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Year's goals achieved, says Tvl Administrator

Pretoria Bureau

Financial restrictions and staff shortages had not prevented the Provincial Administration from achieving most of its goals in 1981, the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, said in his New Year message

Mr Cruywagen said he was "regretful and concerned" about the services which his administration rendered that did not come up to the expectations of the public

Where services had been reduced there would in future be an increase in the administration's commitments

The downturn in the economy had not affected township development, the rezoning of properties and borrowing powers.

According to Mr Cruywagen, the past year saw a lot of activity within local government, and the progress made with urban transport planning had seen the birth of another metropolitan transport area, the East Rand.

A pleasing trend had appeared in nature conservation, he said, with the closer relationship between the State and the private sector

The Department of Education had also distinguished itself with its innovative and far-seeing planning at every educational level

Parents will have to pay millions

Crunch for Natal whites

Mercury 6/1/62

By LEON BEKKER

THE days of free white education are over and parents of white Natal schoolchildren will have to pay the Province millions of rands this year to keep their children in school, Mr Ray Haslam, MEC in charge of education, warned yesterday.

The provincial executive committee will be finalising the issue within weeks, and the crunch is likely to come at the beginning of April.

From then on, white Natal parents will probably have to contribute millions of rand towards school transport, hostels and books, Mr Haslam said yesterday.

He also raised the possibility that teachers may be retrenched in order to cut down the Province's financial commitments on white education.

'White parents have had it good for a long time, but those days are over. Our challenge in future is going to be to maintain our high standards,' Mr Haslam said.

In a wide-ranging interview yesterday, Mr Haslam said it had been made clear to the Province that its subsidy from the Government would be far lower in the future, largely because the Government realised that it needed to spend substantially more on black education, which is the central Government's responsibility.

This subsidy was cut twice last year, the first time by R5 000 000, and the second by R1 000 000. The Province could not consequently maintain past levels of expenditure on education.

Realising this, the Government had passed legislation to enable the provinces to raise their own funds and, in fact, the provincial Executive Committee simply had to pass regulations in this regard to raise the money from parents. It was not necessary for the matter to be debated in the Provincial Council, he said.

The first principle recognised by Exco was that educational services provided by the Province should be 'self-balancing'. In other words, the present situation that while the provincial school busing service cost the Province, R2 500 000, parents only contributed R500 000, had to change.

A similar situation existed with the Province's hostels. Between R1 000 000 and R2 000 000 would also have to be raised from parents for school books. It stood to reason that parents would have to pay for these services.

Mr Haslam also said the Province 'may have to cut back' on the number of teachers in order to balance its books. This would, however, be 'the last thing we would do'.

Experts said yesterday that other provinces would benefit from teachers being laid off in Natal.

The province should not suffer too much, because it had an excellent teacher/pupil ratio in the region of 20:1, whereas other provinces had about 28 or 30 pupils a teacher, and severe teacher shortages.

Natal Mercury

The outlook for education in Natal

Province to pay basics

Hosking speaks out on school uniforms

Mercury Reporter

NATAL parents could expect that in future 'only the basics' in education would be paid for by the Province, the Director of Education, Dr Gerald Hosking, said yesterday

'Anything else will have to be paid for by the parents themselves, if they desire it,' he said

Dr Hosking made it clear that transport, hostel accommodation, sport and other extra-curricular activities fell outside the category of basics

Meanwhile, the MEC in charge of education, Mr Ray Haslam, reassured parents yesterday that their share of the financial burden for educating their children would be increased gradually

The Province would try to 'spread the load over the years to come' he told the Mercury

STOP PRESS

Dr Hosking yesterday spelled out some of the details of the financial changes to come in the province's educational structure

First it was 'absolutely essential' for parents to realise that the 'good old days' of most educational services being subsidised were over In future, it would only be possible for the Province to pay for the 'absolute basics'

Parents already were having to pay a percentage of transport, hostel and extra-curricular music costs, and their share of these costs would escalate in future

Swimming pools

The Province had spent a lot of money to get the extra-curricular music courses off the ground, but parents would have to step in and take over the cost of operating this service if they wanted it

It also looked as if parents would have to carry the full costs of maintaining and supervising swimming pools at schools

Books were another item which would have to be paid for

Dr Hosking referred to the Human Sciences Research Council's report on education, and said he was 'appalled' at the financial commitment from parents which the report envisaged

Asked for his views on the fact that some schools were requesting that parents put money into funds given various names by different schools, he said that the contributions which schools expected from parents would be lower if all parents 'played the game and paid up cheerfully

Schools were largely dependent on these funds for sporting equipment and other items

End of trail

PRETORIA—A meat pro-

Mercury Reporters

PROVINCIAL education authorities are 'open to representations' on the subject of school uniforms, Natal's Director of Education, Dr Gerald Hosking, said yesterday

Meanwhile, a Mercury survey yesterday revealed that the cost of uniforms had increased by about 15 percent since last year A uniform 'kit' for a high school pupil now costs about R120.

Speaking during an interview on the prospect of parents having to carry an increased share of the financing of their children's education, Dr Hosking said parents had 'a large say' in whether pupils should have to wear uniforms.

He was asked to comment on suggestions from parents that if they were to bear the cost of transport, hostels, extra-curricular activities and books, ways should be found to cut down on the expense of maintaining a child at school.

One way would be either to standardise uniforms or to abolish them completely

Dr Hosking said the issue of uniforms was 'not a straightforward question'. Many parents would not send their children to schools 'lacking in tone'

There was a need for pupils to have pride in their school, and uniforms were part of the process of education

Among the problems which would arise if uniforms were scrapped was the factor of competitiveness among girls All kinds of deviations in dress were current today, and for this to enter the educational environment would not be advisable

However, it was not for him or the provincial authorities to go against the wishes of parents, and if there were a general feeling among parents to do away with uniforms, the Province would be open to representations

According to Mr Walter Frost, the owner of a store selling school uniforms, items of school clothing have gone up between 14 and 16 percent since the beginning of 1981

To kit out a junior schoolgirl with two dresses, three pairs of socks, one beret, one badge, one belt and one pullover would cost R49,99, a junior schoolboy with one blazer, three shirts, one tie, two shorts, three pairs of socks, one cap and a badge, R76,98, a senior schoolgirl with two dresses, three pairs of socks, a hat and hatband, and a pullover, R82,49, and a senior schoolboy with a blazer, two pairs of trousers, three shirts, a tie, three pairs of socks and a pair of shoes, R120,04

Shoes for each group cost between R16 and R20 at various Durban shops and blouses for senior schoolgirls cost R5,99 each at a large department store

Mr Frost said standardisation of school uniforms with slight distinguishing marks for each school would lower the cost of uniforms significantly The standardisation already put into effect was not widespread enough to have any real effect on decreasing the total cost of uniforms

'At the moment the manufacturers have a multitude of patterns to follow, all being small orders This drives up the cost of manufacture and the retail price of uniforms.'

He said standardised uniforms would save parents more money than if pupils were private clothes because fashion-consciousness would drive up clothing costs

Strong reaction to 'freeze' advice on border business

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CAPTAINS of commerce and political leaders have reacted strongly against a Provincial Administration circular sent to local authorities throughout Natal advising them to freeze the setting-up of new businesses within five kilometres of national states' borders

The circular says that no further business rights should be granted by any authority unless it could reasonably be assumed that the aim of the business concerned was to serve its immediate neighbourhood within South Africa.

The introduction says the guidelines set out were formulated by the Cabinet in October 1980 and all future applications should be judged accordingly.

In Cape Town, Mr Hernus Kriel, Cape MEC in charge of local government, said a similar circular was sent out in this province last March by way of a recommendation to local authorities bordering Transkei and Ciskei

'But the effect on the Cape is practically negligible,' Mr Kriel added. 'It does not affect towns or cities and its only effect would be on small farm shops'

In the Cape 'border' areas are comparatively short, while in Natal the 'homelands' of Kwazulu is spread over islands throughout the province

The Acting-provincial Secretary in Natal, Mr W R Bezuidenhout, said the Government's concern arose from the fact that trading undertakings within South African borders enjoyed considerable competitive advantages because of greater skill and better equipment

However, the reaction of the general managers of the chambers of commerce in Maritzburg and Durban was that the guidelines were virtually unenforceable.

'The first paragraph talks about it being existing policy to discourage trading within five kilometres of boundaries, but this circular goes on to be far more specific, and this is a matter of concern,' said Durban's Mr Ken Hobson

'Firstly it is not clear whether this refers only to the independent states, such as the Transkei, or whether it applies to all national states including Kwazulu

'If it applies to Kwazulu, bearing in mind the fragmented nature of it, with bits very close to Durban, one would have to start drawing corridors around all those little fragments'

This could involve as much as 12 500 sq km of Natal, if the present boundaries of Kwazulu were affected

Guest house for VIPs

Own Correspondent

A guest house for VIP's and Cabinet Ministers is to be built at Warmbaths by the Transvaal Provincial Administration's Board of Public Resorts.

Tenders were advertised only days before the announcement of the cancellation of the Pretoria Onderwyskollege contract by TPA.

A spokesman for the board said the house would be used by VIP's and special overseas visitors and would be "a bit more fancy" than normal.

The Board of public Resorts is an autonomous body which utilises its own profits and a provincial subsidy to finance its projects.

Mr. Douglas Gibson, leader of the Opposition in the Transvaal Provincial Council, said: "This is typical of the Nationalist Government for whom the ication and framing of our young takes a back seat to the comforts of VIP's and Government Ministers."

He called on the Executive Committee of the Transvaal to reverse the decision and said: "At a time when there is not enough money for necessities it is surely wrong to spend money on luxuries."

Spend less Govt tells the provinces

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THE Government has told the provinces to slash spending to a minimum in the new financial year, it was learnt in Pretoria yesterday.

Mail Reporter

This is in line with the Government's own commitment to a year of austerity in which only the most essential capital projects will be included on the expenditure programme

And some provinces — anticipating a year of austerity to an even greater degree than during the current financial year — have already started to drastically trim their capital programmes

The Transvaal Provincial Administraion recently ordered work to stop on a R33-million project to build new hostels for the Pretoria Onderwyskollege, because of a shortage of funds

Projects

This may lead to the province being sued by the contractors

It is understood too, that tenders called for on other capital works have been received but not accepted

The province's works department yesterday declined to give details of the projects involved

Last year the province had to cancel all new road and bridge building plans, and only essential maintenance and repair work was authorised

During the new financial year the policy of austerity will be intensified This will be reflected in the main provincial budget in May

The Government's financial plight has also been highlighted by the Director-General of the Department of Community Development, Mr Louis Fouché, who said recently that projects valued at between R600-million and R700-million are to be postponed because of a shortage of funds

Affected are projects in Indian and coloured townships in the Transvaal, Natal and the Cape, and white flat accommodation in Pretoria's Schubart Park

This week the Government announced that no funds would be made available in the coming financial year for the expansion of technikons

Louw tries to avoid tax rise

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Provincial Reporter

THE Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, appears to have successfully cut provincial expenditure yet again in an attempt to avoid tax increases

Mr Louw today gave notice that he will ask the Cape Provincial Council for R33,8-million more this year — a very modest increase in expenditure compared with previous years

The chief Opposition spokesman on provincial finance, Mr Geoff Everingham (PFP, Pinelands) today pointed out that Mr Louw hoped to balance the budget this year by using a surplus of R11-million from the 1980 81 financial year

'However, the province cannot continue to live off the savings of the past,' Mr Everingham said.

Subsidies

'The Treasury last year revised the formula for provincial subsidies, and it is now up to Pretoria to honour that in full

'Further Treasury cuts to the Cape's subsidy will have a very serious effect on provincial finances'

Mr Louw will ask the Provincial Council when it meets in two weeks time to give him a further R33 776 000 towards the service of the province for 1981-82

Last year the additional appropriation was therecord R108-million, but of this R75-million was for salary increases not expected when the 1980-81 budget was prepared Excluding the amount for salaries, the additional approrpiation was therefore R32,8-million

Comparison

This compared with R48-million, R25-million, R14-million, R39-million and R32-million in each of the preceding years.

The additional R33 776 000 asked for this year is therefore a modest figure — only 2,9 percent of the total budget of R1 157-million, and substantially lower percentage of the annual budget than in previous years

Less than two months ago, Mr Louw warned of a 'difficult' 1982, and said both provincial and local government services might have to be curbed to meet the new financial squeeze

Feature

This cut in services, instead of increasing provincial taxation and fees to any drastic extent, has been a feature of past budgets presented by Mr Louw

He has repeatedly stated that the man in the street, already battling against inflation, should not have additional tax burdens thrust on him.

Mr Everingham said today it was pleasing to note that the province ended the 1980-81 year with a surplus of R7-million, as compared with the anticipated deficit of R1-million

Hospitals

'This turnaround of R8-million is due to increased taxation and departmental receipts The main contribution was from hospital receipts, which produced almost R3-million more than anticipated in budget

'This must however be viewed against the total hospital budget of R366-million last year, or R420-million this year'

But while last year's financial position had proved better than anticipated, this year Mr Louw's subsidy from the Treasury was cut by R10-million after he had presented his budget

Mr Louw had already anticipated an R11-million deficit this year, which he proposed to balance by using the full R11-million surplus from the previous year

Wide range of increases in Tvl fees

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Own Correspondent

The Transvaal Provincial Administration wants most inpatients at its hospitals to pay a R10-a-day levy from April 1 — and outpatients to pay R3.

These are two of many wide-ranging tariff increases which the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, announced in Pretoria today at the start of the Provincial Council's short session

Other proposed increases for vehicle registrations, driver's licences and public transport permits could follow in May.

Pupils using school buses will have to pay more — unspecified as yet, and licence fees for game hunting and entrance to provincial reserves will go up by an unnamed amount.

Announcing the "mini-budget", Mr Cruywagen called for R733 million to run the province for the five months from the end of the financial year till the main budget is approved in August or September.

He said the R10-a-day levy for the most inpatients at provincial hospitals, and R3 a visit levy for out-patients would cover services such as the use of operating theatres, X-rays, blood transfusions and pathological examinations.

Deficit cut

Mr Cruywagen said lower income groups would benefit from amendments to the hospital fees system the maximum salary qualifications for the lowest scale will be increased from R120 to R480, and the second lowest from R450 to R600

The present ceiling which governs whether a patient is regarded as a hospital or private patient will be raised from R780 to R1 250

Tabling the Additional Appropriation Ordinance — which deals with over-expenditure in the current financial year — Mr Cruywagen said the anticipated budget deficit had been cut by nearly R20 million, to R37 726 000

He asked the council to approve an additional appropriation of R27 006 400 — one of the lowest requested in recent years.

Pressures

Outlining the reasons for the tariff increases, Mr Cruywagen said he had told the council during the last session of pressures on the province's finances, and had warned that the financial situation could deteriorate This had now happened.

After talks with the Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr Danie Steyn, and investigation and consideration of all possible solutions, the Executive Committee concluded that tariff increases were unavoidable

Dealing with the new hospital tariffs, Mr Cruywagen said the services were subsidised by 91,61 percent at present — with income amounting to only R36 499 000 and expenditure to R434 872 000.

Though it was a service-giving department, the time had come for patients to make a bigger contribution to prevent curtailment of services because of lack of funds

He said private hospitals charged patients for every possible item, and while this was not the province's intention, patients would have to make some contribution.

TPA may suspend VIP guest house plan

THE building of a Warmbaths VIP guest house, described as an unnecessary luxury, will probably be suspended for at least a year, Mr Riaan Kruger, MEC in charge of local government, told the Sunday Express

Only days before the Transvaal Provincial Administration announced the cancellation of the "essential" Pretoria Teachers Training College contract, tenders for the guest house were advertised.

By ARLENE GETZ

"Its future is still a little up in the air, but building probably will be postponed," Mr Kruger said

A decision on the house would only be made after the next TPA's Board of Public Resorts meeting in two weeks

"This guest house forms part of our master plan for the development of Warmbaths," said Mr Kruger, who is also the chairman of the board

The board, an autonomous group which finances its projects with a provincial subsidy and its own profits, plans to rent the house to special guests including foreign ambassadors and VIPs.

The house, more luxurious than average, will consist of three bedrooms, a dining-room/lounge, kitchen and bathrooms

The move was criticised by TPA Opposition leader Mr Douglas Gibson, who said the Government allowed education and training to take a back seat to the comfort of VIPs and government ministers.

"I strongly urge the Executive Committee to postpone the project. If there is no money for essentials we surely cannot spend cash on luxuries," he said

Cruywagen spells out Transvaal cash plight

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THE Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, outlined the serious financial plight of the Province to the Provincial Council yesterday

Winding up the second reading debate of the Part Appropriation Draft Ordinance, he said the basic problem was the Province's "limited" sources of revenue - and too little from central government

By GERALD REILLY

Mr Cruywagen said the Province wanted an assurance that the basis on which national finances were shared was fair and correct for the Transvaal

Replying to a suggestion that entertainment taxation should be reintroduced, he said experience had shown that the cost of implementing the tax was not worthwhile

The Transvaal's problem was its limited sources of revenue. Only 17 cents in the total financial needs came from these sources, the balance coming from the Treasury

'The basic problem is that there is not enough money — not enough from our own sources, and not enough from the state.'

The province had to determine what were its priorities and then allocate funds to these functions, not the other way round

This applied to all Provincial services, including roads and hospitals

The administrator said he hoped the country's difficult financial position and the uncertainty about changes in the basis for financial allocations would be taken into account

'We asked for a determination of the principles for the Transvaal,' Mr Cruywagen said

Referring to the burden placed on the Province by a growing population, the Administrator said circumstances in the Transvaal had changed fundamentally

He cited population movements in the province which meant more children had to be accommodated in schools

However, the economic problems gripping the Transvaal would disappear, and it was necessary to look ahead and plan ahead

Meanwhile, a co-ordination of effort from all sides was needed to ensure that the essential services were provided

Mudge pledges to never split party

BY JOUBERT MALHERBE

IF THE new party of Mr Peter Kalangula, who this week quit as president of the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, took an anti-Swapo line in Ovambo, the DTA would seriously consider not opposing him in the independence elections, Mr Dirk Mudge said yesterday

Mr Mudge, chairman of the DTA, said he hoped the smaller parties in South West Africa which had no chance of winning the election would follow suit and not oppose the DTA

Mr Mudge, addressing a meeting at the University of Pretoria, said the DTA was the only organisation which could beat Swapo at the polling booth

He said the major obstacle to a peaceful settlement in the territory was racism

However, he had to take cognisance of "ethnic differences" in the territory and he did not support the idea of the DTA becoming a single political party — the main reason for Mr Kalangula's walkout

Mr Mudge said he was prepared to grant Mr Kalangula an opportunity to see if he could attain a political victory over Swapo

The greatest peril of the DTA split was that it could lead to a north-south polarisation in SWA. If the north of the territory was alienated from the south, a fertile ground for the recruitment of guerrillas, would be created, Mr Mudge warned

He said he doubted whether the Kalangula split would have a detrimental effect on the current negotiations with the Western Five for a SWA

US rejects SA isolation

GENEVA — The isolation of South Africa would only increase the misery of racial discrimination, the United States told the United Nations Commission on Human Rights yesterday

A US delegate, Mr Warren Hewitt, told the commission's annual session that other countries should co-operate with those groups in South Africa which were working for peaceful change

Apartheid was "a betrayal of the very principle of justice", Mr Hewitt said. But isolation would not help the

Stage set

Sandy Bay

Woman's

Cleared

Mail Correspondent

A 51-year-old man ... today was cleared of murdering a woman whose body was found in Sandy Bay.

... after he told a Retreat ... had ... he ...

... failed to prove that ...

Police bid after boy 'whistles'

Blow up a storm

KRUGERSDORP — A whistle, five-year old Boetie ... and disapproval of 68-year old neighbour, Mr ... yesterday held a ... peace conference.

The two have been at odds ... because of Mr ...'s ... dogs ...

By AIDA STUHL

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Booi's Nooiman's, in front of Mr P C Cronje's ... today, they decided to bury the hatchet

PICTURE: HENK KRUGER

More whites in Pretoria by year 2000 than in Johannesburg

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PRETORIA - Pretoria's white population would exceed that of Johannesburg by the turn of the century, the Administrator of the Transvaal, Dr Willem Cruywagen, said yesterday.

Addressing the Pretoria East Afrikaanse Sakekamer, he said the anticipated annual growth of the city's white population was between 2% and almost 4% a year and would total between 660 000 and 982 000 by the year 2000.

The annual budget for the Transvaal which stood at about R1 500 million was only exceeded by two government departments – Finance (R5 [illegible] million) and Defence (R2 165 million).

The Railways and the Post Office have not been taken into account and as autonomous bodies, I have not included them as government departments. If they were included Transvaal would be fifth on the list."

Dr Cruywagen said Johannesburg's budget was bigger than that of Natal and the Free State and the joint budget of Pretoria and Johannesburg exceeded those of both provinces.

He added that the budget of any of the province's big departments such as Education or Hospital Services was more than the Free State's total budget.

Other statistics given by the Administrator included:

○ About 66% of the country's schoolgoing children were in pre-primary, primary, secondary and special schools in the Transvaal early in 1981.

○ It cost R580 000 to build a primary school and R1 million to build a high school in 1975/76. In 1981/82 the cost had risen to R1,8 million for a primary and R4,4 million for a high school.

○ Between 1977 and 1982 a total of 19 primary and 94 high schools were approved.

○ The 67 hospitals in the Transvaal had admitted over 900 000 patients in 1980/81, treated nearly six million out-patients and casualties and operated on 20 089 people.

Dr Cruywagen said the administration's expenditure on education had increased from R87,8 million in 1970/71 to R414,2 million in 1981/82. During the same period hospital costs had gone up from R61,3 million to R177 million and road and bridge costs from R96 million to R275 million.

Sapa

Attacked with panga

Crime Reporter

AN alleged bootlegger is lying wounded in the Scottburgh Hospital after a farm foreman was attacked with a panga at the weekend

Mr Charles Stewart was inspecting the Mount Albert farm compound at Umzinto on Sunday when he found illegal liquor

When he tried to make an arrest Mr Stewart was set upon with a panga and received head wounds, police said yesterday

Mr A Russell arrived with a .22 rifle and a man was shot in the leg

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Staff shortages 'cripple' the provincial services

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Political Reporter

SERIOUS staff shortages in the Provincial Administration, coupled with a higher worker turn-over, were adversely affecting efficiency, Mr Stoffel Botha, the Administrator of Natal, said yesterday

People using provincial service as a stepping stone in career advancement prevented the building up of a reservoir of experienced staff, he said

Opening the short February session of the council, Mr Botha said the revision of salaries for civil servants last year had not resulted in an improved staff position

At November 1 last year Natal had an average vacancy rate of 24 percent in clerical, professional and technical posts with an average staff turn-over in those sections of 23,4 percent

Of 763 clerical/-administrative posts, 227 or 29,7 percent were unfilled and turn-over ran at 49,9 percent in the 12 months preceding last November

A total of 63 out of 371 technical posts were vacant, while 24 of 176 professional posts were unfilled

'The high turn-over of clerical staff is most disturbing and with 50 percent of the staff with less than one year's service at any given time plus a 30 percent vacancy rate, the level of efficiency in the offices of the Administration must inevitably be adversely affected'

The posts position in schools, hospitals and regional depots was 'just as serious' Some 13,6 percent of nursing posts were vacant with a turnover of 38,6 percent, while for paramedicals the figures were 25,4 percent and turno-over 71,5 percent

Mr Botha said only 7,8 percent of medical posts were vacant but the turnover was 58,7 percent

'It is the use of the Administration as a stepping stone which presently precludes any hope of building up a reservoir of experienced staff — in the category of hospital clercial posts only 7,8 percent were vacant but the turnover in this category was 71,4 percent'

On education, Mr Botha said there was still a shortage of teachers in some categories, notably mathematics, physical science and commercial subjects at high schools

Nats to act over MEC's alleged 'Govt discards' comment

Political Reporter

A ROW over what Dr Fred Clarke said about the delay in the appointment of Natal's Director of Hospital Services is likely to boil over again.

The National Party opposition re-opened the issue yesterday, two months after Mr Robbie Viljoen (Nat, Port Natal) criticised the MEC and was in turn rebuked by New Republic Party spokesmen.

Mr Thys Wessels, leader of the opposition, gave notice yesterday that he would ask for a select committee to investigate whether Dr Clarke had misled the council by denying he had used the words 'has-been officials' or 'Government discards' or similar words in an address at the Addington Hospital nurses' graduation last October, or if he had used such words 'at any other occasion' when referring to the delayed appointment.

The select committee should also investigate whether Dr Clarke made statements to Durban newspapers about the delay

In his notice of motion, Mr Wessels referred specifically to a report published on September 30 in which Dr Clarke was quoted as saying 'Heads of departments were often political appointments (jobs for pals) or civil service outcasts'

Mr Wessels also referred to a report in the Mercury of October 29 which read 'The long silence of the commission led to fears that it would be filled by a political appointee or Government discard'

The select committee should also investigate whether 'such remarks constitute a slur on the officials of the Natal administration and, if so, to recommend steps to be taken to rectify the position'

Dr Clarke denied that he had made the statement at the graduation ceremony Debate on the issue continued for hours in the council last November after Mr Viljoen had refused to apologise for saying Dr Clarke had maligned unnamed provincial heads of departments

Top trainer's husband in Vaal race track 'feud'

Mercury Correspondent

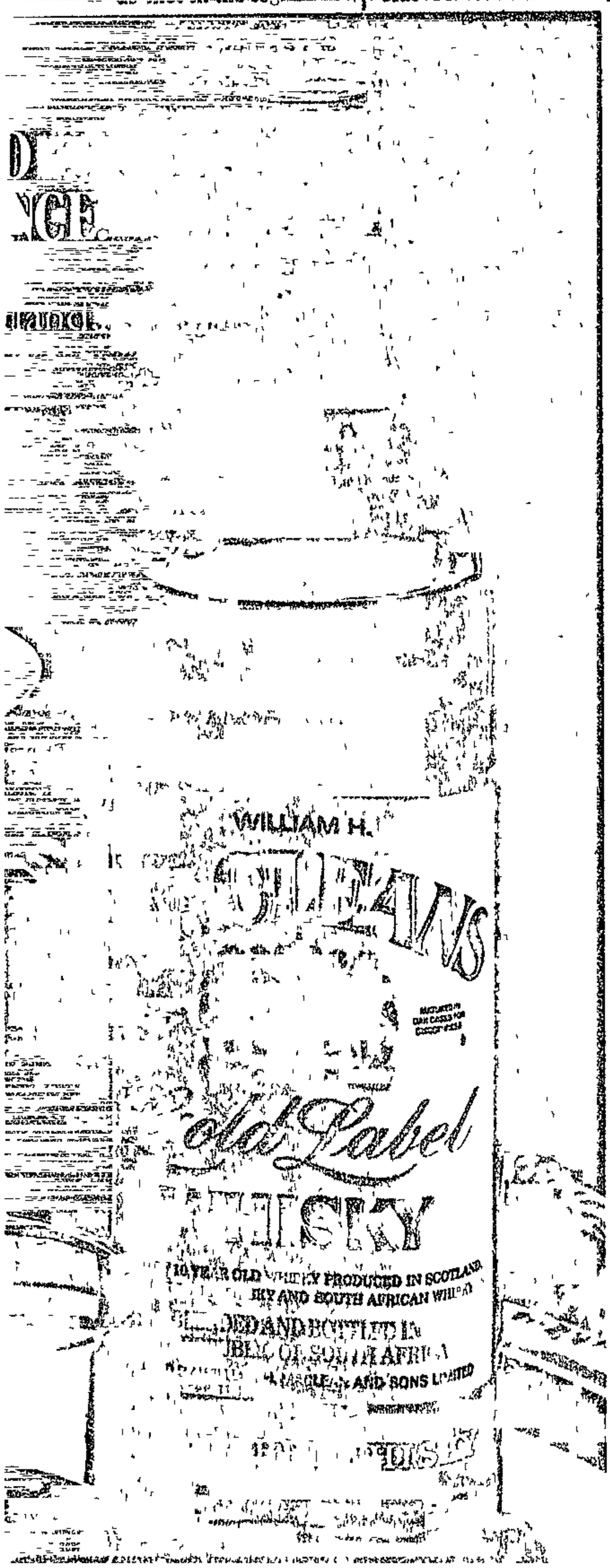
JOHANNESBURG—Police are investigating an incident in which the husband of trainer Jean Barnard was involved in a car accident with a fellow trainer, Mr Tex Lerena

The feud between the Lerena brothers and the Barnard couple has been going on for some time and yesterday W/O P J Loots of the Vilioensdrif

The accident took place at the Vaal race track on February 11 when Mr Barnard and Mr Lerena apparently crashed their cars,' W/O Loots said

He said the Vaal race track was however, private property and he doubted if the investigation would be taken to court

'The investigation is continuing, but it is more a feud between private



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Provincial staff crisis disclosed

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Staff Reporter

THE Provincial Administration was beset with resignations and some divisions were now up to 48 percent understaffed, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, announced at the opening yesterday of the second session of the sixth Provincial Council.

Disclosing the staff crisis, Mr Louw said that even the "very substantial pay improvements" introduced by the Minister of Finance last year had done "nothing to stem the flood of resignations from many key groups in the Administration," Mr Louw said

Mr Gene Louw

The hardest-hit areas were the clerical division, where 21 percent of the posts were vacant, and the technical division, where up to 48 percent of the posts were vacant In addition, there was a 33 percent shortage in the ranks of professional officers, a 22 percent librarian shortage and a 27 percent engineering shortage, Mr Louw said

"In the general division, the percentage of vacant posts is as follows Road clerks 22, provincial traffic inspectors 34, security assistants 24, nature conservation officers 27 and clerical assistants 20, to mention but a few"

Turning to local government, Mr Louw said an important breakthrough for local authorities and their ratepayers had been the recent decision by the central government to accept responsibility for the payment of property tax on State and provincial properties in the municipal and local areas up to a maximum of 80 percent of the assessment

This should lift much of the financial burden on local authorities, he said

An amount of R29-million had been set aside by the central government for this purpose for the financial year 1981/82 Of this amount, the Cape local authorities had received R8 5-million

Only a nominal R2,4-million had been set aside for beach facilities in the coming year and any development, therefore, would of necessity have to be spread over a five to 10-year period

Mr Louw emphasized the importance of civil defence organizations and said the number of senior provincial officials who would help with the organizing of civil defence had been increased by two

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Natal Provincial Council

Let us levy the taxes, says Bozas

Political Reporter

A CALL for direct powers of taxation to be returned to Natal was made in the council yesterday by Mr Achilles Bozas (NRP,Umhlanga)

In a speech critical of the Government's cutbacks in provincial allocations, Mr Bozas said the fact that the Province had to increase fees and tariffs to make ends meet imposed a further tax burden on Natal

Mr Peter McKenzie (NRP, Durban Berea) said a company attempting to run its affairs under the conditions faced by Natal would go broke

The Province was expected to provide services of a reasonable standard when money from the Government was inadequate and the province had no means of direct taxation

It was nearing the time for a serious debate on the return to Natal of the powers of direct taxation

Mr Bozas said that after taking away in the 1960s the provincial power to collect direct taxes, the Government now told Natal that income from provincial sources had to be raised because the Treasury could not pay out enough

Mr Bozas rejected statements that education for whites was free Nearly 90 percent of direct taxes were paid by whites, who made up less than 10 percent of the population

Whites therefore paid for education by way of direct taxes. The Government had already made changes to end 'free' education for whites There had been increases in hostel, bus and other fees, he said

Mr Bozas said if stringent financial measures were to continue, priorities should be carefully set so that money was spent on activities within classrooms and not on 'fancy' buildings, halls and swimming pools

Nationalist apologises to Dr Clarke

Political Reporter

THE expected heated debate in the Natal Provincial Council on a National Party motion for a select committee to investigate remarks allegedly made by Dr Fred Clarke at Addington Hospital last year fizzled out yesterday with an apology by Mr Robbie Viljoen (Nat, Port Natal)

Mr Viljoen initiated the issue several months ago when he said Dr Clarke had referred to 'Government discards' and 'hasbeen officials' when referring to the delay in the appointment of Natal's new director of hospital services

Dr Clarke had denied he had used the terms at the hospital's nurses' graduation ceremony

In what appeared to be a trade-off, Mr Viljoen said yesterday 'I irrevocably admit that I could have been mistaken in what Dr Clarke had said at the Addington ceremony I therefore apologise to him for stating that he had used the words complained of at that occasion'

Dr Clarke replied 'If my statement made on a political platform on political appointments are regarded as a slur on officials of the Provincial Administration, I apologise I irrevocably state that no slur was intended on any official presently employed by the Administration'

POLITICS

Louw tells of staff shortages

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D. Dispatch 24/2/82

CAPE TOWN — The provincial administration was beset with resignations and some divisions were now up to 48 per cent understaffed, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, announced at the opening of the second session of the sixth Provincial Council yesterday.

Even the "very substantial pay improvements" introduced by the Minister of Finance last year had done "nothing to stem the flood of resignations from many key groups in the administration," Mr Louw said.

The hardest hit areas, he said, were the clerical division, where 21 per cent of posts were vacant, and the technical division, where up to 48 per cent of the posts were vacant In addition, there was a 33 per cent shortage in the ranks of professional officer, a 22 per cent librarian shortage and a 27 per cent shortage of engineers

Mr Louw said in the general division the percentage of vacant posts was road clerks, 22 per cent, traffic inspectors, 34 per cent, security assistants, 24 per cent, nature conservation officers, 27 per cent, and clerical assistants 20 per cent.

He added that although he had painted a somewhat gloomy picture of the situation he was confident a solution to the problem would be found this year

Turning to local government, Mr Louw said an important breakthrough for local authorities and ratepayers had been the recent decision by the central government to accept responsibility for the payment of property tax on state and provincial properties in municipal and local areas, up to a maximum of 80 per cent of the assessment

This should lift much of the financial burden on local authorities, he said

An amount of R29 million had been set aside by the central government for this purpose for the 1981/82 financial year Of this amount, the Cape local authorities had received R8,5 million, he said

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Gene Louw balances the budget

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Provincial Reporter

THE Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, has again this year succeeded in balancing the Cape's budget without taxation increases

In his 'little budget' speech in the Provincial Council yesterday Mr Louw said the Government had increased the 1981-82 subsidy paid to the Cape by R25-million — bringing the year's total subsidy to R975 256 000

The increase included R9,7-million as compensation for damage in last year's flood disasters in the Cape

SURPLUS

Mr Louw said that in presenting his 1981-82 budget last year he had anticipated a shortfall of R11 1-million, which he intended to balance against an expected surplus of R11,1-million on the running of the province in 1980—81.

'However, the good news is that at the closing of the books (1980-81) the surplus was R19,105-million.

'This very welcome improvement of R7,996-million was brought about by curbing expenditure and the prompt collection of income'

Mr Louw said expenditure had been R12,5-million less than expected in 1980-81, and the income R6,6-million more than expected

SHORTFALL

Referring to the 1981-82 financial year, ending on March 31, Mr Louw said the revised estimate of expenditure was R1 188 243 000 and of income was R1 169 138 000, leaving a shortfall of R19 105 000.

He proposed to offset this with the R19,1-million surplus from 1980-81, resulting in a nil balance on March 31.

Mr Louw asked the Provincial Council to approve the additional expenditure of R33 776 000 this year, mainly due to price rises

Mr Geoff Everingham (PFP, Pinelands), chief opposition spokesman on finance, thanked the Administrator for a thorough analysis of the Cape's finances.

Mr Everingham said it was alarming that the budget would be balanced by a saving from a previous year. If the situation was reached where there was no surplus from a previous year, the Cape could find itself in a serious situation.

He moved the adjournment of the budget debate

Call to write off R10 500

Provincial Staff

THE Cape Provincial Council was asked yesterday to write off an amount of R10 500 in hostel fees due by pupils of the Laingsburg High School affected by last year's flood disaster in this Karoo town.

In his 'little budget' speech, Mr Louw said the R10 500 related to hostel fees due for the first quarter of 1981.

Subsequently the chief opposition spokesman on finance, Mr Geoff Everingham (PFP, Pinelands) thanked the Administrator for his attention to the 'little amounts' in the budget.

These showed that the Government was not insensitive to the needs of local communities, Mr Everingham said.

