help," says Soko.

"We hope to get local contractors to fix the roads," says Soko. "That way we can persuade them to do a little bit extra if we offer them some of our labour."

But the SCA is trying to keep this pos-

itive approach afloat on some very uncertain currents. First, negotiated settlements to boycotts could unravel if government fails to fund arrears and ensure ongoing development.

And if the plug is pulled, boycotts could easily begin again. "We are quite aware that people should pay but when they pay for something they should be happy with it," Soko says. "When people go round the township and look at the roads and the rubbish, they get angry with us. What are we paying for, they ask?"

There is also uncertainty about the future shape of local government. "We are committed to negotiating for one local authority," says Soko. That might sound impossible in a town where FV de Klerk has been driven out of the town hall. But the civic has already forged some bonds.

Alex Steenkamp, the Standarden Town Clerk, was made administrator of the township — with Dlamini as his adviser — following the council's collapse. "We suggested Steenkamp to the TPA because he is experienced in running this town," Soko says. "And be-

sides one municipality is our eventual aim. With everything you have to start somewhere."

If you stand on the southern edge of Watville township you can see with one sweep of the eye just how scrambled local government can get.

Away in the distance is Dalpark, a white area of CP-controlled Brakpan, whose residents have asked for the building of a wall to surround their suburb. There is an industrial area that falls under equally conservative Boksburg, open land that belongs to Benoni and some land for which a major manufacturing house holds surface rights.

Watville is, in theory at least, under the control of the Watville Town Council — except for one long strip, which is a cemetery for Indians. Living nearby under the control of the Actionville local authority, they die under the auspices of the Benoni City Council.

Growing up in the midst of all this is the city's most precocious child, Tamboville. Last year, the Watville Concerned Residents Committee (WVCR) led residents on to this land and, armed

with pegs and string, they began marking out residential sites, each 240 metres square. The initial upshot was the arrival of police and arrests. But the long-term result was negotiations between the WVCR and the Benoni City Council which owns the land and the establishment of a Joint Technical Committee, with R2-million in city funds, to run Tamboville.

"This land was standing empty," says the WVCR's Abie Nyalunga. "At a meeting of residents, we decided to make it available to people on the waiting list we had drawn up — the council wouldn't let us look at them. Watville has a housing stock of 2 611 and a population of around 40 000 people. Something had to be done."

Tamboville presently consists of 182 sites, each in varying stages of occupancy. Essential services have been in place since August — work is under way to make another 500 sites ready. Hostel dwellers have been included in the first allocation, and more will be given sites in the later phases. "We are making it clear that this is for the community as a whole," Nyalunga says.

The land, he says, was earmarked for sale to the Watville Town Council which in turn would have passed it on to private developers.

When that approach was taken in the past, the cheapest house went on sale at R40 000, a monthly payment of some R680. "Watville residents have never been able to afford those kind of houses," Nyalunga says. "They have always been bought by people from outside."

The people of Tamboville now pay for land use and a rent is being negotiated. The WVCR is looking at developing a concept of "collective land ownership," Nyalunga says. "We are prepared to pay affordable charges for services we get. And when people are involved in the planning and construction of their township, things always work out better."

The WVCR has called for the resignation of the town council. "It is going to be difficult to set up real development projects in Watville while the council is still there. But at the same time we don't want to get bogged down in trying to get them out," Nyalunga says.

That may be because the prospects of a single authority for the town look good. "Benoni fully supports the idea of one city, one council," Nyalunga says. "And so far the working relationships in the joint committee are good, even if we have our heated debates. We learn from them and they learn from us."

THE COMMUNITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION RESOURCE CENTRE (CDRRC)

The CDRRC is a recently established resource centre for the community dispute resolution process.

R410-m grant for black local authorities

Pretoria Correspondent

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has appropriated more than R410 million as bridging finance to non-viable black local authorities in the next financial year.

However, financial assistance will not be given in the form of bridging loans as in the past, but as inter-governmental grants, MEC for local government and regional services councils Olaus van Zyl has told the Extended Public Committee on Provincial Affairs

Decline

In an information document tabled before the committee, Mr van Zyl said "comprehensive payment boycotts" had resulted in a sharp decline in col-

lection of rates and a sharp increase in arrears

In the Transvaal, an average of only 35,2 percent of rent and service charges had been collected, and the accumulated arrears now stood at more than R996 million

Apart from the non-payment of municipal accounts because of "intimidation", the reasons for the weak financial position of black councils were

- The "tremendous" backlog in the development of black townships stemming from the past Government policy that blacks were not permanent residents of their towns
- The lack of industries and businesses in the black townships, depriving them in a large measure from site and service-charge revenue
- Rapid urbanisation and over-population which placed great pressure on the upgrading of services



Olaus van Zyl . inter-governmental grants

- Inadequate adjustment of tariffs
- The cost spiral causing local governments to fall out of pace with their revenue

Purporting

Negotiations to bring an end to payment boycotts had been conducted with all civic associations and were continuing, Mr van Zyl said.

However, organisations "purporting to be representative of the residents have thus far been unable to fulfil agreements where such agreements had been reached", he added

Inter-governmental grants would be paid over to regional services councils for co-ordination with funds made available by black councils themselves, Mr van Zyl said

Poor pay 'impeding conservation'

Pretoria Correspondent

The "extremely unfavourable" salaries of nature conservation officials was "seriously impeding" nature conservation in the Transvaal, MEC for nature conservation Fanie Ferreira said yesterday

In a document tabled before the extended Public Committee on Provincial Affairs, Mr Ferreira said while 15 percent of posts in the nature conservation branch were vacant, the main cause for concern were the numerous vacant senior posts

"This must receive urgent attention in view of the ever-increasing environmental degradation and the serious consequences this has for the envisaged economic and social development programmes"

The goal of the TPA's nature conservation policies was to put 1,5 percent of the province's land under formal protection within five years. This meant about 35 000 ha of land had to be bought each year

'Heavy pressure on councillors'

Pretoria Correspondent

Black councillors in the Transvaal are being pressured to resign because of "tremendous opposition" to the system of black local government as well as for the promotion of private political aims, according to MEC for local government and regional services councils Olaus van Zyl

In an information document tabled before the Extended Public Committee on Provincial Affairs in Pretoria, Mr van Zyl said 324 seats in black local councils — almost 47 percent — were currently vacant

About 224 of the vacancies

had resulted from intimidation, Mr van Zyl said

In terms of the Black Local Authorities Act, administrators had to be appointed for 39 black councils which could no longer function as councils because they could not reach a quorum

He said the intimidation campaign had recently been extended to coloured and Indian management committees, but at present only two coloured and one Indian management committee could not function because they lacked a quorum

"While the Government agrees that a negotiated system of local government should be created, it is a pity that the at-

tacks and attempts to destroy the present system are still being pursued and that intimidation should be the chief means of persuasion," Mr van Zyl said

"It raises the question whether the intimidators and even those who so conspicuously condone intimidation really desire a democratic system for South Africa"

Interim measures to eliminate shortcomings in the present system should be negotiated, and the Government was considering passing legislation during this session of Parliament to provide for such negotiated structures

Hospitals can't open to all races overnight — MEC

Pretoria Correspondent

Guidelines have been formulated for the opening of provincial hospitals to all races, but "practical arrangements" have prevented full implementation of the new policy, says MEC for health services Fanie Ferreira

Replying to a question from Jac Rabie, United Democratic Party MP for Reiger Park, during the provincial budget debate in Pretoria, Mr Ferreira said "culture, language and eating habits of patients" had prevented the opening of hospitals "overnight"

He said the process of implementation of the new policy guidelines was at an advanced, but transitional, stage

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General Affairs

Blacks: housing shortage

104 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

- (1) What is it estimated was the shortage of housing for Blacks in the Republic, excluding the self-governing territories, at the end of 1990,
- (2) how many houses were provided in each province in 1990 for such Blacks by (a) the State, (b) local authorities and (c) the private sector,
- (3) when is it estimated that this shortage will be eliminated?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

Transvaal

- (1) 323 848 houses
- (2) (a) None
- (b) Material loans were granted to local authorities (5 212 loans were provided to individuals to erect houses)
- (c) 23 690 houses

- (3) It is the aim of the Government that by the year 2000 shelter be provided for all South Africans

Natal

- (1) 180 000
- (2) (a) ± 500
- (b) None
- (c) ± 550

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- (3) It is the aim of the Government that by the year 2000 shelter be provided for all South Africans

Orange Free State

- (1) 68 378
- (2) (a) 741
- (b) None
- (c) 1 651

- (3) It is the aim of the Government that by the year 2000 shelter be provided for all South Africans

Cape Province

- (1) 184 760
- (2) (a) 415
- (b) 2 685 houses erected by way of self-help loans granted to individuals by local authorities
- (c) 5 020

- (3) It is the aim of the Government that by the year 2000 shelter be provided for all South Africans

Persons/communities: resettled

132 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

Whether any persons or communities have been resettled under section 5(1)(b) of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, No 52 of 1951, as amended in 1990, if so, (a) how many persons or communities, (b) (i) from and (ii) to which areas and (c) who applied for the resettlement in each case?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

Yes

- (a) 214 Black families
- (b) (i) From an area without services in the Black residential area of Dordrecht
- (ii) To serviced sites in the Black residential area of Dordrecht

- (c) On request of the Black Town Council of Dordrecht

Apart from the 214 families mentioned which have been resettled under section 5(1)(b) of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, No 52 of 1951 as amended in 1990, numerous voluntary removals have taken place which led to the orderly settlement of approximately 245 000 people up to 31 December 1990, inter alia 16 250 at Mangang near Bloemfontein, 18 000 at Odendaalsrus, 24 000 at Duduza near Nigel, 80 000 at Orange Farm near Vereeniging and 47 760 at Zonkisswe near Germiston

Transvaal Black local authorities: services

162 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

- (1) (a) (i) In how many Black local authorities in the Transvaal 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?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

- (1) (a) (i) Seven
- (ii) 7 March 1991

(b)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
Name of town	Services suspended	Date of suspension	
(aa) and (bb)			
eMziniom (Bethal)	Electricity	14 January 1991	
Siyathuthuka (Belfast)	Electricity	19 November 1990	
eThandakukhanya (Piet Retief)	Electricity	6 February 1991	
Tsweleng (Wolmaransstad)	Electricity	17 October 1990	
Borolelo (Swartburgens)	Electricity	29 January 1991	
Tokoza (Alberton)	Electricity	1 December 1990	
Munseville (Krugersdorp)	Electricity	4 March 1991	

- (2) Yes
- (a)

Name of town	Amount outstanding payable	(b) To whom
eMziniom	R 672 787	Bethal
Siyathuthuka	R 75 407	Belfast
eThandakukhanya	R 157 975	Piet Retief
Tsweleng	R 28 279	Wolmaransstad
Borolelo	R 4 935	Swartburgens
Tokoza	R 248 908	Alberton
Munseville	R 58 225	Krugersdorp

- (b) (i) Falls away
- (ii) Falls away

- (3) No steps are to be taken to restore the respective services. Consumers should pay for the electricity they use as the services cannot be rendered unconditionally without payment. Available bridging finance is not intended to finance payment boycotts

OFS Black local authorities: services

164 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

- (1) (a) (i) In how many Black local authorities in the Orange Free State has the provision of any services been discontinued and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished and (b) in respect

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Van Zyl stars in TPA shake-up (266)

Pretoria Correspondent

MEC for local government and regional services councils Olaus van Zyl has been given the task of negotiating a new regional and local government dispensation for the Transvaal

This was one of the changes in the Transvaal Executive Committee announced by Administrator Danie Hough at the close of the provincial budget debate in Pretoria yesterday

Mr van Zyl's new portfolio — institutional development and planning — will include the for-

mulation of policy and implementing of new systems of regional and local government, negotiations with self-governing territories, and the establishment of interim structures between the TPA and the self-governing territories

He will also head the TPA team to negotiate with local authorities

MEC for roads and horse-racing Tjoi Lategan retains the horse-racing portfolio and takes over local government and regional services councils.

John Mavuso loses communi-

ty development, and gets physical planning and development

Willie Hoods, currently in charge of physical planning, land use and library and museum services, takes over community development and nature conservation and retains library and museum services

Achmed Arbee, currently MEC for general provincial services, gets the added portfolio of roads. The current MEC for health services and nature conservation, Fanie Ferreira, gets the additional portfolio of works

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'All Transvaal councillors now members of Inkatha'

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK and WALLY MBEHELE

THE Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) has scored an important organisational breakthrough by signing up all black councillors in the Transvaal, says Alexandra mayor Prince Mokoena.

This places all functioning town councils in the hands of the IFP — a crucial power base.

Among the forces now loyal to the IFP are the Soweto council, including the Sifasonke Party of Ephraim Tshabalala.

However, according to Mokoena — who gave a rare interview to *The Weekly Mail* this week — councillors belonging to the Urban Councils Association of South Africa first wrote to all the major black political parties asking to join.

The Azanian People's Organisation never responded, the Pan Africanist Congress said they must first resign from apartheid structures, while the African National Congress — the first choice of most councillors — took three months to respond.

Mokoena — who claimed his father was a founder member of the ANC in Alexandra — said he had been turned against the ANC when deputy president Nelson Mandela called for mass mobilisation against councillors and, Mokoena charged, supported the dumping of refuse outside councillor's houses.

"I grew up under the ANC flag until the civic changed my mind by bombarding my house," Inkatha, he said, responded promptly and was more than willing to take them in and all joined

en masse at a rally at Jabulani on February 23.

However, Mokoena has not yet seen an Inkatha constitution — though he is expecting a pile from Ujundi soon, which he will be distributing among the councillors.

Mokoena blamed yesterday's massacre in Alexandra on a "third force" which he said could have links to extremist white groups. He also claimed that there could be an alliance between the "third force" and the ANC.

On the violence of the past weeks, he denied that he had addressed hostel dwellers to whip up Zulu ethnic feelings and sentiment against the Alexandra Accord. He said the violence of the past weeks resulted from the "third force" taking advantage of a clash between a Xhosa man and a Zulu man over the same woman. The Zulu man was killed.

"The 'third force' got in there because whatever wrongs they were doing Inkatha would be blamed or the ANC was going to be blamed."

He said ANC regional leader Popo Molefe used the issue as a political weapon to force him to resign. "In a way he was sentencing me to death because if I resigned from the council today to support their demand, the relatives of the people who were killed will come to me and say 'Here's a man responsible for all the death'."

Of the Alexandra Accord — which Mokoena has been accused of fomenting violence and opposition to — he was remarkably happy: "It is the best thing that has ever happened in my career as a councillor."



Prince Mokoena ... 'If I resigned the relatives of the dead would kill me...'

Photograph: JUSTIN SHOLK

Sandton and Alexandra councils in merger move

THE town council of Sandton, just outside Johannesburg, is preparing to merge with the town council of the nearby township, Alexandra.

To assist in the integration of the two town councils, the Government has agreed to write off the massive arrears owed by Alexandra residents when the merger takes place.

In addition, the Government or Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) will assist Sandton to carry the financial burden of rebuilding impoverished Alexandra's ailing administrative structures and to uplift vital township areas.

In a statement, the newly elected chairman of the

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Sandton Town Council management committee, Mr Bruce Stewart, said "It's only a matter of time before black and white town councils merge."

"Sandton Town Council is prepared to address issues concerning Alexandra in anticipation of the inevitable changes in the new South Africa."

Mr Stewart said a key area he will concentrate on is finance. "We must ensure proper financial control of the area, particularly when Sandton and Alexandra councils merge."

New deal for

homeless

Changes made after exposure of corruption by councillors

By DERRICK LUTHAYI

THE housing scandal at Doornkop, near Dobsonville, took a dramatic turn this week when three Greater Soweto councils introduced new measures to allocate land to the homeless.

The measures, described by the Diepmeadow, Soweto and Dobsonville councils as unique in the history of land allocation in the country, follow the exposure by *City Press* last Sunday that the scheme was riddled with corruption and massive bribery.

Dobsonville Civic Association (DCA) and the Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle) had petitioned the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), which is responsible for Doornkop, to intervene immediately to stop any involvement of councillors in the allocation of Doornkop sites.

Council lawyers say individual councils will invite interested people and organisations in their municipalities to submit representations for names to be included in the pool from which allocations will be made. The successful applicants' names will be handed over to the TPA for a final decision.

A statement from Dobsonville Council, whose councillors were named as asking for bribes, have denied their councillors have been involved and challenged any organisation or individual who has made these allegations to lay charges against them.

It adds that in the event of any councillor being found guilty the council will dismiss him immediately.

However, it warns that should these allegations continue against an individual councillor or the council they will sue for defamation of character.

It further stated that any applicant applying for land at Doornkop must have been on the council's housing waiting list and no councillor could make applications for anyone.

A lawyer for Dobsonville residents said 10 people had claimed in sworn affidavits to have paid bribes of up to R200 to councillor Leleki Mohajane. He had advised them to lay charges and to fill in forms at the Small Claims Court demanding their money back.

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Link-up of Sandton, Alex councils is likely

THE Sandton Town Council was prepared to merge with the council of neighbouring but impoverished Alexandra Township, Mr Bruce Stewart, chairman of the Sandton council's management committee, said this week.

Stewart said the Government had also agreed to write-off rent arrears owed by Alexandra residents.

"The Government or the Transvaal Provincial Administration will assist us in carrying the financial burden of rebuilding the township's ailing administrative structures and uplifting vital areas."

By DON SEOKANE

"We must ensure proper financial control, particularly when the Sandton and Alexandra councils integrate," he said. *Sowetan 3/4/91.*

Stewart, who was elected chairman of the management committee on March 14, said it was only a matter of time before black and white town councils merged.

He said the merger would be a welcome step in anticipation of the inevitable changes in the new South Africa.

TPA: Townships R1bn in red

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TANIA LEVY

TRANSVAAL township residents had built up a R1bn rent and service bill since boycotts started last year, a Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) spokesman said yesterday.

On the East Rand, Katlehong's electricity was cut on Tuesday, bringing to six the number of Transvaal towns without power and/or water yesterday. The Tembisa Town Council has threatened to cut power next Monday unless residents begin paying for services.

More than 50 of the province's 82 black towns have had their services cut at some stage during the boycotts which began last March.

Before then, only the three Soweto councils were subjected to boycotts.

Towns still affected yesterday included

Thokoza near Alberton, where electricity has been off since December, and Hartbeesfontein's Tigane township where power was switched off last week.

Carolina in the eastern Transvaal was still refusing to supply water, electricity, sewerage services or refuse removal to the Solobela township.

Siyathuka near Belfast and Piet Retief's eTandakukanya were also without electricity yesterday.

It was disclosed last week that black local authorities affected by boycotts had repaid only 10% of the R1,3bn in bridging finance provided to them by the TPA over the past five years.

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Grant for local authorities 'ludicrous'

PRETORIA — The R410,9m allocated for bridging finance or "inter-governmental grants" to black local authorities in the Transvaal for the 1991-92 financial year has been condemned by civic associations as ludicrous in light of black communities' financial backlogs (266) (267)

Cas Coovadia of the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Clast) said in an interview the need for finance had grown tremendously

The R410,9m grant is almost R18m less than the previous financial year

Bridging finance should have been increased and communities should have been consulted before a figure was reached," said Coovadia

Transvaal MEC in charge of Local Government and Regional Services. Olaf van Zyl maintains there was no

reduction in the funds as the Regional Services Councils in the Transvaal had formally agreed to assist the Transvaal Provincial Administration by donating a minimum of 15% of their budgets 8/02/91 4/4/91

The shortage of bridging finance had forced the TPA to approach the RSCs with a view to freezing capital projects of certain towns, where rent and services payment boycotts had been experienced, and to reschedule such funds for the maintenance of essential services

The money was not meant to finance payment boycotts, he said

From this month the RSCs will receive the amounts made available for financial assistance by the TPA as inter-governmental grants

Van Zyl said the grants now would be based on a formula which took into

account services provided and the number of people to whom the services would be provided

"The previous formula to bridging finance subsidised unproductivity. The worse a local community did, the more funds they received"

Coovadia rejected the new formula, saying the amount of money provided to a local authority now depended on the money brought in by the community

Communities boycotting rent and services payments would thus suffer

"The boycotts are a result of apartheid and are held in opposition to it. It is now up to government to now finance the process of addressing the problem"

Bridging finance was effectively financing the negotiation process and should continue, he said — Sapa

Time to review sanctions, Tutu urges black leaders

By BRENDAN BOYLE Cape Town
ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu yesterday urged anti-apartheid leaders to review the need for sanctions against Pretoria.

"Is there now cause for us to be looking at when we should be the ones to take the initiative to determine whether (sanctions) should be lifted or not?" said Tutu, long a vocal supporter of sanctions.

He also appealed for greater efforts to defuse the country's "culture of violence" and said foreign business would not invest in South Africa while blacks continued to kill each other.

Tutu said anti-apartheid leaders and clergymen should discuss whether to ask the world to begin lifting curbs imposed since 1975 on trade and investment as well as sports, academic and cultural links.

South African blacks, not foreign governments, should decide when sanctions should be lifted, Tutu said.

The European Community has started to relax some investment restrictions and the United States is expected to review its sanctions this year in response to the gradual repeal of apartheid.

Tutu said President FW de Klerk's promise to repeal bedrock apartheid laws by June and his agreement to free political prisoners and allow exiles home went a long way towards

meeting his own conditions for ending sanctions.

Referring to township violence that has claimed more than 1 200 lives around Johannesburg since August, Tutu said an end to sanctions would have little effect without peace.

"We can call for reinvestment until we are blue in our faces, if the situation on the ground is such as to scare people away then investment will not come

"Consequently, it is important that we do something and that we do it pretty quickly about the violence."

Visibly thin after hospital treatment for a urinary infection, Tutu (59) expanded on a watershed sermon last week urging blacks to take responsibility for ending the violence.

"We have to turn the spotlight on ourselves and ask what is in fact happening to us as a people, as a black community. One has to say that, clearly, we are beginning to be the victims of a culture of violence."

He said blacks had learned under decades of apartheid that the way to deal with enemies was by liquidation, not persuasion.

Joint calls for peace by African National Congress deputy president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi after their two meetings this year had not been effective partly because of the difficulty in getting the message to the grassroots — Sapa-Reuter

New forum plans to set up super city

THE "super forum" which could help mould the future of local government starts business in Johannesburg on Tuesday

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CP evasive on disease outbreak

JOHANNESBURG — Conservative Party-controlled Carolina town council officials were nowhere to be found yesterday when reaction was sought to news of an outbreak of infectious skin and stomach diseases in nearby Silobela township after the council cut the township's water off 80 days ago.

The superintendent of Carolina Hospital, Dr M P Veltman, who was contacted at his private practice in Ermelo, also refused to talk.

"Phone back on Monday," his receptionist said tersely after she first spoke to Dr Veltman. "He's busy till then."

At the Carolina town council it was

much the same story

"This council has a policy that only the mayor can speak to the press," said Carolina's town secretary, who declined to give his name

"Do you want me to put this telephone down in your ear?"

At the mayor's office his secretary said he was away on holiday until Tuesday and no one knew where he was.

Carolina's town council cut Sibolela's services on January 16 after its arrears reached R130 000, it was reported yesterday.

Local doctors said that besides skin diseases, the incidence of dysentery and gastro-enteritis was approaching epidem-

ic level, especially among small children.

A parent of a pupil at Silobela's 726-pupil Ezenzeleni Primary School said yesterday that 140 of the school's pupils were suffering from illnesses linked to the lack of water.

"Although the pupils are suffering they are still attending school," said the parent, who asked not to be named.

"There are 90 pupils at the moment with diarrhoea or some stomach complaint. Others have scabies on their legs."

A newspaper reported that for the past 11 weeks Silobela residents had had to collect water from the town's Indian area or from the township's polluted spruit. — Sapa

Birth of Metropolitan Chamber

First step to non-racial local govt

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REEF councils will take the first step towards eliminating apartheid from local government when the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber is formally constituted in Johannesburg tomorrow.

The chamber will serve as a blueprint for the rest of SA by acting as a forum for negotiating non-racial local government structures which could replace existing local authorities as early as the year-end.

The constitution, to be signed by more than 20 parties at a ceremony in the Johannesburg City Council chambers, states that "the intention is to have political participation, dialogue and interaction in the forum during the period of constitutional transition in SA".

The chamber will thrash out a way of pooling the region's finances, tackle the thorny issue of a single tax base and improve the administration of its townships.

Eventually it could renegotiate existing municipal boundaries and decide on a system of local elections for the new non-racial local authority. Members will use the forum to debate such crucial issues as rents and services tariffs, the intimidation of councillors, inept administration, bridging finance and boycotts.

Although the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) is not specifically represented in the chamber, nine civic associations from Cast's Johannesburg region are due to sign as members.

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However, they have emphasised their participation in negotiations will not curb their mass action campaigns aimed at ousting black councillors.

The "civics" see the chamber as a "second terrain of struggle" to bring about the dissolution of allegedly unrepresentative black councils and Indian and coloured management committees.

A task group will be set up to report within three months on a common tax base for the region.

The constitution says "members agree that the problems of local government financing need to be approached from the perspective of the metropolitan region within which a common fiscal base should be a major element".

Johannesburg has said it would be unable to shoulder Soweto's financial responsibilities on its own, and the presence of Sandton, Roodepoort and Randburg in the chamber will spread the financial burden.

Other members who will sign tomorrow's agreement include Indian and coloured management committees and the original five parties to the Soweto Accord, which was the starting point for the formation of the metropolitan chamber.

A separate working group, comprising representatives of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), the Soweto

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People's Delegation and the three greater Soweto councils, will deal with issues relating specifically to greater Soweto.

The chamber will grant observer status to Eskom, the Development Bank of SA, the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council, the Rand Water Board, the Midrand and Tembisa councils and the Tembisa Residents' Association.

Other working groups will investigate and make recommendations about economic, constitutional, social, physical and institutional development as well as any other categories needed to fulfil the cham-

ber's mandate to find a new metropolitan and local government structure.

Tomorrow's meeting will elect a chairman, who will not necessarily be a delegate.

The chamber will decide who will foot the bill for the chamber secretariat.

By signing the agreement, parties will undertake to negotiate in good faith on any disputes arising from the implementation of the constitution.

The chamber will dissolve when it believes an appropriate system of local government and administration has been established for the region.

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Carolina told: turn on taps or go to court

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By Therese Anders
Highveld Bureau

CAROLINA — The Conservative Party town council here has until today to switch on disease-ridden Silobela township's water supply, or possibly face Supreme Court action by the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

At the weekend the provincial authorities disclosed that Silobela's water account of R10 480 had been paid by the TPA two weeks ago.

But the CP council refused to reconnect the supply because the township's outstanding electricity arrears of R123 000 had not been met.

Last week, The Star reported that after 80 days without water, sewage or refuse removal there had been an outbreak of scabies and other infectious skin diseases in the small eastern Transvaal township.

And local doctors said the instances of dysentery and gastro-enteritis were reaching epidemic level.

The Department of National Health had been notified of the health crisis by township administrator Manie van Vuuren.

On Friday, the TPA's deputy

director general of community affairs, Len Dekker, said he had ordered the Carolina council to turn on Silobela's water supply immediately when he heard that the township's water account had been settled.

However, a council official had stalled him until the end of the weekend, saying this could only be done by council resolution, and the earliest the council could hold an extraordinary meeting was today.

Said Mr Dekker "As I read the contract, once the water account had been fully paid Carolina is obliged to reconnect the water supply. They can't withhold water because the electricity account is outstanding."

He said he wanted to hear from the Carolina council today that they had held their extraordinary meeting and reconnected the township's water.

"Failing that, I will recommend to the Administrator that urgent court action be taken."

All attempts to get comment from the Carolina town council were unsuccessful. Council secretary Albert Myburgh said only mayor Dr Sarel Bloem was allowed to talk to the press, and he was on a caravanning holiday until April 15.

We're piggy in the middle, says Eskom

By Esmare van der Merwe
Political Reporter

Eskom has strongly denounced the punitive blackout of townships by white local authorities in response to massive outstanding electricity accounts.

Communications manager Johan du Plessis said this practice was extremely unfair because it posed serious security and health risks to black communities and punished residents who paid their accounts.

Eskom was firm on its views that non-paying individuals

should have their electricity cut off, but not entire towns, he said

Mr du Plessis said Eskom's negotiations with community organisations confirmed that 80 percent of township residents were prepared to pay their accounts once affordable tariffs and accurate metering and billing systems were implemented.

He said black local authorities owed Eskom about R120 million countrywide, but Eskom had not cut off power supplies to any of the defaulting black towns.

"Some people blame us because we don't cut off electricity

This is because they believe blacks don't want to pay for services. But white people would not pay their accounts either if they were to have the problems black residents have

"On the other hand, most blacks blame Eskom for the mess in which they have been caught up. They don't understand that Eskom cannot bypass the local authorities which have the right of supply."

Launch of Chamber hangs in the balance

By Jo-Anne Collinge
and Shirley Woodgate

9/4/91

Political violence has reared its head as a last minute threat to the formation of the multiracial Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, due to be constituted in Johannesburg today

The inaugural meeting was still in the balance 15 minutes before it was due to start at 9 am as there was no sign of any of the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) members

At the heart of the issue is a claim by CAST that township councillors "have become the actual source of violence against our people" and that sitting on a joint structure with councillors demands urgent reconsideration

CAST affiliates — including

those who are potential members of the Metropolitan Chamber — were due to meet today to take a final decision on whether to take part in the Chamber or not

Said CAST vice-president Kgabis Masunkutu yesterday "There might be a surprise taking place"

CAST president Moses Mayekiso said "The whole violence issue is going to play a role in deciding whether to participate in such a structure with people who are mowing down the communities through using red doeke (sic) vigilantes"

CAST general secretary Sam Ntuli added that CAST had resolved "that civics are not allowed to sit with councillors any more because of the escalation of violence"

In addition to reviewing participation in the Chamber, CAST is seeking a meeting with President de Klerk this week to discuss its demand for the res-

ignation of councillors and its proposal for the setting up of "interim local structures"

At the launch it appears possible that would-be participants will be faced with a last-minute amendment to the constitution, moved by the civics, in which an attempt may be made to eliminate councillors.

In terms of the draft constitution, the Chamber will comprise nine civics from the greater Johannesburg area, the Johannesburg, Roodepoort, Randburg and Sandton councils, coloured and Indian management committees, the three Soweto councils and the TPA

● Sapa reports that Mr Mayekiso said if the Government did not ban traditional weapons, then CAST would encourage township residents to carry weapons. People should be armed to defend themselves through defence committees using available weapons, CAST added

March ban: ANC calls for boycott

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The ANC has called for a mass boycott of all white-owned businesses in Krugersdorp and Randfontein in response to the forced cancellation of an ANC march in Krugersdorp at the weekend.

Witwatersrand ANC spokesman Mr Thami Luphoko said yesterday the boycott would probably start on April 20.

Saturday's march was aborted after thousands of ANC supporters were confronted by gun-wielding rightwingers.

Mr Luphoko said the boycott would go ahead even if the town councils involved agreed to let the ANC stage another march.

He said he expected the ANC leadership to support the boycott.

A spokesman for the Krugersdorp Town Council said he did not know of the boycott plans and the council was not planning to discuss the issue.

Randfontein council was unavailable for comment yesterday.

Civics to stall key chamber?

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Carolina water decision today

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CAROLINA's CP-controlled management committee will hold a special meeting today to discuss restoring the water supply to neighbouring Silobela township.

Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) spokesman Magda du Toit said yesterday the eastern Transvaal council had told the TPA its management committee would meet to discuss the issue.

The TPA, which paid Silobela's R10 480 water account, had asked Carolina to switch on the water supply of the disease-ridden township, Du Toit said.

Carolina deputy mayor M. Pieters confirmed the council would debate the matter this afternoon.

Pieters said it was not his council's decision to cut the water supply to Silobela that had caused an outbreak of infectious skin diseases in the township. The diseases could be blamed "on the fact that the sewerage buckets are overflowing in the streets".

However, the Carolina municipality would "love" to start supplying water again as it was losing

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"valuable income by not doing so", Pieters said.

Silobela has been without water supply for more than two months.

Responding to the outbreak of scabies and other infectious skin diseases in Silobela, a National Health and Population Development Department spokesman said local authorities were responsible for the provision of water, sewerage and refuse removal services.

The spokesman said Health Minister Rina Venter had addressed a letter to the Carolina town council last month asking it not to suspend health services rendered to Silobela.

Meanwhile at Vosloorus electricity will be cut to 30% of the East Rand township's residents from today or tomorrow.

Vosloorus town clerk George Prinsloo said yesterday 70% of residents had paid the agreed interim rate of R57 for March.

Vosloorus town council would cut the power supply to those who had not, Prinsloo said.

Prinsloo also urged residents to come forward and pay the interim rate of R60 for this month.

Also on the East Rand, the Tembisa town council will hold a special meeting today to discuss a possible electricity cutoff.

But the switch-offs would not be immediate.

Metropolitan chamber hangs in the balance

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The civics concerned include the Soweto Civic Association, Alexandra Civic Organisation, Actstop, Western Residents' Action Committee, Riverlea Civic Association and the Kliptown, Eldorado Park, Klipspruit Interim Democratic Civic Association.

Without them the metropolitan chamber will consist only of existing, racially defined local authorities and the TPA. Cast vice-president Kgalisi Mosunkutu told a Press conference there would be a "surprise" at today's meeting.

Civic associations could totally refuse to participate or could propose a motion to exclude black councils. If the civics made a decision in favour of participation this would not legitimise black councillors because the campaign to force their resignation would be intensified, Mosunkutu said.

Cast calls township residents to arms

THE ANC-aligned Civics Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) yesterday urged township residents to arm themselves and form defence units.

Cast spokesmen told a news conference in Johannesburg the organisation had asked President F W de Klerk to meet them on Thursday to discuss the escalating violence on the Reef.

At the meeting, Cast would demand the urgent scrapping of hostels, which it said had become "vigilante bases and launching pads".

It also called for the immediate resignation of all the remaining black councillors and management committees who had become "the actual source of violence

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against our people".

Cast president Moses Mayekiso said the violence, and particularly attacks by "rooi-doeke" vigilantes using spears, pangas, choppers and other so-called traditional weapons had escalated.

Now residents were being told to defend themselves against their killers, including the "third force created by government".

Cast supported the ANC's call for a ban on the carrying of weapons, but while this was not heeded by government, communities would have to carry weapons for self-defence, said Mayekiso.

These would include firearms.

Civic constitution backed

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Historic moment . . . Councillor Ian Davidson signs the inauguration agreement.

Most members of the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) participated at the inaugural meeting of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber in Johannesburg yesterday, despite earlier widespread criticism of their involvement.

Fanie Ferreira, MEC and chairman at the inaugural meeting, said the draft constitution for the new body was tabled, approved and signed by representatives of the Transvaal Provincial Administration, seven local government bodies and five civic associations.

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last year — to serve as a negotiating forum to investigate and formulate non-racial, democratic metropolitan and local government structures.

The forum would invite political participation, dialogue and interaction during the period of constitutional transition.

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The civic associations were the Soweto People's Delegation, Soweto Civic Association, Western Residents' Action Committee, Kluptown, Eldorado Park, Klipspruit West Interim Democratic Civic Association and the Riverlea Civic Association.

Seven other groups also attended.

The new body will not require funds to run it, Mr Ferreira said during a Press conference which followed the inaugural meeting.

Replying to the criticism at their involvement in a body shared with black town councillors, Cas Coovadia of CAST said the participating CAST members had been mandated by their constituents to sign and participate in the Metropolitan Chamber.

Cyril Ramaphosa, chairman of the National Union of Mine workers, said he and CAST would continue to call for the resignation of all black town councillors.

Also taking part in the meeting was Ian Davidson, chairman of the Johannesburg management committee — Sapa.

Mayor challenges role of associations

By Shirley Woodgate

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Diepmeadow mayor Moses Khumalo has thrown down the gauntlet to civic associations who have regularly called for the resignation of black councillors, but who yesterday attended, and in some cases signed, the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber constitution

Speaking after the signing ceremony, he said the civics, not the black councils, were the problem.

"We are offering service to the people in our areas, working for one SA, where there is justice, no discrimination nor intimidation. Long before the civics came into existence, we not only worked on bread-and-butter issues but called for a multi-racial government and the scrapping of apartheid."

"They talk like the ANC, which says the Government should resign — which seems to indicate they are nothing but one of the ANC structures."

"They were signatories to the

Soweto Accord with us, then promptly called for our resignation," Mr Khumalo said.

Giving no hint of opposition to sitting around the same table with black councillors, Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal assistant secretary Cas Coovadia said "I would not have attended this meeting if I was not positive."

"We have committed ourselves to doing our utmost to ensuring the chamber improves the living conditions of people"

New chamber to press ahead

THE future of the new Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber seemed assured yesterday, despite the failure of some township civic associations to sign the chamber's launching document.

Five civic bodies, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and seven councils signed an agreement yesterday to constitute the chamber which will negotiate future non-racial local government structures.

Seven parties did not sign but indicated they would probably join the chamber once they had been given authorisation by their members.

These were the Alexandra Civic Organisation, Actstop, the Roodepoort City Council, the Federation of Ratepayers of Lenasia, the Ennerdale Local Development

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Committee, the Ennerdale Civic Association and the Davidsonville/Fleurhof Management Committee

The local authorities who signed the constitution were the councils of Johannesburg, Soweto, Dobsonville, Diepmeadow, Sandton, Randburg and Alexandra.

The council's formation hung in the balance when Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) indicated on Monday that some civics might refuse to take part because of the inclusion of black councils and the continuing township violence.

However, the Soweto Civic Association, Soweto People's Delegation, the Western Residents' Action Committee, the Riverlea

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Chamber

Civic Association and the Kliptown, Eldorado Park, Klipspruit West Interim Democratic Civic Association signed the agreement as members

Cast, assistant general secretary Cas Coovadia said the five had been mandated to join by their constituencies

Although Cast had resolved that civics should not participate in forums with black councillors, they did not prescribe to their member associations. He said other civic associations would probably become members later once their participation had been approved by members

Soweto People's Delegation spokesman Cyril Ramaphosa said the civics felt it was important to interact with white councils such as Johannesburg, Randburg and Sandton and with the TPA

But their participation in the chamber would not stop their call for the resignation of black councillors who were seen as "puppets of apartheid"

Diepmeadow mayor Moses Khumalo questioned if the civics would later pull out of the chamber when the black councillors

continued to refuse to resign

He said the problem lay with the civics, not the black councillors

"As far as the councils are concerned, we are all trying to reach a South Africa free of discrimination, with justice and if possible no intimidation"

Long before the civic associations existed black councillors had joined government structures to try to rid them of apartheid, he said

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said there were clearly problems between members of the metropolitan chamber but members had signed because there was more uniting them than dividing them

The chamber would help create a non-racial structure for the region and set the pace for local government throughout SA

The chamber meets again on May 15 when a chairman or co-chairmen will be approved and a decision taken on whether to open future meetings to the public

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Civic body defies and joins talks

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MEMBERS of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal were at the inaugural meeting of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber in Johannesburg yesterday.

This was despite earlier widespread criticism of their involvement.

Mr Fanie Ferreira, MEC and chairman at the meeting, said the objectives and activities of the CWMC were similar to the Greater Soweto Accord, signed on September 24 last year.

The aim of the accord is to serve as a negotiating forum to investigate and formulate non-racial, democratic metropolitan and local government structures.

The forum would invite political participation, dialogue and interaction during the period of constitutional transition in South Africa.

The local government

bodies who signed the CWMC constitution yesterday were the councils of Soweto, Diepsmeadow, Dobsonville, Johannesburg, Randburg, Sandton and Alexandra.

The civic associations were the Soweto Peoples Delegation, Soweto Civic Association, Western Residents Action Committee, Kliptown, Eldorado Park, Klipspruit West Interim Democratic and Riverlea Civic associations.

Cast was severely criticised on Monday for its participation in the CWMC by, among other groups, Operation Masakhane for the Homeless, which said the CWMC would be "squandering valuable resources".

Replying to the criticism at their involvement in a body shared with black councillors, Mr Cas Coovadia of Cast said the participating Cast members had been mandated by their constituents to

sign and participate in the CWMC.

"We do not see our participation here in isolation from the broader issues and we would take our guidance from the events occurring at national level," he said.

Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, chairman of the National Union of Mineworkers, explained that he and Cast still rejected local black councils and would continue to call for the resignation of all black councillors.

Although they were all signatories to the constitution of the CWMC, "this will still not detract from us continuing to call for their resignation", Ramaphosa said.

During yesterday's Press conference, the black councillors shared the same table as Ramaphosa, Coovadia and other black leaders who have consistently called for their resignation - *Sapa*

Sabta gets tough on taxi drivers

THE South African Black Taxi Association is to recommend to the Department of Transport that permits of taxi owners and drivers convicted of drunken driving be temporarily suspended.

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Sabta's president, Mr James Ngcoya, yesterday confirmed that five drivers stopped by Sabta patrols during the

Easter weekend were found to have been under the influence of alcohol.

Ngcoya said Sabta would ask the department to suspend for six months the permits of drivers and owners found guilty of the offence.

The recommendations would be endorsed in Sabta's constitution in June - *Sapa*.

URBAN GROWTH AND LIVING STANDARDS

Percent growth rate	Metropolitan Areas	Score
0.92	Melbourne	86
0.41	Montreal	86
1.46	Seattle Tacoma	86
2.85	Atlanta	85
-0.72	Essen Dortmund-Duisburg	85
-0.36	Detroit Windsor	84
2.89	Dallas Fort Worth	83
2.90	Houston	83
1.21	Sydney	83
1.81	Toronto	83
-0.22	Manchester	81
0.67	Osaka-Kobe-Kyoto	81
1.28	San Francisco-Oakland San Jose	81
1.11	Tokyo-Yokohama	81
1.69	Singapore	79
0.40	Philadelphia-Trenton Wilmington	78
-0.10	Birmingham	77
0.74	Nagoya	77
1.36	Washington	76
0.34	Chicago	75
1.87	Miami Fort Lauderdale	75
2.29	Kiev	74
0.22	Madrid	73
0.37	Berlin (East & West)	72
0.44	Paris	72
0.32	Boston	71
0.42	New York	70
-0.02	London	69
1.83	Los Angeles	69
0.45	Milan	69
2.63	Taipei	69
0.89	Rome	68
1.78	Hong Kong	67
0.25	Budapest	65
1.12	Moscow	64
0.20	Barcelona	63
2.98	San Diego-Tijuana	63
2.33	Warsaw	63
1.50	Athens	62
1.02	Leningrad	62
3.88	Ankara	61
0.37	Katowice-Bytom Gliwice	61
2.40	Lisbon	61
2.29	Tashkent	60
3.85	Belo Horizonte	59
3.83	Seoul	58
2.15	Pusan	56
1.43	Shanghai	56
1.78	Beijing	55
1.78	Buenos Aires La Plata	55
2.92	Baghdad	54
2.89	Bogota	54
2.22	Caracas	54
3.23	Porto Alegre	54
3.35	Guadalajara	53
3.67	Bandung	52
3.78	CAPE TOWN	52
1.63	Harbin	52
0.79	Naples	52
3.30	Monterrey	51
2.55	Rio de Janeiro	51
1.45	Tianjin	51
2.81	Wuhan	51
2.31	Santiago	50
3.97	Sao Paulo	50
1.77	Nanjing	49
3.03	Algiers	48
2.50	Casablanca	48
2.48	Chongqing	48
2.80	JOHANNESBURG	46
1.98	Ahmedabad	43
3.36	Manila	43
2.51	Alexandria	42
3.15	Bangkok	42
3.34	Guangzhou	42
4.23	Istanbul	42
2.86	Madras	42
2.64	Shenyang	42
1.32	Ho Chi Minh City	40
4.42	Jakarta	40
3.08	Hyderabad	39
4.67	Tehran	39
3.81	Mexico City	38
4.20	Bangalore	37
2.88	Cairo	36
3.93	Delhi New Delhi	36
4.08	Karachi	36
4.95	Surabaya	36
3.31	Bombay	35
1.92	Calcutta	34
3.39	Lahore	34
3.58	Pune	34
2.93	Kanpur	33
2.10	Lima	33
2.74	Recife	33
2.89	Dhaka	32
2.81	Kinshasa	29
5.86	Lagos	19
1.39	Bucharest	—
1.96	Yangon (Rangoon)	—

Very good 100-75

Good 74-60

Fair 59-45

Poor 44 or less

The sad state of Jo'burg

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WERE Washington researchers unfair when they rated Johannesburg as one of the worst-quality cities in the world?

The survey results incensed many South Africans out of a possible 100 points, Johannesburg managed to score only 46 in an international report entitled "Cities". It examined the quality of life in the world's 100 largest cities.

Johannesburg scored just enough to scrape in ahead of Ahmedabad, central India — and thus escaped being categorised among the worst of Africa's cities.

The categories used were "very good", "good", "fair" and "poor". Johannesburg came bottom of the "fair" category.

The ratings, published worldwide, were arrived at by the Population Crisis Committee in Washington. It analysed the world's 100 largest metropolises, placing such cities as Lisbon, Athens, Moscow, Beijing, Bogota and Baghdad well ahead of both Johannesburg and Cape Town as far as the quality of life is concerned.

When the gist of the findings was published by The Star some weeks ago, Nigel Mandy — a Johannesburg expert on the world's metropolitan areas — proclaimed it "nonsense".

Mr Mandy, founder of Johannesburg's CBD Association, has been to many of the cities in the survey.

The researchers claimed only 28 percent of Johannesburg's homes had lights and water. According to the survey, only 48 percent of Cape Town's houses are fully serviced.

Judging by the survey's definition of "city", "Johannesburg" included all the towns and cities abutting it. Greater Johannesburg's total population was given as 4.6 million.

Johannesburg is deemed to

Judging by an international report entitled "Cities", Johannesburg severely lacks quality. **JAMES CLARKE** discusses the criteria.

be the world's 38th largest city, but from a quality-of-life point of view it is rated 70th. Melbourne, Montreal and Seattle came first, second and third. Cape Town — the world's 94th biggest city — was placed 57th.

The survey, completed in mid-1990, appears to have been based on outdated municipal data as far as Johannesburg is concerned.

Johannesburg's housing statistics appear to be from 1988 when three-quarters of Soweto did not have electricity.

Johannesburg's 1 out of 10 for housing quality puts it on a par with Lagos and Kinshasa. By contrast, Bombay, where thousands sleep on the pavement, scored 6 out of 10. Rio de Janeiro with its famed favelas (shantytowns) scored 8 out of 10.

The "Cities" project used 10 sets of criteria.

PUBLIC SAFETY — (how many murders per 100 000 head of population) Johannesburg rated 3 out of 10 (19.8 murders per 100 000). Cape Town scored 1 out of 10 and was deemed the most murderous city on earth with 64.7 murders.

Safest cities (10 out of 10) were Bandung (Indonesia), Manchester, Rome, Pusan, Barcelona, Madrid, Nagoya (Japan), Madras, Calcutta, Seoul and Tokyo/Yokohama.

FOOD COSTS — (percentage of personal income spent on food) Johannesburg was not rated but Cape Town scored 6 out of 10 — as did Kiev and Seoul. New York, London and Chicago were among the cities

which scored 10 out of 10.

LIVING SPACE — (how many per room) Johannesburg again rated 1 out of 10 along with Calcutta, Ho Chi Minh City, Shanghai, Kinshasa and Lagos. Bombay's accommodation was considered less crowded (it was rated 2 out of 10).

HOUSING STANDARDS — Johannesburg rated 1 out of 10 (see above).

COMMUNICATIONS — (telephones per 100 people) Again Johannesburg rated 1 out of 10. The metropolis is said to have only six phones per 100, along with Mexico City, Bombay, Kinshasa, Lagos, Rio and many other cities.

EDUCATION — (percentage of children at secondary school) Johannesburg again scored only 1 out of 10. Cape Town scored 6. Only five of the 100 cities scored as low as Johannesburg — Dakar, Lagos, Lahore, Recife and Hyderabad.

PUBLIC HEALTH — (infant mortality) Johannesburg scored well — 8 out of 10 — and Cape Town 9 out of 10, putting it on a par with Paris and Chicago.

PEACE AND QUIET — (based on background noise) Johannesburg scored 8 out of 10 as did Cape Town. Not one city scored 10 and only three were quieter than Johannesburg — Dallas, Singapore and Manchester.

TRAFFIC FLOW — (speed of rush-hour traffic) Johannesburg scored 10 out of 10. Only six other cities did so: Detroit, Belo Horizonte (Brazil), Houston, Kiev, Casablanca and Atlanta.

CLEAN AIR — (based mainly on ozone from cars) Johannesburg scored 8 as did Cape Town. Only Taipei (10), Sydney (10), Melbourne (10), Lahore (9) and Birmingham (9) did better.

The three worst cities in the world were Lagos (19), Kinshasa (29) and Dhaka (32). □

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: *Surprise decision by Southern Transvaal president*

Grave mistake to join forum, says Mayekiso

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THE Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) has come out in strong opposition to the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, a negotiating forum to investigate and set up non-racial metropolitan and local government structures.

President of Cast, Moss Mayekiso, said yesterday "it was a gross and grave mistake" for civics and other parties to ratify the Chamber constitution, which he said was made up of racially-defined bodies. Metropolitan and regional structures with a racial component would only pave the way for the furtherance of the tricameral parliament and continued protection of group rights envisaged by the government, he said.

His response comes as a surprise in the wake of the signing of the constitution by the Soweto People's Delegation and the Soweto Civic Association

The constitution was signed this week by the Transvaal Provincial Association, several local government bodies and five civics. Five other bodies, including the Alexandra Civic Association, Acstop and three local government committees, said they would only sign after receiving authorisation

Mayekiso said yesterday that Cast would clearly distance itself from being party to a forum which had been "bulldozed through before people understood it".

Cast rejects the CWMC constitution on the following grounds.

- It is racially-based in that the various groups represent racially-defined areas and are comprised of racial bodies like local authorities.

- It is based on proposals whereby the government wants to give power to regional structures and thus preempt a "watered down" national constitution where strong regional government bodies will be able to protect racial interests.

- It has not yet been thoroughly discussed by civic bodies (save the Soweto People's Delegation and Soweto

The Soweto Civic Association has agreed to the constitution of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, but the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal disagrees.

By PHILIPPA GARSON

Civic Association) which are being "rushed into signing".

- Black local authorities which were not elected by their constituencies feature prominently in the Chamber, despite the call for the disbanding of black local authorities and resignation of the councillors

However Mayekiso said this did not mean negotiations could only take place once fully-fledged non-racial local authorities were in place, but that interim non-racial structures should be created as negotiating arms, as was the case with Alexandra and the Sandton and Randburg town councils.

Soweto Civic Association general secretary Pat Lephunya said yesterday that the CWMC came about in the wake of the Greater Soweto Accord with the purpose of drawing in a wider spectrum of local bodies to create a single tax base and non-racial municipality for the Witwatersrand region.

Lephunya said the SCA had all along called for the resignation of the black councillors. But he added that the formation of the CWMC was an important step towards the disintegration of racially-defined municipalities. "We cannot deny that the municipalities are racial in character but what we are saying in the Chamber is that the time has come to begin to address this situation and have a vision of the future."

Lephunya said there was no way non-racial regional bodies could be formed while municipalities and areas were still racially-defined. He added that Cast's position would not create conflict as those civics under the umbrella body were part of a federal organisation and could thus act with autonomy.



Moses Mayekiso ... Wants interim non-racial structures created

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**Cast rejects plan
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THE Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber has been rejected outright by the Civic Association of the South Transvaal (Cast), largely because it "is based on racial representation" and includes "illegitimate and discredited" township councillors.

Cast publicity secretary Sandy Lebesse yesterday released a statement stressing that Cast had not been party to any of the negotiations which had taken place between signatories of the chamber.

The chamber, comprising seven white and black local authorities, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and several civic associations in Greater Johannesburg, is seen as a forum in which future non-racial forms of third-tier government will be planned.

About half the eligible civic bodies — including the largest, the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) — joined the chamber at the launch on Tuesday, while others held back. They have until the end of the month to add their names to the founding parties.

Constituent assembly

Cast said it believed structures such as the forum cut across national political demands for a constituent assembly and an interim government.

Cast executive member Nomvula Mokonyane elaborated that the reform of third-tier structures — even of an interim nature — could not occur satisfactorily unless representative national interim structures were set up.

Various Cast members said it appeared the TPA wished to foist chamber-type structures upon areas in which opposition to township councillors was stronger than in Soweto.

Cyril Ramaphosa of the SCA accused Cast members of "political dishonesty". He said none had raised fundamental objections to the chamber in a meeting shortly before the signing.

United they stand ²⁶⁶ in one-council Klerksdorp

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WHILE other politicians bicker and posture over the formation of one-city governments, sleepy Klerksdorp has taken practical steps towards achieving this goal.

The West Rand town and the black township of Jouberton have a single administration with one town clerk.

On a scale of nought to 10 for integration, they are probably at five — and further down the unification road than any other local authority in the Transvaal.

Klerksdorp town clerk Jan Muller, who is also the town clerk for Jouberton, said this week the move towards a single administration came about through necessity last August.

Resigned

The Jouberton town council approached Klerksdorp with financial, administrative and skills problems and Klerksdorp agreed to help.

Since August, Klerksdorp's departmental officials head both the administration's departments and all Jouberton's services are delivered by Klerksdorp on an agency basis in collaboration with Jouberton employees.

All but three councillors from the Jouberton town council have resigned and an administrator, who is also a member of the Klerksdorp town council's management committee, has run the council since February this year.

Mr Muller says the three remaining councillors have no power and are mere figureheads.

He believes the joining of the administrations is the first step towards forming a single, non-racial local government structure for the two towns.

He is waiting for government legislation to allow for black community participation in the structure, but sees it as important that practical steps are taken in the meantime to normalise local government.

At present, Jouberton residents have no say on how their town is run and there is

By EDYTH BULBRING

no forum for participation. Mr Muller concedes this top-heavy "act now, talk later" approach could present problems, but there is little alternative.

Mr Muller says the Jouberton Civic Association, which is a member of Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal, has majority support in the Jouberton community.

On Thursday, the Jouberton Civic Association, the Jouberton administrator and Mr Muller, in his capacity as town clerk of Jouberton, will meet to discuss new rates for rents and services.

Mr Muller says he will use this meeting to suggest a gathering of all interested parties in Jouberton to discuss a forum whereby the community can participate in the running of the town.

Also on the agenda on Thursday is a discussion on the move towards a single local authority and a single tax base.

Jouberton Civic Association chairman Henry Moleme said that while Jouberton and Klerksdorp had merged administrations, there was an urgent need for negotiation and consultation on a new non-racial structure with a single tax base.

Satisfied

The civic association was not consulted about the merging of the two administrations and this was a problem, he said.

However, Mr Moleme said he was not opposed to it as it was for the good of the community.

He challenged the Klerksdorp town council to set the process in motion whereby all community representatives in Klerksdorp and Jouberton could start talking about a new system.

Transvaal provincial administration spokesman Magda du Toit said the TPA was satisfied with the joint administration between Klerksdorp and Jouberton.

It was the most advanced example of a joint administration in the Transvaal and the first step towards a joint non-racial and democratic structure, she said.

Soul-search for strategy to define 'new' local government

THE FIRST of the all-race "voluntary" forums on local government has been launched in the Transvaal in the guise of the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber. It appears to have been accompanied by about equal proportions of back-slapping and cold-shouldering.

Many observers are puzzled by the deep-felt disagreement which the chamber has provoked among civic organisations representing various townships and black residents of central Johannesburg.

Activists who for years shared trenches in the struggle against apartheid are now launching verbal missiles at each other over participation in the chamber.

The Soweto Civic Association (SCA) — and its appointed negotiating arm, the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) — have gone into the chamber together with three other Johannesburg civic associations. About an equal number of Johannesburg civics (the figures vary slightly from source to source) have



Moses Mayekiso, Impres- sion of racial structure

stayed out.

Civic bodies from a broader geographical area, with the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST) at their head, have associated themselves with the boycott stance.

The other parties to the chamber are the Transvaal

Provincial Administration and the councils of Johannesburg, Roodepoort, Randburg, Sandton, Diepsmeadow, Dobsonville, Soweto and Alexandra.

The question on many a tongue is whether division over the chamber could critically split the civic movement just as the setting up of a national civic structure is within grasp.

The answer is almost certainly no. Firstly, regional civic structures such as CAST — and presumably the planned national organisation — have a federal character and do not deprive individual affiliates of the right to take decisions as directed by residents of the townships they represent.

Secondly — and more importantly — there are certain goals and principles to which both the supporters and the opponents of the chamber adhere. These put both groups fundamentally at odds with their old opponents the National Party and the State structures which serve its interests, and black people who have occupied posi-

Harmony on the civic association front has changed, in part, into a slanging match of strategy and procedure. JO-ANNE COLLINGE reports on the first all-race forum on local government

tions in apartheid structures — the "collaborators".

Both Cyril Ramaphosa of the SCA/SPD and Moses Mayekiso of CAST (and the Alexandra Civic Association, which has stayed out of the chamber) insist that they will fight any attempt by the NP to protect white privilege by local government reform measures.

They also find common ground in asserting the goals of ending the rule of township councils and ensuring that NP models for the reform of local government are not imposed in advance of national constitutional negotiations.

It is over the methods of achieving these goals that the fall-out in the civic movement has occurred. CAST's criticisms and the SCA's rebuttals are as follows:

● CAST says the chamber is

"completely based on racial representation which is similar to that of the tricameral Parliament".

Mr Mayekiso adds "We believe it is a Government ploy to introduce a racial structure to the negotiating forum on local government. It gives us the impression that the central Government is implementing the Thornhill (commission of inquiry) proposals".

Mr Mayekiso believes the chamber need not have used racial building blocks — that representation could have been on the basis of "localities", which twinned, for instance, Johannesburg-Soweto and Sandton-Alexandra and forced these pairs to establish a working relationship before joining a metropolitan structure.

Mr Ramaphosa dismisses as irrelevant the distinction made

by CAST. He points out that the "localities" proposed also have a racial starting point.

He maintains it is vital, especially when considering new patterns of financing for the townships and the establishment of an appropriate tax base, to "cast Soweto against a broader canvas" involving the entire functional economic area of which it is part.

As for the Thornhill proposals becoming a fait accompli? It is impossible that the chamber could be the vehicle for this, says Mr Ramaphosa. "We reject Thornhill's approach and we have an ally in this in the Johannesburg City Council".

● CAST believes that initiatives such as the chamber cut across the central negotiating strategy. The chamber is described in its constitution as a "negotiating forum to formulate non-racial democratic metropolitan and local government structures".

CAST members take this goal literally while the SCA appears to have a different inter-



Cyril Ramaphosa, vital to involve entire economic area

pretation.

"The chamber has its own limitations and shortcomings. Our own view is that it can't be seen as a negotiating body."

● CAST finds it totally unacceptable that civic representatives should form joint structures with "illegitimate and

discredited (township) councilors".

CAST Secretary Sam Ntuli says this flies in the face of long-standing campaigns for the resignation of councillors and is confusing to residents.

While distancing himself from any bid to impose the model elsewhere, Mr Ramaphosa maintains that participation in the chamber could result in the political demise of councillors.

"We aim to achieve through the Metropolitan Chamber a interim dispensation which is going to disempower the various local councils that people are fighting against," he said.

The chamber tug-of-war has highlighted the degree to which local conditions and power struggles prevail in determining the policies of civic organisations. In the verbal cross-fire, harmony has been sounded on one point: for the civic movement, a national structure and a co-ordinated position on local government reform cannot come too soon. □

'New stance' of Cast surprises

Olaus van Zyl

WILSON ZWANE

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TRANSVAAL MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl expressed surprise yesterday at the apparent about-turn by the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) on participation in the newly-launched Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber 610241574/91

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the organisation would soon meet Cast to find out its stance on the newly constituted metropolitan chamber

Van Zyl said he was surprised by Cast's criticisms of the chamber because numerous meetings had been held since September last year when the Soweto Accord — which provided for the chamber — was signed

"Cast never raised any objections then And when the chamber constitution was signed Cas Coovadia (Cast assistant general secretary) did not raise any objections Why is Cast making these comments now?" Van Zyl asked

He added that present structures would not be replaced until there had been negotiations on what to "replace them with" "The metropolitan chamber is a forum for such negotiations," he said

Soweto Civic Association official and signatory to the metropolitan chamber, Cyril Ramaphosa was reported at the weekend to be surprised at Cast's "political dishonesty" No fundamental objections were raised by Cast at a meeting before the signing of the chamber constitution on April 9, Ramaphosa was reported to have said

Although neither Ramaphosa nor Cast have official links with the ANC, both have close, informal ties with it

Cast said "We do not reject the basic concept of the Metropolitan Chamber outright We merely reject its present formula and want to know who defined these and whether they were given a mandate to do so," the association said

The Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber is a forum whose main purpose will be to formulate the setting up of regional, non-racial and democratic approaches for long-term implementation of measures for the constitutional, economic, institutional and social development of the metropolis.

Cast executive member Lomvula Mokonyana, left, publicity secretary Sandy Lebese and general secretary Sam Ntuli announce Cast's opposition to the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber on Friday

Picture CATHERINE ROSS



Townships' power debt tops R1,6-b

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BLACK local authorities throughout the Transvaal owe more than R1 billion collectively and electricity cuts are still continuing as a result.

By DON SEOKANE

A Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman said the amount, which is owed by 82 local authorities in the province, is for service charges.

According to Eskom, Transvaal townships owe at least R1,6 billion for electricity supplied.

Although East Rand townships have been particularly hard hit by blackouts, an East Rand Regional Services Council spokesman yesterday said the council was only providing funds for necessities such as water, sewerage and part of refuse removal bills.

She said although the TPA had requested the council to provide funds for electricity accounts, the council had not decided on the matter.

A delegation of Civics Association of Southern Transvaal was last night scheduled to attend a meeting with affected local civic bodies.

Power supply to Katlehong township has been cut-off since last Tuesday.

Mr Fame Maree, Katlehong's town clerk, yes-

terday said residents with electricity have to pay R72 as an interim amount. Those without were supposed to pay R25, he said.

Maree said the council owes R12 million to Eskom for electricity.

Three youths, one from Moseleki section and two from Radebe section, have been admitted to Natalspruit hospital after doing so.

The Katlehong branch of National Council of Trade Unions called a meeting of all community organisations in the township in a bid to resolve the blackout dispute.

At Vosloorus, residents not paying their electricity amount will soon find themselves in the dark. A council spokesman said letters were being delivered to residents who are not paying their bills.

The spokesman said residents were supposed to have paid R57 for electricity in March and R60 for April and May.

Meanwhile at Tokoza, residents have been without power supply since December 1 1990.

W Rand towns face consumer boycott

By Stan Hlophe 19/4/91

The ANC plans to launch a consumer boycott on the West Rand starting tomorrow in protest against the allegedly racist attitudes of the Krugersdorp and Randfontein town councils

Krugersdorp Civic Association publicity secretary Nomvula Mokonyane told The Star that the boycott was aimed at pressuring the business sector, as ratepayers, to force the

councils, which she said were racist, to negotiate with the two civic associations

Ms Mokonyane said the boycott followed several racial incidents carried out by right-wingers and AWB members in the past four months

She said public facilities were still closed to blacks despite the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act

And blacks were still being denied freedom of association and movement in the two

towns.

The latest incident was the refusal of permission for a march to Krugersdorp prison by the local town council and the burning of a bus by the AWB in Toekomsrus

Discipline

Ms Mokonyane said that during a march on April 6, the AWB had paraded with rifles in a bid to intimidate the ANC. She added that the town

councils had refused to negotiate with the civics and the TPA for a nonracial metropolitan chamber. Another reason was the removal of black taxi ranks in the city centre

Ms Mokonyane appealed to the community to exercise discipline during the boycott and said intimidation would not be tolerated

Marshals would monitor the boycott and explain to people found shopping in town the

reason behind the campaign

The ANC was optimistic that it would be as effective as previous campaigns, she said

The boycott has the support of the local black business body, the taxi association, the SACP, Azapo and Cosatu

To alleviate possible hardship by consumers, the taxi association has cut the fares from Kagiso to Johannesburg by 90c. The rate is now R3 from Kagiso to Roodepoort. It will be R1,40 instead of R2,30

— usually takes a tough line. This has been aggravated by him being less than familiar with the chamber, and the influence of a militant faction under Thokoza civic association president Sam Ntuli.

Mayekiso refused to comment to the *FM* before a meeting this Thursday with the Soweto People's Delegation

Cast has recently begun leaning towards an anti-negotiations stance and some of the opinions of its members sound more like militant Pan Africanist Congress rhetoric than the statements of the ANC, Cast's traditional ally

Ntuli is against talking to black councillors, which is contrary to more flexible ANC negotiations strategy Last week Ntuli called on township communities to arm themselves for self-defence after the government had failed to respond to an ultimatum for the carrying of traditional weapons to be banned Though Cast claims it is non-aligned, Ntuli made it clear that Inkatha and black councillors were seen as "the source of violence against our people"

Others in the "civics" claim the real issue is the personal ambition of some members of Cast, rather than the best interests of civic structures Cast is the most powerful amalgamation of civic structures in the country and will be a prime mover behind a national civic organisation expected to be formed this year

Though the movement is theoretically nonpolitical, it has strong ties with the ANC There is a belief that some of the militants are trying to form power bases, either for election to the ANC's National Executive Committee in June or as a springboard to more powerful positions in the ANC — as long as the violence makes militancy a popular option

The NP leadership regards local government as critical to the negotiation process and talks here are expected to deal in advance with some of the issues to be discussed by ANC leaders and government.



Mayekiso



Ramaphosa

Yet other members of Cast are closer ideologically to African nationalistic positions like those of the PAC, and could form part of a breakaway faction

Whatever the reason for the latest intriguing squabble in the anti-apartheid ranks, the citizen of Soweto or Alexandra — rubbish mounting on his pavements, sewage running down his potholed roads, his skies polluted by coal fires, his neighbourhood unsafe — appears to be last on anyone's list of priorities

LOCAL POLITICS FM 19/4/91 **CIVIC DISPUTE**

Power struggles within the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) organisation almost cost Johannesburg its hard-won nonracial Metropolitan Chamber last week

The chamber is a product of last year's Soweto Accord between the Transvaal provincial administration, three Soweto town councils and the Soweto People's Delegation It has the job of formulating "regional, non-racial and democratic approaches for long-term implementation of measures for the constitutional, economic, institutional and social development of the metropolis"

But nearly seven months after the signing of the accord, Cast questioned the mandate of those who had signed and rejected the formula for the chamber, calling it racist Cast, which represents about 40 civic structures, also refused to sit at the same negotiating table as black councillors.

At first it seemed the chamber might collapse before it had begun But the powerful Soweto People's Delegation, under union boss Cyril Ramaphosa, rejected Cast's allegations, saying it was unfortunate that Cast had gone to the press before consulting the signatories of the accord In the end, last week's opening chamber meeting was attended by all relevant structures, including some members of Cast

Other signatories to the constitution last week were councils of Johannesburg, Alexandra, Randburg, Sandton, and the civic associations of Soweto, Klipspruit, Eldorado Park, Riverlea and the Western Residents' Action Committee

The *FM* learns that there is deep division in Cast about a number of issues, including its stance on the new chamber

Moses Mayekiso, Cast president and resident of Hillbrow, is head of the Alexandra Civic Organisation, which so far has refused to sign the chamber constitution Mayekiso — who is thinly spread between those tasks and his roles as head of the National Union of Metalworkers of SA and a central committee member of the SA Communist Party

APARTHEID BAROMETER

RACE CLASSIFICATION *W/Mail 19/4-25/4/91*

A TOTAL of 463 people were reclassified racially in 1990, compared with 549 the previous year, according to the annual report of the Department of Home Affairs tabled in parliament this week. (226)

The following reclassifications were approved: White to coloured 12; coloured to white: 138; coloured to Chinese: two; Chinese to white: two, Chinese to Indian: one; Chinese to Malay: one. One white person reclassified from white to Malay, five Malays to white, and one Malay to Chinese.

White to Indian: three, Indian to coloured: 23; coloured to Indian: 31 Indian to Malay: eight; Malay to Indian: 23, other Asians to Indian: one. African to coloured: 183; coloured to African: nine, African to Indian: five Coloured to Malay: four; Griqua to coloured: one; Indian to white: three; and Malay to coloured: six.

INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

OF the R2-billion allocated by the state to the Independent Development Trust (IDT) last July, R1,3-billion had been allocated to housing, education and health, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis said in parliament this week. He said funds had been allocated to upgrade land and housing for hostels and squatter settlements. An amount of R750-million over 24 months had been allocated to making property rights and housing accessible. (226) *W/Mail 19/4-25/4/91*

INDEMNITY

A FURTHER 1 208 people had applied for, and been granted, indemnity for undergoing and receiving military training contrary to provisions of the Terrorism Act, Minister of Justice Kobie Coetsee announced last week. His department said this brought the total of indemnity applications granted to 3 692 — 73 percent of those received.

BLACK LOCAL AUTHORITIES (266)

EIGHTY-TWO black local authorities in the Transvaal still owe more than R1-billion for service charges. Eskom said this week townships in the region owed at least R1,6-million for electricity supplied. Thokoza, Kallahong, Atteridgeville and Vosloorus are among the townships still being affected by electricity cuts as a result. *W/Mail 19/4-25/4/91*

ABORTIONS *W/Mail 19/4-25/4/91*

A TOTAL of 868 legal abortions were conducted during 1989/90 as compared with 960 during 1988/89, Minister of Health Rina Venter said in parliament. Replying to a question from Dr Zach de Beer (DP, Parktown), she said 70 in the first and 34 in the second period had been authorised due to rape and incest.

POLICE DEATHS

Tougher protection for black mayors

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Security for black mayors would be stepped up following the killing of Diepmeadow mayor Mr Moses Khumalo at the weekend, police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said yesterday

Mr Khumalo was gunned down in an AK-47 ambush in Meadowlands on the eve of his departure — together with two other greater Soweto mayors, Mr Oscar Maseko of Soweto and Mr MacFarlane Phenethi of Dobsonville — for Frankfurt, Germany

Col Halgryn said municipal police had always maintained security at mayors' homes in Soweto since these councillors had come in for threats and intimidation

"Municipal police have always patrolled areas near their homes. But

now police are going to step up security," he added.

Mr Khumalo was one of the most defiant councillors in the face of black organisations' calls for them to resign

In February this year he, together with the other two Greater Soweto mayors, took a strong stand against the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast), declaring that they would not be intimidated into resigning

The mayors vowed to stay in office until a new form of government was introduced

A previous assassination attempt on Mr Khumalo in December 1989 failed. He escaped unscathed after he was shot at by gunmen only five days after he became mayor. Mr Khumalo is survived by his wife Catherine and five children

No arrests have yet been made in connection with the incident

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Assassins gun down outspoken mayor in ambush

Slain Khumalo gutsy man

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DIEPMEADOW mayor Moses Khumalo, who died in a hail of bullets on Friday night, was known to many journalists as an outspoken, gutsy spokesman for Soweto's sizeable moderate black community.

The last time he was in the public eye - two weeks ago at a Press conference after he and other black leaders had signed the constitution of the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber - the soft-spoken councillor had staunchly defended the rights of black town councillors to serve their community.

He also was perfectly happy to serve on this public forum with the very members of the Mass Democratic Movement who were publicly calling for his resignation, such as Mr Cyril Ramaphosa of the Soweto People's Association, Khumalo said that day.

Members

As Khumalo was speaking, members of the five civic associations which had also joined the Chamber, looked on in cool detachment - seated at the same table.

Yet minutes before, Ramaphosa had said he would continue to call for the resignation of those black councillors sharing the same forum with him. Although he also defended his own participation, he saw no contradictions in serving with them or addressing the same Press conference as them. Khumalo was equally unruffled. "Basically,

their call on us to resign is not our problem, really, but their problem," he said.

"We all have the basic democratic right to disagree with one another

"I moreover believe, as do all my fellow-councillors, that we also have the democratic right to continue serving our community as we have done in the past.

"I for once, certainly have no intention of resigning," Khumalo bravely concluded that day.

He didn't have to Khumalo was simply moved down in a hail of bullets, fired from AK-47 military assault rifles and

Makarov pistols

Police spokesman Tienie Halgryn said the unknown gunmen ambushed the mayor's car in Meadowlands about 11pm on Friday.

Halgryn said the gunmen opened fire with AK-47 rifles and Makarov pistols, killing Khumalo instantly

Cartridges

He added that 18 spent AK-47 cartridges were found on the scene of the assassination

No one had been arrested in connection with the killing

Meanwhile, the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Dane Hough,

expressed shock at Khumalo's murder

In a statement, Hough described Khumalo as "one of the most prominent leaders in the area of local government in the Transvaal.

"Khumalo's death is nothing other than a cowardly and foolish deed, especially if it is taken into account that he continuously strived for the upliftment of his people."

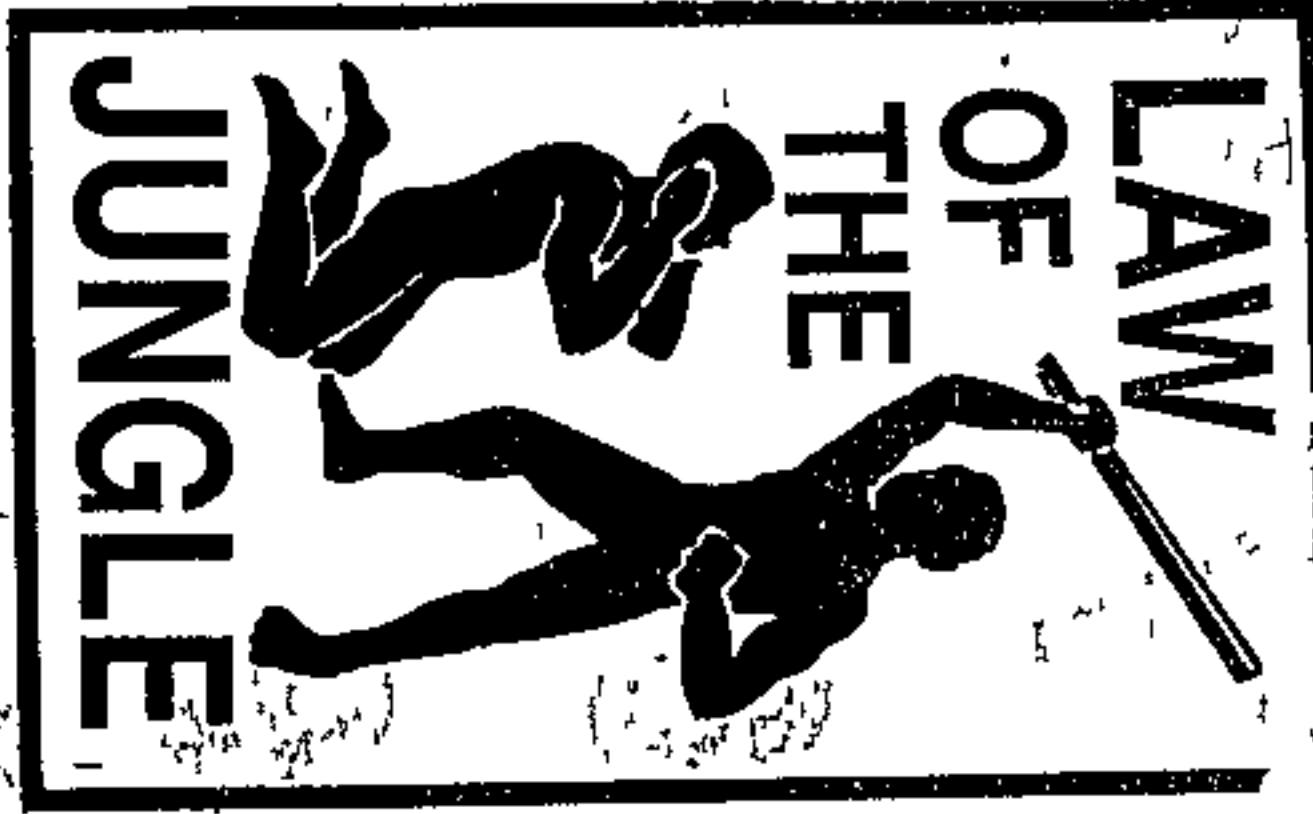
Khumalo had also played an important role in achieving and signing the Soweto Agreement and the establishment of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the statement said

Everyone who said they supported democracy should strive for peaceful negotiations rather than use violence and murder to achieve their aims, it said

Ironie

"It is extremely ironic that deeds like this are carried out just two days after the State President FW de Klerk announced urgent steps to end violence in the country."

What was even more ironic, the statement added, was that Khumalo was murdered on the eve of his visit to Germany where he and other Transvaal council members were to hold talks with



government leaders and mayors on local government and the upliftment of South Africa's black community

"Senseless violence must stop," the statement said

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Diepmeadow mayor Moses Khumalo...shot
dead on Friday night.

Maggie's Freedom protest mounting

5/23/91
By Shirley Woodgate

Opposition to Johannesburg management committee plans to grant the Freedom of the City to Margaret Thatcher was stepped up yesterday with the Johannesburg Civic Association warning that the honour would be a Pyrrhic victory for the former British prime minister.

The ANC and PAC threatened at the weekend to make it impossible for Mrs Thatcher to go about her business in South Africa and warned of mass demonstrations if the council went ahead with its plans.

Advising her not to accept the offer, Civic Association spokesman Mohammed Dangor warned that if the council ignored the wishes of the majority of the people, a future nonracial local government was likely to strip Mrs Thatcher of the Freedom of the City.

"She did little for the cause of liberation of the oppressed in South Africa. On the contrary, she consistently supported the oppressors," he said.

Johannesburg management committee member Paul Asherson reacted by saying threats would not deter the council if the committee's recommendations were approved at next week's meeting.

He said speculation about the line to be taken by future governments was irrelevant.

Mr P G SOAL Mr Chairman, with respect, may I address you on that?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon member may address me, but he cannot stop the clock

Mr P G SOAL Mr Chairman, on a point of order. When the hon the Deputy Minister replied to the hon member for Houghton after he posed a follow-up question when the hon the Deputy Minister responded to Question 8, the hon the Deputy Minister invited him to ask that question when he had replied to Question 9. As the hon member for Houghton asked that question when there was still time available, I would ask you to allow the hon member for Houghton to ask his question

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! There are questions on own affairs that have to be dealt with, and the time for questions on general affairs has expired. I cannot extend the time, and neither can I stop the clock

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

*9 Mr D J Dalling—Manpower [Question standing over]

Medical Bureau for Occupational Diseases

*10 Mr P J PAULUS asked the Minister of National Health †

(1) Whether the post of Director at the Medical Bureau for Occupational Diseases has been filled, if not, why not, if so, (a) by whom and (b) as from what date,

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

B803E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

(1) No, the appointment of the candidate who has been nominated for the post of Director has not yet been finalised. The appointment will be finalised as soon as the recommendation of the Commission for Administration has been obtained,

(2) no

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Foskor, privatisation

*11 Mr P J PAULUS asked the Minister for Economic Co-ordination and Public Enterprises †

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 20 on 5 June 1990, the investigation by consultants into the feasibility of the privatisation of Foskor has been completed, if so,

(2) whether Foskor is going to be privatised, if not, why not, if so, when,

(3) what is the current value of Foskor's assets,

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

Answered 23/4/91

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The MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC CO-ORDINATION AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

(1) Yes. The investigation has shown that the privatisation of Foskor may form part of stabilising and rationalising the phosphate industry in South Africa. This aspect, as well as the marketing of phosphoric acid internationally, and the position of the relevant role players in this regard are receiving attention at this stage

(2) No decision has yet been taken

(3) R363 677 000, based on share capital and reserves as at 30 June 1990

(4) No

White Paper on Land Reform

*12 Mr J CHIOLE asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing †

(1) Whether any documents or copies of documents regarding the Government's intention or proposals in connection with the White Paper on Land Reform were furnished to the ANC, officials of the ANC or bodies allied to the ANC, or discussed with any such person or body, before the said White Paper was officially released, if so, what was the (a) nature and (b) purpose of the liaison concerned,

(2) whether, after such liaison, any changes were effected before the said White Paper was released, if so, what are the relevant details?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

(1) No

(2) Falls away

Mining at St Lucia

*13 Mr R F HASWELL asked the Minister of Environment Affairs

(1) Whether he has received an environment impact study on proposed mining on the shores of Lake St Lucia, if so, when will the study be made public,

(2) whether he supports the creation of a park which incorporates and links Lake St Lucia with the Sodwana State Forest and the Mkuze Game Reserve,

(3) whether he will make a statement on mining activities within the boundaries of our national parks?

Answered 23/4/91

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The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS

(1) No. The environmental impact study currently under way will only be completed in the beginning of 1992. Any individual or organisation who still wishes to contribute to the study is free to do so. Interested and affected parties are also given regular updates on the progress of the study. It is also the aim to produce a draft report before the end of this year, which will be made available to the public for comment

(2) I support the creation of such a conservation area. However, before the area can be declared a conservation area all parties who have vested interests must be consulted. Such consultations are already under way for a considerable period of time

(3) Legally no mining activities may be undertaken within the boundaries of declared national parks and I subscribe to this. Regarding the St Lucia environment, I wish to reiterate that the area in respect of which mining rights exist is not situated within the boundaries of a national park or any other park or conservation area, but that the mentioned environ-

mental impact study covers a wider area than only that to which mining rights are attached and thus also includes conservation area

Myburgh Park development project

*14 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

Answered 23/4/91

(1) Whether the Cape Provincial Administration recently approved a housing development project in Langebaan known as Myburgh Park Phase 2 (and Extension), if so, when,

(2) whether the area scheduled to be developed to the south-west, south and north-east of Stompneustrots was proclaimed a nature area in 1984 and deproclaimed in approximately 1989, if so, why was the status of this area changed,

(3) whether he will comment on the opposition to the development of this nature area for residential purposes expressed by a Prof Retief, particulars of whom have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if not, why not, if so, what are his comments

(4) whether it was brought to his notice that no application for the rezoning of this area from a nature area and/or land for agricultural use to land for residential use had been submitted and that the legal requirements for rezoning this land had allegedly not been met, if so, what steps does he intend taking in this regard,

(5) whether the alleged marketing of this land up to the high-water mark is being effected in accordance with the provisions of Plan 1 069 in terms of which the permit for this housing development project was granted, if not, what steps does he intend taking in this regard?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

The Cape Provincial Administration is not responsible for rezoning within the jurisdiction of white local authorities. It falls within the area of responsibility of the Administration House of Assembly. Because of the above

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only sub-division (2) of Question 14 can be answered

- (1) No (Vested in the Administration House of Assembly) This question relates to Question 5 in the House of Assembly

(2) Yes, the area in question was proclaimed a nature area in 1984. The nature area was not deproclaimed. On 6 August 1985 a permit for the use of land (75 ha) within a nature area was granted by the Department of Environment Affairs. A further permit for 50 ha was granted by the Cape Provincial Administration on 3 September 1990, this permit was issued because the changed land-use is more acceptable from an environmental point of view.

- (3), (4) and (5) Vested in the Administration House of Assembly

Schools in Lindaleen area - transfer

*15 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Training

- (1) Whether a decision was taken to transfer to his Department schools currently falling under the KwaZulu department of education in the area of Lindaleen near Durban, if so, (a) when, (b) by whom and (c) why,
(2) whether it is his intention to proceed with this transfer, if not, why not, if so, when will the transfer be effected,
(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- (1) No
(a) Falls away
(b) Falls away
(c) Falls away
(2) No
The area falls under the jurisdiction of KwaZulu
(3) No

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Lakehaven Children's Home - placement denied

*17 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

- (1) Whether the Natal Provincial Administration recently denied three children, whose names have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, placement in the Lakehaven Children's Home, if so, (a) when and (b) on what grounds,
(2) whether representations in regard to this matter were made to the said Administration by a certain social workers' association in Durban, the name of which has also been furnished to the Minister's Department, if so, (a) when and (b) what is the name of this association,

- (3) whether the Administration has responded to these representations, if not, why not, if so, what was the response?

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THE MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

- (1) Yes
(a) During November 1990
(b) The Lakehaven Children's Home is registered with the Department of Health and Welfare House of Delegates and not with the Natal Provincial Administration. The Natal Provincial Administration has no jurisdiction over this home
(2) Yes
(a) November 1990
(b) South African Black Social Workers' Association Durban and the Society for Social Workers Durban

- (3) The associations were informed that the Lakehaven Children's Home is registered with the Department of Health and Welfare House of Delegates and not with the Natal Provincial Administration. The Natal Provincial Administration has no jurisdiction over this home
The Administrator is empowered to execute the provisions of the Child Care Act,

1983 (Act No 74 of 1983) in respect of the Black population group only

Desegregation of hospitals

*18 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health

- (1) Whether she had down guidelines in May 1990 in regard to the desegregation of hospitals, if so,
(2) whether the Welkom Hospital is being desegregated in terms of these guidelines, if not, why not,
(3) whether she will make a statement on the matter?

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THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

- (1) The Health Policy Council approved a management model to manage hospitals. The purpose of the management model is to furnish superintendents with fixed guidelines in order to provide patients with all the means at the State's disposal,
(2) the situation at Welkom Hospital and also at other hospitals are being evaluated according to these guidelines. I will discuss the matter at the next meeting of the Administrators Health Council,
(3) no

Pretoria Minute: progress

*19 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice

- (1) What progress is being made in giving effect to paragraph 7 of the Pretoria Minute of 6 August 1990 in regard to the (a) repeal of various sections of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, and (b) review of security legislation and its application in order to ensure free political activity,
(2) whether legislation arising from deliberations on the matters referred to above is to be submitted during the current session of Parliament, if not, why not, if so, when?

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

We won't resign, say councillors

By Stan Hlophe ^{25/4/91}

The three members of the Greater Soweto Council Committee last night reiterated that they would not be intimidated into resigning from the council in spite of the killing of former Diepmeadow mayor Moses Julius Khumalo last Friday.

"We will not be intimidated by anyone to stand down as councillors. We serve the people of Greater Soweto," they said in a joint statement.

"We have lost a great man in the person of Mr Khumalo, mayor of Diepmeadow and chairman of the GSCC. We the GSCC stand firm on the principles of our late chairman.

"We urge the police to spare no effort in apprehending the perpetrators of this hideous crime against the community of Soweto," the statement said.

Mr Khumalo (63) will be buried at the Avalon cemetery on Sunday. A service will be held at the Meadowlands Stadium.

The former mayor, who has been described as a person whom you either hated or loved for his courage, was gunned down on his way to visit a fellow councillor in Zone 8 Meadowlands a few hours before he was to leave for Germany.

His car was riddled with bullets and 18 spent cartridges were found on the scene. Police said a hand grenade was also used in the ambush.

Mr Khumalo, a local Inkatha leader, escaped two previous attempts made on his life in 1984 and 1989.

City management makes its choice for town clerk

(266) TANIA LEVY 26/4/91
THE Johannesburg management committee yesterday unanimously decided to recommend acting town clerk Graham Collins as the city's next town clerk.

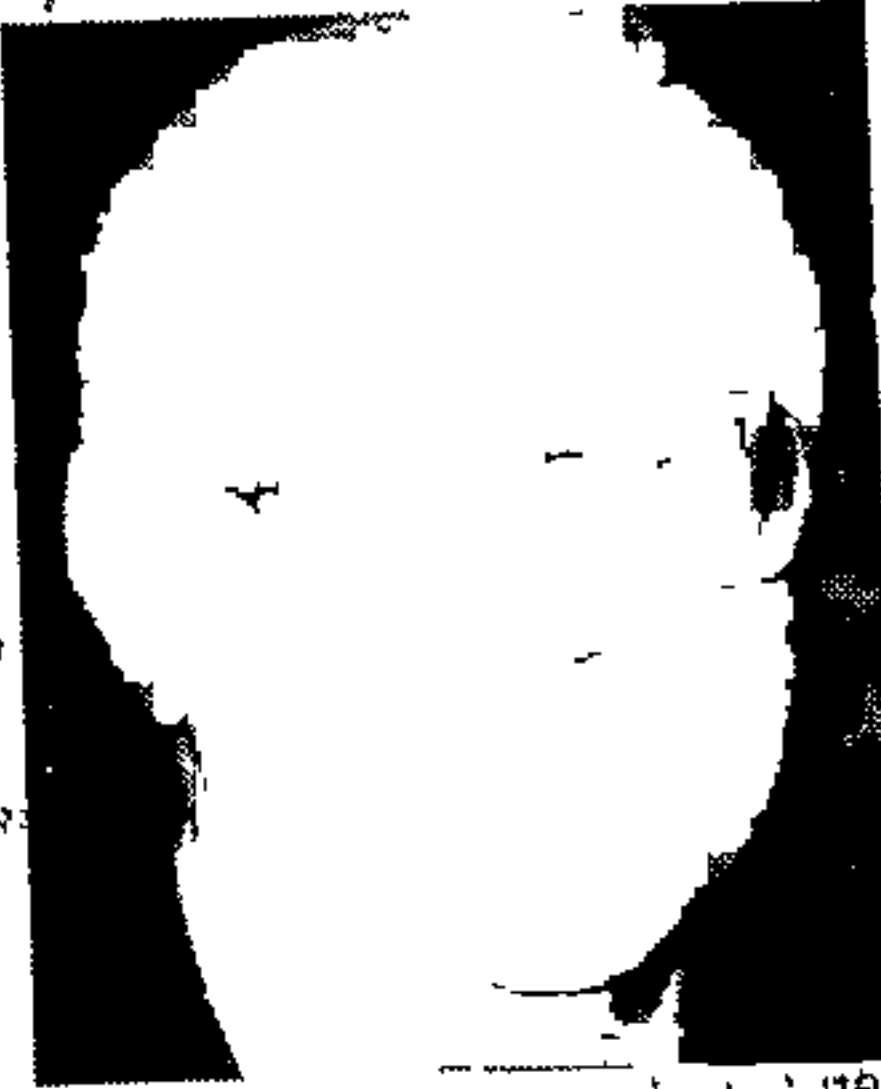
If the city council approves his appointment at its monthly meeting next week, Collins will assume the country's top municipal post with an annual salary of R166 000.

Collins has been acting town clerk since former town clerk Manie Venter resigned last September in the wake of the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into alleged council spying activities.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the committee decided unanimously on Collins after interviewing three other candidates yesterday.

Eleven initial applicants included some of the city's most senior personnel as well as the town clerks from other municipalities around SA.

The Johannesburg town clerk's post was recently placed in a class of its own in terms of the Remuneration of Town Clerks Act and the salary increased from R140 000 a year to about R166 000 a year.



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Cast's problems could wreck metro chamber

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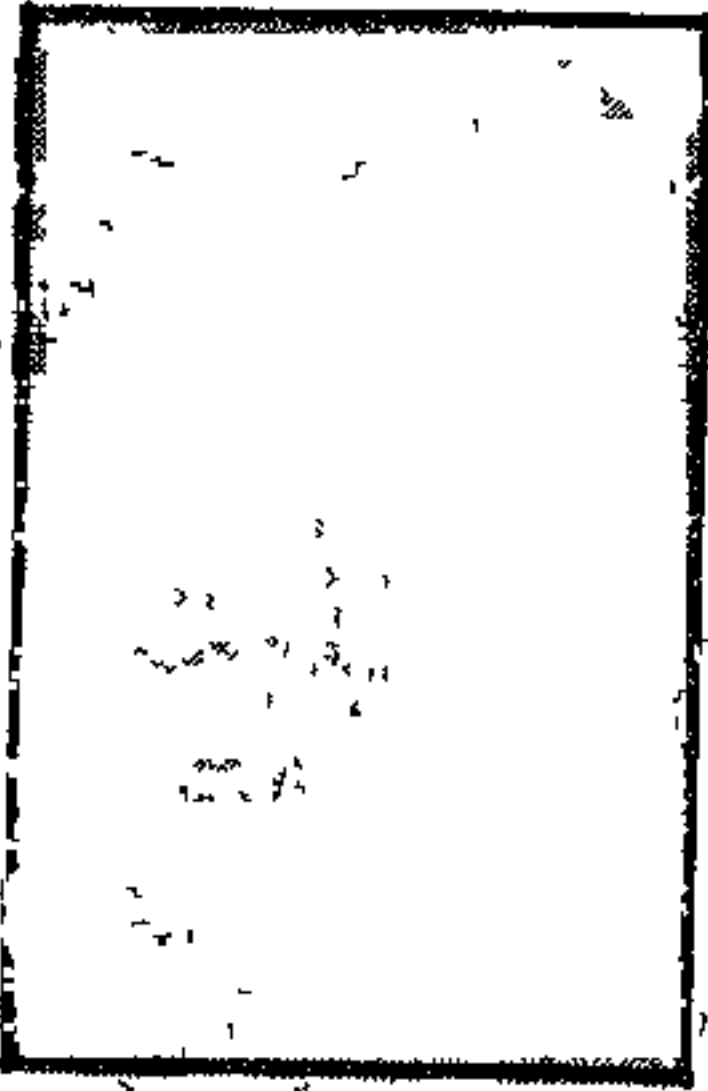
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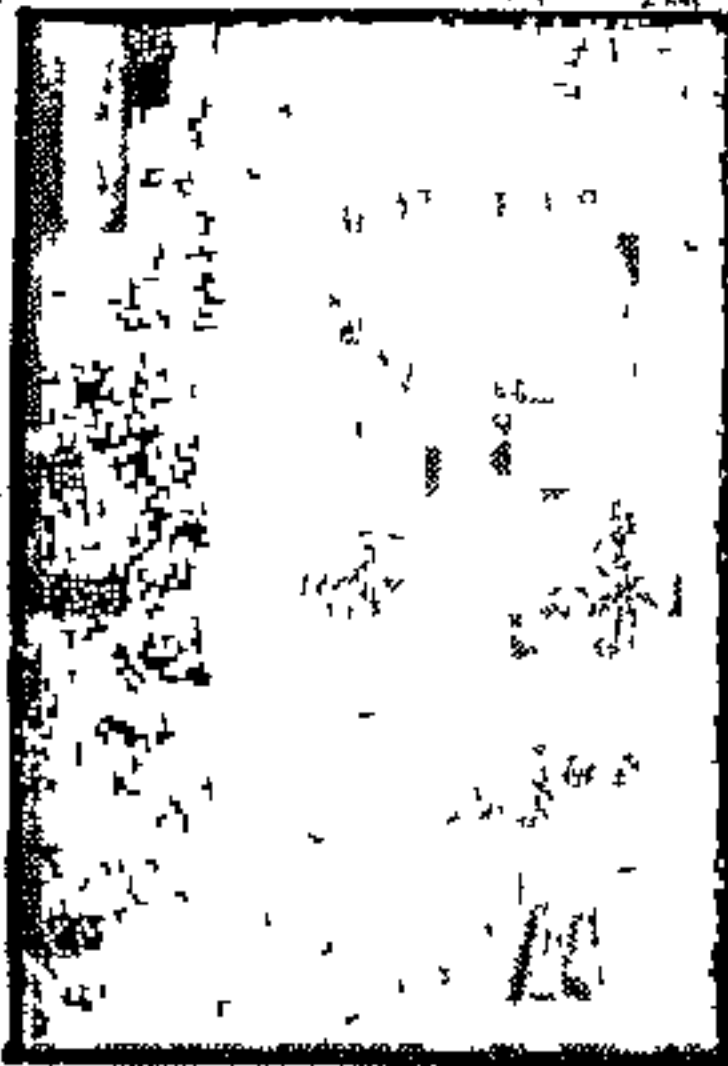
THE future of the newly formed Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber (MC) is in the balance.

A series of damaging developments have emerged within the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast), the organisation representing millions of black people whose participation will be vital to laying the foundations of future non-racial local government.

It now seems unlikely that Cast will play a role in the new local government structure, according to impeccable sources, and without it the Metropolitan Chamber will be rendered impotent.