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Governments talk over casino road toll

Political Reporter

THE Minister of Internal Affairs was in contact with his Transkeian counterpart on the possibility of a road toll at the casino near Port Edward, Mr Dering Stainbank, MEC in charge of roads, said yesterday

The proposed toll aimed at visitors to the casino was the only one under consideration in Natal

Mr Stainbank said the Province was keen to receive a percentage of the income from entry fees of R5 a car paid by visitors to the casino. The fees could amount to thousands of rands a day

'We are not seeking to exact tolls from the people of Transkei who cross into Natal at Port Edward We would like casino visitors, the people who forced us to push ahead with this R11-million road, to help pay for the road.'

He said residents of Transkei could be issued with a disc for a small fee so that they would not have to pay a toll each time they crossed the border.

The Transkei Government levied a R1 fee on people entering the territory and issued a visitor's disc valid for one year

But finer details of the scheme would be worked out only when Transkei had given the go-ahead for the scheme

The rest of South Africa would watch the Port Edward toll with interest, Mr Stainbank said

The financial director of the Transkei Holiday Inn, Mr Ron Coe, said yesterday he regarded the toll as 'absolutely unjust'

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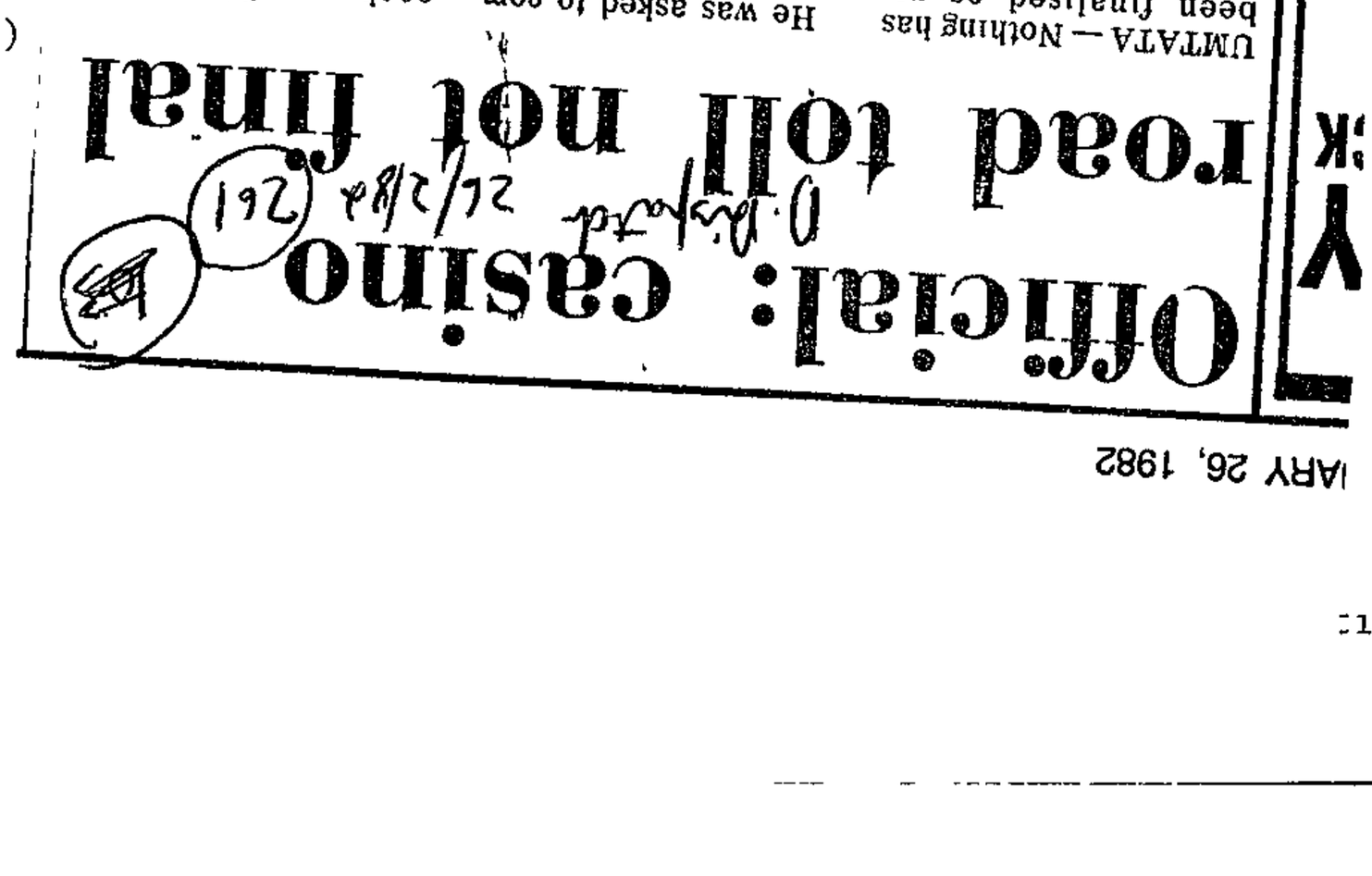

Official: casino road toll not final

UMTATA — Nothing has been finalised as regards the possible road toll near Port Edward for traffic from Natal travelling to the Wild Coast casino.

A spokesman for the office of the Minister of Interior, Mr H. Mlonyeni, confirmed yesterday that discussions with South Africa were taking place but that nothing had been finalised

Mr Stalnbank had said it was felt that people going to the casino should help pay for the road which had had to be built. It would cost each car R5 but this would not affect Transkei people entering Natal. They could be issued with discs for a small fee so that they would not have to pay a toll every time they crossed the border into Natal at Port Edward, Mr Stainbank had said

The owners of the casino, Holiday Inns, are objecting to the toll, which will be the first in South Africa — DDR.

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Claim by MPC to be probed

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Provincial Staff

THE Cape Provincial Council decided yesterday to appoint a select committee to investigate an alleged breach of privilege by Mrs Di Bishop (PFP, Gardens).

The members are to be appointed later.

At the start of proceedings yesterday, the leader of the National Party in the council, Mr P J Loubser, said he believed a prima facie case of breach of privilege had been committed by Mrs Bishop the previous day when she claimed that the Government had stated its intention in Parliament to equalise pensions among the races by the year 2000.

RECORD

He had found no such reference in Hansard.

Mrs Bishop said she had intended to speak under rule 6 to put the record straight.

She realised that the information had emanated from the National Council for the Aged and had since discovered it had been given to the council in a letter from the Department of Co-operation and Development

'It was not my intention to mislead the House and, if I did, I apologise,' Mrs Bishop said.

After legal argument — during which Mrs Bishop had to leave the Chamber — the chairman of the council, Dr J J de Jager, ruled that there had been a prima facie case of breach of privilege.

The council adopted a motion by Mr Loubser that a select committee be appointed.

Forty-two, including the new Republic Party member for King William's Town, Mr R J Radue, voted for and nine against.

FRANK MARTIN

Groupings in Natal

Frank Martin is Senior NRP MEC in Natal

FM **It has been said that the differences of opinion that have arisen between the NRP and the sponsors of the Buthelezi Commission have placed a strain on the normally loose relationship between the NRP-controlled Natal Provincial Administration and the KwaZulu government How seriously do you view this?**

Martin If there is a strain between the Provincial Administration and the KwaZulu government I view it very seriously I have had no official indication from members of the KwaZulu Government that relations have been strained But I believe the situation in Natal/KwaZulu is one that demands the very closest of co-operation I would be sorry to see that co-operation affected in any way

If, as expected, the commission's report does not receive widespread official acceptance, what can be done at a provincial level to foster further co-operation and good relations between Natal and KwaZulu?

Obviously, we will continue to do everything that is possible — within the framework of the law — to continue the co-operation which we have been able ensure that the Buthelezi Commission's to establish over the years We will also findings are not used as an instrument to disrupt the co-operation that has taken place because I don't believe that this was the intention behind the establishment of the commission

It has been hinted that in Natal a "new deal" for coloureds and Indians at a local authority level is in the offing Can you elaborate?

This is no secret The President's Council is expected to make recommendations to the Cabinet in this regard sometime in the middle of March It could be at least two years before those recommendations are implemented It seems obvious that they are going to try and give coloureds and Indians a greater say at local government level Personally, I believe that their proposals will not be too far removed from the proposals which we successfully put through the Provincial Council several years ago

The history of Natal's experiment in autonomous local authorities of Indians and coloureds seems to indicate that the system has been a failure

I disagree One must realise that the Indians and coloureds had never had any experience at any level of government until they were given the opportunity of participating at the local government level in Natal I am quite convinced that given a little more time these local authorities will settle down into the same pattern that all local authorities are in

The President's Council's recommendations on the structure of local governments are expected to be made known shortly Do you anticipate that they will recommend that provincial councils should be scrapped altogether in any future dispensation?

The thinking that is prevalent at the moment is that the recommendations will make provision for some form of regional government that will continue to administer the functions of the various provincial administrations I suspect the politics in provincial councils will be removed In that way they could accommodate in regional administration boards (or whatever they are called) representatives of the Indian and coloured communities They could not then be accused of mixing Indians and coloureds in white politics

Natal is busy studying the possibility of establishing a regional services board for greater Durban, including parts of KwaZulu. What is the significance of this and is such a board likely to come about?

We believe the only way you can administer such integrated services such as fire fighting, ambulances, traffic officers, electricity, sewerage and water affairs is by the full co-operation of every local authority in that area — Indian, coloured or Zulu It would seem that we have unwittingly indulged in a system of metropolitanisation that will possibly fit into the government's proposals for a regional administration for the whole area

FRANCOIS DU TOIT . . . in the saddle again, this time with colleague William Smith, who will be riding tandem with him in The Argus Cycle Tour on March 20

People with no vote pay GST—MPC

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Provincial Staff

THE increase in general sales tax was a good occasion to remind the Provincial Council and the white electorate of the principle that there should be no taxation without representation'

This was said by the Opposition finance spokesman in the council, Mr Geoff Everingham (C FP, Pirelands), during the budget debate

Mr Everingham said GST was fast becoming a major source of revenue and would probably contribute R3 000-million in the 1982 83 financial year.

A large proportion of GST would come from food and basic commodities, and a substantial portion of this from black people.

BLACKS

Mr Everingham said that just as the principle of 'no taxation without representation' regarding GST and tax paid by blacks applied to Parliament, so it applied to the council in terms of vehicle licences, hospital payments and provincial taxes

The 'utterly bankrupt homeland policy' could also not be used to justify the present situation.

It has done damage rather than good — damage in terms of the undemocratic way in which these states are governed, and damage in the harsh treatment meted out to the so-called citizens of these states living in the RSA'

COLOURED

There were also the coloured and Indian people who were taxed but not represented in the body by which taxation was imposed

'No taxation without representation, Mr Chairman, was the cry of the American settlers when they rebelled against the British Crown, 200 years ago

'Yet the National Party seems incapable of adopting this principle in its constitutional policy today,' Mr Everingham said

HOSPITAL FEES

The new schedule of hospital fees in the Cape was as 'ridiculous' and insensitive to the fact of inflations, Mr Everingham told the council

Mr Piet Loubser MEC in charge of hospital services said last week that the new fees were expected to increase provincial revenue by R8 250 000 in 1982-83.

'This' is not to say the new schedule of hospital fees is uniformly bad, but it does show a most

of living today,' Mr Everingham said

IMPEDIMENTS

Important fees were subject to the latest Council tax hike, but a married person with no children was worse off than before

'I find it peculiar that once a married couple's income exceeds about R400 a month, they hit the maximum fee — as if R460 a month is a big salary'

The scale of outpatient fees was 'an unmitigated disaster' Mr Everingham said All fees had increased with complete disregard to the effect of inflation and the ability to pay

A person who earned R100 a month paid R2 instead of R1 as in the past, and at R200 a month he paid R5 instead of R4

Did the Provincial Administration imagine that one could differentiate between R100 and R101 in ability to pay?

Where the higher pay went

From Mr JOHN COMRIE GREIG (Somerset West).

THE Administrator of the Cape, Mr Louw, is reported as saying that "very substantial pay improvements" had failed to stem the flood of civil service resignations As the former officer-in-charge (research) at the Cape's nature conservation research station at Stellenbosch I must take issue with this remark.

Scrutiny of the published Provincial Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the financial year 1981/2 reveals the following substantial pay improvements (in percentages)

Administrator. 68,83
Provincial Secretary 37,04
Deputy Provincial Secretary 34,61
MPCs. 27,44
Director of Education 55,49
Director of Hospitals 55,49.
Director of Nature Conservation. 34,61.
Deputy Director of Nature Conservation 35,83
Assistant Director of Nature Conservation 32,38
Other ranks, Works Department: 14,07
Other ranks, Nature Conservation 11,90

These figures speak for themselves None of the gentlemen at the top of the list resigned last year Dozens of those at the bottom did. I do know that the Director of Nature Conservation now has a "company car" from the CPA

Are these men worrying about their underlings? I personally doubt it.

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Cape Province gives jobs to 21 coloureds

CAPE TOWN — The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, disclosed yesterday that 21 coloured people were appointed to provincial posts last year, and there were still vacancies for coloured matriculants

Answering Mr Rupert Hurly (PFP, Claremont), Mr Louw said no coloured people were appointed but 28 whites were appointed to public service posts between December 1, 1981, and January 31, 1982, for which a senior certificate qualification was needed

However, 36 white and 21 coloured applicants were appointed to posts in the provincial service during this period

"There are seven vacant posts for coloureds and 62 vacant posts for whites," Mr Louw added

"If the member (Mr Hurley) can produce the candidates, we will appoint them"

Replying to Mr Herbert Hirsch (PFP, Sea Point), Mr Louw said parity in salaries had already been introduced in many posts in the provincial service

With the general salary increases to come into operation on April 1, parity would stretch from the top level to the level of grade 1 clerk for coloured people (R5 430 to R7 470 a year)

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No black, Indian librarians

Provincial Staff

THE CAPE Province employs no black or Indian librarians, Mr Willem Bouwer, MEC in charge of library services, said in reply to Mrs Di Bishop (PFP, Gardens)

He said municipal libraries in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and East London were open to all races

Provincial library services employed white and coloured personnel, but had no blacks or Indians

'The responsibility for the provision of libraries for blacks rests with community councils and administration boards.'

The New Brighton library in Port Elizabeth, Kwa Nobuhle library in Uitenhage and Duna library in Grahamstown served black people, and were affiliated to the provincial library services.

A library for blacks was planned for Galeshewe in Kimberley, Mr Bouwer said.

Library posts queried

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'No money for Tvl public works projects'

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Chief Reporter

Vast Transvaal provincial building projects, including hospitals and schools, are to be shelved due to lack of funds, the retiring provincial director of works, Mr Pieter du Plessis, said today.

Mr du Plessis, who retires next month after 45 years' service, said the delay in new projects would be spelt out by the Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, in his budget during the May/June sitting of the council

He said new projects were far too numerous for the limited funds available

Among the major projects likely to be delayed is the long-awaited second hospital for Soweto to be built near New Canada.

The estimated cost of the 1 200-bed hospital is about R100-million

Mr du Plessis said the project closest to tender stage was the Lenasia hospital Lenasia has been without local hospital facilities since its establishment

The Lenasia hospital, a new hospital for the East Rand and a modernisation programme for Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital,

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Licence fees for cars up by 50pc

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Transvaal motorists face a 50 percent increase in vehicle licence fees.

The increases are proposed in a Draft Ordinance published in the Provincial Gazette today

Own Correspondent

The proposals also include higher fees for vehicle registration, learner drivers licences and roadworthy examinations, drivers' licences, roadworthy certificates and virtually all other fees prescribed by the Road Traffic Ordinance

The MEC in charge of road traffic, Dr Servaas Latsky, said the new fees could come into effect on October 1 but this would depend on the Provincial Council's approving the Draft Ordinance and the State President signing the legislation

During the February session of the Provincial Council the Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, outlined the Province's gloomy financial position

He warned that the cost of motor vehicles fees would have to be reviewed

Vehicle licence fees were last increased in 1980.

In terms of the Draft Ordinance, motor vehicles with a tare of not more than 225 kg will pay R27 for a licence, compared with the R18 now in force.

Other fees proposed with the existing cost in brackets are 450 kg — R35 (R23), 675 kg — R41 (R27), 900 kg — R48 (R32), 1 125 kg — R54 (R36), 1 350 kg — R66 (R44), to maximum of R1 364 (R909) for a vehicle with a tare of 11 250 kg. Thereafter the licence fee will be R1 364 plus R48 for every 225 kg.

Proposals for motorcycle fees are from R5 to R8 for those not exceeding 50 cc, bigger motorcycles from R12 to R18, and licences for motor tricycles from R15 to R23

Registration fees go up from R4 to R10. Used vehicles registered by a dealer for resale will go up from R1 to R5

The schedule of payments for miscellaneous fees will double.

Roadworthy certificates will cost R5 for a

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Licences up by 50 pc

motorcycle and R10 for a motor vehicle

A learner's licence examination will cost R5, driver's licence examination for a motorcycle will cost R5 and for other vehicles R10

The actual driver's licence will cost R5 and the fees for furnishing information and issuing duplicate documents will be R2.

The deputy director-general, public affairs, of the Automobile Association, Mr Hannes Rall, said the increases appeared to be staggering but in real terms the extra financial outlay to the individual motorist was "not that great"

Mr Rall said the AA was investigating vehicle licensing in depth

It might suggest that an additional tax be levied on petrol sales and that vehicle licence fees be abolished so that major road users paid a more equitable amount.

New regional plans may put squeeze on provinces

By MARTIN WELZ
Political Correspondent

EVENTS in Parliament this week have revived speculation that the stage is being set for the provincial councils to play a sharply diminished role in a new constitutional dispensation

Rumours that the President's Council would recommend the phasing out of the provincial councils gained new credence this week, with the tabling of a Government White Paper on a 'coordinated regional development strategy for Southern Africa'

The White Paper divides South Africa into eight regions, which will be administered as units for the purposes of industrial development and planning

Most of the regions overlap homeland and provincial boundaries, and so include areas of both white and black South Africa

According to the White Paper, development advisory committees will be appointed in each area to 'provide for close liaison between all the parties concerned in the individual states, and between the respective states on the local level'

These committees — by definition multiracial organisations — will increasingly determine where and how future urban and industrial expansion in South Africa will take place

In the process they control vast sums of public money

Informed sources in Cape Town said the committees would gradually take over more of the development control function now performed by the provincial councils and other government agencies

A diminishing administrative role for the provincial councils is also suggested by the sharp cut in government subsidies for the provincial councils announced in the Budget Increasing financial autonomy granted in the past year to a number of larger city councils adds weight to the argument

Many now believe that the gradual erosion of the provincial councils' powers could open the way for a white central parliament, itself stripped of most functions dealing with matters of common concern to people of all races

This body will eventually assume the provinces' control of white urban areas and education

ROCKY FOUNDATIONS

That mean money machine flattens Vaal building plans

Luxury rondavel plan is dropped

By ARLENE GETZ

THE building of a Warmbaths VIP guest house has been postponed, according to Mr Hein Kruger, the Transvaal MEC in charge of local government.

"The idea has been put on ice for a while," said Mr Kruger. The house had formed part of the Board of Public Resorts' master plan for the development of the area.

The board is an autonomous organisation which finances its projects with a provincial subsidy and the profits from its ventures

Kruger could not say when the house, which drew Opposition criticism after being described as an unnecessary luxury, would be built.

The three-rondavel complex was to have been rented to special guests — ambassadors and other VIPs.

Tenders for the guest house were advertised only days before the announcement of the cancellation of the Pretoria Onderwyskollege contract by the TPA.

Earlier this year, TPA Opposition leader Mr Douglas Gibson urged the executive committee to postpone the project, saying if there was no money for essentials then cash should not be spent on luxuries.

He was criticised by Mr Kruger for attacking the plan.

NEW HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS HIT HARD AS CASH CRISIS CUTS INTO TOP PROJECTS

By GORDON EDGEY

TRANSVAAL faces a big squeeze on provincial building projects in the current financial year, which began this week.

And Mr Douglas Gibson, Opposition leader in the Transvaal Provincial Council, says the Transvaal budget — to be announced in May/June — is awaited with "some trepidation"

New projects are far too numerous for the limited funds available because of a Government cutback on all Treasury spending, says Mr Pieter du Plessis, retiring Transvaal Provincial Administration Director of Works

Quite a number of projects will be shelved, he says

The reason for this is that the province was given less money by the Government than calculations on the set formula allowed

Therefore, approved projects that have not been completed will also suffer, says Mr Gibson

But not all projects will be shelved, says Mr Du Plessis Some cutbacks were announced by the Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, during the February session of the Provincial Council

Work on Normal College, Pretoria, was stopped in its tracks Builders had started on extensions costing more than R30-million when they were told to down tools

The college for Afrikaans-speaking teachers had waited more than 20 years for work on the extensions to begin And other projects may be stopped, says Mr Gibson.

He predicts that.

- Three to five-year short-term projects will probably become long-term projects, with work on them being stretched over many years.
- The five-year development programme on roads becomes a joke because there will not be money for their development.
- School projects will suffer.

And the cutbacks are going to be considerable on both approved and proposed projects

Mr Du Plessis says "Very few, if any, major works services and projects will go out on tender in the current financial year."

He would not specify which projects would be cut back, saying these would be announced by Mr Cruywagen in his budget

But Mr Gibson is wondering whether the Transvaal will be given later consideration for being made to suffer the dramatic cash cutbacks now

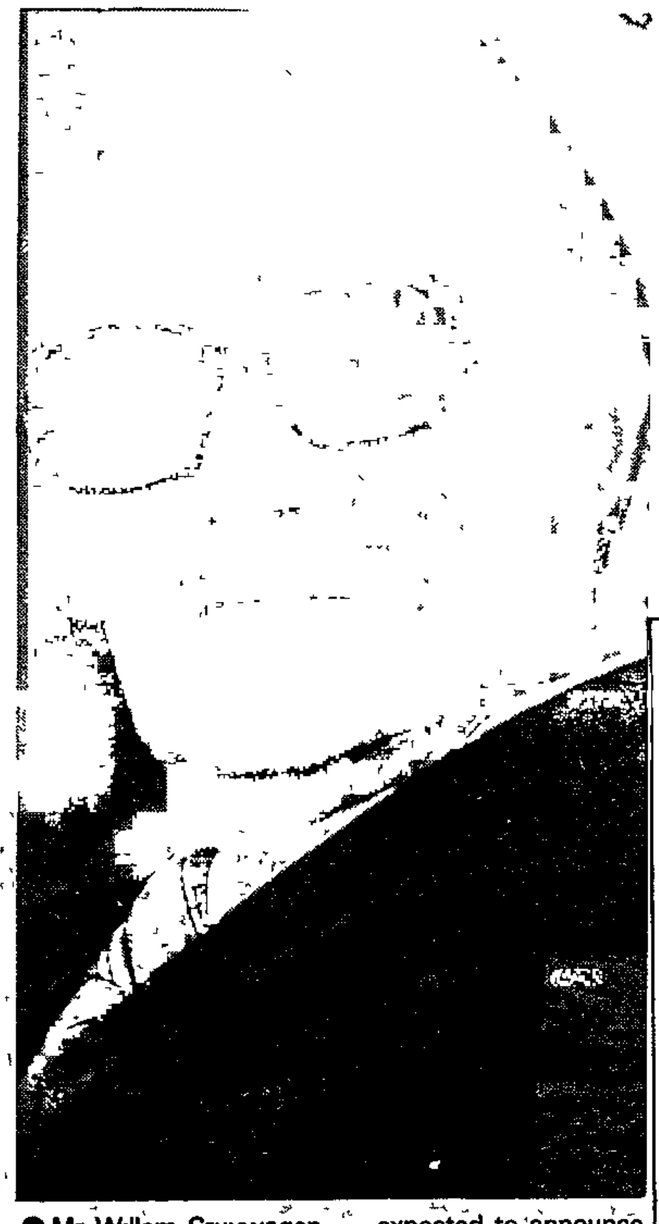
"Projects of the most urgent priority will be held back," he said "Transvaal has been asked to make sacrifices But once the sacrifices have been made, will Transvaal get consideration for increased costs on these same projects in the future?"

Escalating building and labour costs will make the projects far more expensive

Proposed projects that will be seriously affected by the cutbacks include

- The new teaching hospital in Pretoria, which was to have rivalled the Johannesburg Hospital
- Extensions to the Baragwanath and H F Verwoerd hospitals
- New hospitals in Soweto, Lenasia and on the East Rand

● Mr Douglas Gibson — awaits the Transvaal budget with trepidation



● Mr Willem Cruywagen — expected to announce further cutbacks

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MPs, MPCs may lose dual seats

Political Staff

A STRING of by-elections could result from legislation which will prevent city and town councillors from being members of provincial councils and Parliament

The Constitution Amendment Bill will be published in Cape Town tomorrow

According to Government sources, it is likely to take effect from date of proclamation, which would result in a string of by-elections, particularly in the Transvaal

The exact implications of the Bill will become known only when the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, makes his second reading speech — probably next week

The reason for introducing the amendment is also not clear at this stage

Two Cape Town MPCs who serve on the Cape Town City Council said today the legislation could result in a shortage of suitable people for public office, particularly in rural areas.

Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP, Green Point) said most MPCs from Cape rural areas served on either their local town council or divisional council

Mr Rupert Hurly (PFP, Claremont) said the connections of MPCs from country districts with town and divisional councils should not be disturbed

He found it strange that the Bill should be released shortly before the President's Council was to make proposals for local government

The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, was not available for comment

The Argus correspondent in Johannesburg quotes the city's Nationalist Mayor, Mr Danie van Zyl — who is MPC for Maraisburg — as saying such a move would have a disastrous effect on local government throughout the Transvaal

He said provincial councillors who also served on town or city councils made an invaluable contribution to local administration because of their dual experience

'This will be a disastrous, backward step,' said Mr van Zyl, who is NP Chief Whip in the Provincial Council

Licence fee rise will hit motorists

By GERALD REILLY
Pretoria Bureau

A DRAFT ordinance to raise motor licence fees by 50% will passed by the Provincial Council in May despite PFP opposition

The draft also provides for higher vehicle registration fees, learner drivers' licences, roadworthy tests, and increases in a range of other fees levied in terms of the Road Traffic Ordinance

PFP leader in the provincial council, Mr Douglas Gibson said "Whenever the bureaucrats fail to balance their books the motorist is a prime target"

The proposed increases were a desperate effort to raise funds to ease the serious financial plight caused mainly by a misallocation of resources by the executive committee

The Government had also failed to grant the province a realistic subsidy which would enable normal expansion of services to continue

The PFP would oppose the increases, he said

"There has to be a limit beyond which the motorist cannot be expected to pay more, and that surely has been reached. He is being milked dry," said Mr Gibson

The director of public relations of the Automobile Association, Mr Hennie Kleynhans, said there had been several petrol price increases, insurance rates and repair costs had soared, the cost of new vehicles had escalated and recently tyre prices had been raised again — this time by 17%

Mr Kleynhans said "South Africa is becoming one of the most expensive countries in which to run a car"

In terms of the draft ordinance, licences for vehicles weighing up to 225kg will rise from R18 to R27

Other licence fees proposed (with the present fee) are 450kg — R35 (R23), 675kg — R41 (R27), 900kg — R48 (R32), 1 125kg — R54 (36), 1 350kg — R66 (R44)

The maximum licence fee proposed is R1 364 (R909) for vehicles weighing 11 250kg Above this fee goes up by R48 for every 225kg

Motorcycle licence fees will go up from R12 to R18 and motor tricycle fees from R15 to R23 Roadworthy certificates will cost R5 for a motorcycle and R10 for a motor vehicle

plan for local govt

Star 24/4/82

By Lucille McNamara
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg's management committee chief, Mr Francois Oberholzer has slammed the creation of a fourth tier of government which will strip the city of millions of rands

He is extremely critical of a system which will siphon badly-needed revenue from major metropolitan areas to help finance the formation of emergent local authorities for blacks, Asians and coloured people

Johannesburg, already hard-pressed to cope with the demands of a growing cosmopolitan population would be stripped of R20 million from its coffers

"Instead of giving us more powers, this system will emasculate local government in South Africa," said Mr Oberholzer

He was reacting to proposals by Mr Gerhard Croeser, chairman of the working group on the report of the committee of enquiry into local government finances and chief executive of public finance.

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Addressing the annual congress of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants in Pretoria earlier this week, Mr Croeser suggested the creation of a fourth tier of government — Joint Services Committees — which would be executive bodies with taxation and planning powers

Portfolios which the committees could be responsible for included water, sewerage, electricity, fire protection and urban transportation

Representation would be based on financial contributions of respective communities to the functioning of the committees and revenue would be derived from establishment levies on business enterprises employees' taxation and investment levies.

But Mr Oberholzer said 'It is a misnomer to call this a Joint Service Committee. It is nothing less than a regional or metropolitan form of government with executive powers."

He was also opposed to the committees administering basic services such as water, electricity and sewerage

"That will mean that Johannesburg will have to pay a profit on its own sewerage system and up to 10 percent more for bulk purchase of water and electricity to give a Joint Services Committee a source of revenue"

Mr Oberholzer was confident that this money would in turn be used in emergent local authorities

Another critic of the proposal is Pretoria's former management committee chairman, Mr Philip Nel who has described it as superfluous and undesirable

But the Progressive Federal Party's Johannesburg City Council leader, Mr Sam Moss, was more optimistic He felt Mr Croeser's proposals were realistic, objective and non-political

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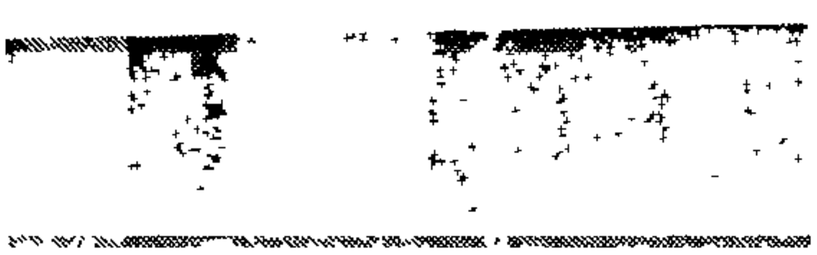

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Roads department hit by staff shortages

CAPE TOWN — Critical staff shortages are disabling the Provincial Administration's Department of Roads and salaries are at least partly to blame according to the annual report of the provincial roads engineer

The report follows the announcement in February by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw that the Provincial Administration as a whole was beset with resignations, some divisions being up to 48 per cent understaffed

According to the roads report, which accounts for the financial year 1980-1981, the shortage has resulted in increasing use being made of women and coloured staff in some departments and it calls for immediate positive steps to offer a more attractive salary structure

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Mr Van der Velde said this would have two benefits — the province would not have to carry such a large number of staff or so much capital plant

"In February, I asked for a break-down of the costs related to departmentally-built roads in the previous two years and the MEC in charge was able to give me only overall costs without the details

"Any private company would have those broken-down costs at its finger-tips," Mr Van der Velde said — DDC

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Staff Reporter

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Mr John Hinckley

My fault, Hinckley's dad says

WASHINGTON — John Hinckley's father wept yesterday as he told a jury he had caused his dropout son's tragedy by refusing to let him return home a few weeks before he shot and wounded President Reagan on March 30 last year

Mr Hinckley senior, an oil company executive, said he and his wife had become increasingly angered by John's failure to succeed at anything

On a psychiatrist's advice their son's pleas to be allowed back to the family home were refused

"I'm sure that was the greatest mistake of my life I am the cause of John's tragedy We forced him out at a time when he just could not cope" his father said

John Hinckley, 26 has pleaded not guilty on grounds of insanity to the shooting

His father told the court the psychiatrist who treated John had advised his parents "Send him 100 dollars and wish him good luck" — Sapa-Reuter

Pay increase for provincial staff

Staff Reporters

BIGGER salaries for provincial staff, and no fee or tax increases highlighted the budget of the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw in the Provincial Council yesterday

However Mr Louw said the Cape Province was in a "dire financial position" at the moment

Because of the "drastic change" in the country's economy in the past few months, the Provincial Administration had been asked to reduce its expenditure by about R39 million for the financial year 1982-83 and it had managed to come within R4 million of its expected income

This would be offset by the anticipated surplus of

Mr Gene Louw

R4 million from the 1981-82 financial year

Mr Louw said while total estimated expenditure would be R1 313 million, expected income would be R1 309 million

The total expenditure represented an actual increase of R105 million over the revised estimate for last year and the main reason for the increase was staff salaries, wages and benefits which amounted to an increase of R97,9 million The increases in remuneration of provincial councillors were not included in the budget

Reduced votes included the following

- Assistance with the provision of amenities would be reduced by R720 611
- Assistance to local authorities for the provision of beach and other amenities for different race groups would be reduced because the special allotment of R600 000 from the Treasury was not repeated
- Public recreation would be reduced by R120 611

Increased votes included the following

- Expenditure on education is up by R42 981 million, most of which is for increased salaries and wages However, expenditure on school equipment, materials and furniture will be reduced by R1,2 million Bursary funds for students wanting to become teachers will be increased by one-third
- Hospital services and public health will have an increase of R57,128 million, R51,115 million of which will be used for salaries, wages and benefits Maintenance of provincial hospitals will go up by R49,603 million of which R46,284 million will go towards salaries, wages and benefits
- Expenditure on roads will go up by R11,589 million
- The grant to Capab has been increased by R337 000

Emergency traffic wardens proposed

Staff Reporter

A PROPOSAL that civilians be appointed as traffic wardens during times of emergency was made in the Provincial Council yesterday by Mr J A Pienaar, MEC

During the second reading of the Draft Ordinance to amend the Road Traffic Ordinance, Mr Pienaar said the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, could impose conditions on the powers and duties of traffic wardens

Where a person attached to a civil defence corps was needed to control traffic during an emergency, he should have the minimum powers of a traffic officer, Mr Pienaar said The need for this provision had been evident during the flood disasters in the Karoo and Eastern Cape

Offences

The traffic warden's powers should include the regulating and controlling of traffic on any public road He should also be empowered to give directions for the safe and efficient regulation of traffic

Where a person was suspected of having committed an offence or was able to give evidence of an offence, he should also be required to give his name and address to the traffic warden

Mr Pienaar said it was intended that a traffic warden be identified by means of a civil defence identity card and uniform He would be required to wear a white armband and helmet embossed with the civil defence emblem, as well as a reflecting belt and white gloves He would not be permitted to wear a star or other badge normally worn by a traffic officer

The debate on this draft ordinance will take place today

More traps

Staff Reporter

TECHNICAL difficulties in speed-measuring apparatus had resulted in fewer speed traps on provincial roads last year, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said during his budget speech yesterday

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Inquiry clears Bishop of 'breach' claim

Staff Reporter

A SELECT committee of inquiry has cleared Mrs Di Bishop, MPC for Gardens, on an allegation of breach of privilege

A report handed in at the Provincial Council yesterday by select committee chairman, Mr Koos Theron, MPC for Vasco, stated that the committee had found Mrs Bishop did not deliberately mislead the council

She should, however, be censured for 'negligence and apologize to the council, it said

The allegation of breach of privilege was made against Mrs Bishop in February when Mr Piet Louber, MEC and leader of the house, asked for the source of her statement that "by the year 2000 equal pensions will be paid to all"

Mrs Bishop replied that her information was provided in an answer to a question put in Parliament

The next day, Mr Louber charged that Mrs Bishop had deliberately misled the House in the matter and therefore was not guilty of breach of privilege

The select committee found Mrs Bishop had not deliberately misled the House in the matter and therefore was not guilty of breach of privilege

She had received the information that the government intended closing the gap in pensions by the year 2000 by word of mouth from officials of the National Council for the Aged

Mrs Bishop added that she had "assumed that it was a parliamentary question"

In fact the information given to Mrs Bishop by the National Council for the Aged was inferred from a letter addressed to the council by the Ministry of Co-operation and Development, according to the report

'Assumed'

At the time, Mrs Bishop said she had intended putting forward an explanation and admitted her answer had been incorrect

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told a blatant lie and therefore had violated her privilege

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PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

Provincial options

FM 14/5/82

The committee for economic affairs and the constitutional committee of the President's Council (PC) were unable to reach consensus on the future of the provincial tier of government Their joint report on local and regional management systems, therefore, presents two alternative models for consideration

Both models envisage "power-sharing" by coloureds and Indians, and a measure of geographic restructuring in line with government's latest economic decentralisation proposals.