MR. RAMAPHOSA Signed the MC's draft.



MR. COOVADIA Attended meeting.

ing black councillors the recognition they do not deserve. Mr Ramaphosa attracted their wrath by recently signing the MC's draft constitution on behalf of the SPD.

Mr Coovadia is in trouble for having attended the initial chamber meeting and later speaking to the media as a Cast representative without a mandate from the organisation.

Sources told Saturday Star this week that as a result of these actions, Mr Ramaphosa and Mr Coovadia would be fired or asked to resign.

It is believed that such measures have the support of the majority of Cast leaders, who last week held a secret meeting to decide, among other things, the fate

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Investigations by Saturday Star reveal that

● The issue of whether to participate in the MC has seriously divided the leadership of Cast.

● The rift is likely to lead to the dismissal of two senior civic association office-bearers — Cyril Ramaphosa and Cas Coovadia.

● Cast is in dire financial straits.

● ANC deputy-president Nelson Mandela has been called in as a mediator.

● The Soweto Civic Association (SCA) is likely to break away from Cast.

● The SCA itself is expected to split over the Metropolitan Chamber issue.

Mr Coovadia, assistant general secretary of Cast, and Mr Ramaphosa, a leader of the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), which is affiliated to Cast, are the targets of hard-liners within the body.

The hard-liners believe Cast should not become involved with the MC because it would give exist-

Open, local Govt in

trouble

Family bed down on Church Square

A DESPERATE Pretoria City Council employee and his family have taken up residence on the city's Church Square

They say they cannot afford a house in Pretoria and claim the council says they "have to wait a year and two months for a house".

Gert Swanepoel, his wife Christa and two of their four children, Pieter (4) and Gertie (3), moved their furniture and other belongings alongside the statue of Paul Kruger last night.

Notice

Their move came after they had been given notice to vacate their Jan Niemandpark house

Members of the family made two trips to the square. While Mr Swanepoel returned to fetch the children's beds and warm clothing for his family, his wife made up their double bed.

In the meantime the children played "cops and robbers", enjoying what they saw as an adventure.

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ROBB NORTHEY

Mr Swanepoel works in the City Engineer's Department of the council

He feels the council should be able to provide housing for its workers when they are desperate.

"We were told by Mrs Strubel, who deals with council housing, we must be on the housing list for one year and two months before we get a house," Mrs Swanepoel said from her armchair on Church Square.

She said she called the housing department "almost daily" but Mr Chris Brand, the head of the department, was never available

"I called him twice on Thursday and the second time I phoned yesterday I was told he would be back at quarter to four. He had gone home when I called the third time"

"There are no houses we can afford in Pretoria and we have been forced to move here. Mr Brand refused to speak to us.

"Yesterday I told Mrs Strubel and Mr Brand's secretary we would be moving to the square if they did not find a house for us

"The council has houses but they don't have electricity. I would rather sit with a candle for light than here in the open," Mrs Swanepoel said

City residents have been sympathetic towards the family's plight. Two policemen who stopped to question Mr Swanepoel were also sympathetic and took him to a flat they knew of. It was not available.

Hampers

A Schubart Park couple, who declined to be identified, arrived late in the evening bearing hampers of food which they donated.

Ina Olivier, a spokesman for the Pretoria City Council, said Mr Brand was out of town for the weekend and would not be available for comment before Monday

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of the two men.

Last night, Mr Coovadia declined to comment "I'm not prepared to discuss the matter with the press, at least not now."

He regarded the issue as "an internal matter" that had yet to be discussed by the executive of Cast

Mr Ramaphosa acknowledged that things were not as rosy as before in the civic associations. He said that a meeting would be held in two weeks at which "differences" were expected to be resolved.

On top of the infighting, Cast is in financial trouble. In recent weeks, Cast general secretary Sam Ntuli flew to Sweden on a fund-raising mission, according to a reliable source.

And Cast is in debt to a Johannesburg hotel it used as a venue for a number of meetings, the source revealed. It owes more than R30 000, according to the hotel's managing director, who added that the bill would be paid because Cast had "just received some money from America."

Saturday Star can also reveal that Mr Mandela chaired a meeting of the warring groups within Cast a few weeks ago. The ANC leader, realising the seriousness of the problem, urged the two factions not to make their differences known to the press.

In another development, Pat Lephunya, SCA general secretary, said civic associations reluctant to join the MC were victims of their own in-

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They include the Alexandra Civic Association and the Johannesburg Civic Association.

Mr Lephunya said civic associations unwilling to join the MC were unaware that the chamber was not meant to replace the existing local authority structures. "They lack the understanding of mass mobilisation at the local government level."

He said the objections of the hardliners within Cast to the MC were vague.

If Cast joined the MC its members would be in a stronger position to change lower levels of local government and deny black councillors recognition.

Mr Lephunya said the MC would never be a failure. "We will continue with or without them."

A senior official of the SCA, who asked not to be named, expressed regret over the SCA's involvement with the chamber.

"Our strategy was to ensure that before joining the MC, black local councils relinquished control of their finances."

The official was reluctant to talk about Mr Ramaphosa, but revealed that Mr Coovadia was recently sent a letter listing grievances regarding his participation in the MC.

He said Mr Coovadia's response, expected "soon", could signal the end of his career in civic politics. "He is expected to resign."

Cast has also come under fire from well-known urban affairs consultant Nigel Mandy, who branded the organisation "unproductive".

League contest

thus opposed to Mrs Mandela's candi-

By TERRY BETTY

THE THREAT of anarchy caused by unemployment has been tackled by the Soweto City Council. It has developed labour-intensive construction programmes

Their purpose is threefold.

● To improve the water reticulation system which is in a bad condition because it is old and the increased density of the Soweto population.

● To create jobs

● To train people to become contractors

An estimated R10-million a year could be saved by halving leakages resulting from pressure on the pipes

Soweto jobless put to work

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Deputy city engineer Archer Davis believes that the opportunity to enter the economy as an employer is even more important than the creation of employment for those with no skills.

Entrepreneurial development in SA (EDSA) provides commercial skills training in construction. Most potential contractors have technical experience but lack commercial knowledge. Twenty contractors can employ about 30 workers each

Mr Davis stresses that jobs

are not merely handed out — tenders are competed for. He says the programme has shown cost savings of about 10% over conventional construction methods

The conventional contractor cannot work in west Soweto, or "Belrut", because of gang violence. Mr Davis says: "Vandalism is caused by the lack of understanding of the need for an infrastructure. But when contractors explain the system and install it, it gains acceptance

Mr Davis stresses that jobs

feel it is part of the economy will stabilise it."

"But Government funding for capital projects which Soweto has used for job creation has been cut. Alternative sources of income have not been identified"

Grants were slashed "just when I had developed the resources, experience and capacity to expand low-tech, labour-intensive civil engineering construction programmes".

The Government has indicated that it will no longer subsidise black local

authorities, so the Soweto City Council is looking to the Regional Services Council for money

Many people would question whether job creation at a time of high inflation is justified

But Mr Davis argues that

contractors and workers do not have a high import propensity in their spending. More cash in the ordinary man's pocket will not put pressure on the balance of payments and will not exacerbate inflation

Other work being planned includes stormwater drainage, road construction, kerbs, gutters and possibly electrical work

'Comrade' councillor shakes up Diepmeadow

By TEZMBA KHUMALO

DIEPMEADOW councillor Benjamin Mtimkulu is a controversial character.

He is often snubbed by his colleagues in the council and is rejected by the ANC – though he claims he is a member.

His double-storey house in Zone 6 Diepkloof has been petrol-bombed twice in two years – first in 1988 and again last month.

With friends like his, who needs enemies?

"It was not the comrades. It was thugs hired by my colleagues in the council to kill me," he said.

"My comrades would not kill me. I'm a card-carrying member of the ANC."

Mtimkulu claims to have been recruited as an underground operative by the ANC when the organisation was still banned.

Either you love him or you hate him.

He wants an all-black council – a suggestion that has angered white officials.

"I remind them that we cannot afford the luxury of unqualified white officials in influential positions when we have black graduates," he said.

At council meetings Mtimkulu has suggested that money be set aside to train council employees so they can replace their white counterparts.

He has been known to infuriate some councillors by accusing them of corruption.

"Just look at that rubbish," he said, pointing to a mountain of rubbish.

"It has been lying there for weeks."

"A white official has been given a car to check where refuse is being dumped, but he is not doing his job."



Maverick . . . Diepmeadow councillor Benjamin Mtimkulu.

But how is it possible for Mtimkulu to be a member of the ANC and a councillor when the two are fundamentally opposed?

He explained that ANC negotiations with the government had urged a peaceful transformation from black town councils to democratic local structures.

Mtimkulu has two sons, one in exile in the US who fled the country in 1976. He said his family had a long history of ANC membership.

"My father was a driver for leaders of the ANC in the 60s and I helped my son to skip the country."

Mtimkulu may never become a national leader, but his irreverence will probably keep him in the public eye for years – that is, if he does not tire of playing the maverick.

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Municipal finance 'needs new sources'

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TANIA LEVY

ALTERNATIVE forms of municipal financing would have to be urgently investigated if service disparities between black and white local authorities were to be addressed, Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson warned at the weekend.

Davidson told the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Friday that black local authorities were capable of generating only about 20% of their operating costs.

While Johannesburg residential rates could be kept artificially low because of the city's industrial component, apartheid laws had made establishing a local economy in dormitory towns such as Soweto and Alexandra almost impossible.

Alexandra, Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville would be short of an estimated R165m for their operating budgets this year, he said.

This did not allow for capital expenditure.

Davidson added that this shortfall was based on the provision of unacceptably poor services.

It would cost R2,5bn a year to extend the level of spending on Johannesburg to Greater Soweto.

Only about a quarter of this amount would in fact be spent, said Davidson. To add to the problem, the Transvaal Provincial Administration had indicated that its source of finances was limited and that subsidies would probably be cut.

Davidson said government was increasingly seeking to devolve authority and financial responsibility to local government level.

However, "we are not being given the resources to cope with such increased responsibility", he said.

Notwithstanding a government subsidy, it would be inevitable that white local authorities would have to come to the financial aid of black councils, in addition to the contribution being made via regional services councils levies.

But if white authorities were left to shoulder the burden alone, they would inevitably face bankruptcy as there was a limit to the burden they could place on ratepayers, said Davidson.

Davidson said alternative or supplementary forms of local government taxation would have to be investigated soon.

International

A local income tax, a share of present GST or VAT and an increase in RSC levies to supplement assessment rate income or to replace non-domestic rating could be considered, he said.

In addition, long-term financing might have to be raised on the international market.

Davidson said cities and towns had to give urgent attention to attracting investment and creating wealth.

Debate, particularly among civic associations, had revolved around the distribution or redistribution of wealth, with scant attention being paid to its generation.

He said cities like Johannesburg would bear the brunt of massive urbanisation and the PWV region should not and could not be excluded from regional industrial incentive programmes.

"Cities like Johannesburg deserve to benefit more from industrial initiative programmes as we are the key to the generation of economic growth and therefore jobs."

Pearce stepping down but dust far from settled

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Johannesburg's former director of public safety John Pearce steps down from his R112 000-a-year job today after being fired by the management committee — but the matter is far from over.

And councillors have warned they will today raise the management committee's refusal to have the sacking debated by a full council when the Deloitte Pim Goldby Management Consultants' report on the Organisational Review of Structure is presented at the monthly council meeting.

It is being speculated that if far-reaching changes to the structure of council envisaged by Deloitte Pim Goldby are implemented, Mr Pearce will be in line for a handsome retrenchment package.

The report recommends that several senior posts, including that of director of public safety, be abolished.

If his position is scrapped and it is ruled that he should be reinstated, he could claim compensation, according to Johannesburg Municipal

Employees Association general secretary Theo Crouse.

But, he stressed, the report still had to be approved and implemented, and Mr Pearce still had the Industrial Council and a possible Industrial Court hearing ahead of him.

Suspended for his part in the council's security department spy network, which was investigated by the Hiemstra Commission, Mr Pearce was summarily sacked by the management committee in February.

His appeal against the dismissal was rejected, and chairman Ian Davidson explained that his committee had unanimously agreed with advocate Chris Plewman, SC, who recommended the move after finding, during a disciplinary hearing, that Mr Pearce was guilty of 15 counts of misconduct.

Claiming he was a "sacrificial lamb" and the victim of a council vendetta, Mr Pearce took his dismissal to the Industrial Council on March 18.

A hearing must be held within 30 days but he has already warned he is prepared to go to the Industrial Court.

Municipal revamp proposed

By Shirley Woodgate

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Far-reaching plans aimed at transforming the Johannesburg municipal structure from a traditional municipal body to a service-driven organisation managed according to sound business principles will be presented in a report to the council today.

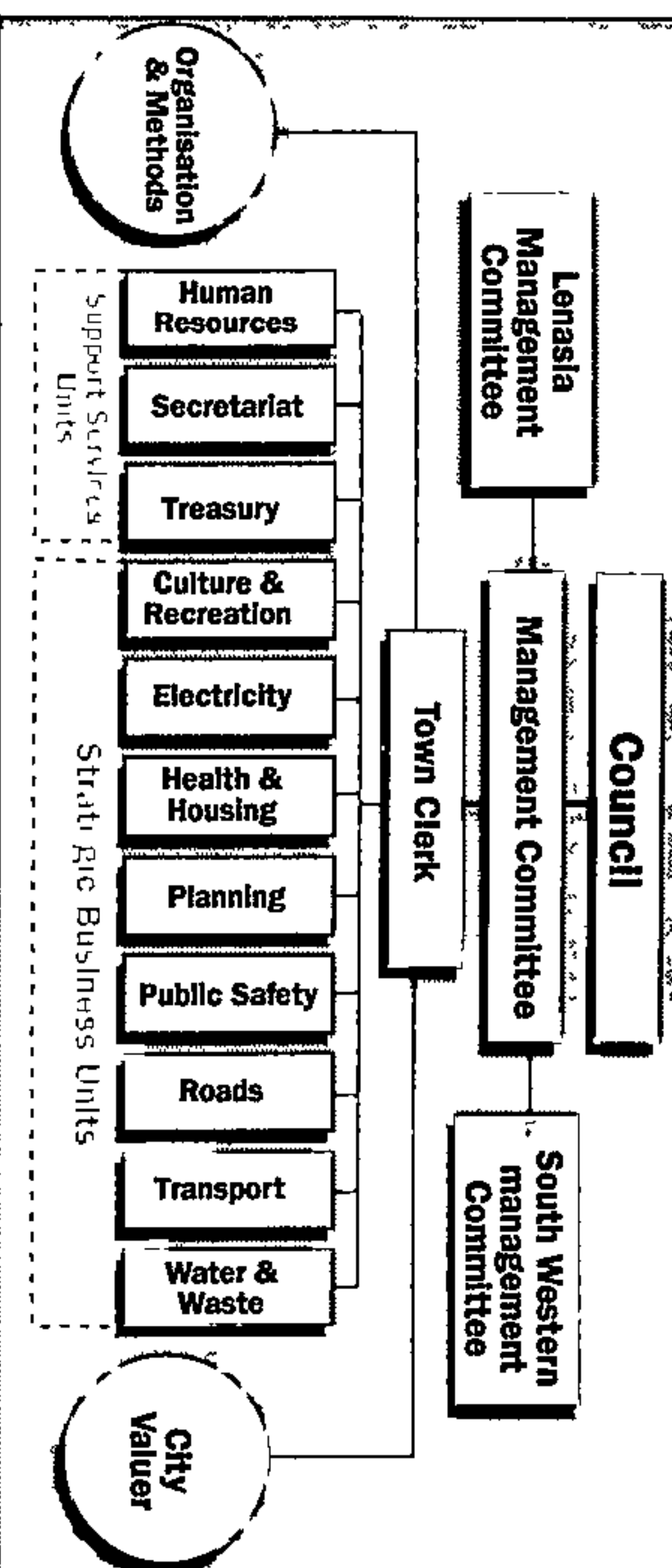
The review was commissioned in July 1990 by the management committee and compiled by Deloitte Pim Goldby Management Consultants in conjunction with a project steering committee of officials and councillors.

Abolished

It recommends the scrapping of 17 departmental head and three deputy town clerk posts and the creation of 11 executive director positions to replace them — eight strategic business units (SBUs) and three support service units (SSUs).

If the report is approved by the council, officials at

Recommended top structure of Johannesburg municipality



present occupying posts due to be abolished would receive three months' notice and would be invited to apply for the new positions, competing with outside applicants on the open market.

Critical to the streamlining operation affecting the staff of 23 000 are aims to provide fewer levels, faster decision-making, more autonomy at department-head

level and decentralisation of support services. Each division would become an autonomous strategic SBU headed by executive directors answerable directly to the town clerk.

Changes to the top structure of the council would mean abolishing the positions of deputy town clerk finance, technical and administration, and chief directors of manpower, development, funds and licensing, health and public safety.

Also due to be scrapped are the posts of city engineer, city secretary, city treasurer and valuer as well as director of fire and emergency services, housing, library and museum services, markets, parks and recreation, transport, and water and

gas. They would be replaced by eight SBUs with more powers culture and recreation, electricity, health and housing, planning, public safety, roads, transport, and water and waste.

Certain SSUs would be retained — human resources, treasury and secretariat — to perform an overall strategic, control and co-ordinating role and to cut down unnecessary duplication by centralising certain functions.

Improve

Their functions, providing a comprehensive service across divisional (departmental) boundaries would be human resources — formulating strategy and policies, secretariat — providing services including administrative and legal advice to the council, treasury — managing the financial resources and the budget.

The report states that the new structure would not only improve the implementation of strategy but would promote market awareness and a results-oriented culture.

TPA set to unveil plan for Pilgrim's Rest

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SEAN VAN ZYL

THE proposal to "privatise" the historic town of Pilgrim's Rest will be outlined by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) on Thursday.

In addition to spelling out the town's future, the TPA may disclose which company will be awarded the tender for the eastern Transvaal town's development, says TPA spokesman Louis van der Linde.

Three potential developers, including Stocks and Stocks and Ovland, were invited to submit provisional ideas and costings for development. The third party is a consortium headed by former Cabinet Minister Pietie du Plessis, the Financial Mail has reported.

The developers are expecting the TPA to call for further details and costings on specific development requirements.

Building and construction-listed Ovbel Holding's property development subsidiary Ovland is strongly rumoured to be the frontrunner, but MD Tiny Barnettson says he has not been informed of any recent developments.

The tenders closed on March 13.

The people of Pilgrim's Rest are concerned about the privatisation drive, unveiled in April 1990.

The town's business chamber chairman Christine Grovier says they are still in the dark despite repeated requests to the TPA for further information.

"The townspeople are very worried about their livelihood and whether or not they will be allowed to continue operating their businesses in Pilgrim's," she said.

"Most of the people here are traditional craftsmen and I don't know what they would do if they were forced out to make Pilgrim's into some form of a commercialised amusement centre."

Expectations are that the TPA will retain ownership of the land, but it will "franchise out" the various buildings.

It is likely the TPA will control the upkeep and administration of historic sites.

Top Jo'burg council jobs put on market

By Shirley Woodgate

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Top positions in the Johannesburg City Council will be advertised in national newspapers this weekend, all aimed at placing the revamped organisation at the forefront of the new South Africa.

Heading the senior posts, with salaries between R94 000 and R149 000, will be the newly created executive directors to head departments ranging from culture and recreation to electricity and planning.

These situations, which will replace the existing top council structure, offer more responsibility and greater accountability, as proposed in a report submitted to the council by Deloitte Pim Goldby Management

Consultants

In addition, the council is looking for three top promoters for sport, culture, and commerce and industry in the city.

The report said it was apparent Johannesburg had fallen behind in these areas, which would have to be addressed urgently if the city aimed to become a destination point.

The city seeks to take full advantage of an expected sports explosion, which includes making the city the major sports centre in Africa.

The report stressed the huge scope for new industries and businesses. Aiming to take full advantage of the lifting of sanctions, Johannesburg wants to stress new job creation to improve living standards.

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Cast likely to plaster over its rift

By GAVIN EVANS

THE internal rift within the Civics Association of the Transvaal over whether to participate in the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber is expected to be resolved this weekend.

While the parties currently in conflict over the issue are sticking to their positions, African National Congress sources close to both groups say they are expecting an agreement which opens the way to attempt to change the chamber from within.

The Metropolitan Chamber was launched with considerable fanfare on April 9 and was intended to be a "super forum" which would help mould the future of non-racial local government in the PWV area and beyond. Delegates are drawn from all the white and black town and city councils in the area, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the ANC-aligned Soweto Civic Association and other civic bodies, while observers from the Development Bank, Eskom and the Tembisa and Midrand councils also participate.

But the chamber was rejected by Cast, largely because it is "based on racial representation" and includes "illegitimate and discredited" town-

The schism in Cast over participation in the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber is expected to be resolved this weekend. By GAVIN EVANS

ship councillors.

Cast said it believed structures such as the forum cut across national political demands for a constituent assembly and an interim government.

The SCA and Soweto Peoples' Delegation, which had forged the ground-breaking Greater Soweto Accord with the TPA last September, believed it was a useful forum through which a future non-racial local government system could be forged.

Following the Cast announcement of its rejection of the chamber, SPD leader Cyril Ramaphosa accused Cast members of "political dishonesty", saying that none of them had raised fundamental objections to the chamber at a meeting shortly before its launch.

Since then top-level ANC members have been working hard on getting the two sides to reach agreement. It

has been stressed that failure could lead to a major split between Cast, led by National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa general-secretary Moses Mayekiso and its most powerful affiliate, the SCA, in which National Union of Mineworkers general secretary Ramaphosa is playing a central role.

"The differences are essentially over tactics, not over principle," said one ANC leader involved in the discussions which they hope will resolve the issue this weekend.

"It can't be reduced to the individuals involved, but bear in mind that Cyril comes from a union tradition where initial agreements made space for NUM to organise, while in Numsa they had to force the space to organise from the bottom before the initial agreements were won.

"In the end though, I think they will reach an agreement which will open the way to try and change the chamber from within — to use it to oversee the demise of the illegitimate black town councils."

Mayekiso this week confirmed that some Cast affiliates were still against the chamber while others had signed its constitution, and that meetings were being held to resolve the problem.

Bad dilemma for Jo'burg if Big John gets his job back

Sue Olswang

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THE Johannesburg City Council could "face a legal minefield" if its recently sacked public safety director, John Pearce, succeeds in being reinstated to a position that has now been abolished.

Mr Pearce was suspended and later dismissed from his position by the council management committee for his part in the council's security department spy network, which was investigated by the Hemstra Commission of Inquiry.

Mr Pearce's appeal against his dismissal was rejected and he stepped down from his R112 000-a-year job on Tuesday

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson was reported to have said his committee unanimously agreed with advocate Chris Plewman SC, who recommended the move after finding, during a disciplinary hearing, that Mr Pearce was guilty of 15 counts of misconduct.

Mr Pearce has claimed he was a victim of a council vendetta and has taken his dismissal to the Industrial Council.

Stressing that there have been no formal discussions with Mr Pearce, Mr Davidson said: "Mr

Pearce is due to meet the Industrial Council soon, which will either confirm or reject our dismissal. He has indicated that if he doesn't succeed with the Industrial Council, he will go the Industrial Court and, if he doesn't succeed there he will go to the Supreme Court, then the Appellate Division. Mr Pearce must do what he wants."

Mr Davidson said that at present there was no money due to Mr Pearce "other than that which he gets as a result of the

pension fund rules".

On the possibility of Mr Pearce receiving a retrenchment package if he was reinstated to a position now abolished (the council this week decided to implement recommendations that several senior posts, including that of director of public safety, be abolished), Mr Davidson said "I personally don't believe it is due to him. But there will be a problem if, sometime down the line, we are faced with a situation where the appeal process goes wrong and he is reinstated."

"If he is reinstated to a post-

tion now made redundant, he will have to negotiate with council about a retrenchment package.

"We will be faced with a legal minefield if we reach that situation."

Mr Davidson said he could not begin to calculate how much Mr Pearce would receive if he was reinstated and entitled to a retrenchment package.

"I don't know because every package is tailored to the individual concerned," he said. "It is tailored according to the number of years served, bonus years, and so on."

'Super-council' cheered

By ELIAS MALULEKE

BLACK political and community organisations are 'elated' that Pretoria City Council has agreed to discuss the formation of one municipality for Pretoria.

The council this week announced a plan for a "super council" representing Atteridgeville, Eersterus, Laudium, Mamelodi, Pretoria Central and two other white towns

— Akasia and Verwoerdburg.

The conservative city was finally getting the message that there was no longer room in the country for apartheid, said the ANC.

Management council chairman Dr Pieter Smith said he would lead a team to negotiate for one metropolitan municipality for Pretoria.

"We do not want to deprive anyone of the

right to have a say in the future of our city," Smith said in a statement.

The talks, which are scheduled to start this month, would not focus on any specific model for Pretoria and his team would approach the negotiations with an open mind, he said.

The Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) praised the council, saying it was what the organisation had always

campaigning for.

Cast spokesman Sandy Lebesé said Atteridgeville and Mamelodi had been fighting for one municipality and one tax base with Pretoria and it now seemed imminent.

A spokesman for the GaRankuwa and Odicivics, Pule Montingoe, said his organisation supported the move, but felt bad that townships north of Pretoria would not benefit.

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Stayaway set today

Sowetan
6/5/91

By MONK NKOMO

THE Mamelodi Civic Association has called on local residents - except students, journalists and health workers - to stay away today to demand the resignation of local councillors.

In addition, MCA publicity secretary Mr Pasty Malefo urged residents to pay a monthly flat-rate tariff of R50 a household until the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Pretoria Council meet the organisation to discuss affordable rent and service charges.

Residents were planning to march on the local town council offices to deliver a memorandum demanding the resignation of councillors.

Malefo said the MCA resorted to the stayaway action after the TPA refused to meet it to resolve the rent problem.

He added that the chief magistrate of Pretoria had granted the MCA permission to stage a peaceful march.

Daunting job for new Soweto council head

By Shirley Woodgate

Hopes for the revival of the South African economy were pinned on the lifting of sanctions, but the role of local business and industry in financing development should not be minimised.

This was said by Soweto's new town clerk Elizabeth Nomvulazana Sithole (42), the first woman to hold the position.

It is a job which offers more problems than solutions.

But the outspoken mother of two highlighted, without hesitation, three main areas where she would urge positive action.

Lack of finance was the problem underlying all other considerations.

Fortunes

Unlike those who dream of untold millions pouring into the country from overseas, Mrs Sithole said a large slice of the financial responsibility for the new South Africa rested on local financial institutions — banks, building societies, mining houses, insurance companies and other major business institutions.

"These are the people who made their fortunes on the Highveld since the discovery of gold in 1886, through the labour provided by blacks."

"These are the people who should now plough some of that back. It is virtually their duty to do so."

"We need to encourage local black businessmen who have the skills. But for them to get off the ground the institutions will have to ease their loan conditions."

"Banks require collateral which we blacks cannot provide. Lending organisations should address that problem," she said.

The allocation of land for

housing an estimated 43 000 shack dwellers who flocked to the township south of Johannesburg after the lifting of influx control in 1988 was another key issue.

Ms Sithole saw the only hope for these people in the provision of land for informal housing.

Land had been allocated, but she stressed, the wheels of officialdom moved slowly and should be speeded up.

"When a man has a home, he is not so keen to fight in the streets," Mrs Sithole said.

After 17 years on the council, and with an MA in social work from the University of the Witwatersrand, she is currently studying for her PhD at the Rand Afrikaans University.

But work comes first and Mrs Sithole identified the main task of her council as "remedial" — trying to catch up with inadequate infrastructure and deteriorating services.

"Whatever was supplied is totally inadequate for the growing population. We are busy plugging the holes, correcting the faults of the past," she said.

Uplift

"We lack normal facilities of every description and it is essential that these be provided."

"The job of this council is daunting. We must uplift all our residents, irrespective of their political affiliations."

"Unfortunately the truth is if you do nothing, you do not meet with problems, but if you act you will find problems. That is where we are now."

Mayor Oscar Maseko who sat in on the interview, agreed largely with Mrs Sithole's views. When she was asked about her role as a woman at the head of a male-dominated council, it was he who replied "We have accepted this liberation."

even hear the speaker! The hon the Minister may proceed

*The MINISTER Mr Speaker, there are 589 posts in the Transvaal—I am telling the hon member for Standerton this—for provincial inspectors, of which only 1,07% are vacant, of those 589 posts only six are vacant [Interjections] So what is the case that he wants to make out? [Interjections]

The salary position of provincial inspectors received high priority in the past, so much so that the service dispensation of the provincial inspectors is already more favourable than that of various occupational classes which are more or less comparable. I could mention specific examples of occupational groups' starting salaries for similar qualification requirements as are fixed for provincial inspectors which are really considerably lower than those of provincial inspectors, but I am not going to bandy about those salary structures as irresponsibly as the hon member for Heilbron did across the floor of the House this afternoon [Interjections] I shall deal with this responsibly. The hon member may come to me and I shall give him the information [Interjections]

The salaries of provincial inspectors according to the information at my disposal also compare quite favourably with salaries payable in the public sector. Allegations are made that higher salaries are offered by some local authorities [Time expired]

Debate concluded

Mr Moses Kumalo: death

2 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether the mayor of Diepmeadow, Mr Moses Kumalo, was killed on or about 19 April 1991, if so, what are the circumstances surrounding his death,
- (2) whether the South African Police had provided him with special protection, if not, why not?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER Mr Speaker, the reply is as follows. Yes, and I sincerely regret that this tragic incident took place

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On 19 April 1991 councillor Moses Kumalo, the Mayor of Diepmeadow and the chairman of the Meadowlands branch of the Inkatha Freedom Party, left his house at approximately 20 00 to visit a friend. At approximately 22 00 he was found in his vehicle in front of House No 910, Zone 8, Meadowlands with numerous bullet wounds in his head and body. He was already dead

From the available evidence it would appear that more than one assassin was involved and that firearms of Russian origin, including AK-47 rifles, as well as a hand grenade, were used as murder weapons. The incident is being investigated by the SA Police. No arrests have been made thus far

What has come to the fore is that councillor Kumalo was also the president and founder member of the Meadowlands and Diepkloof People's Party, which is Inkatha-orientated. This party has the majority of representatives in the management council of the Diepmeadow Town Council. The minority of members are ANC-orientated. It appears that since 1989 there has been continuous conflict between these two groups in the council. The possibility that the motive for his assassination could be the result of this continuous conflict is being investigated by the police. The SA Police are using all the means at their disposal to trace and bring to justice the person responsible for the murder of councillor Kumalo as soon as possible. I wish to make an urgent appeal to all the various groups in Soweto not to revert to senseless revenge actions. The killings which occurred after councillor Kumalo's funeral on 28 April illustrate this point and emphasise the fact that it serves no purpose and only leads to further friction, violence and the unnecessary death and maiming of innocent people. People must rather restrain themselves and put their trust in the police by providing any information which they have at their disposal and which can lead to the tracing of the accused by the SA Police.

Secondly, even though he was approached on numerous occasions by the police, councillor Kumalo declined the offers to provide him with a permanent bodyguard. He did not regard it as necessary. When the attack was made on his life, he was therefore not being protected. At Police insistence councillor Kumalo was given training by Police instructors in self-defence and the handling of firearms. He was issued with a

firearm for self-protection and the protection of his family. A permanent guard was posted at his residence

Mr P G SOAL Mr Speaker, I have been advised by a number of people to whom I have spoken in the course of the past ten days or so that Moses Kumalo was a good man. He was described as a straight man. He was not regarded as a rogue. He was well-liked, and it was said that he worked within the constraints of the system. However, therein lies the rub, because this Government brought him into the system by creating separate local authorities based on apartheid. The councils became a flashpoint of violence

The Government ran newspaper advertisements in 1988 encouraging participation in the system of separate local government. Once they had attracted individuals of the calibre of Moses Kumalo, I believe it was incumbent on the Government to protect those who had stuck their necks out, particularly if they had become a target of those who wanted to eliminate or certainly intimidate them. In Mr Kumalo's case I am advised that he had survived several assassination attempts before his brutal murder. On one occasion he was attacked by unknown assailants firing AK-47's, but he escaped unharm. His home had also been petrol-bombed

I had heard of the conflict in the council that the hon the Minister refers to, and I want to concede that life is very difficult in places like Soweto. If one reads a report like the one that appeared in the *Sunday Times* this past weekend by Siphso Ngcobo, one realises the immensity of the problem in Soweto. Mr Ngcobo spent six hours in Soweto last Thursday evening and "came to the conclusion that he had been with a group of dedicated professionals who risk their lives trying to protect innocent victims in the strife-torn townships." So this is true of the overwhelming majority of the policemen and policewomen that we have in the SA Police

Mr SPEAKER Order! I regret the hon member's time has expired. I put the question

Mr J J C BOTHA Mr Speaker

Mr SPEAKER Order! Pardon me. I unfortunately allocated only two minutes instead of three to the hon member for Johannesburg North. The hon member may proceed with his speech

Mr P G SOAL Thank you, Mr Speaker

Last week we had an interpellation about crime in the suburbs and the fact that this cannot be coped with. That is happening in the townships as well. The point is that there are not enough policemen to deal with what is going on, but in addition there are rogue elements in the Force that this Government has not been able to cope with, and that is evidenced by the remarks of that one policeman last weekend who said that people should wait until night if they wanted to kill Mandela. That is the tip of the iceberg

I understand the hon the State President apparently addressed senior policemen soon after he took office to tell them that things have changed. That has not seeped through to all in the Force. The hon the Minister has to ensure that all in the SA Police are on his side and want to work against crime and intimidation

Siphso Ngcobo in the *Sunday Times* and the Rev Frank Chikane in *The Citizen* last Friday described scenes similar to what one would expect in Beirut. If we do not want the whole of South Africa to go up in smoke, the hon the Minister must get into gear [Interjections]

*Mr SPEAKER Order! The hon member for

*Mr J J C BOTHA Wonderboom

*Mr SPEAKER Order! I can see it is the hon member for Wonderboom. I have before me the name of the hon member for Ermelo, who would have been the next speaker [Interjections]

I should appreciate it if the Whips would examine the speakers' lists before the start of the proceedings and ensure that they are in order. I call upon the hon member for Wonderboom to speak

*Mr J J C BOTHA Mr Speaker, when one looks at this interpellation, the question is not whether Moses is dead. The question which arises is whether or not the police did their work. I want to say that the CP has had enough of the DP's unnecessary attacks on the SA Police [Interjections]

The question we have to answer is whether the police did their work. Then we have to look at the facts. Firstly, Moses was trained by the SA Police to handle weapons. Secondly, Moses was provided with a weapon [Interjections]. He was

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provided with a weapon with which to protect himself and his family

*AN HON MEMBER Who is Moses?

*Mr J C BOTHA Moses Kumalo

Thirdly, his house was guarded by the SA Police day and night. Fourthly, the police asked Moses Kumalo whether he wanted a personal bodyguard, to which he replied that he did not want a bodyguard.

In spite of that the DP still came forward with this interpellation today. They could have ascertained all these facts beforehand. The problem with the DP and their friends in the ANC is that they hate the SA Police. [Interjections] The central problem with this interpellation is that in my opinion it is a slur on our community life that a man who offered his services to the community has to make use of police protection. South Africa is on the wrong path if that is the case.

Secondly, it is no use appointing policemen to guard public figures. The power struggle in South Africa must come to an end. The Zulus must be told that they are not going to govern the Afrikaners or the Xhosas. The Xhosas must be told that they are not going to govern the Zulus or whoever. [Interjections] In this country every people will govern itself. [Time expired]

*THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER Mr Speaker, hon members are allowing these tragic events to deteriorate into a rough-and-tumble party-political debate, and I do not think it is necessary. [Interjections] We should rather remain calm and composed about it, and see whether we cannot solve the matter.

Mr J CHIOLE [Inaudible]

*THE MINISTER I am not quarrelling with the hon member for Pretoria West. He should rather keep quiet and listen. [Interjections]

The hon member for Wonderboom is correct when he asks the crucial question, namely whether or not the police did their work. I want to agree with the hon member that the police did everything possible to protect this mayor's life, but surely we cannot send people after a person and station them near him if he says that he does not want any protection. Therefore I want to agree with the hon member in that regard.

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The hon member for Johannesburg North said there were rogue elements in the Force.

†This may be so. I have said on numerous occasions that we are not angels. There are no angels in the Force. For five years I have been looking around this country in search of angels whom I can recruit for the Force, but I cannot find anyone. [Interjections]

*There are no angels, not in this House either. [Interjections]

†We are all human beings. [Interjections] I want to say that the members of the SA Police are dedicated people.

Mr P G SOAL Most of them

THE MINISTER Yes, the large majority. Ninety-nine percent of them are dedicated people. They are dedicated to the protection of all the peoples in this country. [Interjections]

I therefore want to say what bores me about this hon member is the fact that he is now again trying to bring the possibility of rogue policemen into this situation. I think it is unfair. [Interjections] As far as I am concerned—and I pointed it out in my reply—there was friction in the council, and we do not know who is responsible for the murder of this person, but to bring in the possibility of rogue policemen is unfair to the SA Police. It will not solve the problem. [Time expired]

Mr A J LEON Mr Speaker, we have known for a long time that the hon member for Wonderboom suffers from political hardening of the arteries. However, this afternoon he also proved that he was hard of hearing. The DP has gone on record, time without number, in an effort to demonstrate its appreciation for the work of the police. [Interjections] That is not at issue this afternoon. What is at issue are the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr Kumalo. I want to add to what the hon member for Johannesburg North has said. I am advised of the fact that Mr Kumalo was a key central player in the Metropolitan Chamber, which has recently been established in Johannesburg, which incorporates parliamentary and extra-parliamentary elements. In that light his death perhaps has a very sinister connotation which requires urgent investigation and exposure by the police and the forces of law and order.

Not only was Mr Kumalo a key player, but we know that in that chamber there has been a very definite division of opinion between members aligned with the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal and the Soweto People's Delegation. In this light I think it is extremely unhelpful that Cast has made provocative statements such as the following.

We at Cast believe we have to get rid of the structures of Black local authorities ourselves. If we do not, the process will take too long.

It is anyone's right to petition against any local authority or establishment system. However, the real question is whether that rhetoric leads to unforeseen consequences. What we have to do is ask that the rhetoric and the words—which all have consequences—actually be tempered in these very volatile and tragic circumstances in which we find ourselves. According to the South African Institute of Race Relations there were 409 terror attacks against township councillors and policemen during the first six months of last year. The issue which arises is that those of us—and that includes the DP—who profoundly disagree with Black local authorities should still recognise their right to exist.

Mr P G SOAL Mr Speaker, I understand that the hon the Minister said yesterday during the debate on his Budget Vote that he declared war on the AK-47s. In the light of the way in which Mr Kumalo died, I am pleased that he has done so, but will he also declare war on assegais? I have here a copy of last Sunday's *Rapport*, which shows how a man was murdered with an assegai. What is needed is that all dangerous weapons have to be eliminated. They have to be taken away from everybody who is involved in violence.

The problem is that the ANC blames Inkatha and Inkatha blames the ANC, so it is not a simple problem to solve. What is needed is more policemen in the areas.

Mr SPEAKER Order! The hon member must come back to the specific interpellation that is being discussed.

Mr P G SOAL Mr Speaker, I am talking about the violence and I said that what was needed was more policemen to ensure that assassinations of this kind do not happen again and that the violence is brought under control.

I have mentioned rogue policemen and the hon the Minister acknowledges that there are rogue policemen. I do not say that such a rogue was particularly responsible for Mayor Kumalo's murder, but there are elements in the police—he is aware of this—that have to be brought under control to protect his good name. The police have to be singing off the same song sheet as the hon the Minister, and I say we need more policemen and we need impartiality on the part of the police.

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER Mr Speaker, I would like to come back to the hon member for Johannesburg North's statement that we need more policemen. This is correct. We do not differ with him on this specific point. We need more policemen and we are doing everything possible to get more policemen on the streets so that they can protect our people. The situation in the Black townships is worse than in the White communities, but we are doing everything possible to get more policemen there. The bobby on the beat is one of highest priorities that we have.

The hon member said it was not a simple problem, and I agree with him. It is a very involved problem and it is very difficult to solve such a complex problem. That is why we fully support the hon the State President's call for a summit on violence. We need the support of political leaders at that summit. The police can do their utmost, but we do not have enough policemen to guard every person in this country. We need assistance, guidelines and support from political leaders, who must try to control their people.

Therefore I agree with the hon member for Houghton when he says that we must temper our words. We must stop the war talk in this country. We must get rid of it. We must calm down the emotions. We must not inflame them. I am afraid this is what is still happening from too many platforms. We are still busy with war talk. We are still inciting people and getting their emotions inflamed, because this seems a nice thing to do.

*There are other friends who are listening to me now. They are welcome to do so. We really should stop all this emotional talk which incites people. They must calm down so that we could once again have peace in this country. Then people like Moses Kumalo, who was a valuable

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member of the community, would be able to stay alive to do their share in building a new South Africa [Time expired] ~~266~~ ~~268~~
Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

IDT, total amount voted

*1 Mr J CHIOLE asked the Minister of Finance †

(a) What total amount was voted to the Independent Development Trust in the 1990-91 financial year and (b) (i) how and (ii) when was this money (aa) allocated and (bb) spent?

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE
(Dr T G Alani)

The hon member is referred to the written reply to Question 2 in the House of Representatives, which was handed in on 15 April 1991 (Hansard, col 1031)

†Mr J CHIOLE Mr Speaker, arising from the reply in Hansard in which was reported that the focus area is housing, education and health, and that more than R1 300 million has been spent on this, I should like to know whether any funds were voted in respect of White housing

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, these funds were voted for the poorest among the poor [Interjections]

†Mr J CHIOLE Mr Speaker, further arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, I should like to know whether he is aware that R14 million is needed most urgently for the upgrading and restoration of White sub-economic housing in the constituencies of Pretoria West and Hercules, and if there is any possibility that initiatives may be launched to channel that amount for White sub-economic housing from those funds

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, I am not ready to answer the hon member's question, and I suggest that he places the question on the

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Question Paper so that the responsible Minister may answer it [Interjections]

†The SPEAKER Order! I put Question 2 [Interjections] Order! The hon member for Hercules should constrain himself. When the Chair is engaged in announcing something or addressing the House, the hon member must take this into account

Political exiles: number/cost

*2 Mr J CHIOLE asked the Minister of Home Affairs †

(1) (a) What is the estimated number of political exiles that will return to South Africa and (b) what is the estimated cost involved,

(2) whether assistance of any nature from the United Nations, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees or any official of the United Nations is being considered in this connection, if so, what is the nature of this assistance?

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†The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

The hon member is referred to my media release of 5 March 1991, a copy of which I laid upon the Table on 12 March 1991, in reply to Question No 4 for oral reply (Hansard, cols 442 to 444)

†Mr J CHIOLE Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, I should like to know if the Government envisages any financial aid in respect of the settlement of exiles. If not, have explicit and clear instructions been given to the administrators of the Independent Development Trust that nothing from that fund is to be made available for the transportation, settlement or aid in respect of political exiles?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, the Department has voted no moneys for the purpose of the return of the exiles. The expenditure which the Department incurs, is the normal expenditure to be incurred in respect of the return of any other person to South Africa. The majority by far of these people are South African citizens. This affects matters such as social aid and medical care. Just like that hon member has access to hospitals, they have access to hospitals. This is the basic expenditure involved, and this is what it is about

†Mr J CHIOLE Mr Speaker, further arising from the reply by the hon the Minister, I want to point out that I asked him whether explicit and clear instructions had been given to the administrators of the Independent Development Trust that none of the R2 000 million is to be employed for that

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, there were no negotiations whatsoever with the trustees of that specific trust and to my knowledge they do not contribute at all in this regard. This is my information

†Adv S C JACOBS Mr Speaker, further arising from the answer by the hon the Minister, we should like to know if any monetary aid or any other aid from the United Nations is being employed or contemplated to be employed in this regard for the returning exiles

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, the United Nations' chief commissioner for refugees has rendered no direct aid to South Africa. If he has rendered aid to political organisations which are assisting in this process, it is taking place altogether without our knowledge and support

Craigieburn incident SAP investigation

*3 Adv J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Law and Order †

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply by the Minister of Defence to Question No 87 on 28 February 1991, the police investigation into the incident during which two policemen were killed at Craigieburn near Umkomaas in Natal on or about 25 January 1991 has been completed, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it expected that it will be completed, if so, what are the findings,

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

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes, the Attorney-General of Natal has decided that the accused stand trial on charges of murder

(a) and (b) Fall away

(2) No, except to say that a provisional date for a trial in the Supreme Court, Scotts-

burgh, has been set down for 17 until 28 June 1991

VAT, estimates

*4 Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Finance

(1) Whether his Department has made an estimate of the non-recurrent additional cash collection in the form of value-added tax (VAT) which will arise on the eventual sale of those inventories which will be in the hands of producers, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers on the date of implementation of VAT and in respect of which sales there will be no deductible input credits, if so, what is the estimated amount, if not, why not,

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

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†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (Dr T G Alani)

(1) No. Inventories held by producers, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers on the commencement of the day on which VAT is implemented will have been acquired free of sales tax by vendors. VAT, as would have been the case if sales tax was in operation, will be collected only when such stock is sold and there will, therefore, not be any non-recurrent cash collection arising on the sale of such inventories

(2) No

Pmb N3 by-pass, cost of investigation

*5 Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Transport

(1) (a) (i) What has been the cost of the investigation into and the planning of the proposed N3 by-pass route to the east of Pietermaritzburg and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished and (b) (i) when will this investigation be completed and (ii) what is it estimated will the investigation have cost by completion,

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

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TPA plans to abolish

10 000 posts

Star 8/5/91
The Transvaal Provincial Administration has begun a streamlining exercise to abolish 10 000 posts in its roads and works departments.

At least R40 million will be saved in the works branch after a job evaluation. More savings are expected in the community development and health services departments.

Deputy director-general Geoff de Smidt, stressing that no wholesale sacking was envisaged, said posts deemed unnecessary would be frozen as they fell vacant.

Some people would be offered retrenchment packages and others transferred.

Linbro Park votes to leave Sandton

By Jacqueline Myburgh

Star 10/5/91
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Linbro Park residents have voted in a referendum to break away from the Sandton Town Council and to make an application to the Administrator of the Transvaal for incorporation into adjoining Modderfontein, the chairman of the suburb's ratepayer's association, Chris Perry, said yesterday.

Support

The Sandton Town Council was almost certain to make a bid to retain Linbro Park, as it was an integral part of the town, management committee chairman Bruce Stewart said.

The councillor for the ward into which Linbro Park falls, Jo Marais, last night voiced her support for the outcome of the referendum.

Mrs Marais added that she would resign from the Sandton Town Council as a result.

She was sure this "major step" by Linbro Park residents would come as a surprise to Sandton town councillors because, up to now, they had had to stem the tide of people wanting to become part of Sandton.

Residents of Linbro Park have recently expressed dissatisfaction with the Sandton Town Council, saying there was little regard for the interests of the people in the community.

"Linbro Park residents are looking for stability after years and years of continuous insecurity, and feel this can be achieved by associating and aligning themselves with Modderfontein," Mrs Marais said.

Mr Perry said that in a 60 percent poll, 75 percent of the

residents voted in favour of joining Modderfontein, 20 percent chose to stay in Sandton and 5 percent had unacceptable votes.

"These figures are seen as a statement both of confidence in the management of the town of Modderfontein and the development plan proposed by the Modderfontein Town Council for the entire region," he said.

Application

Mr Stewart said the Sandton Town Council would await an official application from Linbro Park residents before attempting to discuss the matter with them.

"I would like to know what the reason is for their wanting to move so that we can address the problems as a council."

WORM'S EYE

Steven Friedman



Give all a say in development

W/ Mail 10/5-18/5/91 (266)
SOME suggestions for ending the violence which plagues the townships could land up achieving the opposite.

One example may be the African National Congress' demand that the government "phase out the hostel system", so showing that it is serious about trying to curb conflict.

On the face of it, there are obvious reasons for the demand. Much (most?) of the violence begins in the hostels.

To other people in the townships, many of whom support the ANC, they have become a source of terror which must go before normal life can resume.

It's not hard to see why. A group of men, forced to live apart from their families in squalid, overcrowded, barracks, who have strong links with the countryside and are excluded from the city around them are obvious targets for anyone wanting a conservative army, ready to rally around "ethnic" slogans.

To demand the end of hostels is, therefore, to support people in the townships who want a threat removed — but at the same time to demand the end of one of apartheid's ugliest creations. And, if the demand is met, it seems obvious that everyone can sleep easier.

It seems less obvious if we cast our minds back to events in Alexandra a few weeks ago.

There, according to reports in this newspaper, a devastating round of violence began *because* it seemed possible that hostels were to be "phased out".

The Alexandra Civic Organisation had just agreed with the province and municipalities that the hostels should be "upgraded" — and, possibly, converted into family dwellings. Someone who was threatened by the agreement then reportedly went to the hostels and told residents the civic had agreed that their barracks should be demolished: the rest is history.

The point is not whether what the hostel-dwellers was told was true. It is that the fear of losing their barracks may have been enough to trigger violence. And that, before the agreement was signed, no-one seems to have asked them whether they wanted the hostels "phased out".

There is evidence that some hostel residents choose to live in single-sex dwellings. They obviously want to live decently and would prefer better housing. But they don't want to lose what they have. They fear that "phasing out" hostels would mean losing just that.

There is also evidence, that, even if the hostels were removed, the problem would not disappear.

This doesn't necessarily mean that hostels should stay. And it certainly doesn't mean that they should stay as they are now. But it does mean that a government-ANC agreement to "phase out" hostels could prompt much more of the violence it aims to stop.

The only way of preventing that might be an agreement that nothing will be done about the hostels unless the residents agree that it should be done.

Similar points could be made about another suggested cure for the violence — development. Government and business strategists now accept that violence is more likely if people lack jobs, houses, or water.

The key to peace, therefore, is to develop "communities". But, in many communities, the prospect of development has triggered violence.

Black communities, like white ones, bring together people with different allegiances and interests. Particularly where there are already hidden tensions, development plans — particularly when they are negotiated with some parts of the community only — raise fears that only parts of the community will be "developed". Those who suspect they are going to be excluded then mobilise to do something about it.

Again, this doesn't mean we need less development — we need more. But it does mean that it could cause more violence than it stops unless all those who are affected have a say in the process.

Part of the reason for violence is that, although 80 percent of the people are denied the vote, parts of that majority find it far harder to make their voice heard than others. Since they aren't organised enough to influence decisions peacefully, they do it in other ways.

Until they are, some will claim to speak for them — political movements or unelected leaders. But there will be no guarantee that they really do, and that what they agree to on behalf of the excluded is what they are willing to live with. For as long as that lasts, violence will be a constant threat.

No-one can force them to organise. But the threat of violence could drop if conditions are created in which they are more likely to do it themselves.

Throughout our society, negotiating development directly with those who are to be "developed" may be essential if we are to avoid decades of violence.

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METROPOLITAN PLAN IN TROUBLE

GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE TO PROVIDE CLARITY AND DIRECTION

It's seven months since the signing of the historic Soweto Accord set SA on the way to its first multiracial local authority, but the next seven to 14 days are crucial to turning those paper pledges into reality.

The accord, signed on September 24, was a significant achievement. It was the culmination of civic pressure, particularly through rent and services boycotts, which eventually coerced the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) into negotiating with representatives of the Soweto community.

The agreement promised even greater things than ending the boycotts. It also established the forum, through the creation of a metropolitan chamber, for negotiating a new multiracial local government structure in the central Witwatersrand.

Set to participate are the

TPA, the city councils of Johannesburg, Sandton, Randburg and Roodepoort, five Indian and coloured local authorities, the Greater Soweto Councils, and nine black civic associations. Other bodies, such as Eskom, have observer status.

The significance of the chamber is heightened because government sees it as a possible blueprint for shaping local authority structures in the rest of the country.



Coovadia

The Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) says discussions on a metropolitan chamber for Greater Pretoria are already under way.

With the blessings of both government and the ANC, few obstacles seemed to stand in the way of performing its task quickly and efficiently when the Soweto Accord was signed. But now the inaugural meeting scheduled for Wednesday may not even

happen.

Rumours are rife that the chamber has been sabotaged. The threat is not, as one might expect, from the white right which rejects power sharing, but from the civic associations that fought so hard for multiracial local government. The possibility, however remote, cannot be ruled out that this is part of a destabilisation strategy aimed at paving the way for a coup.

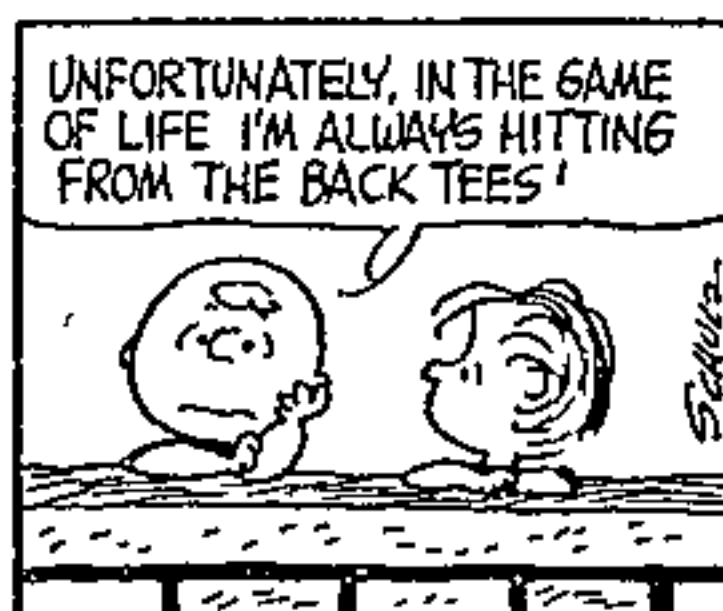
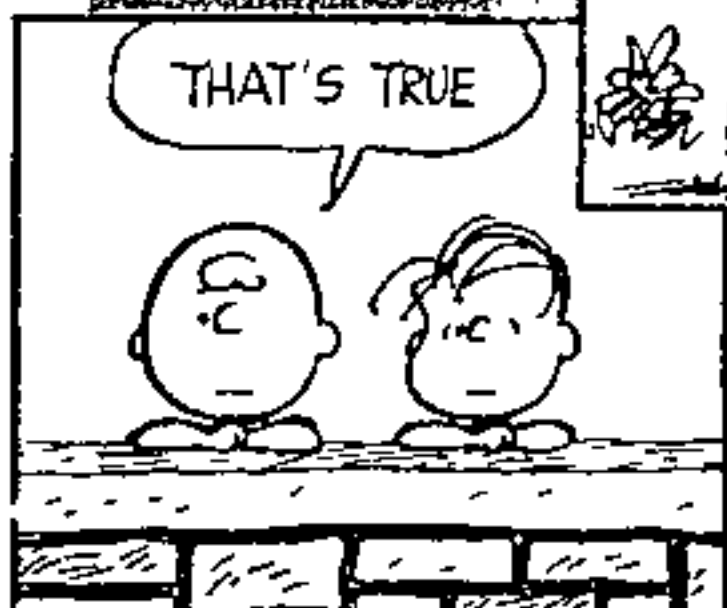
The problem stems from rumours of serious discord in the civics' ranks. The fear is that more radical elements may boycott the chamber and scuttle the negotiation process.

The dissent is not denied but any suggestion that this could torpedo the chamber is totally rejected. The TPA's Jan Opperman says that according to its documentation and records there is no problem. Everything is proceeding at full steam.

Cast publicity secretary Sandy Lebesse echoes this. "All Cast affiliates agree overwhelmingly to the concept of a metropolitan chamber. We want a nonracial municipality for the central Witwatersrand."

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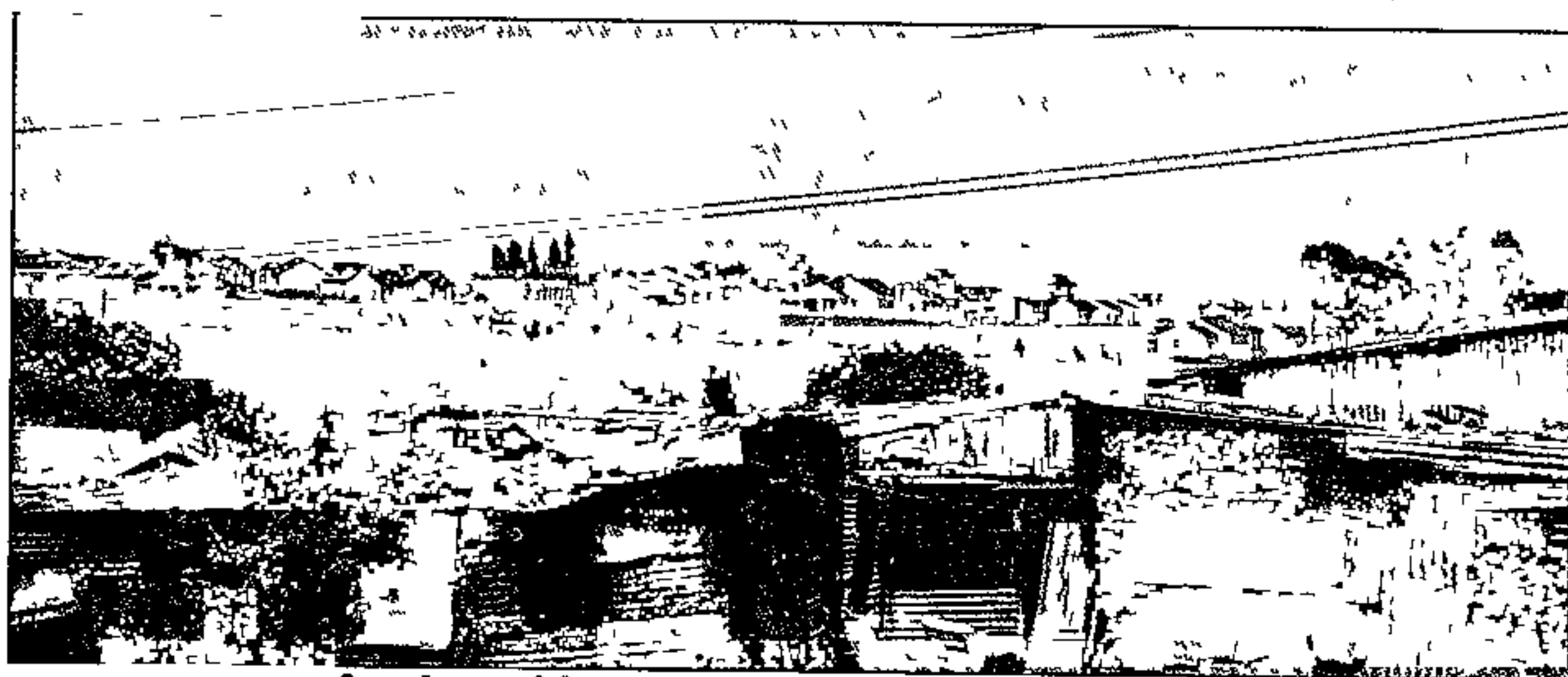
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Nevertheless, he stresses that there are flaws in the chamber's format as it stands. Furthermore, he believes government must do more to quell violence in the townships, perhaps by ensuring electricity supplies so darkness doesn't give troublemakers a shield.

More time, he adds, is needed to iron out these problems.

This call for a slower tempo seems to stem, at least partly, from an underlying fear that the civics are being manipulated to entrench apartheid rather than to destroy it. While moderate whites accept the need for change, blacks are still generally suspicious of reformists' bona fides.

The parallel between government-ANC negotiations at national level and those between civics and municipal and provincial bodies is inescapable. If national talks flounder, the chamber deliberations will also almost certainly become bogged down.

According to Lebesse, the problems that need attention so that all civics can agree to participate in the chamber include the facts that

□ Councillors from discredited local black authorities are represented on the metropolitan councils, even though they do not represent genuine interest groups,

□ Some civics were premature in agreeing to participate even before they had fully discussed the implications with Cast, and

□ The format for the chamber is still structured along racial lines similar to the tricameral parliamentary system.

Lebesse adds "Recent reports of a crisis in Cast are incorrect. There are problems but they have been contained and are on the verge of being resolved. There is no question of leading lights like Cast assistant secretary

general Cas Coovadia or Cyril Ramaphosa, of the Soweto People's Delegation, being expelled for having prematurely signed agreements to participate."

While it is clear that there is dissent in the ranks, it is also apparent that the civics want to get to the negotiating table.

But only when the players get around the table will the tough bargaining begin. It is then that they will have to tackle the three thorny issues of democratic structures, the make-up of the metropolitan council and just how local government taxation will work.

In broad terms, all sides are committed to achieving these aims, with talk of Johannesburg and Soweto being welded into one city with one tax base.

People such as Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson refuse to discuss obstacles. He points out that everyone going into the chamber believes consensus is attainable.

But Richard Humphries of the Wits Centre for Policy Studies explains just what a minefield these three areas are.

"Bargaining hasn't even touched on the main issues yet. The negotiators must still, for example, get to grips with issues like franchise qualifications and systems, and discuss apparently simple issues like democratic form."

"The Nationalist stance is to avoid an undiluted *majoritarian* system such as Westminster's winner-takes-all format. Civics would probably take an opposite view."

Similarly, on the issue of local government structure,

Humphries points out that government supports a considerable level of devolution of power with the metropolitan areas of Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban, Pretoria, and the east, west and central Witwatersrand. That would mean adopting a two-tier system as set out in the Thornhill Report, a government-commissioned investigation headed by Chris Thornhill, Director-General of the Department of Planning & Local Government, into local government systems.

Within the metropolitan areas would be smaller geographical units, perhaps neighbourhood authorities, with considerable powers in terms of such issues as education administration and financial management.

Needless to say, again there could be strong objections from the civics.

The tax base could be an even bigger problem. "All parties agree on the common tax base principle but each seems to have a different interpretation of the concept."

"Extra-parliamentary bodies like the civics see it as a way of redistributing substantial wealth. Because of past politics, the rich must pay. Pressing for such a solution would be a recipe for disaster," says Humphries.

But, he adds, so would white local authorities' contention that a common tax base also implies a common rate. At present, he says, a rates base has not been established in the townships. Even NP concessions for people who cannot pay full rates, until they can realistically be asked to do so, are unlikely to win the support of the civics.

There are other options, such as implementing direct user charges for all services. But, with high unemployment, such a system, which could put many services out of reach of the poor, may have to be passed over.

Others include the undesirable, but maybe necessary, option of central government subsidies, or following a suggestion by Frances Kendall in her new book on regional and community government, *The Heart of the Nation*. Always a champion of the Swiss canton system of devolved powers, she also supports the Canadian system of financial equalisation entitlements which, she says, minimises the effects of redistribution.

Every tax system, she points out, has negatives. It is crucial that these are recognised.

The real problem is that the financial crisis at local government level is so enormous and volatile that, irrespective of the desirability of devolution, central government funding may be necessary, at least in the short term, to tide over local authorities.

Government may also have to be more active in the whole local government negotiating process. As Humphries points out, ad hoc metropolitan chamber progress is fine if there is a real prospect of the divergent parties striking a deal. But what, for example, happens about negotiations with Conservative-controlled councils? Does one wait until they're ready to talk?

The answer must be no. There is a desperate need for clarity and direction, neither of which has come from government. ■



Kendall



Davidson



Ramaphosa

Alexandra centre due to open 'soon'

WILSON ZWANE

SA's first "dispute resolution centre" was expected to open in Alexandra within the next few months, Johannesburg lawyer Steven Goldblatt said yesterday. *810am 14/5/91*

Goldblatt, one of several lawyers training Alexandra residents in mediation mechanisms, said he was impressed with the response of the 14 people he had trained so far to become part-time mediators.

"Mediation is a skill one has to learn and it is difficult to set a date on which the Alexandra dispute resolution centre will open its doors to the community. It could take three to four months, depending on how the training goes," Goldblatt said.

To date the Community Dispute Resolution Resource Committee (CDRRC) — an organisation formed by legal experts to provide resources to communities wanting to set up their own dispute resolution centres — has had three training sessions.

Goldblatt said although meetings had been held with the Justice Department to discuss the Alexandra project, the first in the country, the project did not "seek permission to continue with its work".

"But we are keeping the Department of Justice abreast with the developments," he said.

Goldblatt said the organisation had funds to operate for six to eight months. More funds were expected from local and international funding organisations, he added.

Most civic groups set to join chamber

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ALL but one of the civic associations in greater Johannesburg are expected to take part in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber — in defiance of the stand taken by the executive committee of the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) to which they are affiliated.

The chamber meets for the first time tomorrow since its inauguration last month.

The Alexandra Civic Organisation has not decided on participation in the chamber by yesterday, but is expected to make its position clear at a meeting of the Johannesburg Civics Association interim committee tonight.

Five of Cast's nine Johannesburg affiliates have already become members of the chamber and the inner city group, Actstop, will consider joining this week. Two other organisations will join once they have sorted out "technical problems". They are the Ennerdale Civic Association and Lenasia's Federation of Ratepayers Association.

Transvaal Provincial Administration consultant Nigel Mandy said it would be a pity if certain civics chose not to join the chamber, but that this would not stop the forum negotiating new non-racial local government structures for the area.

The Cast executive last month came out strongly against civic associations joining the chamber alongside black councillors and members of management committees.

This prompted the resignation of assistant general-secretary Cas Coovadia from the Cast executive. At an AGM tomorrow Coovadia will propose a resolution that his organisation Actstop join the chamber.

Yesterday he said he had been unhappy that Cast, which was a federal structure, went public with its opposition to the chamber before consulting constituent members who were considering joining.

Wits Centre for Policy Studies senior researcher Steve Friedman said the dissent among civics regarding the chamber highlighted the problem facing the civic movement in general — they had to decide whether to continue mobilising protest at local level or whether to become vehicles representing residents in negotiations.

WILSON ZWANE reports that Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel was "excited" about the announcement that a national civics federation would be formed later this year, a spokesman for Kriel said yesterday.

Johan Oosthuizen said the move would "make contact between the government and civic organisations a lot easier".

Civics sources said the national civics federation was unlikely to align itself with the ANC. The federation would aim to depoliticise development issues as the civic associations did not see themselves as a political party or a liberation movement, they said.

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statement that her organisation believed the newly-created organisation and other

Ms van Dyk said

Pretoria cuts Atteridgeville's power supply

The Pretoria City Council (PCC) cut off Atteridgeville's electricity supply yesterday morning.

The PCC said in a statement yesterday that the switch-off followed the Atteridgeville Town Council's failure to pay thousands of rands in

service charge arrears. The statement quoted PCC management committee deputy chairman Cor Uys as saying the Atteridgeville council had failed to keep its commitments in terms of several agreements with the PCC.

"In terms of an agreement reached between the two councils on April 19 to reschedule the payment of debt, the Atteridgeville council had to pay the first instalment of R319 356,62 on May 7."

The amount, as well as the current account for electricity and water, as well as sewage removal, had not been paid, Mr Uys added.

The administrator of Atteridgeville, Dr Ernie Jacobson, described the action as unfortunate.

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CAST, TPA meet today over Tembisa cuts, rent boycott

By Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau

Representatives of the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (CAST) will meet Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) officials today and tomorrow, to discuss the rent boycott and power-cut in Tembisa.

Power was cut off by the council on April 26.

A meeting which was to have taken place between the Tembisa Residents' Association, TPA and the Tembisa Council last week was cancelled.

Residents' Association president Albert Tleane said the TPA had told their delegation that councillors refused to attend the meeting be-

cause their houses were attacked after the power cut.

Mr Tleane said the association called on the TPA to switch on power to avoid further violence in the township.

"We told the TPA that the switch-off could only exacerbate the situation, but there was no sense of urgency from them."

He said Tembisa residents would continue with the consumer boycott against white businesses in Kempton Park as the boycott was about 90 percent successful.

Mr Tleane said the consumer boycott could lead to a change of attitude from the authorities, and result in a restoration of power in Tembisa this week.

Residents want white official to quit council

Sowetan 15/5/91

By MONK NKOMO

THE Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation yesterday called on the township's administrator to resign after accusing him of having failed to bring normality to the Pretoria township.

The call for Dr Ernie Jacobson's resignation follows electricity cuts on Monday.

The Pretoria City Council said the action was prompted by the council's failure to pay nearly R1 million in service charge arrears.

Fifty residents yesterday staged a sit-in at the town council offices in protest against the power cuts.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Marinda Erasmus confirmed there was a sit-in and said police were monitoring the situation.

No arrests had been made.

Must resign

Asro's publicity secretary, Mr John Ramatsui, warned that if electricity was not restored by 4 30pm yesterday "the administrator must resign and all white officials in the council vacate the offices immediately".

Ramatsui called on Jacobson to refund all residents who paid their May rental accounts and those who paid the April and May Community Trust Fund

fee of R5 a household.

Responding to Asro's call, Jacobson said he could resign and have all essential services in Atteridgeville discontinued because the R50 monthly flat rate was not enough to run the township.

Residents could not be refunded because services had been rendered.

Meanwhile **ALINAH DUBE** reports that the Mamelodi Council has warned local residents of a possible power cut unless they paid their rent and service charges.

The warning was issued yesterday by local mayor Mr SS Mokone in reaction to a decision announced by the Mamelodi Civic Association that residents would pay a flat rate of R50.

He said according to an agreement between his council and the Pretoria City Council, the Mamelodi municipality was expected to pay for the bulk supply of services before dates agreed upon by both parties.

Unless residents reacted positively to his plea, electricity might be switched off, he said.

He advised residents to pay an amount reflected on their rent statements, "and not any other amount".

Council to speed up building plan approval

THE Town Planning Department of Johannesburg intends to speed up the approval of building plans, 75% of which are domestic applications for minor alterations, a study has shown

Based on the newly completed study, it is envisaged that the processing of all plans will be reduced to 15 working days by July 31 1991 and reduced further to 10 working days by November 30 1991.

It says at least 80% of all building plans submitted for domestic houses

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and alterations will be reduced to a 24-hour service by August 31 1991

Provided that applications are correctly submitted, the approval of plans for the construction of residential houses, as well as alterations to houses, will be processed within 24 hours when the service is finally phased in

New streamlining procedures will now be followed. The inspector will

visit the site after the application has been submitted and not necessarily before submission

On processing plans, the examiner will effect technical amendments and alterations after which he will stamp and sign the approval.

This procedure will eliminate weeks, and sometimes months, of lengthy complex correspondence

A new procedure will also obviate the double checking of drawings submitted by professional engineers

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Van Zyl Slabbert to lead new chamber

IDASA director Van Zyl Slabbert, was unanimously elected chairman of the fledgling Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber last night.

Parties in the multiracial chamber said they regarded Slabbert as well qualified for the task of guiding the chamber.

At the chamber's first meeting since its launch last month, Slabbert said he was confident the chamber would play an important path-finding role in the new constitutional dispensation.

The position is the first public post Slabbert has held since his resignation as PFP leader in February 1986.

He said the varied backgrounds of the

TANIA LEVY

groups represented on the chamber could lead to them making an important breakthrough. He said the local and regional level negotiations would be linked to wider negotiations in SA.

Slabbert said his election as chairman did not signal a return to politics as he had been active in politics all along. He felt his role would be to facilitate a consensus on a model for a new government.

He did not foresee a clash of interest between the chamber and Idasa and would not resign his directorship of the institute.

White officials pull out of Atteridgeville

By McKeed Kotlole
Pretoria Bureau

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Asro publicity secretary John Ramatsui yesterday said the administrator and white officials should resign or not return to the township until power had been restored.

All the white officials of the Atteridgeville Council, including the administrator, have left the township after threats by local residents, administrator Dr Ernie Jacobson said yesterday.

This followed demands by the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro) that the officials leave the township until electricity has been restored by the Pretoria City Council.

Dr Jacobson said he was planning a meeting with Asro in an attempt to find a solution.

Trouble started on Monday morning when the Pretoria City Council switched off the bulk electricity supply after the township council failed to pay its electricity and sewerage debt.

Mr Ramatsui said residents were also demanding the money they had paid for services for this month and money paid into a trust fund.

He said that since the appointment of the administrator, the situation in the township had deteriorated, and that was proof enough that the black local authority was unworkable.

Mr Ramatsui further said the administrator had failed to provide basic services.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday said the TPA was not aware of any withdrawal of officials.

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10 000 at TPA may lose jobs

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration is to phase out more than 10 000 jobs in the "next few years".

Deputy director-general of the TPA Mr Aubrey de Smidt said this was in line with the TPA's move to streamline its functions.

"It will not be one big exercise of retrenchments but will affect everybody irrespective of colour," De Smidt said.

The TPA employs almost 94 000 people and has in the past few years begun to phase out some projects, especially in the roads, works and nature conservation departments.

Asked about the effect on black employees, De Smidt said: "We have analysed functions that can be done away with but I cannot say if blacks would be the

By ALI MPHAKI

hardest hit. One way of phasing out jobs is not to fill a vacancy if someone resigns."

The TPA has reported losses of hundreds of millions of rands in rent and services arrears as well as in financial planning and budgeting.

Adding to its woes is that black local authorities owe it millions of rands and the TPA had to write off arrears in some townships.

The budgeted sum of R26 million for the 1990/91 fiscal year was eroded by payments of up to R75 million a month in the first quarter of last year.

This money was a bridging finance package to black local authorities who did not manage to negotiate a resumption of rent and services payments.

Atteridgeville white officials forced out

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WHITE officials of the Atteridgeville Council were ordered to leave their offices yesterday by local residents angered by electricity cuts in the Pretoria township.

Mr Simon Chidi, secretary-general of the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation, said the officials were asked to vacate their offices at 9am.

"We told them they would be accepted back only after the electricity supply has been reconnected," said Chidi.

He said a meeting with black staffers of the municipality was scheduled for yesterday afternoon to discuss the running of the council.

Chidi said local residents at area committee meetings held on Tuesday night resolved to demand a refund of the R50 rent paid for May and to embark on a rent boycott.

"We plan to hold meetings with Eskom and the Rand Water Board

By MONK NKOMO

to discuss certain legal requirements with a view to getting these supplies direct from them," said Chidi.

The latest moves by Asro follow the cutting of electricity to the township by the Pretoria City Council on Monday.

Switched off

It switched off the lights after the Atteridgeville Council failed to pay their service charge bill totalling R838 608,92.

The deputy chairman of the Pretoria City Council's management committee, Mr Cor Uys, yesterday made it clear that electricity in Atteridgeville would only be restored after payment of arrears.

Chidi lashed out at Atteridgeville administrator Dr Ernie Jacobson

and accused him of having violated an agreement he signed with Asro early this year in which he agreed that residents pay a R50 flat rate a month.

The Central Transvaal region of Azapo yesterday condemned the Pretoria Council's decision to cut the power supply to the township.

"We appeal to Eskom to consider selling this essential commodity direct to townships and avoid the laager mentality of the city fathers," Azapo said in a statement.

Jacobson said the Pretoria municipality would not consider reconnecting electricity to Atteridgeville if the township council did not guarantee payment of their May instalment.

He also said he spoke to the chairman of Asro and asked him to call together his executive and discuss the matter to try to stop the threats.

City Council to consult unions on Aids policy

By Carina le Grange
Medical Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council is developing a corporate policy on employees who are HIV-positive or who have Aids

This has been confirmed by Dr. Nicky Padayachee of the Johannesburg Health Department

The Johannesburg council was approached by The Star about its policy on HIV tests, in the light of Germiston's recent decision to make testing compulsory for all new employees

Other councils approached included Bloemfontein, Pretoria,

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Alberton, Roodepoort, Springs, Boksburg, Krugersdorp and Brakpan

No spokesmen were available at any of these councils at the time

Dr Padayachee said Johannesburg City Council did not, at present, screen prospective employees for the HIV virus

Germiston town clerk Tomie Heyneke said prospective employees who tested positive for HIV would not be denied jobs. But the pension and medical aid status of HIV-positive people would be affected

Mr Heyneke said the Germiston council was not the first or only employer to do pre-employment screening. He believed that the Bloem-

fontein city council was already doing it and that Pretoria was considering doing so. He believed that it was done by many insurance companies

On the Johannesburg development, Dr Padayachee said

"In developing a corporate policy for the council, it will obviously be done through consultation between the council and trade union or worker representative bodies

"The spirit of the document is such that it will be progressive and supportive of Aids sufferers and HIV-positive people. It will have a spirit of care and compassion and we believe no person will be denied employment"

Trade union spokesman Monde Mditshwa of

Nehawu (National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union) said no employer should establish HIV-testing without consulting workers or their representatives

"Trade unions took up the serious issue of Aids long before employers did — they were dragging their feet. They put profits ahead of people, and we are not aware that Germiston engaged in consultations before their decision"

He said he would need to know Germiston's reason for making the controversial decision before commenting further, and that he could not speak for the rest of the union on the issue of whether they rejected such a move

Talks begin for (26) or 22/5/91 greater Pretoria

PRETORIA — The Pretoria City Council (PCC) and the Laudium Management Committee on Monday held their first round of talks to establish a greater Pretoria, the two bodies said in a statement yesterday.

The meeting was described as an open and fruitful one and the two parties said they hoped to meet in the near future. — Sapa

Council is silent on cash shortfall

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THE Soweto Council yesterday refused to disclose the amount of its shortfall on electricity payments by residents. *Soweto 22/5/91*

The council's spokesman, Dr Johan van der Westhuizen, said the amount was still "classified information at the moment" as the council was negotiating with the Metropolitan Chamber on its electricity income.

The council is experiencing problems with payments from residents and hostel dwellers, he said.

An Eskom spokesman has confirmed that the Soweto Council had indicated it had problems with electricity payments.

Eskom was awaiting the decision of the joint technical committee of the Metropolitan Chamber on electricity payments.

No further action could be taken without the recommendations of the chamber.

Sources within the chamber said there were discussions about electricity being supplied directly by Eskom.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Road freight down

THE road freight industry has made a slow start to the year with reduced tonnages carried in January this year reflecting the extent of the economic slowdown. Central Statistical Service figures released yesterday showed a 14% drop in the total tonnage of goods carried by public transporters during January 1991 to 29,3-million (34,1-million) tons.

However, with the average tariff a ton increasing from R8,18 to R11,47, total transport earnings were boosted 20% to R337m in January 1991 compared to R279m in January last year.

Council workers fired

SEVENTY-five black municipal workers — some with up to 18 years' service — were fired by the Ventersdorp Town Council last week, said Operation Masakhane for the Homeless executive committee member Eric Ngeleza.

Legal advice had been taken on the matter. He said 16 of the workers had been rehired, although they were being treated as new workers, thus losing pensions and benefits.

No-one was available for comment at the town council.

UK's GDP shows drop

BRITAIN'S gross domestic product (GDP) fell 0,6% between the last quarter of 1990 and the first quarter of 1991, figures released in London yesterday by the Central Statistical Office said.

The decline was less than the last two quarterly drops of 1,5% and 0,9% respectively. Compared with the first quarter of 1990, the British economy has contracted by 2,5%.

Rise in German GNP

WESTERN Germany's gross national product (GNP) grew between 3% and 4% in price-adjusted terms during the first quarter of 1991, the Economics Ministry reported in Bonn yesterday, while in eastern Germany "the downward development of overall economic activity hasn't yet reached its low point".

Reports Business Day Reporter AP-DJ Sapa-Reuter

Further talks to follow summit

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk said last night he envisaged follow-up meetings after this weekend's summit on violence which is expected to be boycotted by most extra-parliamentary groups.

De Klerk said in a statement the summit was never intended to be "a final discussion during which final solutions had to be found".

His statement confirmed expectations that government would be willing to become involved in meetings after the summit.

"It is and remains an important step in the process of consultation. The road ahead will be discussed in depth and the contributions of all involved are needed," De Klerk said.

"If there are political groupings that have decided against attending the conference on political grounds or because of the question of traditional weapons, they will have to bear the responsibility for their non-participation in a peace meeting intended to deal with the problem of violence in a solution-oriented manner," De Klerk said.

PATRICK BULGER reports that Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) leader Eugene Terre'Blanche said on Tuesday he would attend De Klerk's summit.

Right-wing sources yesterday expressed amazement at Terre'Blanche's decision to attend which, they said, was out of step with the

refusal by other conservative groups, including the CP, to attend.

The Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) and the PAC confirmed yesterday they were joining the ANC in not attending.

Meanwhile the SA Council of Churches (SACC) yesterday formally pulled out of the summit but remained optimistic that behind-the-scenes moves to get political parties involved in a peace process would succeed, SACC general secretary Frank Chikane said.

Addressing a news conference in Johannesburg, Chikane said religious leaders who met on Tuesday to draw up proposals for getting peace talks back on track had found that they could not attend the summit.

"Religious leaders are convinced that the problems of violence are of such magnitude that they cannot be resolved without the participation of all the parties and organisations involved," Chikane said.

He said it was now too late for De Klerk's summit to be redefined so as to attract wider participation.

BILLY PADDOCK reports the DP yesterday unveiled short-term proposals to be submitted to the summit. These included setting up a national network of township peace task groups representing all political movements.

Standard Chartered boss on 'return to SA'

MICHAEL HARTNACK

HARARE — After enjoying complete independence since 1986, Standard Bank SA might not want to resume ties with its former UK parent, Standard Chartered, when the political situation was resolved, Standard Chartered chairman Rodney Galpin said yesterday.

The Standard Chartered board is having a monthly meeting in Zimbabwe, only the second time the bank's board session has been held outside London. It met in Hong Kong last year, reports Sapa-Reuter.

Standard Chartered sold its minority stake in Standard Bank SA in 1986.

Galpin said the political situation in SA now was "promising", encouraging hopes of renewed co-operation.

"I dare say that after the complete independence they have had since then they may well not want us back," said Galpin.

"If it looks right from the point of view of our business in the rest of Africa to have some sort of presence in SA, then I think we could probably do it, but I think at the right time," he said.

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TPA enlists aid of private sector

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has called in the services of the private sector in an attempt to address the province's growing urbanisation crisis

Transvaal Administrator Dame Hough warned in a statement yesterday that urbanisation was stretching the TPA's resources to the limit

He said a meeting with private sector groups in February agreed that quick decisions had to be taken to mobilise private sector organisations into six regional development management (RDM) posts

The RDMs would be based on the

GERALD REILLY

East and West Rand, Pretoria, Pietersburg, Potchefstroom and Witbank. They would be extensions of the TPA and would support the TPA's regional directors in their efforts to meet demands flowing from urbanisation

To ensure the RDMs provided the required expertise, it would be necessary to form multi-disciplinary consortiums led by a consulting firm with proved project management experience in the urban development field

The RDMs had to deal with infras-

structural, institutional, financial, economic, developmental and community participation needs

Hough said the February meeting had been called to inform the private sector of the extreme urgency of the issue and to explore ways of forming a partnership between the state and private sector

Advertisements are currently running in newspapers inviting applications from private sector organisations to act as regional development managers to assist the TPA's Development Branch

The appointments will be effective from July this year

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Power struggle in Jo'burg civic body

TANIA LEVY

JOHANNESBURG's central civic body Actstop is in turmoil after more than 30 representatives boycotted its annual meeting this week and publicity secretary Cas Coovadia resigned a week after being re-elected.

Actstop secretary Pressage Nkosi yesterday admitted Actstop was having "internal problems". He said Actstop, like other organisations in the broader progressive movement, had been caught off-guard by political changes such as the lifting of the state of emergency.

The conditions which had always united organisations in protest were no longer there and they had not yet worked out how to handle the transition period, he said.

Nkosi said there were power struggles going on in Actstop but refused to elaborate, saying the association's problems were an internal matter.

Actstop president Sandy Mgidlana refused to comment until after the Actstop executive met tomorrow.

Coovadia said he had resigned as publicity secretary and had been one of the members who stayed away from Wednesday's

meeting. He denied a leadership struggle was at the heart of the problems which "had been brewing for some time".

He said the group which had stayed away had objected to the way the executive committee was operating. He declined to elaborate as "a process had been started to resolve the problem".

He said he could not say whether the group was trying to vote the executive out of power and denied that they would lead a breakaway from Actstop to form a new civic body.

Actstop's troubles have prevented it from taking a decision on whether to join the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber. It currently has observer status.

Earlier this month Coovadia resigned as Civics Association of Southern Transvaal assistant general-secretary, citing unhappiness with the Cast executive, particularly the way it had handled the issue of chamber membership.

Coovadia, who favoured Cast's participation, disagreed with most Cast leaders on the issue. Actstop is a Cast affiliate.

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TPA rejects ANC 'unfair deals' claim

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The Transvaal Provincial Administration has rejected allegations by the ANC that it is using electricity supplies as a "weapon" to impose unfair deals on black communities.

The TPA's MEC for Institutional Development and Negotiation, Olaus van Zyl, said in a statement yesterday that the TPA took exception to an earlier news release issued by the ANC's PWV region.

"It is clear that the press release does not reflect what in fact has been happening over the last few months with regard to negotiations and the supply of electricity.

"The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (whose membership includes prominent members of the ANC) has been in a process of negotiations about the supply of electricity and various other mu-

municipal matters since late in 1990. During these negotiations, CAST made it abundantly clear that they and their affiliates accepted the principle that the people must pay for municipal services, including electricity.

"The ANC's statement that electricity is basically a right, and not a privilege, is clearly in direct conflict with the stance taken by CAST. Electricity is clearly a commodity for which the user must pay, while agreeing that subsidies are also necessary."

Mr van Zyl said the TPA rejected the ANC's accusation that it was using the issue of electricity as a weapon to impose unfair deals on black communities. The ANC and CAST were fully aware of the fact that the TPA was in no way involved in the supply of electricity.

Consequently, the TPA had not terminated the supply of electricity. In all cases where electricity had been terminated so far, it had been done by either the bulk supplier or the local authority.

"The TPA, as a responsible Government body, is not at all interested in unfair deals, as alleged by the ANC. In fact, the TPA is only interested in deals which are in the interests of the communities.

"The TPA has stated publicly its readiness to negotiate with any representative body or organisation about local government affairs.

"Consequently, the TPA finds the suggestion by the ANC, that the TPA is unwilling to sit down to discussions with CAST to work out fair deals for the whole region, contrary to the facts," the statement said. — Sapa

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Earnings

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The average earnings of the workers, before they had been fired, had been R180 a month, he said

An appeal would be made to Operation Hunger to alleviate the plight of the 59 workers - all of whom were breadwinners for their families - who had not been re-employed by the council

Ngeleza said legal advice had been taken on the matter

He added the stayaway had only been suspended, and depending on the Ventersdorp council's reaction concerning the fired workers, could be reimposed - Sapa

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New men to take control of Jo'burg

Municipal Reporter (266)

The Johannesburg City Council will be asked tomorrow to approve the appointment of 11 new executive directors in the revamped council structure

Only two top officials retain their positions — city

secretary Howard Veale and city treasurer Willie Siebert

The new city electrical engineer is Ron Leigh, city engineer roads is Dr E Horak, and city engineer water and waste is M Watson

The new executive director of culture and recreation is Dr D J Myburgh, execu-

tive director of health and housing is Dr Nicky Padayachee, executive director human resources is D U Lamprecht, executive director planning is Ian Symon and executive director of transport is M G Cuthbert

Frikkie Kotze takes over as director of public safety.

Violence delays pensions

Sowetan 27/5/91
By SUSAN MILLER

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) yesterday claimed delays in pension payments had been caused by the violence in the townships.

TPA spokesman Ms Elsabe Ferreira said payment of pensions had taken place smoothly this year except for the incidents highlighted in the *Sowetan* last week.

She said the TPA was aware of the needs of the pensioners "and sunshades had been erected for their convenience at some of the pay points"

Volunteers

The TPA was already busy making arrangements to establish two additional payout points outside Soweto, she said.

Ferreira emphasised that it was not necessary for pensioners to queue from so early and that adequate time was allocated for the paying of the pensioners.

She appealed for more volunteers to come forward "to help with this great task"

Top jobs lost in council reshuffle

AT LEAST three top Johannesburg municipal officials have lost their jobs in a major restructuring of the city council's administration

Johannesburg Medical Officer of Health Prof. Hilliard Hurwitz, city engineer Dave Read and parks and recreation senior director Paul Loubser have not been appointed to any of the 11 new executive positions created as part of a restructuring exercise

The revamp, which follows an in-depth investigation by Deloitte Pim Goldby management consultants, involves replacing 20 senior posts with 11

The position of four senior officials, whose posts were among those abolished, remains unclear. The other senior posts to be abolished are now occupied by acting officials or officials planning to retire

TANIA LEVY

Councillors will be asked at today's monthly meeting to approve the appointment of 11 people recommended by the management committee after interviewing applicants last week

Hurwitz and Loubser yesterday indicated that they would now retire and Read, who has been with the council for 36 years, refused to comment

Loubser, who has been with the council for 20 years, said he would retire now at the age of 57 instead of in three years' time and would lose about 5% of his potential retrenchment payout. He said he felt he had been treated fairly

Management committee chairman Ian

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Top jobs

Davidson said yesterday it was impossible to estimate what the restructuring would cost the council in retrenchment and pension payouts

The Deloitte Pim Goldby report estimated that it would cost the council R3.5m in severance pay if none of the existing departmental heads was appointed to new posts

Davidson said the actual cost could not yet be calculated because it was not known whether people whose positions had been made redundant would leave the council or reapply for other positions

While these posts would entail less status they would not necessarily involve a

drop in salary, Davidson said

The management committee will recommend today that city secretary Howard Veale, city treasurer Willie Siebert and electrical engineer R Leigh retain their posts

Former senior deputy health director Dr Nicky Padayachee will be recommended as health and housing executive director, while former development chief director Frikkie Kotze will be proposed as public safety executive director

Eskom's Dean Myburgh will be recommended as culture and recreation director and CSIR business manager Emile Horak as city roads engineer

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Germiston puts out hard-knock budget

East Rand Bureau

The Germiston City Council last night tabled a record R447,1 million budget for the 1991/92 financial year

Management committee chairman Leon Louw (NP) announced a 9,3 percent increase in assessment rates from 4,3c to 4,7c in the rand, subject to certain rebates

Mr Louw said negative economic factors had presented the management committee with a serious challenge of restricting increases in the council's major source of income — assessment rates — to the lowest possible level

Increases in the price of electricity, water and sewerage services are 10 percent, 6 percent and 9 percent

The council's revenue account is estimated at R366 million and the capital programme at R372,3 million. Provision has been made for a R5,2 million deficit

An average monthly household bill would show these increases: assessment rates up by R8,60, sewerage R1,14, refuse removal R3,17, electricity R9,01 and water R1,39

Mr Louw said there had been great emphasis on privatisation and deregulation, and the council was continuing to enhance productive use of its financial resources

He said South Africa was experiencing a deepening recession characterised by double-figure inflation, increasing unemployment and continuing high interest rates, with a predicted low growth rate of not more than 0,5 percent

Instability

"Against the background of political changes and financial instability, the management committee exercised great restraint to keep tariff increases to a minimum, especially in view of the fact that residents would be subjected to 12 percent VAT on all amounts payable with respect to service rendered from October"

He said the regional services council's contributions had led to a decrease in the council's financial burden on transport studies, planning and road projects

Council is owed R3-m

THE Soweto City Council yesterday said it was owed nearly R3 million in arrears for electricity supplied to bulk consumers, including local businesses and State departments.

A council spokesman said the electricity supply to these consumers was being cut. (266)

He said the electricity supply to the telephone exchanges in Emndeni and Moroka was cut last Thursday and the accounts were paid in the same week. *Sowetan*

29/5/91
Meanwhile, accounts from the police and the Department of Education and Training were still outstanding. - Sapa

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT Mr Chairman, I assume that the hon member wishes to refer to the income from a fuel levy which existed before 1988, when part of the income from the fuel levy was allocated as a dedicated income to the National Road Fund. The reason for abandoning the principle of dedicated funds, namely that dedicated funds hinder efficient privatisation of the broad spectrum of Government expenditure, is still valid. The hon member must please excuse me for not elaborating, as we are moving into the territory of the hon the Minister of Finance.

I should firstly like to draw the hon member's attention to the fact that national roads comprise only 11% of the total inter-city road network. An important contributory factor to the existing situation on our roads is the fact that 20 years ago designers and builders did not provide for today's requirements. Consequently, funds are at present mainly used to ensure that the infrastructure established over the years is not destroyed.

*From the point of view of transport I agree that the scope of the available funds is inadequate to maintain all national roads, as well as to continue with the upgrading programmes and new construction programmes. We must first ensure that available funds are used to optimal effect. Investigations and studies such as the Roads Needs Study that has been under way since 1979, play an important role in this regard. This has contributed, *inter alia*, to the development of road management systems and road management models in terms of which priorities for certain projects are set.

Secondly, efforts are being made to look for alternative financing to parliamentary appropriation. In this regard toll financing is an important alternative which will have to be considered.

Thirdly, I believe that changes need to be made to the authority structure within which the funding of roads takes place. Funding on a national basis has been fragmented amongst the large number of authorities. [Time expired.]

Mr A E REEVES Mr Chairman, in the past money was used to build roads. The money was not used efficiently, however. What has happened as a result? They have been building roads throughout the country where it was not necessary. If we look at the roads that have been built up to now—I am talking of urban roads as well as

the rural network—it is going to cost approximately R80 billion to replace them today. Are we going to let all these road networks go to waste? The road networks, after all, is the veins of the economy.

If one is going to allow them to deteriorate, the economy will deteriorate as well. The hon the Minister has to find some way of getting around the hon the Minister of Finance to get this dedicated National Road Fund back. In the past the hon the Minister used to preach about user-payer. Now the person who is using the roads is paying for the roads, but he is not getting what he is paying for. The hon the Minister has to get around the hon the Minister of Finance to bring the National Road Fund back so that we can improve the roads and maintain a good standard of roads in South Africa.

Many deaths in the country occur because of bad, inadequate roads. This accounts for a big part of the death toll. The longer we take to maintain these roads, the more expensive it is going to become. At the moment it costs in the region of R750 000 to replace a kilometre of normal road surface. The costs of maintaining a normal corrugated road is R250 000 a kilometre. The hon the Minister must decide whether we are going to go for corrugated roads or the normal, standard roads. After all, the person paying for [Time expired.]

*Mr J DOUW Mr Chairman, the National Road Fund was established in terms of section 2 of Act No 54 of 1971, exclusively to design, construct and maintain roads. The National Road Fund has always received its funds from the fuel levies, but since 1988 these funds have been appropriated from the Treasury. It became clear to me that during the 1987-88 financial year an amount of R822 397 324 was acquired for the Road Fund from fuel levies. However, during the 1988-89 financial year, Parliament voted only R547 975 000 for the construction and maintenance of roads—almost R300 million less than under the previous scheme. We can no longer tolerate this state of affairs in this country. [Time expired.]

Mr A E REEVES Mr Chairman, if one wants the economy to flourish, one has to have its veins right, and the veins of the economy are the road network.

We know that a lot of this money was misused in the wrong places in the past. They must form a kind of body that will be able to monitor this money and to say where roads must be upgraded and built. In my opinion the problem in the past was that there was no proper control over that money. The money used to go left, right and centre.

We have to look at efficiency and proper planning when building roads. Roads are built and two or three months later trenches are dug across those roads. That is a lot of money that is being wasted on those roads. Those roads will never be the same. No matter how one tries to repair them, they are not going to be the same. Proper planning is important, and one of the things one has to do is to form some kind of body to monitor the spending of this money and make sure that the hon the Minister of Finance brings about this dedicated National Road Fund again.

*Mr J DOUW Mr Chairman, maximum funds must be utilised to maintain our roads, since in my opinion a road that is in disrepair is in fact a waste of capital.

On Saturday we travelled to Pietersburg on the N1, and I want to congratulate the hon the Minister and his department on an excellent road between Pretoria and Naboomspruit. However, the problem starts after Naboomspruit, because the heavy traffic on that road causes serious congestion. Urgent attention should also be given to lanes for overtaking, since the numerous taxis which we encountered on that road get impatient when they do not have the opportunity to overtake other vehicles.