In the case of the first model, the committee admits the proposals are unlikely to be implemented during the current terms of office of the present provincial councils — that is, until at least 1986. In addition, if the first model is accepted, the suggestion is that it should be reviewed after a "suitable period" — five to 10 years

SA will be divided into eight regions, each with an administrator and executive committee on which there will be coloured and Indian representation. An intensive investigation into such a division will be necessary, probably by the PC's planning committee But the structure will entail

☐ Appointment by government of the administrators and executive committees of the new regions,

☐ The creation of a Ministry and Department of Local Government, to act as a link between local and central government,

☐ Provincial control over local authorities will be phased out, and

☐ Certain functions of the Departments of Health, Education and Transport will be "deconcentrated" to the provincial administrations

The second model argues for the retention of elected provincial executives, with the administrators appointed as at present Again, coloureds and Indians will be represented in the provincial councils on the basis of independent rolls which ensure "equitable" representation for each group

Education, health and welfare services will be vested in the primary tier of government — that is the legislature, however structured, that emerges from the new constitution

It is recommended that a Department of Local and Provincial Government should be established The report suggests that "a realistic redesigning of boundaries is necessary and that it would result in the establishment of some eight regions (provinces)" Transvaal and the Cape would be divided into three regions, Natal and the OFS would remain units as at present

A major recommendation of the second model is the creation of a single Ministry of Education at the central level, with three executive branches to serve the white, coloured and Indian communities (A unitary Education Ministry was recommended by the De Lange Commission)

The philosophy underlying both models rests inter alia, on the following principles

☐ The maximum devolution of power and the decentralisation of administration,

☐ The elimination of discrimination,

☐ Equality of opportunities and justice,

☐ Promotion of material prosperity in a market orientated economy;

☐ Equal private, civil and political rights for all communities, and

☐ Rationalisation of income resources and other assets in order to ensure the effective implementation of the "obligations and responsibilities" of government at all levels

Blacks (Africans) will be neither elected nor nominated to this intermediate tier of government, since above the local level (community councils and representation on regional services boards) their political aspirations — at this stage, at any rate — have to be channelled through the respective homelands

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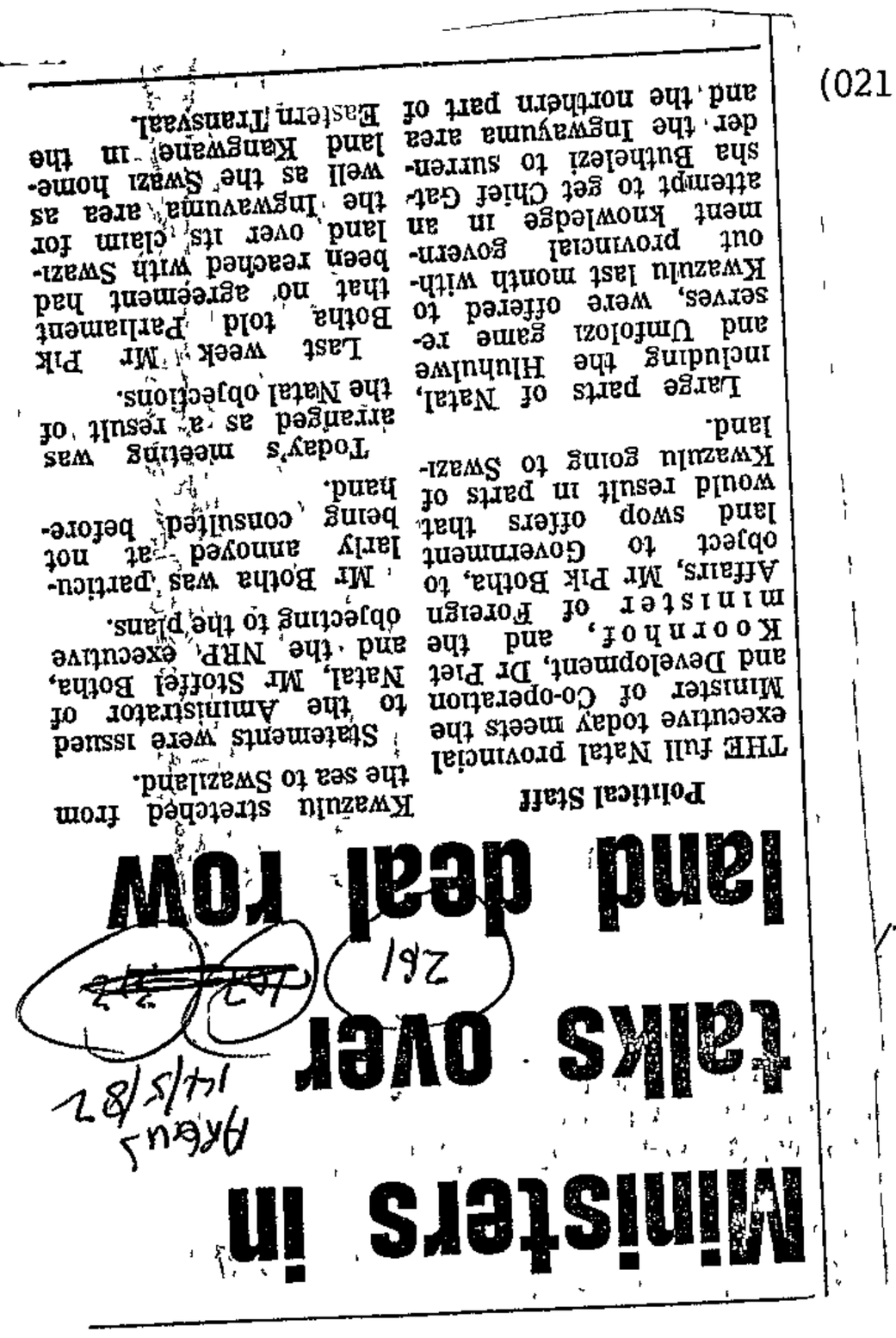

Ministers in talks over row

Political Staff

THE full Natal provincial executive today meets the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, and the minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, to object to Government land swop offers that would result in parts of Kwazulu going to Swaziland.

Large parts of Natal, including the Hluhluwe and Umfolozi game reserves, were offered to Kwazulu last month without provincial government knowledge in an attempt to get Chief Gatsha Buthelezi to surrender the Ingwavuma area and the northern part of the sea to Swaziland.

Statements were issued to the Administrator of Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha, and the NRP executive objecting to the plans.

Mr Botha was particularly annoyed at not being consulted beforehand.

Today's meeting was arranged as a result of the Natal objections.

Last week Mr Pik Botha told Parliament that no agreement had been reached with Swaziland over its claim for the Ingwavuma area as well as the Swazi homeland Kangwane in the Eastern Transvaal.

Kwazulu stretched from

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Diamond Cutters Union of South Africa
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Transvaal Retail Meat Trade Employees Union

Catering and Accommodation

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They DO take credit cards at the Raadsaal

By ARLENE GETZ

It all started when the Sunday Express wanted to cover the present TPA gathering

Reporters wishing to attend have to apply — with their ID numbers and places of birth — at least 14 days in advance so that the police can check their credentials.

Members of the public wanting to do the same only have to be 24 hours off the mark, but they'd better be sure to have the names, addresses and phone numbers of their nearest and dearest before approaching the lengthy form-filling process

And those kith and kin had better live in Transvaal if they wish to qualify as reference-givers.

When the Sunday Express applied for last-minute entrance to the public gallery on Tuesday a kindly official agreed to complete the form by telephone.

After the usual name-and-address details began.

"Give me the residential details of a friend of yours We have to phone them tomorrow to see if they'll vouch for you.

"We also need information about one of your relatives. Please give us an address and phone number

"Oh, they're all in Cape Town — well, that's too far, we're not calling there.

"Now we need one of your account numbers. Where do you buy your clothes?

"All right, a credit card number will have to do. At which branch of that bank is your account?

"OK, that should do it. Just present yourself and your identity book at the north entrance of the Raadsaal the day after tomorrow."

And that was that... until the next day when another security official called to warn that on no account would I be able to take notes or read newspapers while a guest in the public gallery.

Oh well, next time I'll try to attend Parliament in Cape Town At least visitors there don't need to recite their account numbers

Education department cuts costs

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Education Reporter

THE Cape Education Department has introduced drastic cuts in expenditure ranging from furniture to supplementary text books and a tightening up of official transport arrangements and subsistence expenses.

A circular from the department comes at the same time as the announcement that new teachers' posts have been pared to 194 for 1982/83 compared with 520 for the 1981/82 year

The circular says the entire public sector is under pressure to reduce drastically its expenditure because of the drop in the price of gold, the unfavourable balance of payments, inflation, the world-wide economic recession and the rising costs of fuel, electricity, water and security services

Departmental supply of supplementary primary school readers and secondary textbooks has been terminated until further notice and principals must certify that any books requested are not supplementary.

SPORTSFIELDS

The department is concerned about excessive water used to irrigate sportsfields and sprayers may not be used after working hours unless supervised for the entire period of irrigation

Until further notice no requests for rand-for-rand assistance should be submitted

All applications for permission to retain teaching posts above the number permitted by the approved staffing quotas will be strictly evaluated.

To cut down on transport expenditure, correspondence should be used wherever possible and public transport should be considered where this is not possible Officials going in the same direction at the same time should arrange to travel together

HOSTELS

Officials are also requested wherever possible to stay at school hostels when travelling and should submit meal claims only for the actual expenses incurred.

No "serviceable" furniture and equipment will be replaced and details of surpluses will be circulated for consideration by institutions in need of such equipment.

The requisition system has been streamlined.

GENERAL NEWS

Budget blues hit Transvaal

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Increases fail to avert big deficit

Own Correspondent

The financial crunch has hit the Transvaal Provincial Administration and, despite previously announced tariff increases, it will face a R19 million deficit

Presenting his budget for the 1982/83 financial year in the Old Raadsaal, Pretoria, today the Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, said that, without drastic curtailments by departments and extra revenue from proposed increases; the province would have faced a deficit of R57,5 million

The increase announced earlier this year include higher hospital tariffs and school bus fees

A 50 percent increase in motor vehicle licences was announced in the Provincial Gazette six weeks ago

In the R1 562,1 million budget Mr Cruywagen had one small consolation for Transvaal residents — the 1981/82 estimated deficit of R57,2 million was cut to R37,7 million by increased revenue and an adjustment to the government subsidy to compensate for general price increases

Mr Cruywagen said "the 1982/83 budget represented an increase of only R67,4 million, or 4,5 percent, on the revised estimates for last year, compared with an inflation rate of 15,2 percent for 1981

"This is the second consecutive year in which serious problems are being experienced in finding funds to finance services which are the responsibility of the province," he said

"The gravity of the economic situation cannot be over-emphasised and practically all economists agree that the outlook is gloomy

"Economic complications abroad have caused a severe setback in the economy during the past few months, the most important of these undoubtedly being the drop in the gold price."

He said other factors included high interest rates, a drop in non-gold exports and inflation

Because of these factors the state subsidy to the province had been cut by R50,6 million

Mr Cruywagen said the subsidy cut was part of the country's comprehensive economic strategy and was in the national interest at this stage

"But it is also the cause of innumerable problems for this province, in curtailing the services for which it is responsible," he said

Among cuts Mr Cruywagen has ordered in an attempt to balance the budget are

- Cancellation of the contract for hostels at the Pretoria Onderwyskollege and the deferment of services which have not yet gone out to tender — a saving of R4,4-million
- A 50 percent cut in requests for linen replacement at provincial hospitals
- A saving of R5,4 million in supplies for hospitals
- Cuts amounting to R15 million in the road-building programme because no capital growth is allowed by the treasury
- Scrapping a travelling library in the Pretoria region

A summary of the budget shows that R179,8 million has been allocated for general administration, R471,7 million for education and R166,5 million for works

Hospitals and health services administration will get R23,8 million and Provincial Hospitals and institutions R448,1 million

The amount for roads and bridges is R245,8 million — R9,2 million less than last year, local government will get R13,7 million, museum and library services R5,5 million and nature conservation R6,9 million.

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Mr Gene Louw

Wage gap: Louw and PFP agree

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Provincial Staff

THE Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, yesterday expressed his "total agreement" with the Opposition that the wage gap based on race in the provincial service should be ended.

Mr Louw reaffirmed a stand he took soon after becoming Administrator, that salaries should be paid to men or women, black or white, on their service and not on the basis of other considerations

"I wish that the financial situation was such that we could close the wage gap faster, and that we could end it," Mr Louw told the Provincial Council in replying to the budget debate

Mr Frank van der Velde (PFP, Wynberg) interjected: "It would be the best investment you could make"

Mr Louw said the central Government was already committed to ending the wage gap On this issue there was agreement

The Administrator emphasised the urgent need for adequate beach and holiday facilities for all in the Cape, and said funds would have to be made available to solve a real problem

"A TRIUMPH"

He agreed with members that environmental and conservation officers were inadequately paid for their work, and said an urgent plea would be made direct to the Cabinet Minister concerned for better pay and conditions of service for these men.

The Administrator said that in the present financial conditions he regarded the Cape's 1982-83 budget as "nothing less than a triumph".

The Executive Committee and senior officials had been able to cut expenditure to the extent that the budget could be balanced without any increase in taxes or service fees.

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INADEQUATE

At the same time he was convinced the channels between the provincial administration and central Government were inadequate and had to be improved

He announced that, in future, unmarried permanent provincial employees, regardless of race, would be entitled to the same housing subsidies as applied to married personnel This included widows, widowers and divorced people.

As from March 1, all black personnel could belong to a medical aid scheme.

Housing subsidy for single people

CAPE TIMES 20/5/82 261

Staff Reporter

A NEW housing subsidy for unmarried people as well as a medical-aid scheme for blacks was announced by the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, during the second reading of the budget in the Provincial Council yesterday

The housing subsidy will apply on a non-racial basis to unmarried permanent officials of the public sector, including widows, widowers and divorcees

The scheme, which became operable on April 1, applies to bonds of up to R40 000

"The subsidy payable will be worked out on the difference between an interest rate of three percent (in respect of people earning a salary equal to or less than R18 288 annually) and four percent (in respect of people whose salaries are higher than R18 288 annually) on the one hand and, on the other hand, two fixed average interest rates which will be calculated on the prevailing differentiated interest rates that building societies attach to bonds of R25 000 and above," Mr Louw explained.

Example

Giving an example, Mr Louw said that an unmarried permanent official who had a bond of R30 000 and received a salary of less than R18 288, would be entitled to a monthly housing subsidy of R221 as from April 1

Mr Louw said the Commission for Administration was still busy investigating the possibility of housing subsidies for people living in rented accommodation

Announcing a medical-aid scheme for black personnel in the public sector, Mr Louw said the scheme was known as the "Bonitas Medical Fund" and was launched on March 1

'Voluntary'

All blacks employed by the Provincial Administration were eligible

"Membership of the scheme is voluntary but persons who were already in service on March 1, 1982 have 12 months in which to elect whether or not to become members, whilst persons joining the service on or after March 1 must elect immediately whether they wish to become members of the scheme or not," Mr Louw said

He added that the cabinet had already made R100 000 available as initial capital for the scheme and that it had decided members' contributions should be subsidized at a rate of 60 percent by all participating employer organizations — the same rate as for whites, Indians and coloured personnel in the public sector

Benefits

The rules of the scheme provided for 80 percent benefits for consultative services and 100 percent for non-consultative services such as surgical procedures and hospitalization

Member contributions ranged from R1,60 to R9,60 a month depending on the member's salary and number of dependants

Tvl budget: Huge cuts, tariffs up

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By GERALD REILLY
Pretoria Bureau

DRASTIC cuts in spending by virtually all provincial services were announced yesterday when the Transvaal administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, tabled a grim budget in the Provincial Council.

The budget — hit by a massive R50-million State subsidy cut — reflects the critical financial plight of not only the province, but also of the central Government.

In a record budget of R1 562 107 000 — limiting spending increases to a mere 4,5% or R67 499 000 against an inflation rate of more than 15% — the Administrator believes the shortfall will ammount to R19-million

The only way to reduce this indicated deficit to a manageable level was to increase hospital fees, motor licence and motoring charges, and the contribution by parents to the transportation of pupils

Higher hospital tariffs would add R14 700 000 and higher motor vehicle charges R27-million

Departmental demands had been cut "to the bone" — a maximum of 5% growth — to try to hold spending down to the level of revenue plus the State subsidy. And further cuts were envisaged, he said

The gravity of the economic situation could not be overemphasised. The outlook was gloomy

Recent economic setbacks included the sharp drop in the gold price — from an average of $613 in 1980 to $460 in 1981, and the further decline to $320 in 1982 — higher interest rates in the most important industrialised countries, and the weakening of world economies, which adversely affected South Africa's exports, he said

Mr Cruywagen said the R50-million State subsidy cut was part of a more comprehensive economic strategy — but it was causing innumerable problems for the province And it was impossible to provide all the services which were part of the administration's responsibility on the province's own revenue plus the State subsidy, he said

This meant difficult — even unpopular — decisions would have to be made in dealing with the draft estimates for 1982/3

In spite of the drastic expenditure curtailments, the expected expenditure could not be trimmed down to fall within the limits of the expected revenue

Mr Cruywagen said the estimated expenditure of R1 562 107 000 did not provide for salary increases effective from April 1, nor did the Treasury take the increases into account in determining the provincial subsidy allocation

Provision for the salary increases would be made in the additional estimates for 1982/83

Details of the budget include

- Salaries and wages bills of R722 464 000 — R28 169 000 or 4,06% higher than the year before,
- General administration costs of R179 883 000 — up R11 772 000 or 7%,
- Spending on education up by 5,25% or R23 546 000 to R471 790 000, and,
- An amount of R448 104 000 for hospitals and institutions — an increase of R28 521 000 or 6,8%,
- A cut in the roads and bridges vote of R9 223 000 or 3,6% to R245 862 000
- A drop in the works vote of R1 160 000 or 0,69% to R166 515 000

On the works vote, the administator said maintenance costs would rise by R2 263 000 because a large number of artisans had resigned, and work would now have to go out to private contractors

Drastic cuts had meant a R33-million contract for the erection of hostels at the new Pretoria Onderwyskollege had had to be cancelled, and other tenders not yet called for were being held in abeyance

Louw stresses need to end race wage gap in provincial service

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Post Correspondent

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The second reading of the 1982-83 Appropriation Draft Ordinance, to apply R1 313 064 000 to the running of the affairs of the Cape during the year, was approved in a division by 42 votes to 10

The PFP opposed the approval

Mayor to

High staff turnover due to low salaries

CAPE TIMES 25/5/82 (26)

Staff Reporter

THE Cape Provincial Administration's computer centre, one of the biggest in the country, had had difficulty keeping its staff because of the higher salaries offered by the private sector to highly-qualified computer technicians

This was stated by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, in the Provincial Council yesterday

The staff shortage at the computer centre had now become intolerable and this was the reason why the Provincial Administration had entered into a contract with a private computer company

Mr Louw invited Mr Geoff Everingham, MPC for Pinelands and Opposition spokesman on finance, to visit the centre

Mr Everingham, who previously said he was concerned about why it was necessary for the province to spend a total of R1,6-million over three years on consultants to the centre, accepted the invitation

● Arrangements to develop and preserve the area surrounding the Post Office Tree at Mossel Bay in preparation for the 500th anniversary of the landing there by Bartholomew Diaz were under way, Mr Piet Loubser, MEC, announced in the Provincial Council yesterday

The celebrations would take place in 1988

● Notice of a motion calling for legislation to limit off-road motor vehicles to prevent the destruction of the environment and eliminate the danger to the public was given by Mr J B de R van Gend, MPC for Constantia in the council yesterday

Mr Van Gend said he would move the motion on Thursday He would also call for areas to be set aside for the recreational use of off-road motor vehicles

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Mushrooms – the slimmers' friend

Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — It seems Alice was on to a good thing when she nibbled a mushroom in Wonderland and grew smaller — experiments show that mushrooms are slimming

So if you can't force another grape or grape fruit down and you don't believe plump is pretty, try a mushroom

That mushrooms act as an appetite suppressant was discovered incidentally during experiments to determine the protein value of dehydrated mushrooms

RATS FED

When rats were fed mushrooms with other foods the turned their noses up at most of the food

Scientists at the National Food Research Institute at the CSIR in Pretoria soon narrowed the cause down to the inclusion of mushrooms in the diet and discovered some interesting things about the saprophyte

Cooked or raw mushrooms when dehydrated, are extremely water absorbent and swell to fill the stomach

As well as feeling you have had enough to eat after a helping of mushrooms you can feel secure in the knowledge that at least 30 percent will not be digested and returned in the body

Dr J Drever head of the biological evaluation division at the NFRI says he suspects mushrooms remain in the stomach longer than most foods thus staving off hunger pains

However mushrooms are the slimmer's friend when they have been dehydrated

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RED BACKING

TOKYO — The Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua said in Peking yesterday that China continued to support African countries in their struggle toward "liberation and economic development the official Xinhua news agency reported — Sapa-

Cape hospital costs up R49-m

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Provincial Staff

THE RUNNING of provincial hospitals in the Cape this year will cost R422-million compared with R373-million last year with the daily cost of a hospital bed rising to almost R72 at teaching hospitals

The increase of R49 million, or 13 percent, includes administrative costs of provincial hospitals staff salaries, stores and working costs of the hospitals and their associated services such as laboratories maternity units and nursing colleges

Answering questions by Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP, Green Point) in the Provincial Council Mr Piet Loubser MEC in charge of hospital services gave the average daily cost of hospital beds at April 1 this year throughout the Cape

FIGURES

The figures are Groote Schuur R71 51 Tygerberg R71,92 Somerset R46 76 Woodstock R33 41 Red Cross R62 43 Victoria (Wynberg) R45,58 False Bay (Fish Hoek) R33 57 Provincial Hospital (Port Elizabeth) R47 85 Livingstone R29 91 Frere (East London) R31 74 and Kimberley R32 58

Budget figures for 1982-83 show that the province will spend R188 7-million on teaching hospitals this year, compared with R165-million last year

Figures for the regional services (with last years running costs in brackets) are Western Cape R94 6-million (R83 7-million) Eastern Cape R81-million (R71 8 million) Border R33-million (R29 0million) and Northern Cape R24 9-million (R22 1-million)

BUDGET

Budget votes set aside R125-million for the teaching hospitals — R68 million for the Groote Schuur group and R57-million for the Tygerberg group

The Groote Schuur group includes the Carinus Nursing College, the Mowbray and Peninsula maternity hospitals, the Avalon Treatment Centre, the Red Cross Hospital and the Nico Malan Nursing College

The Tygerberg group includes the Otto du Plessis and Sarleh Dollie nursing colleges and a district midwifery service

● See page 25

Vaal take four title

Alan Simmonds
Argus Bridge Correspondent

VANDERBIJLPARK — Transvaal retained the South African team of four bridge title when they comprehensively won an 80-board final by 261—89 at the South African sponsored bridge congress at the Holiday Inn here last night

They were always in command against a Durban/Johannesburg side of Petra Mansell Cris Gower and Judy and Hymie Osie who saw their hopes dashed as aggressive bidding and superb card play by the champions offered them little respite

It was in the third set of 16 boards that the score soared from a difference of two points to 63

In the next 16 boards Eber added another 60 to put the issue beyond doubt

The final of the Congress Trophy was a dour affair with the original No 1 seeds for the whole tournament — Marty Novic Marsden Kaye Goodman Cope and Mervis—enjoying a comfortable passage through against the Port Elizabeth/Durban side of Strelitz Anderson Hill and Linder by 208—123

The finals of the SABI Plate went to Nestoridis who overcame a 32-point deficit in the last 16 boards to snatch a dramatic tie with Smolian Smith. Mavdeski Williams and Copeling on 114 each before winning 127—119 after an extra eight boards

'Discrimination' in US — SA doctor sues

Argus Bureau

NEW YORK — A South African doctor a member of Michael de Bakey's world famous heart surgery team in Houston Texas has charged in a law suit he was discriminated against because he is Jewish

Dr Stuart Linde and another anaesthetist at the Baylor College of Medicine where Professor de Bakey is chancel

they earn about R100 000 The college is also paid

Dr Linde said yesterday he and a colleague had brought the suit 'merely as an effort to get compensation There is a principle involved

He said he had not been discriminated against in America because he was Jewish — except for the Saud programme

for ourselves but also for others who have been affected"

Dr Linde moved to America three years ago He came, he said "to get a broader education to see America to travel

He was emphatic he had not left for political reasons

'South Africans love to hear that someone has left the country and found there was [illegible]

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6 ambulancemen complete course

Staff Reporter

SIX Cape Town ambulancemen this week received certificates after completing the advanced Ambulance Medical Assistant I course

The chief training officer for the Cape Province, Mr J L P Victer, said yesterday that the six were the first to complete the course

He said the specialized course had included a week's training at the spinal unit at Conradie Hospital, Pinelands, and training at the heart unit at Groote Schuur Hospital. The new course, which started last month, follows the Ambulance Medical Assistant course, operative since June 1978

The men chosen for the advanced course were specially selected and had to be registered medical assistants

This meant they must have treated up to 200 patients without a query

During the course, special attention was given to spinal injuries and in future it would be these men who would fetch this type of patient, either by ambulance or aircraft, instead of qualified physiotherapists, as was usually the case

The men were also taught how to use electric shock pads to defibrellate an erratic pulsating heart (restore the normal heart beat pattern) and to read the print-out tape of a cardiograph machine

Cape has not given orders to district surgeons

Weekend Post Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — No specific instructions have been issued by the Cape Provincial Administration to district surgeons in regard to evidence of assault or injury to people awaiting trial or in detention

In the Provincial Council, Mrs Di Bishop (PFP, Gardens) asked whether there were instructions to district surgeons who found evidence of assault or injury to people detained in police custody, who were awaiting trial or serving a period of imprisonment

Mr Piet Loubser, MEC in charge of hospital services, replied "The actions of district surgeons and medical officers are dictated by their ethical codes

"However, guidelines have been published by the State Department of Health and Welfare in a booklet entitled *The Medical Practitioner in the Health Service*

"Copies have been furnished to district surgeons

"It is not considered necessary to issue this booklet to medical officers in the service of the province, as all the categories of patients referred to are seen by a district surgeon before being referred to a hospital"

Natal to probe 'wasted' millions

ALMOST R2-million has been spent by the Natal Provincial Administration on education projects — many of which have been abandoned or shelved.

Of 42 educational or related projects — involving R1 821 803 in consultants' fees — 27 have been abandoned.

The report of the Natal Provincial Administration auditor lists the projects under the heading 'Ineffectual planning of educational projects"

The report also mentions (as disclosed by the Sunday Express last week) that a further R706 532 in "fruitless expenditure" was incurred on consultants' fees for an opera house in Walnut Street, Durban, which was never built.

Mr Ray Haslam, MEC in charge of education and building services, said he could not comment on this expenditure because the matter still had to be investigated by a select committee

"This committee will look at various aspects of the report and then report back to the executive committee," Mr Haslam said "It is better for me not to comment on the matter until it has been properly considered"

In his report the provincial auditor said that, as it was his duty to investigate the use of public money for services which he believed could be wasteful, inefficient or not conducive to the best interests of the province, he had asked the accounting officer for his comments

By MIKE CADMAN

The reasons given by the accounting officer for the expenditure are included in the report.

"I was advised that the difficult financial climate of the past few years had necessitated the introduction of stringent fiscal measures which, coupled with a swing in emphasis from education to hospital services, had resulted in fully documented plans having to be abandoned

"To regularise the matter the circumstances were referred to the executive committee and, on the recommendation of the director of education, authority was granted for the abandonment of 27 of the projects and the acceptance of a debit of R1 130 497,58"

Mr 'Fatty' Bozas, MPC, chairman of the select committee which will review the auditors' report, said the expenditure would be checked and a report made to the executive committee in November

● Piem Fourie — all set to put a price on the head of SA's most beautiful frog. Picture by DENIS FARRELL

He's got the insurers on the hop

SOME people insure their legs, their faces or their figures. Pensioner Piem Fourie, 63, wants to insure his bullfrog — but so far none of the big insurance companies have taken the risk.

"I've been battling to find a policy for months," says Mr Fourie, who lives with his wife, Susie, aged 61, in Germiston

"Even my son, Pyp, who's in insurance, refuses to insure my frog."

And it's no ordinary frog that Mr Fourie wants to insure — it's Biesiepol, South Africa's biggest bullfrog

Susie Fourie is also famous in the frog world — she's listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the owner of the world frog-jumping record On May 21, in a frog derby at the Lurula Natal Spa in Paulpietersburg, Natal, her female South African sharp-nosed frog, Santjie, made three consecutive hops totalling a staggering 10,3m.

Biesiepol has just returned from a successful tour of the South Coast and is now in hibernation for the winter.

"I want to insure him for about R500, though his value is incalculable," said Mr Fourie. "It's not even against death or injury — it's just in case he hops away one day and doesn't come back."

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Civil defence 'can't do without women'

Mercury Reporter

THE Mayor of Durban, Mrs Sybil Hotz, said yesterday that more women should be drawn into civil defence organisations as they were fully capable of doing an efficient job in the service.

Speaking at the inaugural conference of civil defence officers at the City Hall, Mrs Hotz said there were only a few women in service with the civil defence, especially in the major cities.

'If you expect this country to have an adequate back-up system to the military forces, then you cannot do without women,' she told the delegates.

She said there was a real and urgent need for the public to become more actively involved in civil defence. Mrs Hotz said that it was regrettable that the private sector's attitude towards the dangers of contemporary society were 'it will never happen to me'.

Press

The Chief Civil Defence Officer of Pretoria, Mr M Beukes, emphasised the importance of co-operation between civil defence officers and members of the Press.

Mr Beukes said that in a disaster information should be given to the Press who could pass it on to the public.

He also added that the media was a vital link between the civil defence organisation and the public in bringing to their attention the work carried out by the organisation in a disaster.

Mr Rod Douglas, Civil Defence Officer of Cape Town, presented a paper on Emergency Planning in the Western Cape.

He also used slides to illustrate civil defence exercises done on the Cape Peninsula.

KwaZulu land swop plot dropped

ORMANDE POLLOK
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN—The question of swopping the Umfolosi and Hluhluwe game reserves for land in KwaZulu would not be pursued further, Dr Piet Koornnof Minister of Co-operation and Development, said yesterday.

He had just informed the full Natal Executive Committee, led by the Administrator, Mr Stoffel Botha, on the background to the issue.

Dr Koornhof said that nothing had ever been 'on the table' and that his original talks with Chief Minister of KwaZulu Chief Gatsha Buthelezi had been purely exploratory

'The matter will rest now,' he said after the talks with the Natal delegation

'However, I have given the undertaking that if the situation should change for any reason I will deal closely with the Exco and all other parties'

Mr Botha said before returning to Natal that he was satisfied with the minister's explanation that the approach to KwaZulu had been exploratory

Transvaal financial crisis looms

GERALD REILLY looks at the Transvaal Provincial Council session which ended yesterday.

THE Transvaal, trapped in a pincer between a dynamic demand for provincial services and a growing shortage of funds, is in a state of near crisis

This became clear from the five-week session of the Provincial Council which ended yesterday in Pretoria's old Raadsaal

The Transvaal has become a magnet for thousands of workers and their families from other provinces, its industrial might is spreading, and the consequent need for expansion in all services provided by the province has had to be curbed because of the economic stringency thrust on the province by central government

The already inadequate subsidy was cut further for the current financial year by R50-million, and, in spite of repeated meetings with the Minister of Finance, Mr Owen Horwood, in which the province's plight has been laid on the line, the admiministrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, came home empty-handed

The result is that there has been a virtual development freeze imposed on the province

The MEC in charge of works, Mr John Griffiths, admitted the position was so serious his department was forced not to put any new works out to tender this year

He warned that at least for the immediate future the province would have to live in an austere environment

Not only has the province been forced to call a halt to development but there is even doubt whether the R30-million set aside for repair and maintenance work will be sufficient

Big backlogs in schools, in new roads and in other vital areas will build up and the ultimate costs of providing them, assuming an economic recovery, will be crippling without massive Government aid

The root problem is the province's lack of revenue sources These are limited to betting and horseracing taxation, licence fees and hospital tariffs and a few other insubstantial sources

As the administrator pointed out, only 17% of the province's total financial needs come from these sources

For the rest the executive committee has to go cap in hand to the central government

This year hospital and hunting fees were raised, as well as charges for car licences and other associated charges, like vehicle registration fees

But the additional revenue will be a drop in the bucket, when measured against the dire need

The administrator has not attempted to conceal the province's financial crisis He has emphasised the vain efforts made to get more development funds from the Government

Background to these efforts is that the Transvaal, which generates more than 40% of the country's wealth, is not getting its fair share of the taxes collected in the province

Another restraint on development is the chronic shortage of skilled staff in provincial departments Because of this, work which could be done far cheaper by the departments is being farmed out to the private sector at enormous cost

The roads department, for instance, has an overall shortage of 27%, and more than half the skilled posts are empty

The MEC in charge of hospitals, Dr Servaas Latsky admitted, too, that the nursing shortage was more serious this year than it was 12 months ago An alarming 40% shortage is keeping wards in many provincial hospitals closed

In the new Johannesburg Hospital alone more than 1 000 beds stand empty because there are not enough nurses

The disappearance of free education was also foreshadowed during the session

The Minister of National Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, warned 18 months ago that the Government could no longer foot the entire bill for education

This was also indicated in the De Lange Commission Report

In the council, the MEC in charge of education, Mr Fanie Schoeman, said he did not want to be over-hasty, or to cause unnecessary unrest among parents, but parents and the private sector would have to become more involved financially in maintaining education standards

Two other education issues also caused uproars during the session — the controversial veld schools, and mixed school sport

The Progressive Federal Party spokesman, Mr Peter Nixon, stressed the grave psychological damage which could be done at veld schools

The PFP said the schools were "paramilitary camps" and that the underlying motive behind them was indoctrination in Nat political theory.

However, the NP-dominated council rejected the Opposition claims, and presumably the "indoctrination" will continue, although Mr Fanie Schoeman did promise to investigate any "substantial" complaints against the schools

Opposition members also attacked the new two league sports policy in Transvaal schools — one for "purist" whites, and the other for schools prepared to play with mixed schools, as a perpetuation of the discrimination which marred the Administrator's Cup tournaments

One thing that did not happen during the session, in spite of strong expectations, was the defection of Nat Party councillors to join five earlier defectors to the Conservative Party

At least after the big Nat Party Cape Town caucus meetings of MPs and MPCs on June 5, when the Nat Party's "healthy" power-sharing policy seemed to be confirmed, some of the unhappy fence sitters — there's a clutch of them in the Nat benches — were expected to cross the floor

However, nary a move was made

A tribute to the five CP members, who stood up well to the barrage of interjections hurled at them by their former colleagues when they spoke.

However, what they said was something else — something even more unacceptable than the well-drilled puppet responses and views of Nat Party members

A tribute, too, to the leader of the Opposition, Mr Douglas Gibson, who has developed into an aggressive, well-informed and balanced speaker He led his small team of nine MPCs well, and their contribution to debates was outstanding

A feature was the excellently researched speeches of PFP members

Now it s over for another year — except for the short little budget session in February — and who knows whether, in fact, there will be another session

If the President's Council has it its way the system may be drastically changed It may even go the same way as the Senate — into history as another relic of NP's aversion to the "imperialistic Westminster" system of government

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Children help our Snowball

Mail Reporter

THE efforts of Glenhazel Primary School pupils will enable some less fortunate people to sleep a little warmer this winter

Hundreds of little fingers have been busy all year, knitting woollen squares for the children's mothers to make up into blankets Now those blankets are with the Rand Daily Mail's Operation Snowball and helpers will soon be able to distribute them to needy people of all races

If you have any blankets or warm clothing you don't expect to use again, Operation Snowball will be very pleased to receive them The main receiving depot is at Pipecraft, 52 Third Street, Wynberg

Delayed TED loans leave students teachers in lurch

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Education Reporter

HUNDREDS of student teachers are unhappy at delays of several weeks in the payment of their Transvaal Education Department (TED) loans

The first instalment of the loans was to have been paid by about mid-May — but they have only just reached Wits and the Rand Afrikaans University (RAU)

And about 60 education students at Wits are still waiting for their payments

The amounts, ranging between R1 956 and R3 000, are credited to students' university accounts, and any balance after fees have been paid is given to students

Payment delays can cause the university administrative headaches and serious inconvenience to students

More than R1-million is involved at Wits

Yesterday a Wits administration official said TED officials had spent two days on the campus personally giving out late cheques to students

She said it was unfortunate matriculants who applied for TED loans had not been told payments were made as late as June

"It seems there has been something of a breakdown of the system"

A RAU spokesman confirmed they had also experienced delays

One student teacher quoted in a campus newspaper said "You disappear off computer lists, and no-one can tell you how much you are getting or when you are getting it"

"Personal planning becomes impossible"

Another second-year student said "We have to live until the middle of the year on vacation job money or handouts"

A senior TED official said last night the matter would be "speedily investigated"

Murder case man tells of scented dagga

UMTATA — A Johannesburg worker, charged with the murder of a nursing sister and a man, told the Umtata Supreme Court yesterday that he and two other men wrapped dagga in pinafores and sprayed it with perfume before packing in it suitcases

Mr Mdelisemi Bekuyise Ciya, 30, has pleaded not guilty before the Chief Justice, Mr Justice J J Hefer, to the shooting of Mrs Florida Tetyana and Mr Mthobi Msebe at Candu near Idutywa on March 9 this year

He said two companions, Mr K Mkhize and Mr Msebe Mabaso, came with him from Johannesburg to buy dagga in the Transkei

Mr Mkhize was shot dead in a Butterworth hotel and Mr Mabaso is still being sought by the police in connection with the murders

Mr Ciya told the court it was their practice to wrap dagga in pinafores before spraying it with perfume to avoid detection

He had been carrying a knife, he said

The hearing continues — Sapa

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Britons flock to the south

London Bureau

LONDON — Emigration from recession-hit Britain to South Africa more than doubled from 11 000 in 1980 to 23 000 last year

Emigration to Australia increased by 10 000 to 46 000 and to Canada by 4 000 to 23 000

At the same time immigration to Britain fell last year by 12% to 153 000 in spite of the overall increase on 1980 immigration from new African Commonwealth countries — and from Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka

Numbers from the African Commonwealth increased from 11 000 to 12 000 while those from Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka rose from 14 000 to 18 000

Although the most recent figures show a number of black immigrants are still getting into the country — despite the Tories stringent immigration laws — authorities point out the figures would have been far greater had restrictions not been introduced

Afghans in war of propaganda

KABUL — Afghan commu-

Land deal: NRP to call special sitting

Political Reporter

AN URGENTLY called meeting of the provincial council will discuss the holding of a referendum in Natal among whites, coloureds and Indians on the 'arrogant' Government plan to hand the Ingwavuma district to Swaziland.

Mr Frank Martin, leader of the provincial council, will seek talks with KwaZulu's Chief Minister, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, to ascertain what steps KwaZulu is considering — including a referendum — and whether joint action can be taken.

And as public opposition to the deal gathers momentum, Mr Ray Swart, Natal leader of the Progressive Federal Party, said in a statement yesterday that the PFP and Inkatha had held discussions on launching a joint petition next week objecting to the proposals. Discussions with the KwaZulu leadership had been arranged for next week.

'We believe that the issue transcends ordinary party political differences and we will seek the assistance of all interested parties and organisations to ensure that signatures are obtained from the largest possible number of Natal and KwaZulu citizens.'

The New Republic Party's head committee released a plan of action yesterday aimed at seeking the support and the canvassing of attitudes of the public over the land deal.

Special sitting

The plan includes the circulation of petitions, the holding of a series of public meetings in Natal as soon as possible and the calling of a special sitting of the provincial council, which is dominated by the NRP, within about three weeks

A special sitting can be called at any time by the Administrator — considered unlikely in Natal's case because the Administrator is appointed by the National Party Government — or by a petition signed by a majority of MPCs and handed to the provincial council's chairman. The chairman has to give all MPCs seven days notice of the sitting

A special sitting of the council was last held 21 years ago, on October 31, 1960, after a nation-wide referendum had shown the majority of whites to be in favour of South Africa becoming a republic

Mr Ron Miller, the NRP's Natal leader, said the head committee had been unanimous in its condemnation of Government action over Ingwavuma and KaNgwane.

Two resolutions relating to the issue had been adopted Mr Martin, as leader of the provincial council, was called upon to initiate steps for a special sitting of the council to discuss the holding of a referendum

In the second resolution, the NRP and its Natal head committee 'condemns out of hand the arrogant attitude and decisions of the Government'.

Mr Miller said 'If the Government is allowed to get away with this kind of high-handed action, the ramifications for the rest of South Africa are momentous This will create a precedent regarding claims on territory and promotion of Nat ideology at the expense of the citizens of South Africa It must be stopped at all costs'

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Inkatha and PFP to mount joint protest

Cape Times 24/6/82 (ACR) (16) (26) (BLW)

Own Correspondent

ULUNDI — The Inkatha movement and the Progressive Federal Party will launch a public petition and a series of joint public meetings on the issue of the incorporation of Ingwavuma into Swaziland

This was announced last night by the Chief Minister of Kwazulu and president of Inkatha Chief Gatsha Buthelezi and the Natal leader of the PFP Mr Ray Swart

In a joint statement the two leaders said they were deeply conscious of the enormous public outrage in Natal and Kwazulu over the proposed handing over of Ingwavuma and other areas to Swaziland, in terms of agreement which was to be formally entered into by the South African Government

The leaders said the land which the South African cabinet was proposing to give away did not belong to the National Party or to the cabinet

It belonged to the people of South Africa and especially the people of Natal

Botha and Natal on collision course

Cape Times 24/6/82 (267)

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, and the Natal Provincial Council were heading for a direct clash yesterday over the planned referendum on the Swaziland land deal

There will be a special meeting in Pretoria tomorrow between two senior cabinet ministers and the Natal Executive Committee on the issue

Mr Botha has rejected the Provincial Council's competence to hold a referendum on the matter Mr Frank Martin, senior member of the Natal Executive Committee, has confirmed that the New Republic Party (NRP), the majority party in the council, still intends to hold a referendum

The controversy over the decision to cede Ingwavuma and Kangwane to Swaziland was fuelled when

Rebuked

● Mr Botha rebuked Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, Chief Minister of Kwazulu, for making "insulting" references to the Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha, and the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof

● Dr Koornhof declared that the proposed "border adjustments" did not mean land belonging to South Africa was being given away

● Black civil servants in Kangwane went on strike in protest against last week's dissolution of the Kangwane Legislative Assembly

Mr Botha's rebuke came after Chief Buthelezi, who has vigorously opposed the transfer of Ingwavuma and Kangwane to Swaziland, described Mr Pik Botha as the "skunk" behind the land deal and Dr Koornhof as a "wolf in sheep's clothing"

Jurisdiction

In response to a question on the land transfer, the Prime Minister said "This matter concerns certain black nations, including an independent black state and it does not fall within the jurisdiction of a provincial council to hold a referendum on such an issue"

Mr Botha added "Insofar as the interests of Natal are affected it is envisaged that Ministers Koornhof and Horwood will hold further discussions with the Administrator of Natal and his Executive Committee The idea is that important proposals be made to Natal"

Disagreed

Mr Martin — who confirmed that the executive committee will meet Dr Koornhof and Mr Owen Horwood, Minister of Finance, in Pretoria tomorrow — disagreed with Mr Botha

He said the excision of Ingwavuma from Kwazulu would affect Natal because of proposals to give Kwazulu the Mkuzi,

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Hluhluwe and Umfolozi game reserves as compensation

He reaffirmed that the NRP would formally ask for a referendum to be held among Natal's whites coloured people and Indians when the Provincial Council meets in special session next week

'Insulting'

In a message conveyed to Chief Buthelezi by the Commissioner-General for Kwazulu Mr P N Hansmever, the Prime Minister said "The South African Government takes the strongest possible exception to the insulting language used in respect of South African cabinet ministers

Chief Buthelezi declined to comment, as his references to Mr Pik Botha and Dr Koorhof were backed by the Kwazulu cabinet and he wanted to discuss it with them first

Dr Koornhof yesterday appealed for calm saying The government is not disposing of land belonging to the Republic of South Africa but is negotiating border adjustments which have been in dispute for more than 80 years

He pledged 'The government will satisfy itself regarding the true feelings of the people concerned

Appeals, insults at council sitting on Ingwavuma

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Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — Members of the Natal Provincial Council yesterday spent five hours hurling appeals and insults at each other before calling — by way of a split vote — on the Government to ensure that the people of Ingwavuma were given a say in their own destiny.

The special council sitting on the Ingwavuma Swazi land deal started only after a two-hour delay while the Nationalist opposition fought to prevent it being held at all, on technical grounds

In all, seven members of the ruling New Republic Party, supported by the sole representative of the Progressive Federal Party, rose to denounce the Government for "raping the borders" of South Africa "betraying a sacred trust" in guarding its land and infuriating the largest black group in the country, the Zulus

TRUST

The five Nationalist members described the debate variously as a "storm in a teacup' and "an irrelevance" while pleading for trust and faith in the Prime Minister, Mr PW Botha who, they said had the best interests of the country at heart

Much of the debate in the Provincial Council centred on the historical claims of the Swazis to Ingwavuma, with Mr Derrine Stainbank MEC and the Leader of the Opposition Mr Thys Wessels, quoting extensively from references in support of their standpoints

REFERENDUM

Several NRP speakers, including the Leader of the House Mr Frank Martin said however, that if a referendum among the people affected proved they did in fact want to join Swaziland the NRP would have no further objection

A Nationalist speaker, Mr Robbie Viljoen (Port Natal) gave an assurance that consultations with the people of Ingwavuma would take place once they no longer fell under the jurisdiction of Kwazulu

Another thorny question was whether the NRP provincial councillors had been consulted on the issue

Mr Wessels said the presence on the Eastern Region committee of Van der Walt Consolidation Commission several years ago of NRP commissioners and observers disproved their claim to ignorance

DENIAL

The NRP in turn pointed out that no decision on the incorporation of Ingavuma was taken, and denied that the matter had even been discussed in their presence

Mr Martin called on the government "in the interests of democracy to take all steps in its power or at its disposal — including the summoning of Parliament for the enactment of suitable legislation should this be necessary — to ensure that the views of the people affected are obtained by the way of referendums and given effect to as early a date as possible"

The motion was carried by 12 votes to 5 after a division

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Hint by Piet pleases the PFP

African Affairs Correspondent

THE possibility of black urban areas obtaining representation on provincial councils in South Africa was a step forward and was to be welcomed, the PFP spokesman on urban blacks, Mr Graham McIntosh, said yesterday

Mr McIntosh, who is MP for Pietermaritzburg North, was commenting on remarks by Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co operation and Development, that ways of setting up machinery for urban black representation at regional level were under investigation by the department

'Without representation at regional level, the urban black could seek a say on provincial councils

Mr McIntosh said Dr Koornhof's remarks had to be treated with great circumspection

He had the 'unhappy knack' of qualifying to the extent of invalidating previous statements

He said the minister's utterances were in keeping with the spirit of the new Black Local Authorities Act which would give black townships genuine and effective municipal status

'The PFP welcomes any attempt by the Government to grapple with the real issues of South Africa rather than moving in the realm of myths,' he added

Ticket sale row — four face action

By Erik Larsen, East Rand Bureau

Disciplinary steps are to be taken against four Transvaal provincial traffic inspectors who forced blacks to buy tickets to a whites-only traffic ball.

This was announced today in Pretoria by the head of the Transvaal Provincial Traffic Department, Mr G W van der Veen.

He said a departmental investigation had shown that four Springs provincial traffic inspectors were responsible for selling tickets to blacks.

"What the inspectors did was most irregular. It did not have the sanction of the TPA and departmental steps will be taken against them," said Mr van der Veen.

It had not yet been decided what form the disciplinary steps would take, he said.

The ticket-selling storm broke early last week when it was disclosed that six blacks, on their way to visit their families in Kusgarand, were stopped by two provincial traffic inspectors near Bronkhorstspruit.

The six were forced to buy R5 tickets to the annual TPA ball, which was to be held at Bapsfontein on November 5.

A visitor from Swaziland, Mr J Nyoni, was also stopped by provincial traffic inspectors at a speed trap on the Johannesburg - Witbank highway, near the Delmas off-ramp, after being caught doing 111 km/h in a 100 km zone.

He was issued with a

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Ticket sales: action to be taken

R50 summons and told by the inspectors to pay a further R20.

They then handed him the summons and four R5 tickets to the ball.

The controversy took a further twist when the owners and licensee of the Bapsfontein Hotel, where the dance was to be held, decided to cancel the TPA's booking because of the adverse publicity generated by the sale of tickets to blacks.

Mr van der Veen said all the blacks who had been forced to buy tickets would be given their money back. Several had already been refunded.

"The whole incident has done my department quite a lot of harm," he said.

KwaZulu-Natal liaison a possibility

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African Affairs Correspondent

SUGGESTIONS for low-key administrative liaison between Natal and KwaZulu are being studied and 'certain messages' may be conveyed to the Administrator of Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha, through the Commissioner-General for the Zulu people, Mr P N Hansmeyer

A statement to this effect was released in Ulundi yesterday after a meeting of the KwaZulu Planning, Co-ordinating and Advisory Committee

The KwaZulu Cabinet did not discuss the New Republic Party's forum to negotiate a new system of multiracial government in the Province at their meeting yesterday

The statement said the advisory committee was unable to take a political decision

Acceptance by KwaZulu of the proposals is vital if they are to succeed Chief Gatsha Buthelezi has said the NRP's refusal to sign the Buthelezi commission represented a stumbling-block

Mystery links of the top Nat MEC candidate

S. Express 29/8/82

THE leading Nationalist candidate for the post of MEC in charge of hospital services in the Transvaal, Mr B D T Boshoff, has for several years had mysterious ties with the province's largest supplier of drugs and medical equipment.

By MARTIN WELZ, Political Correspondent

Although he says he has left South African Druggists completely, he continues to use the office of Taylor and Horne, an SA Druggists' subsidiary in Pretoria's Medical Centre, as his city calling address

When I called at the office — a depot for dental supplies — this week, the manageress, a Mrs Viviers, told me that Mr Boshoff called at the office every day to use the telephone and collect messages

"He is in SA Druggists top management and is involved in several of their companies," she said

Mr Boshoff, MPC for Sunnyside, is the leading National Party candidate to succeed Dr Servaas Latsky as MEC in charge of hospital services

Dr Latsky resigned the post when he was expelled from the National Party earlier this month

The party's provincial caucus will meet this week to elect his successor

The mystery of Mr Boshoff's relationship with SA Druggists emerged this week in the course of an extraordinary investigation that went as follows

Told that Mr Boshoff worked as a public relations officer for the drug group, I telephoned SA Druggists' branch office in Pretoria and asked to speak to Mr Boshoff

"He has a town office," the telephonist answered, immediately giving me the number

"Is he a manager or director?" I asked

"I don't know," she replied, "he comes here only two or three times a year I think he is a shareholder"

I dialled the number given but it was no longer operative From the telephone directory, I traced the address where the number had operated until recently

It was a closed office on the second floor of the Medical Centre

On the ground floor was Taylor and Horne, the SA Druggists subsidiary

The woman attendant at Taylor and Horne told me Mr Boshoff was out but would be back at noon She spoke of his "senior" position in SA Druggists

I called SA Druggists in Pretoria again, where the general manager, Mr Johan Deysel, said emphatically that he did not employ Mr Boshoff, did not know him and that he certainly was not on SA Druggists' board or management.

A young Mr Martin Boshoff had worked for him as a salesman but had left some months ago

I was then referred to SA Druggists' headquarters in Johannesburg for confirmation

Then I telphoned Mr Boshoff to ask if he was still with SA Druggists

"Not since they sold all the companies I was involved in last year," he said

I called SA Druggists' headquarters in Johannesburg The group commercial manager, Mr Lou Morris, said SA Druggists had never had a Mr Boshoff in their employ –

Pressed to say if he knew another Mr Boshoff, Mr Morris recalled that SA Druggists did employ an older Mr Boshoff

"His job is a little difficult to describe — he is involved in the Government

"We used him from time to time to make contact in Government departments and the administration when we wanted to describe goods for which we had put in a tender," Mr Morris said

Probe in corruption

EAST LONDON — The Cape Provincial Administration is investigating allegations of malpractice in its regional office here.

A team of commissioners has been appointed after allegations of corrupt practices in the awarding of tender contracts, according to the MEC in charge of education, Mr Willem Bouwer.

In an interview from Cape Town yesterday Mr Bouwer confirmed that the commissioners had visited East London last week to interview top officials at the CPA office. They were presently compiling a report which would be presented to him later this month.

An advocate and an auditor interviewed senior members of the CPA staff late last week following the allegations.

Mr Bouwer would not confirm this but said "full details" of the report would be made known after it was completed.

"I would not like to comment until I get the report from the commissioners," he said.

However, the MPC for King William's Town, Mr Ray Radue, confirmed yesterday that he had received a complaint earlier this year from a contractor in King who was "unhappy" with the results of a tender application.

"The contractor complained about the tender for a school hostel here," Mr Radue said from King William's Town yesterday. "The contractor made allegations of malpractice in the CPA office."

The MPC for East London City, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, said she had also received a complaint — "probably from the same contractor" — about affairs at the CPA office.

"I suggested he take it up with Mr Bouwer," Mrs Kemp said yesterday. "I also wrote to Mr Bouwer to suggest he investigate."

Mr Radue said he had "taken the matter up" and alerted Province's head offices in Cape Town of the allegations.

He was subsequently told that the CPA was going to investigate the complaint. The commissioners investigated various aspects of the relationships between contractors and staff at the CPA.

Yesterday Mr Radue urged the commissioners to "get to the bottom of this", as it was in the best interest of all concerned.

"Any malpractice should be stamped out forthwith," he said. "It is not only an abuse of public money, but artificially inflates the prices of projects tackled by the provincial administration." — DDR

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Officials complete probe into CPA

EAST LONDON — A probe into alleged malpractices at the regional office of the Cape Provincial Administration here has been completed.

The MEC in charge of education, Mr Willem Bouwer, said the commissioners investigating affairs at the CPA office were busy compiling their report, which would be presentted to him "in the near future".

The commissioners visited East London earlier this month after allegations of corrupt practices in the awarding of tender contracts

At least one contractor has made an official complaint about the awarding of contracts for repairs to schools in the Border area — DDR

Stoffel Botha acts to save provincial councils

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Mercury Reporter

THE Administrator of Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha, has initiated moves to oppose the Prime Minister's threat to do away with provincial councils in terms of the new constitution.

He made known his plans in an exclusive interview yesterday.

Part one, a memorandum compiled by a special committee of the NPA which concluded that retaining the second-tier system of government was 'crucial' for South Africa's future, was complete.

Part two, to circulate the memorandum among other administrators and executive committee members in a bold effort to win their support for the recommendations, was under way.

The final part was to press the plan home with his fellow administrators when they met the Prime Minister and the Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, to discuss the subject in Durban next week.

A plenary session on the future role of provincial administration in the proposed new constitution was top of the agenda, beginning at 2 p m on Tuesday.

Mr Botha said prime submissions in the memorandum were that provincial councils formed indispensible links between local authorities and the government and vital communications chains between race groups.

He could not make further details contained in the document known at this stage.

The memorandum would form the basis for discussions and exchange of ideas, he said.

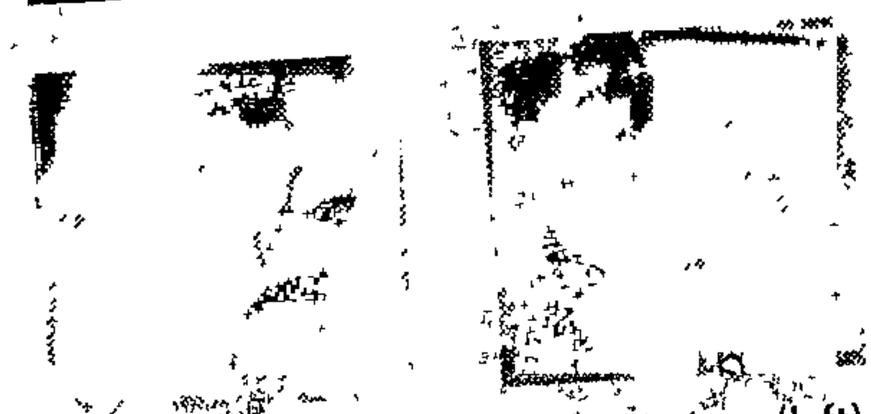
'The conference is especially important considering it's to be the first opportunity we will have had to look at the new dispensation together.'

It appeared clear that Mr Botha was anticipating support from quarters in other provinces which, unlike Natal, are all National Party-controlled.

One delegate who is certain to oppose the planned dispensation is the MEC in charge of health services in the Transvaal, Mr Servaas Latsky, who has joined the Conservative Party and whose resignation from Exco takes effect only after the conference.

To date the Government has not clearly made known its intentions for provincial councils and local authorities, and the conference is regarded as the opportune occasion to make some announcements.

Botha versus Botha



Nat Administrator Stoffel Botha (left) against Nat Prime Minister P. W. Botha (right)

Top Nats back Natal bid to save the provinces

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THE National Party's proposal to remove power from provincial councils will be opposed by South Africa's four government-appointed Provincial Administrators at a crucial conference in Durban this week.

By LEON BEKKER

They have decided to support a move initiated by Natal to retain strong elected provincial councils

The issue will be thrashed out at this week's Administrators' Conference, and Prime Minister P W Botha, Minister of Constitutional Development Chris Heunis, and other senior government members have accepted invitations to attend

Natal's Administrator and his New Republic Party Executive Committee have drawn up a memorandum opposing the scrapping or downgrading of the provincial councils — and the Administrators and executive committees of the other provinces have told Natal that they support the document

Natal's proposals are in direct conflict with the provincial policy guidelines accepted by the NP's federal congress and subsequent provincial congresses

The issue could lead to an unprecedented clash between the Prime Minister, Mr Heunis and the Administrators, who are government appointees.

The senior Natal MEC, Mr Frank Martin, said yesterday he believed that Mr Heunis was "very cross" about the memorandum

The conference could very well be Natal's last stand on the issue

Sources told the **Sunday Tribune** yesterday the Cabinet's basic motivation for doing away with the provincial councils was not **to** streamline government, **but to** prevent whites from being outnumbered by coloured and Indians in Natal and the Cape Province

Mr Heunis has apparently made it clear in private conversations that the only alternative to three councils in each province (one each for Indians, whites and coloureds), which the government regards as unworkable, would be proportional representation in the councils

On this basis, Indians would have more representatives in Natal than whites and Coloureds would have more MPCs in the Cape than the whites

The National Party's policy on provincial councils is that their powers should be transferred to local authorities metropolitan and rural regional councils or taken over as common or community interests by the respective chambers of the proposed three-chamber parliament

In an interview this week, Natal's Administrator Mr Stoffel Botha told the **Sunday Tribune** that he and the Natal Exco would make it clear to the Government that senior provincial officials in all four provinces did not go along with the NP's proposals

Mr Botha said he did not see a problem in the fact that he was an NP supporter who was taking a stand in opposition to the party's constitutional proposals.

BACK

Natal call for mixed provincial systems

Political Staff

DURBAN — The Natal provincial executive wants the Government to supplement the existing provincial system by including coloured and Indian representatives in three-chamber councils similar to the proposed tricameral central Parliament.

The suggestion is made in a 33-page memorandum tabled at the Administrator's Conference which began in Durban yesterday.

In the memorandum the New Republic Party-controlled provincial administration puts up a strong argument for the retention of elected provincial councils, calling for greater powers and warning of political and administrative instability if the system is scrapped

The province makes it clear that it sees the Government set on a course of centralising power, with Administrators carrying out ceremonial duties and the instructions of relevant Ministers or Government department heads

STATUS

Such a situation would be similar to the present system of administration boards for blacks and unelected officials would "come to experience the same status as administration boards now have among black citizens

"There appears to be a misconception that the provinces could be abolished or emasculated and their functions handed up or down, without serious disruption of political stability and administrative effectiveness.

"This is not the reality."

The memorandum says: "It will be a sad day for democracy, and a precondition for discontent and inter-group tension, if the safety valve provided by the provincial system is ever abolished.

"Central government will find itself submerged under a flood of personal problems and of local and regional controversy, from which it is now shielded by the provincial system."

SENSITIVE

For example, the admission of black pupils to white schools or of coloured and Indian jockeys to the Jockeys' Academy, multiracial sport at school level and the provision of beach and other recreational facilities for all race groups were sensitive issues which the provinces were able to resolve flexibly

Provinces had in the past been powerless to resist inroads into their authority by central government departments, the memorandum said.

The President's Council had recommended that the coup de grace be delivered and remaining powers be handed to central government.

This was in conflict with its recommendations for decentralisation and Government statements about control of matters of special concern.

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GENERAL NEWS

Natal fights to keep power

Political Staff

DURBAN — Natal and the other three provinces appeared to be headed for a compromise today on negotiations with the Government on the future of elected provincial councils

But if the compromise cannot be reached at the Administrator's Conference in Durban today, Natal is likely to force a vote which could leave the provinces divided on the Government's constitutional proposals

The conference reached no decision yesterday, as Natal MECs fought for the retention of elected provincial councils

At the centre of the debate is a memorandum compiled by Natal and a "declaration of intent" submitted to the conference by Natal

And a potentially serious division is emerging between Natal's Nationalist Administrator, Mr Stoffel Botha, and his New Republic Party executive committee

According to reliable sources, the Administrator has been attempting to water down the strong defence his executive committee is determined to make of elected provincial councils

The conference was to be addressed today by Prime Minister Mr P W Botha, and Minister of Constitutional Affairs Mr Chris Heunis who will be asked to spell out the future of provincial councils

The Government has so far refused to do so, and Mr Stoffel Botha has apparently been using this in an attempt to tone down the Natal stand

The Administrator has refused to release the 33-page Natal memorandum which warns of political and administrative instability if provincial councils are scrapped

It is claimed in the document that the Government, apart from taking over most provincial powers with the proposed scrapping of provincial councils, also has its eye on a number of other functions

● The Department of Finance wants to control local government finance

● The National Transport Commission wants to control metropolitan town planning

● The Director-General of the Department of Transport Affairs proposes to set up a central transport fund, a transport advisory council and regional transport boards which will remove regional discretion from provincial administrations.

● And the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has suggested that traffic officers be absorbel into the South African Police

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Plan fails to win a

...ministrators' support

NATAL'S bold plan to win support for its proposals regarding the future of provincial councils in terms of the new constitution failed to materialise by the end of the Administrators' conference in Durban yesterday

Mercury Reporter

Hopes by the Executive Committee that other provinces would agree with its recommendations were dashed when it became apparent the most they were prepared to settle for was a compromise

There was no support for a key suggestion that the system should include coloured and Indian representation in separate councils similar to the planned tri-cameral central parliament.

Further division was encountered over whether the envisaged second-tier level of government should comprise representatives elected by the people or officials nominated by the Government.

The stalemate arose even before the Prime Minister said at the meeting that at no stage had it been categorically decided that provincial councils would disappear, and he reiterated that the existing administrations would not be changed at least until the end of their present terms of office.

He repeated that there would be no provincial boundary changes without consultation with all affected, but again hinted that the Cape and Transvaal could ultimately each be split into three regions.

He gave assurances that, whatever the outcome, the non-white communities would get a say over matters affecting themselves

Mr Botha said changes involving a devolution of functions could be expected in the interests of better regional administration, especially as far as certain monetary aspects were concerned.

He said it would 'make sense' to share costs where financial functions and planning pertaining to all provinces could be controlled by a central body. The present system of independant fiscal planning was costing the country an enormous amount of money.

Such an arrangement would allow for a more efficient bureaucracy

There would be closer co-operation in the new dispensation between central and regional government, Mr Botha said.

Security

After his speech the Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, answered questions to do with local and provincial administrations in terms of the new consitution, but little is known of what transpired

The entire conference was hallmarked by a blanket of security and last night was the first time that any official announcement regarding proceedings was made Plainclothed guards kept a tight check on anyone approaching the venue and Pressmen were barred from the vicinity of the conference hall.

According to a statement released late last night, after deliberations lasting several hours, it was agreed that each province should draw up its own memorandum of suggestions for a new second-tier dispensation and the lower level of local government.

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NATAL SAYS 'NO' FM 8/10/82

Natal's attempt to get government to retain the present system of provincial government is unlikely to succeed Government has not yet spelt out precisely what future it envisages for provincial authorities in terms of its constitutional proposals But it has indicated broadly that it favours nominated boards appointed by Pretoria

The future of provincial government in SA was a major issue at a closed doors meeting of the executive committees of the four provinces in Durban last week After tabling a memorandum setting out its position, the Natal exco argued forcefully that the present system of elected provincial councils should be retained It contended that political and administrative instability would result if elected councils were done away with Further, it was unhappy about power being concentrated in the hands of non-elected administrators who would act on instructions of ministers or government department heads with no accountability to the electorate

Putting forward some proposals of its own, the Natal exco suggested that the existing provincial system should be broadened to include coloured and Indian representatives in a three-chamber council similar to the planned tri-cameral central parliament In addition, it said, wider powers should be granted to the provinces There was little support for Natal's proposals from the Nationalist MECs from the other provinces Even the Natal Administrator, Stoffel Botha, who had initially endorsed the memorandum, toned down his support once the mood of the meeting became known

Natal's only real ally was Conservative Party member Servaas Latsky, the Transvaal's MEC for health services, who was expelled from the National Party last month His support for Natal's initiative was, naturally, for different reasons He insisted, for example, that future elected provincial councils should remain "all white"

Natal's reasons for seeking to retain the present system of elected provincial councils is obvious Natal has the only NRP-controlled provincial council in the country and the party does not relish the idea of seeing its power base eroded by constitutional amendments which would place authority in the hands of nominees from Pretoria

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Call to shun Oudtshoorn after race bar at ballet

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TOWNS such as Oudtshoorn which this week banned coloured people from a Capab ballet, would be avoided for future performances "if I as director of the Capab ballet company have anything to do with it", Mr David Poole said today

Mr Danie van Eeden, director of Capab, said, however, "a boycott of towns which refuse to admit multiracial audiences would have to follow a policy decision by the board of Capab" Such a decision could not be taken before the next executive committee meeting at the end of the month

He added that while the matter was "obviously serious no official report had been handed to him yet He could therefore report to the executive committee only on the strength of newspaper reports

Mr Poole who is also head of the University of Cape Town s Ballet School said the Oudtshoorn incident had seriously embarrassed the ballet company

Mr Jan van Eck, Progressive Federal Party MPC for Groote Schuur and spokesman on Capab, said in George last night The time has probably come when Capab should reconsider sending tours to towns which refuse to allow all races to attend its performances"

He said "more cultured and enlightened platteland communities which have no objection to multiracial audiences should then get preferential treatment from Capab"

He added it was disgraceful that the deputy mayor of Oudtshoorn, Mr S Greeff, was also the National Party MPC

As a public representative of the NP, a party which now continually claims to be in favour of reform he should be in the forefront of condemning this disgaceful episode

SA ambulance services 'lagging behind'

Staff Reporter

EVEN the most progressive ambulance services in South Africa lagged far behind international standards, the national secretary of the Ambulance Service Institute, Mr J Wilby, said on Friday.

Mr Wilby was replying to a Cape Times report which quoted from an article due to appear in the November issue of The Readers Digest

The article claims ambulance services are "blatantly inadequate" and organization "hotch potch".

The Cape Times report contained statements denying this and claiming great improvements had been made in the services

Mr Wilby said in a statement that the institute acknowledged that efforts had been made to improve ambulance services and that this was an enormous task. But the services still lagged behind those in European countries

The European metropolitan standard for emergency response times recommended that 50 percent of cases should be reached in seven minutes and 95 percent within 14 minutes, he said

No standards existed for South Africa, but the latest statistics showed that in the Cape metropolitan area only 52 percent of emergencies were responded to within 20 minutes

"These figures highlight the fact that no matter how highly-trained and well-equipped the ambulanceman, the organization which supports him must ensure he is in the right place at the right time"

The organization of the services in most parts of the country involved "costly duplication of premises, equipment and manpower". It lacked the co-ordination to make sure the nearest aid was sent to those in need

"The institute believes this situation is indefensible on moral and economic grounds," he said. "It has recommended the separation of services which are combined with traffic and fire departments and the formation of regional services managed by one local authority on behalf of others

The institute was concerned that there was no standard entry qualification for ambulancemen and that recommended basic training excluded subjects such as interpersonal and social skills and advanced driving techniques

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It's all uphill in the Vaal fight for roads

By GERALD REILLY
Pretoria Bureau

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration is intensifying efforts to persuade the Government to impose a special 1c levy on fuel to boost funds for road-building

However, in the current inflationary climate, and with the likelihood of another substantial increase in the fuel price early next year, it is considered unlikely the Government will agree to the further loading of the petrol price with a road levy

The alternative is a toll road — as made clear by Mr John Griffiths, MEC in charge of roads.

The provincial council is seriously concerned that the road backlog will build up to crisis level.

It was made clear during the budget session of the provincial council this year that the funds available made it impossible to spend money on new roads

The Director-General of the Department of Transport, Mr A B Eksteen, said yesterday the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, and Mr Griffiths, had asked the Minister of Transport Affairs for funds for the South Rand highway from Krugersdorp to Alberton

They were told the funds were not available from the National Road Fund and were advised to make representations to the Minister of Finance They had suggested that a 1c levy be imposed on fuel

The construction of the road spanning the Reef from Krugersdorp to Alberton began some time ago, and parts have been completed

The AA's economic director, Mr Denzyl Vermooten, said the AA would oppose any additional levies on petrol under present conditions

The AA favoured a fuel levy for road-building but only after the various methods for collecting funds had been rationalised.

The AA favoured a more rational system for determining the licence fees to be paid by light and heavy vehicles Under the present system, heavy vehicles were paying about 25% less than their actual cost responsibility in terms of road damage

The deputy leader of the PFP in the provincial council, Mr Sam Moss, said it would be reckless and totally unacceptable if motorists were to be loaded with further levies

"They're milking the motorist dry They are driving him off the road Whenever the Government gets into a financial fix it either raises GST or slams the motorist"

Mr Moss said in terms of the Triessen Commission report the Government should be responsible for financing all major road development

No money, so Natal's roads will deteriorate

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Pietermaritzburg Bureau

MANY of Natal's roads are falling apart and there is very little the Provincial Administration can do about it until it gets more money

This was the bleak picture sketched yesterday by the province's MEC in charge of roads, Mr Dering Stainbank

Mr Stainbank said while several contracts undertaken in the past were still underway, no new work or major maintenance contracts could be undertaken because of lack of funds

As examples he quoted the intended contracts for the new South Coast freeway from Illovo to Scottburgh, the north coast road from Gingindlovu to Richards Bay and the Durban-to-Johannesburg road between Frere and Besters, all of which now had to be shelved

The Province would also have to have no choice but to break a promise to the people of Weenen that the road to Estcourt would be surfaced this year, he said

And as far as maintenance of national roads was concerned, the Pietermaritzburg bypass from Cato Ridge to Hilton was already breaking up and would be unrecognisable a year from now, he added

Mr Stainbank said the situation was not unique to Natal, and that he sympathised with the Government's predicament — there were simply no funds available

However Exco was hoping to interview the Ministers of Transport and Finance in January, before the next sitting of Parliament began, to put forward the Province's case for an additional allocation of funds for roads

Bouwer: CPA probe complete

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EAST LONDON — Cape Provincial Administration officials are still waiting for an internal report on alleged malpractices at their East London office.

The MEC in charge of education, Mr Willem Bouwer, said the report had been delayed when one of the investigating officers fell ill.

"The investigation has been completed and I am just waiting for the report," Mr Bouwer said from Cape Town yesterday.

He could not say when the report — concerning alleged corrupt practices in the awarding of tenders — would be completed.

The internal investigation was ordered late in August after local politicians were approached by local builders who were unhappy with the way tenders were awarded at the East London office.

At least one contractor made an official complaint to local members of the provincial council about the awarding of contracts for repairs to schools in the Border area. — DDR

Provinces to lose control of local govt

Political Staff

DURBAN — The Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, today announced the first steps towards removing local government from provincial authority and placing it directly under central government

In a major policy speech at the first meeting of the National Liaison Committee in Durban, Mr Heunis committed the government to establishing separate local government institutions for each race group wherever possible with the proviso that suitable financial arrangements could be made

Mr Heunis said the Cabinet had decided this week to accept a further recommendation by the President's Council

The President's Council had recommended that a co-ordinating council be established as a direct link between central and local government and that it be under the chairmanship of a Minister of Local Government

However, instead of a Minister of Local Government the Co-ordinating Council for Local Government Affairs would fall under the Minister of Constitutional Development

Until legislation could be put before Parliament the National Liai-

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Provinces to lose local govt

son Committee would handle its proposed functions.