We can understand that the hon the Minister of Finance has brought about a change in priorities, so much so that the millions of rands that are collected by means of the fuel levy are to be utilised for socio-economic upliftment. However, as the hon member for Klipspruit West said, roads are a vital artery of the economy, and if this network is paralysed, it will certainly also have a prejudicial effect on the economy of this country.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT Mr Chairman, I would like to stress that all possible attempts are being made to maintain and develop our road network as a national asset and as a catalyst of economic progress.

*I want to tell the hon member for Klipspruit West and the hon member Mr Douw that I think Mr Douw has already supplied half of the answer to this interpellation. The important point is that we are dealing with priorities. Where do the priorities lie? They have been divided up in such a way that roads are one of the priorities. Socio-economic activities such as clinics, housing, other infrastructure and education are also important, and the Treasury is limited. The hon member said that we should once again add the original payment that was levied on fuel to the National Road Fund. When this levy was abolished in 1988, it was 8c on petrol sales and 10c on diesel sales.

I had a study done for the purposes of this interpellation. Last year the hon the Minister of Finance made R2 660 million available for road construction in South Africa. If we take only the amount which would have come from the fuel fund from the petrol sales of 1990, this would not even have covered half of the R2 660 million which the hon the Minister of Finance paid over to us to maintain roads. [Time expired.]

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

Jhb vehicle licensing department: staff

20 Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

(1) Whether he will furnish information on the motor vehicle licensing department in Johannesburg, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many persons are employed in this department, (b) in what posts are they employed and (c) what are the salaries attached to these posts,

(2) whether any of these persons are Coloureds, if so, how many, if not, why not,

(3) how many (a) Whites, (b) Indians and (c) Blacks are employed in this department,

(4) in respect of what date is this information furnished? C92E

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

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Deputy Director	1	1	83 844
Chief Professional Officer	3	2	72 420
Principal Professional Officer	2		65 688
Senior Professional Officer	4	2	49 008—59 580
Chief Examiner of Vehicles	1		56 736—59 580
Senior Examiner of Vehicles	3		49—51 468
Professional Officer	7	1	23 569—44 448
Officer	2	1	42 324—44 448
Assistant/Examiner of Vehicles	32	3	36 564—44 448
Inspector	1		42 324—44 448
Chief Administrative Assistant	3		36 465—38 400
Inspector	1		31 596—38 168
Senior Administrative Assistant	28	8	31 596—33 168
Administrative Assistant	50	4	23 568—28 644
Inspector	12	1	23 568—28 644
Administrative Assistant	68	7	17 592—21 384
Inspector	2		17 592—21 384
Operator	2	1	17 592—21 384
General Assistant	2		17 592—21 384
Administrative Assistant	29	5	17 592—21 384
General Assistant	17	1	13 128—15 960
Operator	1		13 128—15 960
Administrative Assistant	6	2	11 340—11 904
General Assistant	11	5	11 340—11 904
Operator	3		10 284—10 548
General Assistant	8		9 552—9 792
Operator	20	4	9 552—9 792
Worker	6		8 880—9 096
In Reserve		12	
Total	326	60	

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- (2) There are no Coloureds in the service of the department. The selection and placement of staff in the department as throughout the Johannesburg City Council, is based not on race, colour or creed, but on the availability of jobs and the ability of potential incumbents to meet the demands of the jobs that they apply for.
- (3) The department has
- (a) 204 Whites,
- (b) No Indians,
- (c) 62 Blacks,
- in its service
- (4) 30 April 1991

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Name change row in Verwoerdburg

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Controversy is brewing over plans to change the name of Verwoerdburg, near Pretoria, because its political connotations are causing an economic pinch.

Businessmen at a forum hosted by the Verwoerdburg Town Council on the future of the town, said yesterday that the town was losing investment opportunities because of its name, which foreign companies saw as being synonymous with apartheid.

But rightwing organisations and the widow of former Prime Minister Dr H F Verwoerd have slammed the proposed change.

Mr Louis Norval, of the Verwoerdburg Central Business District Association said changing the name was an emotional issue, but support for a new one was based on economic realities.

"We are losing many possible investors and development opportunities," he said, explaining that multinational companies would not even allow the name "Verwoerdburg" to appear on their letterheads; they preferred to invest in towns like Midrand instead.

Mr Norval said the CBD Association had conducted a poll among businessmen at the end of last year, and 50 percent had supported a name-change. The other 50 percent were either opposed to a change, or did not have an opinion.

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Town councillor Mr David van der Bijl said the town should have a name that did not have political connotations.

"We are losing business and playing second fiddle to surrounding towns," he said, adding that the naming of the town in the late Sixties had been an "historical error".

The council had chosen the name "Doornkloof", but this was rejected by the then administrator of Transvaal, who named it Verwoerdburg following the assassination of Prime Minister Dr Hendrik Verwoerd in 1966.

Voters at the time had also opposed the name.

The only speaker to oppose a new name for the town was businessman Mr Willie Marais.

He said the Verwoerdian era had been extremely prosperous for South Africa in terms of economic growth, and that changing the town's name would amount to tampering with history.

Commenting today, MP for Verwoerdburg, Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok said he had no comment but would abide

by any decision taken.

Dr Verwoerd's widow, Mrs Betsie Verwoerd, said today the name had proven in the past to have led to prosperity in the area.

She said the proposal was part of a process to change the name of buildings which were Afrikaans.

The Conservative Party and conservatively minded South Africans would resist with all its power moves to remove Dr Verwoerd's name from places where he had been honoured, Mrs Verwoerd said.

The leader of the CP in the Pretoria city council Mr Paul Fouche today described the proposal as "absolute rubbish".

One could not destroy the history of a "volk", he said. Mr Fouche added that it was a fact that Dr Verwoerd was the architect of the establishment of independent republics.

The Boer Commando asked why foreign businessmen did not invest in black areas if they were offended by the political connotations of Verwoerdburgstad "or are they afraid their investments might go up in smoke?"

The organisation described the proposal as "the most ridiculous ever".

African National Congress spokeswoman Ms Gill Marcus said the proposal indicated a dawning realisation that South Africa had a wider constituency.

Steam rises over Nelspruit budget

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29/5/91

By Clyde Johnson
Lowveld Bureau

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Nelspruit's R61 million municipal budget, which, after general tariff and assessment rate increases, provides for a R205 000 deficit, caused heated debate at a town council meeting on Monday night

Tabling his 29th consecutive budget, management committee chairman Nic van Zyl said this year's capital expenditure programme of R11,4 million was R2 million less than the previous year

A great effort had been made to keep costs as low as possible, but certain projects had had to be undertaken

These included the re-establishment of a new motor vehicle testing area (R250 000), upgrading roads and traffic control (R1,2 million), water network improvement (R500 000), electrical network improvement (R1,2 million) and business centre landscaping (R100 000)

Mr van Zyl announced sharp tariff increases, which he said

were necessary to balance the budget

From July 1 assessment rates will increase by 15 percent. Electricity, refuse and sewerage goes up by 15 percent and water will cost an additional 20 percent

The budget drew sharp criticism from Conservative Party councillors Tobie de Bruin, Dawid Jacobs and Louis Badenhorst

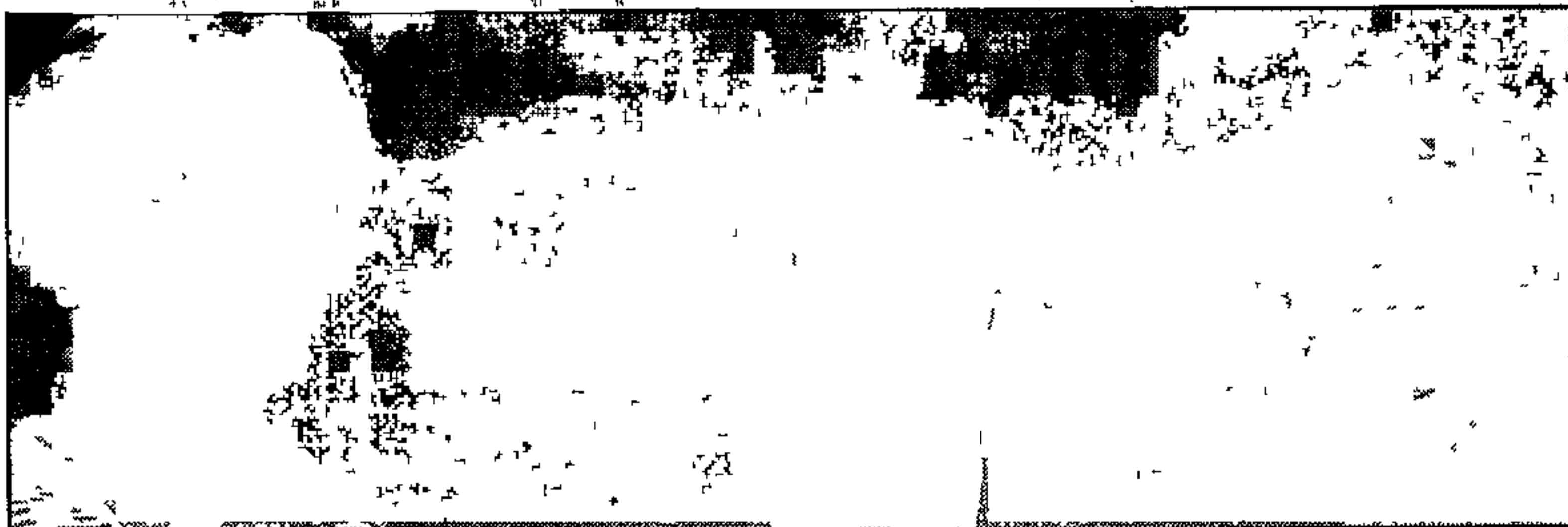
Describing Nelspruit as one of South Africa's most expensive towns, Mr Jacobs said the time had come for drastic cuts in municipal spending

Mr Jacobs said the amount allocated for civic functions was too high

During the meeting a rowdy audience continuously eoughed and interjected while Mr van Zyl spoke

"This is not the place to air your political views," Mr van Zyl told Mr Jacobs during a heated discussion

Came the reply from somebody in the audience. "That's why so many ANC marches take place in our town"



Vying for council seat . . . three of the four candidates who will contest the Northcliff municipal by-election are Elsabe Brink (left), Frank Salmon and Rentia Fouche. Picture Karen Fletcher

4 contesting Northcliff by-election

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

In a surprise development, four candidates have emerged to fight the Northcliff (Ward 2) municipal by-election in Johannesburg on June 19.

Five were nominated but one, former school principal Daniel de Bruin, was disqualified. Johannesburg election officer Hennie Geldenhuys says it is the first

time in the council's history that he can recall five candidates coming forward to fight a municipal election.

Of all the political parties, only the Democratic Party has put forward a candidate — historian Elsabe Brink.

The others are independents: businessman Rentia Fouche, Western Johannesburg Ratepayers Association chairman Frank Salmon and clerk Johanna Strydom.

Mrs Brink will concen-

trate on the problem of traffic intrusion, the spread of business development into the area and conservation issues.

She would like to get more women involved in local government issues.

Mr Salmon said "I have lived in Ward 2 for over 40 years and know it and the people in it like my own family."

"I identify with their problems, and being in the council will give me more muscle to ensure that their wishes are acted on."

Mrs Fouche has pledged to stand for ratepayers.

"I don't want to get involved in party politics. I want to devote all my attention to the voters and give them what they want," she said.

Mrs Strydom could not be reached for comment.

In terms of an election agreement with the DP, the National Party will not contest the seat.

The ward was vacated by independent councillor Hans Strydom.

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Township councils' crisis confronted

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THE Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) and the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) agreed yesterday to form a working group to tackle the crisis facing black local government.

Cast said in a statement later the four-member working group would try to facilitate agreements in local areas where negotiations had deadlocked.

Bodies such as Eskom, water boards, regional services councils and white local authorities would be co-opted if necessary to help reach agreements.

Cast and the TPA also agreed to set up neutral points for the payment of service bills in townships.

The working group would investigate proposals put forward by Cast as an alternative approach to the TPA's local government strategy.

Cast said the group would study a Cast document proposing alternatives to the TPA's local government strategy.

An unprecedented crisis faced the entire local government system in Transvaal, the document said.

Cast predicted that the belief that conditions were deteriorating and that there had been little progress in the transition to a more acceptable form of local government would soon be borne out.

The proposals dealt mainly with ways to ensure the continued provision of services, while a completely new local government structure was negotiated.

Cast proposed that government be ap-

TANIA LEVY

proached to increase the amount set aside for bridging finance or inter-governmental grants to townships by R288m.

Without this extra money, black local authorities would receive only 54% of the finance they needed this year.

Cast said the payment of bills in the townships would only increase if residents experienced improved services. This would be possible only if enough financing was made available to keep services going while negotiations were under way.

Cast proposed that tariffs for water, sewage, electricity and refuse removal be set at a regional level, while the cost per housing unit was worked out.

The TPA accepted Cast's suggestion that legitimate payment points be set up to increase the confidence of township residents who did not trust the existing black local authorities.

The working group would investigate Cast's proposal that agency agreements be entered into to transfer responsibility for providing services from black local authorities to regional services councils.

This would increase residents' confidence in the administrative system.

There was no point in leaving this responsibility in the hands of authorities which would be scrapped first when real reorganisation on local government structures began, said Cast.

TPA spokesmen were not available for comment on yesterday's meeting.



Josiah Matlala . new
Diepmeadow mayor.

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**'Five threatened
before shooting'**

By Montshwa Moroke (265)

Death threats were directed at five Diepmeadow councillors three days before mayor Moses Khumalo was shot dead, deputy mayor Zabelon Tlhabane claimed yesterday.

Mr Tlhabane, who was addressing councillors and guests at the inauguration of new mayor Josiah Matlala, said a council member had threatened to "eliminate" five councillors including himself, F Phiri, the chairman of the council's executive committee, his deputy, S M Gundluza, and J M Mabasa.

"It was not a secret. It was said in public and not even in whispers. After marching out of this meeting, a member said outside that five members were to be eliminated." Star 30/5/91

Mr Matlala (62), of Meadowlands, served as deputy mayor in 1987 and 1989 and was the right-hand man to former mayor Johannes Mathala.

Town clerk Johan de Jager said that in the process of change and with the imminent move towards nonracial local authorities, Mr Matlala could be the last, if not the second last, Diepmeadow mayor.

Quit or face boycott, town council told

By Dirk Nel
Northern Transvaal Bureau

The Messina Town Council has been asked to resign immediately or face a consumer boycott by Nancefield township residents in the border town tomorrow, the civic association said this week.

"We regard the council as an apartheid-appointed authority, which does not have the interests of residents at heart," a civic association spokesman said.

He claimed that water rates and service charges had soared to unacceptably high levels. A memorandum detailing these and other complaints and demanding the council's resignation had recently been handed to the Nancefield community council chairman after a protest march.

Leaflets urging residents not to support the boycott have been circulated in the township. The leaflets warn workers they will lose their jobs, saying white-owned businesses would

not be able to pay wages if subjected to a consumer boycott.

Attempts to contact the mayor of Nancefield and members of his council for comment were unsuccessful, and Messina town clerk Johan Kok was said to be on leave.

However, a spokesman for the Provincial Directorate of Community Development in Pietersburg said the Nancefield council, though not planning to resign, was giving attention to the grievances of the civic association.

He's stepping into Big John's shoes

Star 3/6/91
Taking over the post of one of the most controversial council department's in the country would be a daunting task for most; but not for former Johannesburg fire chief and development director Frikkie Kotze.

Appointed executive director of public safety, Mr Kotze is now in charge of one of the largest departments in the council with about 3 000 employees in the traffic, security, fire and emergency, civil defence and fire protection departments.

He oversees a budget of R150 million a year, and takes over from former traffic and safety chief John Pearce — forced out after The Star's exposé of a city council spy ring.

Mr Kotze promises an open administration and says he is looking forward to his new job.

Spying

"I have no problems stepping into Big John's shoes. Mr Pearce did a marvellous job over the years and we are still good friends"

A report is due out soon on the restructuring of the security department.

"Spying is totally out. We have a council staff of 23 000 and a budget in excess of R2 billion, so the security department is there to protect council property, to provide protection to its employees and conduct internal investigations where necessary.

"I don't see myself going in as a super-duper traffic officer or because I was fire chief. I am going in as an executive director to manage the unit."

Mr Kotze was with the fire department for many years. He lectured at the University of the Witwatersrand and was involved in drafting legislation regarding building safety standards. Much of his research was accepted internationally.

One of Mr Kotze's first goals is to do something about the morale of his employees and the image of the department.

"The department has had a lot of adverse publicity and we need to create pride — they have so much to be proud of."

The emergency services came up tops in a recent survey by consultants as the department that received the least complaints from the public and was the most admired.

"Our people are out there day and night looking after the safety of the public.

"A traffic officer often goes beyond his call of duty to be a friend to the public, and that is the kind of image we would like to project."

What gives Mr Kotze great joy is serving his public.

"To be able to serve and to give is like giving presents over Christmas. I love to give myself. I love this city; it's my city and I'm very jealous of it."

He finds it very satisfying to be part of the many challenges facing Johannesburg.

He is, however, worried about the rising crime rate, attacks on his traffic officers and the recent planting of limpet mines in the city.

"If there is anything we can do to assist, we will be at the forefront"



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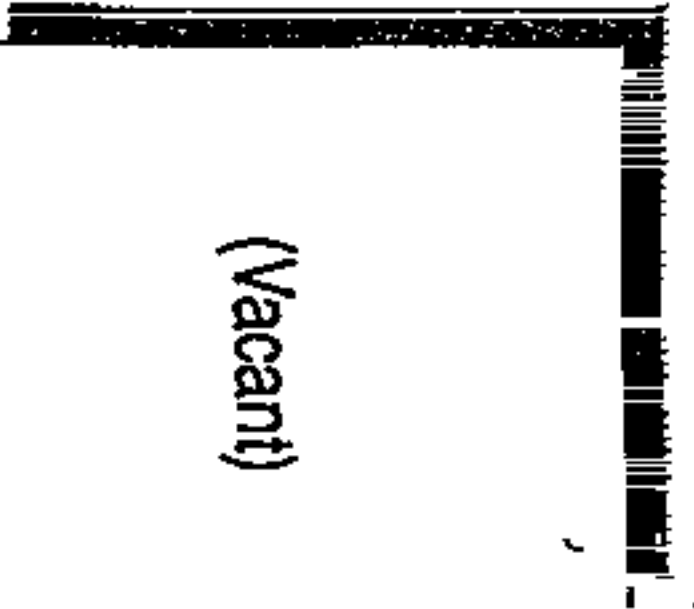
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Dr Dean Myburgh



Health & Housing
Dr Nicky Padayachee



Public Safety
Frikkie Kotze



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Support Service Units

Strategic Business Units

Graphic by L. Warden

FOR a future Johannesburg

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A MORE efficient, economical and business-oriented city council is what the management committee hopes to achieve by scrapping 20 departments and replacing them with 11 new divisions

In July last year, consultants Deloitte Pim Goldby were appointed to conduct a comprehensive review of the council's organisational structure

Their brief was to identify an appropriate structure which would enable the council to deliver its services economically, efficiently and effectively in the light of pressures and demands operating in the environment

Their report was accepted by councillors in April, and last Tuesday 11 executive directors were chosen to head the new super departments — termed business units

Councillors believe the new streamlined council will encourage innovation, autonomy and a greater market awareness

is adaptive and responsive, and can react in a positive way to possible political, economic and social changes

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the council had to have a team capable of taking Johannesburg into the next century

"We recognise that we live in a changing environment. The next election will be non-racial. We need to leave a legacy."

The directors will head eight strategic business units (SBUs) and three support service units (SSUs)

"We are building a team that can cope with the new Johannesburg, with or without the political heads of the council," management committee transport and utilities chairman Paul Asherson said

"We hope to be an example to local government throughout the country," he added

It is hoped that the new structure would eliminate unnecessary levels of manage-

The Johannesburg City Council is being reshaped for the future in a massive restructuring drive. Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS examines the reasons.

ment and facilitate quicker decision-making

Each new division is a self-standing business unit. The SBUs have the self-sufficiency — through the control of resources (that is, human resources and financial support) — to implement strategy effectively, the structure frees the town clerk to focus on strategic issues, and other support-services staff are now able to concentrate on long-term strategic issues

The new council structure is expected to be in place within

two months. Many senior officials now have to reapply for their jobs

Retrenchments are expected and the council could end up paying considerable amounts in redundancy packages

Mr Asherson is, however, confident that the council will save 10 times what it spends in redundancy payments by abolishing unnecessary posts

Top officials who have elected to take retirement after not being reappointed are medical officer of health (MOH) Professor Hilliard Hurwitz, city engineer Dave Read, and parks and recreation director Paul Loubser

Reappointed to their positions were city secretary Howard Veale, city treasurer Willie Siebert and city electrical engineer Ron Leigh

Filling the other posts in the new-look council are Dr Emile Horak, CSIR roads and transport technology manager, who becomes city engineer, roads,

Mel Watson, council water and gas director, who becomes city engineer, water and waste, Dr Dean Myburgh, Eskom organisation planning manager, who becomes executive director, culture and recreation, Dr Nicky Padayachee, council deputy MOH, who takes over as executive director, health and housing, Dirk Lamprecht, council personnel director, who becomes executive director, human resources

Ian Symon, metropolitan planning director, becomes executive director planning, and former fire chief Frikkie Kotze takes over the sensitive position of public safety executive director

The post of transport director remains vacant after Marshall Cutburt, who assisted in the restructuring of Durban's transport system, withdrew

The officials take up their positions on September 1 at annual salary packages of between R134 000 and R149 000 □

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Name and shame of Verwoerdburg

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VERWOERDBURG is feeling the economic pinch of its name and there are growing moves to change the town's name because of the political connotations and rid the area of its "name and shame."

Most businessmen attending a forum, hosted by the Verwoerdburg Town Council, on the future of Verwoerdburg, last week said the town was losing investment opportunities because of its name, which foreign companies saw as being synonymous with apartheid.

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Town is to consult on name change

THE Verwoerdburg Town Council will consult all the people in the area before deciding to change the town's name. *Sowetan 4/6/91*

Commenting on speculation that they were to hold a referendum to test whether residents were in favour of changing the town's name, the council said the matter would be

thoroughly investigated before action was taken. *266*

The council has not yet discussed the outcome of meetings held last week with businessmen and residents where concern was expressed about the name's political connotations.

They are expected to meet soon to decide on any further action.

The violence on the Reef has made it difficult for the NICC to span political divides, reports Jo-Anne Collinge

Civic movement tries hard to shrug off the past

SA 4/6/91

WHEN civic associations across the country look to heart some lessons from Eastern Europe and opted for an independent "watchdog" role rather than being swallowed up by any political party, some observers saw this as hostility toward the African National Congress.

The interpretation has left Sthenbisio Radebe, general secretary of the National Interim Civics Committee (NICC), more than a little puzzled.

The first concern of the national civic movement, which will be formally constituted in August, is to organise communities and represent them on issues of broad concern, he stresses.

In taking their directions constantly from the grassroots, the civic associations could find themselves at odds with any political party, he concedes, especially a ruling party "But it is totally incorrect to say that we are presently antagonistic to the ANC." The civic movement certainly

is trying hard to shrug off its Congress-aligned past, he says, but this is in order to perform better as a development and residents' organisation.

As an observer who has worked closely with civic associations puts it, "When you go to negotiate with the authorities for better services, or for housing, you can't do so just for residents of a particular political party."

Mr Radebe acknowledges the NICC will have to do more than simply proclaim the political neutrality of the civics. The Reef violence in particular has made it very difficult to span political divides.

"But before the escalation of violence to the PWV, even though civics were affiliated to the United Democratic Front, we had Inkatha people in our structures, even in some executive portfolios," says Mr Radebe. In the two months before the civic body is born, top-level talks must be held with all major political parties, says Mr Radebe, to persuade them of the seriousness of the civic movement in relation to political independence. "We aim to see the IFP's Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi as well."

What kind of reception the NICC will receive from Inkatha and other groups remains to be seen. The civics reserve the right to endorse positions and campaigns of political parties if they are satisfied that these are in the overall interest of the communities they represent. And the recent civics conference in Bloemfontein resolved to "give its full support to the establishment of defence committees" and call for "Chief Buthelezi to be brought to account in the interests of peace".

The civic conference also endorsed the ANC-centred campaign for an interim government and the more broadly supported call for a constituent assembly. The long-term thrust of the civic movement away from protest politics and into development is another goal that was widely accepted in Bloemfontein. Its implementation, like that of political independence, will not be without problems. But probably the most taxing questions at the conference were those relating to the immediate challenges of political transition. Civic bodies have a real dilemma. To respond to the needs of their constituencies and end the rent boycott crisis they must attempt to create new relationships with white town councils, move away from the apartheid town/township model which has impoverished black communities and secure new sources of finance for the townships.

But they are loath to suggest by their interactions with white authorities that they are endorsing a new form of local government in advance of national constitutional negotiations or in any way accepting a long-term model which falls short of nonracialism.

The fact the Government is considering legislation to promote and recognise new forms of "interim local government", instituted on a voluntary basis by white and black local authorities and by non-statutory bodies like the civics, confounds the picture. Nobody is sure what the Government intends by these structures, which have been described only in the broadest terms. The controversy around the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber — approved by the influential Soweto Civic Association, but spurned by others — is a symptom of this lack of clarity on how the civics should handle the transition. It also stems from the unique history of the civic associations which typically sprang into being in response to distinct crises in individual townships. There was little uniformity, as they took decisions in accordance with demands from residents influenced by the highly variable actions of local government. The Soweto Civic Association may see it as fruitful to sit down with various white Reef councils in the Metropolitan Chamber, but the Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation is at loggerheads with the Conservative Party council in its town and has encouraged a crippling boycott of shops in Krugersdorp to bring pressure to bear on the council. Every effort is being made to bring greater coherence to the civic movement as it engages in immediate negotiations on housing, land, service provision and the financing of black residential areas. When it comes to national constitutional negotiations, the national civic organisation does not aspire to a place at the table. But it will attempt to influence the submissions of participating parties on matters such as the Bill of Rights, local government, metropolitan structures and land issues.

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Council staff's wages withheld

By Abel Mabelane
and Sapa

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Tembisa, Alexandra and Kagiso council employees have not been paid their May salaries and wages because a six-year rent and services boycott has left funds depleted and because of "certain administrative problems".

According to Transvaal Provincial Administration chief director of local government J J van der Walt, R2,6 million in salaries and wages for officials, councillors and workers has been withheld. He would not say how many employees would be affected and when they could expect their money.

He said the rent boycott had left the Tembisa council with no funds. It had collected R250 000 last month — only 3 percent of the actual revenue.

Mr van der Walt refused to discuss the problems affecting the councils.

He said he knew nothing of reports that white officials at the Tembisa council were on strike because they had not been paid. Black employees are apparently still reporting for work.

Private aid on urbanisation sought

PRETORIA — The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has called on the private sector to help solve some of the problems associated with accelerating urbanisation

A TPA spokesman said yesterday the recently announced combined TPA-private sector effort to ease the growing financial crisis was expected to be in operation before the year end

Transvaal administrator Dame Hough has said it was urgent that the problems be tackled

The province's resources had been virtually exhausted, Hough said

The structure of the combined effort included the appointment of six regional development managers (RDMs) from the private sector to work with the provincial regional directors

The regions are east and west Rand,

Pretoria, Pietersburg, Potchefstroom and Witbank

The managers will appoint multi-disciplinary consortiums to identify priority projects in the regions.

The spokesman said the response to advertisements calling for applications for RDMs had been "better than good"

So far in the Pretoria area alone more than 100 applications had been received and responses were still pouring in

The spokesman said the RDMs would be paid by the province

It was hoped the private sector would become more involved in financing projects such as the provision of services in squatter areas, the expansion of electricity, sewerage and other basic infrastructural services.

GERALD REILLY

No pay for council workers as rent boycott hits funds

EMPLOYEES of the Tembisa, Alexandra and Kagiso councils were not paid last month because a six-year rent and services boycott has left funds depleted

Disclosing this yesterday TPA chief director of local government, Mr JJ van der Walt, said R2,6 million in salaries and wages for officials, councillors and workers had been withheld.

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funds It had collected R250 000 last month - only three percent of the actual revenue. (266)

He refused to discuss the problems affecting the councils because "negotiations were still taking place with some of them"

He said he knew nothing about reports that white officials with the Tembisa Council were on strike because they had not been paid

Black employees, it is believed, are still reporting for work - *Sowetan Correspondent and Sapa*

Councils will crash, warns RSC chief

By Louise Burgers
and Esmaré van der Merwe

Some of South Africa's biggest townships would not be able to pay their workers within two months unless drastic steps were taken to save black local authorities from bankruptcy

Black local government has hit its biggest crisis yet, with at least three councils — Tembisa, Kagiso and Alexandra — not being able to pay employees

Reports that Tembisa council workers had gone on strike could not be confirmed

Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) chairman John Griffiths warned yesterday that the Greater Soweto councils of Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow would not have funds to pay wages by the end of July unless the Government and the Transvaal Provincial Administration acted

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"If something is not done soon, essential services in these towns will collapse within two months — and I am not exaggerating," Mr Griffiths said

"They won't have funds to pay for salaries and wages and services, and that can only mean a total collapse"

The CWRSC, which has been funding the daily running costs of the boycott-stricken black councils in the region, provided bridging finance until March

Although the CWRSC on

Tuesday approved R132 million to keep the councils afloat, that money becomes available only in August

The growing crisis is the result of protracted rent and services boycotts, particularly in the Transvaal where 54 out of the 82 black municipalities have virtually been crippled due to the non-payment of accounts

Residents in Transvaal townships owe their councils more than R1 billion in rent and services payments, says the TPA

The situation is so serious that about R410 million intended by central Government to maintain infrastructure is being used mainly to pay salaries

TPA spokesman Magda du Toit said that if money were left over from the salary bill, councils could use the money to pay, in order, water bills, sewerage, refuse and only then electricity accounts

Mrs du Toit stressed, however, that the inter-governmental loans, allocated to councils on a fixed monthly rate determined by their needs, were not granted to "finance boycotts, but to keep the system going"

Recently, electricity supplies to 12 townships were cut

The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST) will meet the TPA today to discuss the cut-offs

Local government experts warned yesterday that RSCs — which have been footing large portions of townships' bills — could not continue to do so for much longer

RSCs had been established to finance infrastructure and development



Transvaal MEC Olaus van Zyl after yesterday's meeting with Cast. Picture CATHERINE ROSS

TPA rejects calls for moratorium

8/0am 7/6/91 (266)

WILSON ZWANE

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) yesterday told the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) that it would not declare a moratorium on power cuts in black townships.

Speaking to reporters in Johannesburg after meeting Cast representatives, Transvaal MEC for Institutional Development and Negotiations Olaus van Zyl said the TPA could not support a moratorium.

"A moratorium is buying time. Who is going to supply funds to buy time?" Van Zyl asked, adding that the intergovernmental grants to the local authorities were not meant to subsidise rent boycotts.

"Because the TPA has no funds available to ensure the supply of services to the black towns during negotiations, it is not in a position to support the moratorium."

He said the TPA was not responsible for cutting off services in the townships. This was done by the local authorities or bulk service suppliers.

The question of power cuts would be looked into by a joint Cast/TPA working group, he said.

Yesterday's meeting between the TPA and Cast came two days after Cast threat-

ened to suspend talks unless a moratorium was declared. Cast was not available for comment yesterday.

Transvaal townships still without electricity include Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle, Atteridgeville near Pretoria and Thokoza and Katlehong on the East Rand.

Lekoa town clerk Klasie Louw said yesterday power had been restored to two sections of Sebokeng after more than 70% of its residents paid their accounts.

Power was cut in six townships under the jurisdiction of the Lekoa City Council earlier this week.

Sapa reports that the Pretoria City Council management committee yesterday announced its plan to restore bulk electricity to Atteridgeville for a trial period of one month under conditions accepted by Atteridgeville's administrator.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the township clinic in Tumahole, near Parys, said it had no evidence that 33 people had died as a result of drinking contaminated water. It was claimed earlier that this had occurred because fresh water supplies to the township were cut off on May 13.

'Stream of black babies up for adoption'

TANIA LEVY

THERE was an endless stream of abandoned black babies in Johannesburg and an endless queue of infertile white couples desperate to adopt from a shrinking pool of white babies, Johannesburg Child Welfare social welfare consultant Jackie Loffel said yesterday. 8/0am 7/6/91.

Speaking at a workshop on Transracial Adoptions held at Wits University, Loffel said the number of white couples prepared to adopt black babies could grow as the "new SA" emerged.

Matching these couples with black babies could help balance out adoption needs and resources.

She said there was a place for trans-

racial adoptions, although a restricted one.

If done indiscriminately and in isolation from other strategies, adoptions across the colour line would reflect dubious ethics. It would amount to treating the symptom of massive community crisis — namely child abandonment — without responding to the people caught up in that crisis.

In the US and UK the one-way traffic of black children into white homes had been seen as another form of cultural imperialism in which black children were another commodity of exchange, said Loffel.

Townships Board useless without local content,

QUIETLY, a few days ago, the Transvaal Administrator, Danie Hough, fired the entire Townships Board — those "faceless men" who for years have ridden roughshod over planners and the public in greater Johannesburg. In November last year, the board's chairman, Mr. P. W. K. van Heerden, refused to provide the Saturday Star with the names or the qualifications of the board. He said it was "not in the public interest" to know why they were.

But a week later, Mr. Willem Hoods MEC provided all the names. They were all Pretoria ratepayers and among them was a retired brigadier, a former mayor of Warmbaths, a

small town magistrate and retired bureaucrats. A quorum was two and they were empowered to dismiss the views of 135 000 Johannesburg ratepayers.

They overturned two thirds of all the planning decision that were brought before them — more often than not without giving reasons.

Sandton Council said the board created "havoc" in its town.

Petrol companies wanting to build garages in suburbia, if they were turned down by ratepayers, and the local council, would go to the Townships Board to obtain an overruling.

The Administrator of the

Transvaal has now dismissed the old board and named a new one.

Mr. Hough has promised to de-stroy the board's image as an "invisible, autocratic body". He said this week "In future we will more and more try to play the role of bridge-builders, match-makers".

But the news failed to impress Johannesburg planners, councillors and ratepayers for not one member is a Johannesburg.

General opinion yesterday was that Mr. Hough has simply appointed a new set of non-local people — albeit multi-racial — none of whom has intimate knowledge of the metropolis.

The chairman is the former MEC in charge of Education, Fanie Schoeman, who is a popular Pretoria businessman and is liked for his openness. He was unavailable for comment yesterday.

The members are

- Former Esterhus management committee chairman Willem Arends
- Klerksdorp town councillor Chris van Eeden
- President's Council member Piet Grobler
- Pretoria attorney Gert Hugo
- Former Laudium management committee chairman Mo-

hamed Jaffer

- Former Transvaal MEC Daan Kirsten
- Former Saaboon managing director Christie Kuun
- Former Khutsong mayor R. T. Moseane
- Retired chief magistrate Eugene Naude

The board's inaugural meeting a few days ago was symbolic of Johannesburg's planning frustration which dates back 100 years ago — the meeting was held in the Old Raadsaal from where Paul Kruger used to rule Johannesburg.

Reactions expressed in Johannesburg yesterday were unanimous while an appeals board was necessary it should have

say Jhb planners

"local content".

City councillor, Professor Harold Rudolph, told me "I am sure they (the new board) will do their job with the best of their ability — but it will not help the situation.

Johannesburg should be master in its own house. We should have Johannesburg people deciding for Johannesburg. Johannesburg's expertise is at least equal to Pretoria's."

He said people should have the right to appeal against local council decisions but the problem with outsiders arbitrating was that a couple of Townships Board members might make an inspection in loco, "let's say when traffic was particularly

quiet — and then gain a wrong impression. We who live here are fully *au fait* with our own situation."

Conrad Berge of Jomag said "The problem has not really been the board or even where its members came from — it has been the quality of its decisions."

"The concept of an appeals board is good — especially for Johannesburg. Local authorities can go through strange phases."

"All that seems to have happened now is that the names have been changed. There's been no change in law."

Anthony Lange, the Norwood ratepayers' leader, whose frustration, triggered November's

Saturday Star story on "the faceless few", and whose views probably influenced the decision to drop the previous board, said "We will not rest until we have a whole new town planning decision making system."

Tony Leon and Peter Soal of the Democratic Party have recently made strong pleas in Parliament for a total review.

Mr. Soal, Johannesburg North MP, who described the previous board as comprising "man-darins and bureaucrats", believes an appeals board should consist of Johannesburg people — "retired experts, town planners, lawyers, judges, individuals with status."

Soweto housing scheme on rocks

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PRIVATE developer Saffrich has pulled out of Soweto's Doornkop housing scheme, leaving hundreds of buyers without houses built on their sites and hundreds of others with no sites at all



Saffrich generated enormous community criticism earlier this year when it negotiated with the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and launched itself as the only private developer in the Doornkop scheme

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The scheme, originally intended as the pilot project of the government's R1-billion plan to house the country's homeless, now lies in pieces after being dogged by allegations of mismanagement, bribery and corruption by councillors

Diepmeadow councils and whose combined income was less than R600 a month

According to Saffrich director Steyn Fourie, the company reached a "gentlemen's agreement" with the TPA to develop 1 300 of the 6 000 sites

Saffrich marketed its sites through more than a dozen estate agents in and around Johannesburg

Contrary to the TPA stipulations, Saffrich agents signed contracts with anyone who responded to their advertising campaign and who could afford a house of between R16 000 and R21 000 -

The TPA stipulated that sites would be allocated to local families whose names were on the waiting lists of either the Soweto, Dobsonville or

waiting lists or not City Press has evidence that Saffrich agents also sold sites to people earning more than R600 a month and to people who were not local residents

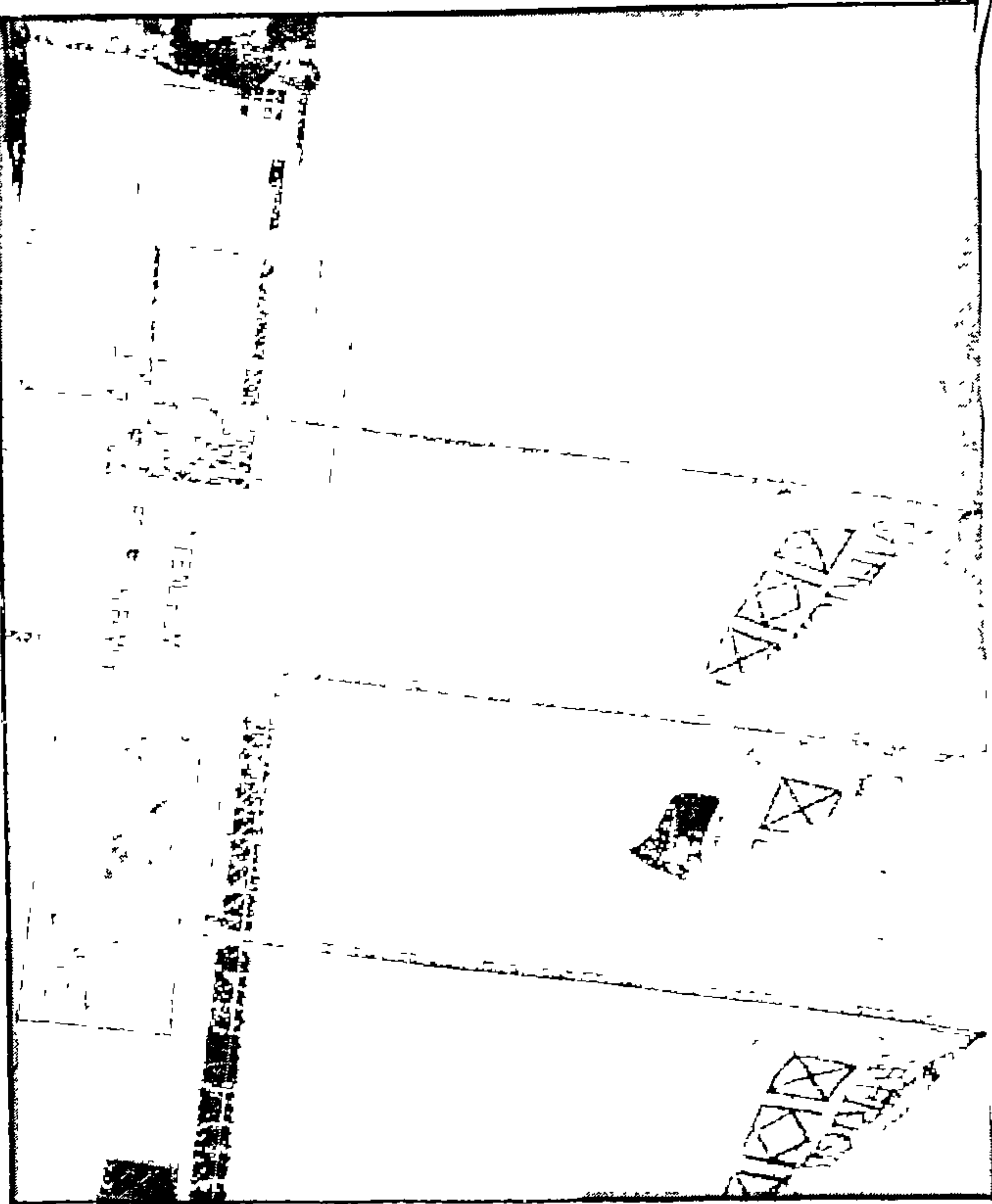
Initially, Nedpermbank was interested in financing 30 percent of the scheme with an investment of more than R6-million Standard Bank was also considering investing millions

But both banks pulled out when they realised the development did not have the approval of community and civic organisations, or a formal agreement with the TPA

Saffrich continued to market its Doornkop sites after the major banks withdrew their support

Saffrich is now refunding more than R600 000 taken as deposits from hundreds of clients

Other private developers have moved on to the 1 300 sites vacated by Saffrich and are offering a variety of housing packages ranging from R6 000 to R14 000 Banks are not financing the houses being built



SITE OF ALL THE TROUBLE ... Housing Advice Project director Brian Leveson says the Doornkop development should not have been marketed before financial backing was assured.

Local government to open

By EDYTH BULBRING

LEGISLATION to allow communities to implement the "new" South Africa at grassroots level will be introduced in Parliament this week.

Planning and Provincial Affairs deputy minister Tertius Delpoit will table the Interim Measures for Local Government Bill. The Bill would not force people to do what they did not want to do — it would merely enable those who wanted to change to go ahead, Mr Delpoit said.

The legislation will enable black and white communities to form non-racial local government structures. Initiatives on this level have been taking place all over the country for several months. One of the most advanced is the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, which was constituted in April.

It includes the white and black local authorities of the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council, civic associations and ratepayer bodies. The new legislation will enable, for example, the Johannesburg chamber to negotiate a new local government system for the region and then implement it.

After the new legislation is passed next week, non-racial local authority elections could be held in the central Witwatersrand. A new system could include forming a common

Mr Delpoit said the measures did not prescribe models of local government. It was up to the local government bodies and community leaders to decide on the system that suited them best.

In Nelspruit an agreement is in place for income from the Nelspruit CBD to be shared between the white and black local authorities.

Initiatives to form metropolitan chambers have started in Kimberley, Port Elizabeth, Durban and Cape Town — but the legislation is not yet through Parliament.

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Guaranteed protection

SOWETO City Council staff members and cleaners are to resume their duties in township hostels after being guaranteed protection by Soweto police

A statement from the Council yesterday said duties at the hostels will be resumed within a fortnight

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Administrative staff and cleaners, who lodged complaints about vandalism to hotel property and insufficient security, were withdrawn from the area for their own safety about a month ago, the statement said

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Tokoza council slashes work force

By Abel Mabelane *Star*
East Rand Bureau 11/6/91

koza administrator Gert Muller said yesterday

The Tokoza Town Council — virtually bankrupt because of the rent boycott — has retrenched 37 percent of its employees, and is considering further cutbacks, To-

The council owed the Rand Water Board R320 000 for April and May's water, and had no money for its June bill

Mr Muller said the rent boycott showed no sign of ending

The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

Transvaal

There are no old-age homes in the Transvaal under the control of the Transvaal Provincial Administration

(a) to (d) Fall away

Natal

Yes

(a) Ehembeni Old Age Home—Plessislaer, Zibambeleni Old Age Home—Clernaville

(b) Ehembeni—9 beds

Zibambeleni—160 beds

(c) Ehembeni—5

Zibambeleni—25

(d) 16 May 1991

Cape Province

There are no old-age homes in the Cape Province under the control of the Cape Provincial Administration

(a) to (d) Fall away

Orange Free State

No

(a) to (d) Fall away

Black housing: backlog

383 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

(a) What is the extent of the housing backlog for Blacks in respect of each of the nine development areas in the Republic of South Africa and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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(a)	(b)
Development area and backlog	Date on which the information is furnished
Cape Province	
A — 133 433	30 April 1991
B — 25 221	31 March 1991
D — 100 101	30 April 1991

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(a) (b)

Development area and backlog

Date on which the information is furnished

Natal

E — 210 867 30 April 1991

Orange Free State

C — 68 378 30 April 1991

Transvaal

F — 63 960 31 March 1991

G — 2 816 31 March 1991

H — 244 583 31 March 1991

J — 181 627 31 March 1991

Leasehold/freehold schemes: applications

392 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

(1) (a) How many persons in each specified region of his Department applied in 1990 for (i) leases in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme and (ii) leave to purchase property under freehold title and (b) how many such applications had been granted as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,

(2) whether the figures in respect of each such area represent an increase or decrease in comparison with the relevant figures for 1989?

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Cape Province

Region	Region A	Region B	Region D
(1) (a) (i)	1 121	1 313	3 548
(ii)	659	None	None
(b)	1 780	1 313	3 548
(2)	Increase	Increase	Decrease

Transvaal

Region	Region F	Region G	Region H	Region J
(1) (a)	(i) 2 240	314	38 607	2 952
(ii)	460	None	1 742	None
(b)	806	None	35 665	None
(2)	Increase	Increase	Decrease	Increase

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Orange Free State

Region C

(1) (a) (i) 5 689 (ii) 4

(b) 5 693

(2) Increase

Natal

Region E

(1) (a) (i) 1 044

(ii) None

(b) 1 044

(2) Decrease

Teacher/pupil ratio

393 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Training

(a) What was the teacher/pupil ratio in (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools under the control of his Department as at the latest specified date in 1991 for which figures are available and (b) what were the equivalent ratios in 1988, 1989 and 1990, respectively?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(a) (i) 1 39,73 (ii) 1 36,36

NOTE

These calculations are based on preliminary statistics as at 5 February 1991 and do not include combined and intermediate schools

	1988	1989	1990
(b) (i)	1 39,65	1 40,68	1 40,17
(ii)	1 32,65	1 34,19	1 34,13

NOTE

These calculations are based on information collected on the first Tuesday in March of the respective years

Classroom/pupil ratio

394 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Training

(a) What was the classroom/pupil ratio in (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools under the control of his Department as at the latest

specified date in 1991 for which figures are available and (b) what were the equivalent ratios in 1988, 1989 and 1990, respectively?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(a) (i) 1 42,18

(ii) 1 46,78

NOTE

These calculations are based on preliminary statistics as at 5 February 1991

	1988	1989	1990
(b) (i)	1 42,93	1 42,26	1 42,48
(ii)	1 39,01	1 39,77	1 41,96

NOTE

These calculations are based on information collected on the first Tuesday in March of the respective years

Tvl Townships Board members

395 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

(a) Who were the members of the Transvaal Townships Board as at 1 May 1991 and (b) what, in each case, are the (i) names, (ii) ages, (iii) dates of appointment, (iv) academic qualifications, (v) past employment experience and (vi) cities of residence of these members?

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- (a)
- Mr S J Schoeman
 - Mr J N P du Plessis
 - Mr M A Jaffer
 - Mr D P Krusein
 - Adv P G W Grobler
 - Mr C Kuun
 - Mr C C C van Eeden
 - Mr E Naudé
 - Mr G Hugo
 - Mr W Arends
 - Mr D J L Kamfer
 - Mr J S van der Walt
 - Mr D P Wilcocks
 - Mr D G Raath
 - Mr G Visser

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(b)

(i) Name of member of the Transvaal Townships Board	(ii) Age	(iii) Date of appointment	(iv) Academic qualifications	(v) Past employment experience	(vi) Cities of residence of members
Mr S J Schoeman	60	1 May 1991	B Com, M Com	Businessman Member of the Pretoria City Council Chairman Session Committee on Public Accounts Member of the Executive Committee—Transvaal Acted as Administrator of the Transvaal on several occasions	Pretoria
Mr J N P du Plessis	48	1 May 1991	BSC—Town and Regional Planning	Director Land Usage Control, Transvaal Provincial Administration	Pretoria
Mr M A Jaffer	67	1 May 1991	Matric	Electrical contractor Member of the Laudium Management Committee	Laudium
Mr D P Kirstein	61	1 May 1991	BA LLB	Practised as attorney for approximately 30 years Managed a building construction firm for approximately 20 years Was a member of the Executive Council of the Transvaal for 8 years	Pretoria
Adv P G W Grobler	51	1 May 1991	BA LLB	Practised as an attorney for 20 years Was a member of the Provincial Council from 1981 until 1986. Was a member of Parliament from 1987 until 1989 Since 1989 member of the President's Council	Pretoria
Mr C Kuun	60	1 May 1991	BA THOD	26 years' experience in building society industry Managing Director of Saambou Vice-chairman of the Development of Housing, Saambou Housing—responsible for town developments and the creation of housing	Pretoria

(i) Name of member of the Transvaal Townships Board	(ii) Age	(iii) Date of appointment	(iv) Academic qualifications	(v) Past employment experience	(vi) Cities of residence of members
Mr C C C van Eeden	54	1 May 1991	BSc BED THHOD	Teacher for 17 years Businessman for 14 years Member of the Provincial Council from 1981 until 1986 Council member of Klerksdorp Member of the Executive Council of the Transvaal Municipal Association for 12 years Member of the Management Council of the Municipal Employers' Association Since 1987 member of the Demarcation Board	Klerksdorp
Mr E Naudé	63	1 May 1991	B Jurs	Employed by the Department of Justice for 35 years Retired as Chief Magistrate At present the Administrator of Phagameeng Local Authority Committee	Nylstroom
Mr G Hugo	59	1 May 1991	BA LLB	Practising attorney since 1957 Specialising in property assessment rate legislation Council member of VEESA Property Development Programme since 1967 President of VEESA for the period 1979 to 1981 Was a member of the Advisory Planning Committee for Pretoria City Council	Pretoria
Mr W Arends	60	1 May 1991	BA Education	Teacher for 37 years Member as well as Chairman of the Management Committee of Eersterus	Eersterus
Mr D J L Kamfer	71	1 May 1991 (Reappointment)	Matric and Diploma in Law	Retired SADF Brigadier	Pretoria

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(i) Name of member of the Transvaal Townships Board	(ii) Age	(iii) Date of appointment	(iv) Academic qualifications	(v) Past employment experience	(vi) Cities of residence of members
Mr J S v/d Walt	70	1 May 1991 (Reappointment)	Matric	Retired Town Clerk	Pretoria
Mr D P Wilcocks	78	1 May 1991 (Reappointment)	BA Law	Retired Magistrate	Pretoria
Mr D G Raath	68	1 May 1991 (Reappointment)	BSc Landsurveying	Retired TPA official (Landsurveyor and Town and Regional Planning)	Pretoria
Mr G Visser	66	1 May 1991 (Reappointment)	Matric	Retired Public Servant	Pretoria

Goedgevonden farm incident: SADF involvement
400 Adv T LANGLEY asked the Minister of Defence +

(a) How many (i) officers, (ii) non-commissioned officers and (iii) privates of the South African Defence Force were involved in the events on the farm Goedgevonden near Ventersdorp on 11 May 1991 and (b) how many such (i) officers, (ii) non-commissioned officers and (iii) privates were (aa) White, (bb) Blacks, (cc) Coloureds and (dd) Indians?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE B1062E

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Goedgevonden farm incident: SAP involvement

401 Adv T LANGLEY asked the Minister of Law and Order +

(a) How many (i) officers, (ii) non-commissioned officers and (iii) constables were involved in the events on the farm Goedgevonden near Ventersdorp on 11 May 1991

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and (b) how many such (i) officers, (ii) non-commissioned officers and (iii) constables were (aa) Whites, (bb) Blacks, (cc) Coloureds and (dd) Indians?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER B1063E

(a) (i) 7 officers
(ii) 18 members
(iii) 83 members
(b) (i) (aa) 7 officers
(bb) 0
(cc) 0
(dd) 0

(ii) (aa) 18 members

(iii) (aa) 63 members

(bb) 20 members

(cc) 0
(dd) 0

Payments of licence fees/fuel levies: total amount
411 Mr J CHIOLE asked the Minister of Transport +

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- (1) What total amount did the State obtain from the payment of licence fees and the fuel levy by production consumers in the latest specified financial year for which figures are available, from the levy on fuel is classified information in terms of the Petroleum Products Act, 1977 (Act No 120 of 1977) and is therefore not readily available to my Department
- (2) (a) what amount has been voted in respect of the maintenance of roads for the provinces for the next financial year and (b) what are or were the actual needs for this financial year,
- (3) what amounts did the State collect as a result of the toll-road system in the financial year mentioned in paragraph (1),
- (4) (a)(i) what is the cumulative total financial backlog of all the provinces in respect of the effective maintenance of the existing road network and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished and (b) to what extent did heavy vehicles contribute to the above-mentioned backlog in each of the latest specified 10 financial years for which information is available?
- (2) (a) For obvious reasons, it is impossible to disclose the amounts to be allocated from 1992/93, at this stage. However, the amount which has been appropriated for 1991/92 is R564 million
- (b) The demand for 1992/93 is not known at this stage. The demand for 1991/92 is currently estimated at R1 150
- (3) The State collected R105,3 million through toll fees during the 1990/91 financial year
- (4) (a) (i) The cumulative, total backlog of the provinces in respect of the maintenance of roads is estimated at R586 million
- (ii) 1 April 1991

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The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

(1) During the 1990/91 financial year the State received R656,3 million from the payment of licence fees. The revenue

(b) Approximately 63% for the 1981/82 to 1990/91 financial years

Boycott causes retrenchments

JOHANNESBURG.
Thokoza town council on the East Rand has retrenched 37% of its employees because of bankruptcy caused by the continuing rent and services boycott in the township. 12/6/91

The administrator for the town council, Mr Gert Muller, said yesterday that the crisis could force further retrenchments — Sapa

Disagreement voiced

Star 13/6/91 (266)
Strong disagreement over the Interim Measures for Local Government Bill, which would allow for "one city one council" marked the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber meeting last night.

Dr. Van Zyl Slabbert, chairing his first chamber session, said members failed to reach consensus on the issue and a resolution was not passed.

"Some members had strong reservations, others felt this was at least a start," he said.

Civic Association of Southern Transvaal's representative in the Metropolitan Chamber Cyril Ramaphosa called

the Bill "disastrously short-sighted". He was shocked a Bill of this nature had been drafted.

"The Government has not ensured that parties involved in local issues were properly consulted," he said.

However, Transvaal Provincial Administration MEC Olaus van Zyl said the Bill was necessary to implement proposals on a local level and it was important that it be passed in Parliament this year.

"To implement what we are negotiating, we need the Bill. We cannot implement structural changes. We have no legal provision to do this," he said. — Sapa.

2 residents take council to court

By SONTI MASEKO

TWO residents yesterday brought an application in the Rand Supreme Court against the Evaton Council to have some of its by-laws set aside.

Mr William Titu Mogapi and Mr Solomon Kehla Mashinini, members of the Evaton Standowners Association, asked for an order to declare the by-laws void, claiming that the council had not complied with them.

Mr Justice MS Stegmann, will hear the application again today.

They maintain that the council had, for a considerable period,

charged them land tax on their properties while it had no authority to do so.

Residents were also being charged rent despite the fact that they had freehold rights.

By-laws

Mr J du Toit, for the council, submitted that the council had the authority to enact the by-laws as it had complied regulations.

The residents claimed the council did not comply with the regulation requiring newspaper

advertising before enactment.

The applicants submitted that the council had misled residents in the advertisement, giving the impression that residents' rights to object or comment on the proposed by-laws ended two days earlier.

The adverts were placed in *Sowetan* on May 27 and 29 last year.

Du Toit said residents did not suffer great prejudice.

Mr Paul Kennedy, for the applicants, asked that the by-laws be set aside because they were so vague that they confused residents.

2-m face township

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Talks to end boycott fail as councils endure bankruptcy

AS provincial authorities and civic associations failed to reach agreement this week, more than 2 million township residents could be left without essential services by the end of July.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) have jointly warned that if consumers continue with the boycott of payment for services, local authorities will no longer be able to provide those services.

Employees of the bankrupt councils are also faced with retrenchments as there is no money to pay their salaries. Already, Thokoza Town Council, on the East Rand has retrenched 37 percent of its employees, due to bankruptcy caused by the continuing rent and services boycott in the township.

Administrator for the town council Gert Muller said on Tuesday the crisis could force further retrenchments.

Power cuts

Nine black townships were plunged into darkness due to the non-payment of services accounts by residents in those areas.

Power has however been restored to some areas of Sebokeng, in the Vaal Triangle and the whole of Atteridgeville, Pretoria and Thokoza — following agreements signed by the TPA and civic organisations and a flood of late services charges payments.

Mr John Griffith, chairman of the CWRSC, said the situation might be averted if residents paid for what they consumed and if the Government increased its bridging funds to the councils.

He predicted that in a month's time, town councils would be unable to pay their employees' salaries, let alone paying for bulk services or township development projects.

"It's my view that with the level of income at the moment,

both from consumers and the Government, there would be a breakdown of services by the end of July.

"All parties involved should address this issue very soon as councils will find it difficult to pay employees and even more difficult to pay for bulk supplies of water and electricity," Mr Griffiths said.

His view was fully shared by Olaus van Zyl, MEC for Institutional Development and Negotiations.

"The TPA is very concerned about the deteriorating situation in black towns. We believe the problems must be resolved through negotiation, and such talks are presently taking place at 64 places in the Transvaal," Mr van Zyl said.

He said the only solution would be reached when residents fulfilled their responsibility for paying for services.

Money intended for development purposes was used for the payment of essential services such as the provision of water, sewerage, and refuse removal. "As a result of this, very little new infrastructure can be developed," Mr van Zyl said.

In another development, the CWRSC had accepted to take over the distribution and maintenance of electricity supplies to black townships in its region, after they had been requested to do so by the Metropolitan Chamber.

"We are waiting for the councils to approach us and then we can negotiate an agreement," Mr Griffiths said.

The CWRSC had always been against a total curtailment of power to the areas and was in favour of withdrawing power from individuals that do not pay for their consumption.

Mr Griffiths made an impassioned appeal to residents to pay for what services were used.

At the moment, electricity is cut off at the following towns: Lekoa (four towns), Silobela (Carolina), Siyatutuka (Belfast), Tigane (Haartebeesfontein), Katlehong (Germiston) and Munsieville (Krugersdorp).

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Civic body to confront city council

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ABBEY MAKOE

THE CP-controlled Pretoria City Council (PCC) will soon be confronted with mass action from the newly formed Civic Associations of the Central Transvaal (Cact).

Cact's publicity secretary, Pasty Malefo, warned that "for too long" the PCC has proved to be insensitive towards the impoverished black townships surrounding it and therefore deserved any form of action.

Top on Cact's agenda would be a demand for a non-racial local government for Pretoria, and a single tax base for Pretoria and the neighbouring townships.

Negotiations would be entered into with the PCC, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the business community to find common solutions, Mr Malefo said. "The black local councils would be snubbed".

The new civic body was launched at the Medical University of South Africa last weekend.

Honour to FW angers 65 groups in Stanger

Sowetan 17/6/91
MORE than 60 organisations in Stanger are bracing themselves for a confrontation with local authorities over a decision to confer the freedom of the town on State President FW de Klerk.

In a strongly worded advertisement, the ANC and 64 local organisations warn the Local Affairs Committee and the town council that residents will mount campaigns to resist an attempt to confer the honour on De Klerk.

The ANC has written a letter to De Klerk asking him to decline the offer to "show respect for the wishes of the people of Stanger".

Attempts by the ANC to meet with the town clerk to resolve the issue have been unsuccessful.

"The Stanger and Groutville branches of the ANC condemn the Stanger LAC and the town council's decision that Mr de Klerk be given the freedom of Stanger. Such a move is insensitive and inappropriate," a joint statement from the chairmen of the ANC Stanger and Groutville branches states.

"The conferring of the honour on the State President is no more than the wish of a few persons and for them to think that they have the support of Stanger's people is presumptuous in the extreme," the statement says.

"Should they wish to proceed without testing the views of the town's people, the local branches of the ANC will mobilise the people and will take such steps as may be necessary to prevent the freedom of Stanger being given to Mr De Klerk."

Stanger town clerk Mr WT Byrnes said the town council had noted the sentiments expressed by the ANC, but stood by its decision.

"Furthermore, the Stanger town council is of the opinion that it is not necessary to meet with representatives of the ANC as it will serve no useful purpose," Byrnes said.

The advertisement taken out by the ANC and other organisations says:

"The LACs in their insistence not to reconsider their decision are ignoring the wishes of the people."

"We say to the LAC and the town council, rescind your decision or face the wrath of the people." -
Sowetan Correspondent.

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Vote for independent – Jomag (266)

By Shirley Woodgate

The Johannesburg Metropolitan Action Group (Jomag) has reacted to a National Party appeal to Northcliff voters to support the Democratic Party in today's municipal by-election by labelling the last two DP councillors for Ward 2 "utterly useless".

Adding last-minute

spice to what was expected to be a quiet suburban poll, Jomag has called for strong support for independent Frank Salmon (83) "who has notched up years of fierce action without financial reward as a local municipal watchdog and long-serving chairman of the North Western Ratepayers' Federation".

Jomag said contrary to claims that the

DP/NP coalition was working well, it had led to "lazy, careless government of Johannesburg".

Evidence was abundant, but nowhere so obvious as in the R10,5 million Civic Spine project in the CBD.

Jomag said that the previous DP councillor for Northcliff, Hans Strydom, had not only abandoned the ratepayers but also his party.

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1989/90—financial year R415 000
1990/91—financial year R5 000

(b) Funds voted by Parliament

(c) (i) None

(ii) 31 March 1991

(2) Dependent on the availability of funds as voted by Parliament

OFS: Votes Health services/community development

434 Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing +

Whether, with regard to the Province of the Orange Free State Estimate of Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31 March 1992, he will subdivide the amount of (a) R510 946 000 under Vote 2—"Health services", and (b) R327 366 000 under Vote 4—"Community development", according to aims, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

In order to give a meaningful reply to the question, my Department enquired as to the meaning thereof and it was indicated that the purpose of the question was to obtain the information per population group

(a) The amount of R510 946 000 under Vote 2—"Health Services" is provided for all population groups and cannot be subdivided per population group

(b) The amount of R327 366 000 under Vote 4—"Community Development" has been provided solely for the Black community

Vote No 26: Main Division 6

437 Mr A P OOSTHUIZEN asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing +

Whether, with regard to Vote No 26—Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing, he will subdivide the amount of R601 439 000 under Main Division 6—"Urban development and housing aid", according to aims, if not,

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why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

In order to give a meaningful reply to the question, my Department enquired as to the meaning thereof and it was indicated that the purpose of the question was to obtain the information per population group

The amount of R601 439 000 under Main division 6—"Urban development and housing aid" under Vote—Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing had, as indicated in the aim—and programme description on page 26-14 and 26-15 of the printed budget which was tabled in Parliament, a bearing on the Black community. The only exceptions the amounts of R101 102 000 and R90 000 000 which are respectively indicated in the budget as interest subsidy on private loans and redemption of private loans. These amounts are utilised to honour loan obligations which were entered into some years ago on behalf of all population groups

Province of Cape of Good Hope: Vote 3

438 Mr W A BOTHA asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing +

Whether, with regard to the Province of the Cape of Good Hope Estimate of Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31 March 1992, he will subdivide the amount of R1 821 391 000 under Vote 3—"Hospital and Health Services", according to aims, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

In order to give a meaningful reply to the question my Department enquired as to the meaning thereof and it was indicated that the purpose of the question was to obtain the information per population group

The amount of R1 821 391 000 under Vote 3—"Hospital and Health Services" is provided for all population groups and cannot be subdivided per population group

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Province of Transvaal: Vote 7

440 Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing +

Whether, with regard to the Province of Transvaal Estimate of Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31 March 1992, he will subdivide the amount of R1 372 332 000 under Vote 7—"Community Development", according to aims, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

In order to give a meaningful reply to the question, my Department enquired as to the meaning thereof and it was indicated that the purpose of the question was to obtain the information per population group

The amount of R1 372 332 000 under Vote 7—"Community Development" has been provided solely for the Black community

Province of Transvaal: Vote 4

441 Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing +

Whether, with regard to the Province of Transvaal Estimate of Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31 March 1992, he will subdivide the amount of R2 336 764 000 under Vote 4—"Health Services", according to aims, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

In order to give a meaningful reply to the question, my Department enquired as to the meaning thereof and it was indicated that the purpose of the question was to obtain the information per population group

The amount of R2 336 764 000 under Vote 4—"Health Services" is provided for all population groups and cannot be subdivided per population group

Province of Cape of Good Hope: Vote 10

442 Mr W A BOTHA asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing +

Whether, with regard to the Province of the Cape of Good Hope Estimate of Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31 March 1992, he will subdivide the amount of R653 595 000 under Vote 10—"Community Services", according to aims, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

In order to give a meaningful reply to the question, my Department enquired as to the meaning thereof and it was indicated that the purpose of the question was to obtain the information per population group

The amount of R653 595 000 under Vote 10—"Community Services" has been provided solely for the Black community

Free settlement areas proclaimed

443 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

(a) How many free settlement areas have been proclaimed since the promulgation of the Free Settlement Areas Act, No 102 of 1988, (b) where are these areas situated, (c) what is the size of each, (d) how many persons are living in each of these areas and (e) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

(a) 13	(b) and (c) Areas already proclaimed	Size
1	Midrand (Country View) (Transvaal)	479 ha
2	Windmill Park (Transvaal)	60,4 ha
3	Warwick Avenue Triangle (Natal)	8,9 ha
4	Diepsloot (Transvaal)	880 ha

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Vaal power crisis deepens

THE rent and electricity crisis in the Transvaal deepened this week, with the civic associations and the Transvaal Provincial Administration unable to reach agreement.

A total of 54 Transvaal townships are in arrears with electricity accounts and more than 12 have had their electricity cut off. The TPA will not consider a moratorium on cut-offs during negotiations.

In a fresh move to break the deadlock, the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cas) has proposed an alternative approach to resolve the crisis facing the entire system of black local government.

Over a dozen Transvaal townships have had their power cut off and a further 54 face having the plug pulled on them.

BY WALLY MBHELE

It is estimated that arrears are running at an average of R12-million a month and are expected to escalate as the rent boycott continues.

Cas insists, however, that no negotiations can take place while the "cut-

offs continue to hang over the heads of residents.

The civics say moratoriums on cut-offs should be declared while the two parties are engaged in working out an acceptable solution.

In a statement after meeting in Cas last week, MEC for institutional development and negotiation, Olaus van Zyl, dismissed Cas's demand and said the province did not have the money to support moratoriums.

He said the TPA was assisting black development and negotiation.

Cas has accepted the alternative approach proposed by the civics.

According to Cas, this accepted the local negotiations and the TPA to ensure the continued provision of services and how to establish a new local government system.

Cas general secretary, Seth Ntshongweni, told The Star yesterday that the attitude of the TPA was beginning to change considerably.

Last week a meeting between the two sides failed to reach agreement at a moratorium on electricity switch-offs.

At a press conference, Cas accused the TPA of "bad faith" and of jeopardising negotiations at local level.

Jo'burg budget targets business

TANIA LEVY 21/6/91

THE Johannesburg City Council yesterday approved a R2,6bn budget for the coming financial year that specifically targets the business sector in a bid to correct what it sees as a bias in the national Budget.

Presenting the budget yesterday, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said businesses would shoulder the lion's share of the council's increase in spending of 25%.

"Bearing in mind the extent to which the state's Budget this year has favoured the business community rather than the man in the street, the management committee felt that the budget for the coming year should in some small way attempt to redress this imbalance," Davidson said.

The management committee had also taken into consideration the fact that VAT on municipal services would be reclaimable by business, but would be an irrecoverable burden on ordinary residents.

Increases in business properties' total rates and services bills range from 29% in Parktown to 25% in Norwood and between 15% and 5% in the Johannesburg CBD, depending on property's value on the new valuation roll.

Where a business property in the CBD has increased in value from R43m to R158m, for example, its assessment rates bill will increase from R1,8m to R6,5m. It will pay about R1m more a month in rates and service charges.

The council has budgeted R2bn for operating expenses, about 22% more than last

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year, and has increased its capital budget by nearly 41% to R547,7m.

Major portions of capital expenditure will include R55m for the Civic Theatre, R149m for sewerage projects incurred by Johannesburg as an agent of the Central Witwatersrand RSC, R99m in electricity costs, R15m for the Africana Museum, R18m for roads and R9m for Newtown.

The council has budgeted to run Johannesburg at an effective operating loss of about R50m in the coming year. It will use up the R39m surplus carried forward this year and has allowed for a R10,5m deficit.

About R232,8m will be raised through rates and service charges.

The council approved a 10% reduction in electricity charges for residential proper-

ties and a 5% increase for businesses, effective from July 1. Refuse removal charges have been increased 15% for domestic users and 30% for commercial and industrial users. Sewerage tariffs have been raised 25% across the board.

Water charges go up 4% for households and 15% for businesses, while gas tariffs remain unchanged for domestic users and increase 5% for non-domestic users.

Council has reduced the rate in the rand from 4,36c to 4,1c but most assessment rate accounts will increase because of the city's new valuation roll.

In general the largest increases in assessment rates will apply to business rather than residential properties, unless the residential properties are in areas where property values have increased sharply.

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Cast not invited says MEC

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THE Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal was not asked to participate in the Metropolitan Chamber, the Transvaal Provincial Administration has announced.

Reacting to Cast's reported decision not to participate in the chamber, MEC for institutional development and negotiations Mr Olaus van Zyl said:

"As far as we are aware, Cast, as an organisation, was never asked to participate.

"Therefore, it is not really relevant whether Cast wants to participate or not."

Van Zyl said the chamber comprised representatives of local authorities, man-

agement committees, civic and resident organisations and the TPA.

Bodies such as the Regional Services Councils, Eskom and the Development Bank participated as observers.

Councillors

"Some of the civic associations participating may, however, be members of Cast and their participation is therefore a matter between them and Cast," he said.

Van Zyl said he found it strange that Cast's president, Mr Moses Mayekiso, said his organisation had declined to join the chamber because of the presence of town councillors on the body, while he was a member of the Alexandra Joint Negotiation Forum, in which councillors participated. - Sapa.

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(1) Black Township		Kilometres	
(a) informal roads		(b) formal roads	
Wepener (Qibung)	Nil	14,0	
Wesselsbron (Monyakeng)	6,6	21,3	
Wanburg (Makelakella)	Nil	21,1	
Zastron (Matlakeng)	0,6	11,2	
(2) 11 June 1991			
Transvaal			
(1) (a) and (b) The information is not readily available and can only be obtained at high costs			
(2) Falls away			

Dairy/Meat Boards: details of cases involved

458 Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister of Agriculture

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 250 on 10 April 1991 in regard to the firms of attorneys that acted for the various control boards over the past five years, he will furnish details, (a) in the case of the Dairy Board, of the (i) cases involved and (ii) amounts paid to the legal firm of Dyason in 1988, 1989 and 1990, respectively, and (b) in the case of the Meat Board, of the (i) cases involved and (ii) amounts paid to the legal firm of Ross and Jacobsz in 1990, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

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The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(a) Yes

(i)

	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91
Annandale	31 620	1 310	—
Blue Grass ea	37 553	124 265	10 685
Boland	2 129	900	11 470
Melkboere	841	2 150	4 630
NCD	—	460	—
Lease Haum	—	—	—
Miniverpak	—	277	—
margarine	—	7 910	—
Kastan/Singer	—	—	—

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(i)	(ii)	(iii)
Independent Food Processors Wet op Mededinging (Publication)	—	10 463
Montic Creamline Jersey	—	4 128
Legal opinion	—	27 150
	—	4 702
	—	70 969
	—	10 578
	72 143	183 715
		274 269

(b) Yes

(i)

Hart & Cilliers
Haigh & Bard Butchers (Pty) Ltd

Intermeat (Pty) Ltd
Meatong Africa (Pty) Ltd

Except for the abovementioned expenditure with regard to Ross and Jacobsz the following legal costs were also incurred

Paid to

Particulars regarding payments

S A Abattoir Corporation

Legal costs in terms of a lease contract—City Deep deboning facility

Intermeat (Pty) Ltd

Meat samples regarding investigation

Rosmann & Associates (Town and Regional Planners)

Transfer fees

Francis Thompson & Aspden (Attorneys)

City Deep offices

Adams & Adams Attorneys

Unknown

R95 449,12
R250,00
R100 539,24

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Boksburg town councillors/officials: overseas trips

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Total cost for the Council R7 155,00

459 Mr J P I BLANCHÉ asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing:

(1)

Whether he will furnish information on overseas journeys undertaken by councillors and officials of the Boksburg town council in 1990, if not, why not, if so, (a) what was the total expenditure involved in the said journeys for this town council, (b) what are the names of the (i) councillors and officials concerned and (ii) other persons who accompanied them and (c) what was the itinerary in respect of each of these journeys,

(2)

whether, as a result of these journeys any agreements were concluded with, or support of any kind was obtained from, the parties visited, if so, (a) what is the nature of these agreements and/or support and (b)(i) with what parties were the agreements concluded and (ii) from what parties was the support obtained,

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whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

(1) (a) Approximately R137 162,00

(b)

(i) Mr P A Uys, Divisional Officer Fire Brigade

Councillor G H C Pretorius

Councillor mev D S Greyling

Mr W A Coetzee, Chief Health Services

Mr J J Coetzee, Town Clerk

Councillor T J Ferreira

Councillor C D Hawkins

(ii) None

(c)

(i) Mr P A Uys, Divisional Officer Fire Brigade, could undertake an overseas study tour sponsored by the Fire Brigade Institute of South Africa, as part of his prize being elected as the Institute's Man of the Year

While he was overseas the Council also permitted him to attend two courses in certain aspects of fire brigade services

(ii) 9 September 1990 to 4 October 1990

Councillors G H C Pretorius and Mrs D S Greyling together with Mr W A Coetzee, Chief Health Services Attend the "International Congress on Waste Collection and Disposal" in Amsterdam, Netherlands from 10 to 14 September 1990 The following places were also visited

United Kingdom

— Waste conversion and -combustion plants in Birmingham and Coventry

— Waste transfer stations -handling plants and refuse dumping site in London and Bedfordshire

Belgium

— Investigate local government management and health related services in Koekelberg

— Hospitals and retirement centres for the aged in Turnhout

— Installation for the handling of dangerous chemical waste products in Essen

— Municipal services and housing complexes for the aged and for students in Leuven

— Kortrijk was also visited

Germany

— Main fire station, civil protection services, chemical pollution prevention unit and personnel training in Bonn

— Place of care for economically aged persons in Bonn

— SA Embassy in Badgodesburg

— Fire Station in Keulen

(ii) 7 to 26 September 1990

Councillors T J Ferreira and C D Hawkins together with Mr J J Coetzee, Town Clerk (as head of the Civil Defence in Boksburg) attended the Civil Defence International Disaster

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Management Study tour and visited the following countries

England

— Civil Defence training college, Easingwold

— The Home Office, Whitehall

— Central Energy Generation board, London

— Thames Barrier, flood control

— Cavney Island chemical and petrochemical plants

— International Oil Tanker Owners Association

— Swindon Constabulary Emergency control on the M3 highway (London to the West Coast)

— Bristol Informary

Switzerland

— International Red Cross Zurich

— Swiss Civil Defence

Austria

— International Atomic Energy Agency

Italy

— Italian Rescue organisation and civil defence mobile Columns

(2) No agreements were concluded or support obtained

(3) No

Black schools: average period textbooks used

461 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Training

(1) (a) For what average period are textbooks in Black schools under the control of his Department used and (b) in respect of what period is this information furnished, (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(1) (a) Because textbooks were only for the first time issued in 1987 by the Department, it has not yet been possible

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to determine empirically the average lifespan of textbooks

(b) Falls away

(2) No

SAP: official duty at political meetings

462 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) With reference to his reply to Question No 6 on 21 May 1991, how many members of the South African Police (a) were officially on duty at the public meeting held in Welkom on 2 May 1991 and (b) are sent on average to comparable political meetings that may possibly be disrupted,

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

B1204E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) (a) 30 Members

An additional 36 members were on standby for immediate response should it have been necessary

(b) The numerical strength of members at political meetings varies from meeting to meeting and no rigid guidelines exist on this. The number of members at political meetings of this nature usually do not exceed 50

(2) No

Kutloanong/Meloding/Thabong: remuneration of administrators

463 Mr R V CARLISLE asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

Whether a remuneration package has been agreed upon in respect of the administrator of (a) Kutloanong (Odendaalsrus), (b) Meloding (Virginia) and (c) Thabong (Welkom), if so, (i) what is the total remuneration package, and (ii)(aa) from which vote and (bb) by which national, provincial or other authority is such remuneration paid, in each case?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

(a) Yes

(b) Yes

(c) Yes

(i) Kutlwanong R1 800,00 per month
Meloding 1 500,00 per month
Thabong 2 000,00 per month
Total R5 300,00 per month

(ii) (aa) Kutlwanong The Kutlwanong Town Council's budget vote for members' allowances

Meloding The Meloding Town Council's budget vote for members' allowances

Thabong The Thabong City Council's budget vote for members' allowances

(bb) Kutlwanong The Administrator's remuneration package is paid by the Kutlwanong Town Council

Meloding The Administrator's remuneration package is paid by the Meloding Town Council

Thabong The Administrator's remuneration package is paid by the Thabong City Council

Virginia/Welkom/Odendaalsrus/Bethlehem: co-ordinating centres

464 Mr R V CARLISLE asked the State President

(1) Whether any local co-ordinating centres have been established in respect of (a) Virginia, (b) Welkom, (c) Odendaalsrus and (d) Bethlehem if not, why not, if so, (i) who are the members in each case, (ii) how are such members chosen and (iii) how often do these committees meet,

(2) whether minutes are kept of such meetings, if not, why not, if so,

(3) whether such minutes are available for scrutiny by members of Parliament, if not, why not, if so, in what manner are they made available?

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The STATE PRESIDENT

(1) (a) (b) (c) (d)—Yes

(a)(i) (b)(i) (c)(i) (d)(i)—As per annexure

(a)(ii) (b)(ii) (c)(ii) (d)(ii)—The Local Co-ordinating Centre is composed of official functionaries and representatives of the private sector who are involved in actions of implementation to address the local needs of communities

(a)(iii) (c)(iii) (d)(iii)—Monthly, (b) (iii)—Quarterly and according to need

(2) Yes

(3) No, the minutes of Local Co-ordinating Committee meetings are, as in any other organisation, a domestic matter which are not placed freely at the disposal of people who are not members of the specific institution. The involvement of Members of Parliament who have an interest in a specific area is welcomed, however, and information on the activities will be made available readily to such Members of Parliament on request.

LCC List of Members—Bethlehem

The Town Clerk

Bethlehem City Council

Die Stadsclerk

Bethlehem City Council

The Regional Officer Commanding

SA Police

The District Commandant

SA Police

Mr A P Kok

The Regional Librarian

Mr G J Pretorius

Education and Culture

Mr C H Venter

Education and Training

Mr W M van Tonder

The Postmaster

Mr Olivier Krutzing

The Area Manager

Mr S A Marais

Goods and Passenger Superintendent

Mr D Helm

Transnet

The District Engineer

Transnet

Mr P M Fouche

Department Manpower

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Big rise in use of gold for jewellery

Brent von Melville

THE use of gold for local jewellery manufacture has more than doubled since the scrapping of the ad valorem tax and the reduction in the required added value content of jewellery last year.

Last year, SA's level of gold fabrication was 15t. Ten tons were used in electronics, dentistry, industrial coin manufacture and 5t in jewellery manufacture, a jump of 138% over the 2,1t used the previous year.

But former Chamber of Mines president Clive Knobbs says that level is not nearly high enough.

"On the world stage of gold jewellery fabrication SA remains a very small player, accounting for only 0,6% of total world usage of gold for jewellery," Knobbs said at the opening of the recent Jewellery '91 at Kempton Park.

Knobbs said jewellery exports from SA to the western world were valued at R10m last year. Local jewellery purchases by foreign tourists visiting SA was a massive R150m.

The problem in SA was that jewellery was purchased mainly for adornment rather than as an investment. He said there was considerable scope for expansion of the local market by promoting gold jewellery as investments.

Council for Mineral Technology (Mintek) president Aidan Edwards has said SA should aim for 100t of gold jewellery by the end of the century. That could earn up to R1bn a year in foreign currency and create thousands of jobs.

Flexibility in medical benefits

Darius Sanai

PROPOSED changes to medical aid structures will mean patients will have to pay for treatment before being reimbursed and companies will be able to shape benefits privately.

These conclusions were presented over the weekend in an analysis of proposed changes to the Medical Schemes Act by Old Mutual's Employee Benefit Centre.

"In the proposed new system, members of medical schemes may be made responsible for paying all their medical accounts themselves. Members would then claim from their medical scheme," the analysis says.

Old Mutual Employee Benefits assistant GM Henk Beets says the proposed changes will also give employers and employees far greater flexibility in deciding how to

structure benefit levels.

One of the most important of the proposed changes is the removal of current minimum and maximum benefit levels, says Beets.

"Members, through their employee groups, may then be able to choose the level of benefit best suited to their needs."

The removal of the guaranteed payment system, whereby the suppliers pay doctors directly for treating patients, will result in much stronger links between patients and suppliers, he says.

However, Beets warns that some patients may be lured into saving money by drawing insufficient medical cover on the new scheme, and discovering to their detriment that their costs will not be paid.

Business criticises aims of city council's budget

Darius Sanai

THE Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) has strongly criticised the city council for aiming last week's budget increases at business targets.

JCCI CE Marius de Jager at the weekend expressed his "grave concern" about the possible effects of the city budget.

He was responding to a statement on Thursday by council management committee chairman Ian Davidson that the city's budget should "in some small way attempt to redress the imbalance" in the state Budget between business and private individuals.

Davidson said business would shoulder the lion's share of the council's increase in spending of 25%.

Chamber of Commerce President Mike Cato dismissed Davidson's comments as "a lot of nonsense".

"He has no right to cast himself as some kind of an

equilibrium maker between the federal and local budgets," he said.

The budget was "upsetting" because it would penalise business, Cato said.

De Jager said the decision contradicted the council's policy of encouraging business investment in Johannesburg.

"It will mean that businesses thinking of moving here will decide they are better off in Maritzburg, Durban, or Pretoria."

He added that while nearby municipalities such as Midrand were offering incentives to business to relocate there, the Johannesburg council's action would act as a disincentive.

"The decision is a bad one given the objectives the council has set out of attracting companies."

"It is not the role of the local authority to redress what it perceives as imbalances in the state Budget."



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Proposed R10% cumulated shares to

Further to the announcement CMI proposes the raising of a renounceable, convertible preference share of R6,00 per share.

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Workers want to run pension fund

TEMBISA Council workers on Sunday expressed dissatisfaction with the handling of council-controlled pension funds and resolved to work towards controlling their own funds. *Sowetan 25/6/71*

In a statement after a weekend meeting, South African Black Municipality and Workers Union general secretary Mr Philip Dlamini said workers had submitted complaints about the insurance companies' handling of municipal pension funds.

"Members of the funds are not informed about anything with regard to their pension funds.

"Additionally, they were not involved in the election of the Board of Trustees and thus were denied a say in the affairs of the pension fund," Dlamini said.

More than 70 000 union members belong to the Transvaal Joint Municipal Annuity and Gratuity Fund, the South African Local Authorities Pension Fund, the Tembisa Pension Fund and other municipal funds.

A committee has been elected to investigate the administration of union member's pensions, said Dlamini.

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Council may be dismissed

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Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG —
Tembisa Town Council
may be dissolved

A provincial adminis-
tration spokesman said
a report on alleged mal-
administration by the
council would be sent to
the Administrator on
July 15

The TPA has been un-
happy with the council
taking resolutions which
have led to litigation. It
has also complained of
councillors allegedly ig-
noring regulations when
using public funds

Blackouts set to hit State buildings

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GOVERNMENT buildings, including police stations and post offices, are set to become the latest targets of blackouts as the Soweto Council begins to crack down on rent defaulters.

The council began switching off power to businesses and houses at Protea South on Tuesday in an effort to force them to settle their arrears.

Soweto Council spokesman Mr Mojalefa Moseki said the council had taken the decision to crack down on Government departments

By DON SEOKANE

after they failed to respond to final notices sent to them two weeks ago.

Moseki said the total debt of Government departments amounted to almost half the R12 million owed by traders.

"They will face darkness anytime," said Moseki. "In fact, council electricians are now switching off electricity."

He said the deadline for residents had been extended to July 6 and council offices would be open

on that day until noon to enable people to pay.

"From July 8 the council will cut electricity to those who are in arrears without delay."

Soweto police could not comment on the impending electricity cuts and referred enquiries to the Department of Land Affairs and Public Works, whose Johannesburg spokesman could not be reached.

Sowetan established yesterday that Protea police headquarters had paid only R13 460 of the R198 174 they owed; Moroka Po-

lice Station was R66 578 in arrears, having paid only R5 958; Orlando Police Station had paid R3 000 and still owed R29 564; Jabulani Police Station was owing R30 769 and had paid R3 248 only; and the Orlando Magistrate's Court's electricity arrears totalled R8 952.

A Post Office spokesman for the Witwatersrand said yesterday they had not yet been officially informed of the impending power cuts.

Individual post offices were not responsible for paying their accounts, the spokesman said.

Vaal leaders and TPA in rent talks

VAAL Triangle civic leaders met officials of the Transvaal Provincial Administration on Tuesday night and agreed to resume talks to resolve a seven-year rent boycott.

Mr Paul Sithole, a spokesman for the Vaal Civic Association, said the meeting lasted for two-and-a-half hours. The parties agreed to resume discussions on July 2.

He said the talks on

Tuesday did not touch on power cuts.

Four townships are still without electricity, which was cut by the authorities on June 3 to punish residents who were in arrears on rent payments.

"The priority today was to ensure negotiations are resumed," the civic leader said.

TPA spokesmen could not immediately be reached for comment.

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Planning 'based on ideology not needs'

TOWN planners had helped mould an apartheid SA and had based their planning on ideological rather than community needs, civic campaigner Cas Coovadia said yesterday.

Coovadia was addressing the Transvaal branch of the SA Institute of Town Planners' one-day conference at Wits University on planning in a post-apartheid SA. He said an example of this "top-down" planning was the creation of "inside-out" cities, where the poorest section of the population had been allocated land furthest from the CBDs.

"This is, as you know, the reverse of most international experiences. Such flawed planning has, in our opinion, been a factor in impeding economic growth because it creates substantial hidden costs."

"One example of this is the vast amount of money spent by the poor to commute to and from their places of work." If community-based town plan-

ning had taken place, the money could have generated economic growth.

Coovadia said a further problem created by an ideological approach to town planning was that of differentiated standards. The gap between black and white standards was "immensely wide".

"The ideological approach to town planning has deepened this differentiation. This legacy of apartheid is such that even new developments, having a community-orientated approach to town planning, will not deliver standards for black people that are at a level presently enjoyed by white people."

"The practice of standards being determined by town planners must stop and the community must be empowered to negotiate standards by being provided with sound information and alternatives."

He challenged the institute on several points which included that:

- They should promote community-based struc-



● COOVADIA

tures to facilitate community participation in the development process,

- Their promotion of community-based structures must include the building of an institutional infrastructure for such community-based structures. Black local authorities presently had neither the capacity nor the political will or legitimacy to do this, yet white ratepayers' associations were subsidised by white city/town councils. Such inequalities had to be eliminated, and

- There needed to be a fundamental shift on the part of planners and other professional people in the field of development. They needed to become advisors to the communities rather than the privileged dispensers of specialised knowledge — Sapa

Council meets over electricity

SOWETO councillors have voiced strong opposition to the Central Witwatersrand RSC taking over management of electricity supply from the Soweto City Council.

The council's monthly meeting was closed to the media yesterday when Transvaal MEC for institutional development and negotiations Olaus van Zyl and MEC for housing and community development John Mavuso addressed councillors

Sources said councillors opposed having the function of selling electricity to residents taken from them. Many felt finance needed to be provided to Soweto to upgrade its services

Councillors were heard arguing outside the chamber that the RSC had no magic formula to get the residents to pay but would resort to supply cutoffs as well.

The RSC recently offered to take over the service from the three Greater Soweto councils after Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto had found it difficult to get residents to pay

Mavuso said yesterday it was not the TPA's offer that was discussed, but a recommendation from the council's execu-

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tive committee that councillors accept the RSC offer in principle. He said he did not know what the councillors had decided.

Gordon Sibuya, an electrical engineer who is a consultant to the council, said the council had asked for time to consider the proposal.

Sibuya added "I can't see how the RSC is going to succeed where we as blacks are seen to be failing to make the people of Soweto pay."

He said the council, with the aid of 11 electrical consultants, would perform better in the supply of electricity.

Soweto Council PRO Mojalefa Moseki refused to say what was discussed, but said "Electricity wouldn't have been a separate issue from all those addressed by the Metropolitan Chamber had the Soweto People's Delegation and the Soweto Civic Association fulfilled their part of the Greater Soweto Accord — getting 80% of the residents to pay for services."

He said the two should not be pushing for the handover of electricity management while it was still being discussed.

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ment level and owners of land and capital will have to pay for it (266)

University of Witwatersrand business economics lecturer David Solomon says the council has obviously shifted the onus for the cost of running the city from its users to individual and corporate property owners, the latter of whom will pass these hikes on to tenants under most leases. This socialistic shift was inevitable but has come sooner than many would like.

"The 10% reduction in electricity rates for domestic users is commendable and goes some way to reversing the rate subsidy enjoyed by residents at the expense of electricity users," he says.

Progressive thinkers agree, however, that the allocation of council money to some capital projects shows anything but foresight, servicing as it does in part several self-aggrandising schemes. A case in point is the revamping of the Civic Theatre — whose R132m cost over the next three years is a far cry from the R24m mooted in 1987 when it was closed for what were termed minor alterations.

While improving the city's cultural facilities is not in itself a bad thing, they say, privatisation of such facilities, as was done with Ellis Park Rugby Stadium, may be more desirable. The Civic Theatre, seating only 960 compared to Pretoria's 1 326, with which it intends to compete, has been overcapitalised.

Nor does the city's R547,7m capital account, which has increased by 40,8% on the previous year, benefit the infrastructure of outlying black townships — that is, the greater good of all.

Perhaps what is needed, as ex-city valuer John McCulloch has suggested, is a performance budget, such as those US cities have to produce, so that ratepayers will have a say in the appropriation of city funds before they're presented with *faits accomplis*.

Business also questions the right of council's management committee to correct what it believes is an imbalance in central government taxation, as management committee chairman Ian Davidson opines.

He feels the man in the street has been unfairly treated by the national Budget, particularly by the coming imposition of VAT, which for him is irrevocable. Davidson and company have, therefore, taken it upon themselves to shift the burden to business, where the municipal value of business properties has increased at a greater rate than that of residential properties.

Solomon says business has the capacity to pass on these taxes to consumers, to labour and to other capital owners. "This is simply a way for local government to make these

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (266) PAYING FOR A NEW SA?

A massive increase in the rates bill, announced by Johannesburg City Council in its 1991-1992 budget of R2,6bn, has outraged local businessmen. They, as distinct from domestic users, have been targeted to pay for much of the 25,8% increase in council spending this year. Fm 28/6/91

Even the more progressive thinkers among businessmen, such as Dunlop Heywood's Ian Mitchell, are disappointed by the failure of the city fathers to offset expected rises in assessment rates by reducing the rate in the rand to an acceptable level. Whereas property values will rise anywhere from 20% to 200%, depending on the location, the rate has been reduced only from 4,36c to 4,1c.

From Sunday, when the new valuation roll comes into effect, business will contribute as much as R336m, or 76% of the R441m council expects to collect in assessment rates.

City valuer Nic Botha says Johannesburg land values have increased on average by 50%. For businessmen, the percentage rise in assessment rates will equal the rise in property values, as there are no rebates for them. Residential properties, similarly, will have their rates bill increased in line with the increased rate of municipal values. Their 55% rebate remains constant.

The message from economists is less than sympathetic. The free ride, they say, is over. The new SA is happening at local govern-

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taxes less visible"

Perhaps these taxes would be justified if proper use of them were made by local authorities like Soweto through grants from city councils, for the upgrading of sewerage; refuse removal and the like. The council is free to make these grants and, come the next election, business should see to it that it does.

National Interim Civics Committee coordinator Pat Lephunya comments "With our disadvantaged and prejudiced community, to which the State and private sector have denied basic services for so long, the increase in rates paid by businessmen in Johannesburg should be seen as an investment in the future and a correction of past mistakes."

"Our only point of difference is that not only Johannesburg ratepayers, but everyone who lives in greater Johannesburg, should have a say about how those funds are spent. Local authorities as they exist now, such as Soweto, should be combined with Johannesburg to form one city, with all inhabitants benefiting from the resources created and services provided."

Alison Goldberg

SOWETAN RADIO METRO



TALKBACK

Council, residents blamed

THE Soweto Council has failed to provide efficient services to its residents and residents had also not observed the spirit of the Greater Soweto Accord reached in September last year.

This was the opinion of two guests on the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback show - Soweto Civic Association spokesmen Mr Chris Ngcobo and Mr Lawrence Boya.

While electricity is a right and a service that is considered as essential, residents also had a responsibility to ensure that the service is continued by paying for it, Ngcobo said.

The SCA was opposed to ensuring that electricity bills were paid by cutting off power and said people should, instead, be advised and encouraged to pay their bills.

Residents who had not been paying rent and electricity since September last year after the resolution of the rent boycott, were guilty of not observing the agreement reached between the council and their representatives.

A caller who wished to remain anonymous found the council at fault for not sending out electricity bills and advising residents to pay even a portion of it.

Themba of Jabulani was advised by Ngcobo that residents should also learn to report technical failures in the supply of water and electricity.

The SCA is also in the position to advise residents on related matters. They can be reached at 982-5856/7, he said.

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Different tariffs cause confusion

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THE Atteridgeville and Pretoria municipalities should perhaps first put their houses in order before embarking on punitive measures such as electricity cuts in the township.

So far the local Administrator, Dr Ernie Jacobson has agreed, in writing, to three sets of tariffs in Atteridgeville this year

This has caused confusion among residents and senior officials of the Atteridgeville Council because they do not know how much to charge householders

Jacobson agreed to a monthly interim flat rate of R50 with the local civic organisation, Asro. He warned, however, that this amount was too little to run the township

Problems

During the electricity cuts last month, the administrator signed an agreement with the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Interim Committee for a monthly flat rate of R90. Shortly thereafter the Pretoria City Council announced their own tariffs ranging between R75 and R180, depending on the consumption of electricity and water.

Rent problems in Atteridgeville, which could have its electricity supplies cut again soon, seem to be getting worse.