"It should be emphasised that the Government intends to take the necessary steps to make it possible for each group to establish local government institutions which are in no way inferior to that of another group," Mr Heunis said.

This did not mean that the Government was intent on creating bankrupt local authorities for the coloured and Indian communities.

His department would initiate and co-ordinate municipal development aid and ensure that the training of municipal staff was undertaken and that the necessary financial arrangements would be made to ensure the viability of any newly created local authority

Mr Heunis said existing geographic boundaries of local authorities would be reconsidered from a constitutional, economic, physical and social point of view, bearing in mind a balanced town or city which was not only a dormitory appendix of another town or city

The local authority would have the full range of human needs such as housing, recreation, education, religious and cultural amenities and places of employment

Farmers to meet Govt over St Lucia land expropriation

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Mercury Reporter

A MEETING will take place next month to hear objections by affected farmers to the Government's plan to expropriate certain areas around St Lucia in order to give the land to the Natal Provincial Administration

Mr John Geddes Page, director of the Natal Parks Board, told the Mercury yesterday that this had transpired from talks he had in Pretoria on Tuesday with the Deputy Director General of the Department of Environment, Mr W H van der Merwe.

'Quite understandably there appear to be some farmers who are reluctant to have their properties excised,' Mr Geddes Page said.

'So Mr van der Merwe has arranged this meeting sometime around mid-November.'

Otherwise there had been 'good progress' towards the province's acquisition of the land.

At the meeting with Mr van der Merwe yesterday only areas in Zululand — and not others in the southern Drakensberg — had been discussed.

Sacked Cape roadmakers may return

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Labour Reporter

Three hundred and fifty Cape Provincial Administration roadworkers in Beaufort West are considering a return to work today after striking for a week

The workers were dismissed on Thursday but have not yet collected their pay

Mr Solly Essop, chairman of the Farmworkers' Union, whom the workers approached to intervene in the dispute arrived in Cape Town yesterday to meet senior administration officials

The workers went on strike last Monday after two workers were allegedly dismissed after being sick

Mr Essop said the local management of the road construction unit told the workers they had been dismissed and would be selectively re-employed at the starting wages

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Mr Essop then arranged a meeting between himself, six workers elected by the workforce and a delegation from the local CPA management

According to Mr Essop, the local management of the CPA offered 300 of the workers their jobs back at their old wages, but refused to reinstate the other 50

Mr W A B Bensimon, deputy-provincial roads engineer, said no meeting between Mr Essop and officials in the CPA roads department had been planned

PAY DATES

In a written statement Mr Bensimon said the men returned to work after they were assured that the "cause of their dissatisfaction" — concerned with end-of-month pay dates — would be investigated

On Wednesday "they again refused to work", he added

"They demanded that one of their number be reinstated This demand was refused because of reasons of unsatisfactory service"

Challenge to Govt on provincial councils

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Mercury Reporter

THE Natal Provincial Council's shortest scheduled sitting of the year starts today under a shroud of uncertainty concerning its future following the envisaged constitutional dispensation

There has still been no categorical denial by the Government that its plans exclude provisions for a second-tier system of provincial bodies with legislative powers, and which comprise elected members, in the future

But there has not been any official confirmation either

Although this week's session in Pietermaritzburg is primarily regarded as an occasion to finalise amendments to various ordinances before the year-end (there are proposed changes to those involving local authorities, horse racing, civil defence, fire services, road traffic and conservation), it is also an opportunity to challenge the Government from a privileged platform to clearly state its intentions with regard to the future

Heading the challenge will be Natal's senior MEC and the man in charge of local government, Mr Frank Martin, who feels certain that the new constitution spells the demise of the traditional system, that the writing is on the wall

Two levels

If he is correct it will mean, among many other things, that provincial council functions and powers will be shed both upwards to the Government and downwards to local authorities and — most importantly — that the population will no longer have a say in who represents them between these two levels

It will also mean that MPCs will lose their jobs and that those among them who still have political aspirations will be waiting in the corridors for any opportunity to be elected to Parliament

So far, apart from admitting in an interview that in terms of the proposals the provincial councils will require 'restructuring', the Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, has refused to be drawn into making a firmer statement over the issue

By consistently maintaining that the future of the system has still to be finalised he has diplomatically shied clear of involvement in what, for those concerned, would amount to an emotional and highly controversial issue

When asked what the 'restructuring' he had referred to might amount to, he replied 'It can mean many things'

He said he foresaw the second level of government — the provincial councils — being the last to be finalised in terms of the new constitution

Striking workers to get jobs back

Cape Times 1 Apr 1982 p 20

Labour Reporter

ALL 350 striking Beaufort West roadworkers, as well as the dismissed fellow-worker with whom they have been striking in sympathy, are to be offered their jobs back, according to Mr J Pienaar, the MEC for Roads

This follows talks in the City this week between Mr John Essop, the chairman of the Farm Workers Union, and representatives of the Cape Provincial Administration

Mr Essop said the workers, who remained on strike yesterday, had told him they would not return until he had reported back to them this morning and their demands had been met

He said Mr Pienaar had agreed to take all workers back at their old wage, not to penalise any of the strikers and to reinstate the worker whose alleged unfair dismissal had caused the strike

In addition, the administration would recognize a six-member committee elected by the workers as their mouthpiece

Mr Essop said the strike had threatened to spread to roadworkers in Middelburg and Worcester as well, but this had been staved off by the more sympathetic attitude of officials in Cape Town

He said the unity shown by the workers at Beaufort West had come as a "surprise" to everyone, including himself

The workers downed tools last week after a colleague had been fired for being absent from work. Worker representatives said he had had a doctor's certificate and claimed it was an unfair dismissal

"We felt if he could be fired without reason, then none of our jobs were safeguarded," they said

They had continued the strike after the senior engineer in Beaufort West said he would not re-employ all the workers as some were 'agitators'

After the workers refused to return under those conditions, the meeting in the City was arranged It is believed several provincial councillors, including members of the Progressive Federal Party, were at the talks

Mr Pienaar said yesterday two senior engineers from Cape Town were in Beaufort West talking to the workers and investigating their grievances

"But we must discipline some of the people," he said "We must make it clear that they can't work the way they want to — they must work the way we want them to"

R42 m required by Province to meet shortfalls

Mercury Reporter

A POLICY of strict financial discipline applied by the NPA had not been enough to withstand inflation — to the extent that some departments had found it impossible to provide full services, the Administrator, Mr Stoffel Botha, told the Provincial Council in Pietermaritzburg, yesterday.

He asked for approval of an additional R42,4 million to be allocated to meet shortfalls mainly attributable to recent salary increases for public servants and nursing personnel.

The vote will be considered today.

But in his mini-budget speech Mr Botha also revealed that 'quite a few million rands' more would be required, in addition to the R42,4 million to meet further departmental expenditure. Final estimates would be given later.

It had become clear that the forthcoming financial year would need to be one of 'extremely conservative' fiscal and monetary planning, Mr Botha said.

However, there were some avenues of relief.

The bulk of the R42,4 million would 'hopefully' be met by additional subsidy allocations from the Treasury. And, regarding the money for departmental expenditure between now and February, a surplus in the Provincial Revenue Fund existed — due mainly to various increased charges and tariffs.

Problem

'The real problem will arise when we balance the Province's budget for the 1983/84 year,' he said.

By far the greatest part of the additional appropriation was R35,7 million for general salary improvements for public and provincial servants.

Although their increases varied individually, the overall rise was 15,3 percent.

Higher salaries for nursing personnel — whose increases had averaged 16,6 percent — would require R6 000 000 between the time the revised scales came into effect, October 1, and the end of February 1983.

It was hoped these new scales would attract more newcomers and encourage serving staff to remain in the nursing profession.

Apart from these amounts more money was required for a new motor finance scheme for MPCs (R258 000), entertainment (R25 000), ambulance subsidies for local authorities (R450 000) and the purchase of chairs for the Rowe Theatre (R6 000).

Warning to NPA dissatisfied white employees

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18/11/82

A COMPLETE shake-up in Natal's provincial staff appointments was mooted in the Provincial Council yesterday — with warnings that if white personnel continued to be dissatisfied, their posts might be filled by non-whites.

Mr Roger Whitely (NRP, Point) said Indians in particular, were often better-suited to some jobs than their privileged counterparts

'Let's get on with training them,' he said.

Mercury Reporter

'Some time ago we were told more than half a hospital's clerical staff and Natalia's workers were resigning every year.

'Are we improving, going backwards, or what is happening?

'If whites won't stay with us then we must look to others who will.'

Mr Adrian Rall (NRP, Greytown) suggested in the interests of better productivity and efficiency, that 'a co-ordinated look' be taken at the various categories and functions of provincial employees.

He advocated the formation of an inter-departmental body whose task would be to determine which posts mattered most and were warranted

Mr Rall also drew attention to the national shortage of teachers and said teachers training colleges in Natal should be opened to blacks, coloureds and Indians rather than building separate facilities for the different groups.

His views were echoed by Mr Brian Edwards (NRP, Pietermaritzburg South) who was replying to references to do with vacancies at Pinetown's Edgewood College

Mr Whitely highlighted the need for extra charges to be levied to pay for school education. He suggested increasing the price of text books and charging more for provincial bus transport for pupils

Mr Cliff Mathee (NRP, Durban Central) said he was perturbed by the consistently high number of teacher resignations

He was particularly concerned at the lack of male teachers in primary schools

'It's certainly not healthy for our sons to go through their schooling without ever having a male teacher to take their classes,' Mr Mathee said

Sacked workers get jobs back

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Labour Reporter

THE 350 Beaufort West roadworkers dismissed last week after going on strike will all be unconditionally reinstated and paid for the five days they were absent

The Provincial Roads Department workers went on strike on Monday after a sick colleague was dismissed On Wednesday, the entire work force was dismissed, but none collected pay

Mr Solly Essop, chairman of the Farmworkers' Union, which the workers apparently approached for assistance, said all the men, including a sick worker would be paid for the time they had been absent from work

A meeting was held earlier this week between Mr Essop, Mr Geoff Everingham, MPC for Pinelands and deputy opposition spokesman on roads, and two senior roads officials

It was agreed that all the workers would be taken back with no loss of benefits and that the two officials would go to Beaufort West to investigate the situation

FACE VALUE

A workers' committee met the officials yesterday and workers were "very happy" with the outcome, said Mr Essop

The committee representing the workers had been recognised by management and would hold monthly meetings with them

"In future, all doctors' certificates from sick workers will be accepted at face value," he said

Stop harassing MPCs — Van der Velde

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Provincial Reporter

MEMBERS of the Provincial Council must be free to visit any part of the Cape without harassment, Mr Frank van der Velde, MPC for Wynberg and chief Opposition whip in the council, said today

He was reacting to charges laid on Thursday against 31 whites, including Mrs Molly Blackburn, MPC for Walmer, and Mrs Di Bishop, MPC for Gardens, for allegedly entering Port Elizabeth's black township of New Brighton to attend a church service

The service was organised by the Detainees' Parents Support Committee It was addressed by Mrs Helen Joseph

Police with semi-automatic weapons and dogs stopped whites as they left the service

Intimidation

Mrs Bishop described it as "a ridiculous show of force" to harass the 31 whites in the country of their birth

Mr van der Velde said in a statement today "I find it shocking and disgraceful that in a country where the Government purports to be Christian, people are charged for attending a church service

"As Opposition whip, I call on the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, to see that the charges against two of his MPCs are dropped immediately

Mr Louw is on holiday and was not available for comment

Others charged

Among others charged following the New Brighton service were Mrs Bishop's husband, Mr Brian Bishop, who is chairman of the Civil Rights League, the Rev George Irvine of St John's Methodist Church in central Port Elizabeth, five journalists, members of the Black Sash and a number of Rhodes University students

Following the incident, Mrs Blackburn said that Mr Louis Koch, chief director of the Eastern Cape Administration Board, had told her she could attend church services in the township

Sapa reports Mr Koch as saying that his department had stopped issuing permits for people attending bona fide church services at the invitation of the church or congregation members

Charges withdrawn in terms of the wrong law

24/12/82

By BRIAN POTTINGER

THE charges against two PFP MPCs for entering Port Elizabeth's New Brighton township without a permit have been withdrawn in terms of a law not even applicable to the alleged offence

The police bungling — which included sending the wrong notifications to the wrong people — follows a major row in which the police were criticised for charging the two MPCs, Mrs Molly Blackburn and Mrs Di Bishop, and 29 other people after attending a church service in the township on the Day of the Vow

Several hundred people attended the service, organised by the Detainee Parents Support Committee and addressed by civil rights veteran Mrs Helen Joseph

Yesterday the two MPCs were informed that the charges against them had been withdrawn in terms of Proclamation R188 of 1969 Section 63 (29) This grants exemption to a range of people, including MPCs, from getting permits But this section deals only with black trust land and not urban townships

Expert opinion was that the charges should have been withdrawn in terms of Section 19 (1) of Government Notice 1036 of 1968

The notifications of withdrawls were also posted off in the wrong registered envelopes — Mrs Blackburn's going to Mrs Bishop and vice versa

Mrs Blackburn said today the fact that the two MPCs could be in the wrong one moment and in the right the next highlighted the confusion that resulted from "over-legislation"

"If this happens to whites not subject to the myriad of laws affecting blacks one can imagine how vulnerable black people are to falling foul of the law," she said

Mrs Bishop said today she did not wish to be treated differently from the others concerned

"I do not want any rights denied to others We were invited by a senior Methodist minister to attend a church service in a Methodist church Any State that denies that right exceeds its functions"

Mrs Bishop said she regarded the withdrawal of charges with the same contempt as she had received the charge

Reacting to the confusion, Mr Brian Bishop, Chairman of the Civil Rights League and husband of Mrs Bishop, said police behaviour in the Biko case had brought shame to Port Elizabeth in the past

It appeared their disrespect for civilised behaviour was equalled only by their incompetency

Brigadier E S J van Rensburg, Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Eastern Cape, declined to comment on the matter, but indicated a further statement might be possible

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Charges of illegal entry are dropped

Staff Reporter

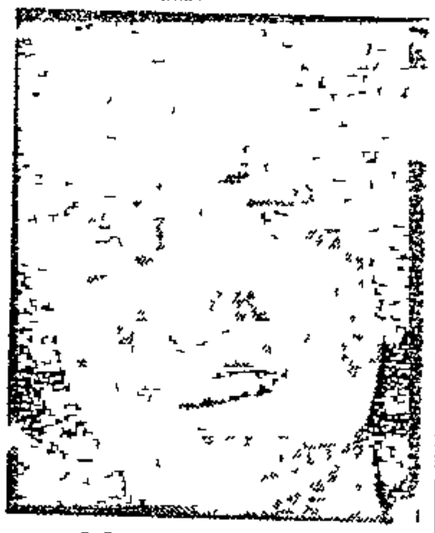
CHARGES against all 31 people arrested for "illegally" entering Port Elizabeth's black township, New Brighton, on December 16 last year, have been withdrawn

Charges against two Progressive Federal Party MPC's, Mrs Di Bishop of Gardens, and Mrs Molly Blackburn of Walmer, were withdrawn earlier when it was found they did not need permits to enter a black township

The 31 were arrested when they attended a church meeting in the township addressed by veteran political rights campaigner, Mrs Helen Joseph

In a statement yesterday, the chairman of the Civil Right's League, Mr Brian Bishop — who was one of those charged — said "it would be an honour to appear in court charged with a permit offence"

Mr Bishop protested against the withdrawal of the charges against the 31 whites when "hundreds of black people are charged every week in the Langa Pass Court, with fines im-



Mrs Di Bishop

posed that are crippling to the poor"

He said to have appeared in court on the charge would have recorded "our solidarity with the innocent people charged in Langa"

It was "contemptible that a law should restrict the entry of white people into suburbs proclaimed as black, just as it was contemptible that other laws restricted the entry of black people into towns proclaimed as white Such laws deserve to be treated with contempt."

If the government was sincere about reform, it would scrap these laws, Mr Bishop said

NEW ROW OVER CAMPFIRE MIND-BENDING SESSIONS

A week in the veld shattered a teenager

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BY LIZ VAN DEN NIEUWENHOF

A TEENAGE Johannesburg schoolgirl begged to sleep with her parents at night because of the "psychological after-effects" of a week-long attendance at a veld school near Durban, her mother says

The girl's experiences came in the wake of repeated complaints by Opposition members of the Transvaal Provincial Council against "the propagation of one-sided political, religious and cultural viewpoints" at veld schools

However, officials point out that they cannot investigate the latest complaint because the mother, fearing reprisals against her daughter at school, has asked the Sunday Express to withhold her name

She said her 13-year-old daughter had returned from the Glenmore Awareness Veld School with her mind in turmoil

The mother, whose family is Jewish, said there were a number of Jewish children at the veld school All were subjected to the same Christian religious teachings without being allowed to excuse themselves

During their seven-day stay at the veld school the children were subjected to a religious lecture every night (one of these running for almost three hours), most of them dictating how children should stand against the temptations of Satan All the lectures involved the Christian Bible

The children were told all types of popular music were the work of Satan-worshippers and that if they were played slowly Satanist messages could be heard Stars such as John Lennon were said to be representatives of Satan

A young teacher by the name of Chris wrote a four-letter obscenity in large letters on a blackboard and said that the children should become familiar with the word If they cringed at the sight of the word they were "not mature"

A Johannesburg counsellor whom the girl's parents approached for professional advice, said the girl had suffered recurring nightmares after her veld school attendance

Mr S J Schoeman, Transvaal MEC for Education, said he would be quite prepared to investigate the matter if information was supplied in writing by the parents

Mr Peter Nixon, Progressive Federal Party spokesman on education and MPC for Johannesburg North, said "These things appear to be consistent with what I have heard on so many occasions during the past five years about the brainwashing that goes on, not only at Glenmore but also at other veld schools

"At the last Provincial Council session I raised the whole issue of indoctrination at veld schools and I had hoped that the 'big indaba of guidance teachers and veld school staff that followed meant the Transvaal Education Department was serious about removing the undesirable elements

In the Johannesburg College of Education report quoted at last year's council session, mention was made of the Schoemansdal veld school, attended by college staff to help design a programme for veld schools

They found subjects covered at lectures and discussions included

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Protest against dropping of permit charges

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Staff Reporter

THE chairman of the Civil Rights League, Mr Brian Bishop, has protested against the withdrawal of charges against whites for entering a township illegally, while hundreds of blacks are charged every week in the Langa Pass Court with similar offences

The charges against 29 people, alleged to have entered a Port Elizabeth township on the Day of the Vow to attend a church service addressed by civil rights campaigner Mrs Helen Joseph, were withdrawn last week

NOT NEEDED

Late last year charges against two Progressive Federal Party Provincial Council members — Mrs Di Bishop, MPC for Gardens, and Mrs Molly Blackburn, MPC for Walmer — were withdrawn when it was learnt that they did not need permits in terms of a Government proclamation

Mr Bishop said today it was "contemptible" that a law should restrict the entry of white people into suburbs proclaimed black, just as it was contemptible that other laws restricted the entry of black people into towns proclaimed white

"Such laws deserve to be treated with contempt," he said

"SCRAP THEM"

Mr Bishop added that if the Government was sincere about reform it should scrap those laws

"I hate to think what the December 16 exercise cost with policemen, dogs and machine-guns"

He felt it would be an honour to appear in court charged with a permit offence

"It would record our solidarity with the innocent people charged in 'Langa," he said

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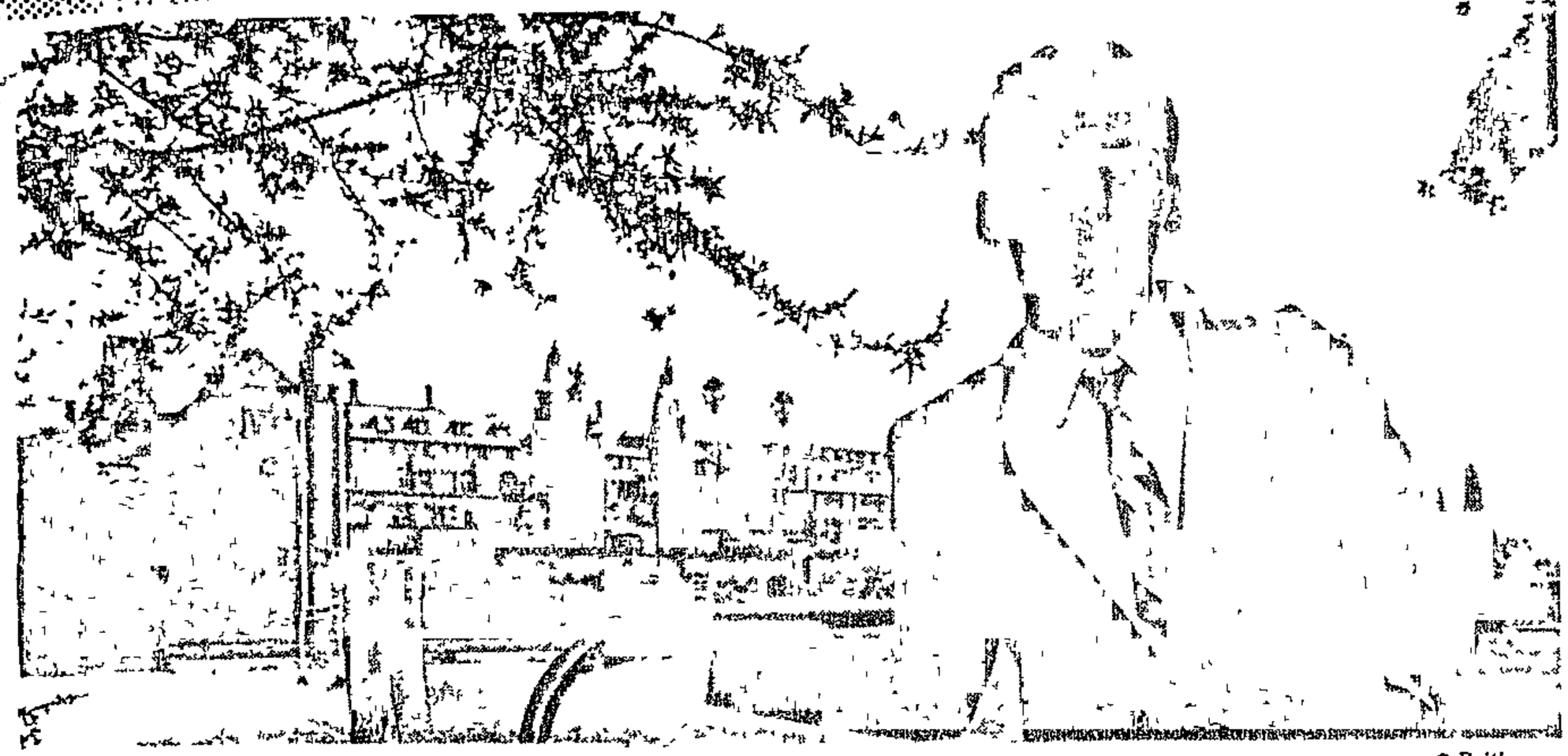

The gates of privilege stay shut to him

By DEBRA CLEVELAND

A YOUNG Indian boy has waited three years for admission to Johannesburg's elite and private St John's College — only to be blocked at every turn by the Transvaal Education Department.

And now even the Houghton college has declared the matter "closed"

Yet St John's, a private Anglican school, is educating several black pupils, including a Venda Minister's son

Mr Baldkrishna Aramugam, a Selby businessman, first applied to have 13-year-old Prithu accepted into Standard Five at the preparatory school in 1980

He was interviewed and accepted — but the TED refused to allow him to enter the school

In January 1981 St John's once more notified the TED of his application, but it was again turned down

"I have asked the headmaster of St John's to re-apply to the TED But other than that the school have told me they feel the matter is closed and nothing more can be done

"The Bishop of Johannesburg also told me that a resolution was taken at a Diocese meeting in 1981 giving permission to the principal to admit children of all races, so I don't see why they have to apply to the TED," Mr Aramugam said

According to Mr Aramugam, Prithu wrote the St John's entrance examination and passed with above average marks He is presently attending the St Barnabas Anglican School in Bosmont

Professor J H Jooste, director of the TED, issued a statement saying "Each individual application is considered on merit Reasons and motivation for the application is of vital importance taking into account existing educational facilities

Court told of threat to 'get rid of' model

MURDER accused Carl Holshausen made a bizarre

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● Prithu Aramugam, barred by the Transvaal Education Department, stands in his St Barnabas school blazer outside the gates of St John's College

Picture PIERRE OOSTHUYSEN

Retrenched staff complain over pay

By JIMMY MATYU

TWO of 40 women retrenched from the Provincial Hospital at the end of last month claimed yesterday that their bonus and leave pay had been withheld without any reason

They also said they were never told why the hospital had decided to retrench them

The women, Mrs Elizabeth Mbomboyi and Miss Daniswa Mtau, described their retrenchment as "unfair"

Miss Mtau had been in the employ of the hospital for five years and Mrs Mbomboyi for seven years

The medical superintendent of the Provincial Hospital, Dr L C Cilliers, confirmed today that the women had been retrenched, but denied any money had been withheld from them

He said 20 black women and 20 white women had lost their jobs

"These women were not appointed permanently," he said "This was made known to them when we employed them We took them as domestics in the wards when we could not get nurses But this year we have a better intake of nurses"

Dr Cilliers said the hospital authorities had given the reason for the retrenchment to the advisory committee of the women which was appointed by them It was the duty of the committee to inform them, he said

"Some of these people did not really meet the requirements of our services and, besides coming to work late, had bad illness records, and some did not have the ability to work with patients,' he said

"In fact, those claiming to have been here for long periods were here because we were very tolerant and wanted to help them"

On the question of bonuses and leave, Dr Cilliers said there were fixed rules People received bonuses in the month of their birthdays Leave pay was a privilege and people could not be paid for leave they had not taken

Dr Cilliers explained that leave pay was controlled by Provincial regulations He said he would speak to the administration about this to see if any improvement could be introduced

Mrs Mtau said "The hospital authorities know full well that unemployment has reached an alarming rate Where do they think we will get work now at this time of the year?

Mrs Mbomboyi said 'W[illegible] were told at the beg[illegible] of last month that we w[illegible] be retrenched and we fe[illegible] we are entitled to a month' notice pay"

She said they were to[illegible] by the paymaster that the pension money would [illegible] "following"

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Tucked away in the Notices of Motion at the start of the new session of Parliament is a provision in the South African Transport Services Amendment Bill

"To amend Section 52 of the said Act so as to authorise the Transport Services to sell refreshments (including intoxicating liquor) and other articles on its luxury motor coaches conveying passengers"

TRAINS

The railways have long had the right to sell liquor on trains moving through even the driest of municipalities

There is doubt, however, whether drinks can lawfully be served on road motor services — and the purpose of the new provision is to clear up that doubt

Up to now, even though luxury coaches are equipped for serving drinks, passengers have had to wait for a hotel stop to slake their thirst

Soon they can drink and be driven

In the swim at 90

Argus Bureau

LONDON — Old soldier Mr Frank Blavon, who has swum in the council swimming bath at Northampton nearly every day since it opened in 1936, celebrated his 90th birthday this week with his usual 30 lengths

Public Accounts has asked for a full investigation into the position in the departments of Co-operation and Development and Education and Training

'The staff shortages which caused a lack of financial control measures and the loss in millions of rands in tax to the state coffers were revealed in the second report of the select committee recently

In its third report the committee said evidence showed the career-differentiated salaries introduced by the Commission for Administration with effect from January 1 this year "should bring about an improvement in the staff position"

SERIOUS

The committee was however "still concerned at the position in the departments of Education and Training and Co-operation and Development"

Mr Harry Schwarz, Progressive Federal Party finance spokesman, warned today that the situation in the two departments held very serious implications for the whole of South Africa

The two departments were vitally concerned with the sensitive issue of race relations and "something drastic must be done as soon as possible"

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Cuts in Cape subsidy 'disturbing'

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Provincial Reporter

THE size of the additional expenditure needed to run the Cape Province this year did not necessarily imply that tax increases were on the way, Mr Geoff Everingham, MPC for Pineland, said today

Mr Everingham, chief Progressive Federal Party spokesman on finance in the Provincial Council, was commenting on the request by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, for R86,6-million in additional funds for 1982-83

SALARIES

"I believe the additional appropriation is proportionately larger this year than in previous years mainly because of the increases in nurses' salaries

"This amount should be reimbursed to the Province by the Central Government," Mr Everingham said

"I would not infer from this figure that we are going to face any tax increases this year

"The extent of tax increases in 1983-84 would be contingent on cuts in the Central Government's sudsidies to the Province"

Mr Everingham said he strongly disapproved of the annual cuts in the Province's subsidy

Provincial subsidies were supposed to be determined by a scientific formula, yet every year the Treasury made cuts in the amount that was determined in this way

In 1981-82, the Treasury cut the Cape's subsidy by R13,9-million, but by the end of the financial year the figure had increased to R29,3-million

In the present 1982-83 financial year, the cut was R38,6-million

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"These are material cuts in relation to the Province's limited sources of revenue This year's cut is equivalent to 32 percent of the Province's revenue from its own sources

"What is particularly disturbing about these annual cuts is that they force the Province to bear part of the cost of the Government's own fiscal incompetence"

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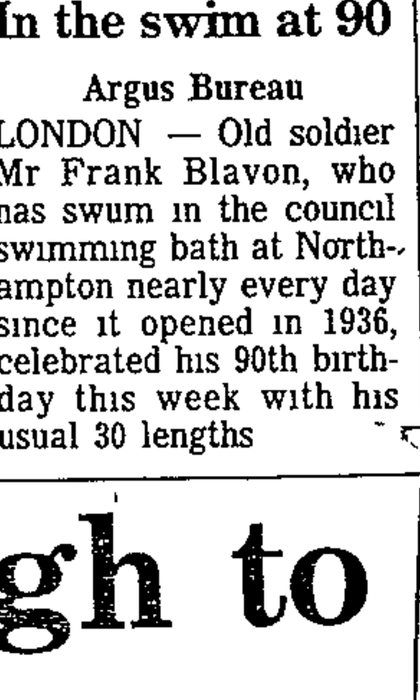

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Labour coloured

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By HUGH ROBERTON
Political Staff

THE Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, has been warned by Labour Party leaders that they were going into the new constitutional system "to liberate our people".

At a rowdy public meeting in Vredenburg at the weekend, the party's national chairman, ...said to

Heart baby leaves for US

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Four-day-old Matthew Ash has left for the United States for a heart operation after hundreds of people responded to an appeal from his father, Mr James Ash, to help save his son's life

An anonymous Pretoria man donated R40 000 to make the trip and the operation possible

"The phone hasn't

Vorster up for PCs clear encounter

The Star Monday February 7 1983

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By Sue Leeman
Pretoria Bureau

The three political parties represented in the Transvaal Provincial Council are gearing themselves for their first encounter this year in Pretoria's historic Raadsaal.

Issues that will dominate the short session — which begins tomorrow — will be the Part Appropriation and Additional Appropriation of Funds debates, as well as one on the future of second-tier government in the light of the Government's new constitutional proposals

No new legislation will be passed, and the session is expected to last 10 days

The leader of the 59-member National Party caucus, Mr Fanie Schoeman, said his party saw this as a "normal work session."

"Debate will depend on what is raised by the opposition But we are expecting them to raise the same issues that are being raised in Parliament."

The Transvaal Provincial Administration services, he said, would continue to be of a high standard, especially in the field of education Although there was a problem providing classrooms in expanding urban areas, the TPA was coping.

Mr Schoeman said he felt confident the mini-budget to be introduced in the short session "will do what needs to be done."

He predicted that the status quo in the council would remain with no further defections from his camp to the Conservative Party

The Progressive Federal Party kicks off the session with a reshuffle of its shadow executive committee Its spokesman on financial affairs, Mr Douglas Gibson (Bezuidenhout), will continue to be the caucus leader, with Mr Sam Moss (Parktown) as the new spokesman on local government.

Portfolios

The shadow committee also includes Mr Schalk Visser (Sandton), who will be party spokesman on works, Mr Alan Gadd (Yeoville), the new sponkesman on roads, Mr Peter Nixon (Johannesburg North), who will speak on education, and Mrs Irene Menell (Houghton), who takes the hospital services portfolio.

Looking forward to the session, Mr Gibson said the "grim financial situation" in the Transvaal would be sure to dominate proceedings.

He repeated his view that the subsidy formula applied by the Government when allocating funds to the four provinces was "totally outdated — the Transvaal is not getting its fair share of the cake at all"

As a result, extraordinarily severe cutbacks in capital spending have been implemented, and a crisis is fast developing in the spheres of education and hospital facilities In addition, the whole road-building programme is being held back, with disastrous consequences

"The more the programme is delayed, the closer some roads come to being classed as luxuries"

Mr Gibson said the question of the future of provincial authorities was "sure to come up at the session. There is as yet no definitive statement on the matter, and we feel this cannot be left in limbo indefinitely. The TPA has never been noted for its efficiency, and this uncertainty is making matters worse"

Debate

Regarding whether the nine-member PFP caucus would retain its slim lead of one over the CP, Mr Gibson said he did not foresee any further defections from the NP to the CP

"The NP seems confident that it has stopped the haemorrhage But I have been in politics long enough to know that this could change suddenly"

The leader of the Conservative Party caucus, Dr Servaas Latsky, said he foresaw some lively debate on the Government's constitutional proposals, adding that there had not been enough clarity on the future of provincial councils

"Provincial authorities will continue to have a meaningful role to play, and must not be phased out at any cost. However, the Nationalists do not like to discuss these things, and we will have to wait and see what happens"

He said his party shares the PFP view that the Transvaal is losing out when it comes to Government subsidies

Asked about the strength of his party's caucus, Dr Latsky said he was not aware of any closet CP members within the NP ranks who were preparing to cross the floor

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Province writes off R2m debt

Municipal Reporter

THE Provincial Administration has decided to write off outstanding hospital accounts which could amount to R2-million, because collecting it will cost too much.

Confirming this yesterday, a senior financial administration official said. "It's simply uneconomical for us to collect the money owed"

A circular has been sent to all chief provincial inspectors to return unpaid accounts of up to R50 to the Provincial Inspection Service

The spokesman said the amount involved "could be about R2-million"

The decision to write off the accounts of up to R50 was taken after an investigation by the Provincial Revenue Service which proved that it did not pay to collect the smaller debts.

Explaining yesterday, the spokesman said the normal procedure for collecting fees was first to send an account, then a reminder, followed by a letter of demand and another letter of demand signed by the chief revenue inspector

During this time, many payments were coming in

However, to collect those still outstanding, officials had to go to the debtors' homes. The cost of running a car, plus the salary and allowances of the official, came to about R50, making it a worthless exercise

Dr John Sonnenberg, opposition spokesman in the Provincial Council on hospital services, said the decision to write off the unpaid accounts was "humane and practical"

The majority of the debtors were not abusing the service, but were too poor to pay

However, he warned that the situation should be watched closely, with strict control

The loss of a probable R2-million was not so much when compared with the R500-million hospital budget and the R31-million received in receipts

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Bigger budget after wage rise for nurses

By JANE ARBOUS

LAST year's salary increases for nurses, which cost the Provincial Administration R17 million, is one of the main reasons for an additional budget application of R83,6 million to balance the current financial year's books, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said this week.

In an interview on the eve of next week's brief interim budget session of the council before the May budget announcement, Mr Louw said the administration's main problem would be to find money to cover rapidly-rising costs A major factor had been the expense of drought-relief measures

Mr Louw warned of having to resort to the administration's only three main local sources of income to meet "drastic expenses"

Raising money was an annual "tug-of-war" between betting tax, hospital fees and motor-vehicle licences, he said, but to say which was going to be increased would be "letting the cat out of the bag"

In his opening speech on Tuesday next week, Mr Louw will comment on developments during the past year

In terms of the day's order paper, he will ask the council to approve additional expenditure of R83,6 million to balance the provincial books for the 1982/83 financial year, which closes at the end of March

'Odd expenses'

Mr Louw, who originally budgeted for R1 313 million for the current financial year, said the additional budget — about six percent more — was to meet "odd expenses" such as the October salary increases for nurses

Last year, the additional budget was less than half — R33 million — and was mainly due to price increases on a wide front

In terms of the Part Appropriation Draft Ordinance, Mr Louw will also ask for R510 million — the estimated funds needed to tide the province over from the beginning of the 1983/84 financial year in April to the end of June when the budget funds start flowing

This amount is part of the total May budget

Much of the taxpayers' fate depends on what Mr Louw managed to obtain in the way of government subsidies at a recent meeting with the Minister of Finance, Mr Owen Horwood

As for the session itself, the leader of the National Party, Mr Piet Loubser, is likely to spark off lively debate with his motion that the council endorses the government's constitutional initiatives

The leader of the opposition Progressive Federal Party, Mr Herbert Hirsch, said the party would bring up the Cango Caves race "fiasco"

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A COMMISSION of inquiry is to be appointed to investigate the alleged giving of gifts to a senior official of the Transvaal Hospitals Department

This was announced by the Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, in the provincial council yesterday

Earlier this week in the council the leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Mr Douglas Gibson, referred to weekend Press allegations that officials had indulged in "foolish and dangerous" conduct by accepting assistance, gifts or favours from the Alumina Development Corporation and its subsidiaries

Officials named in the report were the Director of Hospital Services, Dr Hennie Grove, his deputy Dr G Scheepers, and the chairman of the council, Mr B D T Boshoff, MPC for Sunnyside

Mr Cruywagen said yesterday he had taken this step after accusations that officials had received gifts and favours from a company or companies

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Inquiry on hospital 'gifts'

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PRETORIA. — The Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, has appointed a commission of inquiry into allegations that senior provincial hospital services officials accepted gifts

He announced in the Provincial Council yesterday that the actions of the officials — the Director of Hospital Services, Dr Hennie Grove, his deputy, Dr Scheepers, and the chairman of the provincial council, Mr B D T Boshoff

He had taken the step — an unusual one in the Transvaal, he said — after accusations and insinuations in the council and by the mass media that officials of the Department of Hospital Services received gifts and favours from a company or companies which could have led to them being favoured in the award of tenders for medical provisions

He had decided to appoint the commission not because such a request came from members of the council but because of his unshakeable faith in the integrity of the officials

"The insinuations which bordered on character assassination and the way in which the proud record of clean administration in the Province had been sullied, could not be left there," he said

Some of the allegations are that senior officials were helped to buy televisions sets, cars and helped to go on overseas trips.

MEDICAL PAYOFF SCANDAL

European tour for Tvl official still unexplained

MR PETER Goldberg, chief executive of a subsidiary of SA Druggists, authorised an extensive European tour for the deputy director of Transvaal hospital services and his wife and charged it to SA Druggists' advertising account.

By MARTIN WELZ and WILMAR UTTING

The booking for Dr and Mrs G Scheepers was made by Mr Goldberg on a buying order of C E Electro Medical, X-ray division of Continental Ethicals, at that time a subsidiary of SA Druggists

Mr Goldberg was then managing director of C E Electro Medical He had formerly been the accountant in Mr Isaac Kaye's Alumina group of pharmaceutical companies

The order, No 3473, is dated April 24, 1979, a year after Mr Kaye's Alumina company merged with South African Druggists It is addressed to Keiser and Gentry, the travel company in Mr Kaye's group

Keiser and Gentry's invoice shows that South African Druggists spent R1 657 on air travel for Dr and Mrs Scheepers, who left South Africa on May 2, 1979 to visit Tel Aviv, Munich, Dusseldorf, Basle, London and Paris

There was a further invoice from Keiser and Gentry dated June 19 This was for a side trip for Dr Scheepers and his wife, leaving London on June 10 for Copenhagen and Malmo The two air tickets cost a total of R809,08

Written over the invoice is a note 'Advert CEEM Tvl R400, CGR Tvl R409', indicating that the cost of the latter trip had been apportioned between two divisions of SA Druggists CGR, an agency for a French electronic hospital equipment manufacturer, and CE Electro Medical

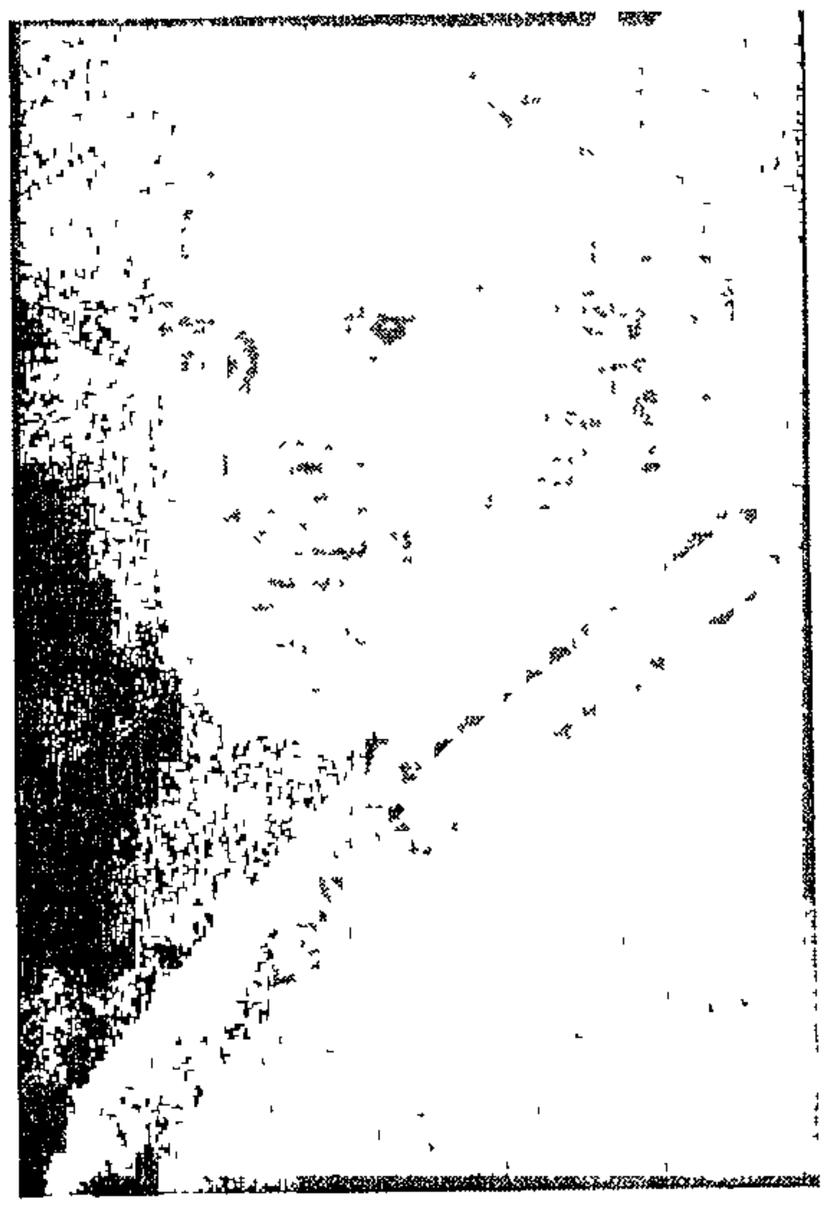
Dr Scheepers could not be reached for comment on his trip but in an interview last week his superior, Dr H A Grové, the director of Transvaal hospital services, said the province had paid for Dr Scheepers' trip to view hospital equipment

Dr Grové said that there had been a problem only with the payment of a hotel bill on Dr Scheepers' trip

He told the Sunday Express Dr Scheepers found that on his departure from Tel-Aviv, the company had already paid his hotel bill Dr Scheepers had therefore repaid the equivalent amount to the Treasury on his return to South Africa

The Sunday Express this week asked SA Druggists' accountant and director Mr J P Dandridge, and deputy managing director Mr Tony Karis, to explain the invoices

Later Mr Karis informed the Sunday Express that Mr Dandridge had investigated the matter and had prepared a statement, but that he wished to "consider the matter more calmly" before issuing a statement to the Press



● Dr Scheepers — he and his wife went on an extensive tour

Director of drug firm won't reveal 'gift' list

By MARTIN WELZ and WILMAR UTTING

A DIRECTOR of Continental Ethicals, a major subsidiary of South African Druggists Ltd, this week defied his managing director and refused to discuss gifts which he admitted giving to doctors — including a doctor in the provincial service

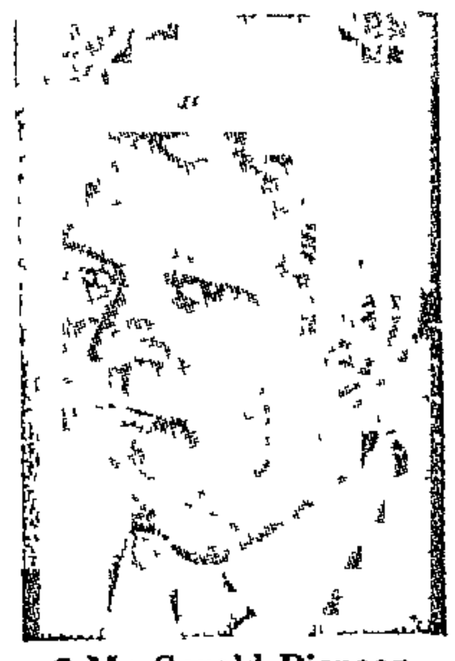
He is Mr Gerald Pienaar, director and general manager of Continental Ethicals, the former kingpin of Mr Isaac Kay's Alumina group of pharmaceutical companies, and now a subsidiary of SA Druggists

"I have already accepted my career with SAD or any other pharmaceutical company is over," he told top executives of the company

"You can hang me once, but you can't hang me twice"

The vice-chairman and MD of SA Druggists, Mr Brian O'Donnell, gave an undertaking last week that any officer of the company who indulged in the practice of making substantial gifts to doctors would have to account publicly for his actions

Mr Pienaar was summoned on Thursday this



● Mr Gerald Pienaar ... 'can't hang me twice'.

who had supported him in the 16 years he had devoted to building up the company

He admitted that he was aware of an occassion where these gifts had included payment of motor car installments totalling in excess of R2 000 on behalf of a doctor in the provincial service

But, he said, he refused to admit or deny that he had negotiated or been involved in the giving of other substantial rewards to doctors that the Sunday Express was able to name Disclosure would damage the credibil-

Good for [illegible] PFP praises Administrator's [illegible]

By ARLENE GETZ

MR Douglas Gibson, PFP leader in the Transvaal Provincial Council, said that if the allegations about the medical gifts scandal were correct, it would mean that officials of the Provincial Administration had indulged in "foolish and dangerous conduct"

Mr Gibson said "The implication of these allegations is extremely serious

"The giving of gifts and the building of friendships with people in responsible positions is almost standard practice in our business life

"When specific allegations are made that the gift-giving and the assistance has lapped over into the public sector where officials are responsible for spending public money, the situation is much more difficult and serious"

ONE person — probably a lawyer — will make up the commission of inquiry into the giving of gifts to officials in the Transvaal's Department of Hospital Services

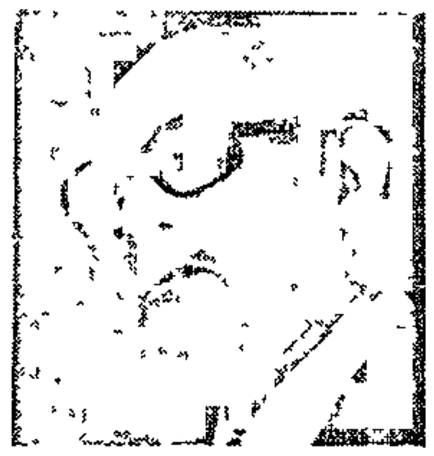
The proposed appointment of the commission was announced unexpectedly on Thursday by the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, during the first week of a provincial council session dominated by Sunday Express reports that public officials and doctors in official positions had accepted gifts and favours from a group of pharmaceutical companies

The announcement followed a blistering Wednesday-night attack by PFP provincial leader Mr Douglas Gibson on three provincial officials — the Director of Hospital Services, Dr Hennie Grove, his deputy, Dr G Scheepers, and the chairman of the council, Mr B D T Boshoff, MPC for Sunnyside

Mr Cruywagen's announcement, coming a week before the new MEC in charge of hospital services, Mr Daan Kirstein, was expected to reply to the Opposition, was greeted with approval and surprise

The move was welcomed by Mr Gibson, who said he was gratified by the Administrator's prompt response, "which contrasts with the shilly-shallying of Mr Kirstein"

BARRY STREEK reports from Cape Town that Dr Marius Barnard, Opposition spokesman on health, said the provincial commission of inquiry did not go far enough He called on the Ministers of Health and National Education to appoint their own inquiries



● Mr Cruywagen inquiry announced

Earlier in the week the Minister of Health, Dr Nak van der Merwe, said he regarded the allegations in a serious light But he did not envisage investigating because no one in his department was involved

The commission cannot begin investigating until its appointment is formally announced in the Provincial Gazette The next issue appears on Wednesday

DARYL BALFOUR reports that Natal's MEC in charge of hospital services, Dr Fred Clarke, has ordered an urgent inquiry into last week's Sunday Express disclosures that a senior provincial official accepted gifts from the SA Druggists group of pharmaceutical companies

The 'club' that came up trumps

By MARTIN WELZ and WILMAR UTTING

ONCE a month for a year Mr Julius Butkow, an accountant in Mr Isaac Kaye's group of pharmaceutical companies who happened also to be a South African bridge champion and a world class player, went to Pretoria to partner the former Transvaal director of hospital services, Dr J D Verster.

Mr Butkow first told the Sunday Express he was "instructed" by Mr Kaye to partner Dr Verster and to make sure he won

Later, asked to confirm his remarks, he said was "asked" to play, and that his reference to ensuring that Dr Verster won had been facetious

"Isaac did not play bridge himself and I was asked to go once a month with Mr Kaye's business partners, Richard Lurie and Dave Tabatznik, to make a foursome with Dr Verster"

Mr Butkow is president of the Johannesburg Bridge Club and the South African Bridge Federation and a former executive member of the International Bridge Federation

"Dr Verster was passionate about the game We played on a Wednesday afternoon at his home We started at about 3pm and played on right through until the early hours, even eating dinner at the card table We played for two-and-a-half cents a hundred points Verster loved to win"

Mr Butkow said he stopped going after a year

[illegible] O'Donnell and two other directors of SA Druggists, Mr Tony Karis and Mr Lou Morris The Sunday Express was present at the meeting when Mr Pienaar confessed that his company — and he personally — had in the past made substantial gifts to doctors He admitted that these gifts were of greater value than considered suitable by SA Druggists

But Mr Pienaar refused to accept Mr O'Donnell's advice to frankly answer questions about why he had made such gifts

He said "I have admitted we gave gifts, but I will not discuss them or identify the doctors who took them"

Mr Pienaar insisted the 'gifts' he had made were not bribes "They were a thank you, not a please," he said They were made to people

ty and reputation of the doctors and their families

In a written statement prepared for the Sunday Express Mr Pienaar suggested that his company, Continental Ethicals, had been confused with another company in the group, C E Electro Medical, when it came to allegations of attempts to illicitly influence tender authorities or compromise doctors

C E Electro Medical, he said, had "ridden on the back" of the good reputation of his company

When told that the Sunday Express wished to discuss only those incidents with doctors involving himself and his company, Mr Pienaar re-iterated that he had already made his admission

Many of the bigger gifts detailed in the Sunday Express last week, he said, had been given on the express instructions of Mr Isaac Kaye while he was managing director of Continental Ethicals, both before and for a short while after the SAD takeover in 1978

Mr Pienaar added that the gifts he had given were "not unusual in the pharmaceutical industry or in any other industry"

The meeting ended with a suggestion from Mr O'Donnell that Mr Pienaar reconsider his attitude overnight The stand Mr Pienaar was taking would bring him "no benefit at all", Mr O'Donnell cautioned

The Sunday Express was informed next day that Mr Pienaar was determined not to explain the circumstances of his gift giving

His position would be discussed at an SAD board meeting in Durban on Friday

Yesterday it was announced that the board had authorised Mr O'Donnell to take a decision about Mr Pienaar A spokesman said that Mr O'Donnell would announce on Monday what action, if any, he intends to take

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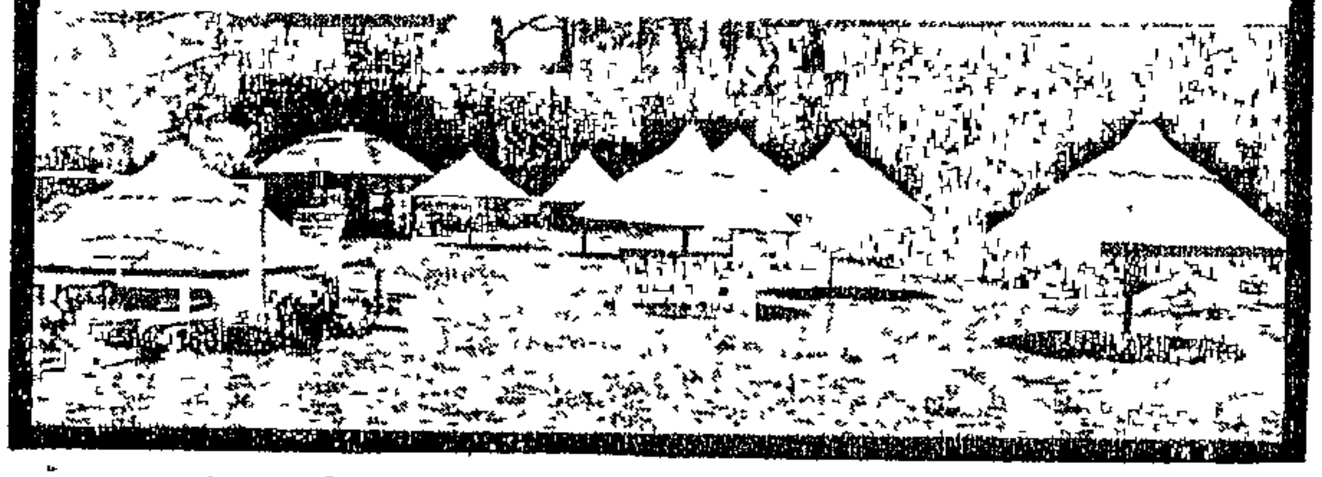

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MEDICAL PAYOFF SCANDAL

Company director drug industry 'sw

A FORMER director of a company in Mr Isaac Kaye's pharmaceutical empire told the Sunday Express that "sweeteners" totalling as much as R50 000 a year were passed to State officials and medical men who could influence the granting of multi-million rand tenders in his company's favour.

Mr Jimmy de Villiers, a former director of Continental Ethicals and the man in charge of Mr Kaye's X-ray division, CE Electro Medical, said

"Yes, it was I who did the dirty work and what did I get out of it? Two coronaries and damn all else

"That is why I speak with an abolutely clear conscience"

Extensive inquiries by the Sunday Express have uncovered documentary evidence for many specific charges made by Mr De Villiers, and have produced nothing that seriously contradicts his account

He was a director of Continetal Ethicals from May 1971 until he resigned in December 1978

He had extensive responsibilities, including the establishment and control of a major X-ray plant

Mr De Villiers said that when CE started getting into tenders after he joined in 1964, amounts totalling between R30 000 and R50 000 a year would be spent to keep key officials and influential doctors friendly

"In two years we had got 80% of the X-ray tenders, more than R3-million a year," Mr De Villiers said

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Among those who were thus cultivated, Mr De Villiers told the Sunday Express, were Dr Hennie Grové, director of hospital services and his deputy Dr G Scheepers, Mr Malan du Preez, assistant director who handled administration, and Mr B D T Boshoff, chairman of the provincial council

Another was Dr Grové's predecessor, Dr DP Verster, with whom the group's executives regularly played bridge.

Mr De Villiers said Mr Kaye or his accountant Mr Peter Goldberg did most of the negotiation at top level in Pretoria.

Mr Kaye had dealt directly with Dr Grové, he said

"Mr Kaye and Mr (David) Tabatznik regarded him as a personal friend" Mr Tabatznik was Mr Kaye's partner.

Dr Grové, who describes himself as a reborn Christian, told the Sunday Express that he had once invited Mr Kaye to a dinner in the provincial buildings where he had arranged a Jewish convert evangelist as a speaker in the hope of converting Mr Kaye and other Jewish guests to Calvinism

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Professor Joe Muller at Tygerberg was sympathetic and assisted the company to obtain introductions to all the hospital staff responsible for the use and selection of X-ray film, said Mr De Villiers

"If you did not have the hospital staff on your side you could forget about getting the tender," he said

"Sometimes it was just cake and chocolates for the girls If that didn't work you took the boss out to lunch and within no time you knew if he wanted something

"I often got a bit acid about the gifts that some people got.

"I remember bringing that up with Isaac Kaye one day when I learned that Prof Muller (then at Karl Bremer Hospital in Cape Town) had got expensive chandeliers from Italy

"On a trip to the 3M-Ferrania factory in Italy he and his wife chose chandeliers for their home in Cape Town They were a gift from the company CE imported them and paid for them and Prof Muller later showed them off to me in his home"

Prof Muller, telephoned this week in Windhoek where he is now chief radiologist following his retirement from Stellenbosch University, said he recalled acting as an X-ray film consultant to Mr Kaye

An aged Prof Muller could not immediately recall the chandeliers, but after consulting his wife confirmed that they had Italian chandeliers in their Cape Town home and that they might have been a gift from Ferrania

Mr De Villiers said helpful officials in the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Natal Provincial Administration were invaluable in that they could let CE know who had been awarded a valuable tender

"They would tell us before they told the other tenderers This would give us a few days to act.

"For example, if a tender to supply a number of provincial hospitals had been split 50-50 between us and a competitor we would learn which hospitals we would be supplying

"Let's say we had been allocated to supply country hospitals and our competitor had got the city ones

"We would get straight off to the country with a note that we had been granted the tender, and would get orders for at least three months

"Then we would come back, and again using friendly officials, we would persuade them to switch the allocations, giving us the city hospitals and the competitor the country ones

"When our competitors went to the hospitals they would find them already committed to stocking our stuff for the three months

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"I slid it across his desk at the hospital," Mr De Villiers said "He wanted cash towards an overseas trip for his family"

Prof Wolperwitz has since died but the Sunday Express has documentation which supports Mr De Villiers' account of this incident

Prof Wolperwitz did the actual testing of sample film that went with the tenders

One area which appeared to Mr De Villiers to be indifferent to CE's approaches was the Free State Provincial Administration.

Natal, too, remained loyal to Ilford film for many years

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Manager: gifts 'entirely ethical'

Chief Reporter

A drug company chief has described the manner in which his company gave money to medical units and gifts to doctors as entirely ethical

Mr Gerald Pienaar, general manager of Continental Ethicals, was reacting to Press reports concerning gifts and favours accepted by doctors in official positions

Continental Ethicals was formerly part of the Alumina Development Corporation, which has since merged with SA Druggists

Mr Pienaar denied any knowledge of attempts to influence tender authorities to buy his products

If the allegations levelled at his company in this regard were correct, he said, he had no knowledge that Continental Ethicals had been used in this manner

"I admit that within the framework of Continental Ethicals certain doctors were given gifts, but this is a practice not unusual in the pharmaceutical industry or, for that matter, in any other industry," he said

When a medical unit at a hospital was approached to test a drug for the company the unit was given a donation for research purposes to use as it wished

The company declared this donation for tax purposes and this practice was ethical, Mr Pienaar said

Individual doctors working at academic hospitals often spent many hours of their free time analysing test results and writing reports

These doctors had received gifts from the company as goodwill after their research was concluded The gifts in no way influenced their research findings, he said

One such doctor, Professor Harry Seftel of the University of the Witwatersrand, who is reported to have received a television set, in fact "killed" a drug through an adverse report, Mr Pienaar said

Doctors who drew up reports often had to address international symposia Any articles they submitted to medical journals had to be vetted by a panel of experts

Doctors would not therefore jeopardise their reputations by trying to give favourable reports for personal advantage

Mr Pienaar said he would not disclose the names of persons to whom gifts had been given, as he would under no circumstances jeopardise any medical or professional man's status

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Medical gifts claims 'perturbing'

THE managing director of South African Druggists is "deeply perturbed" by reports claiming medical practitioners and State officials had received "substantial gifts" from pharmaceutical company officials

Speaking to Sapa after a meeting of the board of directors of the giant pharmaceutical group of companies Mr B T O'Donnell said SA Druggists had never found it necessary to resort to such practices

He said this apparently happened prior to the SA Druggists' acquisition in 1977 of some of the companies allegedly involved and may have continued for a short period thereafter without the permission of SA Druggists management

Such practices were unacceptable to both himself and the board An official inquiry would be welcomed he said

PAT SIDLEY reports that doctors may hold shares in any company — including drug companies — if they do not abuse that involvement, according to the chairman of the South African Medical and Dental Council, Professor Frans Geldenhuys

He was responding to articles in a Sunday newspaper which named two top medical men — both in the public service — as having profited from shares they allegedly held at one time in SA Druggists and two associate companies

Prof Geldenhuys said it could become unethical if the doctor sat on any tender committees which had to buy products from the company and his involvement with the company impaired his objectivity in recommending a purchase

Doctors may not trade in medicines themselves, but he did not believe owning shares in drug companies constituted trading in medicines

He could not comment on the allegations, however, because he had not read the article and could not react until a complaint had been laid with the council

As far as he was aware there had not yet been any complaints — although one could arise

'Gifts' row: commission is appointed

By Sue Leeman,
Pretoria Bureau

Retired chief regional magistrate of the Southern Transvaal, Mr Lourens Vosloo de Kock, has been appointed commissioner in charge of the official provincial inquiry into alleged corruption within the hospital services

This was announced yesterday by the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen who said the commission would consist of only one man

The commission's terms of reference will be "To investigate allegations printed in the Sunday Express of February 6 and February 13, as well as further allegations and questions during this sitting of the council, that Dr H A Grove and Dr G W Schepers of the Department of Hospital Services received gifts or favours from the Alumina Development Corporation or its subsidiaries which could have resulted in preference being given to tenders by these companies for the provision of medical supplies"

Leader of the PFP in the council, Mr Douglas Gibson, last week called for a "frank and full" statement regarding the alleged involvement of provincial officials

Mr Cruywagen said the commission's hearings would be public, in accordance with the commission's ordinance But the ordinance allowed the chairman of the commission to bar sectors of the public from attending

The date and place of the hearings will be laid down by Mr de Kock

Reacting to the Administrator's announcement, Mr Gibson said that while he welcomed the appointment of Mr de Kock he felt the terms of reference of the commission were too narrow

"If we are to get to the bottom of the allegations it is vital that the commission be empowered to investigate gifts and assistance to officials other than Dr Grove and Dr Schepers What gifts were made to wives or families of these or other officials, for example?

"What also concerns me is that the Administrator has not made it clear that members of the public who have information will be given an opportunity of testifying on matters other than the specific allegations already made

"One must also inquire why Alumina and its associate companies have been singled out whereas SA Druggists, successors to Alumina, have not been included in the terms of reference"

Mr Gibson said he was also surprised that there was to be no inquiry into the allegations against Provincial Council chairman, Mr B D T "Bossie" Boshoff

"He has rejected these allegations with contempt but if the name of this senior and respected public representative is to be cleared, it is important that the allegations be investigated by the commission"

Public won't testify — Gibson

Council gifts probe flawed, claims PFP

By GERALD REILLY
Pretoria Bureau

THE commission appointed by the Administrator of the Transvaal to investigate alleged gift-giving to senior Transvaal Hospitals Department officials was "fatally flawed".

The leader of the Progressive Federal Party in the Transvaal Provincial Council, Mr Douglas Gibson, said the commission was flawed because there was no indication that members of the public would be able to testify

He was reacting to the appointment of a one-man commission chaired by a former president of the Johannesburg Regional Court, Mr L V de Kock

Mr Gibson called on the Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, to extend the commission's terms of reference

Announcing the commission, Mr Cruywagen said it would investigate allegations — made during the current provincial council session and in a Sunday newspaper — that the Director of Hospital Services, Dr Hennie Grove, and his deputy, Dr G Scheepers, had received gifts or favours from the Alumini Development Corporation or one of its associate companies

The allegations also claimed these "gifts" could have resulted in favourable tenders — for the provision of medical supplies to the Transvaal Provincial Administration — for the companies allegedly involved

Mr Gibson said the terms of reference were far to restricted — to get to the bottom of the "mess" Mr Cruywagen has named Dr Grove and Dr Scheepers, but had remained silent about other officials named in both the Press and the provincial council

Mr Gibson said there was "no indication that members of the public who had other information not already disclosed would be invited to give evidence before the commission

"To me this is a fatal flaw," said Mr Gibson

Serious allegations had been made about the council chairman, Mr B D T Boshoff, who had stated that he rejected them "with contempt"

"Surely, in order to clear the name of this senior public representative, it is important that his alleged conduct also be examined," Mr Gibson said

Speaking after the announcement of the commission, Mrs Irene Menell (PFP Houghton) said the allegations emphasised more strongly the need for an open and public inquiry

Nobody who was implicated should be immune from the commission whatever their office or position, she said

Mrs Mennel asked

- What is the specific administration policy on the offer and acceptance of gifts from private sector agencies to persons in the employ of the province,
- What are the procedures for the disclosure of gifts or grants made and received,
- What action is prescribed when such policy and procedures are breached, and,
- Has the administration ever disciplined any of its employees for the improper acceptance of gifts and favours from private sector companies and individuals who have business dealings with the province

Officials were not given adequate facilities to attend conferences professionally necessary to them It was hardly surprising that help was sought from outside, she said

Referring to the testing of drugs for pharmaceutical companies by the Transvaal's medical personnel, Mrs Menell said such work should carry rewards

"If this is officially prohibited then unofficial procedures will develop — as they have done — and that results at best in situations that are sordid and distasteful and, at worst, an abuse of taxpayers' money," she said

VEHICLE licences up 33pc

By JANE ARBOUS

MOTOR-VEHICLE licence fees will go up by an average of 33 percent from May 1, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, announced in the Provincial Council yesterday.

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cause he did no want to place a further burden on the low and middle income groups which made up 80 percent of hospital patients

However, he warned that the administration might have to reconsider hospital fees "at a later stage"

The only source left was motor-vehicle licence fees last increased seven years ago By way of comparison road construction costs had gone up by 14% percent during that period and the general consumer price index had increased by 135,15 percent, he said He was not prepared to cancel the entire R30 million deficit by increasing licence fees by 56 percent

He regarded an increase of one third as "reasonable in the circumstances"

The Opposition spokesman on finance, Mr Geoff Everingham, MPC for Pinelands said the R13 million effect on the Cape subsidy caused by the Transvaal fees increase must have required "accounting gymnastics second to none"

Questioning the fairness of the subsidy system on which the administration depended he said the Cape had special needs which had to be looked at

The debate was adjourned to today

This is to help offset the R30-million deficit facing the Provincial Administration in the current financial year ending March 31

Although details of the new fee categories will only be announced later, Mr Louw said most of the increase would be passed on to motorists

In a gloomy 20-page mini-budget speech during the second reading of the Additional Appropriation Draft Ordinance, Mr Louw asked for an extra R83,6 million to balance the provincial books for 1982/83 The amount is about six percent more than his original budget of R1 313 million

Mr Louw said the administration had been unable to bridge the gap between expenditure and revenue "most certainly not because of a failure on the part of this council and Administration"

Additional revenue

The increase in licence fees is expected to yield an additional revenue of about R18 million

Mr Louw said that to find the remaining R12 million of the deficit, spending would have to be closely examined in framing the main budget in May He added that negotiations were continuing with the State Treasury to obtain more funds

One of the two main reasons for the administration's going into the red was the inability of the State Treasury to refund, as promised, R6,5 million spent on roads, R3,5 million incurred because of disaster damage and R5,3 million for salary adjustments and benefits

The other reason was the unexpected revision of the central government's subsidy after the administration's 1982/83 budget had been passed

Mr Louw said that after the Transvaal had raised its motor-vehicle licence fees by a drastic amount a year ago, the State Treasury calculated the Cape revenue for the current year at R13 million more, "which in fact means we lost this amount in subsidy"

Economic climate

Explaining the poor economic climate of the past year, Mr Louw said he understood why it was impossible for the government to meet certain payments Because the Cape's expenditure had been limited to essentials and curtailments had been effected wherever possible the deficit could not be met there

A tax increase would cause the least disruption, he said

Discussing the only three main sources of revenue, he ruled out raising already high totalisator and betting tax and hospital fees, the latter be

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FINAL FORTNIGHT

Call to extend inquiry into gifts given to doctors

Pretoria Bureau

A DEMAND to extend the terms of reference for the commission of inquiry into alleged giving of gifts to two senior officials of the provincial hospitals department was made in the Transvaal Provincial Council yesterday

The leader of the Progressive Federal Party in the council, Mr Douglas Gibson said the allegations had been wide ranging and included accusations against other officials and members of named officials families

The terms of reference were not wide enough

The inquiry was restricted to two doctors — the Director of Hospital Services Dr Hennie Grove, and his deputy Dr G Scheepers

The executive committee had blundered in not advising the Administrator to discuss the terms of reference weith the leader of the opposition

He welcomed the assurance by the Administrator that if the commissioner asked for extended terms of reference, he would agree to this

The terms of reference merely referred to allegations in two issues of the Sunday Express newspaper, and to questions in the council

"What will happen if the Express comes out with further allegations this Sunday Will they be excluded from the inquiry?"

The terms should have included this possibility

'And what about members of the public who may want to make further allegations? They, too were excluded by the commissioner's guidelines

"We must get to the bottom of the mess once and for all

'We are not trying to persecute anyone Don't cast a pall of suspicion over the commission

He failed to understand why the inquiry should be confined to two doctors

He appealed to the Administrator to reconsider the issue and to extend the terms of reference

Mr Gibson said he did not enjoy raising the issue in the council, but it was a public duty to do so

In other issues discussed in the council yesterday

● The MEC in charge of roads and works Mr John Griffiths, said overtime had been cut, roads were made to conform with absolute minimum standards, furniture purchasing had been kept to a minimum, old vehicles were repaired and taken back into service

He was responding to a demand from Mr Gibson that the administration should be streamlined

"Tell us what more we should do to streamline You told us to deliver the goods

' Tell us what goods we have not delivered he said

● Mr Griffiths also said if the cutting of provincial subsidies was in the national interest then he accepted it without qualification

The province s financial difficulties would have been greatly eased if it had been able to keep the R300-million cut from its budget he said

Everything possible had been done to get the needed finance for the province

He was reacting to opposition criticisms that the cutting of the provincial subsidy was the bell "of doom for the province

There was no reason for the prophets of doom to fear an early death' for the province because of subsidy cuts

● The leader of the National Party in the council Mr Fanie Schoeman, MEC in charge of education, said the opposition had come along with instant solutions to the staff shortage problem — the use of other race groups

He pointed out there were senior posts in the province available to non-whites but contrary to the opposition claim there were not thousands and thousands of suitably qualified blacks to fill the available posts

PFP motion on open beaches 'aimed at LP'

Staff Reporter

THE MEC for Local Government, Mr Hernus Kriel yesterday accused the Progressive Federal Party of trying to destroy the Labour Party by proposing a motion in the Provincial Council that beaches be opened to all races

Earlier in the debate, Mr Jan van Eck, PFP MPC for Groote Schuur, had said that if the LP leader, the Rev Alan Hendrickse, was appointed a cabinet minister and visited Muizenberg, the police would be forced to remove him

The NP majority in the council rejected Mr Van Eck's motion on open beaches, and instead approved an amendment by Mr Kriel that "separate beaches for separate races promote good relations among people"

Mr Van Eck said that as long as beach apartheid remained, race relations would deteriorate, and "this government will stand accused of not being sincere about reform"

To a barrage of interjections from NP members, he said "If Alan Hendrickse is a minister in your new three-chamber parliament, then the police will have to remove him (from Muizenberg beach) if he won't leave, because that is your policy"

The PFP MPC for Gardens, Mrs Di Bishop, said "Today's Hansard of this debate may one day feature in a trial concerning crimes against humanity"

Cricketers

She said that while the West Indies cricket tour was heralded as a breakthrough, "what would have happened if the cricketers had wanted to go to Clifton Beach?"