Asro this week called on residents to stop paying rent and also rejected plans to install pre-paid electricity meters in the township - a move which was seen by authorities and certain community-based organisations as the best solution to the rent crisis

A number of residents this week complained that Asro called on householders to stop paying without getting a mandate from them.

"They instructed us to stop before we were given a chance to discuss the matter," residents said.

Asro's general secretary, Mr

FOCUS

By MONK



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Simon "Chippa" Tshidi, told the *Sowetan* in an interview that the installation of these meters would divide the community.

"This move will weaken our campaign to fight together. We reject these plans out of hand. The time is not yet ripe for the installation of (pre-paid) meters in our township," he said

Amid confusion over how much should be paid for essential services, Tshidi said Asro still stuck to the R50 interim flat rate agreed to by the local administrator earlier this year

Asked if Asro had an alternative offer which could help run the township without any power cuts, Tshidi said the civic organisation was "prepared to shift from the R50 flat rate but only if the authorities implement development projects in the township".

He added "The Atteridgeville Council must first upgrade

the township and tar and clean the streets, improve water reticulation and the refuse removal service and then we can influence residents to pay increased tariffs"

Several organisations and individuals have recently voiced their concern over the running of the civic organisation, questioning its leadership and arguing that most of the officials serving on the executive were not permit holders and as such could not resolve problems of householders

Meetings

Others accused Asro of being closely linked with the African National Congress and of popularising it at its meetings.

"We accept the fact that we are leaning too much to the ANC. But you must understand that civic organisations are not apolitical. The problems they tackle daily are a direct result of the unjust laws of this country," said Tshidi. He added: "It is not a mistake to lean towards the ANC. Our link is historical"

Tshidi said the criterion of leadership in Asro was not based on whether a person was a permit holder or not. "Leaders should be responsible adults. But I concede that final decisions should be taken by permit holders after everybody has participated in discussions."

Committee

Asked if his executive committee was prepared to meet the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Interim Committee to resolve the problem of electricity cuts, Tshidi said they would not.

"These people are local residents who should express their views at their respective area meetings of Asro. In fact we believe that they can help us resolve a number of problems facing us daily"

"They should also tell us of any problems they encounter in-

side the organisation. In fact they also have a right to influence residents at meetings to either be political or to align themselves with political organisations of their choice"

"They can also bring along flags of their political parties at our public meetings."

Tshidi conceded that a good number of residents were in favour of paying up to R100 a month for services and were in fact "sick and tired" of electricity cuts

"Residents must understand that Asro cannot negotiate for affordable tariffs from a weak position of being threatened with power cuts each time the authorities want us to pay high rent.

Residents

"That is why we do not know how much should be paid for services because of the introduction of different sets of tariffs every day," said Tshidi.

A number of residents have urged Asro officials to resume positive negotiations with the administrator and to guide or recommend a reasonable tariff to be paid

"We cannot be talking about rent problems throughout the year. A long-term solution must be found as soon as possible. We have a lot of things to attend to," Mrs Angeline Mnisi, a resident said.

The Atteridgeville Council should now commit itself to upgrading the township by, among other things, cleaning and tarring the streets and attending to the constant power failures in some areas.

Residents on the other hand, must also prepare themselves to pay reasonable amounts for services rendered

Maybe then we will stop talking about electricity cuts in this township

Tell all on Pearce pension

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Councillors want to know what John is getting

SUE OLSWANG

THE leader of the official opposition party in the Johannesburg City Council has criticised the management committee for "hushing up" details of the pension package provided to John Pearce, the recently sacked head of security.

"The whole thing has been hushed-up and handled wrongly," said Jacques Theron, leader of the Conservative Party in the council.

"I firmly believe the management committee should have reported back on this matter, but it has never come before the full council. It is a disgrace."

Saturday Star contacted Mr Theron for comment after management committee chairman Ian Davidson refused to answer Saturday Star's questions.

When contacted at his home, Mr Davidson, who had ignored telephone and fax messages requesting comment about Mr Pearce's package, snapped.

"I am not prepared to comment. John Pearce is history. The matter is history."

The CP's Mr Theron said he understood there had been "some sort of arrangement, agreement or settlement" with Mr Pearce, and the CP would officially request details.

"Salaries are always a sensitive issue," he said, "and it is hard to draw a line on confidentiality."

"But in John Pearce's case he left the council's employ under a cloud and, if it transpires that there was a settlement and he left on favourable terms, there would be less of a cloud."

"Ratepayers, and other contributors to the pension fund, have a real and legitimate interest in this matter."

Mr Theron said the CP will "definitely put questions to the management committee at the next council meeting."

"These will be written questions, which have to be submitted about two weeks before the council meeting, specifically addressed to the management committee about this matter," he said.

Independent city councillor Professor Harold Rudolph said he did not believe the management committee was attempting to hide anything, but "an open government should disclose details."

He said in a "normal" situation staff salaries are confidential, but "in the light of the enormous public controversy surrounding Mr Pearce's leaving the council, it would be in the public interest if, at some stage, the final clarification of the entire situation was laid on the table."

Lucky

Saturday Star understands that Mr Pearce could receive a full pension package worth about R10,000 a month. And it would be equivalent to the pension of a man retiring at 60, even though he was forced to leave the council's employ at the age of 47.

This came about, Saturday Star understands, because of a lucky 24-hour period.

Apparently nearly 45 percent of the former security chief's pension package was saved because the council decided to implement the Pim Goldby report (which suggested that certain positions, including Mr Pearce's, be made redundant) on the same day that Mr Pearce's notice period expired.

This apparently meant that, technically, his position was made redundant and therefore his pension was not penalised.

It is believed Mr Pearce would have lost a substantial amount of his pension package if the decision to implement the report had been taken after his notice period expired.

Saturday Star has not been able to establish through the management committee whether this is so or not.

Paul Asherson, chairman of the transport and utilities on the management committee, referred the newspaper to Mr Davidson, who refused to discuss the matter.

Theo Crouse, general secretary of the Johannesburg Municipal Employees Association (JMEA), did not return calls. His secretary said he had previously indicated that he would not discuss the matter with the press.

A Mr Potgieter, acting director of the council's pension fund, said "Our trustees took a decision not to reveal any of this type of information because it is confidential. You can approach the person concerned (Mr Pearce) or the chairman of the management committee."

Rodney Howard, who administers the pension fund, provided Saturday Star with a copy of the pension fund rules. The newspaper had hoped to use these, together with a copy of Mr Pearce's official service record, to determine what amount Mr Pearce could expect to receive. The newspaper was, however, unable to obtain a copy of Mr Pearce's full service record.

After telephoning various council employees, the newspaper was told to contact the Johannesburg Traffic Department with its request.

Public relations officers Eric Hill and Eugene Waite did not respond to this newspaper's request.

By **THEMBA KHUMALO**

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration and Diepmeadow Council are probing allegations of misconduct against the chairman of the council's executive committee, Frederick Phiri.

Phiri is alleged to have been mysteriously allocated a site at Diepkloof Extension in Soweto about two years ago.

He is also alleged to have used his official car for private purposes.

A comprehensive report compiled by the council's treasury department alleges that Phiri filled two cars with petrol almost daily at the expense of the council.

Despite the fact that the council had given Phiri only one car for his official use, another car regularly featured in the invoices submitted for financial claims.

The official car broke down regularly and was always repaired at the council's expense, the report said.

Jaap Joubert, projects director for the TPA, confirmed the investiga-

tion against Phiri and said the outcome would be known "quite soon".

According to the treasury report, matters came to a head when the treasurer refused to sign purchase requisitions for Phiri's petrol expenses.

This was after the treasurer had noted some irregularities in the requisitions.

Among the treasury findings were that Phiri filled up petrol almost daily - which was very "irregular".

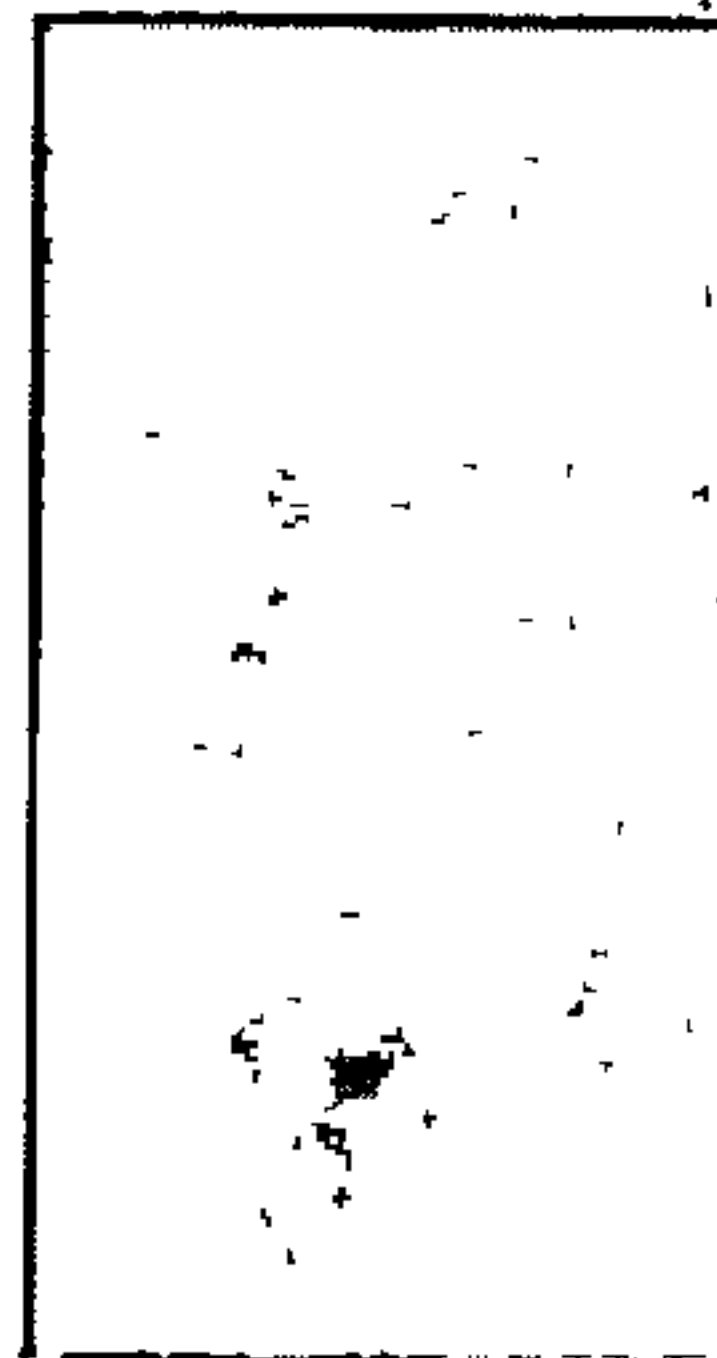
Councillors also questioned the manner in

which Phiri was mysteriously given a site at elite Diepkloof Extension after his old house in that area had been sequestered and he had been declared bankrupt.

The treasury recommended that the council lay a charge against Phiri and that the matter be reported to the TPA and the Auditor-General.

Joubert said if found guilty Phiri might be suspended either by the council or by Transvaal administrator Danie Hough.

Diepmeadow council boss faces probe



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Sasolburg to assist black town council 266

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

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The Sasolburg Town Council has approved a recommendation to lend administrative assistance to neighbouring Zamdela township, which becomes an autonomous local authority with its own council today. Previously Zamdela fell

under the jurisdiction of the Lekoa Town Council, which was disbanded two years ago.

The Zamdela township is to be managed by an administrator, Rosil Jager, pending the election of town councillors.

The Sasolburg council, which was approached by the provincial administration to involve

itself in the administration of Zamdela, agreed to give assistance on the following basis:

- The objective is to establish an effective administration
- The assistance given will not be to the disadvantage of Sasolburg ratepayers
- The interests of council officials must be taken into consideration at all times

Jo'burg has plan to bring back lost youth

JOHANNESBURG could be in for a "big apple" flavour, with young people being attracted back to the CBD through an upmarket residential area.

This is the hope of city council planning and development committee chairman Eddie Magid.

"The timing has never been better for the continued development of the CBD," Magid says.

"I am determined to establish an up-market residential component, and bring young people back to the central city," Magid says.

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The Newtown development — between Kerk Street and the Market Theatre — is geared towards improving the downtown area through pedestrian walkways, sidewalk cafes, live entertainment and a new conference centre.

"Can you imagine anything better than strolling to work through this European-type setting?" says Magid.

Security and parking facilities will have to be improved, and steps are already being taken in this direction, he says.

Magid says an announcement on the conference centre will probably be made in the next few weeks.

CBD development worth more than R580m is in progress, and the conference centre, the new taxi terminuses and the Newtown development will cost a further R1,58bn, he says.

The acquisition of land for phase two of the Newtown Turbine Square Development is being negotiated at local authority level.

If successful, it will increase the office, retail and parking space in the area.

Posts and telecom to form public companies

PRETORIA — The Posts and Telecommunications Department will be divided into two public companies on October 1

Postmaster-general Johan de Villiers said at the opening of new regional headquarters in Port Elizabeth at the weekend that telecommunications and postal services would be managed separately

Each company will have a chief executive officer or managing director. The senior GM for postal operations, Willem van Rooyen, has been appointed CEO of the

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postal company from August 1

The Telkom's GM for the Witwatersrand, Danie du Toit, will head the Telkom company. A board of directors will approve the annual budgets as well as conditions of service and policy matters

De Villiers said the department would not be privatised. The government would be the sole shareholder in both companies and the two would be incorporated under the Companies Act.

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Airlines freed for domestic competition

THE new Air Services Licensing Act, which transfers the jurisdiction of domestic air services from the National Transport Commission (NTC) to the Transport Minister, comes into operation today.

According to a statement by the Transport Department, domestic air transport is now fully deregulated as far as economic controls are concerned.

The transfer of control would not affect the industry drastically because "a large number of these functions have been delegated to the Commissioner of Civil Aviation", the statement said.

The department said government's new policy towards domestic air transport fol-

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lowed four principles:

- ☐ Treating all participants in the local air transport market equally,
- ☐ Leaving economic decisions to be settled by market forces;
- ☐ Taking users' interests into account; and
- ☐ Enhancing safety as far as possible

The Act was created to promote competition by allowing airlines to compete with SAA on domestic routes.

The statement said current domestic service licences would remain valid for 12 months as from today and new licences would be issued in terms of the Act.

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Dangerous to live here, TPA told

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

A property owner in Rietfontein near the Orange Farm squatter camp, has lashed out at the Transvaal Provincial Administration for its tardiness in buying up land in the area as was proposed last year.

Kobus Koen (29) claims he and his wife Melanie (28) have been forced to vacate their home and leave their plot because "living there has become too dangerous".

The Koens are one of the many white families in the Orange Farm area who welcomed an announcement last year of the proposed purchasing of their land by the TPA.

The land concerned has been earmarked for black development. However, according to Mr Koen, he is one of the few "unfortunate" families in the Rietfontein area whose land has not yet been bought out.

"I have already complained to the State President about the matter, who referred it back to the TPA."

Mr Koen claims the TPA was also reluctant to buy out his plot as it was now uninhabited. He explained that he and his wife had been forced to leave their home and the area two years ago after six muggings and an armed robbery.

Subsequently R15 000 worth of corrugated sheeting, doors and cupboards had been stolen from the house.

TPA director of public relations services Piet Wilken said certain amounts were budgeted annually for buying land in the area earmarked for black development.

He said the TPA "continuously tried to buy out the identified ground as soon as possible" but that this was dependent on the availability of funds.

Referring to Rietfontein specifically, Mr Wilken said an undertaking was given to property owners in the area that those who wanted to develop their land would be given the opportunity to do so themselves.

Soweto asks Wits council for power

By DON SEOKANE

THE Soweto City Council has agreed that the Witwatersrand Regional Services Council should supply electricity to the township on its behalf.

Spokesman for council, Mr Mojalefa Moseki, said the decision was passed by the full council meeting after an "exhaustive debate during which all implications of the resolution were thoroughly considered."

"Several conditions were attached with the agreement and they are meant to safeguard the interests of Soweto residents who own the R350 million electricity infrastructure." *Sowetan 217/91*

The conditions include: that the duration of the contract should be clearly specific, including its resumption, there should be a procedure which the council can terminate the agreement if it feels that the CWRSC is not fulfilling its part of the contract.

Buying of land near squatters: Home-owner hits at 'tardiness' (266)

The Argus Correspondent

VEREENIGING — A property owner in Rietfontein, near the sprawling Orange Farm squatter camp, has lashed out at the Transvaal Provincial Administration for its "tardiness" in buying up land in the area, as was apparently proposed last year

Mr Kobus Koen, 29, claims he and his wife Melanie, 28, have been forced to vacate their home and leave their plot as "living there has become hopelessly too dangerous"

The Koens are one of the many white families in the Orange Farm area who welcomed an announcement last year of the proposed purchasing of their land by the TPA

The land concerned has been earmarked for black development. However, according to Mr Koen, his is one of the few "unfortunate" families in the Rietfontein area whose land has not yet been bought out

"The government promised to buy out everyone's ground in the area, but that hasn't happened yet. I have already complained to the State President about the matter, which has been referred back to the TPA

"It's all just a vicious circle — with the TPA saying it has taken note of the problem but has no funds available right now to buy my property," he said. Mr Koen claims the TPA was also reluctant to buy out his plot as it was now uninhabited. He explained that he and his wife were forced to leave their home and the area two years ago after six muggings and an armed robbery

Subsequently R15 000 worth of corrugated sheeting, doors and cupboards have been stolen from the house. Previously the couple — who now live in Walkerville — rented a house in the same area which was ap-

parently stripped of the contents before being gutted

"We are suffering financially. I am still paying off a large bond on our empty house at Rietfontein and have also had to employ two men as security guards to look after the property. While a lot of young couples put their money into a bank, we ploughed all of ours into upgrading our home on the smallholding — which we had to abandon as it was just too dangerous to continue living there, close to five squatter camps that have developed in the area

"If only the TPA would give us a date by which our land will be bought out, we may begin to see light at the end of the tunnel," Mr Koen said

The TPA's director of public relations services, Mr Piet Wilken, said certain amounts were budgeted annually for purchasing land in the area earmarked for black development

He said the TPA "continuously tried to buy out the identified ground as soon as possible", but that this was dependent on the availability of funds

When these funds were exhausted the TPA also tried other means to secure more money for purchasing land

He added there were, however, many other factors and practical realities which had to be taken into account

Referring to Rietfontein specifically, Mr Wilken said an undertaking was given to property owners in the area that those who wanted to develop their land would be given the opportunity to do so themselves

He stressed that although the TPA realised the seriousness of the situation, no definite dates could be given to landowners of when their land would be bought out

Devolution the answer, says Kriel

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Star
2/7/91

The solution to town planning problems in the Transvaal lay in a devolution of responsibility so that people at ground level could take the decisions, Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister, Hernus Kriel told Johannesburg councillors and ratepayers yesterday.

Democratic Party MPs Dr Zach de Beer and Peter Soal invited Mr Kriel to tour the northern suburbs, at the request of ratepayers, to see the effect of the Removal of Restrictions Act on established residential suburbs.

The Minister was taken to

Houghton Island and other areas where, despite vehement objections by the Johannesburg City Council and ratepayers, business rights were granted to developers by Pretoria.

A document proposing changes to the system was presented to Mr Kriel by Northern Areas Ratepayers' Federation chairman Tony Challenger, and Flo Bird of the Parktown Residents' Association.

Ms Bird said they wanted Mr Kriel to ensure that the procedures regarding the removal of restrictions on properties were equitable, that reasons be given for decisions, that provision be made for appeal to a proper appeals board, that property

rights be addressed specifically in the decision-making and that ad hoc rezonings be avoided so that planning could proceed in an orderly manner.

"Ratepayers no longer have any faith in the system or in the ability of the city council to control the situation," Ms Bird said.

Mr Kriel said he would study the proposal and pass it on to the committee investigating a new land-use Bill due to be published next year.

"I hope the new Bill will enable landowners to know what their rights are and what they can do with their properties. I believe the answer lies in devolution so that the people on the ground can take the decisions."

SAA free to fly over north Africa

ON SUNDAY night SAA flew a scheduled flight over north Africa for the first time in 28 years

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The airline has permission to route its planes to Europe over Egypt and Sudan. SAA CE Gert van der Veer said yesterday that all flights to Rome, Milan, Vienna, Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Zurich and Tel Aviv would be rerouted over north Africa eventually.

This would save the carrier 10 tons of fuel on each flight and about R2m a month. Van der Veer said SAA's monthly expenditure was about R250m a month.

The development follows the rights to overfly the "bulge" of Africa, secured a month ago, which cut flying times to Europe by about an hour. The latest deal will lop another hour off flying times.

Yesterday Van der Veer landed at Jan Smuts Airport on board a scheduled SAA flight that had touched down in Cairo on its way from Frankfurt.

Van der Veer and SAA chief liaison officer Leon Els had made a secret trip to Cairo to tie up loose ends of the overflight and landing rights deal.

Until the weekend agreement Sudan was the only country preventing SAA from flying over north Africa.

A proviso of SAA using the north Africa

route is that its aircraft will land in Cairo en route to and from Johannesburg to drop off or pick up passengers. Van der Veer said he expected the proviso to be relaxed soon, once the Egyptian government had a clearer idea of how neighbouring countries felt about the development.

Egypt Air, which last week operated several charter flights between Cairo and Johannesburg, would introduce a weekly scheduled service on the route.

At the same time, Egypt has announced that SA travellers no longer require visas for that country as long as they arrive in Cairo on an Egypt Air flight. The first group of SA tourists to fly directly to Cairo left on Egypt Air's last of eight charter flights from Johannesburg on Sunday.

SAA and Egypt Air were still finalising the frequency of flights between Cairo and Johannesburg, Van der Veer said.

SAA would now study the feasibility of reintroducing flights to Athens.

The London flights would not be rerouted, as the flying time over west Africa was about the same as over north Africa, Van der Veer said.

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SAA was also negotiating with Angolan authorities for overflying rights, which would cut another 15 to 20 minutes off flights to London, Kinshasa and Abidjan.

Air fares would not be brought down despite the savings. But SAA was considering introducing some discount special fares on European flights, he added.

"What we will try to do is retard any increase in fares for as long as possible."

The new north African route will take SAA aircraft over Zimbabwe, Zambia, Zaire, Sudan and Egypt before entering southeastern European airspace.

Only Tanzania stands in the way of SAA

being allowed to fly over Africa to Europe and the Middle East via Nairobi.

Van der Veer said SAA was investigating the feasibility of introducing a scheduled service to Dakar, Senegal, which could be an extension of the current Johannesburg/Kinshasa/Abidjan flight.

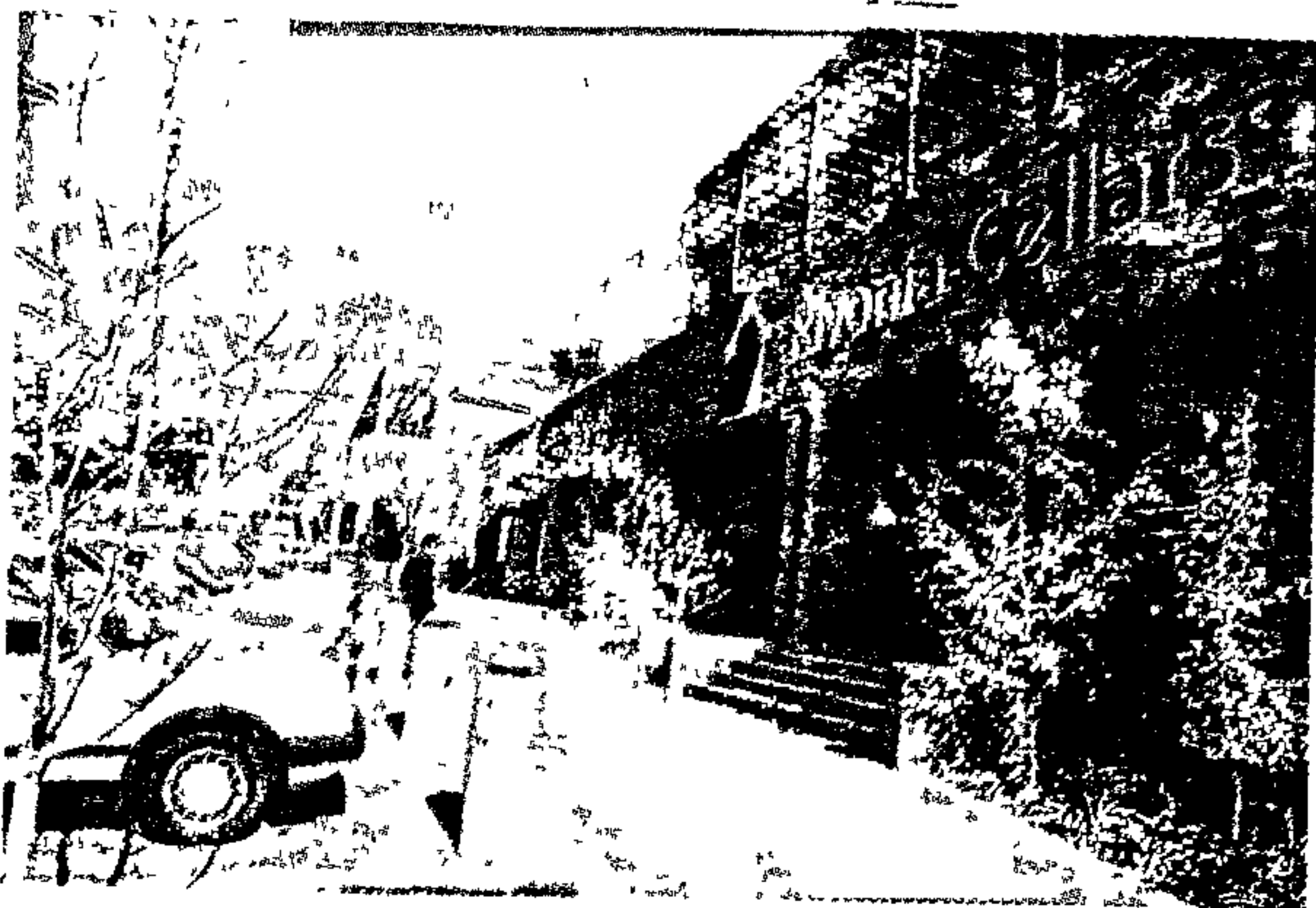
Incoming passenger volume on SAA flights was down by about 18% on the same period last year. He attributed this to the world recession and to the picture of SA violence being painted abroad.

Van der Veer said he was optimistic that both the US and Australia would become accessible to SAA in the near future.

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Business Day SURVEY

Sandton ranks with Neuilly, Hampstead and Beverly Hills as one of the world's most prestigious suburbs. But, unlike its famous counterparts it is a city in itself. With over 1-million square metres of office space, attaining a balance between demand for office facilities and maintaining Sandton as a residential area has been a persistent problem. DARIUS SANAI reports.



Brick-lined walkways and rustic shopfronts in the Rivonia Village development.

R40m village-style shopping area will rejuvenate Rivonia

THE former trading station of Rivonia earned its world-wide fame by lending its name to the trial that sentenced Nelson Mandela and 16 others to jail for political crimes

Rivonia hardly deserves such infamy, having grown

to be a dynamic and developing "business node" in the northern part of Sandton

A new development, Rivonia Village, has prompted the rejuvenation of the area while building on its commercial history

Rivonia Road, Sandton's main artery leading south towards Johannesburg and north towards Pretoria, has been diverted along a kilometre-long stretch near the town centre, allowing the development of a quiet boulevard and construction of a village-style shopping area

Sandton council plans Rivonia will house 180 000m² of office space after the completion of the Rivonia Village scheme.

Old Mutual is developing the R40m village, which will see over 1 000m² of shops opening on November 1

Available

Around 6 000m² of office space on four levels will be available early next year

Another phase of shops, which will include a Woolworths and "other major retailers" will open at the same time as the offices.

There will be separate parking for offices and the shopping areas, and an extra basement-parking zone

Pretoria may sell off land to curb squatting

Star 4/7/91
Pretoria Correspondent

The Pretoria City Council is considering plans to sell vacant land to prevent squatting.

Management committee chairman Dr Pieter Smith said prevention of squatting was one of the reasons for an investigation into the possibility of selling a large number of vacant council stands.

Dr Smith said other reasons for the investigation were to prevent vagrancy and dumping and to get rid of land from which the council received no income.

To identify land to be sold, each councillor had been asked which land he saw as a "nuisance" in his ward.

Dr Smith said such land included undeveloped parks as well as vacant residential erven.

However, last month opposition to the selling

of parkland by the council came to the fore when a group of Waterkloof Ridge residents threatened legal action over the closure of a portion of parkland along Argo Place and its rezoning to provide an entrance road to a private stand.

Yesterday a Canopus Street resident expressed displeasure over a council decision to sell a piece of open land west of Waterkloof Ridge.

The area was earmarked as a nature conservation area, approved by the council in 1982.

The council's parks and recreation department says it will support the sale of a piece of open land between 21st and 22nd streets in Menlo Park, comprising four stands zoned for houses, for the purpose of a higher density group housing scheme.

It's not my shop, says councillor

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A DOBSONVILLE town councillor has been accused by the Dobsonville Civic Association of operating an illegal business from a Doornkop site which he obtained under a false name.

The man is councillor Leleki Mohajane, and he is said to run a shop at site 210 in Doornkop.

Mohajane is currently being investigated by the SAP on charges of bribery and corruption for allegedly taking money from homeless people to process their applications for Doornkop sites.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), which owns the Doornkop sites, said no business sites had been allocated yet, adding that legal residents were allowed to operate small businesses on their sites.

The spokesman confirmed that site 210 was allocated to Edward Mkhologongo.

City Press investigations have revealed that

Doornkop residents claim site 210 is an illegal shop run by Dobsonville councillor Leleki Mohajane. Records show the site belongs to a man who was serving an eight-year jail term at the time the sites were allocated. Pic: SIPHWE MHLAMBI

Edward Mbuyiselo Mkhologongo is the son of a close friend of Mohajane. He is in prison serving an eight-year sentence for stealing a gun from a council policeman. He was sentenced in 1990, before the Doornkop sites were allocated.

Doornkop residents claimed to City Press that Mohajane built his shop with materials taken from the vandalised council hostels in Dobsonville. Residents claim Mohajane transported the materials himself and supervised the erection of the

wood and corrugated-iron spaza shop. They claim the council works behind the counter in the makeshift shop, which sells basic foodstuffs, cold drinks and tobacco.

Mohajane denied he owned the spaza shop or had ever served there, saying "I was only there because somebody asked me to go and buy something".

He refused to comment further and referred City Press to the TPA. Allegations of bribery and corruption on the part of town councillors has dogged the Doornkop scheme - the government's pilot project in a R1-billion scheme to supply cheap housing to squatters and homeless people in the greater Soweto area.

Angry residents laid charges against Mohajane with the police when they discovered that the money he allegedly charged them for processing their applications for Doornkop sites did not go to the council or the TPA. Several people have claimed in sworn affidavits that they paid Mohajane R200, but did not get sites. They allege that when they complained to him, he told them their files were lost and it would cost another R200. SAP spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the matter was referred to the Attorney-General last week.



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Council 'fights legacy'

THE SOWETO City Council was battling a legacy of improper administration by its predecessors, the municipality's public relations officer said during an interview in the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show on Friday. *Sowetan 8/7/91*

Mr Mojalefa Moseki said many residents did not honour the terms of the Greater Soweto Accord, signed in September 1990.

Moseki and Dr Gordon Sibiya, the council's consulting engineer, were guests on the chat show, hosted by Metro DJ Timi Modise.

Moseki said the switch-off campaign was successful as 60 percent of residents were now paying compared to 30 percent before the campaign.

Sibiya said a flat rate would be charged until faulty meters were fixed. He urged residents to report defective meters and to pay their bills.

Moseki said the council had appointed a committee to look into technical problems.

He said the flat rate would be effective until the Metropolitan Chamber, consisting of civic associations and municipalities, devised interim tariffs.

Council increases its training budget

JOHANNESBURG City Council has increased its training budget by 22% despite the recession

The council has budgeted R14m this year for human resource development, compared with R11m last year

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday that unlike other organisations, the council had responded to trying times by redoubling activities such as training, and literacy and skills upgrading.

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Business Day recently reported that most businesses had cut back sharply on apprentice training during the economic slump.

Davidson said the council's provision for apprentice training had been increased from R500 000 last year to R2,9m this year. More than 50 new apprentices would be taken on this year, bringing to about 200 the number of apprentices trained annually.

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About R1,4m has been allocated to subsidise 1840 council employees studying in fields ranging from nature conservation and public health to engineering and property valuation.

The council had allocated R1m for skills upgrading, the first phase of which involved expanding the council's literacy and language programme, said Davidson.

Ten new instructor posts had been created.

Homeless *Sowetan* stop talks

10/7/91
OPERATION Masakhane for the Homeless will immediately suspend talks with the Transvaal Provincial Administration because of the demolition yesterday of several hundred squatter shacks in Ivory Park, between Midrand and Tembisa

The general secretary of Omhle, Mr Basheer Lorgat, said for the past year Omhle had been involved in talks with the TPA over issues involving homeless people, including land, water, sanitation, refuse removal and the settlement and development of cohesive communities

Judge stops demolition

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A SUPREME Court judge has asked the Transvaal Provincial Administration to temporarily halt the demolition of about 800 squatter shacks at Ivory Park, between Midrand and Tembisa.

This was confirmed yesterday afternoon by Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

However, he said no court order restraining the TPA from removing the shacks had as yet been given, following a request in this regard by the squatters.

Opperman said TPA officials, who started demolishing shacks by hand yesterday morning, were abiding by the judge's request.

He said police had not assisted in breaking down the dwellings, but had been present in a protective capacity at the request of the TPA.

Opperman said only one incident of stone-throwing was reported and that the squatters were notified three times at the weekend that their occupation of the TPA-owned land was illegal. - Sapa

Black insurance broker to contest council contracts

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THAMI MAZWAI

AFSURE (Pty) Ltd, the first major black-controlled insurance broking company, has challenged the allocation of short-term insurance contracts by four black town councils to other companies, and yesterday MD Khehla Mthembu said Afsure would take the Diepmeadow council to court.

He declined to speak about the other disputes, but conceded that the Transvaal Provincial Administration was involved in one of them.

Mthembu confirmed he had successfully tendered for the Mohlakeng and Dobsonville town council contracts, with joint billings of R900 000, and failed in bids for the KwaThema, Katlehong and Daveyton accounts.

Afsure, Priceforbes Federale Volkskas (PFV) and Glenvaal are in-

volved in the fight for the Kagiso, Tembisa and Ikapa (in the Cape) town councils' insurance accounts.

It is believed councillors wanted to give the contracts to Afsure in some cases, but officials intervened.

The Diepmeadow Town Council called in Afsure, Trustsure and Glenvaal for interviews.

Exco chairman Frederick Phiri said, "What was disturbing was to first call Afsure for an interview, when the tender was already considered defective, and then disqualify them on that basis. We were satisfied with the price."

Town clerk Johan de Jager said Afsure's tender was much higher than that of Glenvaal.

Glenvaal's Mike Brown said as far

as he knew Afsure's quote was 33% higher than that of his company.

In Kagiso, Afsure failed to obtain appointments with town clerk Mike van Rensburg in an attempt to get details of the council's property and insurance history.

Van Rensburg said: "They did not need any forms and should just have tendered like everybody else. I met them personally when they came to introduce themselves. This council, more than any other, would welcome a tender coming from Afsure."

The Tembisa council has asked the TPA to approve its decision to allocate its account to Afsure despite its quote being higher than that of PFV.

TPA spokesman Pieter Wilkens said the TPA could not overrule the council, although it could ask it to revise its decision.

Catching up in a boom town

BY THE END of last year, the Midrand Town Council had approved almost R400 million worth of building plans. Ten years earlier, the same council approved plans worth less than R2 million.

In 1981, Midrand's budget was R4 million, this year it is R106 million.

Spread over 193 sq km on either side of the Ben Schoeman highway between Pretoria and Johannesburg, with lots of open spaces inviting development, Midrand is undoubtedly the fastest-growing town in South Africa — possibly the fastest-growing in Africa, says David Hidden, chairman of the town's management committee.

Mr Hidden, a businessman, says Midrand can handle the expansion, as long as it is controlled. He advocates a proactive approach in planning development.

"The best way of controlling the development of Midrand is to plan ahead as far as funding and strategic planning is concerned, and to take cognisance of what central Government and the rest of the country is doing," Mr Hidden says.

"For example, in Cape Town 10 000 people flood into the city every month — we have to plan for urbanisation at this rate.

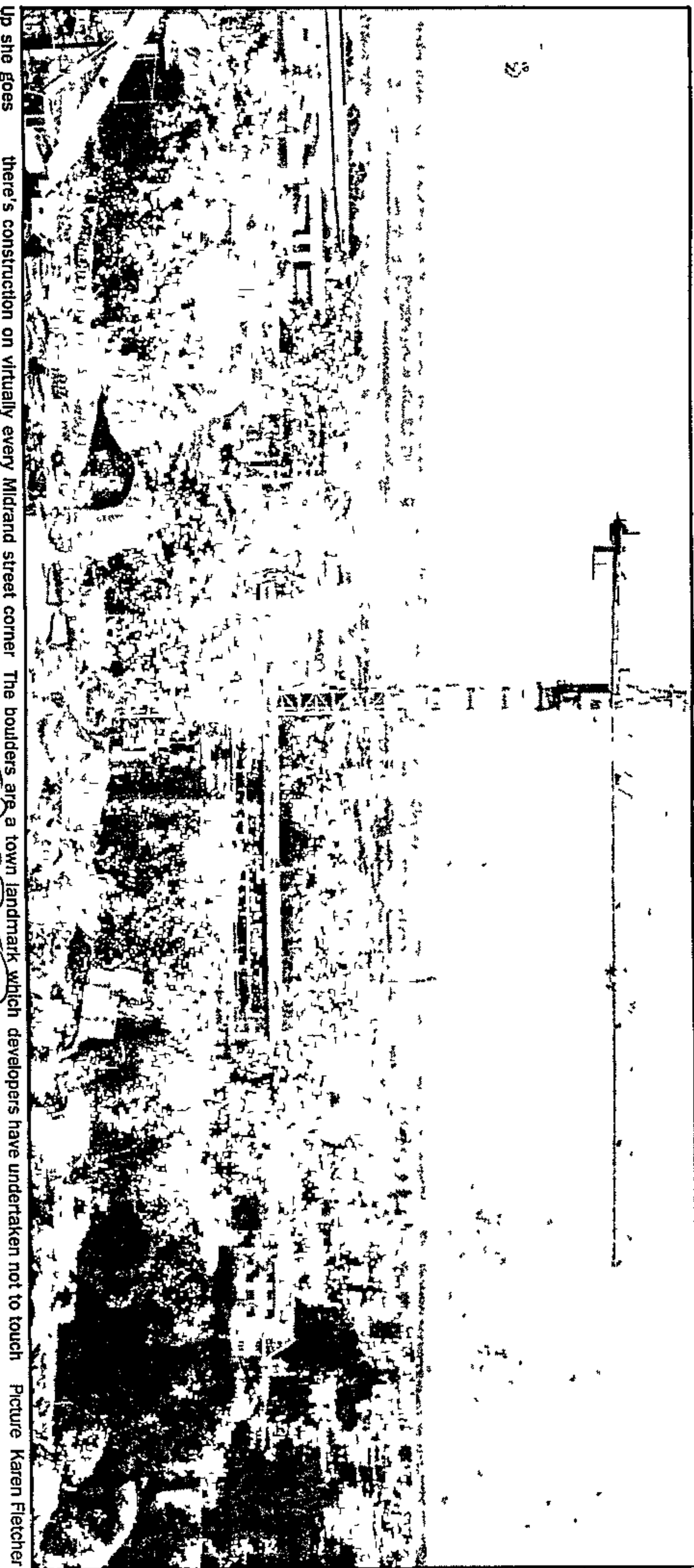
"What are we going to do if people start occupying the open tracts that are all over Midrand? We have got to plan," he says.

In the chairman's seat since the beginning of last month, Mr Hidden acknowledges that Midrand will need about R800 million in the next five years to pay for the infrastructure required to service developments.

So far R278 million has been invested in existing infrastructure. This is only 10 percent of what is needed, however, since most of the surrounding towns have about 90 percent of their infrastructure in place.

He is emphatic, though, that Midrand residents cannot be made to pay for this, and that creative methods will have to be used to raise the funds.

Midrand, previously a peripheral urban area, was declared a



Up she goes there's construction on virtually every Midrand street corner. The boulders are a town landmark which developers have undertaken not to touch. Picture: Karen Fletcher

Midrand, halfway between Johannesburg and Pretoria, celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Some say the town is booming, others say it is growing faster than finances allow. JACQUELINE MYBURGH reports

town in 1981

Consisting mostly of rural holdings, the settlement of the town was based on two distinct areas of development. Halfway House and Orlamstonfontein

Five years ago, a guide plan was drawn up to direct the development of this fragmented town, and a revised structure plan this year is aimed at controlling the millions of rands worth of development springing up all over

A number of factors have contributed to the sudden and fast growth of Midrand. Chiefly,

it is because the town is exceptionally well located, halfway between two major cities, with easy access to the highway and railway line. Midrand also has its own airport, Grand Central

The face of the town has changed radically in the past 10 years. According to a group of town and regional planners called in to draw up the structure plan, "the town is no longer entirely a tranquil, semi-rural area remote from the realities of urban living."

They suggest a development

approach which maintains a balance between the forces of development and the need to conserve.

The golden thread running through all Midrand planning policies is that it is a rural residential town, Mr Hidden says. "But we need business to pay for the development of the town."

Many people are apprehensive about Midrand's "so-called growth and development", says Margie Moore of the local newspaper, The Midrand Reporter.

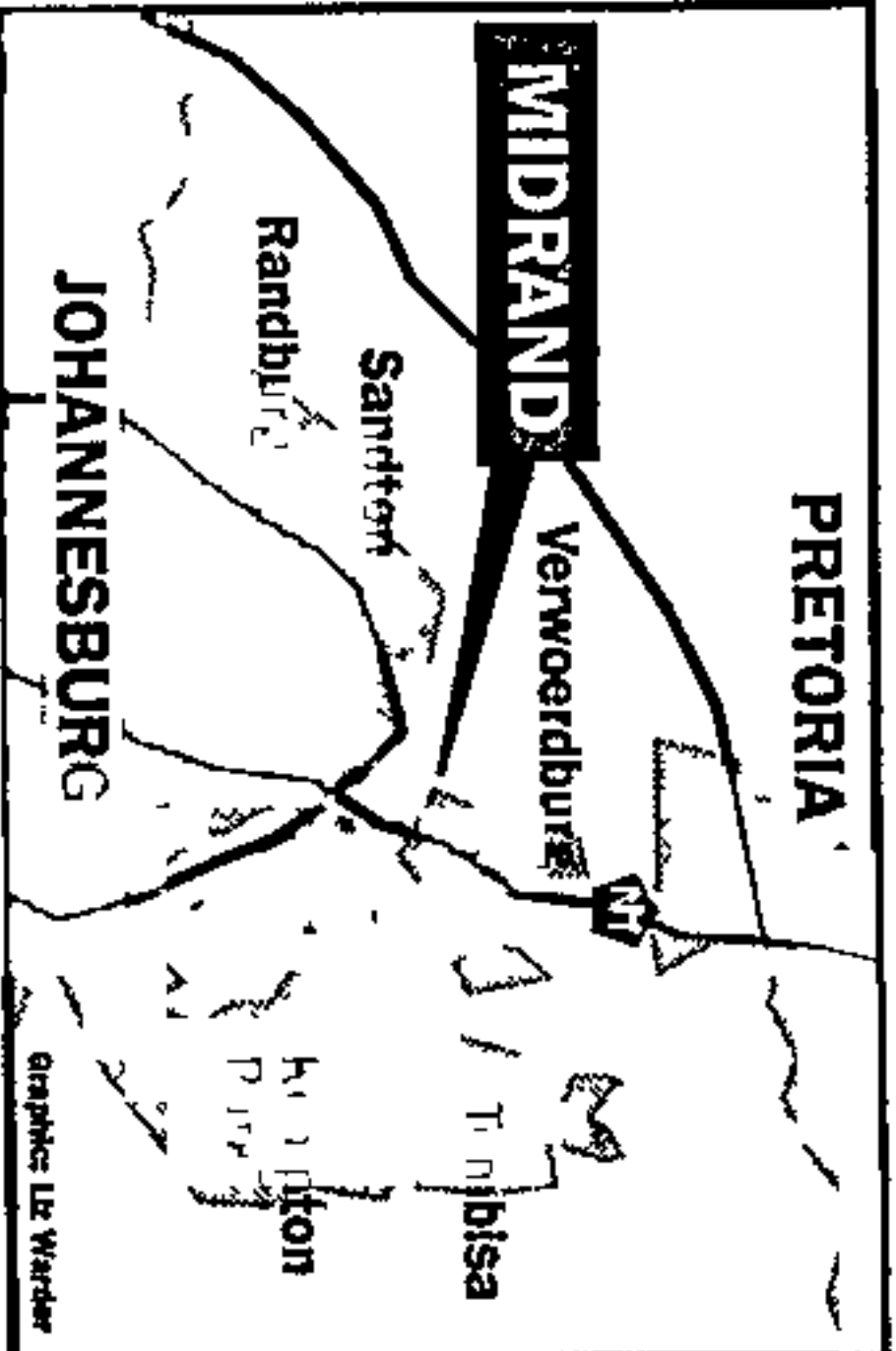
Mrs Moore has lived in Midrand since 1963, when her parents bought an agricultural holding there. "The council is going to go bankrupt — we have a big deficit and they have not got the

money to pay for the infrastructure," she says.

Mrs Moore believes that developers have "overdone the whole thing", and many offices in Midrand are standing empty. Commercial development in Midrand has been so rampant that it has created an imbalance between commercial and residential development in the town.

Now there is a need to attract middle-income residents to Midrand, says Midrand Chamber of Commerce president Ian Lourens. Many people are under the impression that Midrand is an expensive town in which to buy, chiefly because the residential areas consist of agricultural holdings.

He says there is not enough housing stock available and that



residential development, alongside commercial development, should be stimulated. Last year there were just less

than 24 000 residents in Midrand, with 60 000 people working there. The Midrand council, too, has

a task to address a number of internal problems. When this council took over 2½ years ago, "we inherited a real mixed bag", Mr Hidden says.

Bad management structures resulted in several ill-advised appointments, and currently only three departments have permanent heads — the rest are all "acting" because their predecessors had to leave as a result of mismanagement.

"The wrong people were hired. They were totally unqualified and their activities were uncontrolled," Mr Hidden says. Roads, or the lack of them, are also causing some problems.

Mr Hidden says the town has lost at least three developments this year because of the poor access to the central business district.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has planned a number of roads through and around Midrand. Although they may destroy the character of the town, they are important for easy access.

There are about 1 000 homeless families in Midrand, most of them squatting on land belonging to the House of Representatives in Rabie Ridge.

Mr Hidden says Midrand would like to buy a tract of land on a site-and-service basis for homeless people who work and live in Midrand.

Midrand and Tembisa, to the north-east of Midrand, are currently involved in talks with Kempton Park on the future of the three neighbouring towns.

Midrand is also represented on the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

"There's a huge amount of talking going on, although some residents have indicated they are opposed to it," Mr Hidden says. He believes it is just a matter of time before Pretoria, Midrand and Johannesburg become one centre — probably in five to 10 years. "This is a small window of opportunity, so we have to get cracking," he says. □

Jo'burg approves plans worth R1bn

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TANIA LEVY

JOHANNESBURG has experienced sustained growth over the past three years with nearly R3bn worth of building plans approved.

Latest official figures indicated that Johannesburg was continuing to grow while development in other centres such as Durban and Pretoria had started to slow down. National Building Regulations specialist Glynn Price-Hughes said in an interview yesterday.

Price-Hughes said 5 992 residential and business plans worth R1bn had been approved in the financial year to end-June, compared with 5 092 plans with a value of R919m approved in the 1989/90 financial year. Plans worth R711m were passed the previous financial year.

Price-Hughes said although development was not increasing in real terms, the figures showed that interest in the city's development sector had been sustained.

The Johannesburg CBD had died when white residents and developers fled to the suburbs. But the city centre had been brought back to life in recent years by the increasing presence of people with buying power.

A natural population explosion, higher wages and the relaxing of the

Group Areas Act had all contributed to renewing interest in CBD development by insurance firms, banks, pension funds and other large developers.

In terms of value, about 80% of plans approved in recent years were for commercial developments, the rest were residential.

There was a tremendous demand for rental accommodation in the city but developers were not confident that this type of development would be profitable, he said.

Price-Hughes said CBD development could be divided roughly into three areas: the west where development was dominated by Anglo American, the east where Old Mutual was the main player and the north, including Braamfontein which was predominantly Liberty Life turf.

Sanlam developments were dotted around the CBD, he said.

Chairman of the city council's town planning and development committee Eddy Magid said the R1,58bn of development which would take place in Johannesburg shortly was unprecedented in the history of SA.

Huge development on track for city

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Plans for a major R600 million convention and hotel centre over part of Johannesburg's decked railway lines are expected to be announced next week by a consortium of private developers

The development, which is planned for north-west of the Johannesburg station, towards Braamfontein, would use space provided by the planned decking of the railway line and surrounding land in the central business district

The multimillion-rand development could have major implications for Johannesburg and the rest of the country because foreign investors have been approached to provide the funding, The Star has learnt

Planned for inclusion in the massive convention centre is a

main conference venue, a 200-bed hotel incorporating five-star luxury facilities, and a luxury bus terminus

Sources told The Star that the project was planned to be constructed over four years, for completion in about 1995

Yesterday it was announced that the long-planned decking of the railway line on the east side of Park Station near Noord Street would go ahead

Investigations

This will effectively link Braamfontein with the CBD, which has been dissected by the tracks for so long. Trains will continue to travel under the decking

The SA Rail Commuter Corporation has awarded the tender to RMS Syfrets for the development, which will include retail and taxi facilities

The company will lease the area from the corporation on a 50-year leasehold. Transnet will

act as the agent.

The Johannesburg City Council is continuing with its investigations into finding a site for a conference centre it has planned to develop for years. Some councillors want the City Hall as a venue and others are punting for Newtown.

Town planning chief Eddy Magid announced in April last year that a conference centre would be ideal for the reclaimed area above the tracks.

Discussions began more than a year ago with railway authorities regarding the viability of covering the railway lines.

One source said some Johannesburg city councillors and officials had expressed reservations about the development as they were worried about whether existing infrastructure, such as the roads network and drainage systems, would be able to cope with such a massive project.

THE Greater Soweto and Alexandra councils were this week given a R77 million-boost

The loan was raised by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council and provided by Development Bank of South Africa. It will be used to upgrade and extend 17 projects in the four council's jurisdiction.

Earlier last month the four councils, Soweto, Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Alexandra, budgeted R264,7 million for 1991/92. Of that R61,3 million was for upgrading, and R43,3 million for infrastruc-

R77-m boost for 4 councils

ture.

The bank's urban development manager, Mr Div Botha, said the loan to CWRSC follows the increasing problems which the bank experienced in supporting local authorities to carry out development programmes effectively.

"Some of the local authorities have been under severe pressure concerning their legitimacy and ability to reflect community needs, as well as facing financial and organisational constraints.

"While these aspects need to be addressed and resolved in future constitutional negotiations, it is imperative to maintain the momentum of development programmes," Botha said.

The loan agreement was signed by CWRSC chairman Mr John Griffiths and DBSA chief executive Dr Simon Brand.

Fight over land use hots up in posh areas

Northern suburbs residents' associations and Johannesburg city councillors have launched a campaign to win new planning rights — and to protect the nature of their suburbs

They took Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing Hernus Kriel on a tour to show some effects of the application of the Removal of Restrictions Act and Townships Board decisions

Ratepayers say the Removal of Restrictions Act ignores certain fundamental legal principles — in that the Townships Board, which hears objections and inspects the site, makes a secret recommendation to the Minister

The Minister, in turn, is not required to give reasons for his decision or to inspect the site

There is also no right of appeal

Appeal

With the municipal Town Planning and Townships Ordinance, the Johannesburg City Council's Town Planning Tribunal's decision is made public, reasons are available and there is an appeal process.

Northern Areas Ratepayers Group chairman Tony Challenger said "Ratepayers no longer have any faith in the system or in the ability of the city council to control the situation

"Great bitterness has been engendered by a distant authority which never gives reasons for decisions, which does not even have to inspect the site or hear arguments before changing the character of our suburbs"

Mr Kriel was taken to Houghton Island, where 31 luxury homes are to be demolished for a Sanlam office park

The developer was given the go-ahead by the Minister in spite of vehement objections by the city council and some residents who are still refusing to sell and face being surrounded by offices

Residents recommend that a new body be constituted to be called the Town Planning Appeals Board with a senior legal counsel as chairman assisted by two assessors, that decisions and reasons be placed on public record, and that Appeals Board decisions be final

An Appeals Board should have the power to both remove restrictions and to award compensation

Residents said there was widespread dissatisfaction with the Act and asked Mr Kriel to ensure that when the Act was amended.

- Procedures be equitable
- Reasons for decisions

A probe into a new land-use Bill is under way, writes Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS

be given

● Provision be made for appeal to a proper Appeals Board

● Property rights be addressed specifically in the decision-making

● Ad hoc rezonings be avoided so that planning can proceed in an orderly manner

Mr Kriel said the solution to the town planning problems in the province lay in a devolution of responsibility so people at ground level could take the decisions. He has appointed Dr Charl van Tonder, Director of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing, to investigate a new land use Bill, due to be published next year

Townships developed before 1946 were controlled in terms of restrictive conditions of title, because it was only in that year that Johannesburg obtained its Town Planning Scheme. Mr Challenger said

"All the older suburbs therefore have title restrictions so that when a change in land use is proposed, the applicant usually has no choice but to remove these and very naturally does so via a simultaneous removal of restrictions and rezoning, instead of lodging two applications, one to remove restrictions and the second to amend the town planning scheme"

Intrusion

When the rights have been granted and the precedent created, the community and local authority may be forced into a position whereby they develop a planning policy in response to intrusion by business

What often happens, say ratepayers, is that those who were granted lesser rights apply to increase their rights to match their neighbours' and ultimately the development is much greater than was envisaged

Parktown resident Flo Bird said most northern suburbs residents felt vulnerable, scared of "another Parktown" and helpless because even if the Townships Board had given heed to objectors, ultimately the speculators seemed to win

"Our homes are threatened — this is our biggest single investment and our most basic security. The response to this threat is a growing anger and outrage at a system which ignores the wider issues, overlooks local concern and operates with little regard for the most basic principles of justice," Ms Bird said

Mayor slams Hurd over cash grant

Press 14/7/91
By THEMBA KHUMALO

ALEXANDRA mayor Prince Mokoena has threatened legal action to stop a R460 000 British Government grant from reaching the Alexandra Health Centre.

The donation was promised by British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd during his short visit to the clinic on Wednesday.

Now Mokoena is in a huff because he was not consulted about the donation.

The storm brewed just hours after Hurd toured several places in Alexandra, including the clinic, where he was shown around by Dr Tim Wilson and representatives of the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO), Mzwanele Mayekiso and Paul Tshabalala.

After hearing about the British Government's offer, an angry Mokoena accused Hurd of undermining him as Mayor and of "hob-nobbing with people who are not accountable to local residents".

"I feel bitter that a man of his stature stooped so low as to ignore me and my council in this fashion. His Western etiquette dictates that whenever a man of his calibre visits another man's territory he should contact him first."

"Instead, Hurd chose to enter Alexandra through the back door and be smuggled in by people who have no constituency here."

"Because of his rude manners I will make sure that his promised grant does not reach the health centre. It is a political clinic and people who



He undermined me, says fuming Prince Mokoena

work there do not have the interests of residents at heart. If necessary I will go to court to stop the grant.

"With due respect, Hurd allowed himself to be manipulated by not consulting all the parties concerned with Alex matters. As a result, he is not even aware that there are two clinics in our township."

"The first one is the political clinic, to which he has promised the

grant, and the other one is run by the council."

"Why can't our council clinic be treated equally with the other?"

Mokoena's allegations and threats were scoffed at by ACO general secretary Richard Mdakane.

He said Mokoena was not elected by the residents, and "we don't take him seriously."

Acting director of the health centre, David Rob, said Mokoena did not represent the residents and therefore did not need to

be consulted. Rob added that before the visit they consulted local leaders.

"Moreover, the visit was done through the Joint Negotiation Forum."

Hurd's visit to Alex met with a storm of protest from members of the Alexandra Land and Property Owners' Association, which is led by Eric Mangele.

He accused ACO members of wanting to enrich themselves with the promised grant.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd talks to local officials as he tours Alexandra Health Centre. He promised a R460 000 grant to the centre, but now Alex mayor Prince Mokoena has threatened to make sure the money does not reach the centre.

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Civics: It's a TPA ploy to prolong suffering

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration's unilateral decision to "cancel Friday's conclusive meeting for the resumption of electrical power to more than 100 000 Vaal Triangle residents was "a deliberate ploy to prolong the suffering of our people", the Vaal Civic Association charged.

VCA spokesman Mr Paul Sithole on Friday afternoon, told a Press conference that agreement had been reached for the return of electricity to thousands of residents in the Vaal Triangle follow-

ing five weeks without power

Sithole said Friday's scheduled meeting was to conclude the agreement for the return of power to four townships in the area, but the TPA pulled out at the 11th hour

The reason given by the TPA was that it was about to appoint four local authorities headed by administrators and that negotiations with the VCA on the electricity issue would only resume after the appointment

"This shifting of the goalposts once more clearly shows that the TPA and the government are not serious about seeking a negotiated

settlement to the problems of Vaal residents but are determined to continue with their policies of imposing their own decisions on our people," Sithole said

He expressed concern that the move to establish local authorities in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act was a move back to apartheid structures

Mr Nigel Mandy, the TPA's urban consultant and negotiator, however rejected the VCA's claim that agreement had been reached for the resumption of power to portions of Sebokeng, all of Sharpeville, and parts of Boppatong and Bophelong - Sapa

Civics body to be formed in Pretoria

THE Central Pretoria Civics Association will be launched tomorrow.

Mr Reeves Mabitsi, treasurer of the Central Transvaal Civics Association, said the launch of the Pretoria zone this weekend would be followed by the official launches of the KwaNdebele Civics Association and the Bophuthatswana Civics Association within the next two months.

He said four townships, Atteridgeville, Mamelodi, Soshanguve and Oukasië, near Brits, would form part of the Central Pretoria zone and would be affiliated to CTCA, launched six weeks ago.

The KwaNdebele zone will consist of Moutse, KwaMhlanga, Bloedfontein and other civic associations in villages neighbouring KwaNdebele.

The Bophuthatswana zone consists of Mabopane, Garankuwa, Hammanskraal, Winterveldt and other outlying areas in the Moretele and Odi districts of the homeland.

Mabitsi said the formation of the Pretoria zone followed ongoing rent and service crisis in three townships of Mamelodi, Atteridgeville and Soshanguve and that its formation would help in the bargaining of one municipality for Pretoria.

He said the formation of the zone would create a forum for joint actions, negotiation strategies and establish one negotiating team with the Pretoria City Council, the Regional Services Council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration. - Sapa

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Huge pension for Jo'burg council spy

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Former public safety director Mr John Pearce has received a pension payout of almost R400 000 — believed to be double the amount he was due to receive after being fired for his part in council spying activities

Yesterday deputy city secretary Mr Rhett Gardiner said Mr Pearce had elected to retire just hours before his dismissal came into effect at midnight on April 30

DP management committee member Mr Paul Asherson said he did not know what Mr Pearce would have received if his dismissal had come into effect, but a figure of R200 000 "had been bandied about"

He was fired after a disciplinary hearing found him guilty on 15 counts of misconduct relating to spying activities by his department. The hearing was convened after the Hiemstra Commission found Mr Pearce had been grossly negligent

TPA willing to discuss appointments

THEO RAWANA

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) said yesterday it was prepared to consult the local Vaal Civic Association (VCA) on the TPA's plans to appoint administrators to run the Lekoa townships.

The VCA has demanded the TPA stop the proposed appointment of administrators to the townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong and Boipatong pending consultations with the VCA and its supporters. The decision to appoint administrators follows the dissolution of the Lekoa council.

The VCA and the TPA were engaged in talks to resolve a rent crisis in which Lekoa cut electricity to 38 000 households early last month. Power has been restored to those areas in which 70% of residents have paid for services.

TPA consultant Nigel Mandy said "various practical considerations" required that administrators be appointed without delay.

"However, the TPA is willing to consult

with the VCA and other interested parties in the Vaal Triangle on possible changes."

The VCA has branded the TPA's decision to appoint administrators a "shifting of the goalposts" since it meant cancelling talks on restoring electricity and an end to a rent boycott. *31 Day 16 (719)*

Mandy said dissolving the council had presented procedural problems, so separate local authorities for the four townships would be established. *(266)*

"Since there is no council in office, one or more administrators need to be appointed, and that is expected to be done during this week," he said.

On the VCA's demand that electricity be urgently restored to all residents, Mandy said power had already been restored in many areas, and all that other communities needed to do was to ensure that 70% or more of the residents paid for services.

Retirement may have doubled Pearce's pension to R400 000

TANIA LEVY

JOHANNESBURG'S former public safety director John Pearce has received a pension payout of almost R400 000 — believed to be double the amount he was due to receive after being fired for his part in council spying activities.

Yesterday deputy city secretary Rhett Gardner said Pearce had elected to retire just hours before his dismissal came into effect at midnight on April 30.

He was able to do so after his post of public safety director was among 20 declared redundant at the council meeting that night, said Gardner.

phase of a restructuring exercise recommended by management consultants Deloitte Pim Goldby and approved by councillors.

"He was undoubtedly better off being made redundant than being dismissed," said Gardner.

DP management committee member Paul Asherson said he did not know what Pearce would have received if his dismissal had come into effect, but a figure of R200 000 "had been handed about".

Pearce's pension payout would now be just under R400 000 — "a damn site cheaper than a

lengthy court case", Asherson said.

He denied the management committee had encouraged Pearce to accept redundancy and retire rather than fight his dismissal in court.

Pearce had lodged an application for reinstatement with the Industrial Court.

He was fired after a disciplinary hearing found him guilty on 15 counts of misconduct relating to spying activities by his department.

The hearing was convened after the Hiemstra Commission found Pearce had been grossly negligent.

Yesterday Pearce was unavailable for comment.

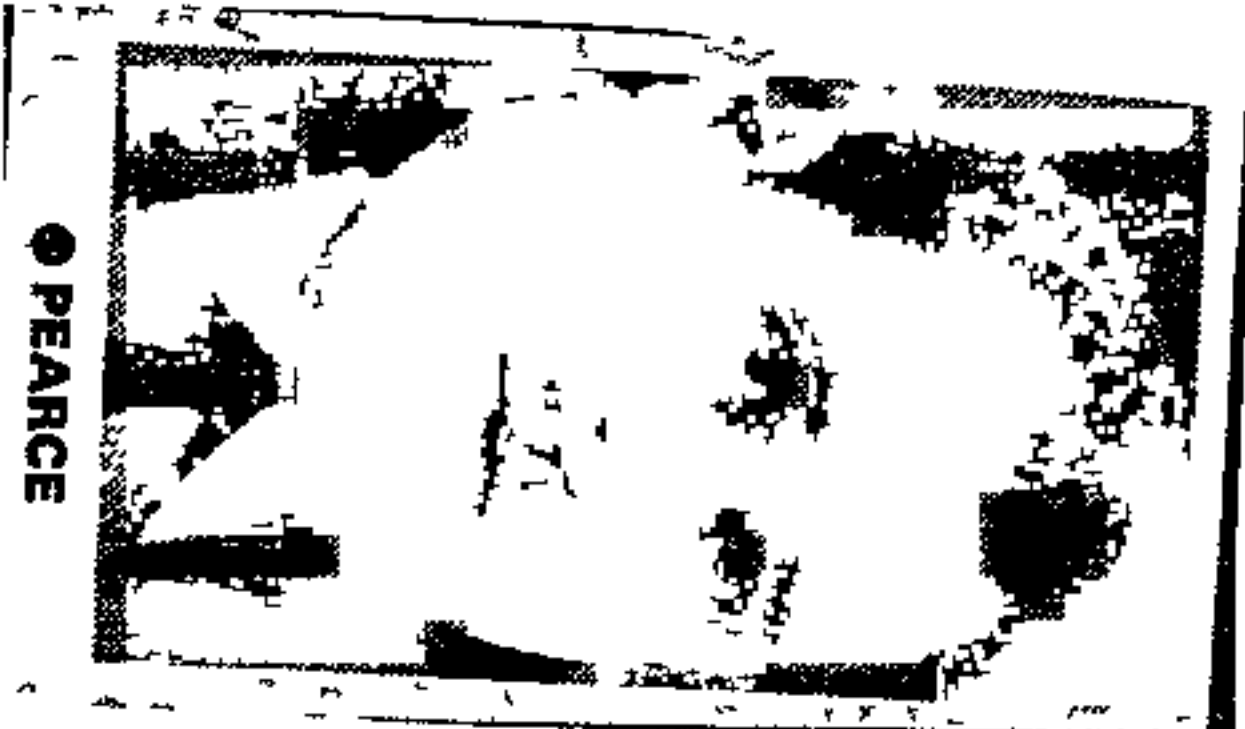
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Earlier yesterday Asherson, who is executive committee member of the municipality's pension fund, said he "did not have a clue what Pearce's pension would be and that he did not have time to argue about whether the rate-payers had a right to know".

He said the municipality's pension fund was a separate and private entity.

The DP now leads the management committee which has drawn criticism for not keeping councillors informed about the Pearce case.

CP leader in the council Jacques Theron will table questions about Pearce at this month's council meeting.



● PEARCE

Task force to help Goedgevonden squatters

PRETORIA — A task group has been instructed by government to find "an acceptable solution" for squatters living on the Goedgevonden farm, near Ventersdorp

Deputy Agriculture Minister A T Meyer said yesterday "urgent attention" would also be given to Goedgevonden as a state-owned farm intended for agricultural use

In a statement, he said these steps had been taken in response to many repre-

sentations on behalf of the community occupying part Goedgevonden

Problems at the farm became news in May when right-wing Ventersdorp residents and farmers attacked the squatter settlement to remove the shacks

Police and defence force units were called in and two farmers were injured in a clash

Last month the Pretoria Supreme Court ordered the squatters to leave the farm,

but they were allowed to stay pending the outcome of an appeal

Meyer said the agricultural study would be conducted by the Committee for Co-ordinated Handling of State-Owned Land for Agriculture

The task group was under the chairmanship of Gillis van de Wall, former director-general for Development Aid

Our Cape Town correspondent reports that Western Cape United Civics

chairman Wilson Sidina has warned MEC Koos Theron that civic organisations will defend squatters against his "hut squad", which aims to stop the erection of new shacks

"We cannot stand aloof while he tries to give the right wing the ability to hurt our people

"If the authorities want to do something about squatters, they must first consult the relevant people" — Sapa

Pearce: councillors react

TANIA LEVY

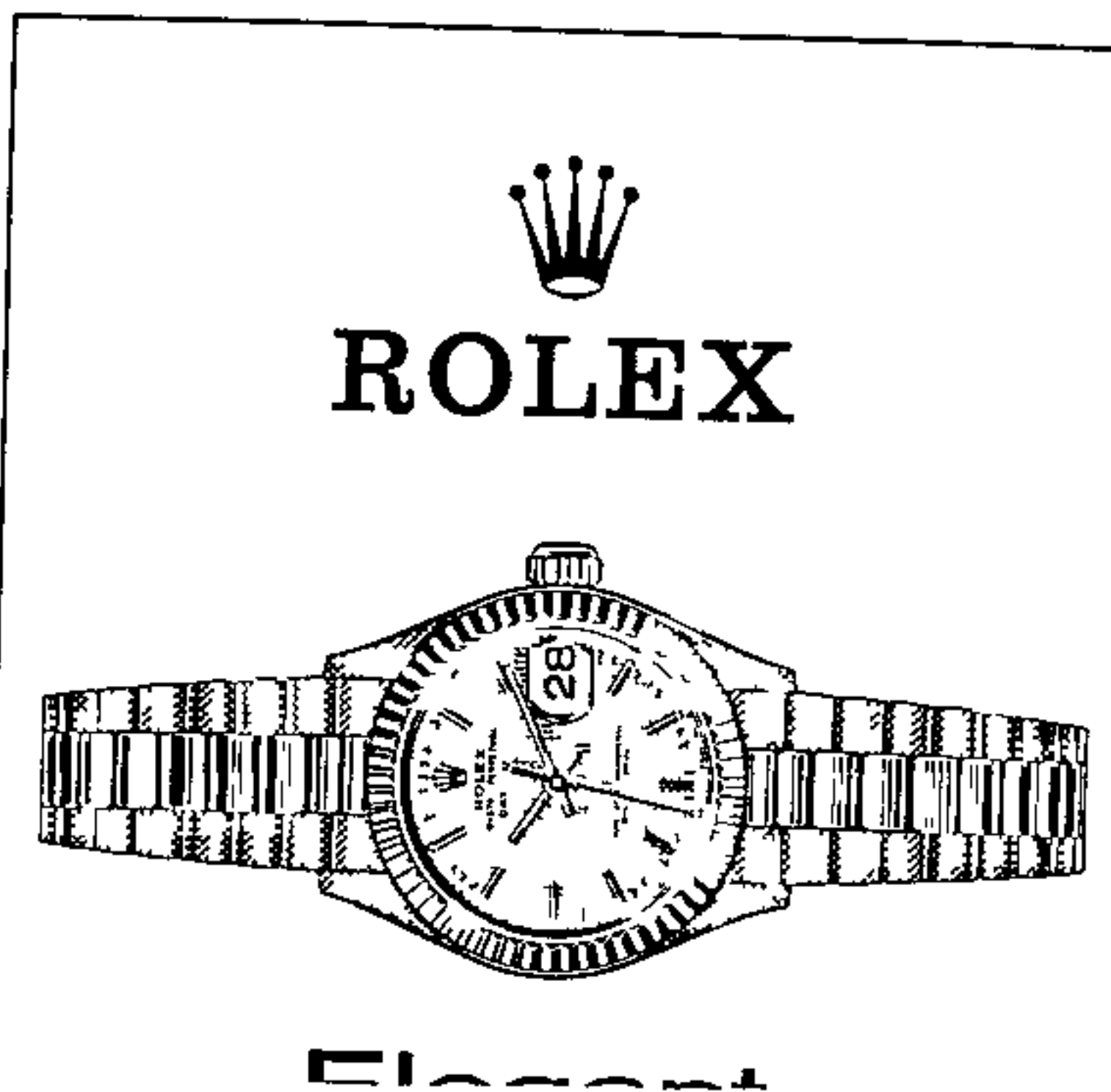
THE NP and DP caucuses are expected to discuss events leading to fired Johannesburg public safety director John Pearce's retirement two months ago

Councillors from across the political spectrum said yesterday they had not known that Pearce retired when his post was declared redundant just hours before his dismissal came into effect at the end of April

As a result Pearce is to be paid a R400 000 pension, believed to be almost double the amount he was due to get after he had been fired for his part in the city council's spying activities

CP council leader Jacques Theron said yesterday the last thing the management committee told councillors was that Pearce had been fired and that he planned to appeal against his dismissal in court

He said the management committee was not running an open and clean administration



Pearce 'struck deal with council'

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter (266)

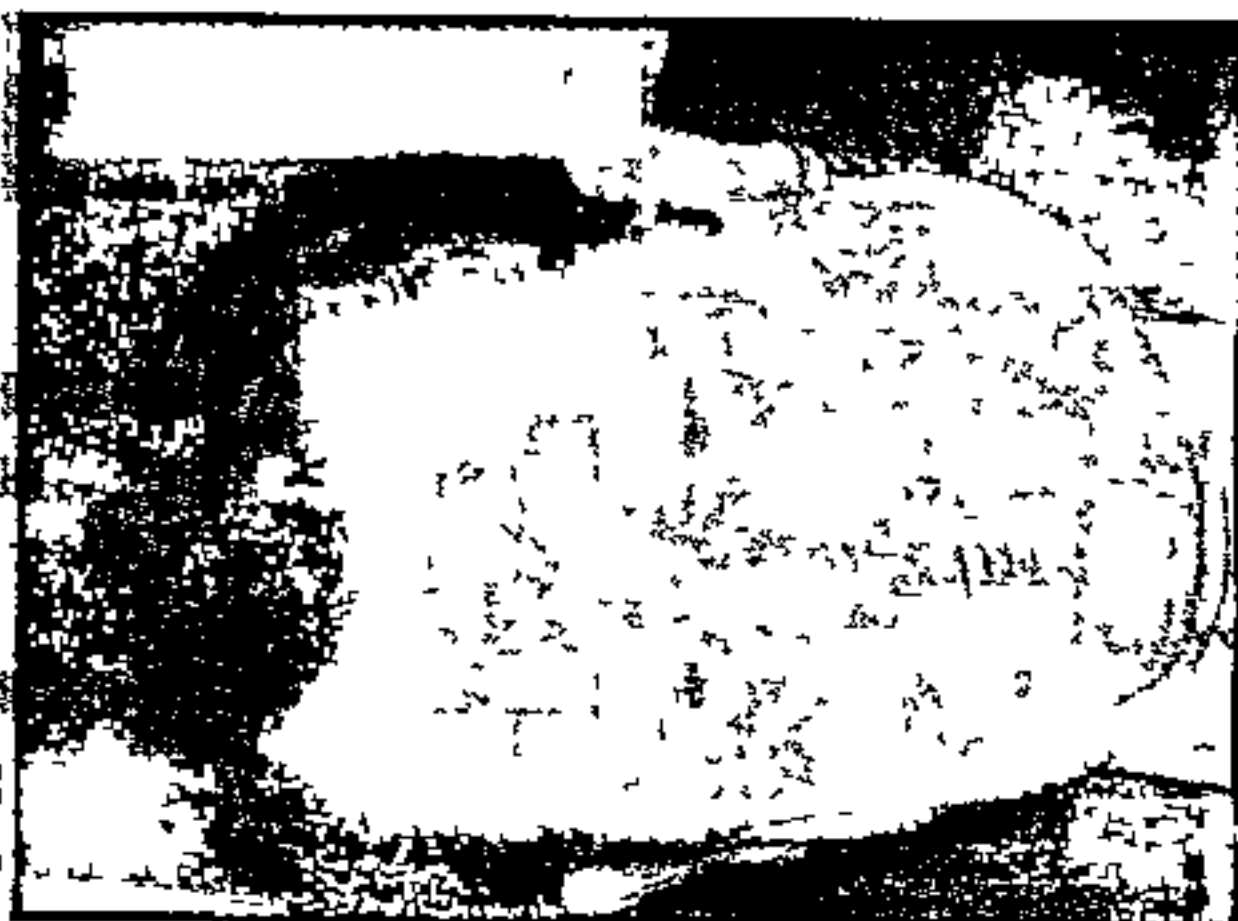
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The Johannesburg City Council management committee has been accused of striking a deal with John Pearce who, by taking early retirement, effectively doubled his pension payout to about R400 000.

Opposition leader in the council Jacques Theron (CP) said that by recommending that the posts of senior departmental heads, including that of public safety director, be abolished only a few days before Mr Pearce's notice of dismissal was up, the management committee left the way open for the disgraced security chief to take early retirement.

Earlier this year, Mr Pearce was found guilty of misconduct and the management committee accepted a recommendation that he be dismissed. He was found grossly negligent last year by the Hiemstra Commission which investigated the municipal spy network exposed by The Star.

"I have no question that yes, a deal was made. The consul-



John Pearce . . . pension payout doubled



Jacques Theron . . . "no question that a deal was made".

tant's report made his post redundant," Mr Theron said.

He has tabled several questions regarding the whole affair for reply at the next city council meeting.

Mr Theron said "Why was nobody told? The way the management committee has handled this matter so secretly raises serious question marks."

Despite repeated inquiries from the press and some councillors during the past months, management committee members have refused to speak

"He was head of a department and, in terms of the Pension Fund rules, he was entitled to receive whatever he did. It's not the council's money, it is the Pension Fund's money," Mr Holgate said.

"Mr Pearce was dismissed on notice and while his notice was running, he elected to avail himself of retirement in terms of his service conditions. There was nothing improper, it was his legal right to do what he did."

"According to the Pension Fund rules, if one's post is made redundant, one can take advantage of an early retirement. The fund has to pay him out as he has been a contributor."

On being dismissed Mr Pearce instituted proceedings against the council at the Industrial Court. He maintained he was innocent of all charges and threatened to take the issue to the Industrial Council, the Supreme Court — whatever it took to clear his name. This would have resulted in proceedings being drawn out for years, at great cost to the city council.

Mr Holgate said he believed Mr Pearce's application to the Industrial Court would become a "dead letter" on his retirement.

about on Mr Pearce Mr Pearce and his union representative Theo Crouse do not take calls from the media.

Acting city secretary Len Holgate yesterday confirmed that Mr Pearce took early retirement before April 30, before his notice of dismissal was up.

Mr Holgate said Mr Pearce, who would have received a percentage of his pension contributions on dismissal — thought to be about R200 000 — would obviously receive far more by taking retirement.

Jo'burg council appoints sports director

THE Johannesburg City Council has appointed a top athletics administrator to a position which is expected to entail laying plans for the city's drive to host the Olympic Games in 2004

Council sources said yesterday Port Elizabeth University sports director and SA Track and Field Union chairman Danie Malan had been offered the job as its sports director and his appointment was expected to be approved by the month-end

Contacted at the Jan Smuts Holiday Inn yesterday, Malan said he could not confirm or deny his appointment. He said it would

be unethical for him to say anything. An announcement would have to come from the municipality, he said.

Official confirmation of the appointment could not be obtained from the council yesterday.

The position of sports director is one of three posts created by the council in an attempt to put Johannesburg back on the world map.

Last month Johannesburg Art Gallery director Christopher Till was appointed

culture director. An industrial development director will also be named shortly.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson has made it clear that the appointments will be tied into the council's mission to re-establish Johannesburg as an international city.

This would involve attracting foreign investors, tourists, and cultural and sporting events such as the Olympics.

Durban and Cape Town are also seeking to host the Olympics, the world's most prestige — and potentially profitable — sports event.

TANIA LEVY

Dilemma over where to put Verwoerd

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — The planned R1 million statue for late prime minister Dr H F Verwoerd may not be placed on the city block north of Strijdom Square anymore.

This follows after private developers had indicated their part of the city council's Verwoerd Square development, forming the bulk of the area, would be named Sammy Marks Square.

Decision on statue is postponed

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It was suggested at a meeting of the Hendrik Verwoerd Trust, which is planning the statue, that it be placed at the Union Building or even at the Hendrik Verwoerd Dam instead.

Trust chairman Mr Willem Cruywagen said it had been decided to postpone a decision until the mid-

dle of next year.

Mr Cruywagen said the question arose whether it would be appropriate to place the statue at a development of which only a small part would be known as Verwoerd Square.

He said the city council had been asked in a letter to reserve a place

for the statue on the square.

The city council's place and street names committee still has to make a recommendation to the management committee about the naming of the development on the block bounded by Church, Van der Walt, Vermeulen and Prinsloo streets.

Place and street names committee chairman Mr Bill Heunis said a recommendation could only be made next year.

Dr H F Verwoerd

Sandtonians demand PPP

I would be difficult to find a more dramatic example of somebody's bluff being called.

Town planning consultant Bruce Stewart of Sandton is 39. Until 1988, he was a ratepayers' leader who campaigned for "PPP" — public participation in planning.

Now, somewhat to his own surprise, he is not only on the Sandton council, he is in the hot seat — chairman of the management committee, "executive director" of his town. And Sandtonians are demanding he introduces PPP.

"It all happened so suddenly," said Mr Stewart, a softly-spoken but incisive person. He is the father of three school-going children and was born in Germiston.

If any town councillor is going to find the magic formula for PPP it is going to be Bruce Stewart.

confrontational meetings with the council.

Last month Mr Stewart was at the receiving end of a barrage of public wrath. He attended a meeting in the Sandton suburb of Buccleuch, where ratepayers are so angry about rampant change they want to break away from Sandton and join the municipality next door — Modderfontein.

"Their anger was not directed at me particularly, but I was astonished at the level of antagonism."

"People's perceptions of town counsils are that councils are secretive and work from hidden agendas and that many councillors are on the make."

He shook his head like a boxer recalling a painful punch. "Public participation is not an easy thing. But it is vital."

Yet, he acknowledged, Sandton, after many heated meetings, could turn out to be the town most likely to succeed in achieving PPP. The town has a higher than average number of big business people "and running a town is no different from running a big business. Thus, we have all that talent and we must somehow use it."

The town already has the Sandton Civic Foundation on which serve a number of millionaire business people who run active committees. The latest committee plays an environmental watchdog role.

At his first council meeting he was voted on to the council's management committee. Eighteen months later he was chairman of that committee.

I interviewed Mr Stewart at the Randburg planning consultancy where he works.

He described how Sandton was being torn apart by change. Office complexes have gone up where people did not want them, rows upon rows of townhouses have swallowed up once-gracious gardens, quiet suburban roads have become noisy arterials.

The public, bemused by it all, has recently held some

confrontational meetings with the council.

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MAKING A PLAN Town planning consultant and new town councillor Bruce Stewart his town is having a midlife crisis

Councillor has dream to plan with, not on, people

He mentally went through the list. "We have a businessman — he's in clothing, two teachers, an engineer, a housewife, and another businessman, he's in glass, another teacher, an architect/planner, an attorney, a stockbroker."

He completed the list of 20. Only one was in property and he is one of the most popular and hard-working councillors.

Mr Stewart believes Sandton's "think and manure" days are over.

Up into the early 1980s it had at least 2,000 horses and its own polo field. There were big estates and more gardens bigger than "two acres" than in any municipality in South Africa.

"It was unrealistic for Sandton to have remained that way. But while change must be accepted — it must also be managed."

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JAMES CLARKE

"We must somehow keep the integrity of the suburb's while allowing increased density. We must somehow restore the peace we used to have, yet not suppress well-planned development."

WISH suburbs such as Bryanston and Sandton, in danger of losing their special character, have had their names perpetuated in scattered extensions which are sometimes inclined to be parodies of the real thing.

It is partly the insensitivity of the way higher densities have been introduced and the threat of developments such as the notorious "South Road Extension" — a proposed major new arterial slashing

quarter of an hour in the evenings. We must look again at public transport."

He said Sandton had come a long way with public participation and referred to the "Sandton Structure Plan" which, in a simple map, defines present and future business modes. There is also a plan, arrived at through public participation, which, in a simple map, demarcates exactly what densities will be allowed and where.

"The structure plan will help guard against further 'surprises,'" said Mr Stewart. "It has set limits on development without killing off development."

"We have to assume that interference by higher authorities will no longer override this plan."

That has been the trouble in the past, concedes Mr Stewart. Many developers who were told by the council that their projects were not in the town's interests have been able to get the Pretoria-based Townships Board to dismiss the council's and ratepayers' objections to certain office developments.

Surprisingly though, Mr Stewart is not against the Townships Board.

"It's worst crime has been that it has not communicated. Make no mistake, we need an appeals board. Planning is not an exact science. The principle of appeal against town planning decisions must be entrenched."

"Personally, I never felt the old Townships Board was biased."

"But I feel the board should not look at each issue de novo. It should not hear fresh evidence put by planners and lawyers. It should rather look only at the evidence on which the local council itself based its decision. Nothing else."

He is not in favour of strict zoning which dictates "houses here and work-places over there."

"I don't see why certain types of offices or other types of workplaces should not mingle with suburbia. Strict zoning is anathema to good town planning. But one must protect the integrity of the suburbs."

"For example, a big office park may wreck a suburban street because at night it becomes dead space, but small business premises here and there in suburbia can provide work close to home for people and be architecturally acceptable."

"It is not practical to strictly zone work places and living spaces, thus forcing people to commute."

"I am not advocating laissez-faire. Mixed use areas must be carefully managed and planned with full public input."

"And that's not easy."

HAT, I asked him, is the most efficient way of communicating with the public? Is he in favour of a monthly forum where the public can meet the management committee and hear and debate answers to pre-written questions — as happens in Dallas? Or the Jomag technique which entails issuing easy-to-read fact sheets on new developments — no glossy colour, just black and white on A4, describing a proposed plan and the expected impacts?

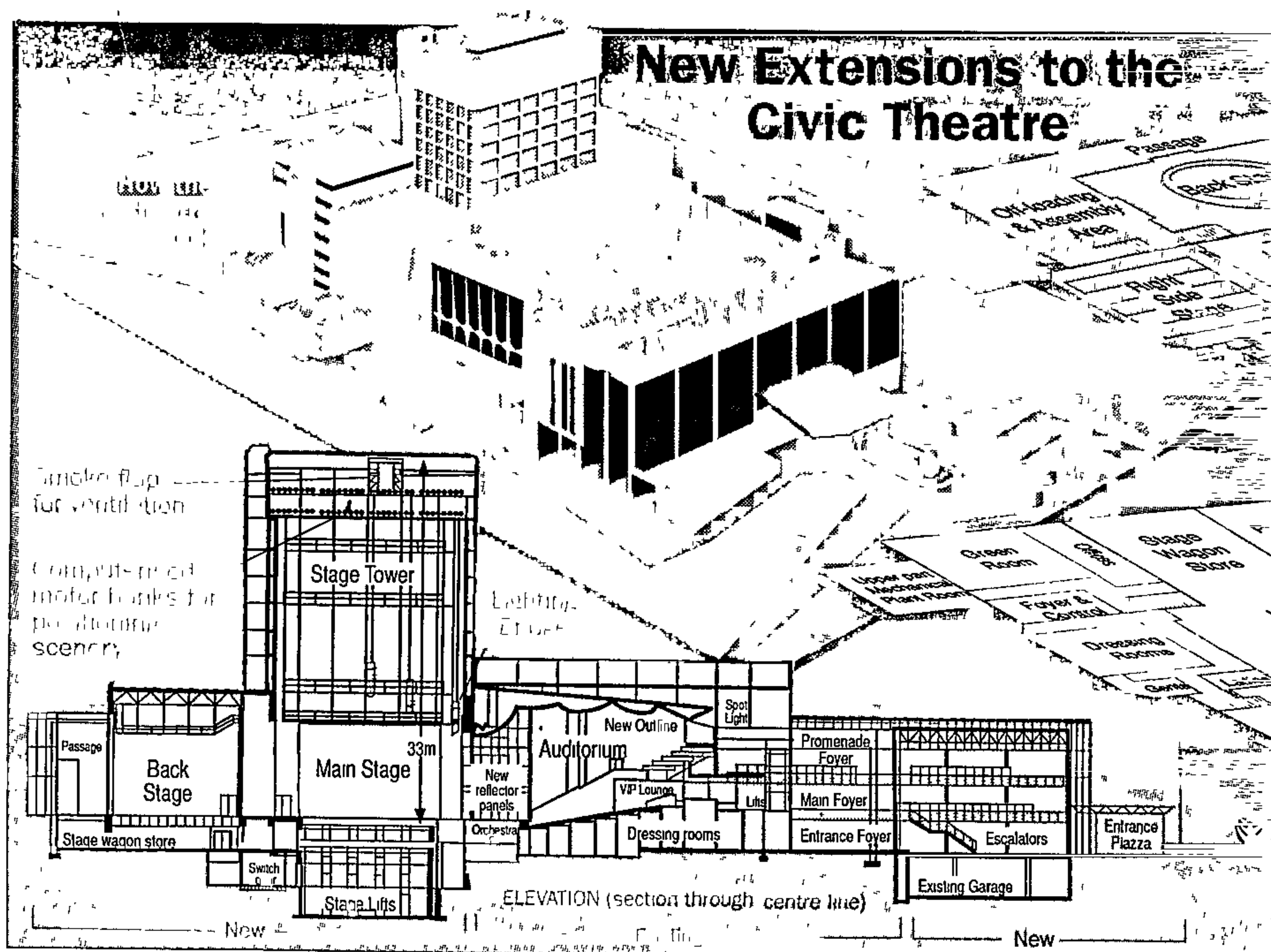
Bruce Stewart already produces a regular newsletter — it is set out like a miniature tabloid — which he delivers to all 1,600 individual houses and flats in his ward.

"Perhaps the council should consider a sort of monthly newspaper inserted into the local 'knock-'n-drop' weekly paper."

"Or we could use an informal newsletter inserted into rates accounts."

"As far as regular forums are concerned — public participation seems to work only on major issues. We might find monthly forums ill-attended."

Next Thursday (July 25) he is meeting all ratepayers' leaders to swap ideas on PPP.



Civic Theatre set to gra

Star 23/7/91

The Johannesburg Civic Theatre is set to take centre stage again in November 1992 — five years and R132 million later. Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS reports

GRAND theatre will return to Johannesburg with the completion of the Civic Theatre, which could rank among the 10 best venues in the world for staging major productions such as operas.

Architect Hans Botha who, in collaboration with colleague Walter Smit, designed the Civic Theatre, the State Theatre in Pretoria and the Sandt du Plessis Theatre in Bloemfontein, said everything had to be the best, as Johannesburg was where international visitors arrived first.

"The stage will be able to do anything any opera house in the world can do. Our technology is the latest, and all computer-driven. Nowhere in the world can any theatre do more."

The theatre is scheduled to open officially in November next year with a blockbuster musical. Negotiations are advanced

and the city council recently approved funds for the employment of staff so that training could begin.

Despite all the controversy, the Johannesburg Civic Theatre will be an enormous cultural asset to the city on completion, management committee culture and recreation committee chairman Cecil Bass said.

Rehearsals are to begin next July when the last workmen leave.

Although Mr Bass said there was no doubt that the theatre would be able to stage major shows, he admits it will never be able to pay for itself.

"In terms of its operating costs, it could never break even. But it can go a long way to meeting its own costs in terms of television rights etc."

Besides the main auditorium, which seats more than 1 000 people, there are now three other venues in the complex: a

cabaret theatre in the Pieter Roos Hall, which seats 120; a main rehearsal room-cum-adaptable theatre and dance competition venue in the Tesson Hall for about 200; and the Marionette, a puppet and children's theatre-cum-chamber music hall with seating for about 150.

The stage facilities have been fully equipped and mechanised, capable of taking any production from the State Theatre and other provincial theatres and staging it as originally conceived.

The backstage wagon with a revolving platform rolls forward and covers the acting area when the different stages, such as the side stage, are not needed.

Five mechanised lifts for scenery and stage equipment are situated four storeys below the centre stage. The equipment was imported from Germany and is electrically driven.

There are five stage wagons which can enable four scenes to be pre-set. There is a loading bay behind the stage large enough to fit in two outside television broadcast units.

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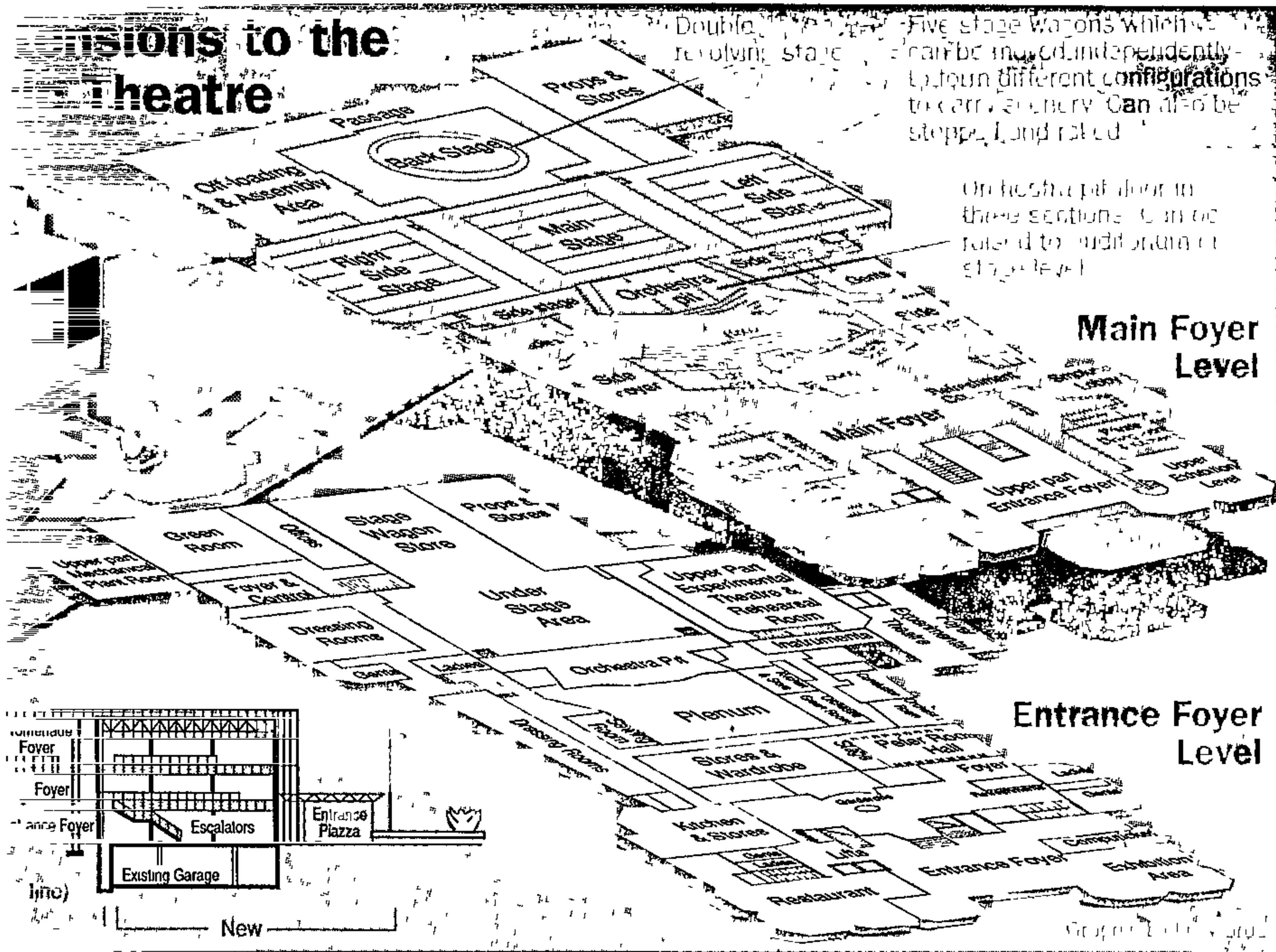
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tural-centre development in which the quality of the staging and acoustics is balanced by the foyer spaces and amenities, including offices and a two-level parking garage," theatre executive director Michal Grobbelaar said.

Mr Bass said the best Broadway and West End shows could be staged at the Civic.

Foyers are now smoke-free zones. Special lounges have been provided for smokers, he added.

The Civic Theatre, inaugurated on August 27 1962, was built as the first phase of a planned performing arts complex intended to include a concert hall, drama theatre and amphitheatre.

During the 1950s, in a climate of cultural stimulation, the State encouraged local authorities to build theatres and community halls.

After the formation of Pact

in 1963, and plans for a State theatre in Pretoria became public, the Johannesburg City Council decided not to continue with the completion of the next phase.

As a result the Civic Theatre was left without a backstage, day workshop, storage space, rehearsal rooms, offices, staff restrooms, dressing rooms for principal artists, or canteen.

In 1979 the province announced that because of a shifting of priorities, a State performing arts complex would not be built in Johannesburg as promised in 1964. The State Theatre was subsequently opened in Pretoria in 1981.

The governors of the Civic Theatre realised that if the city were to receive its full share of Pact productions, the stage would at least have to be completed.

The council decided to demolish the existing stage and build

a new one with physical dimensions equal to that of the opera theatre stage at the State Theatre. Construction began in 1987. The financial commitment for the first and second phases was R37 million.