Mr Kriel accused the PFP of trying to destroy the LP "by making the coloured people suspicious of the Labour Party by proposing motions like this and by saying 'your party and your leaders are busy dealing with a racist government'"

He said that until 1966 when beach apartheid started it was 'unnecessary to have separate beaches because the lifestyle of the coloured and Indian people was such that they made very little use of the beaches'

Living standards

However, under the NP government, their living standards had increased to the extent that they were now able to take holidays and this had led to a heavier demand for beaches and the need for beach apartheid

Local authorities should beware their "slackness' in not applying beach apartheid because they were "creating patterns of usage which we will later not be able to reverse", he said

He called on the PFP to "accord me the right to be able to relax among people of my own race"

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Amounts allocated to provinces from Central Budget

99 Mr J J B VAN ZYL asked the Minister of Finance †

(a) What amount was allocated to each province from the Central Budget in 1980

1981 and 1982, respectively, and (b) what is the *per capita* amount for the White population in each province in respect of the above-mentioned amounts?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE

(a) (i) It is accepted that the Honourable Member referred to the financial years 1979/80, 1980/81 and 1981/82.

(ii) The amounts paid to the Provinces in respect of the relevant financial years, are as follows

	1979–80	1980–81	1981–82
	R'000	R'000	R'000
Cape Province ..	658 645	811 093	975 166
Transvaal	815 463	1 012 887	1 224 836
Orange Free State	210 195	256 984	300 648
Natal	283 217	361 180	447 896
Total	1 967 520	2 442 144	2 948 546

(b) The allocations of the subsidies to the Provinces for the different services, for example in respect of hospitalization, roads and miscellaneous services, are not calculated on a racial basis No significant conclusions can therefore be drawn by expressing these amounts as a *per capita* figure of the White population

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Professor Brink's company car

MR DAVID Tabatznik discussed with the Sunday Express this week the car given by the Alumina group of companies to Professor Andries Brink, professor of medicine at Stellenbosch University and a former director of Labethica

"I certainly think it wrong for the company to have bought a car for Prof Brink, unless he got his employers' permission," Mr Tabatznik said

But then that happened when we were no longer responsible for Labethica In fact the car was paid for by Alumina, for which I was only indirectly responsible as it was a subsidiary of SAD and I was a director of SAD But I certainly did not know about it I would not have approved it had I known

'If at an earlier stage he had merely had the use of a company car, that was different

● Professor Andries Brink had company car

'I did not know about that either, I do not recall it being discussed at a Labethica board meeting Prof Brink has told me he was given the use of a car for travelling

'It would have been natural for the company to give him the use of a car if he was travelling to Bethlehem from time to time I would not have minded him having the car for his personal use if it was to the benefit of the company It would remain the property of the company," Mr Tabatznik said

"But then I notice that the car was arranged by Continental Ethicals, which was entirely Mr Kaye's company and I knew nothing about that

"I was not responsible for inviting Prof Brink to join the board of Labethica I do not recall the terms of his appointment, I suppose it will be in the minutes"

TABATZNIK AND LURIE EXPLAIN...

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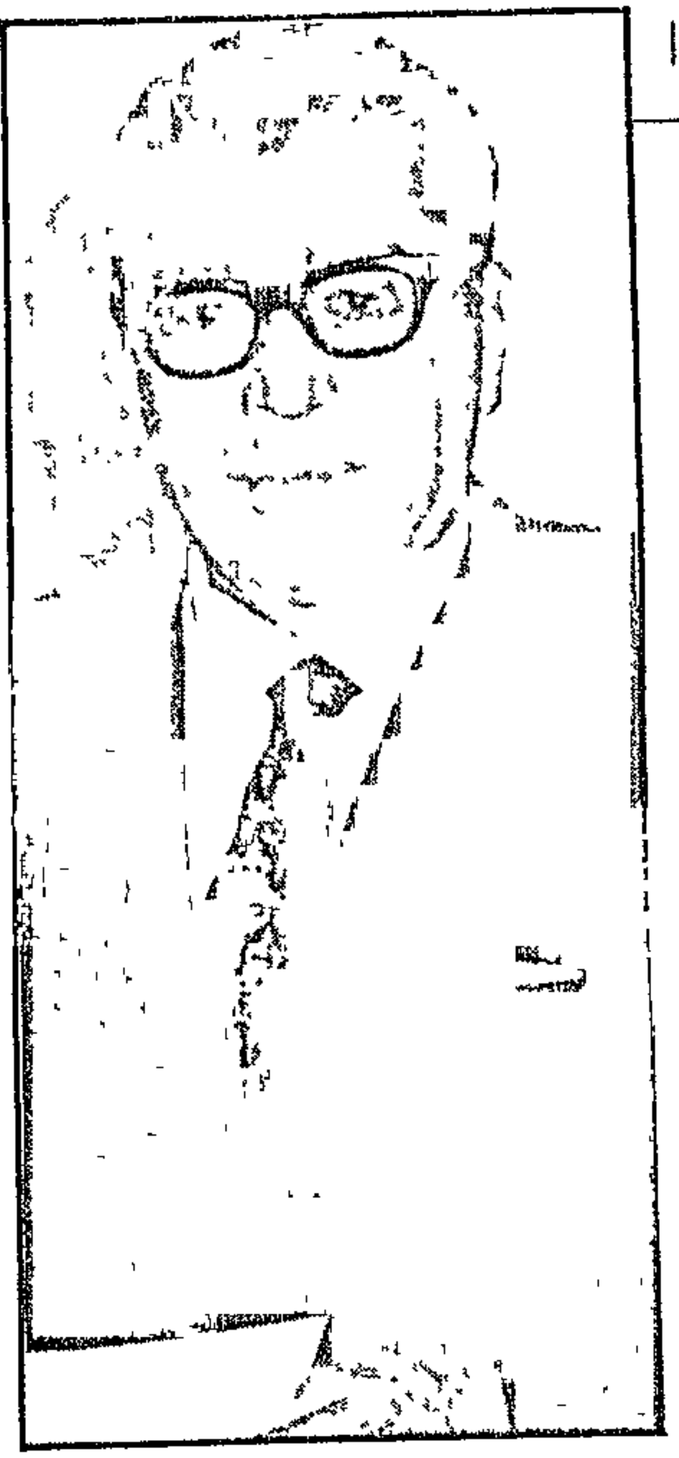

● MR RICHARD LURIE

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TWO major shareholders in subsidiary companies of Mr Isaac Kaye's Alumina group this week said they had held no shares in the Alumina Development Corporation itself or in any of its subsidiaries that were involved in 'gift giving' to influential doctors and officials

Reports by MARTIN VELZ and WILMAR UTTING

'We wish to be clearly separated from the Alumina group," Mr Richard Lurie and Mr Dave Tabatznik told the Sunday Express in a wide-ranging interview

"We had nothing to do with Alumina's gift-giving As far as we were concerned Alumina belonged to Mr Kaye and his partner Mr Barney Miller," Mr Tabatznik said

scores of hospital and nursing home companies, held shares were

☐ Labethica, in which Mr Lurie and Mr Tabatznik held 49% of the shares and Alumina the controlling 51% Pro- were

"I was responsible for telling them what to manufacture I was only interested in the technical side of Labethica," Mr Tabatznik said

To his knowledge no 'gifts' were given to doctors or officials by this company

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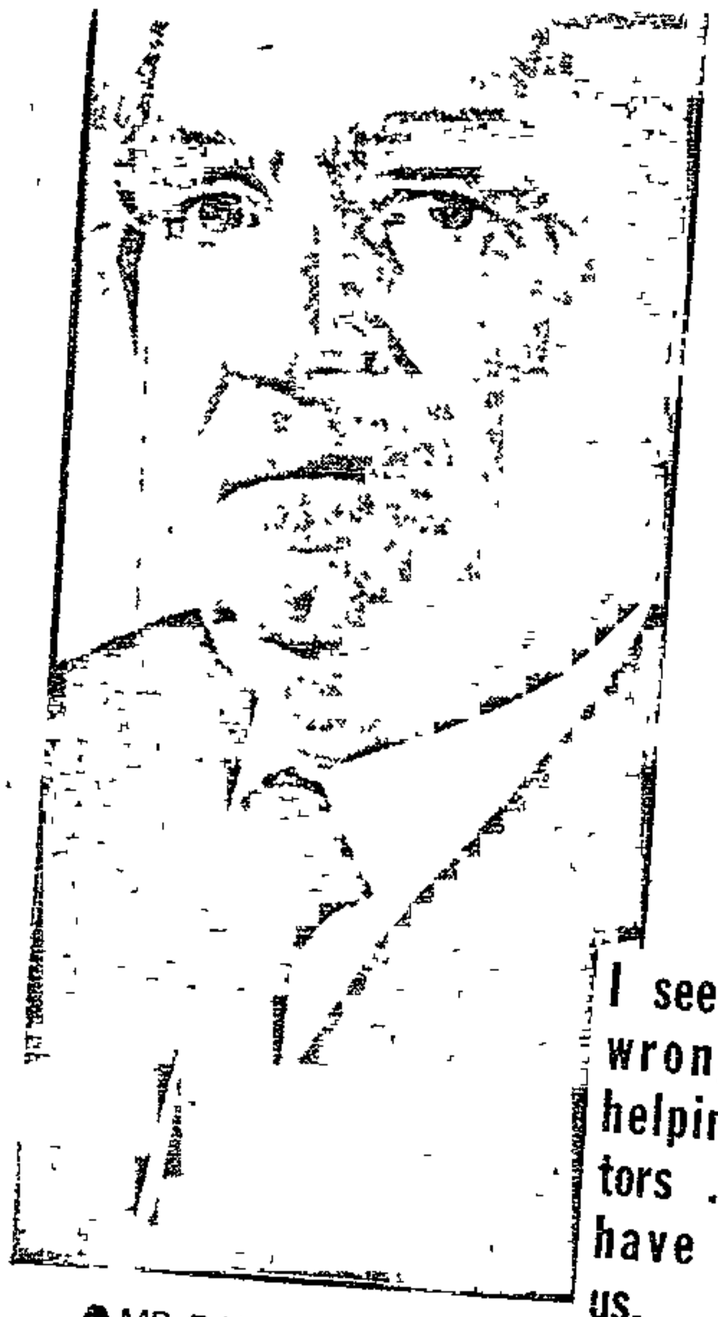

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Bombshell

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Mrs Maria Brink (wife of Prof A J Brink), Dr Hennie Grove, Prof Sarel Oosthuizen and Dr Connie Mulder, then Transvaal leader of the National Party, were among those allotted shares in the two companies

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☐ Chemley, the company that owned the factory in which the X-ray film plant operated The arrangement between the shareholders was identical to that in Amilkay

Last week the Sunday Express described Mr Tabatznik and Mr Lurie as partners in the Alumina group This description was based on formal partnership contracts shown to the Sunday Express, their major shareholdings in three Alumina subsidiary companies and the fact that the two men were cosignatories with Mr Kaye and Mr Barney Miller to the agreement when South African Druggists bought the Alumina group for R12,7-million in 1977

This week Mr Tabatznik and Mr Lurie said this description was misleading because, they said, it linked them to the alleged misdemeanours of subsidiaries in the Alumina group in which they had no interest

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Mr Tabatznik added that while special agreements had been concluded between them and Mr Kaye's Alumina immediately prior to the SAD takeover, these had been necessary to facilitate the takeover deal

Mr Kaye was determined to sell and as minority shareholders we had no option but to go along with the deal"

Mr Tabatznik and Mr Lurie received R4-million for their share

Mr Tabatznik conceded that while the Alumina companies in which he and Mr Lurie had major shareholdings were themselves not involved in the selling operations of the other Alumina subsidiaries, they were dependent on them for their success and shared in the benefits of those sales

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Referring to some of the TV sets for doctors and officials Mr Tabatznik explained

Mr Kaye asked me to get them for him wholesale I got them for him from Globe Electric (Mr Tabatznik was chairman of Glolec), but I could have got them from any number of other suppliers

"It's the sort of favour I would have done for any friend," Mr Tabatznik said

"He paid for them (the) than that I know nothing more about them

That bridge story is 'fanciful'

BOTH Mr David Tabatznik and Mr Richard Lurie disputed a claim by a former employee of the Alumina group that they had regularly played bridge with a top provincial official

The employee, Mr Julius Butkow, a champion bridge player was quoted in the Sunday Express last week as saying he had been asked to partner the former director of hospital services in the Transvaal, Dr J D Verster, at bridge at his home in Pretoria every month

Mr Butkow said Mr Lurie and Mr Tabatznik were the other partners in these games The Sunday Express report was written on the basis of what Mr Butkow told two reporters, and was read back to him on the telephone by a third

This week Mr Lurie said Mr Butkow's story was "fanciful" He said he had never played bridge in Pretoria with anybody and he had never played bridge with Dr Verster

He had met Mr Butkow only once — at Mr Tabatznik's home where they were playing bridge

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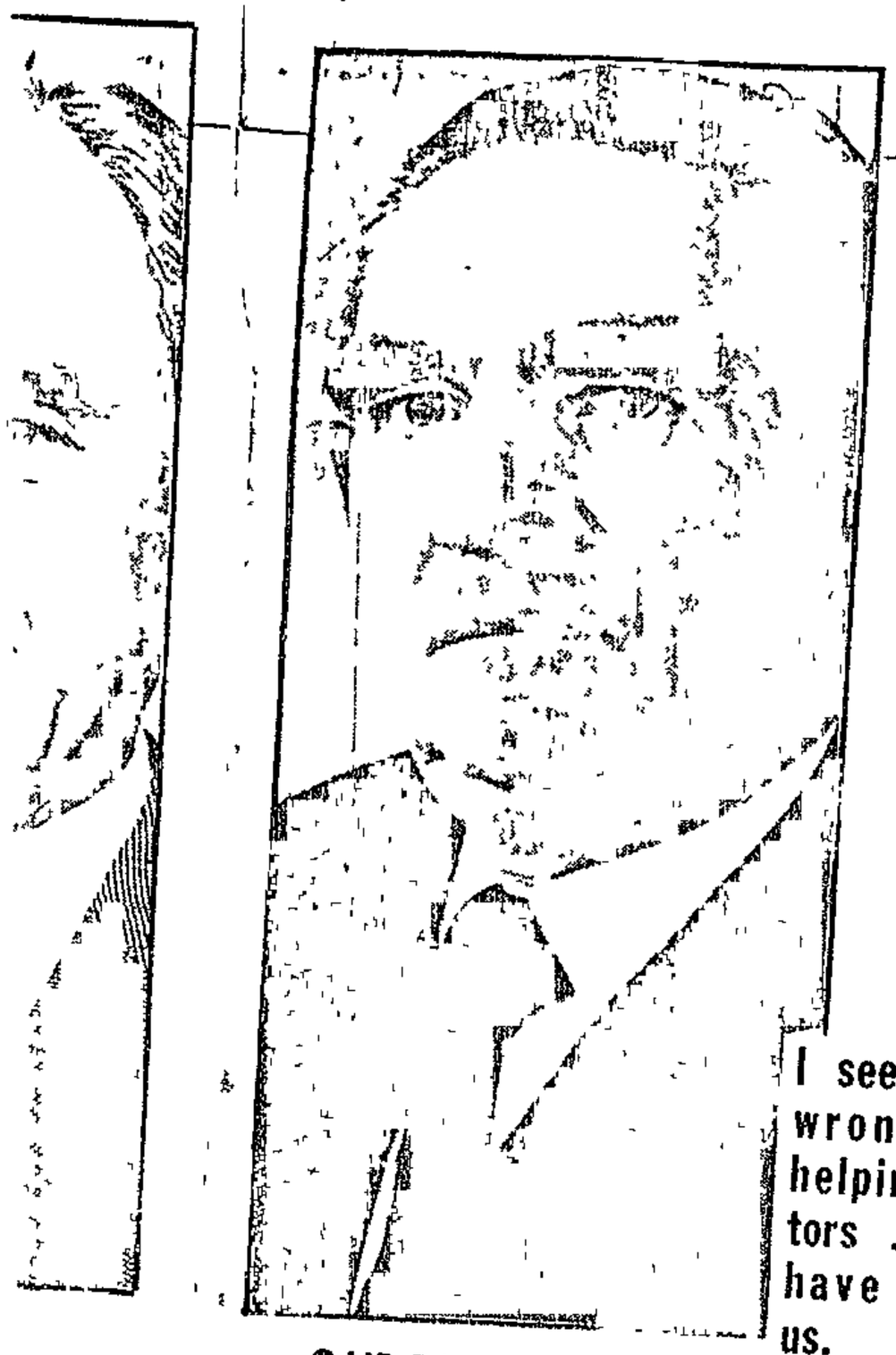

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Last week Mr Tabatznik told the Sunday Express he had advised Dr Grové to sell his shares in Copybook and Banstan as the companies were about to start their first hospital and there was a prospect of the company doing business with the province

Mr Tabatznik said this week that this was obviously a misunderstanding His companies already had several hospitals at that time

He suggested to Dr Grové that he sell his shares because Labethica was about to enter the tender market for the supply of pharmaceuticals to the province

"I paid him R2 200 for his 2 000 shares in one company and R2 500 for his 2 000 shares in the other, based on an auditor's valuation"

Mr Tabatznik said he did not believe that Prof Oosthuizen (professor of radiology at Pretoria University at the time) had had any influence on the granting of Transvaal X-ray tenders at that time

"In any case there are several doctors who sit on a committee that advises the province on tenders"

Mr Tabatznik was chairman of Protea Holdings Ltd, a major supplier of X-ray film and medical equipment to the province "but as chairman I never saw a tender"

"In any case, why should I give people shares in my own private company to benefit a large public company in which I have only a small interest?

"If Protea got R2-million worth of tenders for X-ray film, in terms of my shareholding that would have contributed less than R1 000 to my dividends"

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Nearly R6m for Natal pay hike

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SALARY increases for certain categories of provincial employees accounted for nearly half of the R12,1 million additional appropriation introduced in the Natal Provincial Council by the Administrator, Mr Stoffel Botha, yesterday

Mr Botha described the fact that the balance of the appropriation, which was not related to salaries, amounted to only about 1 percent of the annual budget for the current year, as a feather in the cap of the Province

After salary increases, the bulk of unforeseen expenditure was attributed to increases in the cost of medical supplies, building and road construction, transport and subsistence costs and increased contributions to pension and medical aid funds

However, R350 000 was set aside for the establishment of the Natal Philharmonic Orchestra, and Mr Botha announced that he had made representations to the Ministers of Education and Finance to make a special grant to the orchestra in the next budget

R300 000 was also given, with the approval of the Minister of Finance, to Pietermaritzburg City Council for the purchase of the Winston Churchill Theatre

Mr Botha warned that provisional figures for the next financial year indicated that it would be another year in which financial discipline would be the watchword

However, he would be in a position to give full details only at the May sitting

In his opening address, Mr Botha also referred to the shortage of funds — particularly in relation to roads, where 'certain important works' had been postponed

The Durban metropolitan concept was in danger of being seriously prejudiced because of a further reduction in the subsidy provided by the National Transport Commission

Mr Botha also announced that the Executive Committee had decided to initiate an in-depth inquiry into the desirability of regionalising municipal services in the Greater Durban area, and he acknowleged the spadework already done in this field by the Durban Metropolitan Consultative Committee

'No NPA favours' for drug firm gift

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MARITZBURG — A senior Natal Provincial Administration official had received gifts from a certain pharmaceutical company, but there was no evidence that preferential treatment was offered to or received by the company from the NPA, the Administrator of Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha, said in the Natal Provincial Council yesterday

Mr Botha said, however, disciplinary action would be taken against the official

Mr Botha's statement followed recent disclosures that the senior officer in charge of hospital supplies for Natal, Mr Jack Nicholson, received 500 shares in a drug company and a control unit for a model boat valued at R238

The gifts were allegedly in return for favours or preferential treatment received by a particular pharmaceutical company in connection with tenders for supplies

Mr Botha said a full departmental inquiry had been undertaken at the direction of the acting Provincial Secretary

This had shown that while gifts were received by the officer, there was no evidence that advantage or preferential treatment was offered to or received by the company in relation to any tender, contract or purchase by the administration

Mr Botha said the officer was in no position to influence the award of any tender

Disciplinary action would be taken in terms of the Public Service Act — Sapa

Probe reveals senior official got gifts from firm

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

A SENIOR official in Natal's Department of Hospital Services received certain gifts from a pharmaceuticals company, a departmental investigation has revealed

However, there was no evidence to suggest that the company concerned had received any advantage or preferential treatment, the Administrator of Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha, said in the Provincial Council yesterday

The investigation, headed by the Acting Provincial Secretary, Mr W R Bezuidenhout, was the result of reports in the Sunday Press two weeks ago

'I would like to emphasise that the officer concerned was in no position to influence the award of any tender,' Mr Botha told the council The official was not named

The investigation also had served to confirm that the interests of the Natal Provincial Administration in the acceptance of tenders were adequately safeguarded

'The NPA had suffered no loss in this case, except the damage to its image by virtue of the publicity accorded to the matter'

He said the matter of disciplinary action in terms of the Public Service Act would be pursued

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Plaza opening: IMC pleased

EAST LONDON — The organisation of the official opening of the Oriental Plaza in North End was praised by the Indian Management Committee yesterday.

Both the chairman, Mr Harry Parbhoo, and vice-chairman, Mr Mike Williams, who is the IMC spokesman on the Plaza, said the event had gone off very well

A vote of thanks was recorded for all those involved in the function

Mr Williams said discussions with the deputy director-general of the Department of Community Development, Mr P McEnery, "went off very well" — DDR

Caravan park for Indians rejected

EAST LONDON — Plans for an Indian caravan park on the West Bank were given the thumbs down by the Indian Management Committee at its meeting yesterday

IMC members said it would be pointless to go ahead with the plan if it was going to be shelved along with a number of other plans the IMC have had in the pipeline for years

It was felt, instead, that urgent priority should be given to the building of sports fields for Indians.

"Considering a caravan park when we haven't even got money for a sports field? Why shouldn't even look at this now," the vice-chairman, Mr Mike Williams, said

"We first want to see other facilities materialise I request that this (the caravan park) plan be taken off," the chairman, Mr Harry Parbhoo, said

Mr M. L. Harry said it was the community's right to have such a facility, and called for existing caravan facilities to be opened up to Indians

"We must be able to get caravanners down here by the end of the year" — DDR

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MPC: reveal EL bribery probe details

CAPE TOWN — Wide ranging and serious allegations of bribery and corruption in the office of the regional representative of the Works Department in East London made it imperative that details of a Provincial Administration commission of inquiry be made public, the PFP MPC for Constantia, Mr Jan van Gend, said yesterday

Speaking during the second reading debate of the Part Appropriation Draft Ordinance in the Provincial Council, he said the reply he had received to his question on the findings of the commission was difficult to accept

This reply was that "the committee of inquiry found no evidence to suggest that there was anything unusual in the award of the contract and that none of the allegations could be substantiated"

The reply further stated that "as certain matters of a confidential nature affecting individual members of staff" were contained in the findings, they could not be made public

Mr Van Gend said "the information which I have is of such a wide ranging and serious nature that I find it difficult to accept one of the replies I have received," namely that the allegations were unfounded

He had been approached by a "senior employee" of the department who had handed him "numerous letters, statements and documents which strongly, and I emphasise strongly, support numerous counts of corruption and malpractice over the last few years involving certain contractors in the East London area and a number of members of staff, not just one or two, of this administration

"The allegations include numerous instances of payments being made by contractors directly to certain employees in this administration for their own benefit"

All the information Mr Van Gend received had also been given to the commission of inquiry, he said

"Allegations of malpractice" and of "bribes being given" were not a private, internal matter, and the sooner the findings were aired in public, the sooner the air would be cleared, Mr Van Gend said.

Members of the National Party did not refer to the allegations in their subsequent speeches — DDC

First phase of regional fire service set to begin

By NOREEN SUTCLIFFE

UITENHAGE — The first phase of the regionalisation of fire services will come into effect on March 1, when the Dias Divisional Council fire service comes under the control of the Uitenhage Municipality's Fire Department

The Uitenhage Fire Department is to control the regional fire services of the Uitenhage and Despatch municipalities and the Winterhoek and Dias Divisional Councils, in terms of the Fire Brigade Ordinance of 1978

Mr Coen Bezuidenhout, Chief Fire Officer of Uitenhage, said "The Administrator granted his approval to local authorities combining their services

"We will start by taking in the two existing fire tenders at Dias and appoint two station officers and eight firemen, who will operate from the Dias depot in Cotswold, basically as a regional fire station."

Local authorities were working on estimates for the year 1983/1984 It was hoped eventually to establish regional fire stations at Grahamstown (in addition to the municipal service), Port Alfred, Bushman's River/Kenton-on-Sea, Alexandria, Paterson, Witteklip and Hankey, and eventually Alicedale and Riebeeck East, in the Dias Divisional Council area

As far as the Winterhoek Divisional Council area was concerned, it was intended to set up regional stations at Kirkwood and Addo, to cover virtually the whole of the Sundays River Valley, Steytlerville; Willowmore and Rietbron, which was the furthest point of the boundary of the Winterhoek Divisional Council area.

"In fact," said Mr Bezuidenhout, "one could say from the Gamtoos River area to the boundary of the Great Fish River, which covers both Diaz and Winterhoek boundaries

"Naturally, we have to plan carefully and have to look at manpower and suitable buildings

"We will look at existing buildings in the various areas and try to use what will be most serviceable. As far as manpower is concerned we will make use of civil defence personnel, volunteer fire fighters and temporary firemen, all of whom will receive training at the Uitenhage headquarters."

For the year 1983/1984 plans included the new headquarters for the Uitenhage fire station in Cuyler Street, the possible extension of the Despatch fire service, and the establishment of regional services at Greenbushes and the Kirkwood/Addo area

The whole operation could be looked upon as the decentralisation of the various fire services and the formation of one central body responsible for all training and operation

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FAVOURS, GIFTS FOR HOSPITAL ADVISERS

By MARTIN WELZ, WILMAR UTTING and ARLENE GETZ

TWO provincial officials have been found to have received regular payments from the Alumina group of medical supply companies at times when they were giving advice on official purchases of medical supplies and equipment.

In the Transvaal, Mr Stan Cooper, chief surgical equipment technician until his retirement last year, received a retainer and a commission from a surgical equipment company

At the time he was advising the Transvaal Department of Hospital Services on its equipment

And in the Cape, Mr Jack Boshoff, a former chief radiographer at Tygerberg Hospital who was also an adviser to the State Tender Board, has admitted that he received regular gifts and favours from the major supplier of X-ray film and equipment to South

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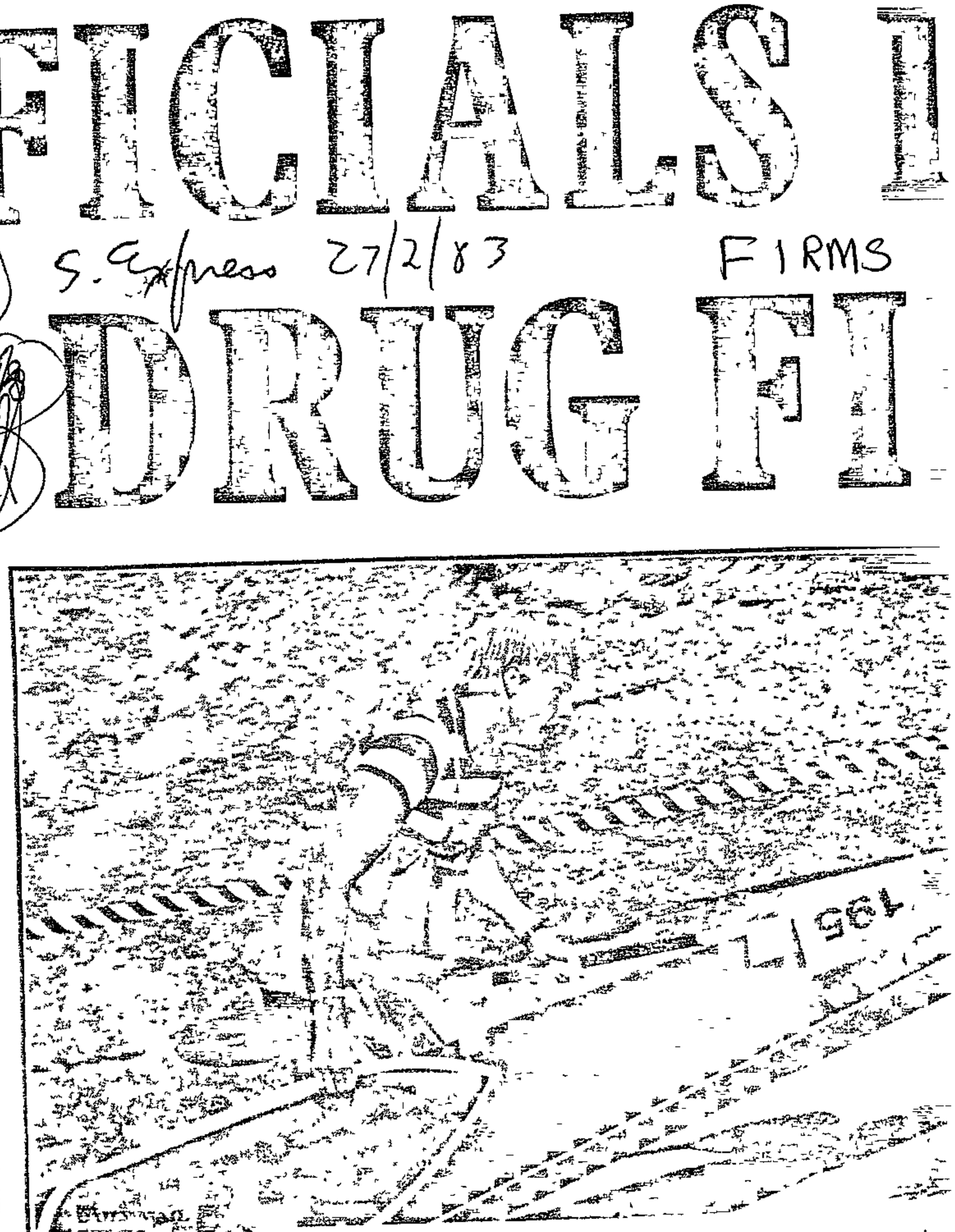

● The face of Iron Man contestant Tim Cornish — his first place was in do[ubt] the agony of the event.

Cornish is king in the Iron [Man]

MEET South Africa's 'Iron Man' — Maritzburg's 29-year-old Tim Cornish who beat 295 entrants — including four women — to win the 160km Rand Daily Mail/Nutrisport Iron Man Triathlon yesterday.

Cornish won the gruelling test of endurance — canoeing, cycling and running and held in blistering Transvaal heat — in 8.19-20

But his win was not without dra[ma] As he finished in front of a large crowd at a Sandton hotel, a [man] who, it [in the] The

BOULDER CITY — Daredevil Steve McPeak was married on a set of cables spanning the Hoover Dam gorge yesterday — then said his fourth venture 229m above the Colorado River might be his last

He said he and his new bride, Carly Bliss, 22, would spend today on the cables but after that, would "settle down and have a bunch of little wirewalkers"

The Rev Jim Hamilton conducted the five-minute ceremony, standing among a crowd of spectators while Steve and Carly stood on the cables by a wind-whipped American flag

"On Wednesday I gave them some marriage counselling," the minister said

"I told them not to fall off" — Sapa-AP

The payments made to officials

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African hospitals

A former executive of Surgicare, a company in Mr Isaac Kaye's Alumina group, said that in 1979 Mr Cooper had been a frequent visitor to the company's Johannesburg offices, where he collected a monthly retainer of R100

The Sunday Express was subsequently able to trace documentary evidence of at least six payments made by the company to Mr Cooper while he was still a provincial official in Pretoria

Five of the payments to Mr Cooper, made either by cheque or in cash, were for R100 The amounts were variously described in company documents as charges for 'advertising, 'entertainment', 'consulting fees' and 'sundries'

A sixth payment in September 1979, for R500, was paid for 'Purchases, Mark V111 Velt'

The R100 payments were made on August 16, August 29, October 12, November 15 and December 3, 1979

Mr Cooper refused to discuss the issue this week, saying he had "no comment"

According to Mr A Byrne, liaison officer for the provincial secretary officials of the provincial administration were forbidden to accept outside employment witnout the permission of the Administrator

Should they receive payment in cash or kind without this permission they were obliged to pay the cash or equivalent value in cash into the provincial coffers

Mr Byrne said there was no record of any application by Mr Cooper for permission to accept an after-hours job

The policy of the administration would have been to refuse such an application unless there were special circumstances, in which case the application would have been considered by a special provincial committee

"I can see no special circumstances in this case," Mr Byrne said

Mr Jack Boshoff, chief radiographer at Tygerberg Hospital until 1978 and thereafter chief radiographer to the SWA administration in Windhoek, admitted this week that Continental Ethicals, another company in the Alumina group, had

- Paid various bills on his behalf
- Made him gifts of liquor and cigars
- Sponsored his attendance at radiological congresses where he promoted its products
- Paid his airfare to attend a relative's funeral

Mr Boshoff, who retired last year to live in Bellville, Cape, said he had had no influence in the granting of tenders or his hospital's buying policy

He admitted, however, that he had done 'trials' on the company's X-ray film and equipment, and that his reports had been submitted to the hospital authorities responsible for evaluating multi-million rand tenders

He said he had not been paid for those trials and that they had been done with the permission of his head of department at Tygerberg Professor Joe Muller (The Sunday Express reported a fortnight ago that Professor Muller admitted he was given expensive imported Italian chandeliers by a company in the Alumina group A former director in the group said Professor Muller was "sympathetic" and helped obtain introductions to all the hospital staff responsible for the use and selection of X-ray film)

Shortly after the trials conducted by Mr Boshoff, Continental Ethicals succeeded in obtaining the total Cape Provincial tender for the supply of X-ray film

In Namibia, Mr Boshoff was responsible for the evaluation of equipment to be bought for the massive new Windhoek Hospital, completed last year

Mr Boshoff said he was not prepared to discuss over the phone the circumstances of the gifts he had received from the company

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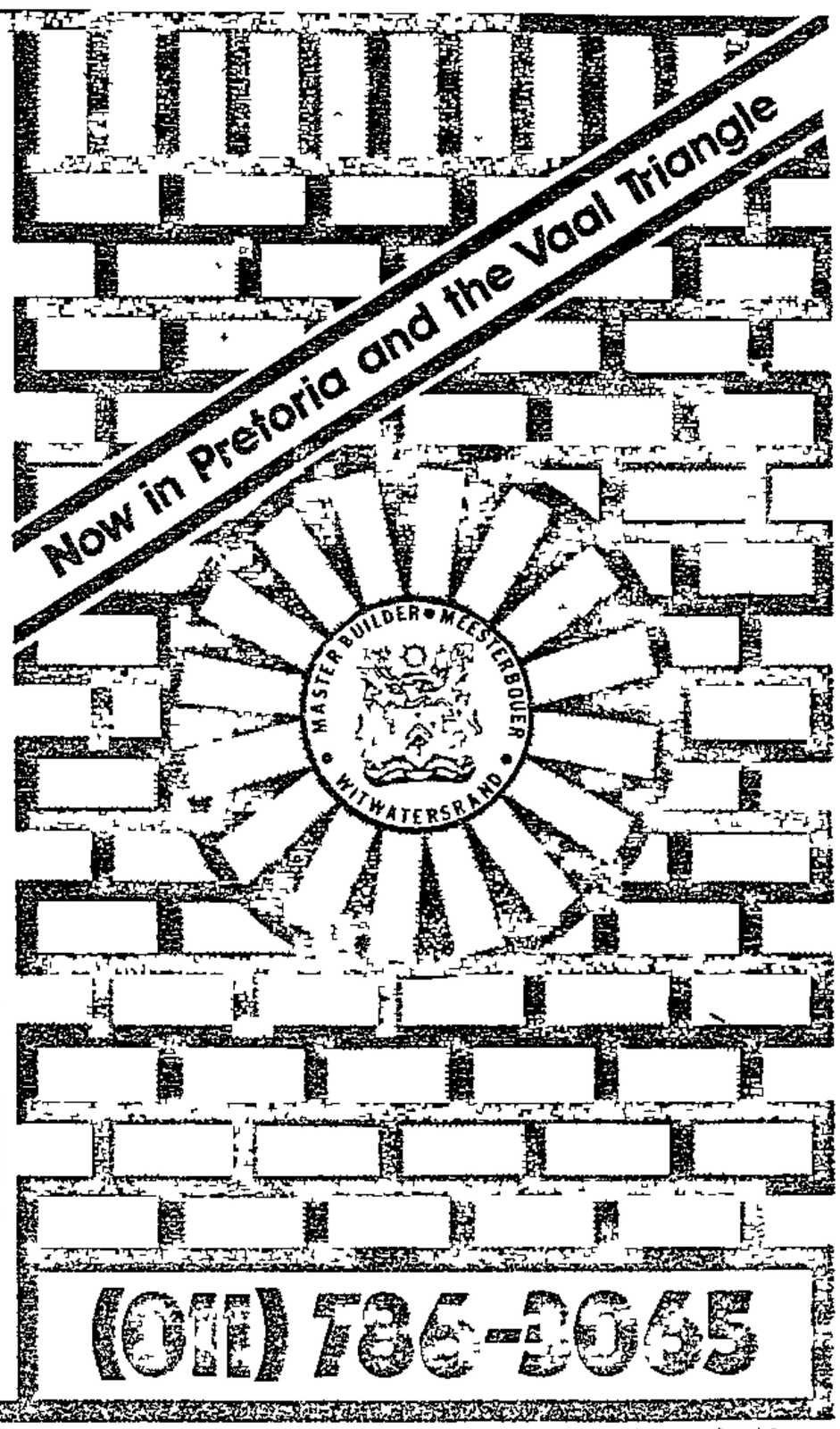

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admits funding 6-week trip

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paid for tickets issued to them in London for a side trip to Copenhagen and Malmo on June 10 According to a note by C E Electro Medical's accountant, Mr Colin Resnick, the cost was shared by the company and a French X-ray equipment manufacturer, CGR

"This week SAD also announced that it intended retaining the services of a senior executive despite his admissions that he had made "abnormally generous" gifts to doctors and public officials

Mr O'Donnell said that Mr Gerald Pienaar was a "most competent executive who has made valuable contributions to our company"

SAD had decided to retain his services because, he believed, the actions to which Mr Pienaar had admitted were the result of "influences which no longer exist".