According to Mr Grobbelaar, this would still have left a theatre with major shortcomings, as most of the wanted mechanical and electrical installation could not be provided.

Mr Grobbelaar said that to reopen the theatre without the necessary equipment and install it later would have necessitated closing the theatre for 12 months.

"Having taken cognisance of all the factors, the council decided in 1989 to commence with phase three rather than reclose the theatre at a later date."

The completion date of the project was then extended to July 1992 — and the cost rose to R132 million. □

Mayor ⁽²⁶⁶⁾ called a dictator

BY ALINAH DUBE

MAMELODI mayor Mr Simon Mokone was yesterday called "a dictator" by a local councillor who expressed concern over the manner in which problems affecting the community were being handled.

Mr Piet Bambo, deputy chairman of the management committee, also submitted several questions in writing at yesterday's full council meeting.

He said he was not particularly worried about receiving answers from the council but wanted an assurance from Mokone that problems affecting the community would be attended to.

He was also unhappy about the council's decision to exclude him in the disciplinary hearing over a white official who was alleged to be responsible for the disappearance of transformers from the council premises.

The official was later found guilty of negligence and was cautioned.

Bambo argued that as deputy chairman of the management committee, he had the right to be present when the official was reprimanded.

Mokone apologised to Bambo for the exclusion.

It is enough, says council man as he quits his post

By THEMBA MOLEFE

AN East Rand councillor yesterday announced his resignation, saying he could no longer take the pressure from residents for him to quit.

Only two weeks ago, former Tsakane mayor Mr Raymond Hadebe (59) and his family narrowly escaped injury when a handgrenade targeted for his house landed next door, injuring the neighbour's children.

In June a mob pelted his shop with stones and looted it.

"This is a short-cut to death and the pressure is unbearable," said Hadebe.

He said his resignation was effective from next Monday. But the council still has to receive the letter of resignation.

Hadebe said another reason for his action was because of "the lack of direction in the Transvaal Provincial Administration".

No protection

"The TPA gives us no protection while telling us not to resign," Hadebe said. "We are councillors at our own risk."

Tsakane has been under an administrator since March last year while Hadebe had been involved in local authority politics since 1988.

During that year he became an administrator until the national municipal elections on October 26. In 1990 he was mayor "until March when pressure mounted for our resignation", he said.

"Nine councillors succumbed and three of us remained," said Hadebe, who described himself as the doyen of councillors who had vast knowledge of the legislation covering black local authorities.

Tsakane community services manager Mr ST Ratale said yesterday the council had not received Hadebe's letter of resignation.

"He told me he had resigned yesterday and that he had already told *Sowetan* and that the letter was on the way. But until the letter arrives he is still on the council," Ratale said.

Council demands R700 a household for 'shoddy' rewiring

By BEATHUR BAKER

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THE Johannesburg City Council is asking residents of Noordgesig to pay R700 per household for the rewiring of their homes — despite residents' accusations of cheap material, poor workmanship, inadequate power supply and faulty connections.

Residents had not been consulted or informed about the nature of the installations beforehand. And now the city council has allowed a deadline for repairs to pass without informing the residents that such a deadline existed.

The project is funded by a loan obtained from the Witwatersrand Regional Services Council for R1,73-million.

Many residents have lodged formal complaints at the local rent office, only to be referred to the city council where they are told that "regrettably" the council can do nothing.

George Huntley, deputy director of the Housing Department for the council, explained that a private engineering company was employed to do the installations. However, he claimed it was "not policy" to divulge the name of the company, referring enquiries to a Joe Reeney, the chief engineer overseeing the project. Reeney also refused to reveal the name of his company to *The Weekly Mail*.

He did point out that, in terms of the

contract between the council and the engineering company, a three-month "retention period" is stipulated during which repairs have to be attended to. This period, he added, has expired.

The local civic association has been handed numerous affidavits from residents setting out problems.

All of these have in common the allegation that the engineers placed switch boxes behind heavy furniture, damaged property and walls and left ugly cracks and holes on working surfaces.

Added to these complaints are alarmingly high electricity bills, faulty sockets and frequent main switch trips.

The Civic Association claims that the

engineers were working to a deadline and, to cut time, rushed through installations — often completing up to 60 houses a day.

On February 28 this year, the civic association handed a petition by Noordgesig residents to the council's director of housing. It demanded that "electricians come back and undo their shoddy workmanship". The civic also claimed that residents who refused to have their houses rewired were intimidated.

The Housing Department denied knowledge of these incidents, according to a civic representative. In fact, he said, a council spokesman termed the project "a generous offer".

Services please, residents tell govt

DOORKOP residents say the government has not provided adequate services to the almost 6 000 sites in the new town.

The new Doornkop Civic Association (DCA) last week called on the Transvaal Provincial Administration to improve sewerage and water provision and to install high mast security lights as a matter of urgency.

The DCA said that although Doornkop was specifically intended for occupation by poor, homeless people, the lack of facilities such as schools, clinics and public transport made it one of the most expensive places to live.

Doornkop residents, many of whom moved from backyard shacks or illegal squatter sites in Dobsonville, claimed it cost much more to live in Doornkop than it did in Dobsonville.

The DCA says residents are unhappy about the "aqua-privy" toilet system because the smell from blocked toilets is unbearable. The toilets, which should last up to 10 years - have only been used for a few months.

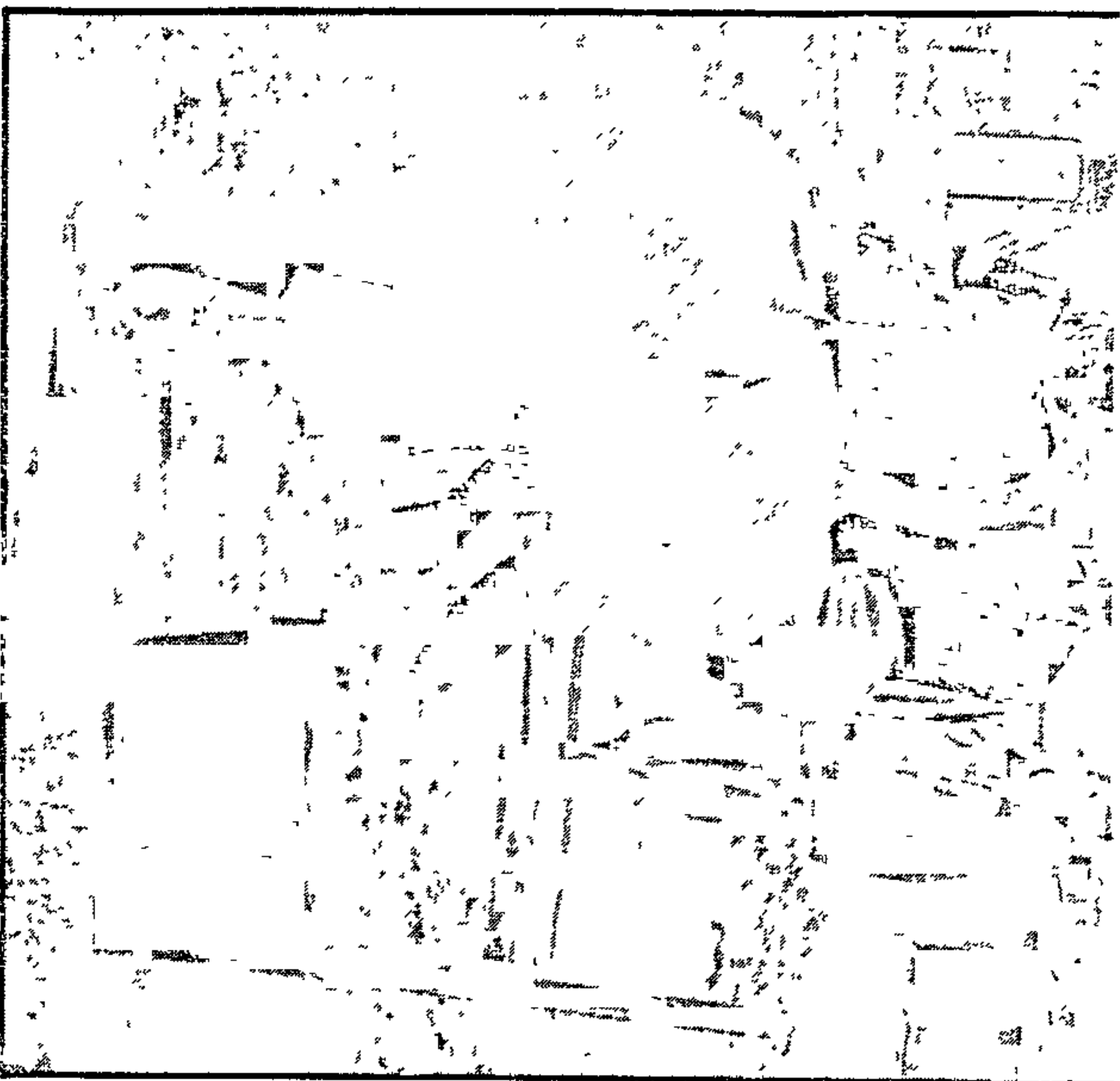
The residents are also unhappy about the provision of only one tap for 20 sites, according to DCA executive member Cecilia Phenithi.

This water system is really making us suffer. We accept that the government says it doesn't have enough money to build proper houses for us, but at least we should have one tap a site. Fellow DCA executive member Maria Thiko said it was very dangerous to have to walk in the dark streets at night to fill water buckets.

Another big problem is the lack of schools in Doornkop. Our children still have to attend school in Dobsonville, which means they have to walk about 4km each way. Taxi fare was R10 a child for a single journey but we have just negotiated with the taxi owners to reduce it to R1 return. This still means that the poorest families have to find R1 a day for each child to go to school. It's impossible," said Thiko.

A TPA official said the administration was holding discussions with residents to try to alleviate some of the immediate problems.

The TPA said the price of land at Doornkop was kept as low as possible, sites are R5 100 over 30 years, which translates to R27,50 per month - so there was no money to provide a high level of services such as flush toilets and tar roads.



WE NEED WATER... Doornkop residents say that one tap for every twenty sites is totally inadequate and causes them untold hardship.

TPA to act on Doornkop scam claims

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has completed its investigation into the alleged fraudulent allocation of a Doornkop site to a Dobsonville town councillor exposed in City Press recently.

The councillor, Leleki Mohajane, runs a shop at site 210 Doornkop. The site is registered in the name of Mohajane's stepson, Edward Mkhologongo, who was in jail when the site was allocated. Mkhologongo is serving

an eight year sentence for robbery under the name of Edward Mohajane (266). Councillor Mohajane has been charged with bribery and corruption by a number of Dobsonville residents who claim he charged them R200 to approve their applications for Doornkop sites.

The TPA allocated sites only to people who could prove they had been on Dobsonville, Diepmeadow or Soweto housing waiting lists.

Ward councillors were given the responsibility of handing out files to prove people were on the waiting lists. Residents claim Mohajane and other councillors demanded up to R200 before handing over files.

The Witwatersrand Attorney General's office has handed the matter over to the courts.

Following City Press' exposé of Mohajane's Doornkop business, the TPA launched its own investigation. A report on site 210 had been passed on to the Director of Local Government, who might now act.

A TPA spokesman confirmed that all Doornkop land still belonged to the TPA and that if site allocation could be proved to be fraudulent, the TPA would take back the site. It could then be reallocated to a genuinely homeless person.

Doornkop residents supplied City Press with a list of other sites which were allegedly fraudulently allocated. Several are said to be run as businesses by Dobsonville and Soweto businessmen. Sources close to the Dobsonville Town Council told City Press the council held a special disciplinary hearing following the City Press exposure of Mohajane's business site.

The council could, however, be reached for comment as telephones in Dobsonville are out of order. Attorneys for the council assured City Press earlier that if allegations of bribery and corruption against councillors could be proved in court, the councillors would be unseated.

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SHAKE IT UP, BABY . . . What better way to beat chilly Jo'burg winds than to work up a sweat with a solid jive? These twilight kids have found the answer to the bitter cold — heavy clothing and the jitterbug. ■ Pic: BOY GEORGE MASHININI

By **THEMBA KHUMALO**

THE Diepmeadow Council is about to increase rent tariffs and retrench staff because of a lack of funds, according to a report tabled before the councillors recently.

The report said the R25-million given by the TPA to the council as bridging finance this year was insufficient to cope with rising costs. The staff salaries and wages amounted to R26-million a month and this

Rents to rocket after money crisis?

was likely to increase by 10 per cent in the next few months

"The Treasury Department has in its possession R4-million worth of cheques owing to creditors that it is not in a position to release due to lack of funds. Creditors are going to increase

at an alarming rate and council will be facing litigation," the report said.

Eskom is owed R605 625,22. The council had entered into an agreement with the Regional Services Council to pay all income from electricity directly to Eskom weekly, but due to lack

of funds the council was violating the pact.

To overcome the financial crisis the Treasury Department has recommended that

■ The council takes all possible measures to recover arrear accounts of defaulters,

■ That council employees negotiate on the possibility of voluntary retrenchment, and

■ That the council negotiate with the RSC to defer certain projects until funds are available.

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) is to set up a management committee to run Doornkop, the pilot project in the province's scheme to provide cheap land for homeless people in greater Soweto

More than that, the TPA has agreed to establish a forum of all interested parties to decide on future community development in the entire PWV region

The Doornkop project has been dogged by allegations of bribery, corruption and mismanagement

These moves follow criticism of the TPA's handling of the project by the civic associations of Dobsonville, Soweto and Diepsmeadow, as well as by the umbrella body, Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle)

The committee is being set up in consultation with Doornkop resident organisations and will be made up of representatives of the TPA and the newly formed Doornkop Civic Association

It will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the town, the first to be proclaimed under the new regulations governing the proclamation of black urban areas

TPA keen to tame



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The decision to form the general forum comes in the wake of what several community representatives have called the "disaster of the TPA's handling of Doornkop"

This forum, still to be formally constituted, will be made up of representatives of the TPA, Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast), Omhle, town planning, community

development, education and health bodies, as well as financial institutions and business organisations

Although the TPA's demolition of squatter shacks at Midrand's Ivory Park in the past two weeks has resulted in a moratorium on talks, both TPA and community representatives have expressed the hope that the forum will get off the ground

Omhle chairman Dan Moshugi said the TPA seemed to have realised that new towns could not be established without the involvement of the people who would live in them

"We don't want inadequately planned and serviced legal slums to replace existing squatter camps. We believe South

Africa has the resources and the potential to provide decent housing for all its people. That is our goal and that is what we are striving towards,"

Moshugi told City Press. "We welcomed the establishment of Doornkop as an attempt by the government to recognise the plight of homeless people and squatters. But the TPA's decision to work through discredited local councils in the allocation of sites at Doornkop has been the downfall of the scheme," he said.

"We have been forced to make several marches by homeless people to the TPA's Doornkop offices to protest the way sites were allocated. We still maintain councillors allocated sites fraudulently and unfairly. We have

given the TPA until the end of July to tell us how they are going to remedy this situation," he said.

A TPA spokesman said allegations of bribery and corruption by Dobsonville councillors handed in after a protest march two weeks ago were being thoroughly investigated.

The spokesman confirmed that the TPA now realised it could not work only through existing councils in the establishment of new towns for former squatters and homeless people.

"The councils' role is now over because all sites have been allocated. The TPA does not see the need to involve councils in the re-allocation of sites at Doornkop. We are currently holding discussions with Doornkop residents

which we hope will, within a matter of weeks, in the setting up of a management committee to run Doornkop on a day-to-day basis like any other town. This committee will be responsible for the allocation of any future sites."

The spokesman said the PWV development planning forum would decide the way future development took place.

"We made mistakes, Doornkop which we have learned from. Doornkop is one of the TPA's first attempts to house the estimated 160 000 squatter families in the Central Witwatersrand."

"Through the forum which will be made up of about 26 organisations, we will work with the people at all stages of future developments. The forum will be involved right from the start, from the point of identifying land suitable for development."

"The TPA worked alone in establishing Doornkop. We identified the land, decided on the level of services, identified the people who would occupy the land and worked through local town councils to reach these people. We will not make these mistakes again."

THE Alexandra Accord, which is on the brink of collapse, should be cancelled because its contents and implications had not been discussed with residents before it was signed.

This is according to Alexandra Civic Association chairman Mr Mike Beea.

The accord was signed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Alexandra Council and Alexandra Civic Organisation - which is led by trade unionist and South African Communist Party official Mr Moses Mayekiso.

The two civic bodies in the township, ACA and ACO, have different views on the squalid conditions in the township and how to resolve them. Hence, the ACA refused to sign the accord and the ACO signed.

Arrears

Issues intended to be resolved by the accord include Writing-off of an estimated R9,3 million arrears, ending of the rent boycott; transfer of Far East Bank land to a land trust to be administered by the representatives of the people of Alexandra; dissolution of the Alexandra Council and other local authorities in the immediate vicinity; the creation of a single, nonracial local authority.

Parties in the negotiation process of the accord also agreed to form a joint negotiation forum which includes Eskom, the Rand Water Board, Development Bank of South Africa, Randburg and Sandton town councils and the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council.

Beea's problems with the accord starts with the way that it was conceived and the fact that the community had not been asked for approval.

Alexandra's mayor, Mr Prince Joseph Mokoena, even admitted that the agreement signed with the ACO and TPA has not been well accepted by the community. But Mokoena could not shed light on why the community was not involved from the beginning.

He appeared on television last week with Mayekiso, supposedly to discuss why he was pulling his council out of the accord, but the discussion went off track.

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By DON SEOKANE

The two engaged in a slanging match about their places of origin and not being genuine Alexandrans.

Mayekiso charged that Mokoena was from the East Rand and also did not stay in the township and hence he was out of touch with developments. "Even if he can pull out of the accord, it (the accord) will go ahead because he does not represent the residents," said Mayekiso, adding that Mokoena was just "(President) De Klerk's mayor".

Mokoena retorted that Mayekiso was from Transkei and also did not stay in the township. He was a resident of Hillbrow. That was all the two could talk about on television and the accord was discussed only in passing.

Transkei

In a later interview with *Sowetan* Mokoena admitted that he was an "exiled mayor" but "when your house is bombed so many times, do you still expect to be safe in it?" he asked.

The two leaders of Alexandra, who - loosely speaking - in their own words, are not residents of the township and who both claim to represent the interests of Alexandrans are at loggerheads about an agreement they both signed and agreed to.

The lack of involvement by residents is what is bothering Beea, not, whether the two leaders are residents of Alexandra.

"If the people who are appointed leaders have the expertise to administer the township to the best interests of residents then there would not be any problem of the leaders not being Alexandrans," said Beea.

Explaining why the accord appears to be failing, Beea said the reason

was that the community was not involved from the beginning - when the accord was discussed.

It was taken for granted that residents would accept the contents of the accord as being in their interests, explained Beea, but that was not the case.

"Not with Alexandrans, they do not take anything prescribed to them, especially with leaders who are only seen on television and read about in the newspapers."

Section 21 of the accord which deals with the "interests of the people" states that "The parties (which signed the accord) record that they are of the unanimous opinion that this agreement is in the best interests of the people, and has been accepted by their various constituencies".

During the television debate on the accord, Mokoena agreed that people had not been informed about the implications of the accord before and even after the signing of the agreement.

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To which Mayekiso replied that his organisation had consulted their people in the township and that residents were aware of the contents of the accord except for Mokoena's "sidekicks" and those landlords who illegally bought the stands so as to charge high rents to people.

According to Mokoena, legitimate Alexandra residents had been insulted by Mayekiso for remarking that they were his "sidekicks" and had bought the stands illegally.

Beea concurred with Mokoena that the remark was an insult to Alexandrans and he urged Mayekiso to apologise to residents.

"Alexandra is not any other township, residents used to have property rights, and freehold rights not a 99-year leasehold. Those rights were taken

away from them by the Government.

"And for saying that they are Mokoena's sidekicks and that they bought those properties illegally was tantamount to insulting them," said Beea.

The contentious aspect of the accord is seemingly the transfer of the Far East Bank land to a Land Trust administered by representatives of the people of Alexandra.

Beea said the Far East Bank issue should not have been included in the accord, as it had nothing to do with the accord.

Benevolent

"We fail to understand why the Far East Bank land was included in the accord and still how the Sandton and Randburg councils have suddenly become so benevolent while they have neglected Alexandra for so many years."

Beea accused the Sandton Council of allocating the previously unused Marlboro land to the Indian House of Delegates and overlooking squalid conditions that Alexandra residents had to endure for so many years.

Mokoena said the accord would collapse because some interested developers wanted to capture the development of Far East Bank for themselves and that this would not be in the interests of the residents.

Priority for the development of Far East Bank should be given to the black developers in the township, according to Beea, adding that they should not be regarded as sub-contractors.

"We do not need white developers in the township dictating terms to us and making a mockery of residents here," Beea said.

Almost five months since the accord was signed on February 27, payments have decreased from 18 percent in January to 12 percent in June.

Top 4 quit to force councillor out

Star 30/7/91
In an effort to force independent councillor Ry Hofmester off the management committee after the term of his alliance with the National Party ruling caucus in the Germiston City Council expired, the chairman Leon Louw and committee

members Sarel Hattingh, Henrie van Zyl and Fanie Coetzee resigned from the committee at the monthly meeting last night.

A request was handed to the caucus for the re-election of a new management committee

— East Rand Bureau

A helping hand for Alexandra



ERNIE SACHS

SANDTON Mayor Ernie Sachs is a genial primary school headmaster who emphasises the importance of the city's co-development with Alexandra.

"There is a kaleidoscope of talent and people in Sandton," says Sachs.

"We are doing our best to help make places like Alexandra work."

The council will be appealing to ratepayers for funds to help Sandton's impoverished neighbour, he says.

Establishing a local government framework for a new SA will take a lot of time, but Sachs says Sandton's council is making "every effort" to meet these demands.

Long-term prospects are

good, but much depends on government's blueprint for local government.

Although Sandton has flourished through its dynamism, Sachs wants the redevelopment of the area to slow down.

"We need to pay more attention to current problems."

"Apart from Alexandra, there are things inside Sandton that need attending to."

"I would like to see the developments tailing off and the council devoting more time to our residents."

Street lighting, or lack of it, is the subject of the most vociferous complaints. It is not uncommon for drivers to be found crawling their way along pitch black roads.

"Originally, the residents did not want street lighting. It was part of an effort to retain the rural feel of the area."

"Now it seems the overwhelming vote is for street lights, and we are in the process of providing them."

But lighting streets is an expensive process and has to be done gradually, with a budget of around R1m allocated to the job this year.

The main arteries are being lit first and it will take several years to complete the process and extend lighting to residential streets.

In its development, consolidation of facilities and plans for the future, Sachs says Sandton is "in the forefront of the new SA".

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City council spent R1m investigating its own spies

THE Johannesburg City Council spent R1m on investigations into its security department's spying activities, a monthly council meeting was told yesterday.

Figures provided at the meeting showed R918 000 was spent on the Hiemstra commission of inquiry and nearly R82 000 on the disciplinary hearing of former public safety director John Pearce.

Pearce was found guilty of misconduct and fired for his part in the spying activities. But on the day that his month's notice was to expire he was able to accept short notice following a major restructuring exercise which made his and other other executive posts redundant.

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Pearce will receive about R400 000 in pension instead of the estimated R200 000 he would have received if his dismissal had come into effect.

Yesterday, management committee chairman Ian Davidson rejected allegations that a deal had been struck with Pearce. He said the committee had "agonised" over Pearce's letter of notice but had decided to accept it in the interests of the council, its officials and ratepayers.

"Pearce is now history and this is the last statement any member of the management committee will make on the matter", he said.

Call on council to resign

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THE Mamelodi Civic Association is urging residents to intensify the campaign to force councillors to resign.

Following continuing threats of electricity cuts to individual households in the township, the chairman of Maca, Mr Lazarus Mzwayeni, said yesterday that residents should pay an interim flat rate of R50 a household and R6,50 for hostel dwellers. (220)

He said Maca had not received a response from the Transvaal Provincial Administration to a memorandum of residents' demands and grievances which included the dissolution of the council. (266)

Mzwayeni said councillors had been discredited by residents because of allegations of corruption, including the use of council vehicles and money for private use.

He said a programme of action would be announced after the general council meeting of the Central Transvaal Civics Association due to be held this weekend. -

Webster's ex-wife wins rates rebate

By FERAL HAJFAJEE

THE Johannesburg City Council has given a one percent rates rebate to Glenda Webster, former wife of murdered human-rights activist David Webster. This is the percentage of their rates, she says, that they paid towards the council's spy ring, which has been implicated in his murder.

The rebate comes after a year-long campaign to have her rates reduced.

"One night last year, after the Hiemstra Commission disclosed that the city council had spied on David, I decided, 'bloody hell! I can't just sit here and make out a cheque for rates on this property as if nothing had happened to its owner'," she said. "I was not certain that there was no link between the spying and the death of David."

She decided to stop paying rates, and a friend later persuaded her to make her objections public. She wrote a letter to a newspaper and enclosed her rates payment, saying it should be "given to someone who needs it".

Councillor Ian Davidson wrote to her, assuring her that the council's security department had been disbanded.

Still not entirely satisfied, she decided to pay her rates but deduct her "contribution" to the spy ring.

She explained her action in a letter to the council: "It would be nice if we could vote with our money. Why should we pay for those actions which are iniquitous?"

"I don't mind paying for the art gallery, the libraries, the parks and all the other things that contribute to the well-being of all the people of Johannes-

burg. The security department falls outside this area and I believe that to support it would be to support that which is evil."

She calculated the contribution she and David had made to the spy ring as R4,17 — the proportion of her rates that would have gone to the security department. Her calculation was based on the revelation during the Hiemstra Commission that the council had spent R1,8-million on the spying operations — one percent of its budget.

In another letter, Davidson noted that her problem was "a very sensitive one", but said her objection was "in

general not acceptable from a principle point of view". He said he had "urged the treasury department to come to some accommodation in this regard".

The city council credited Webster's July assessment with the amount of R4,71 — though it refused to acknowledge the amount as a "refund", calling it an "interest reversal".

Despite this small victory, Glenda Webster is not satisfied. "Mystery still surrounds David's death. The Hiemstra Commission swept all the dirt under the carpet and President FW de Klerk is doing the same thing now," she says.



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thrown into it during the Springs taxi war. It was one of six houses burnt down.

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Stop the rot, says Mamelodi maverick

By ELIAS MALULEKE

A MAVERICK Mamelodi Town councillor has called on his colleagues to stop the rot and corruption in the council or he would call a public meeting to "lay bare the facts"

He is LP Bambo, chairman of the Management Committee, who told City Press that because he was outspoken, he has been nicknamed "Gaddafi" and "Saddam Hussein" by other councillors.

Bambo started tongues wagging in December last year when he led the "resignation" of more than seven councillors, saying the council system did not satisfy the needs of residents.

While he was being hailed by some members of the community as having seen the "light", Bambo made a quick turnabout and rejoined the

council with the other councillors.

He again captured the attention of the public at a monthly council meeting last week when he accused mayor Sydney Mokone of being "soft" on white officials and corruption after a senior official in the Department of Engineering was pardoned for the alleged theft of electric transformers said to be worth over R300 000.

Bambo at an earlier management meeting recommended the dismissal of Leon Hanekom for the alleged theft, but Mokone pardoned the official at a disciplinary hearing.

He said it had been arranged that Hanekom would appear before Mokone, the town clerk, Bambo and the deputy chairman of the management committee.

"However, Mokone held the disciplinary hear-

ing without me and some of the officials, and pardoned Hanekom, even though the council has lost a lot of money through the theft of the transformers," Bambo said

Mokone apologised when Bambo challenged him on the issue.

The fuming Bambo said the incident was just the "tip of the iceberg", adding that if the rot was not stopped, he would call a public meeting.

Among the serious allegations Bambo made against the council was that residents were paying for "wasted" water spilling from a burst pipe in Moretele Park.

He also alleged the council paid private contractors exorbitant fees for poor quality work on projects which would be better handled by council employees.

Bambo also claims the

council was paying contractors for jobs not done.

According to council records in the possession of City Press, Bambo has in the past called for:

■ Pensioners to be exempted from paying rent;

■ "Dead wood" among white council employees to be dismissed;

■ The disaffiliation of the council from Ucasa.

He has also called on the council to stop investing council funds using the names of individuals, and for a halt to court action against rent defaulters.

City Press was unable to get comment from Mokone, but a senior official described Bambo as a maverick and an "opportunist" who was regarded as the Edgar Tekere of the council.

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Boost for local govt talks as CAST supports chamber

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Negotiations for a new democratic dispensation for local government are back on track after a decision by the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal to encourage civics to take part in the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber

At a press conference, CAST announced it had resolved to support all national initiatives and agreements at local level, such as the Soweto Accord, Alexandra Accord and the Metropolitan Chamber

Johannesburg City Council representative on the chamber, Sias Reyneke, said CAST's decision was a step forward

"It's wonderful, now things are finally coming together. This is what we have been working towards," Mr Reyneke said.

CAST general-secretary Sam Ntuli said it would encourage civics to take part in the chamber and protest within

"We haven't changed our objections to the participation of black councillors in the chamber, or the structure and status of business and white local authorities in negotiations"

Mr Ntuli denied that the decision was a major reversal of opinion. "We have always said we agree in principle with the Metropolitan Chamber. Our problem has been the format and that some civics never had a mandate to participate"

"Now we are going to protest from within and negotiate on

certain changes"

The organisation has appointed heads of department to deal with transport, local government, land and housing development, finance, legal, cultural and economic development issues

At yesterday's press conference, CAST also criticised Eskom and the Transvaal Provincial Administration for their attitude towards the civics in dealing with the issue of electricity and other services

CAST's general council also condemned the Government and the TPA for their support to "descredited" black local authorities

It resolved to demand that the hostel system be abolished immediately, and that the Government intervene in the transport and housing crisis.

Talks called off as TPA pulls down more shacks

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) yesterday pulled down more than 150 squatters' shacks at Ivory Park, near Tembisa, prompting an organisation representing homeless people to call off high-level talks with the administration

The TPA pulled down the shacks after the Rand Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday that the squatters were there illegally. Some shacks were pulled down two weeks ago before two squatters sought a court order restraining the TPA from demolishing their shacks.

A TPA spokesman said most of the shacks were pulled down after the squatters had ignored an early-morning warning to dismantle them.

More than 3 000 shacks had been dismantled in the area during the last few weeks, the TPA spokesman said, leaving about 1 000. The remaining shacks would be re-

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moved within the next few days.

Responding to squatters' claims that they had nowhere to live, the spokesman said "They can go back to where they came from."

He said the TPA had earmarked the 14 000 sites in Ivory Park for low-income housing, and that the squatters were depriving prospective residents of their homes.

Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle) chairman Basheer Lorgat said the dismantling of the shacks was irresponsible and "likely to cause mayhem."

Omhle claims to represent squatters at more than 60 camps in the PWV area.

Lorgat said the talks were aimed at establishing a forum for community groups and municipalities to find land for homeless people.

Judge rejects closed hearing

A WITNESS in the trial of five National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) members charged with murdering five non-striking co-workers during an industrial dispute gave evidence in open court yesterday after the judge rejected a second application to have his evidence heard in camera.

The witness's home was allegedly petrol-bombed by the accused and others in an intimidation campaign.

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against non-striking Haggie Rand workers during the dispute which began in October 1989.

Numsa shop steward Richard Ngobeni and workers' representatives Jeffrey Mtshali, Malvert Ngubane, Malan Khumalo and Samuel Malepo have all pleaded not guilty to murdering five colleagues and attempting to murder nine others during the dispute.

They have also pleaded not guilty to two counts of arson and one count each of unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

A sixth man, Joseph Bhengu, whom they alleg-

edly hired to help with the intimidation, also pleaded not guilty on all counts.

The five Numsa members were fired by Haggie Rand during the strike.

The application was made after the witness said he was afraid that if he gave evidence in open court his children's lives would be in danger.

Mr Justice du Plessis said the facts on which the witness based his fears were too general to "upset the considerations in favour of a trial open to public scrutiny."

An order prohibiting publication of the witness's identity still stood.

Soweto Council calls for peace

THE violence that has engulfed the Mshenguville squatter camp was symptomatic of problems bedevilling the country's transitional period and could not be solved by any single organisation, the Soweto Council said yesterday.

Speaking at a Press conference at the council chambers, management committee chairman Mr Mbutana Tshabalala, appealed to the ANC, Azapo, PAC, Inkatha, Soweto Civic Association and other organisations to avoid solutions that would

exacerbate conflict and lead to further confrontation.

"The council welcomes all efforts by community organisations to find solutions to the violence and pledges itself to facilitate recommendations aimed at normalising the situation," he said.

Decisions based on such recommendations should benefit everyone involved in the Mshenguville problem.

The council and the ruling Sefasonke Party vehemently denied handing over the squatter camp to Inkatha.

Jo'burg area metropolitan body mooted

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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An interim local government body with legislative powers for Greater Johannesburg and Soweto could be in place within six months.

Members of the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber have proposed an interim body to take the place of the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) and the chamber.

There have been informal discussions between major players in the chamber to promote the establishment of a body with the financial clout and functions of the CWRSC and the credibility of the chamber. Johannesburg is believed to be taking the lead in this concept.

Sandton management committee chairman Bruce Stewart said his town council would support an interim body for the metropolitan area.

"It is the logical conclusion of negotiations. Clearly the Metropolitan Chamber must take

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over all the functions of the CWRSC — the sooner, the better.

"We can't continue using the chamber as a talk-shop — it needs legislative powers."

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said there was a potential conflict between the chamber and the CWRSC, as both were addressing the same problems.

"It's logical the two should merge and form one body with the financial muscle and legislative capability."

The Metropolitan Chamber was constituted in April to negotiate a new dispensation for local government. Government and major political parties are represented — albeit unofficially — by representatives who include Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl, ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa, and National Party and Democratic Party councillors from Johannesburg, Randburg, Sandton and Roodepoort.

According to sources, informal meetings have already taken place between the "unofficial" ANC, DP and NP representatives and the TPA.

Collin Wright, Johannesburg's new commerce and industry director.

Picture CATHERINE ROSS



Jo'burg's image under the spotlight

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JOHANNESBURG has to convince overseas investors that the city is a good long-term investment opportunity and a launching pad for trade with the rest of Africa, says the city's new commerce and industry director Collin Wright.

Wright, an international business consultant, has been appointed by the council to promote Johannesburg's economic development locally and internationally.

In an interview last week he said he would go out of his way to bring investors from Japan, Taiwan, Europe and the US to SA in a bid to counter SA's poor image overseas.

In the short term SA could not compete with the Far East or Eastern Europe, where labour was skilled, relatively cheap and abundant. But in the longer term SA had large untapped markets and prospects for industrial development, he said.

As the commercial heart of SA, Johannesburg had business experts with specialised knowledge in SA conditions. It also

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had First World commercial infrastructure such as banks, the stock exchange and facilities to arrange foreign exchange.

Wright said he was holding discussions with several major overseas groups that were considering reinvesting in SA. Their return would be significant to other potential investors.

Johannesburg had to define innovative development themes for the city, along the lines of the financial district taking shape to the west of the CBD. Other specialist areas that could be developed included a mining area and a concentration of jewellery-related industries.

Wright said he would act as a middle-man between the council's planning department and private developers and would try to involve Johannesburg residents and workers in future development.

He acknowledged that the existing ratepayer base was not representative enough and that involving wider interest groups would be essential.



DAVID MODIBA

THE deputy mayor of the Kagiso Council has been ousted from his position after a motion of no-confidence was passed against him during a heated special meeting yesterday.

Mr Isaac Sengwara was also removed from the management committee and relieved of his duties as the council's representative on the West Rand Regional Services Council.

The motion was tabled by Mr David Modiba who said Sengwara lacked leadership qualities in that "no progress has been made" in Kagiso since 1989 when he was elected as deputy mayor and as

Kagiso's deputy mayor is ousted

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ISAAC SENGWARA

By IKE MOTSAPI

member of the management committee.

Modiba tabled several motions which resulted in Sengwara's removal from any leadership position in the council.

The motions included

- * That the management committee be dissolved and be replaced by himself, Mr Z Daniel, Mr J Monama and Mr L Moletsane;

- * That Sengwara be replaced from representing the council on the WRRSC;

- * That Sengwara not be allowed to represent the council in any

forum;

- * That the projects committee be dissolved;

- * That Sengwara step down as deputy mayor.

All the motions were granted by mayor Mr Eddie Mooketsi.

Modiba lashed at the council for taking councillors on a "jolly trip" to Cape Town two months ago.

He said: "Money which could have been used to upgrade the township was wasted by taking councillors to Cape Town.

"The councillors who went to Cape Town said they did not understand why they were taken on that trip," he said.

Major confrontation looms in health sector

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By Shareen Singh

A major confrontation is looming in the health sector between a Cosatu union and the Transvaal Provincial Administration

Last week the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) clashed out at the TPA, threatening widespread industrial action over a range of issues, including the implementations of wage increases without consulting the union — a claim which the TPA yesterday rejected

Nehawu accused the TPA and the Commission for Administration of arbitrarily implementing wage increases for health workers without proper consultation

The increases, which range from 6,8 percent to 16 percent, were predetermined by the Govern-

ment and not based on Nehawu's demand, the union said

No negotiations took place, the union added

The union pointed out that a "special dispensation" granting general assistants a 105 percent increase had been implemented, but in reality only a small section of general assistants received this increase

Furthermore, the union accused the TPA of not responding to demands forwarded by radiographers in July last year. Some radiographers were currently on strike

TPA authorities undertook to make favourable representation to the South African Nursing Council (SANC), not to take action against nurses who went on strike. But to date, the issue has not been resolved, Nehawu said

TPA Director-General

A Cornelissen denied that Nehawu's wage demands were not considered. Nehawu was part of the final agreement adjusting salary structures for the 1991/92 year

At last year's wage negotiations between the TPA and Nehawu, it was recorded that the TPA did not have the authority to make a final decision on wages

Regarding the radiographers currently on strike, Mr Cornelissen said two letters responding to their demands were issued — one by the Minister of National Health and Population Development, Dr Rina Venter, and the other by TPA management.

He said the TPA had reported the nurses to the SANC and since this was an independent body, the TPA could not prescribe what decisions it should take

Jo'burg businesses hit by new rates

JOHANNESBURG business is beginning to feel the pinch of increased assessment rates bills, says Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) CE Marius de Jager ^{14/8/91}

Rates on new land valuations have pushed some bills up by as much as 72%

Responding to reports that there had already been an outcry from many homeowners, De Jager said yesterday an even stronger reaction could be expected from business in some city areas

The real impact of increases would sink in only when people got their bills this month, De Jager said

In its annual budget released in June, the Johannesburg City Council announced that

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a revaluation of land in the city would push up assessment rates an aggregate 54% for non-domestic properties in Johannesburg as a whole

De Jager said some businesses would be shocked by increases well in excess of the aggregate because their land value had been increased by as much as 245%

Average increases could not be gauged as increases varied between areas and in many cases assessment rates bills had not yet been received

Anglo American Property Services financial director Lee Whitfield said bills

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received so far for Ampros buildings showed increases of between 37% and 72%

But buildings with the lower percentage increases were actually paying the highest rates per square metre, she said

An Ampros building in Parktown, for example, had its rates increased 37% but was now paying R2,46/m² which was expensive relative to other cities

Whitfield said some of Johannesburg's increases put it in the league of Cape Town, which had always been considered the most expensive office space

Increases in parts of the Johannesburg CBD which put rents up to about R1,58/m² were acceptable, she said

SA Property Owners' Association executive director Brian Kirchmann confirmed

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that property owners in some areas of the city were unhappy with their high bills, while in other areas increases were believed to be reasonable

In a statement yesterday the council said Johannesburg ratepayers should not look at the rate increase in isolation, but should assess the total municipal account which included all service charges

Electricity, gas and water charges on statements being received for July were mainly for consumption before July 1 when reductions in electricity tariffs came into effect. Electricity reductions would be noticeable on the next statement and would largely reduce the increase in assessment rates

Transvaal too costly to electrify, says Eskom

A PROGRAMME to bring electricity to townships and rural areas in the Transvaal would cost about R3bn, according to figures made available by Eskom

Eskom said the electrification of the Transvaal alone would cost nearly half the total amount required to bring electricity to the 23-million South Africans without it

Eskom corporate electricity manager Johann du Plessis said the Transvaal would account for the bulk of the cost of electrifying all of SA

But, at the same time, the company was not prepared to fund a programme of that size by itself

Hurdles

Du Plessis said while Eskom had the generating capacity to supply everyone in SA, the infrastructural costs would have to be covered by other, cheap funding

To that end Eskom was looking to government institutions such as the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), the IDT, the DBSA and others. But the company would not be approaching the private sector

Du Plessis, however, pointed out that there were still major hurdles to be overcome if Eskom was to realise even a part of its vision of "electricity for all". One of the biggest problems was non-payment by townships

Latest figures show that 27 townships countrywide owe Eskom more than

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R200m. Of those, according to Du Plessis, Eskom had summonsed 23 and had judgements against 20. However, Eskom had not yet taken the decision to execute those judgements

Du Plessis said the present system of de-centralisation of supply was not optimal, and suggested there could be better synergy with other models

He said there was a general problem of inaccurate accounting and the general politicisation of electricity supply

On the positive side Eskom and the DBSA were already linked up in a multi-million rand funding scheme to bring power to underdeveloped areas in other parts of SA. For instance they were planning a R65m, five-year plan to electrify the two KwaZulu townships of Madadeni and Osizweni

One of the first beneficiaries of the scheme has been the fledgling KaNgwane Electricity Supply Company, which recently received a R17m loan to supply about 4 000 homes, or about 20 000 people, with electricity

Du Plessis said discussions were ongoing with the DBSA, the IDT and the IDC. "But it will be a mammoth task to bring electricity to all," he said

He said an important aspect was the new technology being utilised, such as the "ready board" which would replace the wiring of houses. "The fact is that we have to largely adapt our standards. In some cases we are putting electricity into mud houses and shacks"

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on bullet wounds (248)

By Carina le Grange

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The Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday declined to reveal information on the types of ammunition that had wounded people in Friday night's clash in Ventersdorp.

The Star attempted to obtain independent information from hospitals on the types of ammunition which caused injuries, in a bid to clarify the accusations and counter-accusations between the police and the AWB.

Both have accused the other of using sharp-point ammunition. The police also said the AWB fired first and that a policeman was wounded by sharp-point ammunition.

Hospitals where the injured were treated refused to answer questions on the matter, saying only the TPA could respond.

And the TPA's deputy director-general of health services, Dr Hennie van Wyk, said the TPA considered it "unethical to reveal any information about any patient's condition without his doctor's permission".

Later, a TPA liaison officer said "It is difficult for a doctor to say what kind of ammunition was used." No further information could be obtained.

A police spokesman said clarification would not come before inquests had been held.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the investigation was sub judice.

"But we have already said we know our members did not have sharp-point ammunition, although they were fired at with sharp-point ammunition."

Soweto's essential services 'near collapse'

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ESSENTIAL services in Greater Soweto could collapse within weeks, plunging the entire central Witwatersrand into major crisis, Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert said at a chamber meeting last night.

And the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) called for the dissolution within three weeks of the councils of Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow.

Reading a statement by the Greater Soweto principal parties, Slabbert said there was simply not enough money for even the

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most essential services of water, electricity, sewerage and refuse collection.

The parties are the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), the SPD, the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) and the city councils of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville.

Slabbert said all parties agreed that present tariffs were too low and that collection rates had to be improved.

The councils and the TPA expected residents to make up at least part of the shortfall, while the SPD and SCA felt that most were too poor to do so and had little confidence in the councils and the standard of services they provided.

Sapa reports the problem arises from a R10m-a-month shortfall in Soweto's services payments.

Currently, Soweto residents are paying about 20% of the total cost of supplying services, the balance is made up in government subsidies. The shortfall is about 30%.

Services crisis still rampant

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NINE Transvaal townships are presently affected by service cuts, according to the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

In four cases it is at least the second suspension of electricity or water supplies within a year

A year after the first service cuts were effected, negotiations are continuing in 70 out of 82 black local authorities

The suspension of services remains a tangible threat in several of these areas.

The TPA's recent figures reveal that there has been no dramatic improvement since late last year. For instance, in November the TPA said 10 townships were subject to power cuts

There are now four townships subject to a second round of cuts. At-

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tendgeville near Pretoria, Mhluzi near Middelburg, Siyathuthuka near Belfast and eMgwenya at Waterval Boven

Even in areas where a formal accord has been reached between civic associations, township councils and white municipalities, service payments have generally fallen way below target

Mhluzi, whose township councillors resigned and where Middelburg Steel and Alloys shouldered back-payments on behalf of residents, is a case in point. Despite an agreement, which bound residents to make flat-rate payments, debts to the Mhluzi council have again mounted. Thus the council has been unable to pay the R1 million it owes the

Middelburg council for services

In Soweto, despite the signing of the Greater Soweto Accord which formally ended the boycott almost a year ago, payments are way below the agreed level

According to the TPA, "the average payment for electricity is about 45 percent" of the billed amount and only 60 to 65 percent of residents are paying the flat rate negotiated in respect of other services

"The only way in which people can ensure that their services are not disconnected is by paying their accounts," the province's statement said

Nonetheless, argues National Interim Civics Committee co-ordinator Mr Pat Lephunya, the capacity of residents to pay is also pertinent

Activists train their sights on 'sellouts'

Black town councillors and policemen have been the main targets of attacks from forces bent on destroying black local authorities, a recent publication claims KAIZER NYATSUMBA reports

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THE ONGOING resignation of black town councillors, which has led to the collapse of a number of councils and their replacement with appointed township administrators, is an indictment of the coercive methods and pressures employed by activists, says the South African Institute of Race Relations

In a report headlined "History of attacks on black local authorities", SAIRR special research manager Jill Wentzel says black councillors and policemen have been the prime targets of attacks from activists opposed to their "collaboration with the system"

Ms Wentzel catalogues threats, pressures and attacks on councillors and black policemen since the introduction of the Black Local Authorities Act in 1983, and says some of the black town councillors have had to pay the ultimate price for their convictions

It is in this perspective, she says, that a number of councillors — 358 between August last year and February — have tendered their resignations

Some of the statistics supplied by Ms Wentzel in her report are

- There were 111 attacks on black councillors between January and July 1990, and another 84 attacks on them between August last year and February 1991

- Six councillors were killed between January and July 1990, seven between last August and February 1991, and another three between March and June this year. This brings to 16 the number of councillors killed in 18 months — almost one every month

- A total of 358 councillors resigned between last August and February this year, with 85 percent of them saying they had been intimidated into doing so

- A total of 90 policemen were killed between January 1990 and June this year

Ms Wentzel says that although campaigns against black local authorities were "a reflection of black anger at being fobbed off with local rather than parliamentary representation" when the tricameral parliamentary system was introduced in 1983, the campaigns were stepped up last year despite moves towards the negotiation of a new, nonracial system of local government

This, she says, was because campaigns against black local

authorities continued to be an overall strategy to achieve the total collapse of apartheid by rendering "black areas" ungovernable

Ms Wentzel's report says policemen were attacked not only "during violence which arose out of protests against local authorities" but were also victims of political violence in recent years

The police's poor image and reputation therefore obscured "the emergence of a new dimension in political violence — the steady increase in attacks on the police"

She adds that most of the kitskonstabels caught in the crossfire had been employed to defend black councillors in the first place

Ms Wentzel writes "In the last six years, mob killings of councillors and policemen have received most public attention when campaigns were mounted against the imposition of the death penalty and terms of imprisonment on those convicted of taking part in the killings"

She concludes that "the general lack of attention" paid to attacks on councillors and policemen appears to have "given consent" to assumptions that

- Campaigns which get out of control and result in death, injury and destruction of property are a natural consequence of apartheid, and as such do not merit critical comment

- Violent attacks on people and their property are less damaging to society if the victims, individually or collectively, are perceived to be morally blameworthy

- Attacks on blacks are of less concern than attacks on whites

- Attacks on "collaborators" are justified

Ms Wentzel concludes "The SAIRR has spent many years recording, publicising and condemning the violence of the State's security apparatus, the police and vigilante groups

"Time and again we warned that the violent methods used to enforce apartheid would one day call forth an answering violence

"Having contributed in no small measure to the overall understanding of how violence emerged, the SAIRR believes it must also draw attention to the kinds of attitudes and strategies that are helping perpetuate violence during a time of political liberalisation unprecedented in South Africa's history" □

No services 'within 3 weeks'

Soweto faces bankruptcy

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

The central Witwatersrand is facing a major financial crisis because 2 million people in Greater Soweto will be without essential services within three weeks if funds are not found

The Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber was warned that services in Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville were near collapse Eskom alone was owed R100 million

Civic associations have demanded the immediate resignation of the three Greater Soweto councils, and the establishment of an interim administration

In a statement, Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) spokesman Cas Coovadia also called for a massive education campaign to explain what was happening

A joint statement by Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto councils, the SPD, Soweto Civic Association and Transvaal Provincial Administration said a major crisis was looming not only for Soweto but the entire Witwatersrand

"At issue in the current negotiations is the fact that there is simply not enough money to pay for the supply of even the most essential services of water, sewerage, refuse and electricity"

Urgent meetings will continue between the SPD, Soweto councils and the TPA next week to discuss an increase in service tariffs

All parties realised that the present tariffs were too low and that the rate of collections had to be improved, the joint statement said

However, while the councils and the TPA expected residents to pay more for services, the SPD and SCA felt residents could not be expected to pay much more

as the people were poor and there was little confidence in the black councils or the standard of services

MEC for institutional development and negotiations Olaus van Zyl said tariffs agreed to in the Soweto Accord were supposed to be increased once the chamber was established, but this had not happened

He said it was totally unacceptable that the Government continued to pay 80 percent of the service charges and the people of Soweto only 20 percent

Mr Coovadia said the SPD had consistently argued that the solution to Soweto's problems did not lie within the borders of the township

"In fact, the current crisis is simply the logical conclusion of the apartheid system. As it goes into the final stages of disintegration, the State expects the people to suffer the consequences"

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The chamber has been battling since late last year to get off the ground following the signing of the Soweto Accord. The mudslinging that took place as pens were put to the accord were a foretaste of what was to come. Cast, an increasingly militant organisation, later refused to participate in the chamber even though some of its most powerful members, including the Soweto Civic Association, apparently continued to support both it and the chamber.

Mayekiso says Cast's about-face — a direct result of the ANC's decision to begin multi-party talks — still does not mean the civic body endorses the chamber. On the contrary, it wants the format to be altered. Cast is determined that agreements at local level will not contradict those at the national negotiations table. "There must be negotiations at local, regional, provincial and national level," says Mayekiso, "but following the leads at national level. White municipalities and the government are rushing to

Ntuli sees his position under threat from a possible return by Coovadia, he has moderated his stance.

Cast has set up six different committees to debate and explore topics such as housing, development and local government. It wants these issues on the agenda of the "patriotic front" conference in Cape Town next month.

But should Cast be taken seriously? ■



Mayekiso new format sought for municipal talks

say they must be autonomous and they are doing it in a way that will pre-empt national negotiations and decentralise power. Power has always been centralised, so why are they trying to change that now?"

He says Cast believes the new move to decentralised municipal power is racially motivated and will create a type of neo-apartheid. "It will create the equivalent of mini-tricameral parliaments. If we don't change direction now, we may have a monster on our hands."

However, there are those who wonder whether Cast itself is a monster. Its stance often contradicts that of its members, it reneges on agreements and there are complaints that it does not adequately discuss issues before pronouncing on them. It has been racked by infighting. It is apparently undemocratic, particularly when compared to organisations like the ANC and Cosatu.

Its previous spokesman, Cas Coovadia, resigned after Cast reneged on agreements and refused to take part in the chamber. Sam Ntuli, chairman of the Thokoza Civic Association then became Cast's general secretary. Under him, the organisation has become increasingly alienated from its constituencies and controversial among those with whom it is trying to broker power. However, some Transvaal Provincial Administration officials have told the *FM* that as infighting has worsened at Cast and

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Local government negotiations will become closely linked with those at national level, if the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) has its way.

After initially refusing to take part in the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, Cast has agreed to attend its meetings — initially as observers only, says president Moses Mayekiso. The chamber, chaired by Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert, is to oversee the formation of Soweto, Alexandra and Johannesburg into a single municipal authority.

Soweto councils appeal to creditors for time

THEO RAWANA

THE Greater Soweto councils, faced with a financial crisis that threatens essential services, are appealing to the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber to hold off creditors while they find a solution.

The councils — Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto — faced a collapse of such essential services as water, electricity, sewerage and refuse collection, because there was no money, Metro Chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert said this week.

If everyone paid the interim charges required from residents in terms of the Greater Soweto Accord — which wrote off a R516m debt — the income would meet only 20% of Soweto's needs.

Only R1,5m of a recent month's electricity account of over R10m was collected from consumers. And Eskom was owed more than R100m, Slabbert said.

All the principal parties to the accord — the TPA, the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) and the councils — agreed that tariffs presently being paid were too low.

Councils' PRO Mojalefa Moseki said yesterday payments had gradually improved since switch-off threats were issued.

Now all the other parties would be working to find a solution to the problem, Moseki said.

Slabbert had said the councils, the SPD and the TPA would meet early next week to resume negotiations on the increase of

interim tariffs. General meetings of residents would also be held.

WILSON ZWANE reports parties to the Greater Benoni Forum yesterday reached consensus on a plan to consolidate water and electricity provision and payment procedures of Benoni, Daveyton and Wattville, forum chairman Dawie de Beer said.

The plan for the greater Benoni area — spelt out in last week's recommendations of the Greater Benoni Forum's tariff working group — is the first of its kind.

Modifications had been made to the recommendations and a formal statement would be issued next week, De Beer said.

The tariff working group recommended that Benoni's tariffs for electricity and other essential services be introduced in Daveyton and that metered electricity and water charges be resumed in Daveyton and Wattville from next month.

The group also recommended that accounting procedures of Benoni, Daveyton and Wattville be consolidated.

The forum comprises the town councils of Daveyton and Wattville, the DIC, the Wattville Concerned Residents' Committee and the TPA, Eskom, the East Rand Regional Services Council and the Rand Water Board have observer status.

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Cosatu Witbank march goes on

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THE Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) in Witbank has decided to go ahead with a protest march on Saturday, even though the town council has refused permission.

Cosatu spokesman Mr Meshack Masumpa said workers would go ahead with the march, irrespective of whether permission was granted.

The town clerk, Mr JH Pretorius, said the council had refused permission for the march because there was little time allowed for consultations and the planning of alternative routes for the march.

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Pretorius expressed optimism that future problems about protest marches would be sorted out at the newly created forum representing community organisations, the Afrikaanse Sakekamer, the local chamber of commerce and the Town Council.

The marchers will present demands on high electricity tariffs and the formation of one town council with a single tax base for Witbank. - Sapa

stay of at least a year to enable him to care for his family — he recently married a SA citizen — and to take steps to relocate

Eddie Botha

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Realism in action

Midrand, possibly the fastest growing town in the country, is also experiencing rapid growth in its squatter population. Many are employed by industrialists in the area.

The Ivory Park area was established in July last year, to house the Midrand homeless on 14 000 residential stands. But experts knew the area was too small to solve the housing crisis. All but 1 100 stands have already been occupied by 70 000 families, according to Jan van der Walt of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA).

Ivory Park flanks on a former "coloured" group area called Rabie Ridge, where for a year squatters have been negotiating with the House of Representatives for land.

Desperate, the squatter leaders moved closer to Ivory Park. On July 6, according to the TPA, three squatter homes were erected in an area of Ivory Park set aside for clinics, schools and a graveyard. Two days later, there were 2 000 shacks. The next day, the TPA demolished 1 000. Occupants of two of

the structures applied for an urgent interdict against the TPA, and lost.

But the following day, the TPA met the squatters and other interested organisations, including the Midrand Town Council. It was agreed that the original 300 or so squatter families in the area would be allowed to remain for a fortnight. The issue is complicated because there are two main squatter groups.

The first "land invaders," as they call themselves, had been squatting for about three years in the Midrand area. About 90% of the families have someone employed in Midrand, according to a Black Sash survey — and many were born there, to families who originally owned land in the area.

Organised community

It is a strictly organised community which has long been negotiating for access to land in Rabie Ridge and Ivory Park. Their move into Ivory Park was even accepted by TPA officials, to the extent that the TPA is compiling a list of their names which will put them in line for land that becomes available.

The second group is made up primarily of people who have been squatting in the backyards of already overcrowded Tembisa homes. The FM has heard allegations from several sources that the land crisis at Ivory Park is partly the fault of a corrupt Tembisa council official, whom the TPA had appar-

ently allowed to allocate land at the official informal settlement.

It is alleged that people were being charged for access to the waiting list. And when the 300 families from Rabie Ridge decided to "invade" the land at Ivory Park, the 1 700 families who then poured on to the land in the next two days were allegedly charged R70 each to move on to that land.

The TPA say they know of "a person who, in breach of agreements, allowed more people to move on to the land."

Some Tembisa town councillors have told the FM that there is conflict in the council and little is getting done because of this.

The allocation of more land is being investigated, while emergency measures to accommodate the squatters are taken.

The Midrand Industrialists' Association has told the TPA it is prepared to back employees financially in obtaining sites. All the parties involved meet again this week to discuss the issue.

Says the TPA's Jan van der Walt: "We realise that if we demolish their shacks, these people will not disappear into thin air. While some can't afford formal housing, others can."

"We are negotiating with the Housing Trust and the Midrand people and we hope that this situation can be resolved in a way that best suits the interests of all."

Charlene Smith

Support is growing for local assembly

WITWATERSRAND civic associations are to call for the election of a local constituent assembly to negotiate a new local government structure.

Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) president Moses Mayekiso said local elections to replace existing white and black councils were possible as early as the first half of next year if all parties "were seriously committed".

Their proposal has the support of at least one white council represented on the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber Randburg management committee chairman and chamber representative Andre Jacobs said he agreed that local elections would have to be held for a more representative structure than the existing metropolitan chamber.

Local elections would be cumbersome and costly and would only be possible once the criteria for voting eligibility had been debated.

Jacobs said the deliberations of the metropolitan chamber on both a local constituent assembly and a final non-racial local government model would have important implications for the national process.

Spokesman for Johannesburg civic associations Cas Coovadia said civic associations on the chamber would soon raise the issue of a metropolitan election to test the

representativeness of chamber members.

He said civics believed the election should be held as soon as possible but realised it would probably only be possible in the medium term.

The major problem would be drawing up a broad enough voters' roll for and re-demarcating the metropolitan area.

Sources said the chamber's constitutional development committee had touched on the subject of elections for an interim structure and would look at the difficulties of defining who should be eligible to vote.

Chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert was not available for comment.

Mayekiso said there was consensus among Cast affiliates that local constituent assemblies should be elected in sub-regions of the metropolitan area, for example in the Alexandra, Randburg and Sandton sub-region and the Johannesburg and Soweto sub-region.

These elected interim structures would be involved in regional service provision and would elect representatives to a metropolitan chamber which would continue to negotiate new local government models.

Cast planned to call a summit to formulate a national position on the issue.

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Meetings planned on Soweto utilities crisis

THE rescue of essential services from collapse in the three Greater Soweto townships depended on improved payments by the residents, the TPA and Central Witwatersrand RSC said on Friday.

But civic association spokesman Cas Coovadia said payments would only improve if services were taken out of the hands of the black local authorities and depoliticised.

The councils of Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto have appealed to creditors for time to work out a solution to their financial problem, which is expected to

result in the collapse of such essential services as water and electricity.

RSC chairman John Griffiths said his council would do everything to avoid a collapse of services provided the councils played their part in resolving the situation.

The three councils, the Soweto People's delegation and the TPA will hold a meeting this week to discuss the increase of interim tariffs and general meetings of residents will be held to consider the crisis.

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Two guilty of 'necklace' murder

Blom 21/8/91 SUSAN RUSSELL

TWO men who repeatedly kicked a black passerby before putting a tyre over him and setting it alight were found guilty of murder in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Joffe, sitting with two assessors, found that Deon Frederik van Deventer, 25, and Evert Boonzaaier, 23, both of Newlands, had intended killing Johannes Masango when they assaulted him in Newlands on September 14 last year.

Van Deventer was also found guilty of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm for throwing a stone at Philemon Motimona who was with Masango at the time, but who then ran away.

The judge rejected defence submissions that alcohol had lessened the blameworthiness of the pair. The pair had not been intoxicated to the extent that they were unable to act rationally, he said.

Giving evidence in mitigation, Van Deventer said he was "not proud about what had happened. We didn't think, we were drunk." Asked how he felt about blacks, Van Deventer said he believed in apartheid. "But we would not have attacked them unnecessarily, they swore at us first." Boonzaaier told the court he had spent nights thinking about the dead man's family and whether they had been able to afford a funeral.

Mr Justice Joffe will pass sentence on Friday.

Deal signed to end rent boycott

Blom 21/8/91

AN AGREEMENT to end a seven-year rent and services boycott in townships on the Vaal Triangle was signed yesterday.

The document was signed by, among others, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Vaal Civic Association (VCA) at a ceremony in Johannesburg.

The agreement, regarded as a major breakthrough in the nationwide rent and services boycott, was negotiated over nine months and took eight drafts to complete.

Meanwhile, TANIA LEVY reports that the East Rand Regional Services Council (RSC) is to provide R23,6m to prevent a collapse of essential water, refuse removal and sewerage services in East Rand townships.

At its monthly meeting this week the RSC resolved to provide R13,3m for sewerage treatment, R6,3m for partial payment of costs involved in refuse removal and R4m for water supply. The funding would be provided over the next 11 months.

The RSC said the funding was aimed at avoiding health dangers and the total collapse of essential services in the townships of Thokoza, Katlehong, Vosloorus, Tembisa, Daveyton, Wattville, Kwa-Thema, Ratanda, Tsakane and Duduza.

The RSC would not finance payment boycotts, but wanted to prop up non-viable black towns and prevent possible health hazards.

RSC CE Gerrie Swart said yesterday

that black local authorities around the country could not generate enough income even if all their residents paid their services accounts in full.

The TPA had requested RSCs to help it make up shortfalls to ensure continued services.

The East Rand RSC had decided not to assist with electricity but to concentrate its financial assistance mainly on waste water treatment.

The RSC also decided to allocate R15m a year, for the next three years, to regional community projects such as clinics, creches, sports facilities and libraries.

Yesterday Vaal Civic Association publicity secretary Paul Sithole described the historic agreement with the TPA as "realistic".

TPA negotiator Nigel Mandy, said the document set the "framework for much better things in the future".

Mandy said that whether the agreement would function depended on residents resuming payments in terms of the protocol.

It sets out service and electricity charges, which for a typical household would be R30 for services, R17,50 for the electricity service charge plus the metered electricity consumption.

Electricity would be reconnected if 70% of township residents paid their accounts. In order to facilitate this process, the Vaal townships have been split into smaller "zones" for collection purposes — Sapa

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TPA stalling talks - Asro

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THE Atteridgeville Residents Organisation yesterday lashed out at the Transvaal Provincial Administration for deliberately stalling rent negotiations and claimed the authorities were planning to plunge the township in darkness until October.

Electricity supplies to the township were cut on July 22 after the Atteridgeville Council failed to pay nearly R6 million in arrear service charges.

Asro's publicity secretary, Mr John Ramatsui, yesterday confirmed that residents were prepared to pay a flat rate of more than R50

"But the TPA does not want to listen to our offer. They refuse to talk to us," Ramatsui said.

Mr CJ Wolmarans, regional director of the TPA, refused to meet Asro officials last week and said he would only discuss the rent problem with Asro and other community-based organisations.

By MONK NKOMO

"It is clear that Wolmarans does not want to listen to us. We are concerned about the electricity cuts because the situation is now getting out of hand. Wolmarans is deliberately creating obstacles.

"We have also received unconfirmed reports that the authorities have planned to only restore electricity in October," said Ramatsui.

He added that they expected to meet senior officials of the TPA this week to try and set up a meeting with Wolmarans as soon as possible.

Wolmarans has accused Asro of having politicised the rent issue and said the TPA was eager to resolve the problem.

An official of the Saulsville /Atteridgeville Interim Committee, Mr Victor Gillinge, yesterday said his organisation was prepared to meet Asro officials to formulate a strategy that could lead to the restoration of power supplies.

Vaal pact may end lengthy boycott

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AN agreement to end a seven-year rent and services boycott in Vaal Triangle townships was signed yesterday by, among others, the TPA and the Vaal Civic Association.

The document, which was signed at a ceremony in Johannesburg, was negotiated over a period of nine months and took eight drafts to complete.

Despite the complications, which saw the signing delayed from Friday, VCA publicity secretary, Mr Paul Sithole, said the agreement was "realistic".

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In order to facilitate this process, the various Vaal township have been split into smaller "zones" for collection purposes.

The parties to the document also agreed in principle that housing stock in the townships would be transferred to the current lessees, and a working group was established to examine this.

The lawyers acting for the VCA, Mr Dan Rosengarten and Ms Sue Albertyn, said the agreement also addressed the long-term problems of the Vaal area.

"The agreement will facilitate the movement towards non-racial local authorities," Albertyn said, adding it was "significant" the TPA had recognised the long term demands of the VCA - *Sapa*

IT WAS A WEEK OF CRISIS FOR THE TOWNSHIPS AS SERVICES HOVERED ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE ...

Could Soweto be left to either stink or swim?

THIS thing is bigger than the heaps of rubbish that could start piling up in Soweto before too long. It has as much to do with votes as with

Throughout this week, Soweto has buzzed with nervous talk about rent hikes, electricity cuts and a collapse of services, following reports last week that the black local authorities charged with running the township have simply run out of money.

The members of the three Soweto councils are, on the face of it, the people in the hot seat. But the debate about the reasons for the crisis and the possible routes to resolution is raging way above their heads. In effect, the key players are local equivalents of the principal actors at national level.

On the one hand there is the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the conduit by which government has tried to channel funds into townships denied access to the tax base of the cities and towns where most of their residents work.

The TPA, through its chief negotiator Olaus van Zyl, insists that the crisis is partly the result of many residents not paying the flat rates agreed upon when the Greater Soweto Accord last year brought the townships' long rent boycott to an end. It has been compounded by the fact that this interim rate has not been reviewed as agreed.

The tariff in any case, Van Zyl says, falls far short of the costs of the service — the TPA contributes 40 percent,

residents about 20 and the Regional Services Council about nine. Eskom is currently carrying the remaining 30 percent, he says, which can't continue. Civics representative Cas Coovadia insists that residents will be prepared to help meet the shortfall, but not without clear indications that other problems will be addressed. He says that since the signing of the accord, residents have seen no improvements in services. "People expected tangible benefits from the signing of the accord," Coovadia says. "These have not been forthcoming."

A deeper problem, he says, is the lack of legitimacy of the councils. The demand for the establishment of a new interim administration for the central Rand is a cornerstone of the civic movement's position.

The worst-case scenario is 3 000 Soweto Council employees laid off, electricity and services cut, a massive township left to stink or swim. That will probably not happen — the implications for investment, unrest and the future of a still-fragile national peace plan will ensure this.

But the alternatives are a long way from being hammered out — and that

For a few days this week, it seemed that Soweto would have its electricity and services shut off, plunging the township into darkness to swim in its own garbage.

Then a last-minute agreement kept the lights burning. But the crisis continues, and it's a lot bigger than Soweto, reports

JOHN PERLMAN

means there is still a crisis. Fortunately, the flipside of crisis is opportunity. Whether matters can be turned in that direction remains to be seen — by Tuesday we may have some indication.

On Monday there will be a meeting of what are known as the Greater Soweto Principal Parties. The stature of key figures in that gathering — which includes Van Zyl, African National Congress secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa and Ian Davidson, chairman of the Johannesburg City

Council management committee — leaves no doubt as to its significance.

It should be said that this meeting is not just in response to the crisis. It is one of a number of processes set in motion by the establishment of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber in April. On Thursday, for instance, sub-committees set up to look into matters ranging from sewage to transport to land use to constitutional options met to ratify their future terms of reference. This process, involving more than 200 people, is already beginning to produce concrete plans for the city's future.

One insider believes the Soweto cash crisis could boost rather than burden the chamber. "This crisis is going to push the chamber forward. It is the only place where all the stakeholders can meet and take action," he says. "What could come out of all this is that we move rapidly towards establishing a new administration for the central Rand. The Interim Measures for Local Government Act empowers us to do just that, provided it's by negotiation."

There is some consensus between the principal parties. The need for residents to pay tariffs that come closer

to meeting the cost of providing services is a central concern of the TPA. The Soweto Civic Association concedes this readily.

Similarly, the TPA does not reject out of hand the SCA's insistence that the problems of Soweto can only be solved within a framework of shared resources and administration for the larger metropolitan region as a whole. "We will actively support joint administrations," says Van Zyl.

There's some material to build a bridge then, but still a vast gulf to span.

The state, on the one hand, insists that residents start paying up but stops short of committing itself to either the scrapping of old structures or the restructuring of the urban tax base to allow Soweto some share of what its residents have built up in Johannesburg. There is some commitment to this high up in the Johannesburg City Council, but imposing it on residents already rate at recent rate hikes may well prove to be another matter.

On the other hand is the SCA and its associates, and their insistence that political knots be untangled before they commit their constituents to coughing up. Their immediate concerns are clearly spelt out.

What the civics will not commit themselves to is a future role — will they ever be prepared to lay their political popularity on the line a little and lend their support to consistent and effective collection of service payments?

The delicate politics of clicking on a light switch

FERIAL HAJFAJEE

searches for a light at the end of the electricity tunnel.

A NEW deal which restructures the supply of electricity is the only light at the end of the tunnel for the 22 million South Africans who do not have electricity, says Moses Mayekiso of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast).

The current crisis also highlights the fact that black South Africans pay 40 percent more for electricity than other South Africans.

Agreements like the one negotiated this week have been mediated before to avert electricity and other service cuts, but invariably they have ended in discord.

The TPA blames this on the failure of residents to pay even the flat rate mediated in various accords. They also allege that civic associations have failed to renegotiate the flat rate.

Residents in Soweto contacted by *The Weekly Mail* tell a different story. They complain about not receiving accounts about accounts they do not trust

because meter readers have never been to their homes, that meters are often broken, that they cannot understand their accounts, and that accords are inefficiently applied.

Cast's Mayekiso says accords are only a band aid solution and are often fraught with problems. He suggests

that a moratorium be placed on electricity debts while the policy is completely restructured — and that depoliticising electricity is central to restructuring.

Depoliticising electricity would involve removing control of its supply from discredited structures like the Black Local Authorities and getting

electricity directly from Eskom.

Mayekiso stresses that civic associations and trade unions will campaign for electricity to be recognised as "a right, not a privilege."

But Mark Swilling, of the development organisation Planact, says electricity cannot be depoliticised and supplied directly by Eskom. Electricity prices would rocket, he says, because direct supply would amount to electricity being privatised.

Eskom is keen to change its image to that of a business, instead of a parastatal, and wants to sell electricity as a commodity, says Swilling. "But electricity is not a commodity. It is a public good and Eskom is not a business but a public utility."

Major players in the supply of electricity suggest that the solution lies in the restructuring of local government and the creation of a single tax base for white and black areas. According to Olaus van Zyl, MEC for the TPA, even the government is mooting the idea of "one city one tax base."

The creation of a single tax base will ease the burden on residents in black townships, who pay 40 percent more

for electricity than residents in white municipalities.

One of the main reasons for this is the absence of industry in the townships. Last year the Johannesburg Electricity Department bought 5.4 billion units of electricity — 85 percent more than the Soweto Electricity Department. Industry utilised 64 percent of this and contributed 70 percent of the JED's income for the year.

An intricate charge rate set by Eskom determines that the biggest consumers pay proportionately less for their electricity than domestic consumers. Savings are passed on to domestic consumers falling within the same local authority as the industry.

A four-year study by Planact shows that white local authorities have consistently shown a surplus from electricity, whereas black local authorities have shown deficits. Surpluses are used to pay for bulk supplies, repairs and maintenance, and the savings are passed on to residents.

Township residents pay for the deficits run up by the black local authorities. The Soweto Council, for example, owes Eskom R100-million



Power pylons are a major feature on the township landscape, but the question of who foots the bill remains. Picture: GUY ADAMS

Who reads the meters? Only the spiders

By RAY NXUMALO

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"It takes a genius to figure out our electricity accounts," a Soweto resident complained this week.

A snap survey by *The Weekly Mail* in the township this week revealed some of the reasons for the huge backlog of unpaid bills.

Soweto residents interviewed in the survey are dismayed by the looming power cuts and insist that the problem is not of their own making.

The late arrival of accounts was cited as the main reason for the backlog in payments. Respondents said they were unable to pay their June and July electricity accounts because they have not yet received them. Soweto Electricity Advice Centre ombudsman Bernard Moleke said he received his February account in May. He has not received an account since

Respondents had a number of complaints about meter readers. It was pointed out that there is a noticeable absence of meter readers in Soweto. They were accused of spending most of their working hours on their own personal business. When meter readers did appear they never bothered to explain to residents how they count the units used. Consequently it was suspected that the figures on residents' accounts are guess-work.

One respondent, Soweto resident Bertha Mahlatsi, stated that she has not seen a meter reader check her electricity consumption for the past three months. She said the meter boxes were full of spider webs.

Many respondents said the meter boxes are in a pathetic state of disrepair and neglect.

Yet another problem was that many

people found it difficult to read, interpret and understand the electricity accounts. Moleke echoed the view that the statements are very confusing.

"It takes a genius to figure them out. Ordinary people who don't read between the lines are the hardest hit," he said.

Mahlatsi, who is unemployed, typifies the frustrated Soweto consumer. The power cable which supplies her house is faulty. She always has candles ready in anticipation of the ever looming cut.

Moleke suggested that Eskom should establish a centre from which it could sell electricity directly to the residents.

The same meter readers employed by the council could work for Eskom at its new centre where all readings could be processed. This would eliminate delays caused by an inefficient third party: it will be a direct transaction between buyer and seller.

TPA to probe 'baby trade'

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PEOPLE who have adopted children from the Natalspruit Hospital have been asked to contact the Transvaal Provincial Administration's health services branch to help investigate the alleged selling of babies

TPA media liaison officer, Mr Rikus Delport, said the welfare of babies discharged from TPA hospitals was important and everything possible was being done to establish the whereabouts of all the babies

"When the babies allegedly involved are traced, they will not be removed from their present homes unless it is in their own interest and should the circumstances allow it

"However, a proper investigation will be done regarding the procedures that were followed during the placement of the babies."

The TPA said if necessary, steps would be taken against any staff member found to have been involved in the illegal sale of babies.

"In the interest of all parties involved and especially the babies, people who have adopted children from the Natalspruit Hospital are requested to either contact Mrs GA Ritter of the TPA's health services branch at (012) 201-2632 or Mrs Alta Mynhardt at (012) 201-2033," he said - Sapa

Jo'burg council may undergo major shake-up

THE Johannesburg City Council's senior and middle management structure will undergo a major shake-up if councillors today approve the second phase of the council's restructuring exercise.

The organisational review, undertaken by Deloitte Pim Goldby Management Consultants, involves the creation of 59 new posts while many existing senior posts will be declared redundant.

Councillors will be asked to approve the advertisement of the 59 director and manager posts in the 11 new strategic business units created in the first phase.

Three top officials were made redundant during the first phase of the revamp which involved the abolition of 20 posts and their replacement with 11 executive directorships.

Yesterday management committee chairman Ian Davidson said posts at the next level would not yet be declared redundant.

The management committee wished to rather decide which posts needed to be made redundant after it had decided on the new appointments, said Davidson.

He hoped the appointments would be made by the end of September.

"We want to proceed as quickly as possible because of the high degree of anxiety and despondency among council officials at present," he said.

A special council meeting was to have taken place earlier this month to approve the final structure, but was cancelled.

Davidson said the management committee had changed its approach because it realised that there were many valuable senior officials whose posts would have been declared redundant but whom the council wanted to keep.

TANIA LEVY

SOWETO CRISIS. parties lack common ground

27/8/91 THEO RAWANA

A SOLUTION to the financial crisis facing Greater Soweto appeared to drift further away this week as signatories to the Greater Soweto Accord failed to agree on their approaches to the issue

The councils of Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto were reported earlier this month to be facing a collapse of essential services as they had no money to run these

A meeting of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber was told by chairman Van Zyl Slabbert that there was no more money to pay for essential services

On one side of the signatories to the accord is the negotiating wing of the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), which has proposed to the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber that the provision of services be taken over by the Central Wits RSC, the Rand Water Board and the municipalities of Johannesburg and Roodepoort

Quorum

The four other principals, the TPA and councils of Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto, went ahead with a meeting on Monday to work out a new tariff system

They said afterwards they intended to proceed "to consider appropriate action to be taken in the best interests of the residents" without the SCA/SPD

SCA general secretary Pat Lephunya said yesterday the Metropolitan Chamber's Joint Technical Committee had decided last Thursday that there was no point in going ahead with Monday's meeting since the issue being discussed was a problem for the chamber

"The other parties could not have formed a quorum at the meeting," Lephunya said. As far as the SCA was concerned the Soweto Accord still held firm

Slabbert was not available for comment

Bull not killed especially for ad

ADVERTISING agency D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles has denied aspects of a Business Day report yesterday about the bull which was reluctant to break up a china shop for a TV commercial

The report said the bull, Bossiekop, had trotted casually around the mock-up display twice without touching anything. Even the use of an electric prod had not helped

It was reported that the head and shoulders of a freshly killed bull — Bossiekop's grandfather — were then mounted on a mechanised trolley to complete the film

DMB & B creative director Willie Sonnenberg hastened to correct misapprehensions yesterday that a bull might have been killed especially so that its head could be used in the filming. A stuffed bull's head had been used for some close-up shots, and the skin of another dead bull was used to supplement these shots, Sonnenberg said

Electric prods were not used to goad the live bull into action, but only to "move the animal onto location"

The report was based on an account provided by the film company. Business Day regrets any incorrect or unfair inferences readers might have drawn about the advertising agency's animal husbandry

Civic groups to formulate local policies

WILSON ZWANE

TOWNSHIP civic organisations are set to formulate their policies on local government issues such as housing, development and the electricity supply

Addressing a news briefing in Johannesburg yesterday, Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) general secretary Sam Ntuli said "At this conference Cast will formulate its policies on local government structures and local government issues such as development, electricity supply and housing" His organisation would invite all township civic associations within a month to a national civics' conference to formulate a national policy on these issues

The national civics' conference would, however, be preceded by Cast's own policy conference at the weekend, its first since the organisation was formed last September.

"The conference will be attended by more than 200 delegates from the affiliates of Cast," Ntuli said, adding that Cast's membership stood at 89

Wits Centre for Policy Studies director Lawrence Schlemmer and trade unionist Tozamile Botha would be among those addressing the conference

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Alleged police spy Morris Mondau, right, is questioned in front of journalists by ANC legal advisor Penuel Maduna after being discovered with a two-way radio inside the building housing the ANC's PWV regional offices yesterday

Picture JONATHON REES

Man claims SAP recruited him to spy on ANC official

JONATHON REES

THE ANC yesterday presented to the media a man who said he had been recruited by police to spy on its PWV regional secretary-general Barbara Hogan for R250 a week

Morris Mondau said he was recruited on Monday last week by a policeman who identified himself as "Van Wyk"

Hogan told journalists Mondau had earlier yesterday identified Lt Chris Wilken — one of three policemen in the PWV area appointed in terms of the Pretoria Minute to liaise with the ANC on violence — as being Van Wyk

Hogan said Mondau had concealed a two-way radio with a lapel microphone, apparently for him to communicate with police

Mondau, who said he was unemployed and previously worked as a teacher in

Gazankulu, said he was given a photograph of Hogan and shown where she lived

Police denied his claims and said the issue was whether the ANC had held him against his will. A police spokesman said the SAP did not interfere with legitimate political activity

Mondau told journalists he had been treated well and was not kept against his will

Hogan said the ANC was considering bringing charges, but the organisation's national executive committee would first discuss the matter

Hogan, who is also involved in the local ANC-SAP liaison committee, said there could be no trust if the SAP continued to monitor the organisation as if it was illegal

Atteridgeville to get a new administrator

WILSON ZWANE

FORMER Pretoria City Council director of manpower Martiens Nel will become Atteridgeville's administrator on Monday

Nel succeeds Ernie Jacobson whose tenure as administrator of the Pretoria township ended last month

Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) spokesman Gert De Jager said Nel — who was appointed to his new position by Transvaal administrator Danie Hough about two weeks ago — had appropriate experience

Nel was briefed yesterday about the rent and services crisis in Atteridgeville by officials from the TPA, Pretoria City Council, Atteridgeville Town Council and the Pretoria Regional Services Council

59 new posts

for Jo'burg

City Council

Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council will advertise the posts of 59 functional heads as part of the next phase of its reorganisation

Deloitte Pim Goldby Management Consultants was appointed in July last year to undertake an organisational review and restructuring of the council. Nineteen council departments were replaced with eight strategic business units and three support service units headed by 11 new executive directors

With the current phase the responsibilities for the 59 functional heads will be advertised at the weekend

The new functional heads' salaries range from between R133 000 and R89 000 a year

Teams of 266 officers go back on beat in Soweto

By Montshiwa Moroke

Soweto traffic officers who were pulled out of township streets after a colleague was shot dead last Tuesday will resume their duties today, chief traffic officer Titus Malaza said yesterday.

Mr Malaza said the decision had been reached after he had met traffic officers on Tuesday.

Mr Malaza withdrew his squad from traffic and pedestrian control points after Simon Makhudu Kungoane was shot at point-blank range while on point duty in Zone 6, Pinville.

In May, an unarmed traffic inspector, George Mthandane Modise, was killed after youths fired at him three times while he was on duty at a pedestrian crossing.

Mr Malaza's brother, Petrus, also a traffic officer, was killed in Soweto two years ago.

Measures

Mr Malaza said that as much as they were unsafe, the Soweto traffic officers felt obliged — as parents and members of the community — to go back on the road.

"We will be going back on the road again from tomorrow. We will be looking at interim security measures and the mechanisms, and all this will be confidential.

"This time it will not be possible to cover all the points, as traffic officers will be sent out in teams and not alone, whether it be on point duty, to accidents or junctions with jammed traffic lights," Mr Malaza said.

He also said he was disappointed at the apathy displayed by residents in front of whom these attacks had been committed.

His biggest concern was that if the public did not react, the firearms stolen from the traffic officers and police could be used against them.

E Rand towns to link up

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East Rand Bureau

The amalgamation of the East Rand municipalities of Germiston, Katlehong, Bedfordview and Palm Ridge may become a reality within the next nine months, Germiston town clerk Tomie Heyneke said yesterday.

Linking the four, which was virtually irrevocable, would benefit all, he said.

"All four councils have taken resolutions to amalgamate and unless the unforeseen happens, it will be complete within nine months."

Mr Heyneke said there was a rightwing element within Germiston City Council which opposed the amalgamation.

He said that before the amalgamation could be finalised, an agreement would have to be negotiated with the parties.

The regional services council, which had been channelling funds into Katlehong, would be included, he said.

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Races share Nelspruit revenue

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

When it comes to financing townships during the transition from apartheid, Nelspruit suggests options worth exploring.

In Nelspruit all householders — irrespective of race and the areas they were confined to under the old Group Areas Act — benefit equally from the 55 percent property rate rebate off-set by the higher rates shouldered by the town's business sector, says town clerk Dirk van Rooyen.

In addition, the three racially distinct local authorities in the Nelspruit complex all get a share of the revenue generated by business and industry.

This share is directly proportional to the number of residential sites developed in the three authorities.

Nelspruit certainly represents a significant departure from the prevailing model, where the benefits of business rates revenue are firmly restricted to the white suburbs.

But it does not represent a fully nonracial model because Nelspruit is not a typical SA town — it has no black township.

The thousands of black people who work and spend their income in Nelspruit live across the kaNgwane border in kaNyamazane or in rural villages further afield.

So the cross-racial sharing of municipal revenue is confined to about 20 000 white residents of Nelspruit "proper", 1 000 coloured residents of Nelsville and 1 000 Indian residents of Valencia Park.

Would Nelspruit have

stuck to its equitable policy if it had to contend with the vastly different population pattern created by the inclusion of Nelspruit's black workers and consumers?

While conceding that it is easy to speculate, Mr van Rooyen ventures that "even if kaNyamazane had been included I'm sure we could have worked out something".

He adds that the view in some quarters is that the kaNgwane border should not be a barrier to sharing Nelspruit's revenue more widely.

"In consultations with the ANC and the kaNgwane authorities we still have a situation where they feel that there should be some way of distributing Nelspruit's income to kaNyamazane because they also contribute to Nelspruit."

his capacity as an MP, but "at no time did Mr De Pontes act on my instructions, nor anyone else you mention

"My policy towards people who approach me in respect of armaments or military equipment has always been to refer them to the appropriate section of Armscor. I do not follow this up. I have no knowledge of what De Pontes allegedly told people, nor do I personally know the various people you mention."

A spokesman for the Foreign Minister says that Botha met Palazzolo once, in East London, at a reception after a public political meeting on April 29 1987. Palazzolo was not involved in any of the negotiations or discussions the Minister conducted in regard to the release of Albertini. Whether Palazzolo had a part in other discussions, the Minister does not know. The French envoy was not Stroiazzo-Mougin, who the Minister says he does not know, but Ferdinand Marcel René Wibaux. *Eddie Botha*

RATES CRISIS

Switching control 30/8/91 FM

The Soweto civic associations want the Johannesburg and Roodepoort municipalities to take over the management of the huge township — presently running at a monthly deficit of R10m.

The civics, says spokesman Cas Coovadia, are prepared to agree to an interim increase in tariffs and to encourage those who are not paying to begin doing so — if the Transvaal Provincial Administration sets a time-frame to phase out the unpopular black local authorities.

Interestingly, the civics are negotiating the issue independently of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast). They have consistently been more inclined than Cast to negotiate a single municipal framework for Soweto and Johannesburg.

Services in most PWV townships are in danger of collapse because of unpaid bills. Nine townships are without electricity. The TPA is presently negotiating the payment of services with 70 of 82 black local authorities in the Transvaal. Boycotts of service charges are still being experienced in about 50 local authorities, according to Transvaal MEC Olaus van Zyl.

The three Soweto town councils of Dobsonville, Diepmeadow and Greater Soweto collectively owe Eskom R100m. In all, Eskom says, about 40 local authorities have defaulted in payments for electricity since September last year and now owe more than R200m.

Says Eskom's Bongani Khumalo, "Eskom is not empowered to write off accumulated debt. Any solution to the issue of non-payment will have to include some provision for the recovery of arrears."

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson tells the *FM* that the city council had not yet been approached by the civics with their proposal, and, therefore, could not comment. However, his Roodepoort counterpart Dave Treleven says the issue would be discussed this week by the management committee and representatives of the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

Coovadia says Johannesburg and Roodepoort could take over the running of Soweto in terms of the new Interim Measures for Local Government Act. He says the civics want the black local authorities to be dissolved and their staff to fall under Johannesburg and Roodepoort.

Something similar has begun in Alexandra. Services to the township, in terms of a new agreement, now fall under the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council. Eskom will supply electricity direct to consumers in Alexandra. However, the Alexandra Town Council remains in existence.

Zebulon Tlhabane, deputy mayor of Diepmeadow Town Council, said the three Soweto councils would be discussing the services crisis this week. They are not keen on Johannesburg and Roodepoort taking over Soweto's services, but would prefer to follow Alexandra's lead and fall under the Wits RSC, according to Tlhabane.

Tlhabane blames the continued non-payment of electricity on the Soweto Civic Association. He dismisses residents' claims that bills often reach them months late with erroneous consumption figures; the council uses a private contractor to mail the bills. He claims civics officials have removed electricity bills from private mail boxes and destroyed them. The civics reject this allegation.

The civics claim 360 000 "registered but not necessarily paid up" members from Soweto's estimated 2,5m population. Coovadia says residents will not agree to final tariff increases until social workers have determined how much residents can afford to pay.

This is ridiculous, and rational ways of avoiding similar payment crises in future are being examined. Eskom has installed more than 40 000 "budget electricity controllers" — meters with prepaid cards — "ranging from informal houses to upmarket white suburbs." The meters are similar to those used for gas and electricity in Britain, but are only installed in new dwellings.

Eskom expects the use of these meters to account for 4% of domestic sales this year.

Uitenhage is an example of how this creative approach can work. Volkswagen, the major employer in the small eastern Cape town, was keen that kwaNobuhle, the main township from which it draws employees, should be electrified. The car company got involved in negotiations with Eskom and a utilities company called Kwanolec was formed with a 51% shareholding by Eskom and 49% from local employers. To avoid non-payment disputes, Kwanolec opted for the meter system.

CAST steps up efforts to isolate councillors

By Kaizer Nyatumba
Political Staff

The Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) has decided to double its efforts to "eradicate" black local authorities and management committees.

CAST president Moses Mayekiso and publicity secretary Sam Ntuli told a press conference yesterday that CAST's conference on local government and housing at the weekend had resolved to call on community members to intensify campaigns for the resignation of black councillors and management committee members.

The conference called for the isolation of town councillors "in all spheres of life".

Mr Ntuli said the conference came out strongly in support of negotiations on local government, land allocation for development, housing development, the supply of electricity and public transportation.

The conference recommended that white local authorities take over the supply of social services to adjacent townships and the administration of these townships until nonracial local governments had been formed.

CAST said white municipalities, which had a sound fiscal base and "efficient administrative capacities", should take the blame for the deterioration of services in adjacent townships.

'Evidence was dumped'

SUSAN RUSSELL

A GERMISTON man tried to protect his brother and two friends by throwing away a wooden bed leg allegedly used by the three to beat a black man to death, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday

Johannes Olivier said he had thrown away the leg after finding it in the kitchen of the house he shared with the three.

He was testifying on behalf of the state at the trial of his brother Etienne Thomas Ferreira, 19, Deon Meyer, 25, and a 16-year-old youth who may not be identified

The three have pleaded not guilty to murdering an unidentified black man in open veld in Germiston on November 12 last year

They allegedly attacked the man after finding him asleep and beat him to death with a wooden bed leg and karate sticks

The trial continues

TPA under fire for stance on squatters

A ROW has broken out between the Soweto City Council and the TPA over the resettlement of the 1 500 people in the troubled Mshenguville squatter camp

At least six people died in the reputed Inkatha stronghold at the weekend, prompting Soweto mayor Oscar Maseko to declare it a "crisis area" and call for 24-hour police protection for its residents

Soweto council PRO Mojalefa Moseki yesterday accused the TPA of "not applying its mind" to the urgency of providing land for the resettlement of the residents of Mshenguville.

TPA spokesman Magda du Toit in turn called the accusation "utter rubbish" because, she said, the council had failed to stop more people from flocking to the area when the original residents were moved to Orange Farm in 1989

There were no more stands available in serviced areas and the identification, acquisition and developing of more land for squatters required money and time, Du Toit said

Maseko said that since fighting had

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broken out in the area in July, the Soweto council has done all in its power to stop the violence. "On the other hand we have held several meetings with top TPA officials for more than a month to provide land, either at Doornkop or elsewhere, for the permanent resettlement of all Mshenguville families"

Moseki said all the council was getting from the TPA was promises

Meanwhile, Inkatha secretary for the West Rand Humphrey Ndlovu dismissed allegations that Mshenguville was an Inkatha stronghold, saying the area was occupied by people of mixed political affiliation

"We don't go about creating strongholds, but people themselves go out and seek Inkatha membership," he said

Ndlovu denied allegations that his organisation was involved in the fighting at Mshenguville

But he welcomed the council's moves to bring order to the camp and said his organisation had been holding talks with other groupings to resolve the issue

Post mortem to determine

Scrap black local authorities - Cast

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THE Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal have decided that black local authorities should be dissolved and a new national body formed to negotiate the new energy legislation.

Cast said this after their

By **IKE MOTSAPI** and **Sapa**

conference in Johannesburg at the weekend

It said it would negotiate with the Transvaal Provincial Administration and white councillors for

solutions to the crisis in local government

Cast would also adopt a unified strategy for negotiations on the future of local authorities, rather than the *ad hoc* method currently employed by the

various civics

It was also decided to call for the scrapping of the National Energy Act, and the setting up of a national forum of civics to include other interested parties to formulate a new national energy policy.

Former Nigerian head is to visit South Africa

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FORMER Nigerian head of State General Olusegun Obasanjo will almost certainly meet President De Klerk when he visits South Africa next week for talks with prominent politicians and business leaders

Obasanjo, a member of the Commonwealth's Eminent Persons Group which toured South Africa in 1986, will lead a group of 16 Nigerians on a two-day visit to the country at the invitation of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (Idasa)

The group, arriving on Tuesday next week, is to meet ANC president Nelson Mandela and arrangements are

being made for meetings with President De Klerk, Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha, and representatives of political organisations such as Azapo, the PAC, the Inkatha Freedom Party as well as the South African Council of Churches

Idasa executive director Dr Alex Boraine described Obasanjo as a key actor in the shift towards democracy in Africa

He said the visit was particularly significant in terms of extending and strengthening South Africa's relations in Africa - *Sowetan Correspondent*

Making the townships viable

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The townships are deteriorating and wallowing in debt. Is there anything like a lifeboat in sight? JO-ANNE COLLINGE reports

IT IS THE classic vicious cycle. Township residents refuse to pay for services (largely) because the standards of service are unacceptable, and services will not be improved until there is money flowing into the council coffers. How to break this endlessly destructive pattern that has brought townships to the brink of collapse is the question preoccupying local and regional government officials and civic leaders alike.

Crumbled

One mechanism that is mooted as an interim solution is the "joint administration". But it is clear that the idea means different things to different people — and that the costs and benefits of various models are likewise quite wide-ranging.

At the one end of the scale, TPA chief negotiator Olaus van Zyl argues, joint administration need not imply any additional cost to a white local authority which agrees to share responsibility for delivering services to a township.

The advantages to township service consumers are purely in the areas of improved efficiency — which would allow substantial central Government subsidies to be put to better use — and more advantageous bulk purchasing arrangements, which could lead to a drop in tariffs.

Under such an arrangement, senior staff from the white council would be shared and their management skills made available to town and township alike. But budgets remain strictly separate; both councils remain intact (or in townships where the council has already crumbled, the township administrator continues to deputise for the council) and both councils contribute to the costs of joint staffing.

Mr van Zyl points out that the white council could safeguard its financial position by making joint administration

subject to the meeting of certain conditions "If residents of that black local authority do not perform in terms of paying for services, then the white council can say 'They are breaking the agreement and I'm pulling out'".

Furthermore, says Mr van Zyl, Conservative Party-controlled councils — of which there are about 70 in the Transvaal — may be persuaded to take the plunge on joint administration, but they are not about to accept more far-reaching political restructuring.

The TPA model is not quite the interim joint administration that the civic movement has in mind, if the demands of the Soweto People's Delegation/Soweto Civic Association are any indication. The SPD/SCA says joint administration should, in addition to improving efficiency:

- Deputise the service issue
- This implies that township councillors must resign and not remain in control of budgets and contracts
- The interim administration itself should take on these responsibilities
- Begin to address the question of redistributing tax revenue within the total metropolitan complex
- The civics have not spelt out the structural implications of this demand, but make it clear it is not something that can be deferred until after central negotiations have finalised the form of post-apartheid local government

The second civic concern — redistribution — certainly could be addressed without radical political restructuring. There is no legal reason why rates from non-residential properties in the urban complex cannot be shared out, according to an agreed formula, to benefit all residents instead of whites only.

From the point of view of the civics, although sharing the business tax revenue does not attack the racial structuring of local government, it represents a step towards equity in revenue distribution and an extra source of money for the destitute townships.

Emphatic

While the National Party — and Mr van Zyl — look favourably on political restructuring even in the transitional phase, the SCA and other civic bodies are emphatic that they will not implement new-style local authorities before central political negotiations take place.

This does not necessarily imply that civic associations would insist that structures like the Central Watersrand Metropolitan Chamber or the various urban forums in smaller towns should cease to exist. But it certainly does mean that

these forums are limited to planning technical interim solutions and exploratory exchanges on future forms of government.

The absence of political restructuring leaves a question mark over the accountability and legitimacy of interim administrations and negotiating forums. Some hold that elections for such bodies are necessary; others that proper elections are not feasible. There is no urgent demand for an answer on this issue.

Mr van Zyl proposes that, more immediately, "if people accept that all the relevant parties are included in the negotiating forum — in other words that it is a sort of representative body — then surely what is negotiated as an interim solution must have some legitimacy".

It is a principle that the civic associations apparently endorse, even if they and the TPA are at odds about the identities of "relevant parties". □

Sun power helping to light the streets

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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Sun beams are lighting up dark streets in several Transvaal municipalities as solar-powered lamps are switched on.

Ellisras in the far northern Transvaal will become one of the first municipalities in the country to install permanent solar-powered street lighting. Three other municipalities — Bedfordview, Sandton and Roodepoort — have solar lighting on trial.

The head of the Ellisras electricity department, Aardt Both, said the lights would be put up at the two street boundaries of the town. It made sound economic sense to use solar power, he added.

"The erection of the lights at the entrances to Ellisras are far from our conventional electricity supply. To use electricity, we would have had to run long lengths of expensive cable."

Sandton, which installed its first solar-powered street light

in a playground in Fourways more than a year ago, has added another to a dangerous bend in Troupand Avenue.

Councillor Richard Cheary said both lamps had proved successful and he was determined to convince the council to install more in Sandton's unit streets.

"Cars continually crashed through the wall of a house in Troupand Avenue before the light was installed. Since the area has been lit up at night, there has not been a single accident. I would like to see a lot more installed."

Sandton paid about R2 500 for each lamp. But there is no cost after the erection of the lighting apart from minimal maintenance costs.

The Bedfordview municipality has been testing a solar-powered street light in the suburb of Senderwood.

The lights gather sun power through a solar panel during the day, and store the electricity in a battery for night use. The equipment is being supplied by Omnipower Technologies, an al-

ternative-energy group.

The company's marketing manager, Ian Johnston, said solar-powered lighting compared favourably with conventional residential illumination.

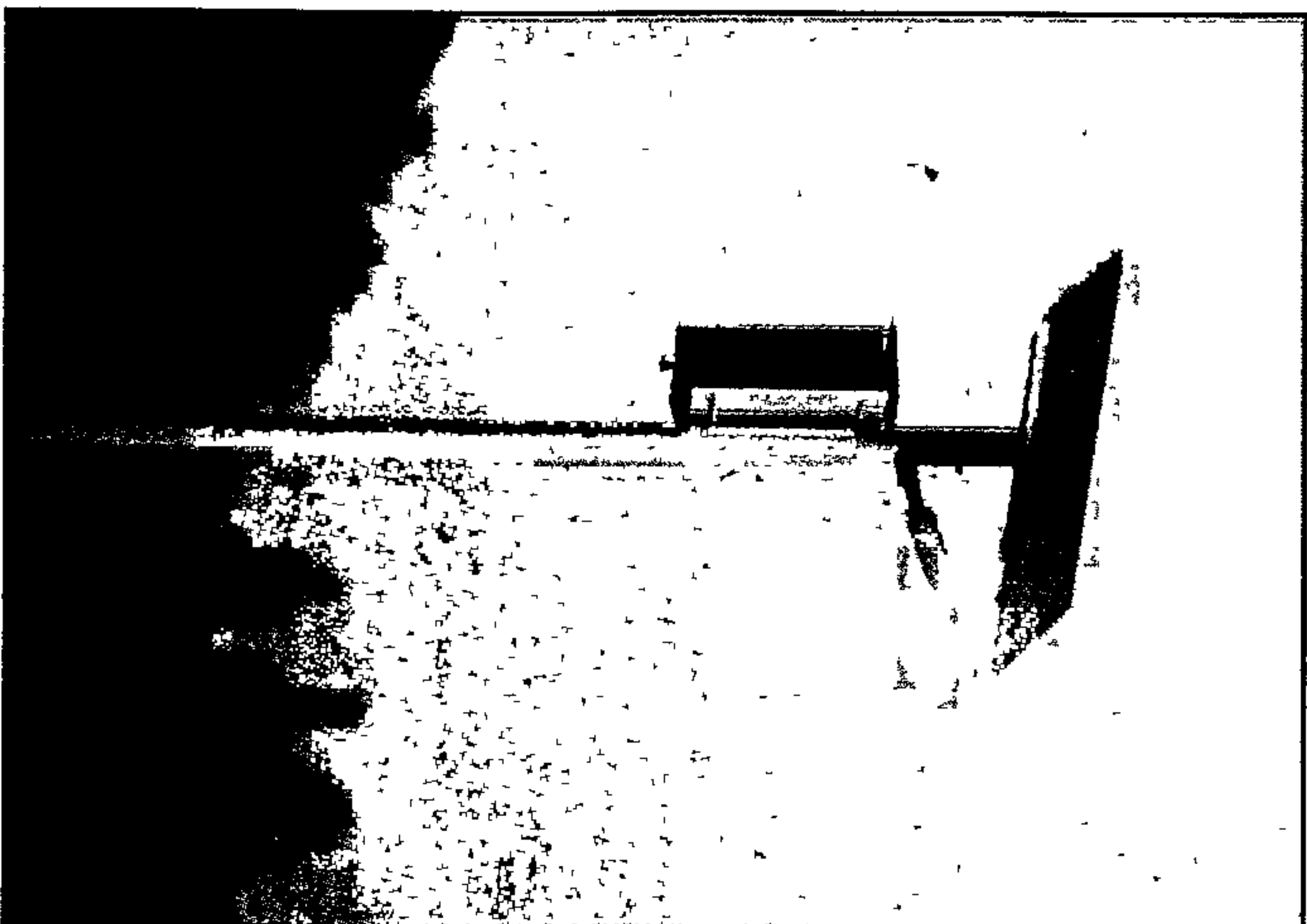
"Solar lighting is making giant strides around the world, particularly in remote areas where there is no conventional electricity."

Municipalities in South Africa faced huge costs with the installation of street lighting, and many were concentrating on lighting main roads, he said.

Developers of new townships were often required to install street lights to municipal specifications.

Because of the backlog, some existing suburban areas, however, could wait a decade or more before they received conventional lighting, Mr Johnston said.

He suggested that as an alternative, it was possible for individual householders and companies to install their own solar-powered lighting to illuminate their properties.



Lingerling sun . . . a solar-powered street-lamp burns in Little Fourways, Sandton.

Picture: Ken Oosterbroek

Nel in a bid to resolve Atteridgeville crisis

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THE new Atteridgeville administrator, Mr Martiens Nel, met with the management committee of the Pretoria City Council to try and resolve the rent crisis in the township (266)

Nel and the deputy chairman of the management committee of the council, Mr Cor Uys, announced yesterday that a firm of consultants would assist the administrator to develop a new strategic

management plan

Nel took over as administrator of Atteridgeville on September 1 after the term of his predecessor, Dr Ernie Jacobson, expired at the end of July

The rent crisis, which prompted the council to discontinue bulk electricity supplies to the township on July 22, is still continuing

"The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the new administrator

with events to date and to discuss a possible new approach in order to resolve the ongoing refusal of the majority of Atteridgeville residents to pay their accounts, which resulted in the local council being unable to meet its financial responsibilities," the statement said

The Pretoria council said it would only consider restoring power when the township had paid the account in full or came

'Squatter camp must go'

Soweto
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Violence in the camp leads to a rethink

By ALI MPHAKI

MSHENGUVILLE must go.

This was confirmed by Soweto City Council's PRO, Mr. Mogaletla Moseki, in an exclusive interview with Sowetan yesterday.

He said plans are already afoot to build an artificial lake and a playground for children once all the people in the area have been moved. Thus, he said, was agreed upon by the council and the Soweto Civic Association, following a series of meetings to resolve the squatter area problem.

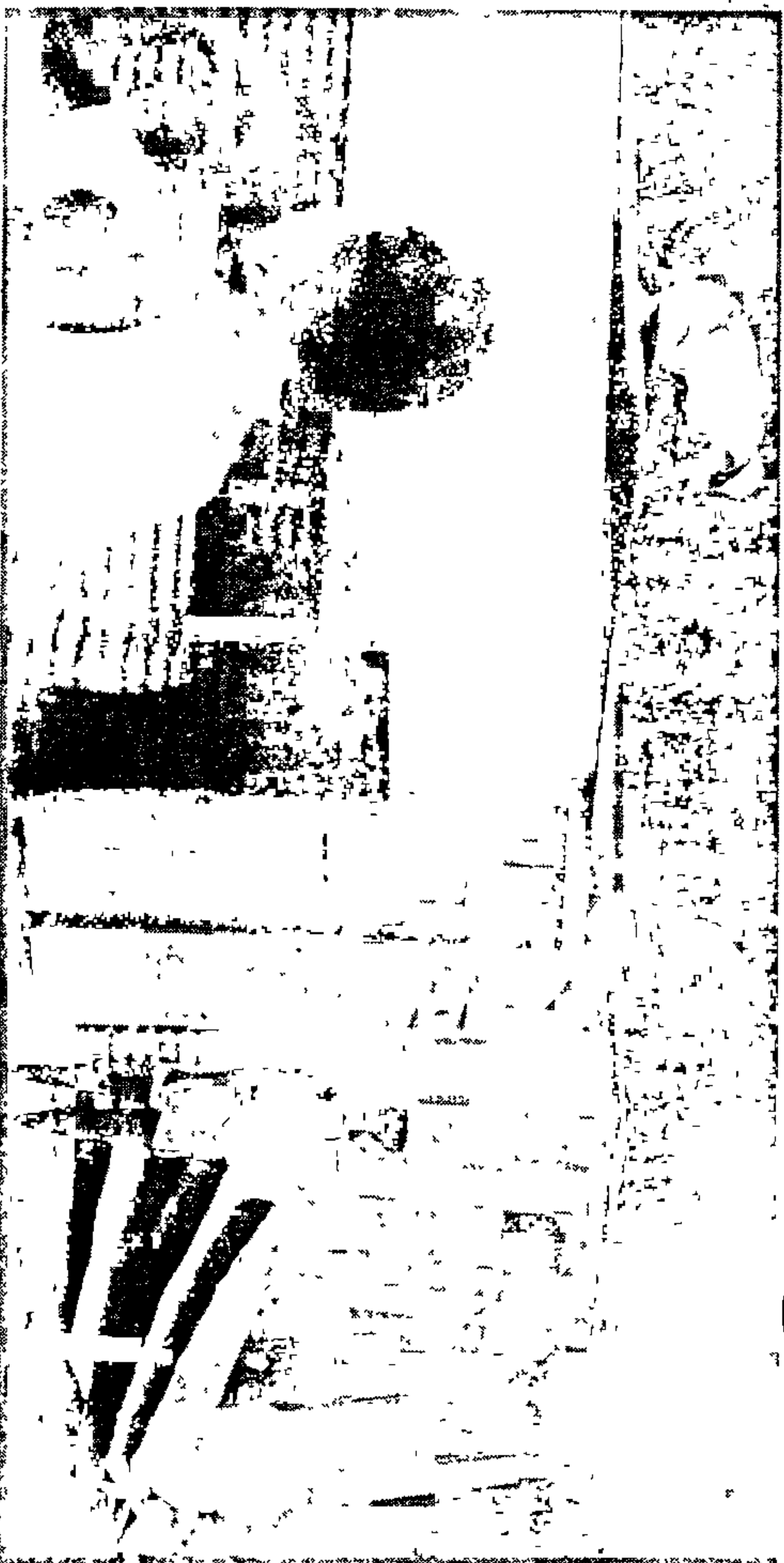
"Although we have not set a definite deadline, the council continues to review the matter on a daily basis. No doubt the council will take further action whenever possible to expedite

the matter," Moseki said. A spokesman for the Soweto Civic Association, Mr. Isaac Mogase, however denied that the association had had any meetings with the council about

the matter, Moseki said. Mshenguville, and suggested they could have held talks with the Mshenguville Crisis Committee Efforts to obtain comment from the committee drew a blank yesterday.

Moseki, on the other hand, warned that the council will have no option but to declare Mshenguville a national disaster and call directly for the State President's (FW de Klerk) intervention if TPA does not make land available to resettle the families.

He said there are about 2 000 unoccupied sites at Doornkop near Dobsonville, which the



Mshenguville... the Soweto council says it must go and the people be resettled somewhere else.

TPA is refusing to give to the Mshenguville people.

"We have had a series of meetings with the TPA over the resettlement issue of the Mshenguville people and they are not prepared to budge.

"The TPA has the capacity but lacks the will to apply it towards the resolution of this matter. In fact, we (the council) harbour a feeling that the TPA have never earnestly addressed themselves to the housing problem in Soweto," charged Moseki. He said the council

moved about 3000 families from Mshenguville to Orange Farm in 1989 and those remaining will have been allocated sites at Doornkop.

To his dismay, many people who were not on the original waiting list for sites at Doornkop are already living there.

He said there are about 1 500 families who had fled the area since fighting broke out in July this year. The council was concerned about their well being as some were housed at the Ipelegeng

Community Centre in White City Jabavu.

"One would have hoped that, with the changing scenario in the country, the TPA would have extended their scope and settled the Mshenguville people. This means the responsibility for those people is ours (council) and all those interested parties. However, it is the TPA which takes a larger share of that responsibility," Moseki said.

The TPA's liaison officer in Pretoria, Mrs. Magla du Toit, dismissed Moseki's allegations as

"utter rubbish".

"Two years ago we moved the Mshenguville people and allocated sites for them in Orange Farm. It was the council's duty to see to it that no new people occupied the Mofolo land," she said.

Asked about the 2 000 sites at Doornkop, Du Toit said no stands were available, although not all the people were living there at the moment.

"Whether anyone would have liked it or not, there are simply no sites at Doornkop.

"The TPA, in agreement between the Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville councils, has been developing the Doornkop area and the allocation of sites is the responsibility of the councils. I don't know why the Soweto PRO should want to blame us," she said.

She added the TPA was, however, looking into the matter and were also looking at other land suitable for low-cost housing.

"Unfortunately, all this takes time and money," she said.

A move towards unity

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THE greater Benoni area yesterday moved closer to creating a nonracial local government with the signing of an agreement appointing the Benoni Town Council to provide electricity to Daveyton township.

The agreement was negotiated in the Greater Benoni Forum by the Daveyton and Benoni councils, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Daveyton Interim Committee and Eskom.

A similar arrangement for Wattville was expected to be concluded soon.

According to a joint statement from the town clerks of Daveyton and

By DON SEOKANE

Benoni, Mr DJ Erasmus and Mr DP Erasmus, the GBF's objective was to create a single nonracial local government for the greater Benoni area.

The agreement gave the Benoni council powers to administer an electricity supply network and to collect accounts for essential services for Daveyton residents.

The town clerks said all arrears and service charges incurred before November 1 last year would be written off.

"From that date until August 31 this year, people who are in arrears are liable to pay the amounts owed."

The agreement also provided for the transfer of rented houses to their tenants.

"A method of transferring the rented houses is to be negotiated in the Greater Benoni Forum," the statement said. "Legal, social and financial aspects of the method of transferring those houses will also be considered."

Row over new council posts

TANIA LEVY

THE Johannesburg City Council has accused one of its unions of trying to discourage people from applying for 59 new senior posts it advertised last week.

In a "cautionary statement" placed in two newspapers yesterday, the Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Association said that filling some of the proposed posts which were filled by JMEA members could lead to an unfair labour practice.

Management committee acting-chairman Eddy Magid said in reaction that the council believed there was no unfair labour practice on its part and encouraged all interested parties to apply.

Town clerk Graham Collins said the council was not considering taking legal action against the union at this stage.

Magid said in a statement that the city council was engaged in a reorganisation exercise which any progressive employer would take to meet the challenges facing local government now and in the next century.

He said the council had consulted all of its unions, including the JMEA, about the proposed posts and their grading.

Four held in Natal over arms

Sowetan 9/9/91
POLICE at the weekend arrested four men in the Table Mountain area of the Natal Midlands, seizing weapons and ammunition.

The men, all in their mid-20s, are alleged to have had in their possession two AK-47 rifles with 97 rounds of ammunition, a 303 rifle, a homemade shotgun and four other homemade firearms, ammunition of various calibres and a flare - *Sapa*

TPA's no to wage *Sowetan 9/9/91* increase demand

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has rejected the National Education and Health Workers Union's demands for a wage increase

TPA acting director-general Dr Piet Steyn issued a statement in reply to a memorandum by Nehawu last Friday demanding recognition of the union and a wage increase proportional to the inflation rate for all health workers

Steyn said a partial salary increase was granted to health workers in April this year. He pointed out that the union formed part of a forum created by the Commission for

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By SELLO MOTLABAKWE

Administration (CFA) which is currently negotiating the nature of future collective bargaining processes between the TPA and Nehawu

Additional matters addressed in the statement include: A commitment by the TPA to consult the union over any proposed retrenchment of workers, the non-victimisation of Nehawu members for their membership and the continuation of discussions on the right to peaceful protests.

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Local authorities face new threat

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NEWS

Black IDT will not be pushed around

LESLEY LAMBERT

IDT chairman Jan Steyn has criticised certain sectors in the business and black communities for hampering the development process in SA.

Releasing the IDT's first annual report in Cape Town yesterday, Steyn said some members of the private sector were not prepared to take "the risks involved in exploiting long-term opportunities in the national, and therefore business's interest".

Steyn was also critical of "gatekeepers" in black communities, who insisted on endorsing particular initiatives.

"This is where ideologues, at policy level, and power-brokers at a functional level, regrettably have entrenched themselves," he said.

He said the IDT would not allow itself to be pushed for the benefit of particular groups, either business or political.

Sapa reports that in its first full year of operations the IDT allocated nearly R1.5bn, or 75% of the total amount entrusted to it by taxpayers in 1990, to development projects.

Steyn warned that what seemed like an enormous sum of money a year ago had shrunk in comparison with SA's development needs.

The IDT, which began operating in August 1990, has funded about 150 education, housing and health projects for 10-million South Africans.

'Safeguard local Govt autonomy'

GERARD REILLY

PRETORIA — Local government autonomy should be protected as a basic democratic institution in any new constitution, Planning and Provincial Affairs Deputy Director-General Chris Thornhill said yesterday.

He told a conference on local government administration organised by Unisa that the first comprehensive study of local government, by a committee of the Council for the Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs, was nearly finished.

Disparities

The committee was confident it had developed a sound basis for a new democratic local government system and believed its recommendations could form a basis for discussions in national constitutional negotiations.

Thornhill said the principles underlying the proposed system, issued as a manifesto by the council and confirmed by President F W de Klerk, included local government as an independent form and tier of government.

It would consist of autonomous, directly elected local authorities as fully fledged government institutions.

Also, the system should provide for democratic political participation and the elimination of domination.

Thornhill said the committee could not envisage an urbanised area being able to support three or four local authorities as most urban areas were relatively small.

Of the 537 white local authorities, 35% could be classified as small. Eighty percent of the 264 black local authorities were small without any significant financial base.

Transvaal MEC Olaus van Zyl told the conference the major difference between the NP and ANC on future local government structures lay in the debate on devolution of power versus a centralised political system.

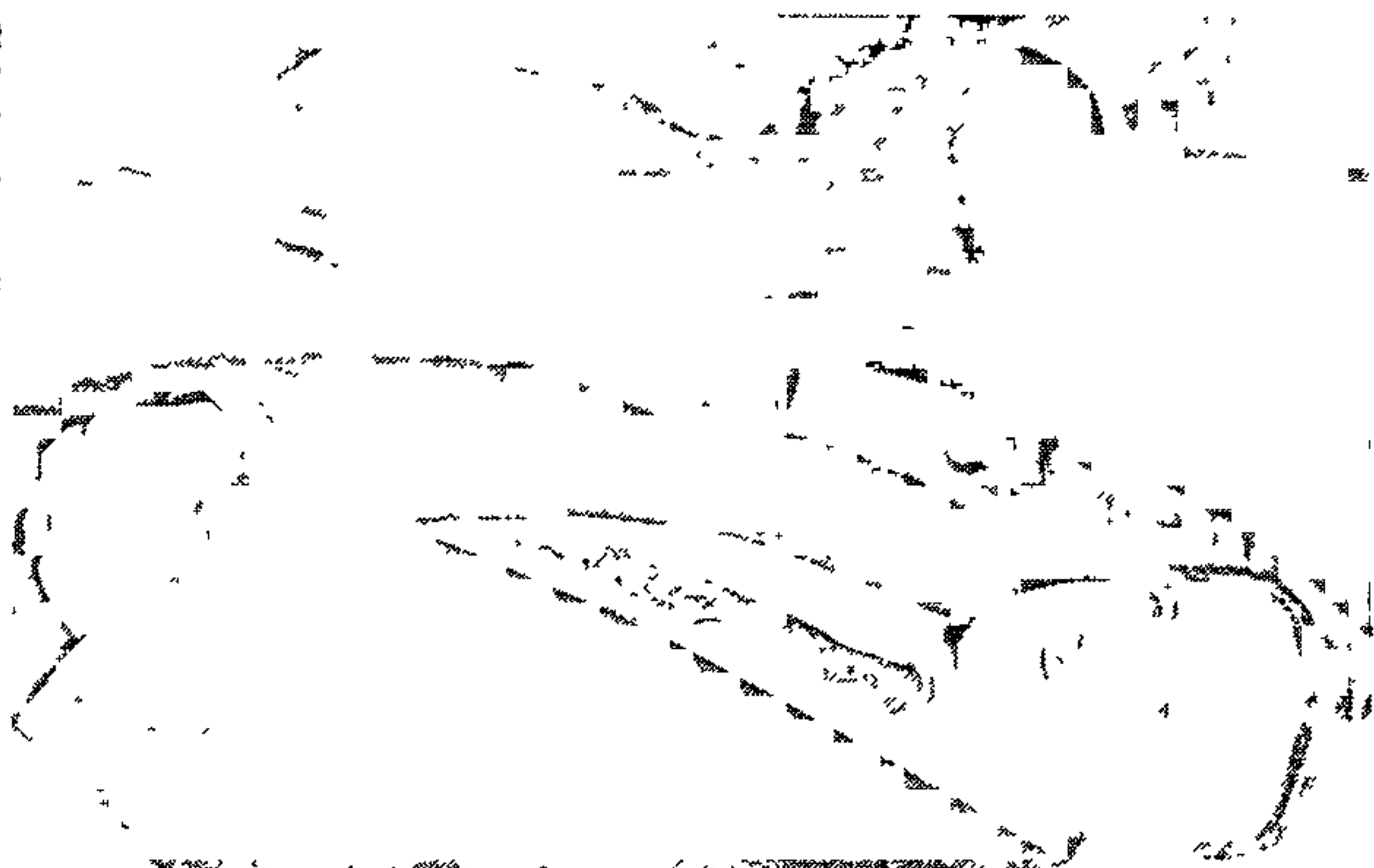
However there were similarities, including the need for non-racial local authorities.

Both parties also acknowledged the large gap between developed and underdeveloped areas and the disparities between rich and poor.

Van Zyl said it was impossible at this stage to forecast what a new system would look like.

However the NP had stressed the basis of the local government system had to be laid down in the constitution and entrenched.

Picture CATHERINE ROSS



Soweto accord on brink of collapse

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The announcement by Transvaal MEC for Institutional Development and Negotiations Olaus van Zyl came on the eve of a Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber meeting today.

An agreement between the Johannesburg City Council and the cash-strapped councils could be announced at the meeting, sources said yesterday.

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It provided for the payment of an interim monthly tariff of R23 for basic services and a metered tariff for electricity.

The accord stated that none of the five principal parties could act unilaterally.

But since then the townships have fallen into arrears yet again, and the TPA and the three councils seek to increase the tariffs while the SPD demands that the running of services should be handed over to the Central Witwatersrand RSC or the city councils of Roodepoort and Johannesburg.

The SPD has complained that the coun-

cils have failed to run the services efficiently and have failed to meet provisions of the accord. It has also maintained that the four other signatories could not reach agreement without its input.

The councils are reported to owe Eskom more than R120m and a recent meeting of the Metropolitan Chamber was told that the townships faced a collapse of essential services unless money was found urgently.

Van Zyl said in a statement yesterday that the financial situation was serious, and that the SPD kept on "moving the goalposts". It had been agreed at the signing of the accord, he said, that service charges should be increased.

"to ensure the continuation of services to residents, the three Soweto councils have no other choice than to continue their urgent examination of the possibility of increasing the interim service charges, and to consider the implementation of higher tariffs once the inquiry is completed — preferably with the co-operation of all parties, but if this is not possible, on their own," Van Zyl said.

Meanwhile, a Johannesburg City Council source said yesterday that an announcement would be made at today's Metro Chamber meeting regarding an agreement on financing between Johannesburg and the Soweto councils.

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Emergency services to be privatised

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TANIA LEVY

THE Benoni Town Council last night voted to privatise its fire and ambulance service

The council believes it will be Africa's first emergency service to be privatised

Management committee chairman Danie Taljaard said the privatisation would save the council and its ratepayers about R15m in the next five years

The decision had not been taken lightly and the privatisation committee had deliberated for almost 15 months, he said

Benoni's fire chief Stephen Barber said the council would contract out its fire and ambulance service to a private company, which would be bound to maintain the standard of service at no extra charge to users

Fire and ambulance staff would be kept on by the company, which would lease Benoni's fire station from the council

Town clerk Deneys Conradie said the agreement also marked the first time a local authority would own shares in a private company

Shares would be split between the council, First National Bank, the Fire and Emergency Services Holding Company and the company's employees

Judge orders boxer not to harass family

SUSAN RUSSELL

In an affidavit, Arenson said Coetzee had threatened to "sort him out" and have his wife raped by a hit squad. He then reported the threats to police.

Arenson said he, his wife, two-year-old son and two-month-old daughter then left their home under police escort to live elsewhere. Security guards were hired to protect his home and business premises.

He said he and Coetzee had negotiated a deal for the purchase of a new boat which was to have been imported from the US.

Coetzee gave the company two boats as a trade-in, one of which Waterworld valued at R25 000, Arenson said.

He added that it was a term of their contract that the deposit on the new boat would be forfeited if the deal fell through at the instance of the purchaser.

Arenson said the deal fell through after his company had incurred expenses of R7 500 and Waterworld had kept the R25 000 vessel.

INTERDICTION proceedings launched against former boxing champion Gerrie Coetzee after he allegedly threatened to have the wife of a Randburg boat dealer raped by a hit squad, were settled in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

An order interdicting Coetzee from assaulting, harassing or threatening Ronnie Arenson and his family was granted yesterday by Mr Justice Flemming by agreement of both parties.

Arenson in turn agreed his company, Waterworld, would return a boat Coetzee lodged as part deposit on a boat he had ordered from the company.

The boat will be returned when Coetzee pays R4 000 for costs incurred during the transaction.

The Randburg boat dealer initially obtained an interim interdict against Coetzee two weeks ago after the former world heavyweight boxing champion allegedly threatened him and his wife.

Coetzee had until yesterday to show cause why the interim interdict should not be finalised.

Official 'people's court' opens today

WILSON ZWANE

SA's first official "people's court", to be called a community dispute resolution centre, will open its doors in Alexandra township today.

A Community Dispute Resolution Resource Committee official said the opening would, however, be low key. "A formal launch will take place within a few weeks after we have found our feet," she said.

The centre, in Wynberg near Alexandra, will deal with minor community dis-

putes and will be the first of its kind in SA. The committee has said it would be the forerunner of similar centres in other townships.

The committee — formed by the Wits Centre for Applied Legal Studies and the National Association of Democratic Lawyers — has trained 12 people who will mediate in disputes.

Alexandra Civic Organi-

sation president Moses Mayekiso has said the negative reaction of Alexandra people to the "white" judiciary, as well as rising crime, had prompted his organisation to work towards establishing community oriented courts.

The Justice Department has said the establishment of the dispute resolution centre has much in common with its desire to make the administration of justice accessible to all.

Bail granted

JONATHON REES

LOOD van Schalkwyk, one of three hunger strikers

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Rent accord in balance

Own Correspondent (266)

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THE task Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert has as chairman of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber is unenviable.

He holds together a creaking and controversial body, once hailed as the possible solution to the problems of urban government, but now with more problems than it can handle.

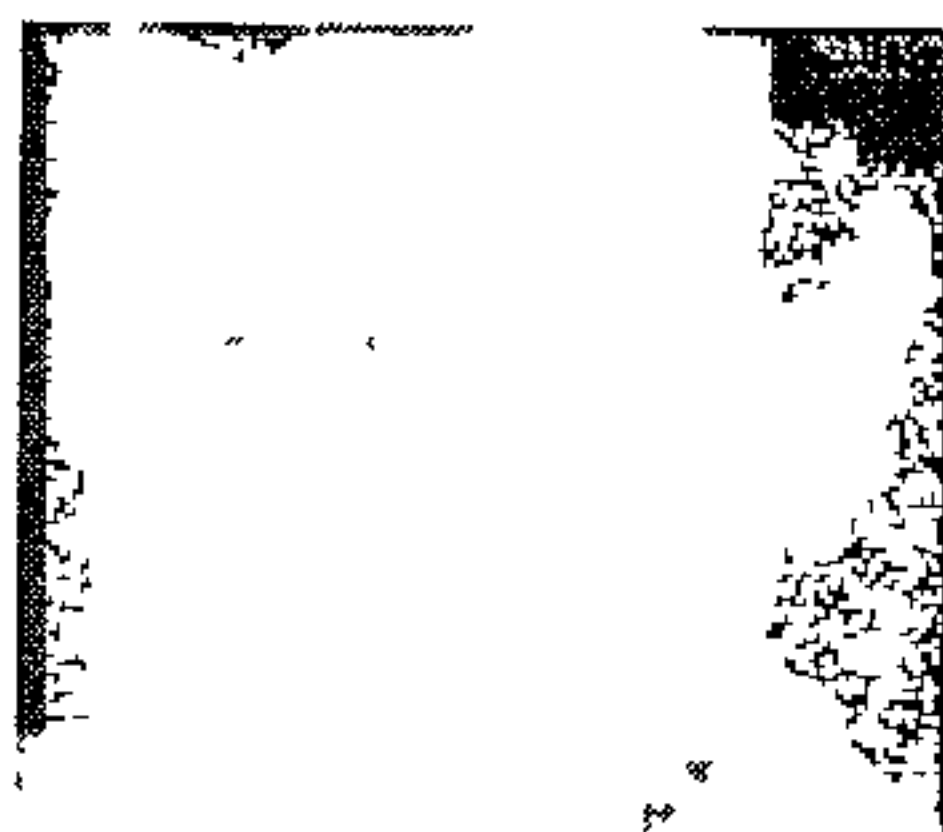
The chamber was welcomed at its birth in April this year as the place where former enemies would constructively debate a future non-racial local government system.

The brave initiative also demonstrated the participants' commitment to solving the problems in the bankrupt townships and an attempt to improve services and quality of life.

Dr Slabbert conceded this week, however, that the chamber was experiencing "teething problems". But these had been expected, he said, and there were no quick solutions. He had never thought it would be easy, he added.

His statement came as no surprise to Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal chairman Moses Mayekiso, whose organisation has spoken out strongly against participation in the chamber.

However, six of Cast's affili-



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MAYEKISO ... won't work

The Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber was an attempt to spearhead a new deal in local government. Now it is in trouble. **EDYTH BULBRING** canvasses two opposing views on the issue

ates have joined the chamber, despite condemnation by Cast's executive.

There has been dissension within the Cast membership on the role of the Metropolitan Chamber and its viability — indicating that there is no united view within Cast on local government solutions.

But, as far as Mr Mayekiso is

concerned, the chamber has not worked, it might never work — and it might as well be dissolved.

However, Dr Slabbert said he was not going to quit and run. There were plans afoot to deal with the problems, he said.

First, the chamber had generated expectations that it was capable of improving the quality of life for the people of greater So-

weto, said Dr Slabbert.

It would also negotiate a new local government system which would be ratified by chamber members.

But the chamber was under enormous pressure to deliver the goods. By not doing so, frustrations were being created, said Dr Slabbert.

Servicing people's needs had become a growing crisis, he said. Over two million people in Soweto were in danger of having their electricity cut.

Services were still not being paid for — despite an agreement between the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the councils of greater Soweto and civic bodies that residents should suspend their rent and services boycotts.

Tariffs

Mr Mayekiso contended that residents were unwilling to pay their service tariffs to discredited black local authorities which should resign.

Dr Slabbert said a Catch 22 situation had arisen. People were only prepared to pay higher tariffs if services improved, but these could only improve if higher tariffs were imposed.

The chamber was working on devising interim structures

Brave plan totters but Van's no quitter

acceptable to all participants that would provide better services, he said.

Besides being as yet unable to alleviate the service and financial crisis of the greater Soweto townships, the longer-term aim of the council to negotiate non-racial local government was not in sight.

At last month's chamber meeting, the Soweto People's Delegation demanded that the councils of Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepsmeadow, which have joined the chamber, dissolve.

This suggests that the historic animosities between the civics and the councils have not been resolved through the chamber's formation and that the civics still view the councils as obstacles to alleviating the service crisis.

Dr Slabbert said he never thought that the mere existence of a chamber would resolve historic animosities. But the chamber had succeeded in setting up working groups to tackle the problems in the townships and parties were engaging in debate on practical issues, he said.

Mr Mayekiso holds a "told you so" attitude to a problem of which he is glad to have stayed clear.

Flawed

He believed the chamber could never work because participating bodies were rushed into joining the chamber without the necessary research being carried out. They had little idea of what it was all about.

Dr Slabbert conceded this

point. There had been no time for people to understand things perfectly. It was part of the exercise of negotiation to establish transitional structures, he said.

The chamber was a flawed instrument, but it was the only one available, he said.

Mr Mayekiso said the chamber had failed because its members represented racially defined constituencies which were antagonistic to each other.

He maintained this problem could be solved if councils and civics in sub-regions such as Alexandra, Sandton, Randburg and Modderfontein reached an agreement and formed a non-racial interim structure to administer the region.

However, an immediate solution would be for white local

authorities to take over the administration of services in the townships, he said.

Dr Slabbert said he had to work with the existing structures. There was no legal mechanism available for the dissolution of racially based authorities.

He pointed out that President FW de Klerk was not going to dissolve racial structures before negotiations. The important thing was the commitment to pursuing future non-racial structures through negotiations.

But Cast will not be part of this problem — and will only participate if certain conditions are met.

Quarrel

Mr Mayekiso wants a national conference of civics, political parties, trade unions and the government to draw up basic principles and guidelines for a new system of local government.

Dr Slabbert said he had no quarrel with holding a conference, but for the moment, the daily crises of dealing with bankrupt black local authorities still existed.

Anyone who thought negotiations at a national level would immediately resolve the problems at local level was mistaken, he said.

Land sought for council housing

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THE Johannesburg City Council is looking for land to house thousands of low-income people queueing up to register for council-owned houses.

The council's executive director for health and housing, Dr Nicky Padayachee, said yesterday the municipality was looking to the Independent Development Trust (IDT), the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), government and even the World Bank to fund the low-income housing scheme.

Thousands of blacks seeking to apply for council-owned houses in Johannesburg are queueing daily outside the council's housing division offices. Padayachee said that since last week numbers had grown from 300 a day to 2 700 a day.

The total number of applicants up to yesterday was about 10 000.

"The scheme is open to people who earn less than R1 200. Council houses are for disadvantaged people, people who cannot afford to buy houses.

"Previously houses were allocated on the basis of race, but now they are given on the basis of need," Padayachee said.

The council had written to government and the own affairs housing departments informing them of the

scheme and asking whether it was allowed to accept applications from all population groups for council-assisted housing. He said a reply was expected soon.

"At the moment we are looking at all available land for low-cost houses. We feel that poor people should be housed as near as possible to the inner Johannesburg area, and not placed 60km away where they have to spend a lot of money on transport.

"Local authorities have no tax base, so we will apply pressure on the IDT, the DBSA and the central government to finance the scheme. We will go as far as the World Bank to get those funds," he said.

The council has a housing stock of about 30 000 units. These are in white, coloured and Indian areas. Only these race groups qualified for housing until the council's decision to open its accommodation to all races.

At present there are no empty houses. Blacks would be able to occupy council housing as current occupants bought their own homes and moved out, Padayachee said.

He said the council was consulting with experts on how to draw up the fairest possible waiting list.

Benoni council to privatise services

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THE Benoni City Council is to privatise its fire and ambulance services

In terms of the decision taken at a meeting on Tuesday night, Benoni will become the first council in Africa to privatise these services

The council said privatisation would result in a saving of R15 million to the council and ratepayers over the next five years

Management committee chairman Mr Danie Taljaard said the decision had not been taken lightly

The city's committee on privatisation sat for almost 15 months to ensure the services remained the same for Benoni residents and

that it would be profitable for the city

"Both requirements have been met and I am pleased that Benoni has once again shown itself to be an innovative, free-thinking city," said Taljaard

The current fire chief and driving force behind the campaign, Mr Stephen Barber, said it would be "business as usual" for residents

Shareholding in the private company will be split between the Benoni City Council, employees of the private company, First National Bank and the Fire and Emergency Services Holding Company - *Sapa*

New body mooted to run Soweto, Reef

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By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

An historic plan by Johannesburg to establish an interim metropolitan government — to take over essential services for the central Witwatersrand region and to run Soweto — was welcomed by other councils, civic leaders and the Transvaal Provincial Administration last night.

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson proposed that the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber and the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council be combined to streamline political decision-making with a restructured metropolitan authority and local authorities.

He proposed that the new body contract the white councils to take over the administration of Greater Soweto and the provision of water, electricity and sewerage to the entire re-

gion

"The first element of our proposal entails marrying the legislative powers and financial muscle of the RSC with the participative legitimacy of the chamber," Mr Davidson said, addressing the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber last night. A new form of interim local government could be in place within six months.

Although some reservations were expressed by members, the proposal was referred to the chamber's constitutional committee for urgent debate.

The chamber was formed to negotiate the establishment of nonracial, democratic metropolitan and local government structures.

Mr Davidson said the proposal had been presented to Government Ministers, including Minister of Constitutional Development Dr Gerrit Viljoen.

Cyril Ramaphosa, ANC secretary-general and spokesman for the civic associations, described last night's events as "most historic" and asked for speed in creating an interim body.

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Olaus van Zyl, Transvaal MEC for institutional development and negotiations, said "We (the TPA) believe that we need to get the ability of Johannesburg involved in Greater Soweto as soon as possible."

Mr Davidson said "The situation on the ground demands that we take a drastic step. Our region is vital to the economy of our country and we cannot allow, nor afford, the collapse of local government and the services it provides."

"I must make it clear that such an effort by the developed local authorities must not be seen as a bailing-out of the black local authorities, or as stepping into the breach in respect of service charges."

"We cannot accept or allow the perpetuation of non-payment for services rendered."

Mr Ramaphosa agreed with Mr Davidson that a holistic approach was needed to resolve the problems in the townships.

"We would like to say, from the civics' side, that we welcome this intervention from Johannesburg."

Heated words as township tariff increases debated

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The Soweto councils and the province took a step back from unilaterally imposing higher service tariffs last night when they agreed in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber to try to link tariff increases to a programme of restructuring local government. The agreement to tie structural change and tariff payments came in the wake of the Johannesburg management committee's tabling of proposals for the complete overhaul of town and township local government. The chamber endorsed a proposal by Soweto Civic Association spokesman Cyril Ramaphosa that its constitutional working group should

immediately work out a programme of action, which would outline the steps to be taken both on the restructuring and the tariff recovery front.

The aim, Mr Ramaphosa said, was to ensure the two processes continued in close parallel.

Time limits

After heated debate, TPA representative Olaus van Zyl conceded that the authorities would make "one last big try to resolve this (tariff) issue" in conjunction with other parties to the chamber.

He agreed to Mr Ramaphosa's proposal but imposed tight time-limits. The programme of action would have to be drawn up within the course of next week, he

insisted. Furthermore, this programme had to provide for talks on tariffs to be resumed within the same week.

Otherwise, said Mr van Zyl, "we have no other choice but to consider other steps".

Various Soweto councillors made it clear that these steps would include "going it alone" in raising tariffs. Said Diepmeadow management chairman Frederick Phiri: "We'll be better off than we are now with all these negotiations that have taken so long."

Present tariffs were set a year ago during the negotiation of the Soweto Accord. Even with full payment they could not realise more than 20 per cent of Soweto's costs. At present only about half the residents pay

Long wait for a cheap home

By Zingisa Mkhuma

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Most low-income black people who form long queues outside the Johannesburg City Council offices daily, hoping to rent council-owned houses, are married with families but have never owned houses before.

Since vacant Johannesburg council houses were made available to all race groups three weeks ago, the council has processed more than 10 000 applications at a rate of 2 700 a day, officials have reported.

People start lining up as early as 3 am. Some spend the night there, even though council offices only open at 9 am.

To qualify for council housing, people have to earn less than R1 200 a month.

The council has 30 000 housing units available in white, coloured and Indian areas but none are vacant.

Yesterday it was reported that the council was looking for land to house thousands of low-income people who had registered.

When The Star visited the area, many people were not aware there were no houses available at present.

Xoliswa Matshikiza, a divorced mother of two, said she was among the first to arrive at the council offices.

She joined the queue at 3 am and waited six hours before obtaining a form which she had to fill in and bring back.

For Soweto mother of six, Esther Ngcobo, the day spent queueing was worth the day's wages she may lose.

Eunice Nkwane (28) shares a shack in Meadowlands with her husband and child.

"I hope my husband and I will be allocated a house as I am sick of staying in someone else's backyard," she said.

Unemployed Vusi Mlambo (31) said. "I have been on the Soweto Council's waiting list since 1986 and I know there are thousands on that list."

"At least here the list could be shorter and I hope to get a house soon."

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OWNSHIP

New body for Rand?

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG —
The Johannesburg City Council last night proposed the creation of an interim metropolitan authority for the Central Witwatersrand area combining the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber and the Central Wits Regional Services Council.

Introducing the plan to the Chamber last night, Johannesburg management committee chairman Mr Ian Davidson said that through this structure, Johannesburg, Randburg, Sandton and Roodenbos would get involved in the provision and administration of services in Greater Soweto and Alexandra. 12/9/91

Commission divided over Wage Act for domestics

THE National Manpower Commission is divided on whether to recommend inclusion of domestic workers under the Wage Act

Recommendations to extend labour legislation to domestic workers are contained in a 19-page report to be published in the Government Gazette today. The report has been handed to Manpower Minister Eli Louw for consideration.

Main recommendations are that domestic workers be covered immediately by the Basic Conditions of Employment Act and the Labour Relations Act. The Workmen's Compensation Act and the Unemployment Insurance Act should also be extended to domestic workers.

Although it was recommended that domestic workers be included under the main labour laws, specific amendments had to be made to provide for the special circumstances.

Members who felt that domestic workers should not be included under the Wage Act — which determines

VERA VON LIERES

minimum wages for employees not covered by negotiated wage agreements — recommended instead that there should be wage guidelines.

These should be non-binding and drafted by the Wage Board or similar institution. Wages could be recommended according to area, worker competence and training and employers' financial ability.

Members who recommended that domestics should be included under the Wage Act, said that the Wage Board was a forum for debate, argument and the presentation of evidence on whether there should be minimum conditions of employment, including a minimum wage.

Inclusion under the Wage Act would allow the Wage Board to investigate wages and other conditions of employment in the domestic sector.

The board would take account of relevant factors and could recommend minimum wages for different areas. Manpower Minister Eli Louw

would, however, retain a discretion as to whether to give effect to the recommendations by making a determination.

The commission was also split on a contract of employment for domestic workers. One group supported the view that provision should be made in the Basic Conditions of Employment Act that no domestic workers may be employed for longer than three months without a written contract. The contract should be signed by both parties, be available for inspection, and both employer and domestic worker should have a copy.

Other commission members felt that no statutory compulsion should exist.

It was recommended that domestic workers be entitled to 12 weeks maternity leave, as provided by the Basic Conditions of Employment Act.

The commission decided to investigate whether female employees in all sectors should be guaranteed their jobs back after pregnancy.

AIDS drive to get R5m

DAVE LOURENS

NATIONAL Health and Welfare Minister Rina Venter announced yesterday the allocation of R5m to a six-month AIDS communication campaign and a further R1,5m to a children's lifestyle training programme.

The allocation of more resources was "essential" because over 300 people a day were becoming HIV-infected.

AIDS Unit head Dr Manda Holmshaw said the campaign would feature an African approach.

'Explosive' township crisis warning

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — An explosive financial crisis was developing in black townships despite spending by regional services councils, Central Witwatersrand RSC chairman John Griffiths said yesterday.

Griffiths told a public administration conference at the Human Sciences Research Council the growing crisis could lead to a total breakdown of services and could contribute to problems with health services.

He warned that SA could enter an era of potentially uncontrollable inflation, a "suspect" balance of payments and an even more bloated public sector if the authorities went for quick-fix solutions to buy political goodwill.

Griffiths said accelerated urbanisation had placed extreme pressure on infrastructure and services. Part of the interim

solutions required the involvement of white local authorities in providing administration and technical assistance for the joint provision of services.

Joint administrations would be even better, he said.

In the PWV area, 40 000 to 50 000 hectares would be needed for housing by the year 2000. About half of this would be needed to meet the current backlog.

It was accepted SA had to provide housing for more than 200 000 families a year between now and the end of the century.

Griffiths said identification of land was being hampered by statutory and inflexible policy and planning documents.

He said the plethora of bodies involved in urbanisation should be rationalised into one department.

Eskom sues Soweto council

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG —

Eskom has started proceedings to sue Soweto City Council, which owes the electricity producer R131 million.

The council, which buys from Eskom and in turn supplies the councils of Diepmeadow and Dobsonville, is in the grip of a financial crisis and faces a collapse of essential services.

Soweto faces summons over debt

ESKOM has started proceedings to sue the Soweto City Council, which owes the utility R131m

THEO RAWANA

The council, which buys bulk electricity from Eskom and in turn supplies the other Greater Soweto councils of Diepmeadow and Dobsonville, is in the grip of a financial crisis and faces a collapse of essential services.

Sources said yesterday the council had been summonsed by Eskom and stood to have its R350m electrical equipment attached if judgment against it was obtained. Eskom distribution and marketing deputy GM Allan Morgan yesterday confirmed that summons had been served on the council.

He said: "We are hoping for a friendly resolution of the problem. We could find a

solution in the form of an agreement on an agency basis or an arrangement through the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

The three councils, with the TPA and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), are principals in the Greater Soweto Accord which ended a five-year rent boycott and wrote off its R516m debt last September.

Since then the councils have fallen into arrears as residents failed to pay for services, and the financial crisis that ensued is still a subject of debate at various forums, including the metropolitan chamber.

The councils and the TPA want interim

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tariffs increased, while the SPD demands that, since the supply of services was poor and the billing and metering faulty, the provision of supply should be transferred to the Central Wits RSC or to the municipalities of Johannesburg or Roodepoort.

At a chamber meeting on Wednesday, the Johannesburg City Council proposed establishing an interim metropolitan authority, which would see to the provision and administration of services on a regional level. The proposal was referred to the chamber's constitutional working group for urgent discussion.

Diepmeadow town clerk Jan de Jager

said the three councils had on Wednesday signed an agreement transferring the running of the area's electricity supply to the RSC. But he said even that transfer would not remove the need for higher tariffs.

Dobsonville mayor McFarlane Phenethi said the residents of his township were paying for services and did not want anything to do with calls for rent boycotts.

"But when their electricity gets cut off, they blame my council, even when it could be from a fault in the source of supply, Soweto," he said.

Soweto City Council PRO Mojalefa Moseki could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Shape up, TPA tells Tembisa

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THE TPA has warned Tembisa City Council to put its finances and administration in order or be relieved of its functions.

Transvaal MEC for local government Burger Lategan said in a statement yesterday the Administrator had found the council's finances had "become unsound".

"The Administrator has decided to direct the Tembisa City Council to take the necessary steps to remedy the situation within specified periods.

"If the council fails to take the necessary steps to restore the position within these periods, the Administrator may take further action," Lategan said.

Lategan said the council had not yet submitted estimates for the 1991/92 financial year, although these should have been in by May 18/Day 13/9/91

New residential dawn will turn...

Jo'burg into a *Star 14/9/91* 'people city'

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FRANK JEANS

AS the city council moves ahead with its grand plan for the revitalisation of Johannesburg, it is now taking a serious look at the main ingredient which will make it all work — people.

The Eloff, De Villiers and Frederick streets enclave is pinpointed as the scene of a new residential dawn for Johannesburg — the beginning of a massive population build-up to serve the capital-intensive commercial and retail expansion.

'Unprecedented'

In a recent interview, Councillor Eddy Magid, chairman of the City Council's Planning and Development Committee and deputy chairman of the Management Committee, said.

"The whole act is coming together and to see the development work now in progress in Johannesburg, one can only conclude that the CBD has not seen any evidence of a recession. The on-going programme of development is unprecedented."

Emphasising the need to see the residential component as vital to the success of the overall plan, Mr Magid, pointed out the council is considering the establishment of



IT'S ALL COMING TOGETHER:
City planner Eddy Magid.

blocks of flats soon which will be the "forerunner to similar undertakings in the city".

He also pledges the council to avoiding bureaucratic bogdown so as to get action now for the development of homes. And in line with this attitude has been the streamlining of the council's Planning Department, where plans are now being approved on average in 10,5 working days.

Incentives, too, for the property owner and developer must inevita-

ble follow and the entrepreneur "looking for specific advantages from the council" to get residential projects on to site should contact Ian Symon, executive director of Planning and Development.

"The major commercial developments such as Bank City and Turbine Square will create thousands of new job opportunities downtown so that the timing has never been better for new residential development close to the workplace," he added.

Bank City alone will be home to an office army of 6 000 and this number will swell to an estimated 10 000 with the coming on stream of other prime property assemblies, Turbine Square and Sage Properties' retail and office venture which straddles Eloff Street and between De Villiers and Pritchard Streets.

Perimeters

The latter goes through council this month and construction is due to begin soon.

Adding to the new look will be the re-emphasis on pedestrianisation, with Kerk and Eloff, Plein and Smal streets all coming into carless areas and buses re-routed around perimeters of the city.

There will be the pedestrian link, too, with the newly-planned Kaserne bus and taxi terminus which, along with its commercial component, will cost R550 million.

The billion rand spread will involve, for the first time, what has long been mooted by property pundits — the "air link" with Braamfontein.

Consistent with the council's policy to deck the rail lines from Queen Elizabeth Bridge to End Street, the council has agreed in principle to the R600 million conference and trade centre to be put together by Rail Commuter Services, Transnet and the Harrison Street Consortium.



LIDCHI'S 2 DAY PERSIAN CARPET

SALE

Doornkop sites still selling

SITES at Doornkop, the Transvaal Provincial Administration's controversial site-and-services scheme near Dobsonville, are still being sold by Johannesburg developers

This is despite an ongoing investigation by the TPA into the alleged improper allocation of sites by private developers

City Press investigations have also revealed that hundreds of Doornkop sites have been allocated through private developers and large companies for staff housing

The TPA made Doornkop sites available at R5 100 on a 30-year lease for homeless, low-income people. Sites were supposed to be allocated only to families earning less than R600 a month and who had their names on council housing waiting lists in greater Soweto

This week, at least two private developers were still selling houses and

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sites at Doornkop

The developers ignore the TPA regulations and market the houses, despite being told not to by the TPA

City Press reporters, posing as employers looking for low-cost staff housing, were this week offered building contracts, including sites, by Genesis Homes and Micro Homes

According to TPA records, all Doornkop sites have been allocated and no further sites are avail-

able. About 2 000 sites have not been occupied

The TPA is currently conducting an investigation into the allocation of all empty sites at Doornkop. The investigation has already taken about two months and is likely to take several more

Each siteholder has to be contacted either by telephone, letter or personal visit and asked the reasons why he or she has not yet occupied the Doornkop site they have been allocated

The TPA will decide next week what to do with unoccupied sites, or sites which were allocated to people who did not meet its criteria

Meanwhile, the TPA has made an urgent appeal to anyone who has been allocated a site but who has not yet occupied it to contact the Doornkop administration office

Helping hand offered for money crisis

THE JOHANNESBURG City Council management committee took the bull by the horns in the chandelier-lit arena of the council chamber on Wednesday last week, spelling out its vision of a non-racial interim government for the central Witwatersrand metropolitan region.

The loudest applause for management committee chairman Ian Davidson came from Cyril Ramaphosa of the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), who saw in it as the first considered answer to repeated demands that an authority be set up with the resources and expertise to run and repair South Africa's biggest township Soweto.

That the SCA differed with Johannesburg on details of the plan was of small account, insisted Mr Ramaphosa.

They agreed on fundamental principles, and Johannesburg had acted in the firm belief that structural change was the key to resolving the financial crisis in Soweto.

He welcomed Mr Davidson's observation that "any step forward requires a holistic approach".

This implies that all issues are linked and a workable, acceptable solution has to address all issues simultaneously.

Johannesburg's proposal has three main elements

- The establishment of a metropolitan services corporation or board to provide certain trading services on a metropolitan basis, such as electricity and public transportation
- The involvement of Johannes-



Ian Davidson... new vision.

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burg, Randburg, Sandton and Roodepoort in Greater Soweto and Alexandra through these structures.

This would give the new body the credibility, power and financial clout of the Regional Services Council, Mr Davidson said. Without funds and legislative powers, the chamber remained a talk shop.

In practice, it would mean that the proposed interim metropolitan authority would take over all the powers, functions, resources, and obligations of the RSC, while the metropolitan chamber would become the decision-making assembly of the interim body.

The decision-making arrangements of the chamber would stay in place. The day-to-day RSC tasks could be executed by an interim executive.

Mr Davidson said: "We cannot allow structural change to towards a new metropolitan and local government system for the region to proceed in a hap-

Drastic but historic steps were taken by Johannesburg last week in a plan to try to resolve the financial crisis in the region, report JO-ANNE COLLINGE and LOUISE BURGERS.

hazard or fragmented fashion. It must be a balanced package and we must be prepared to accept the constitutional implications involved.

"However, the situation on the ground demands that we take a drastic step. Our region is vital to the economy of our country, and we cannot allow, nor afford, the collapse of local government and the services it provides."

Until Wednesday, various parties in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber were deadlocked on how to overcome Soweto's financial problems.

The township councils and the province believed that higher service tariffs and higher levels of payment by residents were an absolute priority and could not wait for structural change.

The civics, on the other hand, argued that unless apartheid municipal structures were demolished, it was futile to expect



Cyril Ramaphosa... praise.

residents to pay up — putting money into the hands of inefficient and bankrupt councils with no hope of seeing any improvement in living conditions.

But, said Mr Ramaphosa, the core of the Johannesburg proposal — stable provision and payment for services; better provision of services; streamlined regional decision-making; and restructuring into metropolitan and local bodies — offered the chamber "a beacon that we can all start working towards".

The other civic bodies in the chamber were obviously content to have the SCA speak for them. The other white municipalities — Randburg, Roodepoort and Sandton — were sympathetic, but made it clear that they were not about to be hustled into immediate support.

Perry Oertel of Sandton pointed out that they might repent at leisure if they bound themselves to the principles of the plan, then found there were

significant differences of interpretation. Mr Davidson emphasised that his proposal was only an outline and there were many details which had to be studied. The plan had, however, been presented to a number of prominent people and organisations across the political spectrum, and reaction had been favourable.

Mr Davidson said communities had to accept equal responsibility for the collection and payment of rates and charges. Johannesburg would not subsidise people who were not prepared to pay for services.

"Consequently, any step involving structural change is contingent on adequately resolving issues such as the ending of boycotts, the setting of economic tariffs, and the normalisation of payments for services in Greater Soweto and Alexandra."

The second part of Johannesburg's proposal dealt with the creation of a metropolitan services corporation to provide certain services.

The corporation could include Eskom and the Rand Water Board.

Greater Soweto and Alexandra would then have to request that the developed (white) councils take over their administration on a contract basis.

Any interim proposal would also have to address elements such as.

- Direct financial assistance by the Transvaal Provincial Administration and Government.
- The contributions of Eskom and the Rand Water Board

Eskom sues 20 black councils over arrears

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By Louise Burgers

Eskom has obtained judgments against 20 black local authorities for the R285 million it is owed for electricity in the Transvaal and OFS, but will not ask the councils to pay up while negotiations are in progress.

On Thursday, Eskom began proceedings to sue Soweto City Council for the R131 million it owes in electricity arrears.

For several months, the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) and the TPA have warned that the Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville town

councils were on the verge of financial collapse as funds were exhausted because people were not paying.

Eskom PWV distributor manager John Bradbury said people had to realise Eskom was in a difficult position.

"We have an obligation to our stakeholders, as a creditor, to secure our position. We have issued summonses and will get a judgment against the Soweto Council."

The CWRSC said the summons against the Soweto council would not affect its bid to take over bulk supply of electricity to Greater Soweto.

Plan to resolve township crises

Changes in decision-making mooted

THE quest to resolve the crisis in black local authorities, particularly in Reef townships, has been boosted by proposals submitted by the Johannesburg City Council.

The proposals, submitted by the council's management committee chairman, Mr Ian Davidson, calls for the restructuring of decision-making into a body comprising

By DON SEOKANE

metropolitan and local authorities

Presenting the proposals, Davidson said the Metropolitan Chamber was formed to realise certain specific objectives through negotiations and that those objectives were set out in the constitution of the chamber

"We cannot allow structural change towards a new metropolitan and local government system for the region to proceed in a haphazard way for a fragmented fashion."

"It must be a balanced package and we must be prepared to accept the constitutional implications involved," Davidson said.

Outlining the principles

to govern the new structure, he said any interim step towards a final dispensation should contribute towards:

- Stability in providing payment for services;
- Improvement in the provision of services;
- Rationalisation and streamlining of political decision-making in the region, and

●Restructuring of decision-making into a two-tier structure comprising a metropolitan authority and local authorities

Clarifying the principles, Davidson said any step involving structural change depended on resolving issues such as the ending of rent boycotts, the setting of

economic tariffs and normalisation of payments for services in Soweto and Alexandra

"It implies an equal responsibility on the part of each community for the collection and payment of rates and charges, including the responsibility to act against defaulters."

He believed that negotiations about any interim

proposal had to address elements such as:

- The subject of the transfer of houses;
- Negotiations with the Government on money owed to governmental institutions;
- Direct financial assistance by the TPA and the Government to the region;
- The contributions of Eskom and the Rand Water Board; and
- The contributions of the region through possibly an increase in Regional Services Council levies

The proposals submitted by Davidson have three inter-related elements

authority by combining the chamber and the RSC.

- The formation of a metropolitan services board to provide certain trading services on a metropolitan basis, such as electricity and public transportation, and
- The involvement of Johannesburg, Randburg, Sandton and Roodepoort in Soweto and Alexandra through these metropolitan structures

Davidson said the first element of the proposals entailed marrying the legislative powers and financial muscle of the RSC with the functions of the chamber.

"In practice it means that the proposed interim metropolitan authority would take over all the powers, functions, resources and obligations of the RSC, while the chamber would become the decision-making assembly of the interim body

"The chamber would therefore act as a governing and a negotiating body."

Initial reaction at a Metropolitan Chamber meeting - attended by Randburg, Sandton, Roodepoort, the three Soweto councils, Transvaal Provincial Administration, Soweto Peoples Delegation and the Soweto Civic Association - was that the proposals could not have come at a better time with Randburg being a notable exception against the last principle.

The SPD, according to its chief negotiator Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, told delegates at the meeting that the tariffs could not be adjusted while there was a structural crisis in the townships

"Local authorities' structure have to change to resolve the deadlock in negotiating new tariffs and the proposals submitted by the Johannesburg City Council are a welcome intervention.

"These proposals should not just be accepted, but should also be supported because they are attacking the root of the problem - the structure of local authorities," said Ramaphosa

Rumours spark a rush for council housing

266 THEO RAWANA

IN THE past two weeks about 30 000 people have applied for accommodation in houses owned by the Johannesburg City Council.

Many of the thousands of blacks queueing daily at the housing division mistakenly believe they will get the low-income housing at the expense of coloureds and Indians. 810ay 19/9/91

People interviewed in the queues said they had been told by "people who know" that coloureds and Indians in such areas as Noordgesig, Newclare and Rosettenville would be evicted to make room for blacks.

However, the council's health and housing committee chairman Marietta Marx rejected the claims as malicious rumours meant to "unsettle" the council's low-cost housing drive.

The queues started after the council decided to consolidate its three, racially-based, housing waiting lists into one.

The council's health and housing executive director Nicky Padayachee said last week the scheme was open to people of all races who earned less than R1 200 a month.

He said the council had 30 000 units in white, coloured and Indian areas for low-income people, but there were no empty homes at present. Applicants would be able to move in only as previous occupants moved out.

But many of the applicants were under the impression space would be made available for them through evictions.

Joyce Ndlovu, a nurse at Soweto's Lesedi Clinic said: "I heard it from people who were told by their union that we would be moved into houses from which coloureds and Indians had been kicked out."

"People are told all sorts of things and the wrong impression is always created," she said.

Talks on services deadlocked

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A MEETING which was to resolve electricity problems in Spruitview ended in a deadlock last Friday and was postponed to October 14

Both the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Katlehong town council rejected a R100 flat services rate suggested by the Spruitview

By ISAAC MOLEDI

Ratepayers Association.

Senior TPA official Mr Olaus van Zyl recommended the SRA study the implications of the proposed rate on Spruitview's financial situation in light of a report submitted to the meeting by Katlehong town council

The report indicated that more than R1 million had been spent on providing services

Van Zyl said for about 1 370 households in Spruitview, the flat rate would not be enough.

He suggested that the SRA and Katlehong town council appoint one accountant each who would

work with the city treasurer and Auditor-General to check irregularities in the community's accounts

If irregularities were found, a secret commission of inquiry would be set up to investigate.

However, SRA chairman Mr Jabu Njonane cautioned that,

until the problems of irregularities and misappropriation of money by Katlehong town council were solved, Spruitview residents would continue paying R100

He said his association would exempt residents from any liability which might arise from arrears as a result of the flat rate

Many councils sitting helpless

Star 24/9/91.
By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Many local authorities are sitting without official guidelines on exactly how to implement VAT — and some smaller municipalities do not have the resources to deal with the new tax

Johannesburg deputy city treasurer Lucas Opperman said there was still confusion among local authorities on how to implement VAT

"There is a fair measure of confusion, especially in smaller places. It has been a major nightmare changing our computer programmes

"Some smaller councils will not be able to handle it"

Approved

Mr Opperman, who also chairs the Institute of Municipal Treasurers' VAT Committee, said official guidelines for local authorities on VAT still had to be approved by the Department of Finance

He said that some local authorities did not have the resources to change everything over to deal with VAT, and had been told that they would have to do their accounts manually

Last-minute meetings between municipal authorities are still taking place this week

Mr Opperman could not say how many thousands of rands have had to be spent to change computer billing systems, accounting and stores systems,

and other departmental procedures

"A major factor has been the time that officials have had to devote to applying and overseeing the implementation of VAT"

All major services provided by municipalities are subject to 10 percent VAT from September 30: electricity, gas, water, refuse removal and sewerage

Mr Opperman said that for other services, municipalities now had to determine which were making a profit — and thus be subject to VAT

Services which were heavily subsidised would be exempt. This meant the taxation of minor services would differ from one municipality to the next

In Johannesburg, municipal parking garage tariffs, the sale of council housing stock, township development, and goods at the fresh produce market would now all be subject to VAT

Charges for parking meters, swimming pools, caravan parks, and dog licences would be exempt

A municipality which, for example, made a profit or broke even from its caravan park levies, would have to charge VAT

In Johannesburg, October rates accounts will show VAT on refuse and sewerage. However, VAT on electricity, gas and water charges will be registered only on November accounts, as those services are billed in arrears

There's no gloom down in Lowveld

By Clyde Johnson
Lowveld Bureau 24/9/91

WHITE RIVER — The Lowveld is blooming in spite of gloomy economic times because it has a healthy agricultural base, a vibrant tourism industry, good industrial relations and high quality people, according to Lowveld Regional Development Association (LORDA) chairman Leon van Rensburg.

Delivering his annual report at LORDA's 38th annual general meeting at White River at the weekend, Mr van Rensburg said Region F, of which the Lowveld formed part, had more than doubled its contribution towards the total well-being of South Africa from 1970 to 1989.

The region had the lowest unemployment rate and personal income was among the country's highest.

In the past five years, more than R140 million had been spent on tourism.

And with a prosperous future predicted in this field, the Lowveld was looking forward to a tourist boom.

"Rather than adopt a wait-and-see attitude, Lowvelders have, and continue to strive for, a let's go and get it together viewpoint."

He extended an open invitation to the KaNgwane government as a stakeholder to co-operate with LORDA in coordinating development of the Lowveld.

Civics and lenders to hold bond talks

TRANSVAAL civic associations and financial institutions would hold a conference in Johannesburg on Monday to thrash out the issue of bond repayments, Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) president Moses Mayekiso said yesterday.

Mayekiso said the lending houses, which had been thrown into a panic and had claimed incorrectly that Cast had called for a boycott of repayments, should know that they had a social responsibility to provide home finance that would meet the needs of the community.

Mayekiso caused a scare earlier this month when he said black people, finding it difficult to repay their bonds and to get co-operation from the lending houses, might be forced to look at options which could include a national bond boycott.

He said his organisation did not call for a boycott but said residents

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might be forced to consider it.

He said pickets, sit-ins and other mass action would be considered to make the financial institutions "unworkable" until they responded positively. *Blom 26/9/91*

Mayekiso told a Press briefing in Johannesburg yesterday Cast had called for the conference in an attempt to highlight the housing crisis and work out a strategy to alleviate the problem of access to funds.

Mayekiso said Standard Bank, United, First National, the Perm and Allied had confirmed they would attend Monday's conference. It was awaiting responses from other financial institutions.

Cast secretary-general Sam Ntuli said some financial institutions had withdrawn financing facilities for housing in the townships due to a

"silent" bond boycott which the finance houses "assumed" Cast had called for.

He said the civic associations had called for a national housing policy, saying the housing crisis needed a Marshall Plan.

He added the De Loor Commission initiated by government would not be accepted by Cast and called on government "not to do it alone".

Ntuli said the results of the commission should not be used to advise government but rather tabled at a forum of all parties concerned, including civic associations, financial institutions and trade unions.

Mayekiso said that while Cast did not condemn the financial institutions for withdrawing finance due to losses through non-payment, they had a major role to play in the new SA and had made "massive" profits.

Boycott: councillors' actions under fire

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

Vaal Triangle Regional Services Council (RSC) chairman Gustav du Toit has criticised the actions of three Vanderbijlpark town council representatives after they boycotted the RSC's monthly meeting in Vereeniging this week.

Their failure to attend resulted in the lack of a quorum and the meeting had to be postponed.

According to Mr du Toit the three councillors — Gerhard Smith, Vanderbijlpark's management committee chairman, Nic Bohme and Eben Potgieter — left the council chamber just as the meeting was about to start and assembled in the foyer.

Mr du Toit said that after the meeting was adjourned, two of the councillors, Mr Smith and Mr Potgieter, joined other members of the RSC for refreshments in the mayor's parlour.

Condemning their behaviour, he said post-

ponement of the meeting had led to a delay in execution of certain projects.

Mr du Toit said it was a pity that certain representatives used "apparent party politics" as a reason to disrupt the RSC's activities.

The three concerned are all members of the Vanderbijlpark town council's CP caucus.

Commenting on the issue, Mr Smith said he and the two other councillors did not attend the meeting because of dissatisfaction with one of the most important items on the agenda.

This was a report on the joint forum of the Vaal Civic Association, in which the principles of one town council with a single tax base was to have been discussed.

Mr Smith said that the National Party (Mr du Toit is a member of the NP) and the TPA were, in conjunction with the Vaal Civic Association, laying the foundation for the ANC principle of one town council with a single tax base.

'Apartheid city' sent back to architects

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PLANS for the development of a city of 3,2-million people in the Rietfontein area ran into trouble this week after objections to the creation of another "apartheid city", Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber. CE Vic Milne said yesterday

The land set aside for the development lies between Soweto, Vanderbijlpark, Vereeniging and Alberton

A meeting of the chamber, held in Johannesburg on Wednesday night, sent the issue back to the joint technical committee for full details, Milne said.

"Because the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) objected to the creation of 'another Soweto', the proposal was sent back to the committee, after which it will be brought before the chamber for reconsideration."

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the civic body proposed that all activity on the development cease because it saw the project in the "apartheid city" context.

"The argument was that existing cities should be developed instead of creating a new city in the middle of nowhere, where there were no prospects of jobs."

SCA secretary Pat Lephunya said yesterday "The whole idea is still apartheid mentality. There is no indication where the people will get work, and they will be far from transport."

Plans to develop the area were announced by Transvaal MEC John Mavuso in August last year

Municipal union may oppose restructuring 266

THE Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Association (JMEA) will decide this week whether to take action to oppose the Johannesburg City Council's latest restructuring move, which could leave a further 23 officials redundant.

JMEA vice-president Piet Botha said the union was in touch with officials whose posts had been abolished. The association would establish how many officials wanted to demand their reinstatement.

The JMEA would take the matter to the Industrial Court arguing, on the officials'

TANIA LEVY

behalf, that the council was guilty of an unfair labour practice in filling posts which were substantially the same as ones filled by existing officials.

Twelve officials have so far been made redundant and the future of a further 11 is undecided.

The council has abolished 68 posts and created 42 new ones in their place.

About 19 officials have applied for jobs elsewhere.

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Neighbours help run Alexandra's affairs

By Day 2/10/77 TANIA LEVY 266

SANDTON and Randburg yesterday formally took over the running of certain technical and financial services in Alexandra which the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (RSC) will finance to the tune of R800 000 in the next 10 months.

Randburg assumed responsibility for Alexandra's financial administration, including rent collection, while Sandton started providing refuse removal, technical assistance, fire and ambulance services and training for personnel.

This follows Sandton's approval this week of the contents of an agreement which allows the two white councils and the RSC to bale out the beleaguered Alexandra Town Council for at least the next 10 months.

Sandton management committee chairman Bruce Stewart said the agreement had arisen out of the Joint Negotiating Forum on which the Alexandra council and the Alexandra Civic Organisation were central players.

Randburg approved the agreement last month.

Its management committee chairman André Jacobs said the agreement would have to be formally enacted by Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough, but the councils' assistance had formally started yesterday.

He said Randburg would employ an extra eight or 10 people to help run Alexandra's financial administration and their salaries would be paid by the RSC.

The agreement had become possible with the passing of the Interim Measures for Local Government Act, which made it legally possible to merge local authorities and their service provision.

Jacobs said he hoped the agreement would set a precedent for partnerships between other white councils and their black counterparts.

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R25 million levy invalid

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THE Atteridgeville Town Council may have to refund local residents nearly R25 million following last week's ruling by the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein.

The court found that a special levy implemented by the council two years ago was null and void.

The levy was implemented in an apparent bid to avoid refunding residents following unlawful rent increases in 1985.

The ruling, made last Friday, followed a successful appeal by Mr Thabo Sehume of Atteridgeville. The respondents were the council and the Administrator

By MONK NKOMO

of the Transvaal

Sehume, a member of the Azanian Peoples Organisation, successfully challenged service charge increases imposed by the council in 1985.

Atteridgeville's administrator, Mr Maartens Nel, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration said he was unaware of the judgment. He said he would issue a statement after he had studied it.

In a statement released yesterday, Azapo said the ruling meant that the council should now refund

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Four East Rand areas join hands

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The amalgamation of Germiston, Katlehong, Bedfordview and Palm Ridge is official with the passing of a proposal at the Germiston City Council's monthly meeting.

It was opposed by the five Conservative Party councillors.

It was decided that revenue from services would be ploughed back into the four areas — with the exception of 5 percent from rates and taxes and profits from electricity, in the indus-

trial areas and central business districts of Germiston and Bedfordview.

The office of the mayor will be in Germiston.

Mario Valli (CP) said the new settlement should be reconsidered because it would mean the "downfall" of Germiston.

Management committee chairman Leon Louw said Germiston was spearheading the amalgamation process of local authorities.

The four areas had depended on each other for years, he added.

Mandela awarded 'freedom' of Boksburg

WHAT do Nelson Mandela, Gerrie Coetzee, P W Botha and Andries Treurnicht have in common?

They have all been granted the freedom of Boksburg ANC president Mandela is the latest — and that's unofficial.

The ANC and the Save Boksburg Committee will fulfil a long-standing pledge on Monday night when they grant Mandela the "unofficial freedom" of CP-controlled Boksburg.

To the fanfare of a marching band and drum majorettes, Mandela will receive a ceremonial key, a scroll and a framed

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JONATHON REES

poster reading "Mandela the Freedom of Boksburg Awaits U".

A spokesman for the Save Boksburg Committee said the granting of the freedom of the city to Mandela would be a step towards eradicating discrimination.

Boksburg's CP mayor T J Ferreira described the event as "a laughing matter", saying Mandela could just as well be given freedom of the world — it would still not be official. "But with him ruling over (President F W) de Klerk the way he does, it

might be passed through Parliament."

Boksburg NP leader Chris Smith said he had nothing against Mandela, but said there was no value in granting him freedom of Boksburg unofficially.

Coetzee was awarded the freedom of Boksburg in 1983 after he won the world heavyweight boxing title, but later returned the honour after a dispute with the town council over business rights on his smallholding. He said last night he approved of the honour for Mandela, who is also a former boxer. CP leader Treurnicht declined comment.

Council owes R25m to residents — Azapo

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THE Atteridgeville Town Council might have to repay local residents more than R25m following successful legal action by Azapo, the organisation said yesterday.

Action challenging the legality of tariff increases imposed by the council from April 1985 was brought by Azapo member Thabo Sehume — represented by the Legal Resources Centre — in March 1988, Azapo said in a statement.

Sehume had submitted that the increases were not properly advertised.

Judgment passed by the Appeal Court in favour of Sehume last Friday meant that increases implemented in April 1985, April 1987 and January 1989 were illegal, Azapo Central Transvaal region secretary Kabelo Seabi said yesterday.

After Mr Justice Stafford had declared on June 17 1988 that increases implemented in 1985 and 1987 were null and void, the council filed a notice of application for leave to appeal, but withdrew the notice in February 1989, Azapo said.

"Thereafter, increase No 3 (January 1989) came into (effect) with a special levy which was reflected in the January 1989 accounts," the organisation said.

"We took the council to court and on August 29 1989, the court ruled in favour of the council concerning the 1989 increase."

The organisation launched an appeal in September 1989, leave to appeal was granted and the actual appeal started in the Appellate Division in January last year.

"The matter was heard before the Appellate Court on September 10 1991 and on September 27 judgment was passed in our favour," Azapo said.

It said since the only lawful increases were those introduced in March 1982, the council owed the 11 000-odd Atteridgeville households all the extra payments they had made, which Azapo put at more than R25m.

Azapo said yesterday its accountants were still working out exactly what was owed.

Atteridgeville administrator Martien Nel could not be reached for comment.

A TPA spokesman said the province could not comment because an extract of the judgment had not yet been received.

The township, which owes the Pretoria City Council about R5,78m for electricity, water and sewage removal, this week had the electricity supply reinstated after a two-month cut-off. This followed provision of surety by the Pretoria RSC.

Cosatu clarifies statement

COSATU spokesman Neil Coleman said yesterday the federation wanted to clarify that it had not called for a national economic negotiating forum to replace the National Manpower Commission, as may have been implied in yesterday's Business Day.

He said Cosatu would re-join the commission if it was restructured to perform the function of a negotiating forum, representing all major parties. It was presently merely an advisory and unrepresentative body. Cosatu's withdrawal followed a failure by government to implement an

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agreement to restructure the commission on this basis.

He said Cosatu was not proposing that the commission should deal with broad economic issues. It should perform its function directly in relation to labour legislation. However, it had become apparent that there was a need for a separate forum involving unions, employers and the state to discuss constructively economic and labour issues which included job creation and retrenchments.

OVER AND LOC FOR CABERNET

LONDON; JUNE 1991.

Led by noted wine price, the London branch of the Wine & Food Society has selected Fleur du Cap Cabernet Collection. Five bottles contain the same wine but from five different types of oak barrels.

Summing up the taste "Food & Wine" magazine in taste between the various and concluded that this blend that is sold in Cap Cabernet Sauvignon.

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Fleur du Cap Cabernet has been selected by the Wine & Food Society as the best wine in the 1986 and older Cabernet.

Fleur du Cap Cabernet 1986 is now available from wine merchants.

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Freedom of Boksburg for Mandela

ANC president Nelson Mandela will receive the freedom of Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg at a glittering "alternative" ceremony on Monday. Mr Mandela will be given the honour in recognition of his struggle against apartheid, a spokesman for the Save Boksburg Committee said yesterday. (266)

CAST rejects new township bosses

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The Civic Association of Southern Transvaal has dismissed the appointment of white administrators for Alexandra and Kagiso as a non-event.

CAST vice-president Kgabis Mosunkutu yesterday said nothing had changed as black local authorities were still intact.

MEC Olaus van Zyl said in a statement this week that the regional services council chairmen of the areas in which Alexandra and Kagiso were situated would take over from councillors who had not bowed to pressure from extra-parliamentary organisations to resign.

The councillors would

retain their positions, but would relinquish all decision-making powers to newly appointed administrators, C A du Bruyn and John Griffiths.

Mr van Zyl said this would ensure the continued provision of essential municipal services.

Mr Mosunkutu said the civics had repeatedly called for the resignation of all black councillors.

"This is no event at all. We don't want apartheid cities. The black local authorities must be scrapped and the councillors must resign."

"In the interim, all services must be taken over by the white councils until there is a new dispensation because they have the expertise, the finance, and our people have been contributing to them for years."



PREMONITION Sam Ntuli often talked of death

A man who hated councillors and courted host of enemies

SAM Ntuli was a man with a mission. He aimed to wipe black local authorities off the map. His efforts to drive black councillors to mass resignations were not futile.

Many resigned, with some, such as former Daverton mayor Tom Boya, ending up working with him after being politically "cleansed".

But Sam Ntuli, the general-secretary of the Southern Transvaal Civic Association (CAST), knew the dangers of his kind of work. Often he talked of death. He knew there would always be someone waiting to kill him. Last Sunday his fears became reality.

He was gunned down in Tokoza, while on community business, by men who are believed to have been armed with AK-47 assault rifles.

It was an end he knew he had been courting for some time, not least of all since developments last November. Mr Ntuli (31) had been making things extremely difficult for councillors. He had just sent shockwaves into black communities by spearheading a "resign now" campaign, which was to be supported with festive-season marches on the homes of councillors reluctant to relinquish power.

The marches were organised to take place between Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Councillors had to resign by November 30 or face the consequences.

On December 14, with two weeks to go before the marches began, the town council of Ikageng, near Potchefstroom, resigned en masse.

Mr Ntuli reported at a press conference later that day. "It now means 101 out of 263 councillors have heeded our call. It's encouraging."

But Mr Ntuli's wrath did not stop there. Soon, in an interview with the Saturday Star, he said of the councillors who had not yet resigned: "Their businesses will be boycotted, (along with) anyone seen in their company."

Orchestrated
"We must alienate these people," When asked why, he said the aim was to ensure maximum success for the CAST campaign.

In January, Mr Ntuli took on the Alberton Town Council when he, with the help of colleagues in the Tokoza Civic Association, orchestrated a consumer boycott of white-owned businesses in town in retaliation for the cutting off of the electricity supply to Tokoza, where he was born and bred.

When the Saturday Star visited Alberton at the height of the boycott, only three of the 37 tills in a leading supermarket were manned, serving small queues.

There was violence in the townships and he declared "Councillors have become the actual source of violence against our people."

He then announced that civic associations would no longer be allowed to sit with councillors, even at meetings of the Metropolitan Chamber. The condition was later to delay and seriously threaten the future of the chamber.

On April 20 Mr Ntuli caused another stir when he revealed, in an exclusive interview with the Saturday Star, that the much-talked-about self-defence units should not be seen as a "fashion show". He said: "For five years, defence units have been in place country-wide, ready to be activated."

Clampdown
He added that "secret residents' groups" had remained "sleepers" since 1986 as a result of Botha's clampdown on political activities.

He claimed that CAST had more than 50 defence units, but refused to elaborate on how they operated or where training was offered. "The issue is sensitive," he said.

When the question of on housing bonds," he said, before lashing out at municipality leader

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Movement cast giant shadow

Star 5/10/91
 THE emergence of the black local authorities, forced upon black communities during the dark days of apartheid, were always doomed to fail

And with the brutal stifling of political activity by the Government for decades, a revolution in the black communities gained momentum.

No wonder that last September, at the height of the countrywide townships rent and services boycott, individual civic associations found it difficult to deal with their own areas in isolation.

Unity

Eventually 38 townships representatives met last summer and thrashed a plan to form a civic association for the southern Transvaal.

The result, aimed at national unity, was the formation of the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal.

Its immediate aim was to intensify the rent boycott until black councils "urgently" looked into

ABBEY MAKOE

the grievances that had led to the boycott

High rentals, untarred roads, inconsistent refuse removal, evictions before notification, closed-door policies of many councils, corruption and nepotism within the councils .. all these were part of a long list of complaints.

Residents' disillusionment was soon to be used in CAST's subsequent calls on councillors to resign

Born during trying times, CAST, which was not to be politically affiliated, soon grew in leaps and bounds

Adamant mayors, many of whose claims to democracy and "serving our people" insulted logic and intelligence, failed to anticipate that their master, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, was going to abandon them.

For when CAST's prominence could no

longer be ignored, the TPA opted for negotiation with the movement

Councils which had not joined were to realise they had lagged behind the true political times.

When these councils felt the heat of isolation, many started preaching "Talk, talk"

It was too late

CAST, dominating the scene, began dictating to the TPA as to who could be at meetings and who could not. Many councillors were not welcome

And when CAST persistently called for their resignation, it was taken seriously. Those who refused did so under extreme hard-heartedness. By now, they knew they were unpopular.

Said a councillor, who bowed to pressure and resigned: "We felt snubbed by the TPA when it held discussions with the civic associations in our absence"

Many of their colleagues cited intimidation as their reason for

resigning. Others apologised, and publicly declared their support for CAST

Two months after CAST's emergence, 237 of the 692 council seats in the Transvaal were vacant. Also, 24 of the 82 councils were not operating normally. Province-appointed administrators were running 19 black local authorities.

Crisis

To sum it up, by November last year the crisis in local government had become major.

Now, CAST's main aim — forming a nonracial local government — is on the verge of fulfilment after the signing of the blueprint for the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

But at the end of the day, the formation of CAST and its growth in popularity is unlikely to be forgotten by political commentators, historians, the public and, above all, the councillors

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gibe earns rebuke

for mayor

The Save Boksburg Committee (SBC) yesterday dismissed as irrelevant the mayor's hostile attitude towards the honorary Freedom of Boksburg bestowed on ANC president Nelson Mandela

Reacting to mayor Tom Ferreira's remarks that the town of Boksburg would not bestow the freedom of the town on "jailbirds", SBC secretary Henry Jeffreys said the committee had no regrets in making the award to someone who was not only a national leader but a highly regarded international leader.

"Boksburg's Town Council, of which Mr Ferreira is the mayor, is not representative of the majority of the people of our town. In fact the Conservative Party in Boksburg represents a minority — they are not even representative of whites in the city"

Responding to Mr Ferreira's claim that the National Party had more members in Reiger Park than the ANC, Mr Jeffreys said the meeting to honour Mr Mandela attracted 4 000 people and the last NP public meeting at the same venue drew less than a 100 residents

"The CP's control over City Hall in Boksburg is temporary. There is no doubt in our minds that we will sit in City Hall within the next three years and officially confirm Mr Mandela's freedom..."

Mr Jeffreys said threats by Boksburg businessman Danie Binneman to take those responsible for honouring Mr Mandela to court did not merit comment. Mr Binneman claimed yesterday he had collected R5 500 from local businessmen "to take those responsible to court". — Sapa.

Severance deals cost city R14-m

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By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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Almost R14 million will be spent by the Johannesburg City Council on severance packages for 27 council directors and middle-management officials who have opted for redundancy or early retirement.

A total of 42 posts were scrapped in the restructuring drive to streamline the city council into effective business units.

City treasurer Willie Siebert said yesterday that R6,3 million would be paid out to 23 officials aged between 35 and 55 who had all opted for redundancy and refused alternative posts offered, at their present salaries, with the council.

Bonuses

An additional R6,3 million will be paid to the 23 in service bonuses — these could be up to an extra five years' pay, depending on how many years' service with the council they had.

About R1 million will be paid to three top directors who earlier this year opted to take the option of early retirement in the light of the council reorganisation.

This is apart from the excel-

lent pension benefits and payouts from the municipal pension fund.

The three top men are director of health Dr Hilliard Hurwitz, city engineer Dave Read and parks director Paul Loubser.

Mr Siebert said the 23 officials, 11 of whom did not re-apply for their positions and 12 who did not get the jobs they applied for, had all indicated they would be taking the redundancy option.

They, however, had until Monday to reapply for alternative positions they had been offered.

Mr Siebert said the savings the council would achieve with the new structure, which they hoped would be more efficient, would "even things out".

"Some of the money would have been paid out anyway because some of the officials were near pensionable age.

"The new function heads are looking at cost savings. The chairman of the management committee is adamant that we all produce savings in our departments. The message is very clear to all of us," Mr Siebert said.

The total cost of the restructuring (excluding the severance pay) exercise is R3,3 million for this financial year.

This amount includes the creation of the three new posts for directors of sport, culture, and commerce and industry.

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the DP

Chris Barron and Trish Beaver

Should Johannesburg's bosses be booted out?

YES, says Conrad Berge, secretary of the Johannesburg Metropolitan Action Group (Jomag)

NO, says Ian Davidson, leader of the Democratic Party in the Johannesburg City Council and chairman of the management committee.

But ratepayers are becoming increasingly dissatisfied with the way the DP is running the city. Their cheers of 18 months ago, when the DP took control of the council, have turned to jeers.

This week Kensington rate-

payers, angered by the huge increases in rates and taxes, passed a motion of no-confidence in the DP-controlled management committee (Mancom).

Several ratepayers' associations feel Mr Davidson has failed to keep his promises to

● Ensure public participation in decision making.

● Restore power to elected officials, who had previously been used to rubber stamp decisions by council officials and the all-powerful management committee advisory committee.

● Establish a municipal police force, and

● Combat urban blight in inner-city areas.

Mr Davidson says some of the criticisms are justified, but in

most cases the DP is getting blamed for the sins of the past administration.

The spy scandal which rocked City Hall in 1989 was a double-edged sword for the DP. On one hand it propelled Mr Davidson and his men into power, but on the other its inevitable after-effects clung like an evil incubus to their efforts to "unshackle Johannesburg from the old dictates of the past and open up a new era for the city".

For six months, says Mr Davidson, the fledgling management committee had to contend with "an executive arm which saw the new Mancom as a transient thing". They expected the coalition to disintegrate.

"There was little co-opera-

tion, the execution of decisions was delayed, there was not the same sense of urgency we had".

Dumping the old guard of municipal officials linked to the spy scandal proved a messy business.

Former town clerk Manie Venter was suspended but, after a flurry of activity, he was re-tired — with a R700 000 golden handshake.

It was announced that security boss John Pearce had been fired for his part in the spy scandal. Then came the news that he had, in fact, "retired" — with a golden handshake of almost R400 000.

Mancom squirmed at suggestions that, once again, they had

allowed a major player in the spy scandal to sucker them.

The DP-led executive team then took flak for indulging in the same extravagant overseas trips they'd condemned when in opposition.

Mr Davidson countered that the budget for overseas travel had been cut from R1 million to R500 000, although R700 000 was in fact spent on such excursions that financial year.

Next, councillor Mike Levin accused the DP of breaking a promise that he'd be offered the post of deputy mayor if he left the Nats. Mr Davidson denied such a promise, but a letter from him to Mr Levin suggested a faulty memory on his part. Then councillors Harold Ru-

dolph and Howard Bloomberg said they'd been promised seats on Mancom in exchange for the deal that led to the DP takeover, only to find themselves out in the cold at the last moment.

The DP's anniversary at the controls was marked by further embarrassment, this time over their decision to offer Margaret Thatcher the Freedom of Johannesburg.

They suffered the humiliation of an accusation traditionally levelled at their opponents ignoring the wishes of "the majority of the people".

In the event Mrs Thatcher saved the day by saying that her diary prevented acceptance of their kind offer.

By now any euphoria felt

about the DP's ascent to power was fading fast.

Accusations of "arrogance" and "remoteness" gathered apace, many from within their own caucus.

Ratepayers referred to "the arrogant tone and undignified language" of Mancom members.

Even Helen Suzman was unable to hold her peace when Mr Asherson responded to criticism over the Oxford Road controversy by suggesting in print that certain ratepayers should "get off their butts".

"When he gets off his own butt," she responded acidly, "he should consider the interests of all the citizens of Johannesburg and not just his own little bailiwick".

Mr Davidson's accusation that the Nat management committee had "taken government away from the public and put it behind closed doors" was now flung back at his own management committee.

"Anybody who thinks they're doing a better job than their predecessors," spat one-time mayor and veteran councillor Cecil Long, "needs a psychologist".

"They're absolutely appalling at public relations," admitted a DP councillor.

The Sunday Star has asked ratepayers' organisations to rate the DP's performance in a number of areas. Below are their report cards.

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Council to probe theft allegations

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By RONNIE MORRIS

THE city council's executive committee (Exco) is to investigate a report completed four months ago that council employees sold council property worth thousands to scrapyards — and why the report was not submitted to Exco.

The Sunday Times yesterday said council security department officials had taken no action after watching municipal workers delivering stolen items to six scrapyards.

A report on the alleged thefts was completed in May, but no arrests or disciplinary steps had yet been taken.

Yesterday Mr Louis Kreiner, acting chairman of Exco, admitted that Exco had not seen the report and said he would launch an immediate investigation as to why it had not been submitted to his committee.

Mr Kreiner denied that a secret deal had been struck between the city council and unions to make prosecution of thieves impossible.

Mr Kreiner also denied that the council had taken a "soft line" on theft or fraud and said the council was "compelled to report all instances of theft or fraud to the police or the Attorney-General in terms of the Audit Ordinance".

Mr Salie Manie, president of the SA

Municipal Workers' Union, said yesterday that a very complicated set of procedures had previously been followed in cases of theft of council property.

These procedures had been interpreted differently by various officials, and resulted in innocent people being arrested and then found not guilty, he said.

As a result the union had made representations to the council to simplify the procedures and make them fair and understandable to everybody and ensure consistency in their application.

Mr Manie admitted there had been a six-month moratorium in the application of the arrest procedures to enable the procedures to be simplified.

Mr Ted Doman, city council public relations officer, said the negotiations which led to the new procedures took place in discussions with the town clerk, heads of departments, the director of personnel, Samwu and the SA Association of Municipal Employees.

Councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg said it was "absolutely appalling" that council officials had taken it upon themselves to formulate policy "when that should have been done by the council".

THE Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber arose out of a crisis in the provision of basic services to black communities. There is a tendency to look at the provision of services as a very simple, self-evident thing. "People need services and have to pay for services, so why don't they pay?" But the provision of services became highly controversial during the '80s, and caused severe polarisation.

The black local authorities cannot be divorced from the Koorntot Bills promulgated in the early '80s. They were seen as creating a process whereby autonomy would be given to black local authorities, with the rider that they had to generate their own revenues.

This led to a reaction on the part of sections of the communities. The UDF, mobilised in protest against both the tricameral Parliament and against the creation of these black local authorities, and this led to the rent and services boycott.

Black local authorities were seen as part of a system of co-optation and the unfair use of state patronage. One cannot ignore this when trying to resolve problems in the provision of services now.

The same applies, to a certain extent, to the creation of Regional Services Councils (RSCs). The redistribution of wealth on a regional basis is not a bad concept, but RSCs are bound up with the logic of tribalism. The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), too, was involved in the conflict — using strategies which tried to earn credit for the black local authorities.

These organisations all carried their history into the negotiating forum called the Metropolitan Chamber — the black local authorities, civic associations, the TPA and the RSC.

At the outset there were two issues to be addressed in terms of the deal struck between Cyril Ramaphosa, then of the Soweto Peoples' Delegation (SPD), and Olaus van Zyl of the TPA. The first was a constitutional one: negotiation of nonracial, democratic local government or metropolitan structures. The second was more immediate: how do we improve the services and quality of

Fragile hopes for end to impasse on township services

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life? Part of the deal was that the SPD would be prepared to persuade people to pay for services.

The different parties to the chamber respond differently to one another depending on which one of these two issues is addressed. The SPD and black local authorities have no difficulty in talking about the constitutional issues. But the moment discussions on services begin, attitudes change fundamentally.

The civics will say, for example, to the black local authorities: "Who are you to demand that people should pay for services? You don't provide the services in any case. You're corrupt, you're stooges." And the black local authorities respond by implying that the civics do not represent the communities, and lack the ability to get people to pay for services.

The conundrum the chamber faces is that one side offers to persuade its supporters to pay for services if they are improved, while the other says it will improve services if residents pay. This has been the pattern for the past three months, and in the meantime the crisis deepens. Eventually, something must give.

We have now reached a point where there may be a dim light at the end of the tunnel. Three proposals which could resolve the impasse are being considered. They are very fragile, but they are there.

All three advocate the separation of the constitutional from the services issue. The first suggests the creation of interim structures that

can assist in improving the quality of services sufficiently to induce people to want to pay for them. The Johannesburg City Council suggests, in addition, that the local RSC should be transformed into a service organisation to the chamber.

One consequence of implementing this proposal would be to reduce the role of black local authorities to nothing. Thus, of course, would suit the civics which wanted the black

local authorities to cease to exist from the start.

However, the civic associations support a second, different, proposal — to transform the RSC outside of the chamber and use it as a common resource base for service provision.

The third proposal was initiated by the Randburg Town Council create subregions and let Randburg and Sandton look after Alexandra, let Roodepoort look after Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville and Johannesburg can look after Soweto.

But the Johannesburg City Council feels, given Soweto's size, that this would impose an unfair burden, compared to the responsibilities under such a scheme of, say, Randburg. That is why Johannesburg insists on a regional metropolitan solution.

The one common theme running through these proposals is that everyone wants to depoliticise the provision of services. But there are deeply vested interests that cannot be ignored.

The Roodepoort council, for example, has strong CP representation. And it is difficult for the NP caucus to persuade the CP that there is merit in the chamber's efforts.

The civics, which come from a tradition of protest, have discovered that it was much easier to mobilise people not to pay for services in the '80s than, now suddenly, to mobilise people to pay. And what is happening on a regional level is also going to happen on a national level. The fundamental dilemma of

those who oppose the incumbent government is: when do you go in and share responsibility? It is not just an academic problem, it is a constituency problem. They have to show their constituencies that by going in they will be able to deliver benefits.

If they now told their supporters to pay R90 a month for services, the people would list their grievances about the quality of services, and ask why they should pay. This is the old conundrum. For the civics it is not just a game — they have to be able to show that they have delivered.

This conflict runs through the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) itself. Chairman Moses Mayekiso wants to stay out of the chamber. His argument is why get implicated in the mess? One can understand his apprehension. He is saying that those who have decided to negotiate are going to run into difficulties.

It is a variation of the argument made by Dikgang Moseneke of the PAC who says he does not want to be part of an interim government because he would have to suppress unrest. He is absolutely correct. At some stage, if you are going to take credit for the rain you have to take blame for the drought.

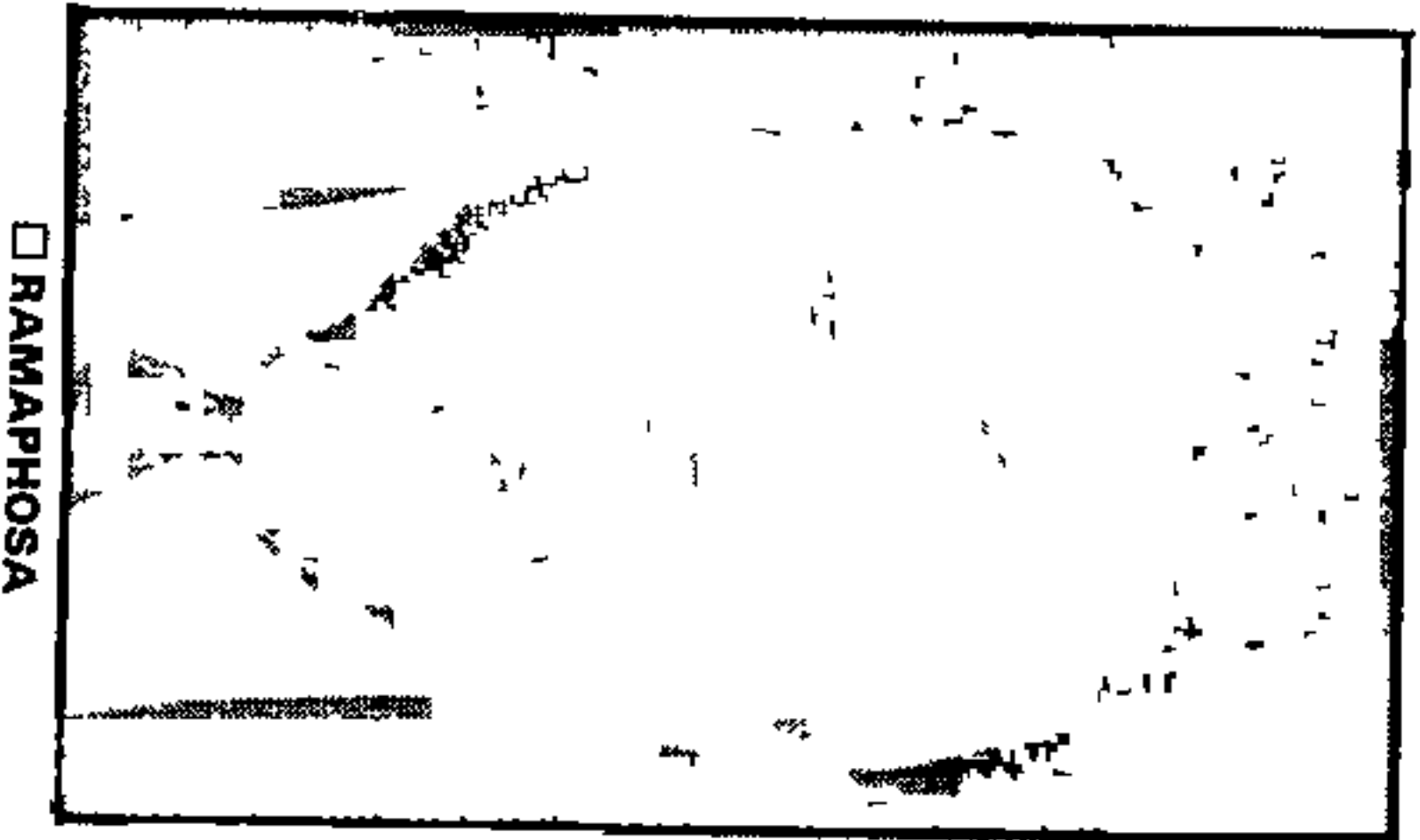
The Metropolitan Chamber has no statutory authority. It is not the brainchild of one of those constitutional departments in Pretoria. It is a unique phenomenon. But it is a fragile one. It can collapse, it can become overloaded, vested interests can tear it apart.

But one thing that is certain is that, if it collapses, the region and local communities will have to stumble from one attempt at solving the crisis to the next. These are immediate crises revolving around basic services.

We have the capacity to meet those needs. We have the resources and expertise to provide electricity, water and sewage removal. But these services became embroiled in the politics of our situation.

The one hopeful thing is an acceptance that we must try and depoliticise, as far as possible, the provision of these services and keep our negotiations about a new SA separate.

□ This is an edited version of a talk by chamber chairman Slabbert to a Wits Centre for Policy Studies conference last week.



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Joburg's commitment to change

Last week the Sunday Star took a critical look at specific actions of the management committee of the Johannesburg City Council. Now Ian Davidson looks at the broader picture and the vision of this team of former political foes for the city of the future

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By IAN DAVIDSON
Chairman of Johannesburg's Management Committee



MANAGING an enterprise on the scale of Johannesburg — massive in any body's language, with 23 000 employees and a budget of over R2.6 billion — is a daunting challenge, complicated by the fact that no party has outright control.

Therefore former political foes have to find common ground on the full range of issues and problems facing South Africa's commercial capital.

Firm hand

Turning a ship of that size around is a slow process, requiring not only a firm hand at the helm, but time and space.

We accept that not all the parts are running with the efficiency we would like — but the commitment to steadily improve our performance is there.

In April this year the council defined its vision to build a new, prosperous metropolis by accepting the challenge to serve the needs and aspirations of all Johannesburg's citizens in an effective, efficient and friendly manner, and in a safe and dynamic environment.

To give effect to this, no less than 16 objectives were identified, each of which is involved with the management of change.

Our city will have to embark on a new direction in order to ensure that it remains a viable place for people to live and work. This will require communication of a far higher standard than we have achieved in the past.

As an example, we are concerned by the development needs of the central business district. This area generates 60 percent of the rates of the council, yet is suffering

from visible urban decay. If we don't revitalise and redevelop the CBD, the flight of business will continue and, in time, the financial burden of maintaining the city will fall not on the CBD as it does now, but on suburban ratepayers. Clearly we have to stop this trend in its tracks.

Efforts to do so have already shown results and sparked lively debate. The Civic Spine was a development initiated before the present Management Committee took over the reins 18 months ago. It's an interesting concept which can be improved. We are receptive to public views, and clearly the last word hasn't been heard on this subject.

Further action to improve the quality of life for workers and shoppers in the city centre include pedestrian malls and a policy to ensure realistic provisions for parking in the CBD. These plans have been given the green light, and the major redevelopment for the Newtown area is an exciting project which will bring the people back to the city.

A top-level conference will be held next month to gather the opinions and expertise of a wide range of Johannesburgers. The outcome of that conference will be instrumental in setting the CBD's strategy for the short and medium-term.

A vital concern is the increasing crime rate.

Unless we manage this problem better, our efforts to revitalise the city will come to nothing. Our hope of creating a municipal police force was rejected at top Government level, it was felt this would set a precedent for vigilante forces in other areas. We now need to find another solution, backed by business and the man in the street. The problem is everyone's

While investment in bricks and mortar is needed, investment in people is the prime need as South Africa and Johannesburg come out of the deep recession of the past two years. This means job creation, but the council's role in job creation is not to swell its own ranks — rather to create the environment where jobs become available through the creation of wealth in the city.

Johannesburg is already blessed with the widest range of cultural and sporting amenities in Southern Africa, probably even in Africa. We have more theatres, museums, libraries and so on than anywhere else, and our sporting facilities attract national and international events. A major festival of the arts planned for September will highlight Johannesburg's cultural importance.

These facilities need to be packaged and promoted more effectively. The ending of South Africa's isolation opens up staggering opportunities for the city. It is estimated that for every 10 visitors to Johannesburg who stay just one night for a cultural or sporting event, one new job is created.

The Council recently implemented a thorough and major reorganisation of its structure. Its aim is to make the municipality, as a service organisation, more effective, efficient and responsive to the needs of its clients — the ratepayers. We aim to speed up decision-making through the reduction of red tape, driving a sense of accountability and responsibility throughout the organisation.

The process is currently causing considerable concern to staff, who are living with the uncertainty of possible redundancies. Morale in the council is therefore not high at present, but there is wide support for a shake-up both inside and outside the organisation.

Restructuring has brought private and public sector individuals with wide and appropriate experience into the council's management ranks. The benefits of this new blood will become more obvious as the process continues.

Our restructuring has been supported by the freezing of posts and by cutting capital expenditure. We have also reduced red tape. For example, it now takes 10 days instead of 70 to get plans approved — and only 24 hours for those with small alterations.

As long ago as August 1990 Johannesburg declared itself an open city. The Council committed itself to making the city a place in which all people, irrespective of their race, colour or creed, can own property and live in residential areas of their own choice.

Having acted ahead of the abolition of the Group Areas Act and other race laws, the council is now working to make a success of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, a watershed development jointly initiated by the Management Committee and the Soweto Civic Association, under the chairmanship of Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert.

The principle of creating non-racial democratic structures and a negotiating forum to investigate practical solutions to key issues — such as providing adequate services, housing and land use — is attracting wide interest from other towns and cities, from Government and from extra-parliamentary groups. We believe we are developing an important model for South Africa — but the process of negotiation has a long road to go. An area which sparked off widespread resentment and confusion recently was the

sleep hike in rates. Ratepayers' associations have been up in arms at the increases, especially at a time of economic recession.

The city's main sources of income are a combination of rates and tariffs. We sought to balance these in a way that was fair to householders and other consumers, while adequately funding municipal services. To get a true perspective, ratepayers should approach the problem in three ways — allow for the full impact on the reduction in electricity tariffs, look at their total commitment, that is, rates and tariffs together, and see what the end result is against the same period last year.

I think two other areas could be highlighted — the environment, and the quality of people's lives. In the environment we can single out the replacement of precipitators at the Kelvin power station — a R10m cost which will allow us to exceed the current standards of atmospheric pollution — and the protection of Johannesburg ridges to ensure that development blends with the kopie environment.

Diversity of interests

The Kruger's Day concert at Zoo Lake, free to the 3 000 people who came, as well as our Christmas illuminations and attendant activities planned for December, will, we trust, put a little humanity back into our city and once again make Johannesburg an exciting place.

Our goal is to make Johannesburg the leading city on the continent of Africa. The Council is here to serve the city and its people. Although the diversity of interests, views and communities is enormous, we must have a shared vision and a commitment to find new solutions and approaches. Johannesburg can become a model of harmony and prosperity for the new South Africa — but only if we are prepared to change and work together.

Rand Water Board to upgrade services

BRENT VON MELVILLE

THE Rand Water Board is set to embark on a capital spending drive worth between R800m and R1,5bn in a two-year programme to upgrade services.

At present the board is spending about R120m annually on maintenance and minor upgrading. However, board CE Vincent Bath said yesterday that it was now necessary to look at providing additional purification and pumping plant, and upgrading of the pipeline and reservoir distribution network.

Bath said that work would have to start in 1993 to have the plant completed by 1995. For the most part, funding would come from the Rand Water Board's capital market loans. The board sources about 50% of its funding requirements on the capital market.

He said total expenditure had still to be decided as, depending on growth rates over the next few years, supply would have to be enhanced by between 600 megalitres and 1 000 megalitres daily. Supply is currently peaking about 3 000 megalitres daily, with capacity of about 4 000 megalitres.

As a result of VAT and the water levy, the board pushed up its base-cost to 71c/kl this month, compared to 62c/kl last month. That cost, according to latest figures from the National Utility Services (NUS), jumps to an average of 217,5c/kl for the Johannesburg consumer — the highest price in SA.

Second most expensive is Pretoria where water costs are 116c/kl, followed by Durban at 114,5c/kl, Cape Town at 110c/kl, Port Elizabeth at 92,9c/kl and East London at 84c/kl.

According to NUS marketing director Peter Cornelius a steep rise in water costs is also on the cards over the next few years, taking into account the effect of VAT and any increase in contributions to the Lesotho Highlands Water Project. Water from the project is due to start flowing in 1997.

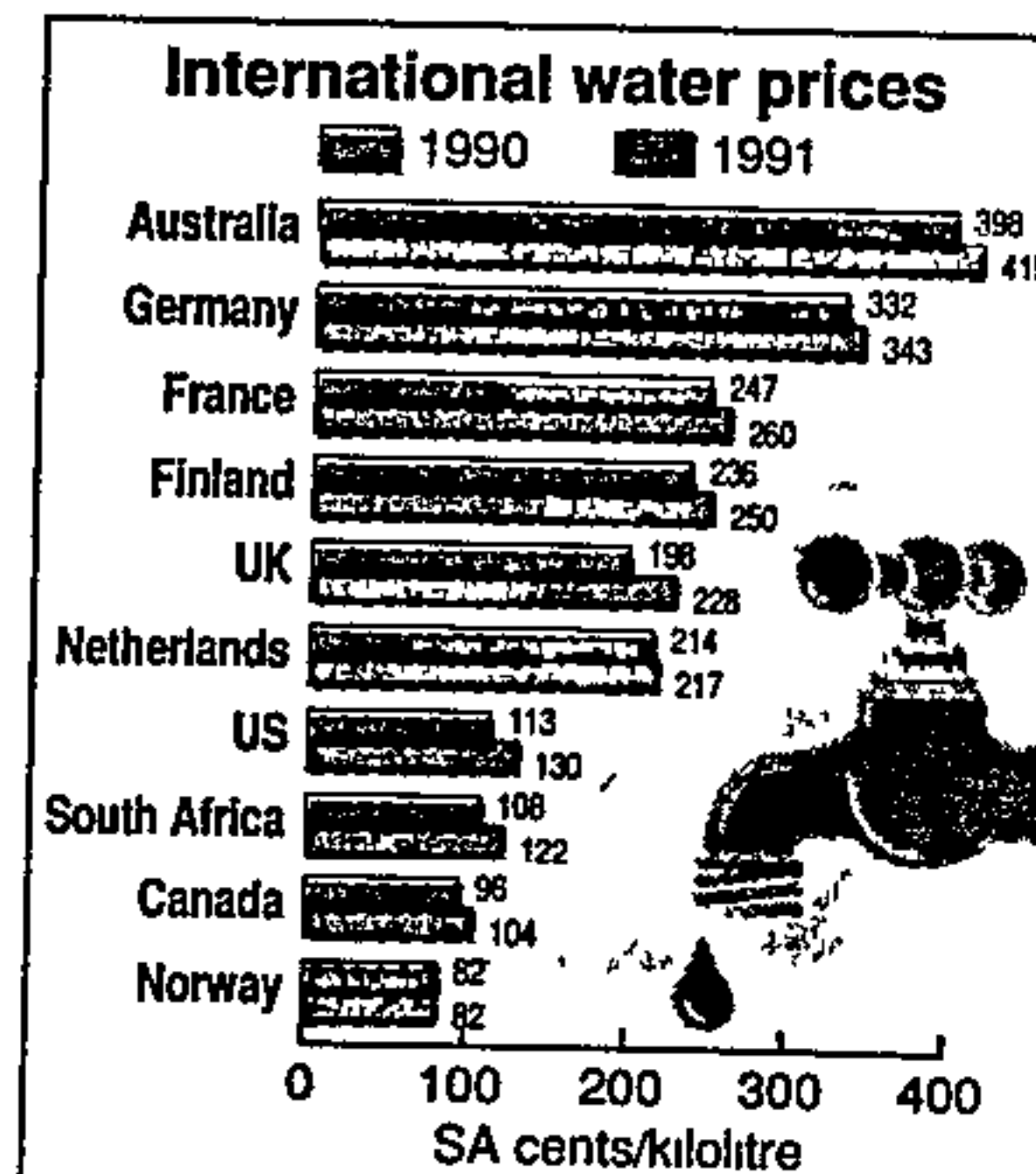
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ment deputy director-general "Tiny" Krige confirmed that PWV users were already paying a 10c/kl levy to finance necessary work on infrastructure by the board, and that the levy was increasing at a level of 2c/kl annually plus escalation.

Krige said according to latest estimates, water from the Vaal would have to be augmented not later than 1998, at which time the additional cost to the consumer would be about 25c/kl to 30c/kl, excluding purification or articulation costs.

The increased cost of supplying water to consumers was reflected this year in an average 13,8% rise in the price of water, the fourth highest increase in NUS's survey of 14 industrialised countries. The national average of SA water prices is now 122,37c/kl, still the cheapest in the world other than Canada and Norway.

NUS figures show that the Australians pay the most for their water, about 415,22c/kl, while the UK pays an average of 227,87c/kl and the US 130,22c/kl.



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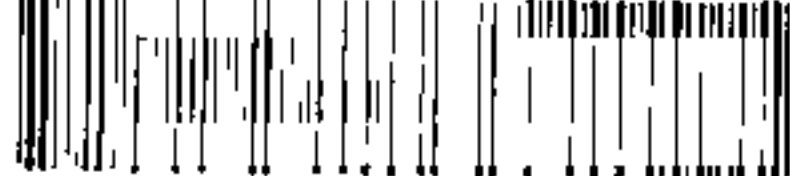
Homelands in bid to forge links

GAZANKULU, Lebowa

and the Transvaal Provincial Administration met last week to discuss political co-operation, according to a joint statement released in Pretoria this week. *Sowetan 23/10/91.*

Gazankulu Chief Minister Hudson Ntsanwisi, Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike and Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough said general consensus had been reached that orderly and good government was essential - *Sapa*.

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Reef councils decide on their own pay rises

TOWN and city councils on the Reef have voted themselves increases averaging 30% after Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough recommended that they put up their own salaries

Spokesmen for Johannesburg, Randburg, Sandton and Roodepoort confirmed they had decided to implement the maximum increases suggested by Hough, including back pay to January

Johannesburg's top councillors are now getting 70% of an MP's salary and this could increase next year

In August Hough recommended a

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phased-in pay increase which by 1993 would bring the allowances of large city mayors and management committee chairmen in line with salaries paid to MPs. Johannesburg City Council treasurer Willie Siebert yesterday confirmed that the council had decided to increase councillors' allowances by R377 a month.

Mayor Elliot Kretzmer and management committee chairman Ian Davidson have been paid about R9 500 each in back-pay to January and their allowances have

been raised to R6 309 a month. They previously earned R4 000 a month.

If the council decides to fully implement Hough's recommendations, their salaries will be increased again in January next year to equal 85% of an MP's pay.

Siebert said councillors' allowances had not been adjusted since July 1988, so the increase amounted to about 10% a year. This year's increase would cost the council an additional R252 000.

Sandton town treasurer Ken Roelofs said the increased allowances would cost Sandton about R140 700 a year.

Soweto council rejects RSC takeover

THE Soweto City Council, which is facing legal action over its R131m debt to Eskom, has rejected a plan for the Central Witwatersrand RSC to take over electricity supply from itself and the other two greater Soweto municipalities

The rejection follows the RSC's acceptance this week of a Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber proposal that assumes, on an interim basis, the service from the cash-strapped councils of Diepsmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto.

The two other councils, which get their electricity supply through Soweto, have accepted the takeover proposal.

The RSC had appointed Eskom as

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sub-agent to render the service on its behalf

The three councils were recently reported to be in such a bad financial state that they faced a collapse of essential services

Eskom has summonsed Soweto for unpaid debts of R131m, and the utility's distribution and marketing deputy GM Allan Morgan said it had until today to lodge a defending affidavit

Soweto council spokesman Moja-lefa Moseki said yesterday his council had rejected the arrangement because Eskom was going ahead with legal action against it, while at the same time talking to the RSC.

"We have less chance of handling this in a sober manner if we are under such pressure. Eskom could withdraw the summons while discussions are going on. We can't be good partners if we go on like that," he said.

Moseki said that when the council accepted the principle of having its power supply taken over, it had the RSC and other organisations in mind as potential suppliers.

He said the two other councils which had agreed to the arrangement could not get anywhere because they were supplied by Soweto.

RSC chairman John Griffiths said the RSC might have to go ahead with the takeover without the Soweto council's consent.

Plan to merge four Rand towns comes under fire

WILSON ZWANE

THE plan to amalgamate four southeast Rand towns into a single nonracial local authority came under fire from the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) yesterday. *31 Day 24/10/91*

Southeast Rand Co-ordinating Committee (Sercom) member and Bedfordview town clerk Anton Kruger said Bedfordview, Germiston, Katlehong and Palm Ridge were expected to merge within six months.

"The amalgamation, as far as I know, is the first of its kind in SA," Kruger said yesterday.

But Cast president Moses Mayekiso said in a statement yesterday that the amalgamation of the four towns into a single local authority would worsen rather than improve the problems that exist in black residential areas.

"We see this move as an attempt to reverse the gains achieved in Alexandra, where the provision of electricity has been transferred to the white municipality without reviving the half dead (black) councillors," Mayekiso said.

Sercom, which recommended the merger of these four towns earlier this year, said in a statement this week that "all the present councillors of the four local authorities will become members of the amalgamated council".

33,3 pc increases for municipal councillors

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Town and city councillors on the Reef will receive phased-in allowance and salary increases of up to 33,3 percent over the next 18 months, and ratepayers' representatives interviewed today said they deserved it.

Northern Areas Group chairman Tony Challenger said if residents expected efficient local government, they should be prepared to cover the costs incurred by their elected representatives.

The pay increases were recommended by Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough who suggested they be phased in by 1993, thereby bringing the allowances of large city mayors and management committee chairmen in line with salaries paid to MPs.

Johannesburg City Council treasurer Willie Siebert said that Johannesburg councillors' allowances would increase by R377 a month, costing the council an extra R250 000 every year.

He was not able to supply exact figures of the salaries received by Mayor Elliot Kretzmer and management committee chairman Ian Davidson.

According to Sandton town treasurer Ken Roelofs, this is the first pay

increase that councillors had received since 1988.

The mayor of Sandton, Ernie Saks, is currently paid R4 606 per month, and by January of 1993, his successor will get R6 579. The same applies to the chairman of the management committee.

Sandton councillors now receive allowances of R1 020 and by 1993 will receive R1 645.

The changing nature of local government meant that these increases were quite justified, Gail Daus, chairman of the Sandton Federation of Ratepayers' Associations, said.

Fair

"Sooner or later this sort of position is going to become a full-time job and, although some people might think it iniquitous, if we want quality local government we must cover councillors' costs."

Randburg has also adopted the administrator's proposals, and local ratepayers' say this is fair, in the case of councillors who do their job.

"Ideally, though, we should have full-time councillors who devote all their time to the needs of ratepayers," said Val Klein, chairman of the Federation of Randburg Ratepayers' and Residents' Associations.

CAST slates joint councils

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The Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal has rejected the amalgamation of white and black local authorities, especially where these mergers are pursued without consulting township residents' associations.

CAST president Moses Mayekiso said his organisation was "unimpressed by attempts by the white-led East Rand Coordinating Committee to unite the local authorities of Germiston, Katlehong, Bedfordview and Palm Ridge"

Not only was the move undemocratic — since residents had not been consulted — but it would prolong the life of "unpopular and corrupt black local authorities".

Mr Mayekiso said the Germiston-centred merger was very different from the co-operation negotiated between Sandton and Alexandra, since provision of electricity to the township had been taken over by

Sandton "without reviving the half-dead councillors".

It also contrasted with agreements reached through the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber for the regional services council to take over the supply of electricity to Greater Soweto.

"We hail this development as a positive product of genuine negotiations"

CAST would continue to press for white local authorities to take over township servicing during the phase of political transition, "not because we recognise them as legitimate but because they have the resources and skills accumulated through our taxes".

This position implied that black local authorities should go, said Mr Mayekiso.

"CAST challenges the TPA to dismiss these councillors immediately. The time has come to use wages and allowances, spent on councillors, to provide for facilities and the development of our people."

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Violence costs R16 000 a victim

IT costs an average of R16 000 to treat one victim of unrest or violence, according to the Transvaal Administrator, Mr Danie Hough.

The thousands of frightened residents who occupy hospitals after fleeing from unrest situations placed an additional burden on the already over-extended TPA hospitals and personnel, he added.

Hough made the comments during the official opening of additions - at a cost of R4,9-million - to the Vereeniging Hospital.

Two new surgery

theatres were installed, and extensions made to the X-ray and central sterilisation departments. The additions were completed in February.

Migration

The limited number of nurses, the unprecedented migration to the PWV region, the high birthrate

and the spiralling costs of treating unrest victims have all placed the provincial hospitals under tremendous pressure and made budget planning difficult, Hough said.

South Africa now has one nurse for every 484 people - while the ideal balance, as set by the

World Health Organisation, should be one nurse for every 416 people.

Sparkle

He called on young women to join the nursing profession. "We need your diligence, enthusiasm and sparkle in our health services."

- Sapa

Alternative policing takes centre stage in war on crime

By Shirley Woodgate

Johannesburg City Council plans to pump an additional R20 million a year into security, Sandton and Midrand have launched crisis-control centres, and private residents are flocking to join blockwatch schemes to combat the wave of crime engulfing the Reef.

This is the picture which emerges as the latest wave of violent crime rocks urban areas and it becomes clear the police are unable to stem the tide without help.

Johannesburg management committee member Paul Asherson said millions of rands would be poured into the traffic and security department, where there were plans to increase the staff complement from 1 000 to 1 500 over the next 18 months. This follows a Government

thumbs-down for plans to launch a municipal police force, claiming this was not provided for in legislation and that the SAP had responsibility for criminal policing.

Johannesburg's newly trained traffic department recruits will patrol suburban and business areas, armed with traffic tickets which Mr Asherson believes will dent the huge bill incurred for their employment by at least R1 million.

Randburg management committee chairman Andre Jacobs said his council would soon be asked to endorse recommendations in a joint SAP/council crime prevention report to the Commissioner of Police.

He hinted the scheme involved a protection force similar to the bobby-on-the-beat in Sandton, which operates a crisis control centre linked to the police and the Defence Force, additional security plans are being discussed by a group of members of the SAP, rate-payers and the council.

Last week, private security companies offered to supply 24-hour total security for suburbs

at a cost of between R10 and R15 a household, but their appeal to municipalities to take over administration of the payments by including the cost in rates has been turned down.

The rejection is mainly on legal and logistical grounds.

But residents in Johannesburg's eastern suburbs have not sat back and waited for official reaction.

Blockwatch instigator in the area in 1987, former city councillor Lionel Keenan, said crime figures had plummeted since

the launch of the scheme, linked to the local police station.

Termed by local ratepayer chairman Bentley Cooke as "not a bunch of vigilantes or cow-boys, but the eyes and ears of the police", Sandton's Linbro Park have manned a block-

watch for years.

"People simply have to take action and stop relying on the police. At the end of the month a Federation of Blockwatch As-

sociations is to be launched — proof that the movement is not only growing but successful,"

Mr Keenan said.

Move to revitalise city centre

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A planner says: "Let's pool ideas to save central Johannesburg." HELEN GRANGE reports.

A DRAMATIC plan is afoot to unite Johannesburg's politicians, businessmen and community in a single "agency" committed to combating city violence, improving standards and revitalising the troubled city centre.

The plan is to be launched at a two-day workshop beginning on November 24 — a Sunday, so that the community can attend.

The initiative has already begun with behind-the-scenes negotiations between the city council and prominent business and community leaders.

The plan has been welcomed by city leaders, and it is hoped that the proposed agency — a partnership between the city council, business interests and the community — will go some way towards creating a more attractive central business district and stimulating economic regeneration.

Urban planner Dr Diana Mayne, the consultant behind the plan, who has worked on revitalising cities overseas, has listed violence and security as the most urgent problems to be addressed

by the agency.

Other immediate problems are the flight of businesses and investment from the city centre, residential deterioration and the lack of amenities.

"Newtown, for instance, could become a cultural and festive district and act as a spark-plug to central city revitalisation," said Dr Mayne.

Apart from stimulating growth and development, there was a need for a shared vision, she said. The agency could also become a forum for the resolution of conflict.

Co-operation

Commenting on the initiative, Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the council could not deal with the city's problems alone.

He said the council needed the co-operation of the private sector.

"Partnerships between the public and private sectors have worked extremely well in some American cities — for example, Atlanta, which was completely turned around."

Johannesburg civic leader Cas Coovadia is a key player and is on the interim steering committee

established to organise the workshop, which aims to secure agreement on issues and priorities and to arrive at an agenda for remedial action.

Said Mr Coovadia: "The council has done little, if anything, towards addressing deep-rooted problems such as obstructive by-laws and exploitative landlords."

"We are all for such a partnership in principle."

"However, if it means the public sector having the monopoly and simply getting their decisions rubber-stamped by the community, we would be averse to such a partnership."

Nigel Mandy, former chairman of the CBD Association, said the initiative was the fruit of long-term proposals by city planners which aimed to engender a unified approach to the complicated problems of downtown Johannesburg. "I fully endorse it," he said.

Stanley Arenson, current CBDA chairman, has also welcomed the proposals.

Anglo American Property Services managing director Gerald Leisner said the idea had come "at the right time. It could achieve much of what we who use the city have been asking for."

Security now top issue for most Reef councils

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Staff Reporters

The need for additional security in crime-plagued Reef towns and cities is now a top priority among councils investigating various protection measures for residents and business premises

The Johannesburg City Council has made an annual R20 million pledge towards security and the councils of Sandton and Midrand have launched crisis control centres and hugely successful blockwatch schemes. Randburg may soon introduce a joint-protection force with the SAP along the lines of the bobby-on-the-beat.

Private security companies last week offered northern suburbs' councils 24-hour total security for suburbs at a cost of between R10 and R15 a household.

On the West Rand, where 306 people were murdered in the first six months of this year, councils have stepped up traffic police patrols in the suburbs. The Randfontein council has

introduced more regular car patrols of all areas on a 24-hour basis, a spokesman said.

Krugersdorp has patrols working in shifts in residential areas and Roodepoort is looking very seriously at the possibility of stepping up patrols.

Town clerk Div de Villers said the council felt very strongly about the issue and would start the patrols as soon as funds permitted.

Spokesmen for the three Vaal Triangle town councils of Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark and Meyerton agreed that private security patrols were probably the answer and that these councils would now seriously consider these measures.

A Meyerton municipal spokesman said extra security could be seriously considered, provided the service rendered were good and if ratepayers were to contribute towards it. Local residents would also have to be sounded out on the issue.

There were 44 murders in the Vaal Triangle between January and September this year and more than 3 000 burglaries.

On the East Rand, where 241 people were murdered in Au-

gust and September, councils have done little to step up security, and those contacted by The Star revealed no future plans.

In Pretoria, the crime rate is far lower than on the Reef — and residents ascribe it largely to the effectiveness of neighbourhood watches.

A recent survey showed that about 43 percent of Pretoria's citizens — black and white — felt neighbourhood watches best contained crime.

Only 18 percent of those interviewed relied on the police and individual security for controlling city crime — Afrikaans-speaking individuals contributing only 8 percent and blacks 26 percent to this average.

Pretoria management committee chairman Pieter Smith revealed that the Pretoria council had not placed security at the top of its list of priorities.

"We are fortunate not to have the same level of crime as on the Reef, so there isn't really a demand for us to address security. At one stage, the question of city police was raised, but we felt the SAP handle their duties very well in the city."

New administrators

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday appointed two top officials as administrators for four townships in the Vaal Triangle

Mr JB Combrinck, former mayor of Vereeniging, has been appointed administrator of Sharpeville and Boipatong, while Mr HC Immelman, former mayor of Germiston, has been appointed administrator of Sebokeng and Bophelong - *Sapa*



People walking in a street in Orange Farm near Vereeniging where more than 11 000 stands are occupied and a further 25 000 stands are in a stage of development in the Orange Farm and Drieziek areas.

Implementation of policy

SINCE the responsibility for homeless people was delegated to the four provinces in 1987,

it has continuously been the policy of the Transvaal Provincial Administration to identify, and acquire land suitable for low-cost housing in particular.

The TPA is aware of the enormous housing need that exists in the Transvaal, and it therefore established formal towns for informal settlement where erven of approximately 200 to 260 square metres are sold or rented to individuals.

With the establishment of these towns, the TPA is creating an opportunity to allow any person, irre-

spective of how poor he is, to own land and to improve it according to his means. This is the basic principle underlying the policy of the TPA. The owners are then permitted to erect unconventional dwellings on their stands. Only basic services are rendered, and facilities are provided in these towns in view of the financial position of the people.

The towns are laid out according to normal town-planning principles applicable to all township establishment, with provision for sites for schools, sports grounds, churches and other social amenities. The financial means of the occupants of the towns, are also taken into consideration in planning the different facilities.

As far as possible, these towns are planned in collaboration with the residents, and they are ad-

ministered in such a way that the community is uplifted as far as possible.

It must be stressed, however, that the provision and allocation of erven to the homeless must take place in an orderly fashion. If uncontrolled overpopulation were to be permitted, it would make it impossible to lay out the town and to render essential services such as the provision of water and toilet facilities, to prevent serious epidemics and illnesses, and to upgrade the towns in the course of time.

In fact, the illegal occupation of land by large numbers of people, bedevils planned development and the whole upgrading process. Although the TPA understands the need of the homeless people, illegal occupation of land and erven cannot and will not be tolerated.

Squatter auxiliary units

Squatter auxiliary units are being established at the moment to investigate reported instances of squatting immediately. ~~311~~ 266

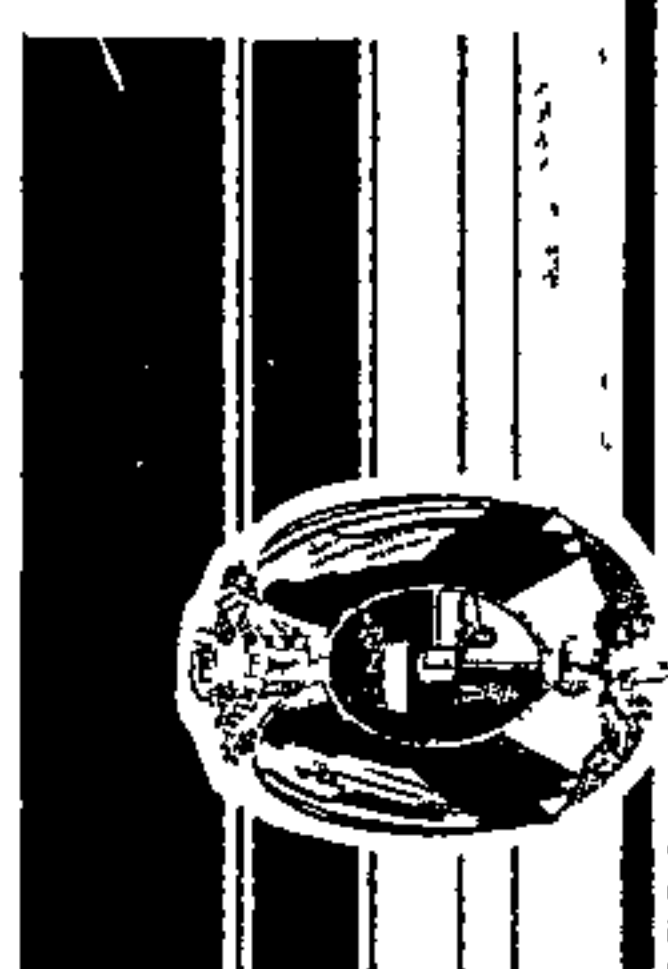
These units are geared to assist the landowner, the squatter, or any authority to address the squatter problem. *Southern 31/10/97*

It is the responsibility of every member of the public to report any case, or suspected case, of illegal occupation of land to the nearest municipal office or police station. These authorities will immediately refer all reported cases of squatting to the nearest provincial squatter auxiliary unit, which will be in attendance 24 hours per day.

The units will insist that landowners and local authorities themselves, take action and will only intervene when necessary.

A landowner and a local authority will still be held responsible by the Administrator for the addressing of illegal squatting on their land or in their area of jurisdiction.

URBANISATION



Partners in progress

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It is a priority of the Transvaal Provincial Administration to address all the demands of rapid urbanisation. This is, however, a comprehensive task taxing the financial and manpower resources of the Administration to the utmost. It was decided that, in order to extend the administrative ability of the Administration, the private sector should be approached to help the Community Development Branch in its task of managing the urbanisation process in its numerous facets.

The major aspects of private involvement are the appointment of six consultants as regional development managers as approved by the Executive Committee of the Transvaal for the various regions.

The firms appointed are:

Urcon	Witwatersrand (southern region)
NMS	Witwatersrand (northern region)
Technikon	Northern Transvaal
VKE	Central Transvaal (Pretoria)
Metro Projects	Western Transvaal
Eben van Wyk	Eastern Transvaal

The regional development managers (RDMs) will act as extensions of the TPA and will support the TPA's regional directors in their efforts to meet the demands of rapid urbanisation.

The RDMs will deal with aspects such as infrastructure, institutional, financial, economic, development and community participation.

TPA major township developer

ALTHOUGH the Transvaal Provincial Administration caters for the lower-income group only, nearly 70 percent of all the black families in the RSA reside in the Transvaal and therefore the TPA has developed into one of the major township developers in the country

In the past three years, the TPA has developed or assisted in the development of Orange Farm (near Vereeniging), Zonkizizwe (East Rand), Ivory Park (Midrand) and Doornkop (northwest of Soweto).

At Ivory Park, 13172 stands were allocated to families in one year. These people came from the backyards of Tembisa and Alexandra and also from the Midrand and Sandton areas. At the moment, approximately 70 000 to 80 000 people are living in Ivory Park. *Sowetan 31/10/91.*

At Doornkop about 6 000 stands were allocated to people who were mostly from backyards in Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville.

In June this year, about 11 218 stands were occupied at Orange Farm and 3 640 houses were built there with funds from the National Housing Commission. Another 25 655 stands are in the development and allocation stage in the Orange Farm and Drieziek areas. The provision of these stands will enable about 36 900 families to obtain their own stands and live in this area.

At Poortjie, near Ennerdale, nearly 2 500 stands will be developed in this financial year. The development potential in this area is excellent and in future about 41 000 stands could possibly be developed. This would be subject to the availability of enough funds to acquire the land and to the availability of enough water.

In the East Rand, at Zonkizizwe, 6 800 stands are now developed and in future a further 5 800 stands could be developed.

By just looking at these developments, it is quite clear that one of the TPA's highest priorities is the timeous identification and development of suitable land for low-cost housing.

Future success in the development of more towns for informal settlement will be determined by the co-operation of all people and organisations. Illegal occupation of land in the development phase will to a great extent hamper the TPA's attempts to address the urbanisation problem. An example of this was the invasion of land in Ivory Park during July this year.

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Objectives

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IN STRIVING after an ideal urban structure, the TPA pursues the following objectives within the parameters of certain guidelines

- * To harmonise places of residence and work in respect of distance, travelling time and location,
- * To retain agricultural land of high potential for agricultural purposes,
- * To protect valuable construction materials and mineral deposits,
- * To promote the establishment of communities of a viable size with regard to the social and economic aspects,
- * To locate different land uses in harmony with each

other, mixing reconcilable land uses to a greater degree,

- * To promote mass transport in terms of higher densities,
- * To protect areas of ecological, aesthetic and recreational value,
- * To make optimum use of existing infrastructure in respect of services, roads, railway lines, etc ,
- * To combat water and air pollution through carefully planned urban development,
- * To effect higher residential densities, affordable standards of service and infrastructure, to promote a healthy economic basis for every town, and to implement all these as far as possible

By Shareen Singh

Witbank ratepayers protest

Ratepayers in Witbank have accused the Witbank Town Council of mismanagement of services and finances and said they are determined not to pay the exorbitant increases in tariffs.

Chairman of the Witbank Ratepayers Action Committee, Corrie Burger, said some tariffs had gone up by a ridiculous 800 percent and those that would be most affected by it would be pensioners and people in the lower income bracket.

"We held meetings with the town clerk and with the entire town council and we suggested to them that tariffs should not go up by more than 50 percent. This is all we are prepared to pay," Mr Burger said.

He pointed out that several services were running at a loss, which ratepayers attributed to mismanagement. For instance traffic control showed a loss of thousands of rands and "we question whether they are not overstaffed".

The cultural centre showed a loss of nearly R4 million. "We say the people of Witbank cannot afford culture and recreation if it comes at such a high price," Mr Burger said.

Services that were running at a loss should either be stopped or privatised, he said.

The council was in debt of nearly R160 million which ratepayers believed was far too much for a small town such as Witbank.

"We cannot understand how the town council could have allowed this situation to develop and we want all those councillors who have been in the council for a long time to account for this," he said.

Two long-serving councillors have already been sacked by the Conservative Party but ratepayers are going to call for the sacking of a third councillor who has been in the council for many years.

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The Community Development Branch of the TPA



Mr John Mavuso,
MEC for Physical
Planning and
Development

THE Community Development Branch of the Transvaal Provincial Administration is mainly responsible for the orderly development of the Province's black communities

This is effected by the branch's three Chief Directorates through their

various Directorates and regional offices

As far as the other communities are concerned, the branch is only involved in township establishment under certain circumstances. Internal affairs concerning these communities are dealt with by the various own affairs administrations

The regional offices are situated at Pretoria, Germiston, Pietersburg, Potchefstroom and Witbank

The Chief Directorate: Physical Planning and Development of the branch has four directorates, each with its own purpose and functions, and they address urban-

isation as follows

* The Directorate: Physical Planning is responsible for the identification of suitable land for urbanisation and the planning involved with it,
* The Directorate Land Use Control is responsible for the control of land use, which includes township establishment;

* The Directorate Engineering Services is responsible for the rendering of engineering services to the TPA and local authorities, and
* The Directorate Housing is responsible for the acquisition of land for low-cost housing where homeless people may acquire permanency



Mr Danie Hough, Admin-
istrator of The Transvaal

Work area of regional offices

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3. PIETERSBURG
4. POTCHEFSTROOM
5. WITBANK

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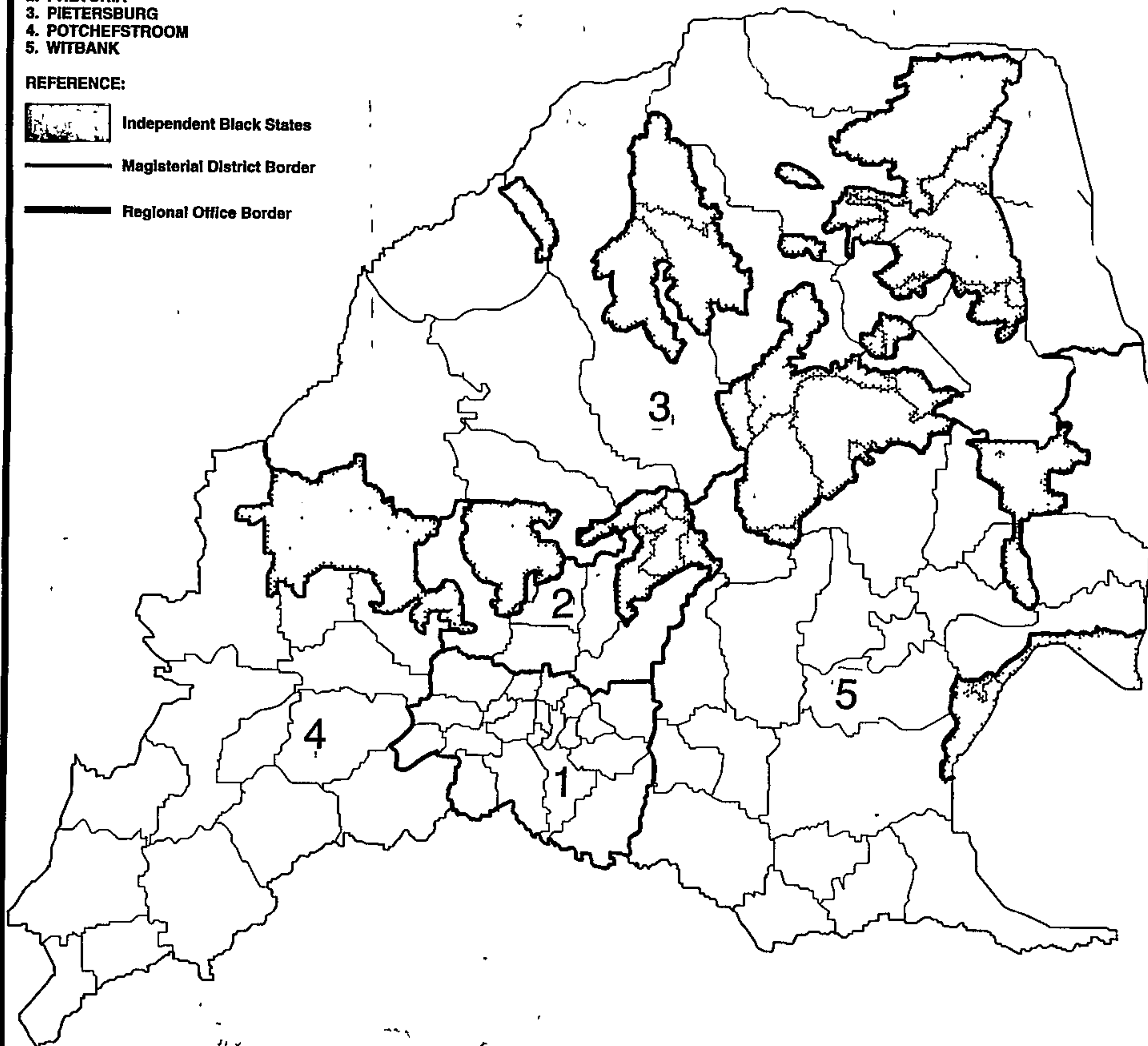
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URBANISATION



With the establishment of formal towns for informal settlement, the TPA is creating an opportunity to allow people to own land and to improve it according to their means — this man is doing just that.

Government policy

SQUATTING as a worldwide phenomenon has become synonymous with accelerating urbanisation

The period after 1986 is characterised by the presence of larger numbers of people in urban areas. It is believed that a large intra-urban movement of people is taking place and that the majority of the people who are now visible, were already staying in the areas.

According to the latest sources, 56 percent of the black community are already urbanised and it is expected that 75 percent will be urbanised by the year 2000.

This means that more than 10 million people will have to be provided with living space in the near future.

This figure reflects the magnitude of the problem and the enormous demand it will place

on the country and its resources

In order to manage and deal with squatting efficiently, it is necessary that the Government's policy be stated clearly.

The objective of the Government is to manage urbanisation effectively to prevent squatting. In striving to achieve this objective, the Government accepted the following policy positions:

* that a landowner's rights be respected and that these rights be protected against any unlawful infringement,

* that land be designated to accommodate squatters lawfully in an orderly fashion — this mainly entails the provision or even with a basic services infrastructure in the area, where an individual may erect his own structure according to his needs and means, and

* that where illegal settlement occurs, orderly resettlement be undertaken after consultation with

those involved

The prevention of squatting is not only the responsibility of the central and provincial authorities. Local authorities must accept that land has to be made available for low-cost housing to prevent squatting.

Local authorities are called upon to share the responsibility for the provision of land and the rendering of services to low-income settlements with the other authorities in future.

It is also believed that the private sector has an important role to fulfil by also providing for the needs of the lower income groups in the different communities.

Co-operation between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the private sector may enhance the Transvaal's ability to address its housing need.

This may also serve to be to the advantage of the country as a whole.

WHAT IS A SQUATTER?

A SQUATTER is regarded as somebody who occupies land and property unlawfully.

According to the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, 1951 (Act 52 of 1951), illegal squatting is prohibited.

Furthermore, no person may enter, or remain on or in any land or building without the permission of the owner or the lawful occupier of such land or building, whether such land is enclosed or not.

Backyard dwelling is not in itself regarded as unlawful. Informal residential areas or

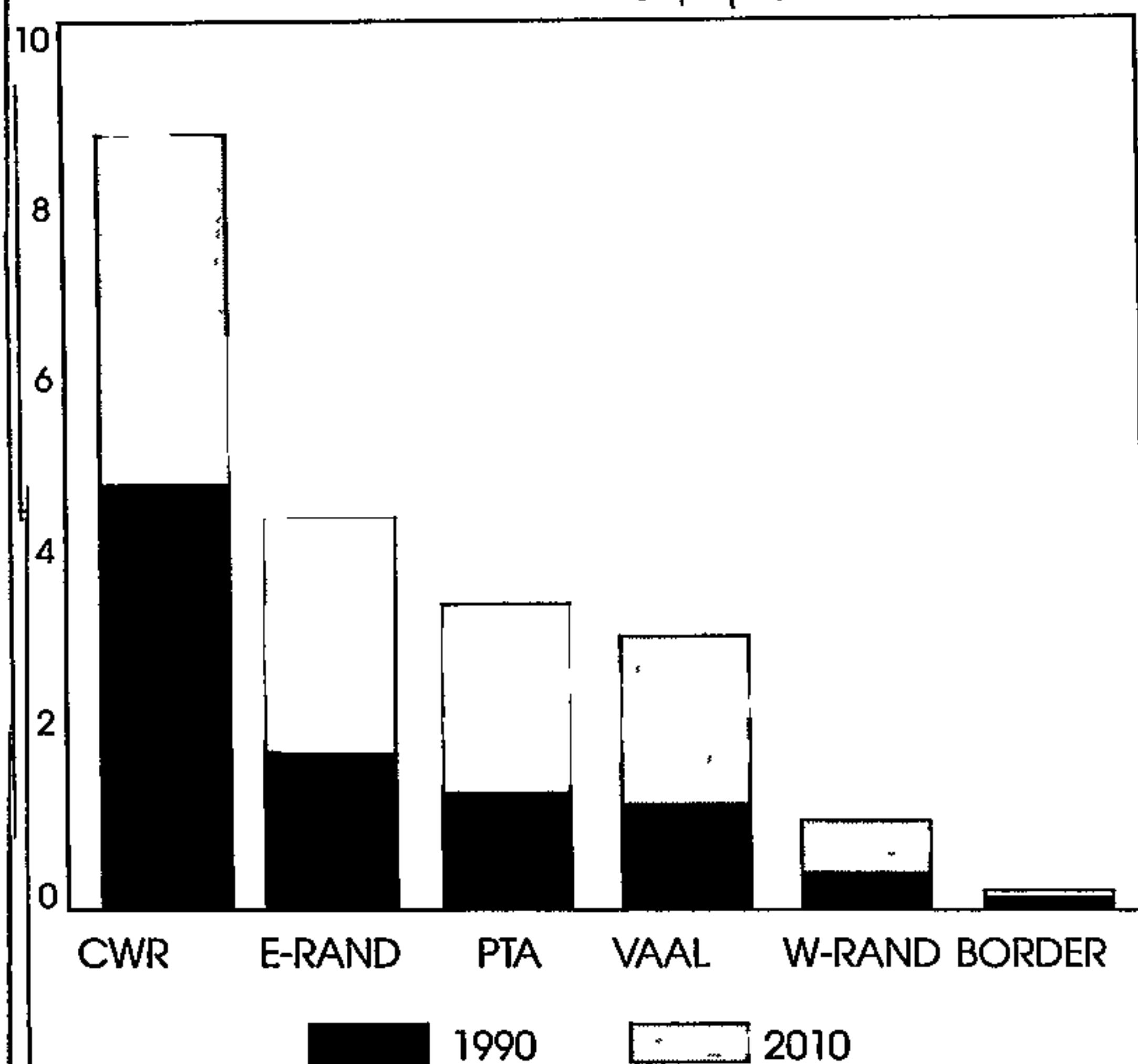
settlements that were officially approved and where residents occupy informal houses on allocated sites, are not regarded as squatting areas.

Squatter areas consist mostly of poor families who are seeking better living conditions.

In the development of formal towns for informal settlement, the Government is addressing the needs of the poor in providing even with affordable services where the people may upgrade their homes and the standard of services in the course of time.

POPULATION OF THE PWV-COMPLEX 1990—2010

(Million)



Source: Dept of Planning and Prov. Affairs

'Civics still want power for people'

By Nomavenda Mathiane

The civics are still trying to destroy local authorities and hand over power to the people. This was the message delivered by Moses Mayekiso, president of the Alexandra Civics Association (ACA), on Saturday.

Launching "Operation Khanyisa" at the second congress of the ACA held at the Alexandra arts centre, Mr Mayekiso outlined what "Operation Khanyisa" would involve:

- Intensifying the fight against black local authorities
- Addressing homelessness and land development
- Health issues
- Transport and developing a culture for liberation
- Combating crime

He hailed Alexandra's people's courts, blaming the Government for not protecting the residents and said Alexandra people had no choice but to protect themselves.

"We had to devise a system to combat crime in the townships. We had to create an Alexandra justice system."

Residents must look to the ANC and MK for defence, as well as creating their own defence structures, he said.

In a democratically-run meeting conducted mainly in African languages, as well as English, delegates from the 12 areas of Alexandra township were active at question time.

Dominant issues were violence and homelessness.

Reminding the meeting of Alexandra's culture of resistance, Mr Mayekiso said even though the Government had responded to the ACA by incarcerating the leadership, residents did not give up.

Taking the meeting back to 1986 and the six-day war where over 44 people died, he said "The Government then introduced the state of emergency because it could not deal with people's power."

Mr Mayekiso was confident that "Operation Khanyisa" would soon go national.

Transvaal will spend R7,7m on hostel upgrading project

MOVES were afoot to upgrade 36 Transvaal hostels, Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) spokesman Magda du Toit said at the weekend. (266)

Du Toit said although no upgrading had yet taken place, TPA and Provincial Affairs and Planning officials were touring all the hostels "to see for themselves what the state of the hostels is". (267)

"As soon as the needs of the hostels have been assessed, the TPA will put its upgrading strategy in place," she said, adding that some of the hostels would be converted into family units. (268)

The upgrading of hostels is part of government's scheme to inject R1bn into socio-economic projects. (269) 8/10/81 4/11/91

Economic Co-ordination Minister Dawie de Villiers recently announced that R31m of the money would be allocated to the upgrading of the hostels.

The Provincial Affairs and Planning Department confirmed at the weekend that the plan to upgrade hostels had been endorsed by the cabinet.

In terms of the plan, Reef and Vaal Triangle hostels — the flashpoints of violence

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over the past 14 months — were among the Transvaal hostels which stood to be upgraded with the R7,7m received by the province.

The Cape received the biggest share — R18,09m while Natal and the Free State received R4,09m and R2,2m respectively.

Du Toit said because not all the hostels fell under the jurisdiction of the TPA, the administration would have to allocate funds to individual local authorities for the upgrading of their hostels.

She would not say how much each municipality would get, saying "that is still under discussion".

Among Reef hostels which will be upgraded are Mapetla, Nhlazane, Nancefield, Dube, Thokoza, Sebokeng, Vosloorus, Kaitshong, Tembisa, Denver and George Gogh.

But Thokoza Hostel Dwellers' Association chairman Zakhele Mlambo said, "All plans to upgrade hostels were doomed to failure 'unless such plans are negotiated with the people concerned — the hostel dwellers'".

Water cut threat

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By ISAAC MOLEDI

RESIDENTS of Ratanda in Heidelberg may have their water supply cut on Friday.

The township's mayor, Mr MH Mokonane, said in a statement yesterday that the Ratanda Council owed the Heidelberg Town Council R142 000 for water supplied in July, August and September.

He said the Heidelberg Council had threatened to cut the water supply unless the money was paid by tomorrow or an advance payment of R14 000 was made to secure an additional seven-day water supply.

This move comes after a council meeting on October 5 attended by community organisations, the African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party failed to resolve the issue.

A flat rate of R20 a month had been suggested as an interim measure.

Iranian calls for ties with SA, Egypt

NICOSIA — A prominent Iranian parliamentarian yesterday called for restoration of ties with SA, Egypt and Morocco, the Islamic Republic News Agency (Irna) reported.

Saeed Rajae Khorasani's call for restoration of ties with Egypt and Morocco was not unprecedented. However, SA, along with Israel and the US, is a country with which Teheran had pledged never to restore ties.

Irna reported Khorasani as saying Iran's objection to Egypt's relations with Israel concerned the late President Anwar Sadat.

He said the government of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak could not be held responsible for Sadat's actions.

Irna said Khorasani's opinions did not reflect parliament's Nonetheless restoration of Teheran's ties with Caro and Rabat was considered imminent. Under President Hashemi Rafsanjani, Teheran has been moving to reverse the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's isolationist policies — Sapa-AP

DP faces rift in motion of no confidence debate

THE DP faces another crisis within its ranks when the caucus meets today at Jan Smuts Airport to discuss a motion of no confidence in its chief whip Dave Dalling for too closely identifying himself with the ANC.

The latest threatening rift in the party between the pro-ANC, the anti-ANC and the independent groups is the third this year in a "clear depiction that politicians in the DP are increasingly feeling that they are being sidelined by the political process", one source said.

He refused to discuss the caucus meeting agenda except to confirm that there was a motion of no confidence in Dalling up for discussion.

Sandton MP Dalling, whose wife Zelda is an ANC member, said it was common knowledge that the motion was being submitted by Wynberg MP Robin Carlisle because of Dalling's presence at an ANC fundraising dinner held at the home of DP MP for Simonstown Jannie Momberg.

The source said the dispute was likely to be patched up today, but strains would persist over the continuing debate within the party about links its members had with other political parties and organisations. It has also been reliably learned that the pro-ANC group is launching

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a counter strike and supporting Momberg in his bid to wrest the DP chairmanship from Ken Andrew.

The first time the ANC issue raised its head publicly was at the Johannesburg congress last year when it decided to allow joint membership under special circumstances determined by the DP's National Council.

Constantia MP Roger Hulley was the first to take advantage of this when he proposed that the DP enter into a working coalition with the NP.

Proposal

He wanted leader Zach de Beer and caucus chairman Colin Eglin to negotiate a parliamentary pact with the NP so key members of the DP could serve on the Cabinet.

His proposal was strongly supported and, to a large extent driven by, Houghton MP Tony Leon.

Other MPs supporting the pact were Lester Fuchs (Hillbrow), Mike Tarr (Maritzburg North), Mike Ellis (Durban North) and Brian Goodall (Edenvale).

However, the strong pro-ANC group of Jannie Momberg, Jan van Eck (Claremont), Pierre Cronje (Greytown) and Rob Haswell (Maritz-

burg South) was horrified by the proposal and ensured that the DP caucus discussing it terminated its meetings and suggested that a task group instead be set up to look at contacts with other parties.

Adding to the strain in the party during the debate was speculation, that could not be confirmed, that various Natal DP MPs were holding secret discussions with Inkatha to look at an alliance.

Stuck in the middle of the DP are those MPs holding firmly to their belief of what the DP's role, and that of its predecessors had always been — to be the liberal opposition performing a watchdog role and fighting for a middle ground.

Leon's strong motivation for the Hulley option was in part influenced by developments in the Johannesburg City Council and its management committee where a DP/NP pact was tacitly agreed upon, the source said.

He said there were many frustrations among MPs that the policies they had been developing over the years and striving to have implemented had been taken over by the NP in the past two years and sold as its own. Many of the MPs were of the opinion that the DP had run its course and they should throw their lot in with one of the major players.

Ratepayers' chance to hit back, says Moss

TANIA LEVY

THIS month's Johannesburg city council by-election in Kilarney and Houghton would be the "first real opportunity in ages" for ratepayers to show their objections to the management committee, independent candidate Sam Moss said yesterday.

A former PFP leader in the council, Moss has squared up against DP candidate Geoff Klass to contest the by-election on November 13.

Moss said the council had become a "tyranny of the majority" since the DP and NP had formed a coalition. They did not oppose one another in by-elections and there was no effective opposition in the council. Moss said he was angry at the deterioration in services and "arrogant, off-handed" approach with which the council's management committee dismissed ratepayers' complaints.

Property values on the new valuation roll, which had pushed up assessment rates, were "extraordinarily" high compared with market values. Ratepayers were probably in for a worse shock next year when the actual assessment rate would be hiked, he said. The management committee was "extorting" more income to cover the cost of golden handshakes, the "aesthetically disastrous" Civic Spine and councillors' unnecessary overseas trips.

Moss's opponent, DP candidate Geoff Klass, said the management committee had had to take unpopular decisions to wipe out past mistakes.

The flak they had attracted over the rates issue was unjustified. In the past the council had used profits on services such as electricity to balance the rates account but councils were not there to make a profit out of providing services.

Klass said that if he was elected he would involve himself in promoting cultural events in the city and lobby for legislation to help preserve Johannesburg's historical buildings. This could include incentives, such as a rates rebate, to owners of these buildings.

Eskom to act against council

ESKOM would not suspend legal action against the Soweto City Council for unpaid debts of R131m, Eskom distribution and marketing deputy GM Allan Morgan said yesterday. *31 Day 7/11/91*

Morgan was responding to a statement by Soweto Council spokesman Mojalefa Moseki that Soweto had rejected plans for the Central Witwatersrand RSC to take over electricity supply from itself. This was because Eskom was going ahead with legal action against the council while at the same time talking to the RSC.

"We have less chance of handling this in a sober manner if we are under such pressure," Moseki said.

Eskom could withdraw while discussions were going on, he said.

Morgan said Eskom had no intention of suspending the legal action against Soweto because it was the utility's policy to "secure its rights as a creditor" by taking legal action against debtor authorities.

"We have taken legal action against 22 local authorities. Summonses served on the Soweto City Council for unpaid debts of R131m still stand," he said.

The RSC accepted a central Wits Metropolitan Chamber proposal last month that it should assume, on an interim basis, the service from the cash-strapped councils of

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Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville. The RSC had appointed Eskom as a sub-agent to render the service on its behalf.

The three councils were recently reported to be in such a bad financial state that they faced a collapse of essential services.

RSC deputy CE Nantes Botha said his council had asked Soweto to come forward with proposals on what "the takeover contract should look like".

"We have not yet received any response," he said.

Sapa reports that rent defaulters in Soweto, outside Pretoria, will have their fate decided today at a crucial meeting between the Department of Development Aid and the local civic association.

The residents, who were allowed to pay an interim monthly flat rate of R50 for the past three months while the two parties negotiated an increased rent and service tariff, had until last Friday to pay up.

Department of Development Aid liaison officer Thys Human said only 32% of residents had paid their rents for October. However, no action against the defaulters had been planned.

A decision would be taken at today's meeting, he confirmed.

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Trust to go ahead with Eurobond issue

ANDREW GILL

THE Independent Development Trust (IDT) is to go ahead with its proposed \$100m Eurobond issue, IDT chairman Jan Steyn said yesterday.

This is despite unresolved discussions between the IDT and the ANC over the proposed issue. The two had agreed not to comment on the discussions other than to say they were proceeding, he said.

He did not give details about proposed dates for the issue which is being lead-managed by J P Morgan bank, although uncertainty surrounds J P Morgan's role in the issue should the ANC not back it.

The issue has been plagued by contradictory statements about the ANC's stance on the issue.

The IDT went on its investment roadshow in the middle of October, apparently with the full backing of all the major players including the ANC.

However, the ANC later said it was against the issue. ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu followed this with a speech in which he said the misunderstanding could be resolved.

Sources said the IDT had decided to go ahead with the issue with or without the ANC and would not delay its issue and allow other borrowers to make it to the market before them.

City council takes over coloured health services

VERA VON LIERES

THE Johannesburg City Council is set to take over certain primary health care services traditionally provided by the House of Representatives, Representatives' Health and Welfare Department chief director Dr Eric Jarodien said yesterday.

Jarodien said the parties would sign an agreement in Johannesburg today.

He said the House of Representatives had asked Johannesburg to undertake services on its behalf but had stipulated that these had be rendered on a nonracial basis and "according to need".

Another proviso was that primary health care services in Johannesburg would be coupled to an aggressive literacy campaign to make services more effective, he said.

House of Representatives regional offices in Johannesburg and the City Health Department had identified six sites or centres in Johannesburg to be used as pilot

projects, Jarodien said.

The centres, which would be operated on a nonracial basis, would be equipped with computer-driven literacy programmes.

The linking of primary health care to computer-based literacy training would be a first for SA, he said.

A council spokesman said the move was in line with recent statements by National Health and Welfare Minister Rina Venter that more primary health care services should be rendered by local authorities.

Venter signalled last month government was moving towards ending the duplication of health structures created by the own affairs system.

She said the fragmentation of health services had to be eliminated but added that this would have to be done within the limitations of the present constitution.

Civics to speak 'with one voice'

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TOWNSHIP civic organisations were about to set up a national umbrella body following the removal of obstacles, National Interim Civic Committee (NICC) general secretary Sithembiso Radebe said yesterday.

He said problems, such as a lack of funds and the "unpreparedness" of many regions, had been holding up the launch of a national civics federation ^{B/Day 8/11/91}.

"All those problems have been resolved and the launch will definitely take place in February next year," Radebe said.

The NICC would facilitate the launch.

The national body was bound to have an impact on local government negotiations as it would enable township civic organisations to speak with "one voice", he said.

It would provide civics with a forum where they could exchange strategies and develop a coherent policy on local government issues.

The foundation for the federation was laid at a conference held in Bloemfontein in May.

The conference was attended by civic delegates from the Transvaal, eastern and western Cape, Border and Free State.

In another development, Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) general council was expected to elect a new general secretary tomorrow to replace slain Sam Ntuli.

Ntuli died in a hail of bullets in the East Rand township of Thokoza two months ago.

Mangope may free 103 prisoners

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THE remaining 103 Bophuthatswana political prisoners are likely to be released in batches over the next few months, a Bophuthatswana government source said yesterday.

Although there was no formal agreement that the prisoners would be released in this staggered fashion, the source said it was likely that they would all be free in a matter of months.

About six weeks ago the first batch of 19 political prisoners was released and three weeks later a further 18 were released. The source said there were signs that another group would be released soon.

President Lucas Mangope, who faces opposition from conservatives in his Cabinet on the issue, said at the time the first batch of prisoners was released that consideration would be given to releasing the remaining prisoners over time.

It was thought at the time that the

process would take considerably longer than is now envisaged.

The release of the prisoners is the main stumbling block holding up the lifting of EC sanctions against SA.

The Danish government vetoed an EC decision to lift some sanctions because SA political prisoners were still behind bars.

About 20 of the prisoners, most of whom took part in an abortive coup attempt, are engaged in what appears to be a rotational strike, the source said.

One of the prisoners, Bushy Molefe, was in a serious condition although he had recently been removed from the intensive care unit.

The source said the release of the prisoners to some extent depended on their own actions. Hunger striking prisoners would not be released because this was not considered "good behaviour".

Bid to set up Thokoza peace committee

THE PAC and Azapo have refused to join a peace committee to be set up next week in Thokoza. ^{B/Day 8/11/91}

The committee will be formed under the national peace accord and was proposed last weekend at a conference convened by the Alberton Industries' Association.

Azapo president Pandelani Nefo-

lovhodwe said Azapo would have nothing to do with structures set up under the peace accord.

A PAC official said since the PAC was not a signatory to the accord it would not join the committee.

Ratanda still without water

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ABOUT 50 000 residents at Ratanda, Heidelberg, were without water for the third day yesterday.

The Heidelberg Town Council cut the township's water supply last Friday because residents had not paid their accounts.

Residents are now getting water from two tankers on a local farmer's borehole.

A spokesman for the town council said the local civic association had insisted on a monthly payment of R10 for all services. Not all residents were, however, paying this amount and only about 22 percent of the town's projected income was being generated every month.

The spokesman said Ratanda owed Heidelberg about R113 000.

Meanwhile, the township was still receiving electricity

from Eskom despite an arrears account of nearly R2 million.

The spokesman said nearly 4 000 people had settled in Ratanda during the past year and many were unemployed.

Meanwhile, the mayor of Mbekweni near Paarl in the Cape, Mr Mzimkhulu Myataza, says the Paarl municipality had to cut the electricity supply to the entire township for the second time this year because residents had failed to pay their accounts.

He said his council owed the Paarl municipality more than R300 000 and the municipality had no alternative as the residents had failed to keep their promise to pay arrears.

Myataza said switching off the electricity had come at a time when his council was busy repairing vandalised meter boxes in preparation for a switch-on if residents decided to negotiate. - Sapa.

Electricity cut off in Munsieville

By ISAAC MOLEDI

RESIDENTS in Munsieville have been without electricity since last Thursday, after the council failed to pay its debts to Krugersdorp.

The electricity supply was previously cut in February due to a services boycott.

It was reconnected for a month on July 4 after the West Rand Regional Services Council made a guarantee to Krugersdorp and after the Munsieville Civic Association made an assurance that all consumers would regularly pay an interim flat rate for electricity based on average household consumption.

Residents

A statement issued by the Munsieville council disclosed that between July and October it only managed to pay R77 250 of the R172 926 owed for electricity consumed by residents.

"Since the community has not endorsed Eskom's decision to take over the bulk electricity supply, Krugersdorp Council resolved to terminate the supply," Munsieville town council administrator Mr WA Greyvenstein said.



Taking their turn . . . Ratanda residents queue up for water from a borehole supplied by local farmer Piet Plenaar.

Picture: Alf Kumalo

Heidelberg farmer helps township after water cut off

Staff Reporter

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Local farmer Piet Plenaar has come to the help of Heidelberg's Ratanda township's 50 000 residents, who have been without water for the past five days.

Mr Plenaar has donated two water tankers to the Ratanda Town Committee and made available pipe borehole water on his farm.

Yesterday hundreds of residents queued with buckets, drums, dishes and plastic con-

tainers at Mr Plenaar's farm and at the Ratanda Town Committee offices — pushing and shoving for their share.

The Heidelberg Town Council cut water to the township on Friday because it has been R114 000 in arrears since July.

Heidelberg town clerk Gawie Scholtz maintained that it was not a political decision but the fault of the Ratanda Town Committee.

"A contract is a contract. The town committee failed to meet its obligations and that's it."

Ratanda town clerk Dawie van Rensburg blamed the impasse on the civic association, which had insisted on paying a R10 flat rate that could not meet the expenses.

Mr van Rensburg said the flat rate was not feasible as it meant the poor subsidising the rich, which was unfair.

He added that the civic association had reneged on its undertaking to persuade residents to start paying the rates on November 1. Until yesterday only

R12 000 had been collected.

Mayor Michael Mokonane urged residents to pay for services as his committee had tried to persuade the Transvaal Provincial Administration to come to their rescue, but to no avail.

The association's publicity secretary, Zakes Machitje, condemned the heavy-handedness of the CP-dominated Heidelberg Town Council despite the problem.

Mr Machitje described the council's action as a slap in the

face for the community. He called for the resignation of the town committee and for it to be replaced by the administrator, who was appointed by the TPA and the community.

Mr Machitje urged the Heidelberg business community to pressure the town council into having a change of heart.

He added that if all else failed, the community would embark on mass action including a consumer boycott and stayaways.

RSC to take over Soweto electricity supply

THEO RAWANA

THE Soweto City Council had finally agreed to the takeover of electricity supply by the Central Wits RSC, the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber's monthly meeting was told in Johannesburg last night.

The proposal came from the chamber four months ago when it was disclosed that the finances of the three greater Soweto councils — Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto — were in a state of crisis and essential services were on the point of collapse.

Soweto was the only council that was still objecting to the takeover, the others having consented to it last month. The Soweto council, a bulk-buyer from Eskom which in turn supplied the other two councils, was re-

ported recently to be facing court action from the utility because it owed it R131m.

Metchamber CE Vic Milne said last night Soweto had agreed to the handover of the running of electricity, on condition that the RSC took over all its electrical department employees.

Milne said after the meeting that a meeting of the Greater Soweto Principal Parties would meet "soon" on the question of the RSC absorbing Soweto employees.

About 30 placard-carrying residents of Ennerdale coloured township caused a stir when they walked

into the chamber while the meeting was in progress yesterday.

The members of the Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association, who are engaged in a dispute with the Johannesburg City Council over the "poor state of the houses" in their township, requested to read a statement to the meeting.

Metchamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert refused to let them do so, saying the meeting was not a Johannesburg council meeting.

He allowed the protesters to leave their memorandum with chamber officials and they left quietly.

The memo requested the chamber to mediate on Ennerdale's behalf and get the Johannesburg council to meet its residents within 48 hours.

Will this proposal solve the 7-year impasse?

By SOPHIE TEMA (266)

WILL proposals by the Regional Services Councils to take over essential services from insolvent black local authorities solve the seven-year boycott impasse? (266)

The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) has resolved that essential services be transferred to white municipalities.

But the question is if the RSCs or the white municipalities become the bosses of the townships, will they be able to get the residents to pay the townships' electricity debts which total billions of rands? (1/11/91)

Bankruptcy

By not paying rent, residents have caused several local authorities serious financial problems and many are on the verge of bankruptcy as the government has curtailed bridging finance to the ailing councils.

Soweto alone is believed to owe Eskom R131-million and the debt is gradually increasing as less than 50 percent of Soweto residents are paying for their water and electricity. 10/11/91

Recently government warned that if consumers continued to avoid paying for services, local authorities would no longer be able to provide those services.

Soweto Civic Association spokesman Patrick Lephunya has gone on record as saying "A new deal needs to be negotiated by community bodies because residents did not object to paying service charges, but refused to deal with councils which they regarded as corrupt and non-representative."

Council adamant

But the Soweto City Council is adamant and will not easily agree to hand over the services supply to the RSC, Eskom or the Johannesburg City Council.

This was made clear by Soweto's newly elected mayor Alfred Nyathi, and his deputy, Oscar Maseko.

Maseko said "Unless the RSC is prepared to explain how it intends running the supply of these services to the community and whether it will take over the employees of the departments concerned - particularly the electricity department - then there is no way the council will agree to the handing over."

Temporary jobs

Sowetan 18/11/91
THE DiepMeadow Council is inviting unemployed men to apply for temporary jobs.

Applicants will be paid R7 a day for the manufacture of bricks, installation of infrastructure, construction of ablution blocks and construction at Bapedi Hall.

Applicants should be resident in Diepkloof and Meadowlands and should hold no other job.

Pensioners will not be considered.

Town clerk Mr JF de Jager said applicants should report, at Central Camp, Diepkloof, tomorrow at 8am. Identification and proof of residence are required.

50 years ago Sao Paulo was the same size as the PWV region is today, writes James

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Lessons from a Brazilian

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THE Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging region will probably reach a population of 18 million by 2010. In just 18 years it will be as big as the world's biggest city is today.

What is life going to be like?

More specifically, is there a metropolis which has gone the same way and which might have some lessons for us?

Yes — Sao Paulo, Brazil. That's where

In the 1960s Sao Paulo was about the size the PWV is today — getting on for eight million. Now it has 18 million people.

Anybody who has been to Sao Paulo, a huge, hot, slightly scruffy metropolis spread over an undulating landscape — on the same parallel as Pietersburg — will have been struck by its similarity to Johannesburg, except for its enormous size.

Its general fabric is low-to-medium-rise but the scene is punctuated by enormous eruptions of highrise buildings, some much grander than any we have.

From the air one sees *favelas*

— squatter camps — sprinkled like brown sugar along the periphery and occasionally huddled in tight little enclaves nearer the centre.

It is a modern city, most of its buildings are well under 100 years old though there's a chapel built in 1554. Car exhaust gases cook in the sun and burn the eyes, but not as badly as in Mexico City or Athens.

Town planner Alan Mabin, of the University of the Witwatersrand, in an unpublished paper says that although Sao Paulo is not the perfect comparison for the PWV it is probably the best there is.

His paper coincides with a vital conference at The Carlton Hotel next week to which experts and ordinary citizens have been invited to exchange views on the future of Johannesburg's rapidly changing CBD.

Mr Mabin says that "for a compelling image of the results of processes similar to those now taking place in the PWV region, Sao Paulo provides something quite extraordinary and well

worth examining".

For example, only 55 percent of the people have "reasonable services".

The PWV has certain advantages it is much bigger in area and currently much lower in density than greater Sao Paulo.

"Sao Paulo has historically demonstrated the unsurprising truth that most of the poor in Third World cities live in poorly serviced peripheral localities, and have to take long and expensive journeys on usually inadequate public transport to get to jobs". They also live far from recreational and cultural facilities.

What Mr Mabin finds significant is the way the poor are moving inwards nearer the city core. He says four types of accommodation have predominated for the poor.

● *Favelas* About 1 million people live in the *favelas* within Sao Paulo municipal area which accommodates 11 million of the metropolis's 18 million people. *Favelas* are squatter settlements much like our own. Significantly, squatter numbers are declining.

● Irregular subdivision The authorities are turning a blind eye to irregular (and mostly illegal) subdivisions knowing that this at least gives former squatters a sense of tenure. Most of the *favelas* have existed more than 10 years and "most are now fairly secure if still often strictly illegal". Result two thirds of *favela* housing are nowadays brick-built.

● New highrise buildings for middle class Highrise blocks — "each grouping seemingly on the scale of the whole Berea-Hill-brow-Braamfontein complex" — are sold on sectional or condominium title at prices similar to those in South Africa. Under Sao Paulo's policy Lone Hill would probably have been highrise.

● *Cortico* development *Cortico* development describes the tenements and "slumyards" which have recently developed in and near inner city areas where property values slumped as the middle class moved out.

Mr Mabin says free standing houses are affordable only for the very rich.

"Sao Paulo's pollution levels, its middle class scurrying from highrise apartment to highrise office, its crime rate, and undrinkable water may make an unhappy prospect for most PWV residents who presently enjoy decent urban services and facilities."

Mr Mabin describes how the rise of "social movements" and labour unions brought pressure to bear on the planning authorities. This also persuaded the authorities to involve the population in planning.

"More importantly, the populace not only demanding but in defining the nature of the problem... fore planning began

There developed, he said, "a gigantic public conversation" on present problems and future needs.

Out of it arose a progressive policy called *mutirao* — "mutual help" — this was more than self-help. It involved collective involvement in labour on the part of the direct beneficiaries, supported by materials grants and skilled labour hired by the city."

Mr Mabin sees some specific lessons for the PWV. "For example, the emphasis in Sao Paulo is on accommodating growth and improving conditions for the poor. This is unlike the PWV where the only really major recent transport planning initiative has come up with 'light rail transit' which seems more appropriate to a slow-growing, wealthy city like Edmonton (Canada).

"Sao Paulo's crisis and changes may not be the exact image of our future but they provide plenty of food for thought (they) demonstrate that policies significantly different from some current orthodoxes may be worth examination

"Certainly the political pressures which democratisation brings will push that way (the way Sao Paulo has gone) and it would be foolish to dismiss programmes which may actually be more appropriate to our conditions than programmes proposed by agencies such as Masstran and the World Bank." □

Four black councils run up R106m bill

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THE councils of Soweto, Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Alexandra would collectively owe the Johannesburg City Council and Central Wits RSC more than R106m by the end of the financial year, the RSC meeting was told in Johannesburg last night.

RSC chairman John Griffiths said the councils owed R24,6m for water and various other services and R10,8m for bulk sewage services by September 30 this year. B169 20/11/91

"On the assumption that those four councils would continue to be unable to pay their accounts, the amounts owing to Johannesburg City Council and the RSC for these services are expected to total approximately R106 416 000 by the financial year-end on June 30 1992," he said.

"This sum far exceeds the provision of R34m which the RSC has made for operating expense assistance for this financial year," Griffiths said.

He said the black councils were being asked to agree to the rescheduling of some of their budgeted infrastructural and social projects in order to provide the necessary funds.

"This does not affect the further R41m which the RSC has provided for assistance towards payment of the four councils' bulk electricity accounts," Griffiths added.

Midrand slams TPA's Ivory Park decision

THE Midrand Town Council has attacked the TPA's decision to settle Ivory Park squatters near its up-market suburb of President Park as "short-sighted and irresponsible"

In an effort to resolve the issue, the council was to lead a delegation of residents to the office of Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough, management committee chairman Dave Hidden said yesterday

THEO RAWANA

Smallholders living on the 4ha plots priced between R250 000 and R500 000 have been complaining that the TPA is intent on "chasing the whites" out of the area, according to reports

"The TPA has fallen behind in the provision of land for housing in this area and is now trying to squeeze thousands of additional

people into the development at the expense of planned school and business sites," Hidden said

He said the council was angry over the TPA's insensitivity in approaching the challenge of land for urbanisation. The administration was sowing seeds for future conflict

The TPA had not honoured undertakings it made when it first established Ivory Park. It had failed to

provide clinics, schools, tarred roads for taxis and a police station for the 85 000 people of Ivory Park in the 12 months of the area's existence, he added

Community Development director-general Len Dekker confirmed that the council had requested to meet Hough. The administrator would make a statement only after the meeting with the delegation, he said

Sandton City set to get a R350m facelift

SANDTON City is to be upgraded and expanded at a cost of R350m, which includes the construction of a R132m five-star hotel

Liberty Life Properties director of shopping centres Gavin Main said yesterday that the 18-floor, 230-room hotel would be situated on the corner of Fifth Street and Alice Lane. Managed by Southern Sun, it would be linked to the existing Sandton Sun and Sandton City complex by a skywalk.

The refurbishment and upgrading of shopping and office facilities would

PETER GALLI

account for R85m. Expansion of the retail area by 23 000m² or 25% would cost another R133m, Main said.

"Apart from the R85m being spent by owners, tens of millions of rands will be spent by tenants upgrading their stores," he said.

The creation of a further 23 000m² of retail space and parking would increase the tradeable area of the centre to 116 000m². The centre would be expanded

in the southeast at the corner of Rivonia Road and Sandton Drive.

Construction is expected to begin next April, with completion in late 1993.

"The hotel will conform to the best international standards in every way. We expect strong growth in the national market in both the business and leisure sectors. International tourism will grow due to SA's political acceptance and corresponding increased foreign investment," Southern Sun Group MD Ron Stringfellow said.

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Campaign to cut rates

Philip Zito

Representatives of Johannesburg ratepayers' associations last night agreed to launch a campaign to force the Johannesburg City Council to revise its recent rate evaluations

At a meeting in Highlands North, representatives of ratepayers' associations agreed to demand the resignation of the council's management committee should it fail to respond appro-

priately to their proposals

They agreed on the following proposals, to be put to the council on Tuesday

- The current valuation roll must be scrapped and replaced by a valuation based on realistic property values

- The proposed valuation roll must be properly publicised and the ratepayers must be given the opportunity to voice their complaints

- Pending the formulation of an approved valuation roll, the levy of assessment rates should be

based on the valuation roll that was effective until July this year, but should include an increase in rates of 10 percent

- The council should obtain a maximum profit of 10 percent on the provision of electricity.

The proposals were initiated after public meetings with city councillors had failed to resolve the controversy over the rates increases which came into effect with the new valuation roll on July 1

According to the representatives, the proper-

ty values reflected in the valuation roll are excessive

Former city valuer Dr John McCullough, who compiled the initial proposals, said the valuations were based on "astronomical" market prices for scarce individual stands

The representatives, including chairmen and committee members of ratepayers' associations of the city's east, west and north suburbs, will put the proposals to their members in the near future for ratification

'Kick in pants' forces DP to polish image

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

The "kick in the pants" the Democratic Party received from ratepayers in Johannesburg has forced the party to immediately introduce steps to repair its tarnished image, Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday.

At a crisis caucus meeting of DP councillors on Wednesday night, Mr Davidson was given a unanimous vote of confidence in his leadership of the party and as management committee chairman.

Mr Davidson said the party recognised that a serious lack of communication had led to the backlash against the DP

in the Houghton/Killarney municipal by-election last week in which independent Sam Moss won the seat with an overwhelming majority.

Reasons given by ratepayers for their dissatisfaction with the management committee were escalating crime, rates increases, the John Pearce affair, the Civic Spine, and Civic Theatre expenditure.

To try to win back the "faith and trust" of residents, Mr Davidson has set up a committee to investigate methods to curb crime and has also promised better communication channels.

"Our image became tarnished because of a lack of communication. There is absolute agreement in the NP and DP caucuses in the council that what we are doing is right, but the how — our style — is wrong."

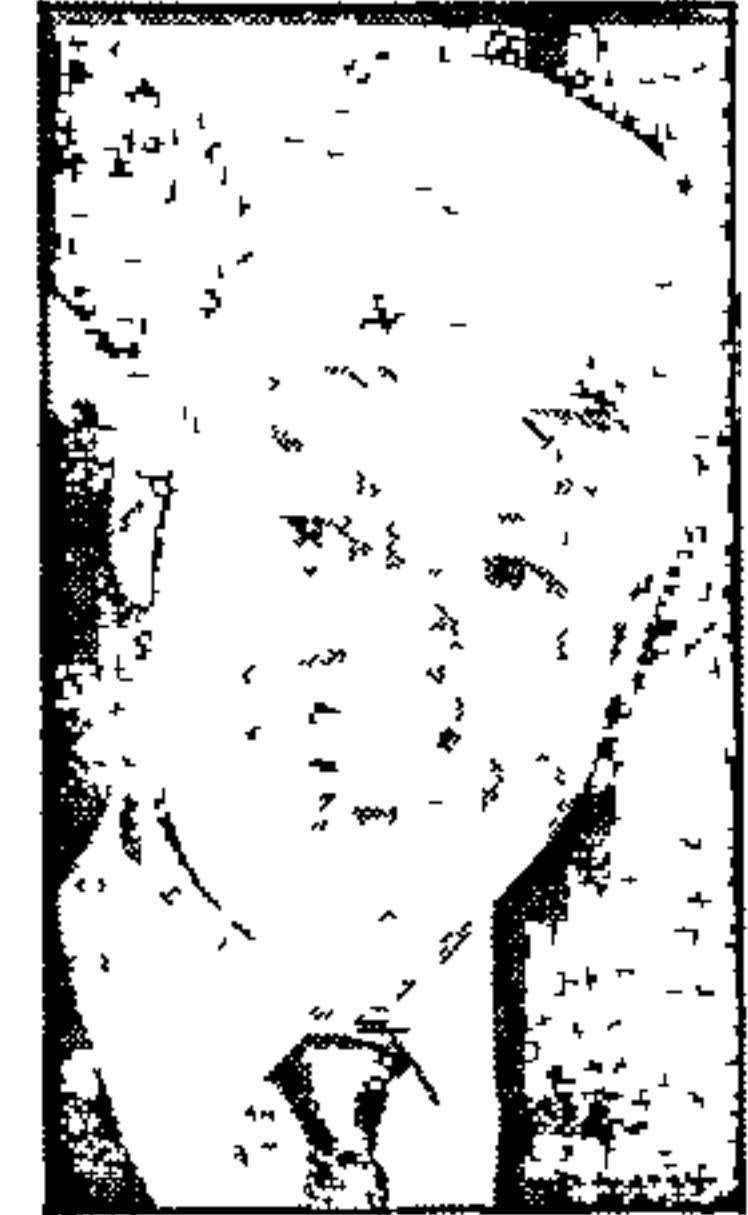
Mr Davidson said the party had to come up with initiatives to bring people back into the mainstream of government after the shock election defeat.

Security would be an absolute priority.

The DP had taken note of the clear message sent out by voters. "We did what we believed was necessary — possibly we were a little insensitive."

"When we took over the management committee, we were faced with raised expectations. What we inherited was an enormous mess and we realised we had to take a number of unpopular decisions."

"This is a typical mid-term situation where the governing party gets a kick in the pants. It's to our credit that we took our eye off the political ball and did the right thing, despite knowing



Ian Davidson . . . our style is wrong

that our decision would be resented," he said.

"We have come from a position where we were following, floundering, racked by acrimonious political debate — to a city which has taken the lead in local government. Now we must not be seen to falter."

Council ordered to repay interest to man in arrears

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By Jo-Anne Collinge
and McKeed Kotlolo

In an unusual twist to the tale of unpaid service bills, the Appeal Court recently ruled that the Mamelodi Town Council should pay R103,36 to a man whose service payments had fallen substantially into arrears.

The amount pertained to interest which had been charged by the council on the overdue service bills owed by Modiredi Johannes Setsedi, the appellant in the case.

Mr Justice H J O van Heerden found that the council was bound by law to fix interest at a level approved by the Administrator.

Since the Mamelodi council had not obtained the specified approval, it was not entitled to charge interest at all.

Now, according to a council spokesman, about 70 percent of householders in Pretoria's largest township

will be entitled to claim the same treatment as Mr Setsedi.

He said residents would not be paid out, but would be credited with the relevant amount.

Overall, residents still owed the council about R20 million for services.

The question nobody can answer is how many other residents in other townships are affected.

Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman Magda du Toit said she believed only "a few" other councils had made the same mistake as Mamelodi.

Most had applied for their interest rates to be approved by the Administrator.

In any event, from early 1990 a general ruling had been made which covered the entire province, she said.

But lawyers at the Pretoria Legal Resources Centre, which assisted Mr Setsedi in bringing his case, believe

thousands of householders in various townships might be in line for repayment for service charges over a substantial period.

In his judgment, Mr Justice van Heerden made it clear that there was a distinction between commercial interests and ordinary residents when it came to determining interest.

"There is much to be said for the argument put forward by counsel for the appellant that there is a perfectly good reason why the legislature intended that a local authority should charge interest on arrears at the rate approved by the Administrator, and only at that rate, the reason being that such an authority is established for the benefit of residents of its area and that it is not a commercial institution."

In addition to ordering the council to pay the R103,36, the judge also ordered it to pay costs.

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focuses on plight of city CBD

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

The perception that Johannesburg was a dangerous, dirty city with a lack of transport has to be changed.

This was the message given to the 150 invited delegates to a major conference on inner-city problems which began yesterday.

Businessmen, community leaders, and city councillors and officials have been brought together in a unique initiative by the business sector and the city council to set up an agency to deal with serious problems in the city's centre.

Representing the business community, Anglo American Property Services managing director Gerald Leissner said he did not believe people's perception of Johannesburg was true — and it had to be changed.

Overdue

Community leader Dr Nthato Motlana who opened the conference, said the major issues in the city were violence, a lack of security, the flight of business and investment to the suburbs, and a lack of management in the city centre.

Johannesburg civic spokesman Cas Coovadia said the initiative was long overdue.

Mr Leissner also said structures should be set up to involve the vast majority of people not represented in city government.

During the two days, delegates are divided up into workshops.

International Downtown Association president Richard Bradley was brought in to act as a facilitator. He emphasised that the conference was not an exercise in talk, but a forum to decide action.

Partnership

Workshop topics included improving the economy and attracting investment, business assistance and job creation, urban development, security and public safety, transportation, housing and social infrastructure, retail strength, culture and entertainment, marketing the city, and managing the city.

Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the council was very aware that the CBD was the nerve centre of the city, which was in turn the heartland of SA. To support that centre, there had to be a partnership between the council, the private sector and the broader community.

Mr Coovadia said delegates needed to recognise the seriousness of the situation, not only in the CBD but in the entire metropolitan area.

"There are no easy solutions, but we should arrive at a process by which we can address the problems."

The conference ends today with a press conference this evening.

Sandton nod for building worth R20-m

By Jacqueline Myburgh

A new building housing a library, council chamber and art gallery is to be constructed in the Sandton CBD by July 1993 at a cost of more than R20 million.

Sandton Town Council last night approved sketch plans and cost estimates for the massive development.

This means that a substantial part of the construction can take place in the current financial year.

In accepting the plan, the council acknowledged the importance of having as much of the work completed in the present financial year "in view of the budgetary constraints that the Department of Finance wishes to impose on the council's capital expenditure in the next financial year".

Another proposal, for the construction of an underground parking garage at a cost of R12,6 million, was referred back to the management committee.

Reservations were expressed about the construction of the civic building, but the proposal was unanimously approved.

Peter Jardine had said he thought the construction was premature, considering the changes facing local authorities.

"It's as if it's an opportunity to spend money before someone grabs it to spend on something basic," he said.

Several other councillors, however, said the planned building was overdue, particularly the library.

Excavation and construction of the new civic building, which will face the new Town Square, is due to start in February next year.

The project should be completed by June the following year.

The plans passed by the council last night were a revised version of a proposal which came before the management committee in May and was rejected because of the high cost.

'Partnership' will address city's woes

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Delegates at the Strategic Conference on Johannesburg's City Centre have agreed to establish an agency by the end of March to address problems and development in the area.

The conference is the first inner city initiative of its kind involving the private sector, Johannesburg City Council and the community.

Key issues under discussion at the two-day workshop which ended yesterday included security, transport, housing, finance, urban decay, retail, recreation and culture, managing and marketing the city.

Civic representative Cas Coovadia said the "acid test for the initiative" will come in giving genuine empowerment to the various actors involved, particularly the community, which has to play a more central role.

A group of 18 people from the three sectors represented will form the steering committee to set up the agency, to be known as the Central Johannesburg Partner-

ship, and determine priorities and plans.

The agency will deal with problems in the city centre and all high density areas such as Hillbrow and Braamfontein. All agreed that the conference had exceeded expectations and consensus was reached on fundamental principles.

Cliff McMillan, chairman of the interim steering committee formed to organise the workshop, said Johannesburg could not maintain its position as the engine room of southern Africa without the participation and co-operation of the widest range of parties.

International Downtown Association chairman Richard Bradley, who acted as facilitator, said Johannesburg's status as a world class city was undervalued.

Funding for the new agency will come mainly from the business community and issues will be dealt with on a project basis.

Anglo American Property Services MD, Gerald Leissner said big business should become involved in the funding of future action.

A more detailed document on ideas to come out of the workshops will be released next month.

Row brews over Soweto freehold area

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Staff Reporter

A row is brewing in Soweto between developers, the council and the Protea South Homeowners' Association over the township's one and only freehold title area.

The Homeowners' Association claims it has been given a raw deal by developers Gough Cooper and the Soweto City Council who, it alleges, have failed to fully develop the area.

Association spokesman Mike Baloyi has accused the developers and the council of overpricing the land and not building the suburb according to specifications.

He said the supposedly elite suburb was surrounded by a squatter camp and dilapidated houses which had led to a decline of property values.

Homeowners were afraid of increased crime and health hazards.

Other grievances included the incomplete tarring of streets and roads, inadequate street lighting, too few telephones, a poor postal

service and fluctuating land prices.

Mr Baloyi said his association's meetings with both parties were in vain. Even an appeal to financial institutions to intervene drew a blank.

"Now the only avenue available to us is to seek redress through the courts of law.

"We maintain Gough Cooper and the council should keep their promise of making the suburb attractive and of high value otherwise we will take the matter to court," Mr Baloyi said.

Unjustified

Dermond Gloster, group public relations manager for Gough Cooper, said the complaints have been directed for the most part at the wrong quarter.

"For instance we are concerned about the presence of squatters, but have no authority to interfere directly in this matter. We have protested repeatedly to the Soweto City Council about it because they are occupying land scheduled for development by ourselves. So far the council has taken no action

"The state of the old Protea houses in the area is also a matter for the council, rather than ourselves. Nor are we responsible for street lighting, postal or telephone services."

Complaints of buildings not being completed according to specifications were unjustified, he said.

Each house is thoroughly checked by inspectors from the building society providing the finance, before any payment is made to the company, he added.

He said. "Roads remain untarred in some sections where no development has yet taken place. No Gough Cooper houses are on sale in those areas as we only develop in phases that have been seen and approved by the council."

"As to the alleged inconsistency in the pricing of land, the price varies according to the size and position of the plot and also over a period of time, according to market conditions."

The council failed to respond to allegations in spite of receiving a fax from The Star two weeks ago.

Jimmy Knight said import cargo was more likely to be pilfered than export cargo. "Most of the incoming goods are hi-tech items, and tempt theft, whereas

first quarter next year Directorate of Civil Aviation (DCA) airport systems head Stuart Huckwell would not comment on allegations that Jan Smuts was

More municipalities keen to privatise emergency services

WILSON ZWANE

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LOCAL authorities were showing considerable interest in having their fire and ambulance services privatised, Benoni Fire and Emergency Services MD Stephen Barber said yesterday. 8/10/91 28/11/91

Barber said the interest by the municipalities was apparently sparked by the Benoni Town Council's decision two months ago to contract out its fire and ambulance services to his company.

Barber said from the talks he had had with "a number of fire chiefs", it was clear that there was a lot of interest

Some of the councils were considering emulating the Benoni Town Council, he said

Meanwhile, the Benoni Fire and Emergency Services — a company formed by the Benoni Town Council, its employees and the Fire and Emergency Services Holding Company in September — is on the verge of rendering services to Benoni ratepayers

The Benoni municipality is the first in Africa to have privatised its emergency services. Management committee chairman Danie Taljaard has said the privatisation would save the council and its ratepayers about R15m over the next five years

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Randburg adopts 'open door' policy

By Jacqueline Myburgh

The Randburg Town Council last night resolved to adopt a public participation strategy, which will include public opinion polls every three years — the first of which will be held early next year

Although the council said it had always maintained "an open door policy", the purpose

of a formal strategy being adopted was to establish better administration through the broadening of the information basis for decision making

The strategy was also aimed at creating a better public understanding of council matters

The strategy includes

● Encouraging the creation of ratepayers and residents associations where they do not exist

● Regular discussions between these associations and the management committee or other committees

● Urging councillors to be available for interviews with residents in their wards

Residents will be invited to make recommendations to the management committee and in some cases to serve on advisory committees of the council

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'China Town' plan for Verwoerdburg

Pretoria Correspondent

The Verwoerdburg Town Council is to relocate about 500 families from the Far East in a massive "China Town" which will cover nearly 100 ha south of Verwoerdburgstad

A council spokesman said very delicate negotiations were underway between the principals in a development south of the town

He said no other comment was available at this time as the matter was "sub judice"

The development company has not been named by the council

It is believed the development will include an industrial job-creation section, a residential section and a retail and commercial section

It is thought that it will be built near Highveld Technopark behind the new Makro

Town councillor for Irene David van der Byl confirmed

today that he had already sold 30 ha behind Makro to the development company for an undisclosed amount

Verwoerdburg town clerk Piet Geers and other representatives who were to have flown to the Far East this year, have postponed their trip pending further negotiations with the interested parties

It is believed the town's main attraction will be an original Chinese village

People would be able to visit the village to enjoy authentic Chinese food, entertainment and crafts

Development

The complex will also comprise a large industrial park where many of the residents will be employed in computer, electronic and other high-tech industrial work

Mr Geers said the development would be a gradual one which would ultimately house about 500 families from some-

where in the Far East

The planned immigration follows the town council's attempts last year to attract investors from Hong Kong to the Technopark

A council representative spent about two weeks in the Far East in May last year to investigate a belief that "a number of Hong Kong investors, who were looking for alternative investments when the People's Republic of China — mainland China — took over the area at the end of the century, could be interested in investing in the town"

It is believed that earlier setbacks with the planned immigration of the families came from the request that the families be allowed to bring their own teachers and domestic servants

It is believed the Department of Home Affairs would only granted permission for families with high-tech industrial skills to immigrate and not unskilled domestic labour

Jo'burg offers to host talks on new SA

STAR 28/11/91
By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

As the country's main political players continue sensitive discussions to choose a neutral venue for "real" constitutional negotiations, the Johannesburg City Council yesterday offered the city and its municipal facilities as a possible rendezvous for the historic event.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said an invitation had been faxed off yesterday to Fanie van der Merwe, one of the Government's main negotiators and a co-ordinator of the multiparty talks.

Preparatory talks between some 20 political groups will be held at the Jan Smuts Holiday Inn tomorrow, while the hotel has been mooted as the venue for the start of multiparty talks on December 20 and 21.

Mr Davidson said the council was aware through the media that the December talks would possibly take place at the airport hotel.

"We would like to offer ourselves as a venue for either that meeting or the multi/all-party conference itself because we believe we have the necessary infrastructure as a council and as Johannesburg," he said.

Mr Davidson said the city had built up credibility in pioneering the Metropolitan Chamber, a forum for multiparty talks on local government.

Through the Metropolitan Chamber, where we have been doing what they (the national political leaders) will be doing, Johannesburg has built up sufficient credibility and goodwill with all parties to be able to say we will be deemed a sufficiently neutral venue.

In addition, Johannesburg offered an excellent communications infrastructure.

Matlala re-elected Diepmeadow mayor 266

THE mayor of Diepmeadow City Council, Mr Josiah Matlala, was returned to office during the mayoral elections this week *Sowetan 29/11/91*.

He beat rival Mr Johannes Mathala by 12 votes

Mathala received three votes

Matlala took over the mayorship of the area after Mr Julius Khumalo was gunned down in May.

Thanking Matlala for his devotion in his service to the communities of Diepmeadow, chairman of the management committee Mr Frederick Phiri said.

"Even though Matlala was unlettered and unsophisticated, he had shown dedication to his work."

Matlala said he would appeal to the Transvaal Provincial Administration to provide more land

Mr Zebulon Tlhabane was elected deputy mayor.

nations as a member of a hit squad. He was granted a stay of execution and subsequently gave evidence to the Harms commission of inquiry into certain alleged murders. In his

little if any credence can be attached to his most recent version of what happened on the day of the murder. There is nothing in the record or in any subsequent document to support

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said "We have called for a moratorium on executions. That a person who has exposed hit squads should hang is a poor reflection of what is happening in the country."

Allied sued

VERA VON LIERES
AN Industrial Court case brought against Allied Group Ltd/Absa by a former senior employee was yesterday postponed to January 14 in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

Former senior manager (investment) PJS Ronan alleges Allied Group Ltd/Absa contravened sections of the Basic Conditions of Employment Act of 1983.

Ronan claims the company breached its agreement with him by terminating his employment contract without written notice and not paying him a minimum of 12 months' wages. 6/29/11/91

Pretoria goes to township's rescue

THE cash-strapped township of Atteridgeville, plagued by problems in supplying and maintaining services to its 11 500 households, is to get wide-ranging assistance from the Pretoria City Council.

Atteridgeville administrator Martiens Nel, whose council owes Pretoria about R9m for electricity and other services, said yesterday the assistance was not financial, but involved supply and maintenance of services.

Nel had asked the council for urgent discussions on co-operation with Atteridgeville. He had said its prob-

lems were compounded by inability to perform administrative, technical and financial functions. THEO RAWANA

Pretoria decided this week that its transport department, which had evaluated Atteridgeville's refuse trucks, would help repair essential vehicles, consider hiring vehicles to the township and provide driver training to five officials.

Stationery and cleaning equipment will also be provided. The sports and recreation department will advise on maintenance and management of sports and recreation areas and pro-

vide training for workers.

Pretoria will run the local electrical sub-station and train electricity personnel. (266) (12/11/91)

Pretoria town clerk R N Redelinguijs had recommended to his council that a working group be set up to investigate how to help, starting with the possibility of doing administrative and accounting duties on an agency basis.

Nel said yesterday about 25% of the township's households were defaulting on payments. "By Wednesday morning we had cut off electricity supply to about 300 of these households."

'Integration' body for Roodepoort

By Glen Elsas
West Rand Bureau

The Roodepoort City Council decided at its monthly meeting last night to appoint a special committee to discuss possible co-operation between and integration of Roodepoort, Dobsonville, Fleurhof and Davidsonville.

The council recommended that National Party councillors Dave Treleven, Benny Kok, Dawie Ludick, P C du Plessis, and CP councillor Robbie Mulder serve on the committee.

Mr. Mulder said the council was aware of his political affiliation and it was ludicrous that he had been asked to serve on such a committee.

He said that although he and his party were willing to assist neighbouring towns and townships, they could not recommend possible integration now or in the future.

The council decided the appointed committee would hold discussions with its neighbours, the TPA, the Witwatersrand RSC, Eskom, the Rand Water Board and others.

After the special committee had made its findings, a future council recommendation could be that there should be proportional representation of the surrounding town and townships on the Roodepoort council.

White councils under fire for helping black townships

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

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Several white city councils are, to varying degrees, taking over the administrations of their struggling neighbouring black townships — drawing accusations that they are trying to surreptitiously revive black local authorities

This week, Pretoria City Council approved recommendations to assist Atteridgeville in rendering services and training township administrators. Funds for the programme would be sought from the Regional Services Council and Transvaal Provincial Administration

The Roodepoort management committee has also accepted a proposal to take over the entire administrations of Dobsonville and Fleurhof/Davidsonville.

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On the East Rand, according to the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (CAST), an attempt is under way to "amalgamate" the Germiston, Edenvale and Palmridge town councils with the Katlehong administration

"These moves are clear attempts at undermining our demand for nonracial city councils. The National Party is trying to short circuit our demand for democratically elected bodies," said CAST general secretary Dan Mofokeng

The Conservative Party, reacting to Roodepoort management committee's decision, has called on Roodepoort's councillors to reject the proposals — or resign from the council "so that voters can have the opportunity to pass judgement on the proposals"

TPA identifies massive tracts for housing

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SHIRLEY WOODGATE

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration is believed to be on the verge of identifying about five vast tracts of land in the northern PWV region to be developed as site-and-service projects to meet massive urbanisation

This follows the controversial establishment of Ivory Park on the eastern boundary of President Park, Midrand, where about 85 000 homeless people have been settled within less than two years on 711 ha demarcated for informal settlement

Sources have indicated that the first of the sites

could be available from as early as March

According to reliable sources, the bulk of these settlements will accommodate Johannesburg's northern neighbours, specifically Sandton, Randburg, Midrand and Verwoerdburg. The following developments are expected to be announced soon

- It is speculated that the so-called "Norweto" or Diepsloot area is being considered to accommodate Sandton workers from Zevenfontein where squatter shacks were recently demolished
- Cosmo City on the

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Housing

FROM PAGE 1.

Broederstroom/Lanseria Road just beyond the Jacaranda Tea Garden is being envisaged for housing Randburg workers attracted to Kya Sand Industrial area

- Parts of Modderfontein/Limbro Park/Mia Trust land east of the Pretoria/Johannesburg freeway are being investigated to provide relief for Alexandra

- Agricultural land east of Jan Smuts Road near Olifantsfontein is being considered as the logical extension of Tembisa

- Land near Irene is earmarked as housing for workers of the burgeoning industrial sector in Verwoerdburg.

When asked for comment TPA director of physical planning Jan Bretytenbach would not

say if discussions about the future of these areas had taken place

But he said that no official announcement had yet been made and if such an announcement was made, it would not be without the knowledge of the residents or councils in the areas (266)

Recently the Greenbelt Action Group which halted the Norweto development of peri urban land west of Midrand, applied for the area including Diepsloot to become a Local Area Committee (LAC) and for the major portion of it to be recognised as a conservancy

The Council for Local Government Affairs (the successor to the Transvaal Board for the Development of Peri Urban Areas) indicated at that time that Sandton, Randburg and Krugersdorp were seeking to expand their boundaries to the north.

Councillors take slight with a smile

BEING at the DiepMeadow City Council's Chambers for the election of the mayor and his deputy was a hilarious, eye-opening event

Even council employees could not hide their amusement and laughter as we were bombarded with all sorts of anecdotes

Sowetan photographer

BY JOE MDHLELA

Len Kumalo was at some point reminded by the electoral officer to limit his movements as he might just interfere with secret ballot papers

Needless to say that Kumalo understood his duties to be limited to taking

pictures - and nothing more

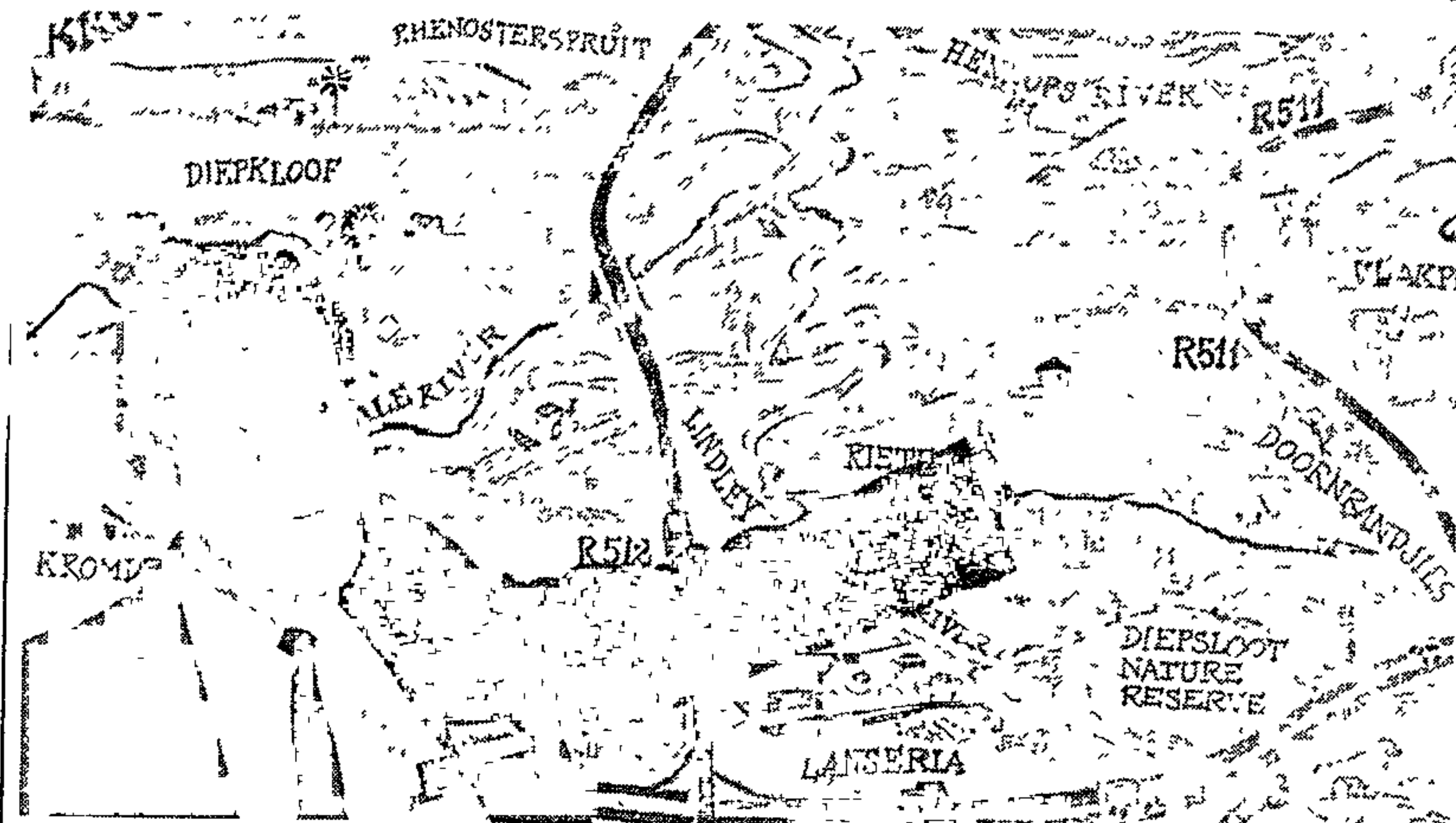
By that time I was rolling over in laughter

Only a sharp accusing stare from the electoral officer reminded me of the serious business at hand

The mayor surprised all by not objecting to being called "unlettered" and

"unsophisticated" by one of the speakers. Instead he clapped his hands and nodded as if giving a stamp of approval to this seeming slight

But it made me wonder how the councillors sort out civic matters when they can become so docile even when their characters are slighted



Greenbelt Action Group chairman Anthony Dugan addresses a news conference yesterday. His group believes the Transvaal Provincial Administration plans to settle large squatter camps north of Johannesburg. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

'Greenbelt' residents to fight on squatter issue

RESIDENTS of the plush "greenbelt" northwest of Johannesburg are squaring up for a fight with the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) over the proposed development of the area which they fear will include large-scale squatting.

The Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) yesterday announced it would form a civic association to prevent the TPA from developing low-cost housing and relocating squatters in the area, which lies between the Sandton/Randburg boundaries and the Hartebeespoort Dam.

TPA MEC for Planning John Mavuso announced plans yesterday for several small low-cost housing sites in the "greenbelt", saying there was a "need of land for the settlement of low-income communities north of Randburg and Sandton".

GAG, which represents conservation-minded residents, said the area should be preserved as a "green lung" to be used for limited development and recreation.

GAG chairman Anthony Dugan said yesterday the development was "ill conceived", and accused the TPA of lacking a development strategy and practising ad hoc "crisis management".

He said timeshare apartments and small industries were also threatening the area.

Asked why he thought the "greenbelt" should be spared the development of the rest of the PWV area, he said the "green lung" was essential for the PWV.

He said he was sympathetic to the plight of squatters, who are increasingly moving into the "greenbelt", but said it was the function of the TPA, not GAG, to properly house victims of bad policy.

He added that Randburg and Sandton councils had shown a willingness to relocate squatters currently living in the "greenbelt". Moving homeless people in small numbers to the area would not work, he said, because small squatter settlements inevitably grew into big ones.

Mavuso said yesterday the TPA would consult ratepayers' associations and "other interest groups" in the region over its plans, and added that the TPA executive committee had not yet taken any decision on the development of the area.

But he said discussions with local authorities in the area had concluded that a recommendation be made to the TPA executive committee that small concentrations of low-cost housing should be developed in the area.

DARIUS SANAI

Jo'burg's first step away from old SA

Municipal Reporter

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Negotiations for the establishment of a common voters' roll for the Johannesburg metropolitan area will begin in January if a major document on the constitutional future of the region is accepted at the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber meeting tonight

In what is probably the most important meeting since the Chamber was formed in April, delegates will decide whether or not to accept a proposal to elect an interim metropolitan government comprising the structure of the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council, which will disband by July 1

If the constitutional pro-

posals are passed by all the local authorities, civics and Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) today, the process of dismantling local government apartheid structures in South Africa's major region will have begun

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It is envisaged that a final model will be in place by 1993

Moves on inner city joint plans

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By James Clarke

Johannesburg Council, community and business leaders have agreed to further talks about a new direction for the inner city, following a two-day brainstorming session attended by organisations as diverse as Anglo American and the ANC.

They have agreed on the "desirability of establishing an agency for central Johannesburg, representative of the three interest groups and possibly others, to determine priorities and action plans".

A group comprising 18 — six from each sector — will establish the agency before April.

One of the spokesmen for "the community" at the two-day talks, Cas

Coovadia of Johannesburg Civic Association, said "The acid test will come in giving genuine empowerment to the various actors involved — particularly the community which has to play a more central role in decision making."

Mr Coovadia said council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he recognised that "the city council needs input from the broader community".

Anglo American Property Service's Gerald Leissner said business was "looking for more specific action in the short term from the council — in terms of issues such as security, cleaning and maintenance — and is itself prepared to become fully involved".

PWV green belt - 'black option' threat

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By Shirley Woodgate

The Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) yesterday warned it would resort to "the black option" if all legal means failed to convince the authorities of the need to preserve the group's 100 sq km Kareebosrand conservancy area as a recreational "green lung" for the PWV.

The threat to apply the pressure tactics of the civic associations was in reaction to well-founded speculation that at least five legal squatter camps north of Johannesburg are about to be announced by the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

One is in Diepsloot, which is part of the 1986 "Norweto plan", originally intended to house 500 000 people but shelved after massive opposition from affected residents.

Other site-and-service developments are allegedly planned for Cosmo City, adjoin-

ing the farm of Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder west of Randburg, an area near to Irene, land north of Tembisa and a belt from the Islamic Trust east of the Ben Schoeman highway through Modderfontein to Linbro Park.

Mr van Tonder reportedly told Sapa that the TPA had told him the rumours concerning the area in the vicinity of his farm were unfounded.

"My farm has instead been earmarked for incorporation by the city of Randburg. There seem to be no plans afoot to turn this vicinity into any overnight squatter camp for the TPA," he said.

Late yesterday, Transvaal MEC, John Mavuso announced that the need for low-cost housing in Muldersdrif, Chartwell and Rantesig would be met by "smaller concentrations spread over more areas".

But GAG chairman Anthony Duigan said "Ivory Park, where 90 000 people have been accommodated in less than two years adjoining Rabie Ridge and President Park in Midrand,

has showed that once squatter development is allowed, it knows no boundaries."

An area bounded by the Skurweberg south of Hartbeespoort Dam, Lanseria Airport, Vlakplaats and the Johannesburg City Council-owned Diepsloot nature reserve had been declared the Transvaal's first conservancy three years ago.

About 150 000 smallholders, including several "black" kraals, now occupy the area.

The region included the "last great urban greenbelt" in the entire PWV and should be preserved for posterity, Mr Duigan said.

The action by the TPA was labelled "ill-conceived" and typical of the crisis response employed by the authorities to the pressures of urbanisation.

GAG recently applied to become a local area committee with control over its future.

Randburg has previously applied to incorporate land up to the Krugersdorp highway, and it is believed Sandton and Krugersdorp are eyeing land beyond their northern boundaries.

Jo'burg seeks court order on unpaid rent

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The housing feud between the Johannesburg City Council and the Ennerdale and Surrounding Areas Civic Association (Esca) came to a head yesterday when the city council brought an urgent Supreme Court application against the residents.

Esca spokesman Roger McCulloch said matters had reached this stage because the council demanded that residents, who had bought their houses under a deed of sale, now take transfer of the properties and pay arrear rentals or face eviction.

"But the council is asking between R27 000 and R35 000 for houses in Ennerdale Extension 5 that have been valued at no more than R15 000"

Major financial institutions had pulled out of the scheme, said Mr McCulloch, and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research had condemned most of the houses, recommending that some be demolished to window level and rebuilt

"We are an established community, and we are prepared to pay the rental and take transfer of the houses," said Mr McCulloch

"All we want is for the city council to discuss our grievances with us and value the houses more realistically — something they have consistently refused to do for the past six years"

City council management committee chairman Ian Davidson described "as absolute nonsense" claims that bonds could not be raised because of the poor quality of the houses

"Of the 800 houses in the original development scheme, some 400 have been sold already"

On the allegation that the CSIR had found 90 percent of the houses defective, Mr Davidson admitted that CSIR tests had found certain defects

However, later tests by the city council showed that defects were not as widespread as reported by the CSIR

After negotiations with the Ennerdale management com-

mittee and Esca, Mr Davidson said, it was agreed that an arbitrator would decide the value of each houses, and assess the cost of repairing any defects

The cost of repairs would be deducted from the purchase price

It was also agreed to waive the rental backlog, amounting to R4 million, if residents paid the current rent. Residents would then go through the process of applying for bonds

If bonds were not available, residents could remain in their houses as long as rent was being paid

"There was never any ultimatum to residents to either take transfer or be evicted. There is no way we will evict anyone who is paying his rent"

"What actually happened was that we struck a deal, and Esca reneged on the deal. There appears to be a hard core among the residents who seem to want the houses given to them."

The court hearing was postponed until January — Sapa.

Row as Ermelo raises civic centre deposit

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Pretoria Bureau

Ermelo Town Council can charge anything it likes for the hire of its facilities, as long as it is operating according to ordinance, the Transvaal Provincial Administration said yesterday.

The council has just increased the maximum deposit for use of the civic centre to R100 000.

A spokesman for the TPA said it had no comment on the decision made by the council at a stormy meeting on Thursday, as councils could use their own discretion in such matters as long as they operated within the law.

The decision has sparked a row between Conservative Party councillors and independents, who have warned that they will oppose the deposit increase.

CP-controlled management committee vice-chairman Hein Mentz said the previous maximum deposit of R9 000 was inadequate

and the figure had merely been brought in line with current costs of repair.

"The increase has nothing to do with trying to prevent all races from using the facilities or the recent court order obtained by Ermelo Mines forcing the council to admit black employees to attend a mine function in the city hall.

"It is only a returnable deposit and we may never impose the maximum," he said.

Independent councillor Frikkie Beneke has dismissed Mr Mentz's comments and said repairs would be covered by council insurance. He said he would bring the matter to the Administrator's attention.

The office windows of independent Piet de Beer, who was ordered out of the chamber by mayor Barry Myburgh during Thursday's debate, have been defaced with sprayed signs reading "pig", "traitor" and "NP".

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Cyril Ramaphosa 'barred'
from Transvaal meeting

JOHANNESBURG — ANC general-secretary Cyril Ramaphosa was allegedly turned away from a meeting of the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber at the Johannesburg Civic Centre

Mr Ramaphosa last night "went for a normal meeting between the Soweto Civic Association and the Metropolitan Chamber and was turned away", said ANC spokesman Ms Gill Marcus

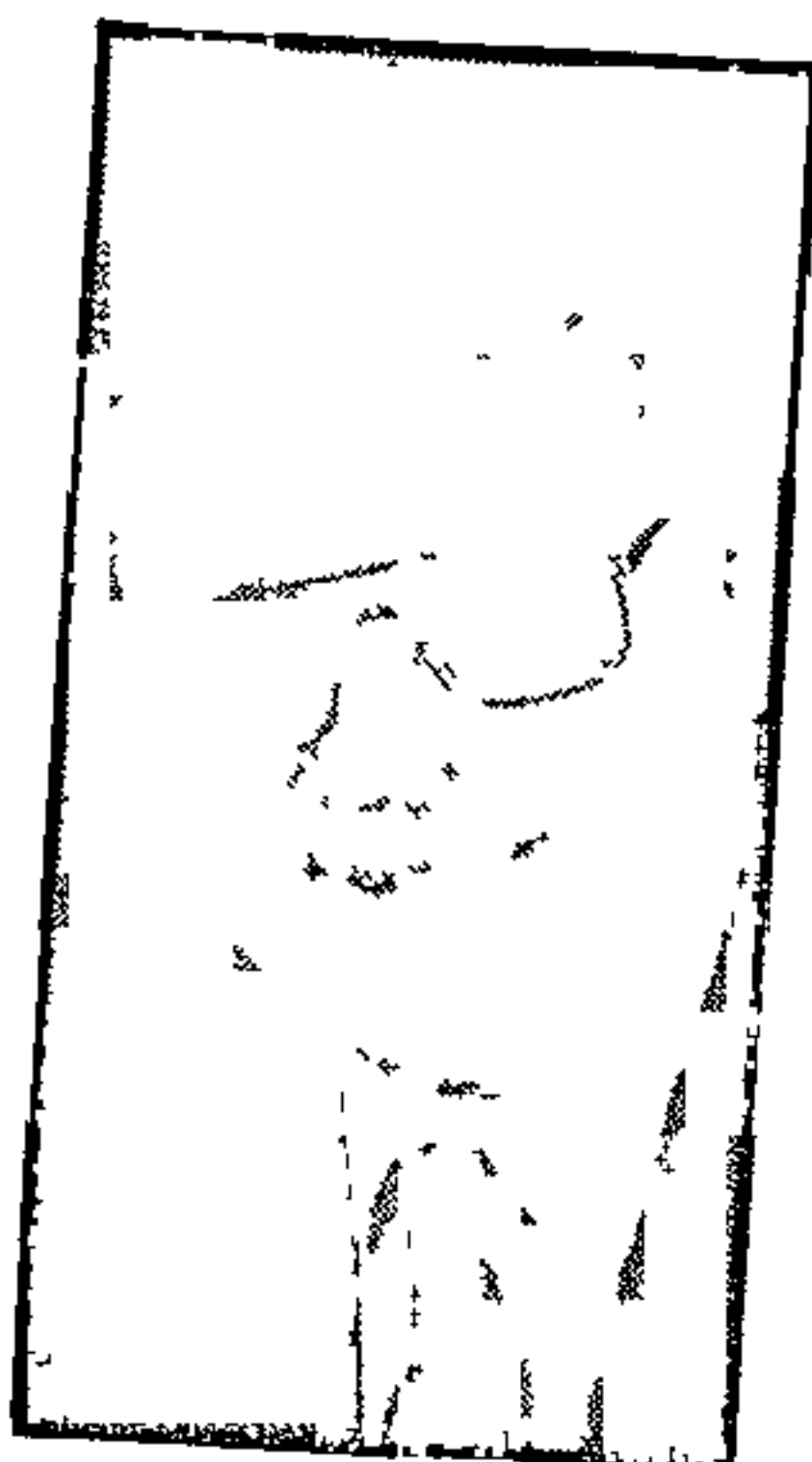
"He was asked for identification which he did not have. This is quite unacceptable," Ms Marcus said

A delegation from the Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association was also turned away — Sapa

Amalgamation of town councils bodes well for the future

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A PROPOSED amalgamation with Katlehong, Palm Ridge and Bedfordview will make Germiston the first city in SA to combine the established residential areas of all population groups. In the process, it is expected to give the city a lead in establishing the new SA, drawing in overseas investors and creating an environment for industrial peace and prosperity.



LEON LOUW

At the same time, the city expects to make the transition to a changed national political structure more smoothly.

Town clerk Tomie Heyneke says "We decided to join forces with Katlehong for practical reasons."

"When your neighbour is drowning, you have two choices. You can pull him out, or you can let him drag you down with him."

"Our survival is linked with that of Katlehong, and it makes sense to centralise the administration of the two areas to improve efficiency and quality."

Inevitable

He says it is inevitable that the future will see the borders of cities and regions being altered to address the inequalities in viability between black and white areas.

"Why wait until we are forced to join hands?"

"By reaching an amicable agreement now, we can develop a system, forge links and train people to be ready to meet the changes."

"Indications are that cities will be able to choose from a variety of models in determining how they will be run, and we will be better able to choose what is best if we are already friends."

Heyneke says inefficient administration and poor services are a major cause of distress and resentment within black townships.

"Someone who receives an electricity bill of R3 000

because of an administrative error isn't going to attempt to deal with it."

"The administration of Katlehong is inefficient because it lacks the money and equipment to be anything else."

"By making our facilities available and helping to train staff, we can make a substantial difference to the residents of the town."

This move has met with widespread approval from industry, which sees it as a positive step towards stability and security.

"Most industrialists want to see their workforce enjoying an improved quality of life, if only because this makes them more reliable and productive," he says.

If the amalgamation comes off, the city plans to consolidate political and administrative control in Germiston, with regional offices operating in Katlehong and Bedfordview.

The proposed political body will comprise 57 councillors, made up of the existing seats in Bedfordview, Germiston, Palm Ridge and Katlehong. This body will govern the whole of the greater Germiston area.

Another resolution, however, indicates that spending will not be spread evenly across the board.

Monies collected will be spent on the areas where they have been collected, apart from a nominal initial 5% which will be fed to Katlehong.

Before its success can be assured, however, various challenges must be met.

"A potential pitfall is the

need to end the rent and service boycott in Katlehong," says Heyneke.

"Arrears amount to millions, it owes Eskom R26m."

"We're working as much as possible with the civic associations and the suppliers to reach some agreement over payment."

"At the same time, we need to persuade the residents to pay at least some of the money owing to Katlehong Town Council to enable it to settle its debts."

Priority

If negotiations do not come unstuck over this issue, a priority will be to improve the quality of services in Katlehong.

"Having won the residents' co-operation over paying for what they get, we will aim to bring about improvements as rapidly as possible. Linked with this, we aim to heed the cry for a balanced tax base."

"But Germiston cannot take on the load for uplifting Katlehong unaided."

Response to the proposed merger has been mixed.

Some Bedfordview ratepayers are bitterly opposed on the grounds that the merger will rob their town of its exclusive identity and cost them money.

CP councillors in Germiston have little objection to amalgamating with Bedfordview — but are resisting suggestions that Germiston link hands with Katlehong.

No response was received from community and council representatives in Katlehong.

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TPA plans new black townships

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RECOMMENDATIONS have been made to the Transvaal Provincial Administration for the establishment of low-cost communities north of Randburg and Sandton.

Representatives of the TPA have had talks with all the relevant local authorities in the area, including the Local Government Affairs Council, in connection with the proposed development.

TPA MEC Mr John

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Mavuso said it had been agreed that the need for low-cost housing in that region should not be met through concentrations on one two large sites, but rather through smaller concentrations spread over more areas.

It was also decided that the different local authorities should consult

with the ratepayers' associations and other interest groups in their area.

The TPA has, however, not yet taken any decision on the development.

The critical housing shortage has created problems in South Africa and many private enterprises and property institutions have made efforts to alleviate the crisis.

Shelter

Over the past four and half years, a total of 29 000 families have obtained housing through developers and contractors working with the SA Housing Trust, providing shelter for an estimated 190 000 people.

The building of these houses was underpinned by the provision of some 40 000 serviced stands in close co-operation with local community representatives.

However, financial institutions have been reluctant to enter the low-income market in any meaningful way.



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City council in feud with Ennerdale folks

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THE housing feud between the Johannesburg City Council and the Ennerdale and Surrounding Areas Civic Association came to a head on Tuesday when an urgent Supreme Court application was brought against the residents.

Esca spokesman Mr Roger McCulloch said matters had reached this stage because of the city council demand that residents, who bought the houses under a deed of sale, now take transfer of the properties and pay arrear rentals or face eviction.

"But the council is asking between R27 000 and R35 000 for houses in Ennerdale Extension 5 that have been valued at no

more than R15 000 "

In addition, major financial institutions have pulled out of the housing scheme, which he says has been poorly constructed.

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research had condemned the majority of the houses, recommending that some be broken down to window level and rebuilt.

"All we want is for the city council to discuss our grievances with us and value the houses more realistically - something they have consistently refused to do for the past six years "

Apparently previous resident committees also tried without success to elicit a response from the council, which McCulloch says is only prepared to discuss the matter on its own terms.

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Chairman of the Johannesburg City Council Management Committee Mr Ian Davidson described "as absolute nonsense" the charge that bonds were not available because of the poor quality of the houses.

"Of the 800 houses in the original development scheme, 400 have been sold already "

Davidson admitted that tests carried out by the CSIR found certain defects.

Davidson said it was agreed that an independent arbitrator would decide the value of individual houses, and assess the cost of repairing defects.

It was agreed to waive the rental backlog for the time being if residents paid the current rental. The residents would then apply for bonds - SA Press Association

Houses may go for free

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has thrown its weight behind a recommendation that 103 000 Soweto rented houses or those under leasehold should be transferred free of charge to the occupants.

When TPA representative Olaus van Zyl announced this in the Metropolitan Chamber meeting last night Soweto Civic Association secretary Pat Lephunya called for a round of applause.

Now all eyes are on the Cabinet to see whether it will approve what chamber chairman Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert referred to as an historic move.

The free transfer will affect only older houses. But the chamber and TPA also back the idea that some 14 000 houses built in Soweto since 1962 should be offered for sale at a discount.

He cautioned that the Cabinet would have the final say and would have to consider the matter as a precedent which would have national implications - *Sapa*

Rand Airport triggers related development

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MAJOR development is planned around Germiston Lake, Rand Airport and Germiston Golf Course, and private sector developers look forward to calls for a batch of tenders from early next year.

The city councils of Germiston and Johannesburg are putting their heads together to develop a concept that will make the most of the potential of the area.

Germiston town clerk Tonie Heyneke says "No other undeveloped area in South Africa has so much going for it."

Progress

Management committee chairman Leon Louw says "We have made good progress in developing the concepts and expect to be able to start talking to private developers from about January."

Incorporating an airport, the largest lake on the Witwatersrand and a major section of the recreational strip running through Germiston, the area is a stone's throw from Gosforth Park race track and the Olympic-quality Herman Immelman Stadium.

It is also close to one of the largest industrial areas in SA, is a matter of minutes from Jan Smuts Airport and has unparalleled access to the freeway network serving the East Rand.

"The concept developed out of Johannesburg City Council's decision to develop Rand Airport, which is the busiest in SA."

"It soon became clear the airport couldn't be seen in isolation and Germiston council representatives were invited to join the

committee," says Heyneke.

In addition to upgrading Rand Airport and developing space to accommodate service industries, the committee is considering the development of two new hotel developments, an entertainment-orientated retail development on the shores of the lake and an upmarket residential complex around the golf course.

"It doesn't make sense for businessmen flying into Rand Airport to have to travel into the Johannesburg CBD for hotel accommodation, especially as many of them come to visit the East Rand," says Heyneke.

"We already have a Formula One hotel, which has proved successful. Now we would like to develop a second such hotel, as well as a three-to-five star operation."

Quality

The proposal is for a Formula One hotel on the underdeveloped north side of the lake, while the better quality hotel, incorporating a conference centre, would be to the south, between the established resort area and the golf course.

These facilities will be used by a wide range of people, from sportsmen to visiting businessmen.

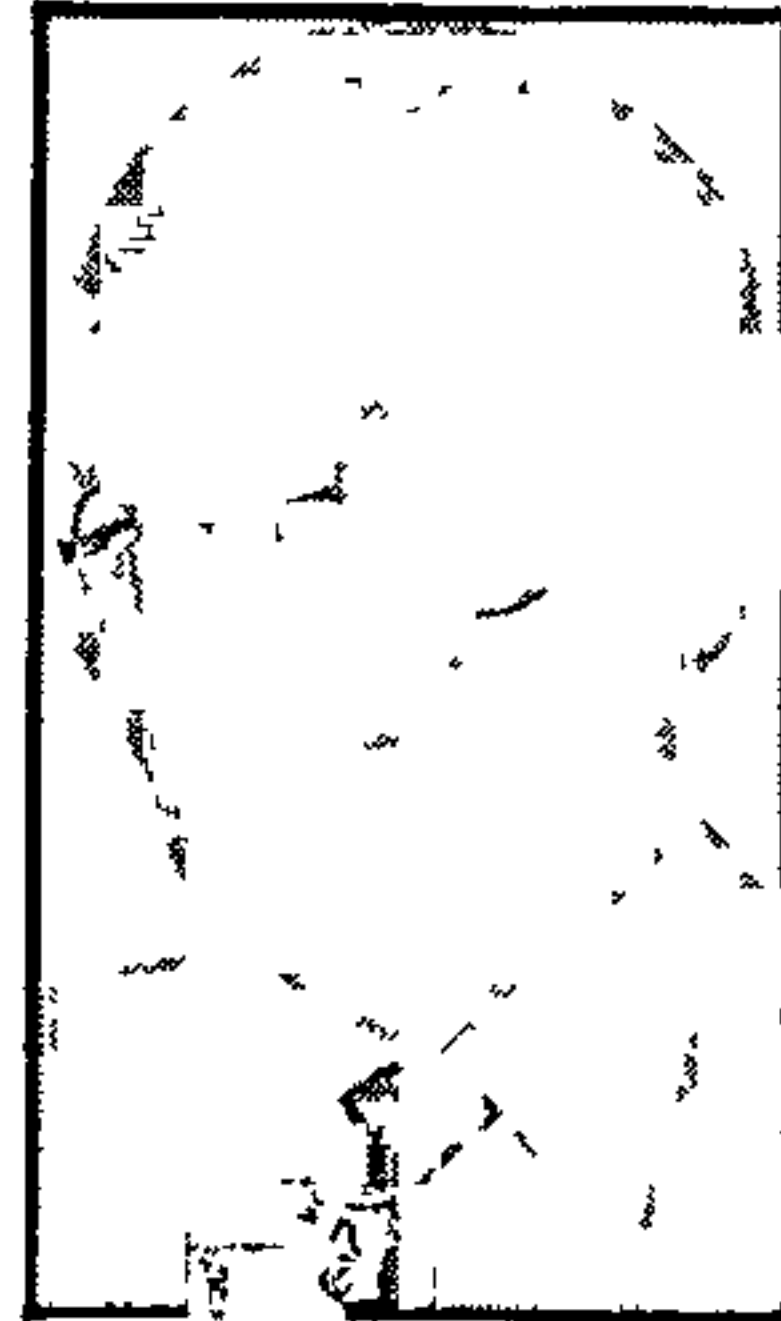
At the same time, the committee is looking into the prospects for the phased development of apartments on the north-west bank, between the lake and the golf course.

There is also potential to extend the resort function of the area, possibly with the introduction of an up-market gymnasium and sports club.

Louw says he would like to see some retail development along similar lines as Fisherman's Village at Bruma Lake.

"Our development plans are intended to enhance the lake while realising its full potential, but we are committed to keeping most of the land around the lake public open space," Heyneke says.

"We have yacht, fishing and motor boat clubs operating on the lake and the picnic spots, restaurants, putt putt course and miniature train make this one of the most popular resorts on the East Rand."



F. HEYNEKE

Reef cities, townships Seek unity

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THE NEXT budget of the Johannesburg City Council is bound to be formulated as much in response to the demands and needs of the people of Soweto as to the wants of suburban ratepayers who voted the council into power.

In 1992, nonracial local government on the Witwatersrand will step firmly beyond the realm of talking across racial barriers and into the world of joint action — the nuts and bolts, and funds and cents of welding township and city.

Thus is the meaning of the revised plan for interim local government tabled at the Central Chamber in Johannesburg last night. Individual parties to the chamber must still approve the plan, but all have had a hand in drafting it.

From early next year, the chamber has proposed that consultations on the budget for the country's richest and largest city will take place in a "joint negotiating forum" where the main players will be the Johan-

nesburg Council and the Soweto Civic Association, bolstered by smaller civic bodies.

Similar budgetary talks will be going on between the Alexandra Civic Organisation and the councils of Randburg and Sandton, and between Roodepoort Council and civic associations for Dobsonville, Fleurhof and Davidsdorp, and among the far-south residential areas (like Edinburg and Lenasia) and the TPA.

By council budget season, in June/July, tangible steps will have been taken to spread the revenue generated in the business heart of South Africa to the crisis-riddled townships which surround it. It might not be what the civic movement meant by a single tax base, but it is an unprecedented concession in that direction.

All parties to the chamber — that is, four white municipalities, various black local authorities, management committees, civic associations and the province — see the establishment of nonracial interim government at metropolitan and

local levels as a phased process

STAGE one which begins early next year is based on the idea that "appropriate existing structures will largely remain intact." It will last for about six months, its life span being "linked to the budgetary process of the local authorities and the regional services council."

In this and all other stages, parallel change will go on at the local and regional levels. Until the final model is agreed to, at both levels, there will be non-racial negotiating bodies which will remain one step removed from actual government but will determine broad policy, and administrative/service structures, which will become increasingly integrated.

The players At the crucial local level, joint negotiating forums will be consolidated or established where they do not yet exist. These forums will link a particular white municipality to the council(s) and civic associations of the satellite township(s), drawing participants

Plans for nonracial local government on the Reef are outstripping the national negotiating process. Civic associations will soon help shape Johannesburg's budget, and a mini-constituent assembly could be sitting by 1993 JO-ANNE COLLINGE reports

into debate about development of their locality as a single economic entity.

In stage one, the administration and servicing will remain vested in the segregated councils, except where special service contracts are negotiated, for instance with Eskom.

At the regional level, the RSC will continue to co-ordinate and help finance bulk services. The chamber in its present form will continue to negotiate medium and long term dispensations, and will gain a special budgetary committee which will be crucial to this process.

Their tasks. Both local forums and the chamber have the major task of gaining con-

sensus on a new budgeting formula in the RSC and in individual councils. Their task is to find viable financing for new nonracial forms of government which will have the capacity to upgrade township services and command returns for these services. None of the parties wishes to see the new structures doomed to failure by inadequate financing, but the white councils have the difficult task of maintaining the confidence of their electorate.

The chamber will also negotiate a new governing structure within the RSC, and local forums will press towards integrated administration of town and township.

STAGE two will see structural

change and the implementation of the new budgets. Negotiations within the chamber on a final two-tier model of metropolitan and local government will continue and "logistical preparations" will be made for the election of a nonracial chamber transforming a body of elected white representatives and non-elected black representatives into a fully representative body.

The players These will be essentially the same, but with new names in some cases and new responsibilities and resources. The RSC will be transformed into an interim metropolitan authority (IMA), its structure changed in accordance with decisions taken in the chamber. The chamber will make broad policy decisions, and a contract with the IMA will ensure implementation and enforcement. The amalgamation of local administrations will proceed, at different paces as local conditions dictate, with single administrations the ultimate goal. Although the blue-

print does not specify this it is believed in some quarters that the black councils will be dissolved.

Their tasks The models planned in stage one will have to be formalised, given legal status and force. Newly consolidated administrations operating (as far as the townships are concerned) with greater resources will begin to make meaningful improvements to the levels of service in the townships and it is hoped, the proportion of residents paying their tariffs and rates will mean that "viability is no longer a foreign word in these areas."

STAGE three is the point at which the first elected metropolitan chamber comes into being. Its timing depends on how quickly structures consolidate under stage two, on progress on the national negotiating front and the attitudes of major national political players to the Reef local initiative. The players The proposal

presented yesterday leaves the question open. It is not clear whether the elected chamber will be a mini-constituent assembly (that is still a negotiating forum) or the new local government. In either case it is possible that civic associations might depart from the scene at this stage — since they see themselves in the mould of residents associations rather than political parties — and the parties contesting the election might come to include the ANC, PAC, IFP and Azapo.

There can be no doubt that agreements to detach local government in and around Johannesburg have been crisis driven. The spectre of a chaotic collapse of Soweto's essential services has been the unseen force at the table.

Although parties have repeatedly stated that their solutions are dependent on national constitutional initiatives, the possibility of conflict between the paths of change might well have been underestimated. □

VIRGINIA BY-ELECTION

Race and recession

Victory for the Conservative Party (CP) in the Virginia by-election last Thursday came as no surprise. A prolonged economic recession combined with deeply entrenched racism gave a reformist National Party (NP) no chance. FM 6/12/91.

In a 55% poll, CP candidate Kobus Beyers got 7 980 votes to trounce the NP's Jac Kloppers (4 814). In 1989, the Nats (6 911 votes) only just managed to hold off the CP (6 864). The swing underlines the potency of the rightwing as a factor to be taken into account in the negotiations for a new constitution.

Talk in Welkom and Virginia focused on three issues: violence on the mines, economic hardship and the broken promises of the Nationalists.

Economic hardship has become a way of life on the Free State gold fields. In Welkom, unemployment among the 240 000 black community is estimated as high as 80%. Neighbouring Virginia mirrors similar statistics.

Dependent on the mining industry, shops, hotels and restaurants in Welkom have seen business plummeting to an all-time low. Business was also besieged by two harsh consumer boycotts — a direct result of simmering racial tension.

Parts of Virginia have turned into a ghost town. Rows and rows of vandalised, deserted houses characterise the suburbs of the mining sector. In less than two years, some 2 000 white miners have faced retrenchment.

Vacated homes subsequently let by the mining houses to black families were pounced on by Conservative candidate Kobus Beyers as a major rallying point. Beyers, a seasoned politician, exploited every sign of racial prejudice and distrust.

The white mining community is a hotbed of rightwing activity. With the gold fields being one of the best organised AWB regions, the CP relied on their active support. The strongly entrenched White Mineworkers Union added their muscle to the CP campaign.

Rightwing militancy has become a feature

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of life on the gold fields and acts as a constant threat to attempts at peaceful coexistence between white and black. Last year's crippling consumer boycotts came as a direct result of white vigilante action.

The AWB, in particular, encourages people to take the law into their own hands to "protect" themselves from their neighbours.

The tension between white and black has an impact at all levels. Talks of a common tax base between white Welkom and Thabong, with its 250 000 inhabitants, is a major point of conflict on local government level. The general feeling is that the cake is too small to share.

Serious rightwingers are in the process of setting up alternative social structures. A whites-only private school and whites-only residential area are already in the pipeline.

The victory heralds a bleak dawn for the gold fields and further afield. Welkom and Virginia are no different from other gold mining towns or their industrial counterparts on the East and West Rand, where racism has become a parasite feeding on economic chaos.

Johannesburg's inner-city housing option

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being established to resolve such issues.

JAMES CLARKE argues that unused mine land could be used to solve Johannesburg's housing problems

One must also add the costs of highways (R4 million a kilometre for a four-lane) and rail links.

Ian Davidson, chairman of the Johannesburg council's management committee, said in an interview that the council firmly believed that the current situation in which the poor lived a long way out of town and the rich lived near town was the reverse of what should be.

"We need to redevelop and redevelop the city," he said. "Some mine land is undoubtedly useful for high density residential accommodation and for industry. There is also the eastern part of the city which is run down and which should be redeveloped for residential purposes."

Site-and-service schemes on the periphery as a short-term expedient, have their advantages but in the long term are extremely costly.

The council is discussing the issue with various interested parties and the subject was broached at last week's two-day brainstorming workshop on the future of central Johannesburg. A think-tank agency of all interested parties — including the communities involved — is

PLANNING authorities seem set on accommodating millions of homeless people out in the green belts to the north and south of Johannesburg where only the more privileged live.

There are no jobs out there and transport to where there are jobs will be expensive.

Meanwhile there are thousands of hectares of land near Johannesburg's central area — where job opportunities exist — lying derelict and with no announced plans for their future use.

According to the Johannesburg City Council there are 14 000 ha of mainly derelict land suitable for housing and industry — well over double Soweto's 6 000 ha.

In fact, the mines own about 50 sq km or 12 percent of municipal Johannesburg, but precise figures are hard to come by.

The mining companies pay no rates or taxes on most of it because it is designated 'agricultural' — and they appear to be under no pressure to put it to good use.

Much mine land is probably permanently unsuitable for development. Some parts might be needed again by the mines if the gold price rises. But tens of thousands of hectares, some still under mine dumps, can be used for housing — if only a viable way could be found.

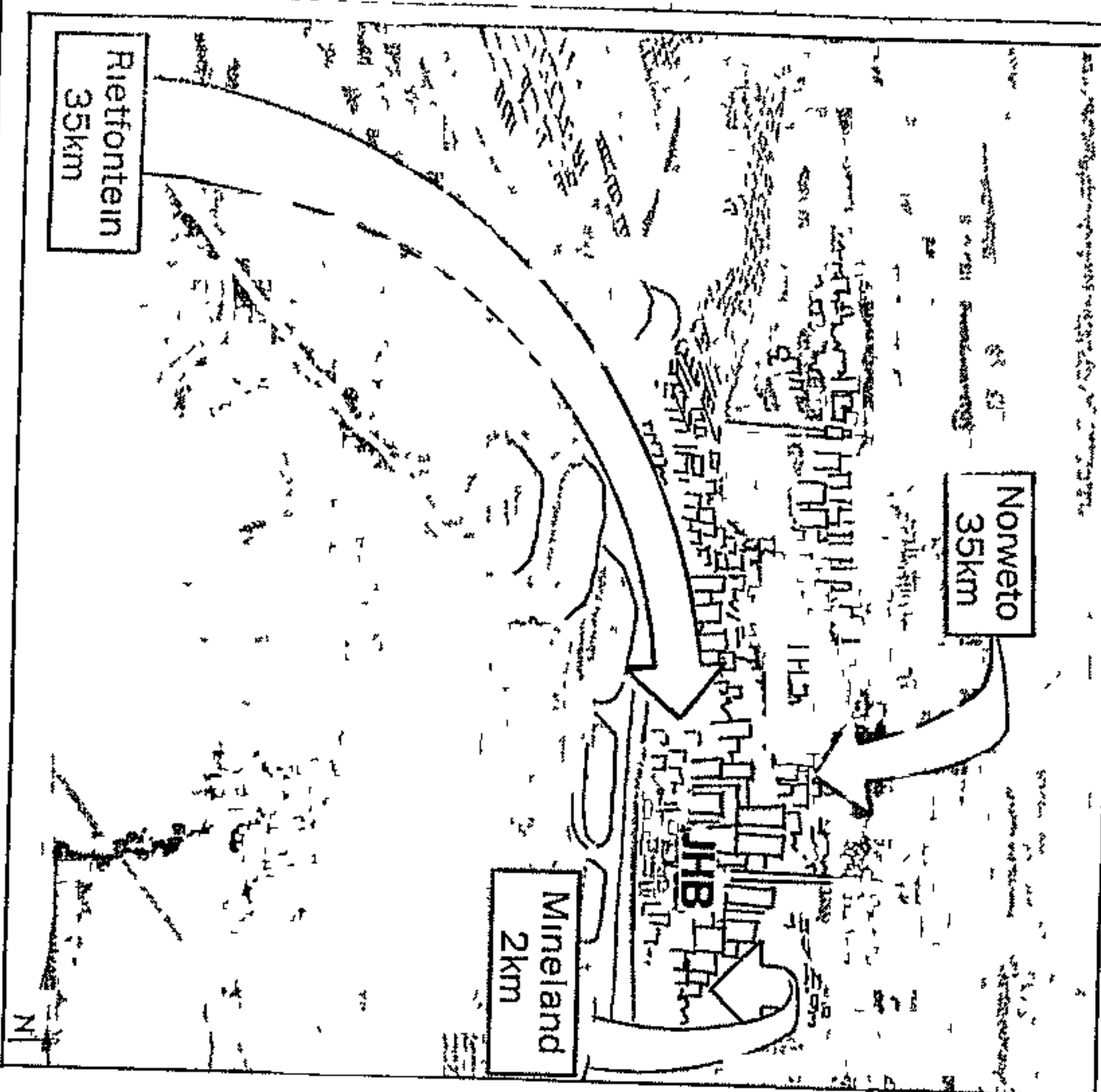
Civil engineer Cliff McMillan of the Planning Professions Forum believes market forces on their own will not alter the

situation in the near future and says a proactive approach is needed. He warns it is "pie in the sky to believe this can be done painlessly and that creative solutions will have to be devised if land in the inner areas is to be made available to house 'hundreds of thousands of workers'.

Meanwhile the planning authorities — mainly the JPA — are behaving as if the inner city options (such as using mine land) did not exist. The JPA has suggested allocating land on the farm Rietfontein — 35 km south of Johannesburg and 20 km north of Vanderbijlpark — for a new city. It says it could accommodate 32 million people soon after the turn of the century. The city would have to be built from scratch at a cost of many billions of rands in an area where there is no economic growth. It would be founded on a site-and-service basis — the homeless being offered serviced stands on which to build shacks.

One of the problems with out-of-town site-and-service is that they are 'pay later' schemes. JPA costs, for instance, R1 000-R1 300 a year to bring each worker into the metropolis. Mr McMillan points out that that is the equivalent of repayments on a R6 000 bond.

South Africans, because apartheid forced black workers out of town already pay billions of rands a year in transportation costs between townships and workplaces. That's just for



He rejected subsidised housing in the city saying that although the Independent Development Trust was subsidising shack dwellers at R7 500 each this was 'pretty useless' in urban circumstances where the cheapest residential unit would cost R35 000 (a small flat in a three-storey block).

The subsidy was useful, Mr McMillan said, only in the context of cheap land such as one finds out of town at places such as Orange Farm.

He said there were no discernible forces currently acting to stimulate inner-city development on a large scale. But he felt those with jobs 'must surely be the target, together with their employers'.

'But it will not happen quickly if left to the market alone. Creative financing schemes involving local authorities, employers, developers and the institutions need to be found to enable major mixed use developments to be undertaken in the inner areas.'

'Otherwise valuable land close to the city centre will remain under utilised until it is suitable for commercially viable development or until it is expropriated by a future administration with different priorities.'

This still leaves the question of housing the jobless. They would feel the hardship of living in new cities even more than would the employed. □

Criminal action considered

PRETORIA — The Attorney-General will be asked to institute criminal proceedings against five members of the south-western management committee — which runs Johannesburg's coloured areas — for alleged irregularities uncovered by a provincial commission of inquiry.

Transvaal's local government MEC Burger Lategan said yesterday the province's executive committee had decided to refer "certain irregularities" concerning committee members M Mateman, V A Thomas, M A Rhamjee, S S Adams and C Jacobs to the Attorney-General.

Mateman is the wife of NP MP for Eldorado Park Don Mateman.

The executive committee appointed a commission of inquiry in 1990 after receiving complaints about the south-western management committee.

The executive committee had also decided that Johannesburg city council's management committee chairman should also be asked to "tick off" the five "about their unauthorised actions regarding the letter of 1989 advising residents not to pay the increased tariffs".

The council would be asked to submit to the TPA a follow-up report on the housing allotment situation.

It would also be asked to dismiss the five "by applying at a competent court of law". Lategan said it became clear that the "transgressions of the committee members concerned were of such a nature that action should be instituted against them" — Sapa.

TPA looks set to extend house ownership

THE decision by the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber to transfer about 118 000 houses to residents has resulted in pressure to extend full ownership to all Transvaal blacks

There are already strong indications that the Transvaal Provincial Administration has accepted this principle

The chamber this week approved a Soweto Civic Association recommendation that 118 499 rented or leasehold houses in Greater Soweto be transferred to residents. The older houses — about 104 000 — would be handed over free of charge, while others would go at reduced cost.

Transvaal MEC Olaus van Zyl told the

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chamber's meeting on Wednesday night that he would take the decision to the Cabinet for approval.

The chamber's decision, he said, would have "tremendous" implications countrywide. If approved by government, the move would be a major step towards granting property rights to blacks.

Civics association Cast yesterday called on the TPA to extend full ownership of all 333 000 state-owned houses in the Transvaal.

Cast deputy president Kgaps Mosunkuthu said it would make no sense for the

TPA, and indeed central government, to refuse to grant the same agreement to all other township residents.

Mosunkuthu said the decision was a victory for people who had struggled for many years for what was rightly theirs.

The transfer of the housing stock had been one of Soweto residents' demands during the five-year rent boycott, and it grew louder after the September 1990 signing of the Greater Soweto Accord which wrote off R516m in arrears.

"As such we also appreciate the TPA finally acknowledging the right of every individual to own a home — to purchase a house if they so wish," Mosunkuthu said.

Jo'burg local govt members to face charges

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By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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Criminal proceedings will be instituted against five members of the South-Western Management Committee in Johannesburg for alleged irregularities, on recommendation by the TPA.

Transvaal MEC for local government Burger Lategan said yesterday that the TPA executive committee was dissatisfied with irregularities exposed in a provincial commission of inquiry into the South-Western Management Committee, which administers the so-called coloured areas in Johannesburg.

The committee members involved are Margaret Mateman, Victor Thomas (who has since resigned his position), Mark Rhamjee, Steven Adams and Claude Jacobs.

The Johannesburg City Council has been asked by the TPA to consider taking legal steps against the five members by applying in court for their dismissal.

"It became clear, upon discussing the matter with officials of the TPA after the findings of the commission were submitted, that the transgressions of the committee members concerned were of such a nature that action should be instituted against them," Mr Lategan said.

He added that a clean administration was an absolute necessity and that the TPA and the executive committee would do everything in their power to rectify any unsound administration or maladministration found to be practised at local government level.

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson was also asked by the TPA to "tick off" the five members for their unauthorised actions regarding a 1989 letter advising residents not to pay increased tariffs.

Mr Davidson said the city council took a very serious view of the commission findings.

"I have requested the city secretary to examine the findings of the commission with the view to taking very serious action. The findings cast a very serious shadow over the workings of the entire South-Western Management Committee."

The inquiry, which was chaired by retired chief magistrate J J Louw, was appointed last year by the TPA following complaints from residents and the city council.

United Civic Association chairman Dudley Arends said he would welcome the disbandment of the management committee and the appointment of an administrator for the areas.

"We need the rot removed. We have been fighting corruption since our establishment in 1987 and are very glad that all our efforts over the years have come to fruition."

Mr Arends thanked the Johannesburg management committee for supporting the community.

The south-western areas of Johannesburg include Coronationville, Newclare, Waterval Place, Bosmont, Eldorado Park and extensions, Klipspruit West, Riverlea and extensions, and Bushkoppies.

Call to prosecute five city council advisers

S/ Times 8/12/91

By CATHY STAGG

CRIMINAL and civil action should be considered against five members of the South Western Management Committee, Transvaal's MEC for local government, Mr Braam Lategan, said this week.

The SWMC advises the Johannesburg city council on matters concerning coloured areas.

The proposed legal action concerns housing and rents in Eldorado Park.

After the findings of a commission of inquiry into the SWMC were released this week, Mr Lategan said the executive committee of the Transvaal, which appointed the inquiry, believed "clean administration" was a necessity.

The executive committee resolved that:

● Matters concerning

Mrs M Mateman, Mr VA Thomas, Mr MA Rhamjee, Mr SS Adams and Mr C Jacobs be referred to the attorney-general for the institution of criminal proceedings,

● The chairman of the management committee of the Johannesburg city council should "tick off" the committee members about their unauthorised actions regarding a 1989 letter which advised residents not to pay increased rents,

● A follow-up report on housing allotment be submitted by the Johannesburg city council to the TPA,

● The city council should consider taking legal steps to have the five

committee members dismissed.

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the commission's report was a "fairly lengthy document" and until it had been studied, it was not appropriate to spell out what action would be taken.

The chairman of the United Civic Association, Mr Dudley Arends, called for the resignation of the five SWMC members.

But SWMC chairman Mrs Mateman said she had no intention of quitting and if she and the others had to go to court, "justice must be done".

She said she did not want to discuss things which were sub judice.

She added "God loves the truth".

Messina boycott ends as 3 quit

By ELIAS MALULEKE

THE last three councillors of Nancefield township in Messina have finally bowed to pressure from residents and local bodies and resigned from the local authority, forcing it to collapse.

They are mayor Jimmy Chauke, deputy mayor I Singo and councillor Mashaba Thakga.

The council was ac-

cused of incompetence, maladministration and of doing nothing for the people of Nancefield.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration will now appoint an administrator in the township, a move which was hailed by residents, the ANC and the Messina Civic Association (Meca).

The resignation of the councillors also led to the

ending of a two-week-old consumer boycott.

Meca spokesman Albert Luruli said the decision to call off the boycott was taken at a mass meeting on Monday after the TPA and the Messina Town Council met four of the six boycott demands.

These were the resignation of black councillors, the removal of a dumping ground in the township,

withdrawal of charges against demonstrators and the reversal of plans to close a graveyard.

"The other two demands, namely the resignation of a white chief executive officer in the local council and the repeal of all restrictive by-laws, will be discussed with the TPA, and the town council as soon as possible," Luruli said.

Local authorities look to private firms to fight crime

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As crime increases daily on the Reef, several security companies have proposed that they be contracted to patrol suburban streets at a small charge to the ratepayer.

The glossy presentations from the companies are at present being investigated by municipalities such as Johannesburg and Randburg — desperate to do something to curb serious crime.

Paramed is one such company which recently put forward a proposal to the Johannesburg City Council's newly formed

anti-crime committee which is investigating various suggestions to police the city's streets.

Randburg management committee chairman Andre Jacobs said his council was also investigating using private security companies to patrol the streets.

Paramed proposes to control the crime rate in the suburbs at a cost of R15 per home by establishing a new company, to be called the Johannesburg Crime Prevention Service (JCPS).

Paramed says it would be able to put 1 000 men

on the streets within 10 months in armed response units. The units would act as a back-up to police and all men would be required to become police reservists.

However, some ratepayers organisations are not waiting for their local authorities to come up with solutions and are approaching private security companies for discount security schemes.

Paramed managing director Mark Flemmer said his company had received many inquiries from ratepayers associations.

His company has entered into an agreement with the Killarney Ratepayers Association to provide security for the entire suburb.

"We are busy signing up all the body corporates, which will collect the fees for us."

"But to get everyone signed up for R15 a month is usually difficult. It is easy to do it in Killarney with 3 000 residents in a high density area."

Mr Flemmer said there was a need for private security on a far wider scale.

Anger greets TPA squatter settlement plan

By Shirley Woodgate

Yesterday's report in The Star that the Transvaal Provincial Administration is considering about 13 areas for site-and-service developments for squatters in the north-western PWV has unleashed a flood of anger.

The ANC, the Greenbelt Action Group, developers and affected individuals have waded into the authorities for embarking on far-reaching housing plans without consultation.

The ANC called for a moratorium on the initiative. The organisation said the closed-door planning was taking place at a time when both the ANC and the Government formed part of a National Housing Forum.

The forum was established on November 1 and involves all the

key players who will address housing through negotiation.

"Indications that the TPA is considering a network of squatter locations undermines the forum and raises questions about the Government's commitment to negotiate housing," the ANC claimed.

The TPA's plans for solving urbanisation problems on the Reef include the establishment of a string of "village" settlements north of Krugersdorp, Randburg and Sandton to create balanced neighbourhoods as opposed to massive ghettos.

The ANC said "African people will continue to be dumped in dormitory townships, away from the city centres, to serve the needs of the white towns

"Residential segregation will be extended and nothing mean-

ingful will be done to move towards the democratic vision of integrated cities

"The location of these proposed camps will continue to deny African people access to the urban economy.

"The squatter camps, projected in romantic terms as residential villages, will remain slums. The prescriptions about stand size, services and location builds on the Independent Development Trust capital subsidy model, which is problematic."

Greenbelt Action Group chairman Anthony Dugan said the plans were totally unacceptable since the affected communities had not been consulted about any proposed network of informal settlements.

"People are totally unaware

of investigations which have been carried out regardless of environmental or residential impact

"A squatter housing strategy must be developed and any far-reaching plans for developments such as these should be negotiated with full representation by residents, squatters, TPA officials, town planners and environmentalists," he said.

"Thousands of people are affected and the entire character of the North Rand is being altered. Although it is late, we urge the TPA to call in all interested parties to negotiate this sensitive issue."

Greenbelt representatives are due to meet Administrator of the Transvaal Dame Hough in Pretoria today.



Provincial Affairs and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels with Soweto Mayor Alfred Nyathi at yesterday's meeting with councillors at the chambers of the Soweto City Council

Picture ROBERT BOTHA

Minister concerned about black councils

THEO RAWANA

THE financial problems of black local authorities, unemployment and urbanisation were areas of grave concern to the Provincial Affairs and National Housing Ministry, Minister Leon Wessels said in Soweto yesterday *8/Day 13/12/91*.

Wessels had accompanied Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough on a visit to the Soweto City Council to familiarise himself with Transvaal black townships.

He said he had discussed these problems with TPA officials and consultants and had met a number of people.

"What we are after is to position ourselves to present our impressions to Cabinet. The financial problems of the local authorities and how we deal with urbanisation have long been our overriding thoughts," Wessels said.

Asked for reaction on the recent decisions of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, which included approval of the transfer of 103 000 rented houses to residents on full ownership, Wessels said the chamber's recommendations had not yet reached the Cabinet.

Soweto Mayor Alfred Nyathi asked government to help his council speed up the upgrading of hostels.

Nyathi said the 1990 Soweto Accord, which culminated in the creation of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, was the brainchild of the Soweto council.

Soweto, with an estimated population of 4-million people — including squatters — needed more trained personnel, and government should help financially in achieving this, Nyathi said.

Nyathi hinted that changes should be initiated from the bottom up to central government level, Sapa reports.

Pta service debt crisis is now R47-m

Sowetan
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THE debt crisis flowing from arrear service fees in Pretoria's black townships has reached alarming proportions, with Mamelodi and Atteridgeville owing the Pretoria City Council and the Pretoria Regional Services Council a total of R47,46-million.

Results are that residents will be asked to pay higher service fees - with expected increases of as much as 35 percent - and that the RSC had "frozen" some projects planned in the two areas, as money budgeted for projects could be held back to repay loans.

A Pretoria City Council spokesman disclosed that Mamelodi owed the council R13,33-million for nine months of electricity supply, R2,92-million for five months of water supply and R3,13-million for nine months of sewerage service.

The spokesman said Atteridgeville owed the council R7,18-million for nine months of electricity supply, R1,73-million for six months of water supply and R1,77-million for 11 months of sewerage service.

In addition, the Pretoria RSC is owed R11-million by Mamelodi and R6,4-million by Atteridgeville for loans that paid arrear service fees to the Pretoria City Council in October last year, saving the two townships from bulk power

cuts at the time.

RSC chairman Mr Piet Delpoit said neither Mamelodi nor Atteridgeville had paid their first repayment instalments of R4,2-million and R2,4-million respectively, which were due on October 31.

Representatives from Atteridgeville have been asked to agree to new "economic" service charges by yesterday. If this did not happen, the RSC said it would "seriously consider" whether to renew a guarantee for the payment of service fees to Pretoria after today.

Guarantee

Should the guarantee not be renewed, another cut in the bulk power supply to Atteridgeville could follow.

The RSC - who said the present "flat rate" of R75 a month was insufficient to pay for services - suggested Atteridgeville residents pay the same charges as residents of Pretoria, which would amount to a monthly average of R134,06 per household, if power and water are used sparingly.

A spokesman - who did not indicate what the tariffs would be - said residents had until today to submit objections in this regard.

No final decision on 13 'squatter camps'

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Staff Reporter 13/12/91

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has not taken a final decision on the reported arc of 13 "squatter camps" to be established in the north-western PWV region, Administrator Dame Hough said yesterday.

All interested parties would have an opportunity to comment on the recommendation by the Community Development Branch of the TPA and make recommendations regarding the possible sitings, he added.

However, Mr Hough warned that existing communities in the ur-

banised area would have to show greater understanding and realism with regard to rapidly increasing urbanisation and homelessness.

The reported plan to establish the arc of squatter settlement around Johannesburg's white suburbs has been greeted by a storm of protest from the Civic Association of the Transvaal, the ANC, the Greenbelt Action Group, a Sandton town councillor and the Greater Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber (GWMC).

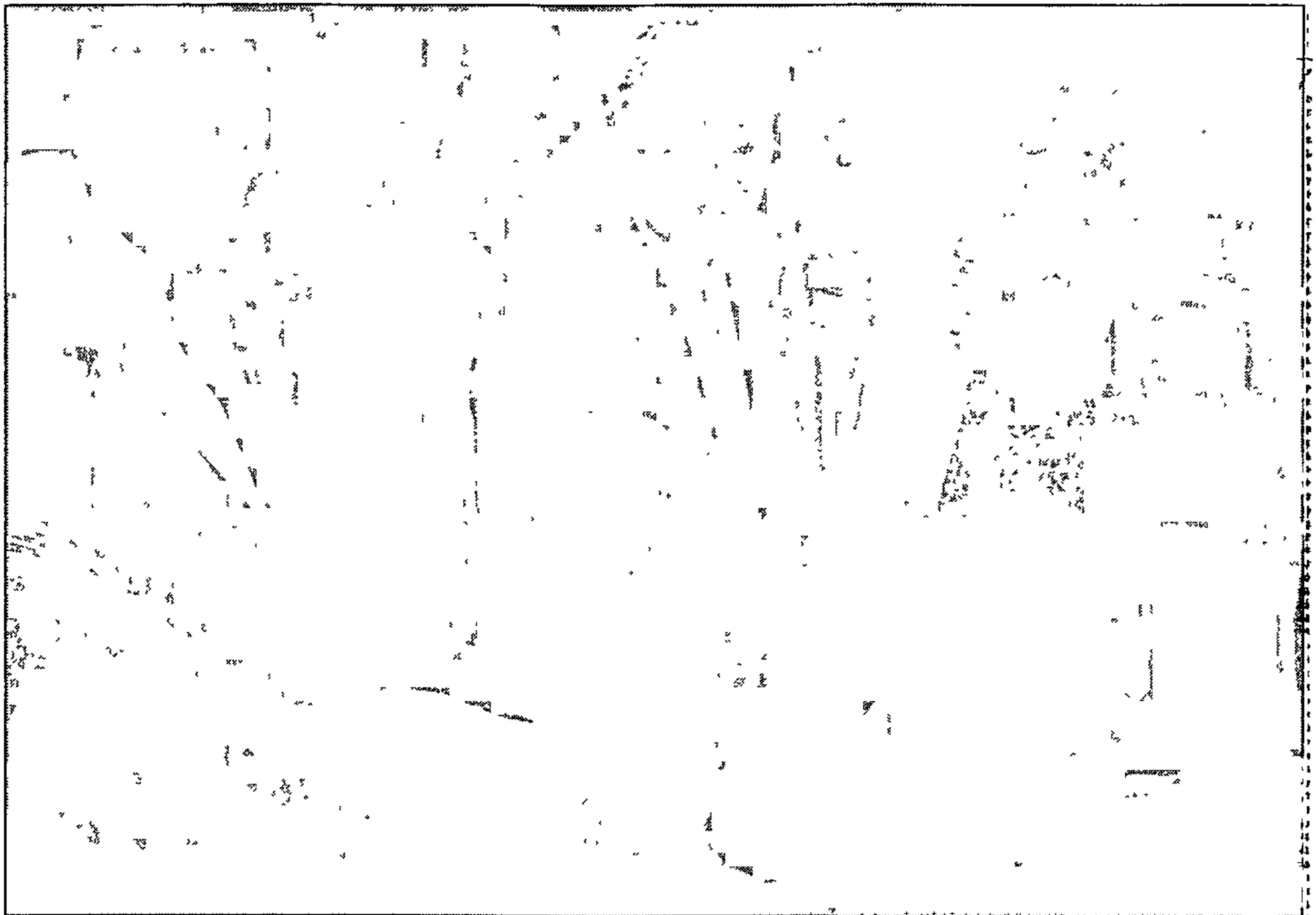
The ANC has accused the TPA of planning behind closed doors at a

time when it and the Government formed part of a National Housing Forum.

Mr Hough has undertaken to take into account the interests of all interest groups, and a decision on the suggested development had been postponed until the first meeting of the TPA Executive Committee at the end of January 1992.

He said there were about 1,5 million homeless people in the PWV area, indicating a need for orderly settlement.

"These people should be enabled to obtain permanency and to raise their standard of living."



Seeing for himself Leon Wessels (centre) with Danie Hough (left) and John Mavuso

Picture. Herbert Mabuza

Housing Minister visits Soweto

STA 12 13/12/91
By Kaizer Nyatumba
Political Staff

Provincial Affairs and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels yesterday visited Soweto and some East Rand townships to acquaint himself with issues falling under his new portfolio.

Mr Wessels, who was a guest of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), told the Soweto Town Council the TPA had taken him to Soweto and the other townships so he could see things for himself and get to know people he would be dealing with.

Transvaal administrator Danie Hough and some of his MECs, including John Mavuso, were in the entourage.

Mr Wessels, a former Foreign Affairs Deputy

Minister, told Soweto councillors and council employees he had first visited Soweto 18 years ago as a student and had been to the township a number of times since then.

He said the negotiations which South African leaders were engaged in were "timeous", and expressed the hope that the talks would succeed.

"The spirit of peace and negotiations augurs well for all of us," he said.

"We have to bury the hatchet, leave the past and its baggage behind and live for the future."

Mr Wessels's first stop was Ivory Park outside Tembisa at 9 am, where he spent an hour before proceeding to Soweto.

In the afternoon he toured the East Rand

townships of Vosloorus, Spruitview, Katlehong and Pola Park outside Tokoza, where he had tea with a squatters' committee. From there he drove to Johannesburg, where he had talks with the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council.

Soweto mayor Alfred Nyathi yesterday commended Mr Wessels for his visit to the township, and said his council looked forward to a good relationship with the Minister.

Change, Mr Nyathi said, should begin at local level and continue through to national level.

He said his council would continue "to strive for the best services possible" for Soweto and to serve all the residents of the township.

ANC hits the roof at TPA's squatter plan

CIPRO 15/12/91
THE PWV region of the ANC said on Thursday it rejected the Transvaal Provincial Administration's plans for solving the housing crisis.

However, the TPA says it has not taken a final decision on the reported arc of 13 squatter camps to be established in the north-western PWV region.

The TPA is considering establishing a string of village settlements in the PWV areas north of Krugersdorp, Randburg, Sandton, Rooskrans, Ivory Park, and other areas.

In a statement on Thursday, the ANC PWV region said the squatter locations were not designed to solve the housing problems, but to pre-empt the democratisation of local government.

"Thus it will lay the foundation for racially

based metropolitan chambers which will ensure the creation of multiple federal, local and regional structures in order to entrench white domination and privilege.

"The ANC PWV rejects this TPA unilateral urbanisation strategy and their current accelerated restructuring of local government in terms of the Interim Measures Act of 1991.

"These actions show quite clearly that the government is not committed to the creation of a non-racial and democratic society at both local and national levels."

The ANC said it rejected the creation of additional townships away from the city centres as they would not be economically viable and would merely increase transport costs for residents.

"The ANC PWV re-

gion, through its local and regional government commission, will seek an urgent meeting with the TPA.

"It will seek to challenge their initiative and demand that it halts its inhuman settlement strategy and enter into negotiations with the relevant democratic local and regional government structures.

"We also condemn the failure or neglect of the Government to subsidise townships that are unable to meet their electricity bills due to the abolition of single tax bases in order to force blacks to the homelands."

Rightwing leader Robert van Tonger accused the National Party administration of breaking "a holy undertaking of more than 50 years" by considering the establishment of squatter camps north of Randburg.

Van Tonger said since the "half-baked" scheme had been rumoured, the NP had lost the "little bit of support" it had in the areas "in totality".

Van Tonger has a large beef-farming concern in the area.

The Greenbelt Action Group (Gag) has welcomed the TPA move, to defer the final decision on establishing an informal settlement in Diepsloot until next month.

In a statement Gag said that, in a meeting with Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough, and senior TPA officials on Thursday, it was accepted that Gag would be involved in the planning and negotiation for the siting of informal settlements within the North Rand Greenbelt area from now on.

"We are pleased that the administrator and his senior officials accept-



NO EASY WAY OUT... Will the new plan provide for squatters to erect shacks in settlements around the northern borders of Johannesburg?

that we do have a mandate, that an action committee, handled in what is a rural date, to represent residents and that we should be formed to consider Greenbelt will be critical in deciding whether Johannesburg/Pretoria planning and administering the Greenbelt and mechanisms for establishing a vital green lung for its future or destroys a natural resource that can never be retrieved," Dur-

Gag has recommended "How urbanisation is, gan said - Sapa

High rates, spending, crime tarnish Jo'burg's image

Star 16/12/91

It was a year of reckoning for the Johannesburg City Council as fed-up ratepayers voiced their outrage over rocketing rates, wasteful spending and soaring crime, reports Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS

THE Democratic Party, which took control of Johannesburg's management committee in an alliance with the National Party 18 months ago, emerged at the end of the year with a somewhat tarnished image and a humiliating election defeat under its belt.

The year will be remembered for the unprecedented campaign by ratepayers to bring the council to book for the steep increase in rates in some areas, "wasteful" expenditure on the Civic Spine and Civic Theatre, the failure of the municipal police force scheme, and the worsening security situation.

The spy scandal and political wrangles which dominated municipal affairs in 1990 were overtaken by local affairs.

The DP suffered a major setback when it lost a municipal by-election in its Houghton/Killarney stronghold to independent Sam Moss by a 680-vote majority.

It was admittedly a difficult year for the management com-

mittee, which was forced by the Government to restructure the budget by cutting electricity profits and raising rates. Complicated with the introduction of a new valuation roll, rates soared, particularly in the northern suburbs.

However, when it came to publicising the changes, management committee chairman Ian Davidson admitted after the election defeat that the committee had fallen far short.

As a first step to restoring its bona fides, the management committee has set up an anti-crime committee to address the security situation, and various proposals are being investigated.

In an open letter to the council last month, ratepayers declared war, stating that if nothing were done about the rates increases by the end of January, mass action would be taken.

Ratepayers have demanded a bread and butter administration, not a "caviar and champagne" one.

Bureaucracy was targeted in a massive restructuring drive initiated by the management committee at mid-year. The aim is a more efficient, business-oriented city council with a team capable of taking Johannesburg into the next century.

About 30 senior officials opted to take retrenchment packages, costing the city close on R14 million.

It is hoped that the new structure will eliminate unnecessary levels of management, facilitate quicker decision-making and reposition Johannesburg as an international city.

For this reason, three new portfolios of culture, commerce and sport were created.

Mayor Elliot Kretzmer in March this year promoted the image of Johannesburg as a cultural city.

It was also an important year for political change, with the

city council becoming a major player in the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

At an historic meeting in April, the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber was constituted to serve as an interim forum to investigate and formulate nonracial democratic local government structures for the region.

Two months ago Johannesburg produced its blueprint for a nonracial elected metropolitan authority, leading to the historic decision by the chamber two weeks ago to begin an investigation into the drawing up of a nonracial common voters role for the election of a democratic metropolitan authority by 1993 and joint budgets.

In April the council and ratepayers scored a major victory when the Government agreed to scrap VAT on rates. Unprecedented opposition to the "tax on

a tax" was mounted by municipalities and ratepayers' groups countrywide.

Events which came back to haunt the management committee included John Pearce, overseas trips and a perceived lack of public participation.

In January, public safety director Mr Pearce was found guilty on all counts of misconduct against him in the internal disciplinary inquiry instituted after the findings of the Hemstra Commission. The town clerk recommended he be fired.

This was, however, not the end of the saga as months later it was revealed that before his period of notice was up, Mr Pearce had opted to take early retirement after coming to an agreement with the management committee. He received benefits in excess of R400 000.

The overseas-trips spectacle, which the DP used against the

NP when it was in opposition, was used against it when it was hauled over the coals by the opposition for spending close on R1 million on trips overseas in the first few months of the year.

Eddy's Folly, as the controversial Civic Spine was nicknamed, was not finished by March 31 this year and town planning committee chairman Eddy Magid did not leave town as he had promised.

Up until November, the project continued to be a pain in the neck for council officials as war veterans demanded — and received — R100 000 worth of changes to the area surrounding the Cenotaph.

The row continues into the new year over the two-storey-high walls in President and Market streets which were built illegally to house restaurants the Library Gardens park was never zoned for.

Development in the city increased. Plans for a R600 million conference centre over the railway lines were unveiled, construction on the Newtown project began and the transformation of Eloff Street into a pedestrian mall will begin next year.

Plans for a sophisticated R1.5 billion sky train network to alleviate Johannesburg's transport problems were presented in August after the release of the report on a two-year study by transport consultants appointed by the Government. The city council has promised extensive public involvement before any decisions are taken.

A conference convened by the business community, the city council and community leaders focused on problems in the city and future development. An agency will be set up in the next three months to facilitate the initiative.

One of the most heartwarming stories to come out of the council this year involved fierce

behind-the-scenes diplomatic manoeuvring, as a bride was secured from Moscow Zoo for Johannesburg Zoo's lonely gorilla, Max.

The year also saw the introduction of the ERM5 — a bilingual parking meter. The "smart" machine controls foot parking spaces and gives change as further funds become available, they will be extended throughout the city.

In October, non-smokers welcomed a council resolution that restaurants must set aside half their seating for non-smokers. The decision provoked an outcry from restaurateurs.

Christmas lights returned to brighten up the streets after an absence of more than two decades.

The year to come will be one of difficult choices for the council, which has to restore its image with ratepayers and negotiate the future of local government for the region. The councilors do not have an easy year ahead of them. □

Vereeniging ignores threat, boycotts talks

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

Despite threats of retaliation, Vereeniging Town Council will not attend an urgent meeting of the Vaal Civic Association tomorrow to resolve the water and electricity crisis in local townships, Vereeniging management committee chairman Dr Mario Milani said last week.

Dr Milani was reacting to a statement by the Vaal Civic Association in which threats were levelled against neighbouring white town councils which fail to attend the meeting.

Contract

The meeting concerns the impending blackout in Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong and Botatong due to non-payment of electricity accounts.

Addressing a press conference after the Vereeniging council's monthly meeting last Thursday, Dr Milani said the council was not directly concerned with the electricity issue.

The council has a contract with Eskom which stipulates that Vereeniging supplies Sharpeville with electricity while Eskom pays the account and in turn recovers the money from residents.

The moment Eskom decided to stop paying, the council would disconnect the power supply.

Dr Milani stated that the council was not prepared to fork out one cent of ratepayers' money to keep neighbouring black townships going.

He stressed this was not a racial decision, but that the town council's budget was structured in such a way that it could not allow for an additional average monthly expenditure of R400 000 for Sharpeville's water and lights bill.

Dr Milani also said that the council would not join the newly constituted Vaal Triangle negotiating forum, which is investigating the establishment of one non-racial democratic local government for the area.

"No white town council will contemplate joining the forum and accepting the liability of the chaos that reigns in the black townships today.

"However, as the mother city of the Vaal Triangle, we are prepared to meet and talk with anyone, including the civic associations, and to be a facilitator or to offer help and advice in an attempt to solve some of their problems."

Dr Milani said the council was not cold towards the human suffering and misery that was taking place in the townships. But it could not understand why the black community could not get its house in order and elect the right people to represent them and their desires for a better community.

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TPA unable to revive shabby Hillbrow areas

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has no authority to reverse the deterioration of residential areas and local residents must exercise the necessary control themselves, says Mr Danie Hough, Administrator of the Transvaal.

Hough was reacting to a question in an interview published in the latest issue of *RSA Policy Review*, an official government publication, whether the TPA intended controlling the deteriorating situation in areas such as Joubert Park and Hillbrow

"Local governments are autonomous bodies and have the necessary powers to exert control in their own urban areas"

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On the priorities of the latest budget for the Transvaal, Hough said R2,5 billion of the TPA's total budget of R5 billion had been allocated for health services

"In this way the TPA wants to ensure that health services of an acceptable standard are available to particularly the less privileged people of the Transvaal"

In addition R1,4 billion was allocated for community services for social pensions and grants, intergovernmental grants to black local governments, subsidies to social welfare institutions and for the management of informal towns

The settlement of squatters countrywide was stretching their resources to the limit, and the land which has already been identified was just enough to satisfy the current demand

"All we can do is to buy informal town lands as fast as possible in those areas where the most urgent need exists and to establish towns there as soon as possible" - *Sapa*

Is Jo'burg, like the country, just in transition — or is it far worse, asks James Clarke

Was the city centre murdered?

STAR 17/12/91

JOHANNESBURG'S down-town developers are whistling in the dark as the city centre continues to become a private collection of corporate glassware

The Old Mutual which developed Ten Sixty Six — a huge corporate building, aloof, surgically clean and with marbled entrances more befitting to an up-market financial parlour than an office block — claims reports about the city's retail sector being in decline are untrue.

It says the city, like the country, is in transition and that's why it looks run down

The city is changing, says Old Mutual regional property manager, Anton Bierber, from being a European style city to being a

more African one
He asserts the city centre is not in decline. He is right. The city centre has crashed

It has lost all its old department stores — Anstey's, Stuttafords, the Belfast and so on — and all its big theatres and all its reasons for the weather to shop here. Big cities need wealthy people in their mix of visitors.

Eloff Street, above ground level is practically derelict and has been for years. So is much of the east side

Great chunks of the west side have been rotting away because the council, which owns large areas, has neither the talent nor the gumption to develop the area

The inner city's residents fled years ago to be replaced by "ille-

gals" — respectable middle class people whose kids hid fearfully in cupboards every time there was a knock on the door. Now new residents are moving in but in a disordered and dangerous way. Thousands are sleeping in empty office blocks

The city centre can, in fact, be transformed but the transition will not be from a European style to African. Europe does not have city centres as oppressive as this. Its transition will be from being an exhibition of selfish architecture to something softer and more humane

What transition there has been so far has been by default

The council never has understood pedestrian needs — otherwise the pavements would not

look like they do

Where these new buildings meet the pavements no attempt is made to make things pleasant or interesting for the pedestrian

The streets are for scurrying along

Human scale is ignored. The big companies have tried to impress the passer-by. Instead they have bored them to death

But enough of Johannesburg's good points

Let's look at open space, a vital element in any city

In the last few years pedestrians have frequently been treated to ad hoc open spaces as old buildings were demolished. What a relief it was for us who work here to suddenly feel space and to experi-

ence open vistas!

The relief is always shortlived. Right now I look across a temporary carpark where a building was recently demolished. I can see human activity, a bustle of people, and a hotchpotch of buildings across the temporary "square". And I can see sky!

My office feels light and airy. But it is only temporary

How great it would have been to have had bold planners who, with the help of the private sector, identified soft properties and made them into public open space zigzagging across the city core to break up its sharp-edged geometry

It is still possible to create more space by offering owners

special concessions elsewhere

By "open space" I am not thinking of the sort of open spaces the Bank of Lisbon bequeathed us, or even that which the new AA Life Centre or 11 Diagonal Street has created. That is alien space, as cold as charity. It was intended not for the public's pleasure but as a pedestal to show off the corporate symbol

There is such a thing as friendly space, space where there are trees and grass and benches and hot dogs and vistas — and sky. The Civic Spine between the Library and the Cenotaph corner it. Perhaps Bank City with its colonnaded Kerk Street Mall will soften things even more. It is too early to tell. □

Rockey St saga may go to ballot

VERA VON LIERES

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A PLANNED referendum on Yeoville's Rockey Street direction change involving 10 000 people would, it was hoped, set a precedent for future local government, Johannesburg city councillor Martin Sweet said yesterday.

Sweet's proposal for a referendum still has to be approved by the council's management committee next month.

Considerable controversy has resulted over the recent traffic direction changes in the parallel Hunter and Rockey/Raleigh streets.

Sweet said the proposed referendum was a first in that it was nonracial and would involve traders and residents. He said he had asked the management committee for a local referendum "so that residents and traders can decide whether to retain the new traffic directions or go back to the old arrangements".

Drawbacks to reversing the traffic directions included reviving old traffic flow problems, a resumption of heavier traffic flow through residential areas and a cost estimated at R100 000.

The project to revitalise and develop Yeoville would be completed by the end of May to give residents "a good overall picture" of the project. The referendum, if approved, would be scheduled for the end of May.

The referendum would be a first for Johannesburg in terms of promoting the idea of public participation in planning, said Sweet.

Work on the Rockey/Raleigh Street Redevelopment project began earlier this year.

A number of traders opposed the road reversal, saying they had experienced a drop in business. However, the Yeoville Residents' Association was satisfied with the changes.

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Shops, school for Midrand

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PETER GALLI

IN AN attempt to address the imbalance between commercial property and residential property growth in the Midrand area, a new high school and diverse shopping facilities are planned

"What is lacking in Midrand on the residential side is more than made up on the commercial side and we are working on addressing this imbalance. The lack of schooling facilities and shopping variety should soon be addressed," Midrand mayor Gavin Heughan said recently

A high school was on the cards, construction on which would hopefully begin in 1992. The Midrand Town Council was also trying to find ways of solving the residential shortfall by working with developers, he said

On the commercial/industrial side, construction of Alphen Square, a R24m industrial development in Midrand, will begin in early 1992 by Langley Fox developments

We'll decide soon - TPA

Southern
By ISAAC MOLEDI

18/12/91.
THE Transvaal Provincial Administration will only decide next month whether to allocate land to squatters in 13 sites in the north-western area of Johannesburg, according to Administrator Mr Danie Hough

Hough was responding to reports that the TPA had already identified a site-and-service development area for squatters in Diepsloot

The ANC, the Greenbelt Action Group, developers and individuals have criticised the authorities for embarking on far-reaching housing schemes without consultation

Hough said such a move could only be decided by TPA's executive committee at its meeting at the end of next month

Proposals

Although negotiations and consultations had already taken place between the TPA and local organisations, the executive committee believed other interested parties should be given more time to submit their proposals, he said

Among other people to be consulted are

- * Homeless people who are already settled in the area,

- * The local authorities concerned, and

- * Bodies representing land-owners including the Greenbelt Action Group

Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber's physical planning committee would also be consulted, Hough said

Although the TPA believed that people should be settled in an orderly manner as near to their places of work as possible, Hough warned that "not just any land" was suitable for housing

During 1991/92 financial year, 14 678 even was developed and made available for housing. A further 43 904 even were presently in the development stage

It is estimated that about 45 percent of all of South Africa's people live in the Transvaal and that just over 50 percent of all blacks live in this province

A-G slates Jo'burg City

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Council over sanitation

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

The failure of local authorities, such as the Johannesburg City Council, to enforce municipal bylaws made the job of promoting the law very difficult, Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres said yesterday.

Mr von Lieres was speaking after he appeared on a radio talk-show during which he criticised the city council for not maintaining sanitation standards in the city.

"Local authorities — and everyone — have the responsibility to see that the law gets sufficient creditworthiness and credibility so that it can do what it is supposed to do."

He referred to Johannesburg's filthy streets and pavements and said the lack of standards pointed to the Johannesburg City Council's failure to enforce its sanitation bylaws.

"Through that type of acquiescence, the impression is given that some things are acceptable when they are not. The passive attitude of the city council makes my task of promoting the law more difficult."

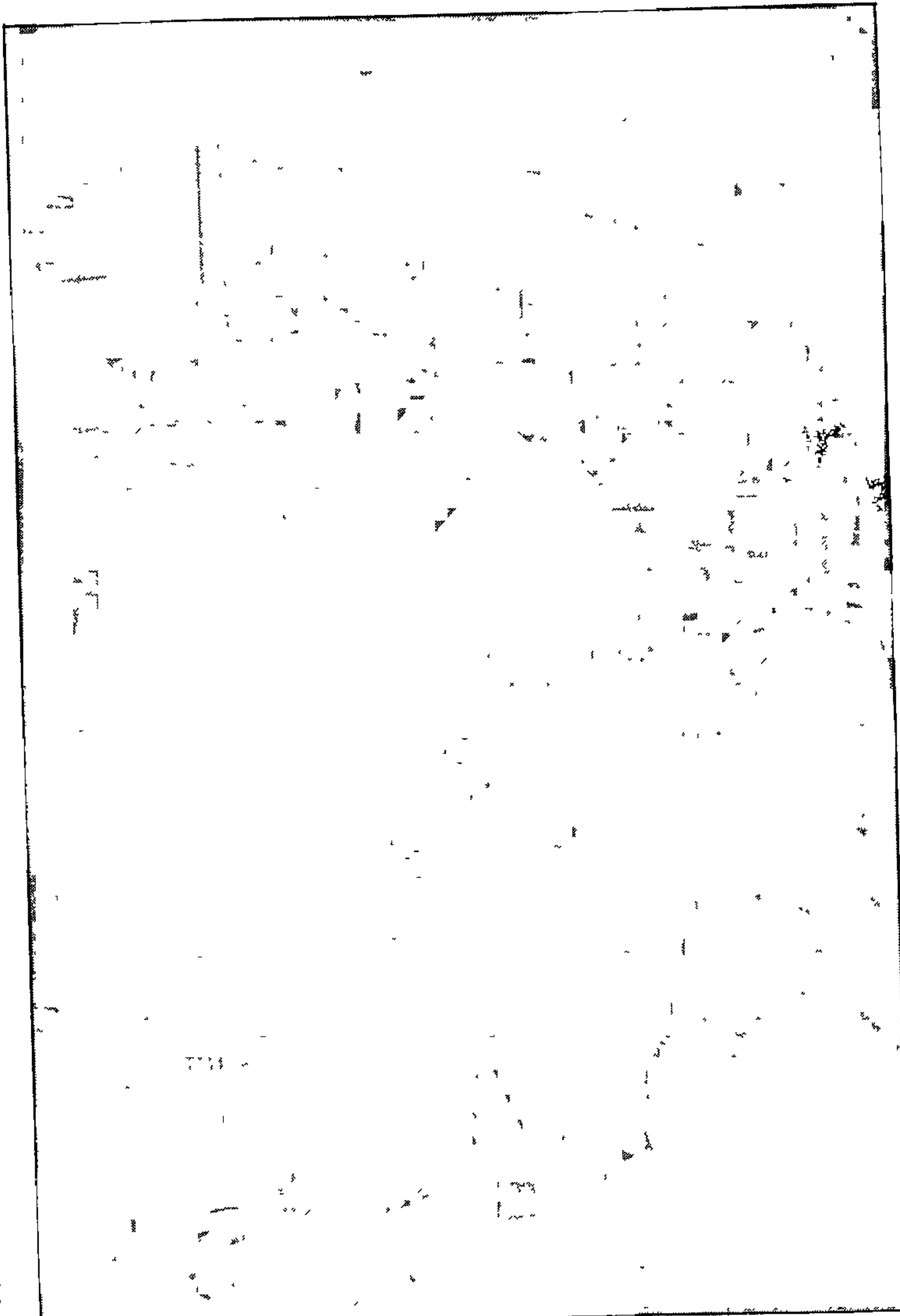
Johannesburg management committee member Cecil Bass denied the council had a passive attitude and said they did the best they could within the limited resources at their disposal.

"To a certain extent I have to agree with Mr von Lieres in that we find it difficult to enforce all our bylaws all the time. Littering and dumping is epidemic in this city."

"We do have law enforcement officers pursuing illegal dumping, but we find it impossible to patrol a city the size of Johannesburg 24 hours a day. We don't have the manpower."

Mr Bass said it was extremely dangerous in some cases for inspectors to fine people caught littering in the street because some had been assaulted.

"Very often when we do bring people to court, magistrates throw the cases out on technicalities and our staff are tied up for days as the legal system grinds along," Mr Bass said.



Litter piles up in Johannesburg yesterday . . . the dirty streets are a sign that the city council is not doing its job properly, it is claimed.
Picture: Joao Silva