Other developments following Sunday Express reports of gift-giving in the pharmaceutical industry include

● An announcement by the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, that the company activities of the chairman of the Transvaal Provincial Council, Mr B D T Boshoff, are not included in the brief of the Commission of Inquiry he has appointed

Mr Boshoff was employed by Continental Ethicals shortly after the company was faced with a crisis in the provincial council about its supplies of X-ray film to the province in 1977.

● Mr L V de Kock, retired president of the Johannesburg Regio Court and member of the board which reviews banning orders, was appointed to investigate only reports concerning Dr Grové and Dr Schepers

● The Minister of Health, Dr Nak van der Merwe, rejected a call for a national commission of inquiry A full commission of inquiry had been proposed by the chief opposition spokesman on health, Dr Marius Barnard, MP.

● Disciplinary action is to be taken against Mr Jack Nicholson, the senior Natal administration official named by the Sunday Express as having received gifts from employees of SA Druggists

But the Administrator of Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha, said that while it was true that Mr Nicholson had received gifts there was no evidence that preferential treatment was offered to or received by the company as a result

Professors named on Kaye gift list

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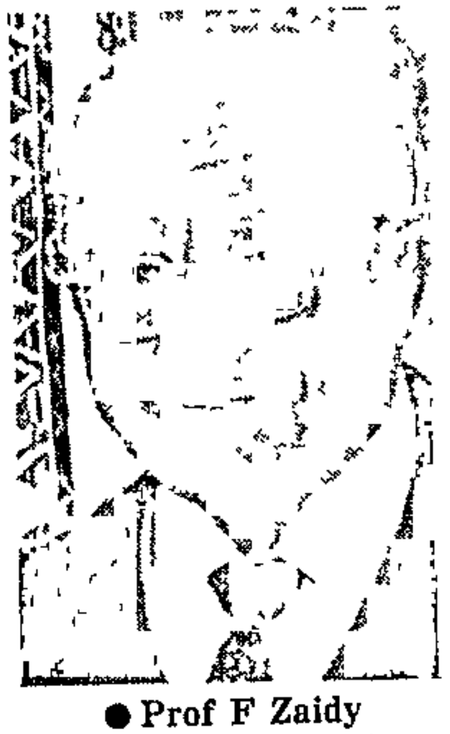

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Health chiefs plead for staff

By BARRY STREEK

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Telephoned at the School of Medicine of the University of New Mexico, Prof Van As said what was paid to academic doctors for research was "nickels and dimes" compared to the vast amounts paid to Government officials who could help drugs companies grab Government tenders

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A spokesman for the Provincial Secretary in Pretoria said doctors employed in Provincial hospitals were prohibited from doing work or receiving payment in cash or kind outside of their official employment.

In exceptional circumstances permission could, however, be obtained from the Administrator to take afterhours employement. If work was done without this permission, howver, the cash or the equivalent in cash of goods received in payment had to be paid in to the treasury

Drug firm

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SOUTH African Druggists has admitted — after "calmly considering" its reply — that in May 1979 it paid for a six-week overseas trip for Dr G Schepers, Transvaal's deputy director of hospital services, and his wife

Dr Schepers was sent to Israel and other countries to view medical equipment — "a practice common in the equipment industry" — SAD said

This admission followed an earlier company denial

While still chief executive of SAD subsidiary CE Electro Medical, Mr Peter Goldberg claimed in an interview conducted in the presence of SAD vice-chairman, Mr Brian O'Donnell, that the tickets had been arranged at short notice by the company but the cost had been refunded by the provincial authorities

Dr Hennie Grové, Transvaal director of hospital services, too, had claimed in an interview with the Sunday Express that his department had paid for Dr Schepers' trip

Dr Grové said the company had only paid for Dr Schepers hotel bill in Tel Aviv Dr Schepers had paid this amount into the Treasury on his return to South Africa

Documents in the possession of the Sunday Express show that R1 651 was paid by SAD subsidiary C E Electro Medical (Pty) for two air tickets, London/Europe, departing on May 2 for Dr and Mrs Schepers

An additional R809 was

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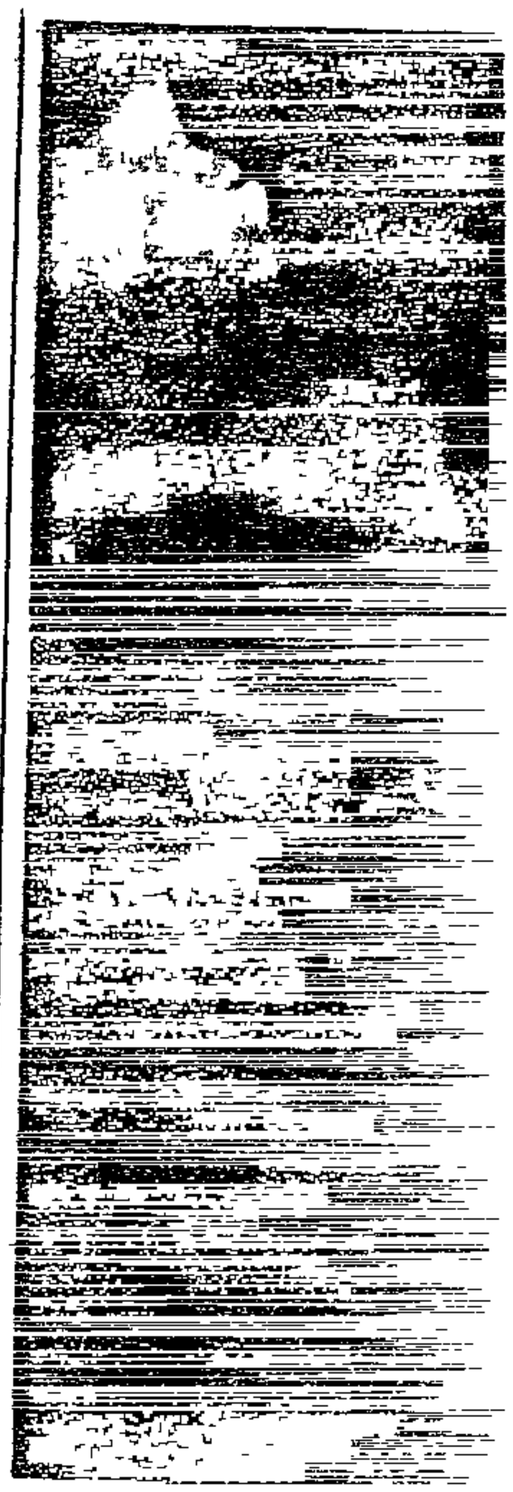

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Professor Saul Zwi yesterday resigned as dean of the University of the Witwatersrand Medical School as a result of reports that he received gifts from a medical supply company.

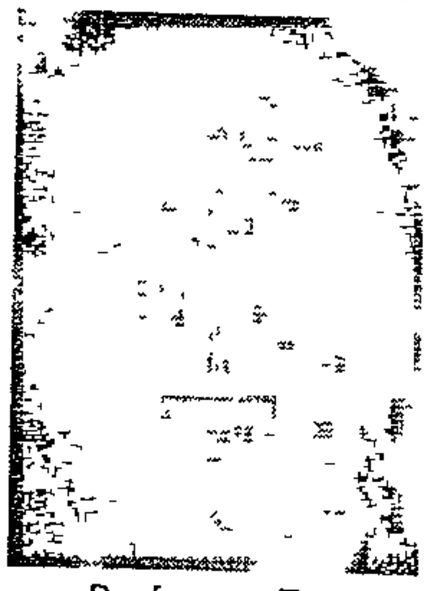
The Sunday Express reported last week that Professor Zwi received several credit card payments from the Alumina group of medical supply companies in 1975 and 1976 Five payments, ranging from R45 to R115, were recorded

A further amount of R386,20 was allegedly paid to Rennies Travel for Professor Zwi

Professor Zwi's resignation will come into immediate effect, the Wits vice-chancellor, Professor D J du Plessis, said yesterday However, his position as professor of respiratory medicine would not be affected

Professor Du Plessis stressed that Professor Zwi's resignation was voluntary and was motivated by a fear that "recent press statements might impair the image of the deanship"

Professor Du Plessis also disclosed yesterday that a committee consisting of "the most senior" members of the Medical School staff had been appointed to "formulate guidelines as to what the relationship should be between staff and the pharmaceutical industry"



Professor Zwi

There was an "unusually close relationship between the pharmaceutical industry and the medical profession" which had led to "confusion among staff as to their exact attitude with the pharmaceutical industry", he said

The university now realized there was a problem and Professor Zwi was a victim of the problem, said Professor Du Plessis

Professor Zwi's deanship lasted scarcely two months — he took over from the former dean, Professor Philip Tobias, in January this year

Commenting on Professor Zwi s resignation, Professor Du Plessis said "The university is completely satisfied that he has at all times behaved in an honourable manner and has never allowed his medical judgement to be influenced by any non-professional consideration

'Unfortunate'

"The university understands and admires Professor Zwi s concern that no aspersion should be cast on the deanship and has therefore with great reluctance accepted his resignation "

Professor Zwi declined to comment on his resignation and referred all queries to Professor Du Plessis

The director of Hospital Services, Dr Hennie Grove, declined to comment

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By WILMAR UTTING and MARTIN WELZ

MEDICAL supply companies this week produced files of letters to prove they are put under intense pressure by doctors, medical academics and even students to make gifts.

Among the examples given to the Sunday Express were

● A request to medical equipment supply companies in January by Mr J W Bryer, a surgeon at Natal's Addington Hospital, for money to help him attend a series of medical congresses

The congresses ranged from Cape Town to New Mexico, and included a "festival" surgical congress in Edinburgh scheduled to coincide with the Edinburgh Festival

● Professor Neil Goodwin, chief anaesthetist at Addington hospital and at the University of Natal asked Labethica, a subsidiary of SA Druggists, to pay the costs of a trip to America in 1979 (Full report — Page 5)

● A 21-year-old student at the University of Cape Town appealed to medical supply companies for sponsorship of his six-week training course overseas, promising to promote the company's products "once I have qualified" (Full report — Page 5)

Questioned about Mr Bryer's letter, the head of the Department of Surgery at the University of Natal, Professor L W Baker, said "I do not approve of this practice I do not believe it is common at this university It will not happen again"

Mr Bryer said "If the companies help us good and well If not, there are no hard feelings"

In his letter of January 23, Mr Bryer listed nine congresses which he and a colleague wished to attend during the course of this year

He asked for an indication of the assistance he could expect so that "we can make

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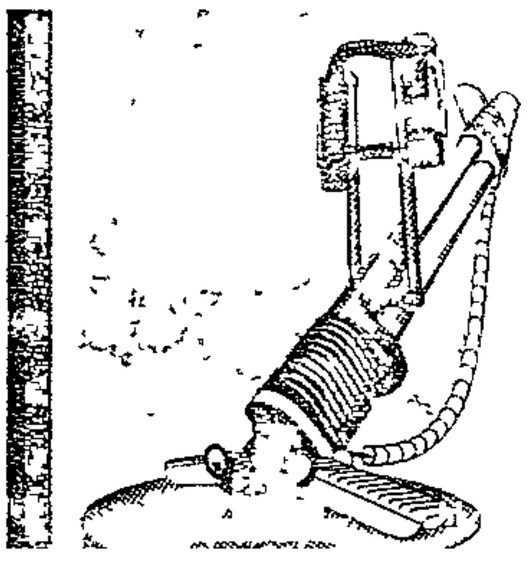

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Doctors beg for company cash

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arrangements as soon as possible to attend as many as possible"

His letter, under the letterhead of the University of Natal's Department of Surgery, reminds the company of "our co-operation and the use of your products"

One company executive said "This sort of thing is bare-faced coercion"

Another said "The soliciting of funds by doctors has reached horrendous proportions It belittles the profession"

According to the executives who spoke to the Sunday Express this week, requests for money were seldom dropped if a donation was not sent after the first approach

"Last year, when we did not immediately agree to help sponsor a trip by Mr Bryer to Seattle, where he was to deliver a paper, he wrote to us again, stressing the extent to which our product was used in his hospital.

"Eventually our sales representative told me that if we did not send a donation the use of our products could be adversely affected

"So we sent Mr Bryer a cheque What could we do? He had us over a barrel," the executive said

Mr Bryer's letter, sent to at least two companies, said

"Mr Raidoo and I are the full time Consultant Surgeons at Addington Hospital We run the entire general surgical disciplines Mr Raidoo controls the Venous Clinic and is attached to the Head and Neck and Gastro-Intestinal Clinics I run the Breast Cancer Clinic, the Gastro Intestinal Clinic and Endoscopy Clinics with Dr Good and am attached to the Oesophageal Carcinoma Unit at King George V Hospital We have recently established an Active and Viable Hyperalimentation Unit at Addington

"We are desirous of attending some of the following Surgical Congresses in 1983, viz,

"In South Africa the Surgeons' Refresher Course in Johannesburg, April 28-31, and Gastroenterology (SAGE) in Cape Town, July 4-5

"Overseas Australian Surgeons in Hong Kong, April 28-31, and S E Asia Surgeons in Taipei, March 27-30

"Gastroenterology in London, April 20-22

"Breast Cancer in Amsterdam, April 27-30

"Colon-Rectum Cancer in Boston, June 5-9

"Surgical Festival in Edinburgh, August 31-September 2

"Accident Surgery in Mexico City, September 27-30

"Your local agents will no doubt better inform you of our co-operation and the use of your products

"We therefore make a request of you to help us if at all possible Perhaps you could indicate what assistance you can give us, if any, so that we can make arrangements as soon as possible to attend as many as possible"

Asked for his comments, Mr Bryer said he had at no time suggested that the use of a company's products depended on whether they sponsored his attendance at congresses

"If they can help, good and well, if not there are no hard feelings," he said

Since writing the letters asking for assistance to attend this year's congresses, he had been made aware of an 'edict' in the department that such appeals to companies were to stop, Mr Bryer said

"Now I will not be in a position to go to any congress, except perhaps in Johannesburg Cape Town is out My funds have reached the bottom of the barrel "There simply are no funds for research or development and we in Government service get such miserly salaries"

Prof L W Baker, head of the Department of Surgery, said Mr Bryer had been a very loyal employee for many years but was not in a position to influence the awarding of provincial contracts to particular companies

He, Prof Baker, had repeatedly reminded his staff that all donations to research and development of knowledge should be sent to the university itself, and not directly to staff members. However, it was possible that Mr Bryer had not been aware of this

Since the Sunday Express had approached him, he had seen Mr Bryer's letter and could not detect a suggestion of coercion "It depends on how it is read," he said

"Mr Bryer apparently misunderstood our policy which is that before seeking a grant for research doctors should apply directly to the Medical Research Council"

Prof Baker said doctors were forced to approach private industry for assistance because, in Natal at any rate, the province was not sympathetic to subscribing towards research and development

THE MEDICAL SCANDAL

Kaye confirms: We gave gifts

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● Mr Isaac Kaye . eight-page statement

BUT DOCTORS DIDN'T GET THE PRESENTS AS AN INDUCEMENT, SAYS ALUMINA BOSS

MR ISAAC Kaye, managing director of the Alumina group of companies, reacted this week for the first time to allegations that his employees promoted company products by bestowing gifts on influential doctors and Government officials

Mr Kaye's eight-page statement was released to the Sunday Express late this week after several attempts had been made in recent weeks to arrange a personal interview with him

Contradicting claims by the managing director of South African Druggists, Mr Brian O'Donnell, that executives had continued to act under the influence of the Alumina directors for "some time" after the takeover of the group by SAD in September 1977, Mr Kaye denied responsibility for anything that happened subsequent to that date

Although Mr Kaye remained a director of SAD until last year he claimed that from "about mid-1977" the management and control of the group was taken over by South African Druggists executives and "I had no line function"

His Alumina group had endeavoured to obtain the benefit of the best medical brains in South Africa, he said, and had called on people of the calibre of Professor Joe Muller and Prof A J Brink and other eminent medical people for advice

Mr Kaye admitted that Prof Muller, who was professor of radiology at the Carl Bremer and Tygerberg Hospitals, at the time had acted as an adviser to his group on quality control and other aspects of X-ray film

Prof Muller had visited Italy on his company's behalf and had also received a gift of chandeliers from the group's principals in that country

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Solomon denies he took any gift

Sunday Express Reporter

THE former head of radiology at Baragwanath Hospital, Dr Albert Solomon, has denied absolutely that he ever received gifts or benefits from the Alumina group of medical supply companies

The Sunday Express reported last week that Dr Solomon was one of five professors named in company documents as having received gifts

Through his lawyers in Johannesburg, Professor Solomon this week disputed the information contained in the documents, saying that he had "never been given, or received, or accepted gifts or benefits as alleged"

Attempts to reach Prof Solomon before publication failed It is understood he has taken up residence abroad

This week, however, Prof Solomon's attorneys wrote to the Sunday Express

"Our client has never been given, or received, or accepted gifts or benefits as alleged, and, in particular, did not visit Italy, whether in or about 1975 Nor were the expenses of any visit to Italy which our client may have made at any other time, borne by anyone other than himself"

Reached by phone in Tel Aviv this week, Dr Solomon refused to discuss the matter and referred all questions to his attorneys

Minister sticks to his guns on drugs inquiry

By BARRY STREEK

THE Government has again refused to appoint a commission of inquiry into allegations of corruption in the distribution of drugs

The Minister of Health, Dr Nak van der Merwe, this week rejected a renewed call for a commission by the Opposition spokesman on health, Dr Marius Barnard

Dr Barnard said it was time something was done to stop practices that brought medicine into disrepute

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● FOOTNOTE The Sunday Express has reported that Professor A J Brink is shown in company records as having held shares in the Alumina Development Corporation, which controlled the Labethica company of which he was a director

The Labethica company produced and sold an intravenous fluid in defective bags which caused fungus to grow in some of them Prof Brink has been described as its technical adviser

Prof Brink did not immediately pay for his 4 000 Alumina shares which were held through the Alumina Development Trust and registed in the name of a private company, Jamap Beleggings (Pty) controlled by Prof Brink and his wife

Four years after he received the shares he or his immediate family were paid out more than R30 000 in cash and SA Druggists shares for their interest in Alumina The purchase price of the shares was then deducted

● Dr Nak van der Merwe "gossiping"

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Prof Brink also received

● Payment of R107,27 a month to a finance company for his Datsun CY39294 in 1976 and 1977 by Continental Ethicals — not the company of which Prof Brink was a director

● Two dividend cheques for R203,77 each, paid to his company Jamap Beleggings in 1976

● An item described as a 'gift for Prof Brink' from the company in February 1978, costing R442

● Alumina paid R5135,00 to Peugeot Citroen SA for a car for Prof Brink and by mid-1978 Prof Brink was shown in the Alumina books as having a company Peugeot (TJ227195)

Professor Brink has refused to discuss these matters with the Sunday Express

Probe into alleged plea by medics for travel aid

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Mercury Reporter

AN OFFICIAL probe is to be conducted into allegations that some Addington Hospital staff members have been requesting medical-supply companies for assistance with travel expenses to get to medical congresses.

Natal's MEC in charge of hospitals, Dr Fred Clarke, yesterday described the disclosures as 'very perturbing'

It had been claimed in a Sunday newspaper report that an Addington consulting surgeon sent letters to equipment-suppliers on January 23 in which he asked for money to help him and a colleague attend forthcoming congresses in, among other places, Hong Kong, London, Amsterdam and Mexico City — as well as a 'surgical festival' in Edinburgh.

Declined

Addington's medical superintendant, Dr Margaret Barlow, declined to comment on the controversy yesterday, saying it was a matter to be investigated by Natal's Director of Hospital Services, Dr Johan Vorster

Dr Vorster could not be contacted

Dr Clarke, however, said he had read one of the letters as a copy had been sent to him anonymously last week He regarded the tone of its contents had been 'anything but desirable'

In the light of the apparent problems in this regard around the country it seemed a meeting was needed between representatives of the university medical colleges, provincial administrations and pharmaceutical industries — with the object of co-ordinating the financing of attendances at overseas congresses

The present system could at best be described as unsatisfactory, Dr Clarke said, adding 'And having been in practise myself, I know all about it'

Racism on request

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Weekend Argus Reporters

AMBULANCES in Cape Town are still dispatched on a racial basis at the request of patients, even though a job reservation colour bar on ambulance crews was dropped last year

Abandoning the Government-imposed racial restrictions, which limited the number of coloured crewmen and was partly responsible for a staff crisis, has greatly improved recruitment in the Cape Ambulance and Rescue Service (CARS)

But vehicle crews are still not racially mixed And patients are allowed to choose the race of their emergency helpers — if staffing circumstances allow

This week a woman whose husband collapsed and died during a squash game, said the 40-minute wait for an ambulance may have cost him his life

And she was shocked when an ambulance dispatcher asked his race before a vehicle was sent to assist

A city doctor who applied cardiac massage and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to Mr Ismail Andrews, 38, during the wait for the ambulance, said that when it finally came it was not equipped to handle a cardiac patient

"There was no defibrillator and no intravenous equipment, both of which are essential for a man who has had a heart attack," said Dr Yusuf Omardien, Mrs Faieza Andrews's brother-in-law

Mrs Andrews, of Newfields, said she, her husband and some friends were playing squash at the S and S Squash Court in Athlone at 6.40 pm on February 19, when her husband collapsed

Dr Omardien, playing on a nearby court, tried to resuscitate Mr Andrews while the owner of the squash courts telephoned for an ambulance

"Nothing to hide"

'When she called the first time they asked what colour my husband was And when the ambulance men eventually arrived and my husband was dead I said to them it was a pity that one had to be black in a country like this at a time like this," said Mrs Andrews

Mr Basil Warner, chief officer of the Cape Ambulance and Rescue Service, confirmed that the ambulance [illegible] had received a call at 6.40 pm — but that no ambulances were available immediately

He said an ambulance was sent to the squash courts at 7 pm 20 minutes after the first call, and arrived at 7.11 pm 31 minutes after the call

We have nothing to hide When we got that call we didn't have a vehicle available at all Do you think for one minute we'd keep a cardiac case waiting when a white-crewed vehicle was standing by?"

He said they routinely asked the colour of a patient, partly for their own records It was also the right of patients, he said, to travel in an ambulance with a crew of their choice.

"If we know it's a white patient, and if we have a white vehicle available, we'll send it There are people who have their own principles which we must accept

"But there is no way a white patient is going to be waiting for a white ambulance if we have a non-white crew available Or the other way around

Sports bars to be ended

ARGUS 15/3/83

Political Staff

SPORTS administrators and bodies will have to scrap any form of political or racial discrimination if they want to use publicly owned sports facilities

The move, which will affect Sacos and all-white sporting bodies, has been announced by Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development, after a meeting of the National Interim Liaison Committee, representing the Government, the provincial administrations and coloured, Indian and white local government

The announcement has been welcomed by Mr Mike Tarr, Progressive Federal Party spokesman on sport

Legislation

Mr Heunis said at a Press conference after the closed-door meeting that the provincial administrators were to be asked to introduce legislation which would ensure that "where sport facilities are made available with public funds they should be for the use of all sporting participants"

In other words, where local authorities own sports facilities which are available to sports clubs or groups, leases would have to contain clauses which would allow the facilities to be used by any other group

If a group were prevented from using the facilities "for politically motivated reasons the local authorities should be able to cancel such leases"

Not racial

In reply to a question, Mr Heunis said the move had "nothing to do with race"

It was aimed at any group which prevented any other group from using facilities which were paid for by all taxpayers

"Everyone should be able to participate in facilities bought with public funds," he said

Open membership

Mr Tarr said the move, if enforced, would mean sports clubs which used publicly owned land would in effect have to open their membership

"At present, although race bars have been removed from constitutions, many clubs use the blackball or reserved membership method to prevent blacks joining their clubs

"As I see the new steps, if clubs want to continue to use the facilities they will have to open their membership"

Mr Tarr said the step was one of many recommended by the Human Sciences Research Council report on normalising sport

Exco keen to 'scrap missile site plan'

Staff Reporters

HIGHLY-PLACED sources in the Provincial Administration last night confirmed reports that the administration's executive committee would push for the scrapping of Armscor's plan to establish a missile-testing range on the southern Cape coast

The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, confirmed yesterday that an urgent meeting of the executive committee took place on Monday but would not elaborate He would only say it was a "delicate matter"

He said he and the MEC in charge of nature conservation, Mr J P Loubser, were continuing negotiations on the matter

"We shall, naturally do everything in our ability to retain the maximum use of the De Hoop nature reserve and ensure the least possible disturbance of its wildlife and ecology," Mr Louw said in a statement last night

Mr Louw said that if it was proved "for strategic reasons and for the sake of national interest there was no alternative available site", the Province would do everything to obtain the best possible compromise with Armscor

"But in the meantime we are proceeding with our negotiations and we shall ask for representation on the environmental impact study investigation In this connection we shall offer our maximum co-operation"

Mr Louw said he preferred not to comment further "at this stage"

The Deputy Minister of Environment Affairs and Fisheries, Mr John Wiley, said yesterday a statement giving full details of the environmental impact study would be released by his department at a later date

● The Wildlife Society of Southern Africa yesterday launched a petition protesting against Armscor's plans to establish the testing range and stated their dissociation with the political nature of the issue

TPA probe into gifts for officials is under way

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By ARLENE GETZ

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration's commission of inquiry into gifts for senior provincial officials met for the first time in Pretoria on Monday, but does not expect to hear evidence for several weeks

According to a statement by the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, the hearings will take place in public unless a decision is taken to the contrary

The one-member commission — chaired by retired regional magistrate Mr L V de Kock — was appointed after Sunday Express disclosures that several senior members of the Transvaal Department of Hospital Services received gifts and favours from pharmaceutical companies

Among the issues to be examined are whether the Transvaal director of Hospital Services, Dr H A Grové, and his deputy, Dr G W Scheepers, received gifts from the Alumina Development Corporation or its branches

The commission will also investigate whether the receipt of such gifts gave the corporation or an affiliate any advantage on tenders for the provision of medicines to the provincial administration

Evidence will be led by Department of Justice public prosecutor, Mr F E Roets The TPA public relations officer, Mr A Byrne, will act as secretary

People who want to give evidence should telephone Mr Roets at (012) 280-2421 or Mr Byrne at (012) 280-3223

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TED acts on veld schools

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Mail Reporter

THE Transvaal Education Department has toned down the paramilitary emphasis in the veld school syllabus for this year after adverse reaction from the English community

Mr Eddie Brown, chairman of the Transvaal Teachers' Association, said yesterday he was pleased that many suggestions put to the TED by the TTA had been implemented

The TTA had reacted adversely to the "great emphasis" placed on Youth Preparedness at veld schools in past programmes and suggested that equal importance be given to outdoor education and adventure training

"It gave great concern to the English-speaking sector of the community that their kids were being taken into the country at such expense for these purposes," Mr Brown said

The paramilitary aspect of the syllabus had taken up about 80% of the course in the past Lectures were given on subjects like race-relations, patriotism, attitudes to citizenship and problem solving techniques, Mr Brown said

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Inquiry told of 'oysters and trips'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — It was "champagne, oysters and exotic overseas trips" for the people at the top of the Transvaal Provincial Hospital Services according to allegations made at the De Kock Commission yesterday

The commission is inquiring into the conduct of the two doctors who direct the services

The hearing opened yesterday and almost immediately the chairman, Mr L V de Kock, said he might have to apply for wider investigation powers because of the extent of the allegations of corruption being made.

Hospital Services employees, who were in a position to sway the allocation of tenders, were offered, and allegedly took, everything from European tours to six-packs of beer and boxes of chocolates.

The commission has been appointed by the Provincial Administrator to examine the conduct of Dr Hennie Grove, the Director of the Transvaal Hospital Services, and Dr Gerhard Scheepers, the Deputy Director.

The main allegation is that a group of medical companies under the umbrella of the Alumina Development Corporation, now taken over by SA Druggists and formerly headed by Mr Isaac Kaye, had operated a favours-for-friends scheme to win provincial and national orders for the supply of drugs and medical equipment.

Evidence from Mr Douglas Gibson, the leader of the PFP in the Provincial Council, was heard yesterday.

Allegations against the doctors included:

- Accepting assistance from Mr Kaye's companies when buying television sets.
- Getting help in buying a washing machine
- Accepting a trip which took Dr Scheepers and his wife across Europe.
- Champagne, oysters, duckling, venison and baby beef lunches and dinners which cost hundreds of rands at some of the country's finest restaurants.
- Weekend stays at hotels such as the opulent Rosebank and the Kyalami Ranch near Johannesburg for Dr Scheepers and a partner.

Payola probe may seek wider powers

By GEOFFREY ALLEN

IT WAS champagne, oysters, and exotic overseas trips for the men and women at the top of the Transvaal Provincial Hospital Services, according to allegations made at the De Kock Commission of Inquiry in Pretoria yesterday.

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There were frequent appeals in evidence yesterday for the commission to assume wider powers to examine allegations published in the Sunday Express. It was these published allegations which gave rise to the commission.

The central allegation is that a group of medical companies under the umbrella of the Alumina Development Corporation (now taken over by SA Druggists and formerly headed by Mr Isaac Kaye) had operated a countrywide favours-for-friends scheme to win provincial and national orders for the supply of drugs and medical equipment.

"This province is being sold patriotism for profit and it is more expensive than any of us have yet established", said Martin Welz, political correspondent of the Sunday Express newspaper whose stories (investigated together with Wilma Utting, a reporter on the paper) gave rise to the commission.

Welz said that two years after breaking into the pharmaceutical business Alumina was applying such great pressures in the industry through corruption that it was almost impossible for a company in the same business not to get involved in unethical practices.

"In two years they went from a company with a capital of R2-million to one worth R10-million when they were taken over by SA Druggists," he said.

After hearing evidence from Mr Douglas Gibson, leader of the PFP in the provincial council, Mr De Kock said that he was so alarmed by parts of the evidence that he might have to ask the Administrator for wider powers to investigate alleged corruption.

He said that he was particularly disturbed by Mr Gibson's allegations that provincial officials had opened and altered tenders before they were submitted to the tender board.

Mr Gibson also alleged

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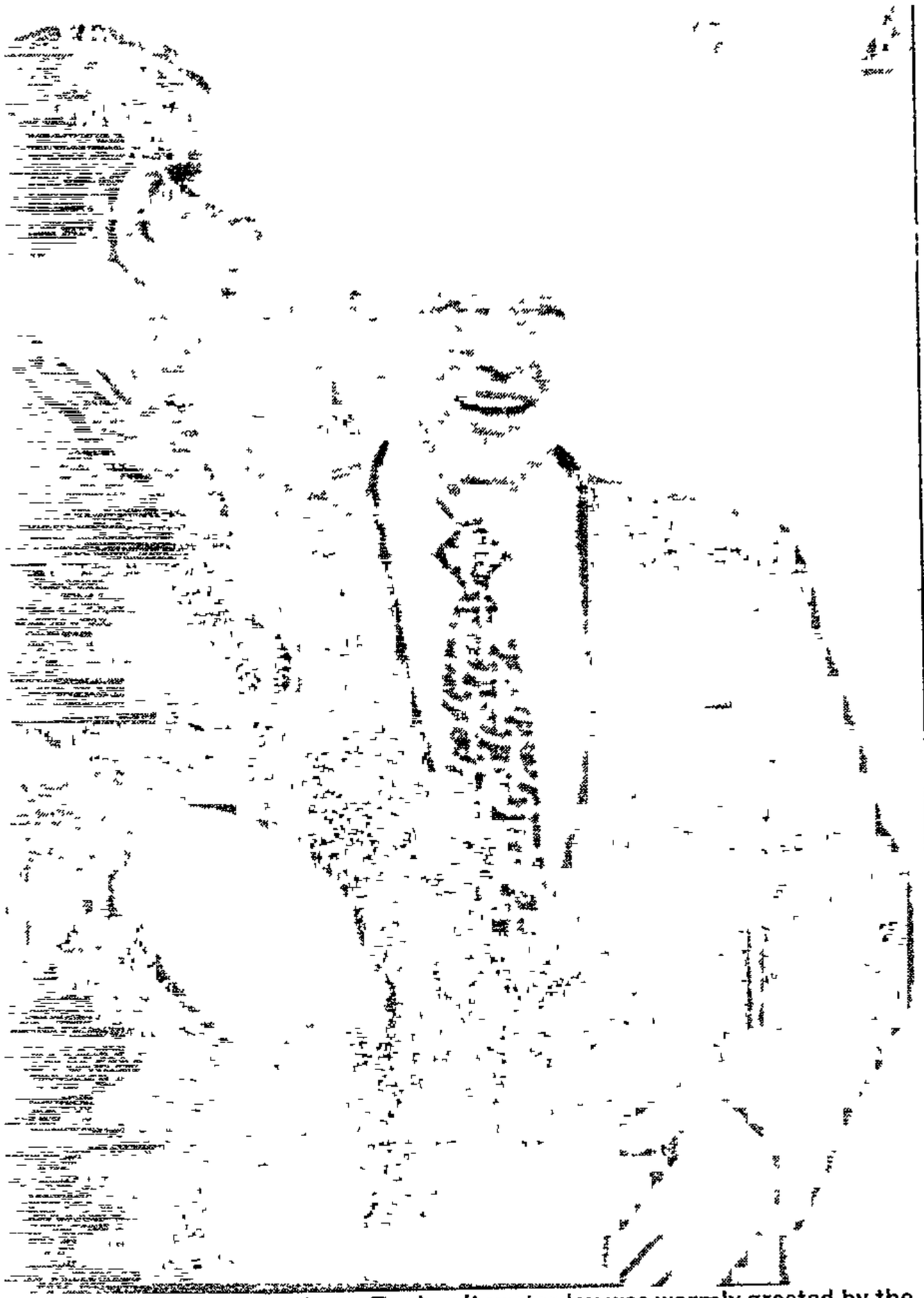
Dr HENNIE GROVE got a R353 cheque

Dr GHERHARD SCHEPERS lavish weekends for two

Mr L V de KOCK chairman of commission

Mr DOUGLAS GIBSON only scratching the surface



W Botha, on his arrival in Louis Trichardt yesterday was warmly greeted by the Fanie Botha, whom he is supporting in the Soutpansberg by-election

Picture GARTH LUMLEY

afari for the world Press

The group flew into Pietersburg on a chartered Dakota yesterday morning

The highlight of the three-day tour was the historic open-air meeting in Louis Trichardt last night addressed by the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha

At Mr Botha s meeting the foreign correspondents received red carpet treatment which included a special mobile translation service with individual earphones for each of the correspondents

The foreign correspondents are being accompanied by Mr Theo Vorster, a liaison officer in the department's liaison services division under the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Information, Mr Barend du Plessis

Correspondents who attended last night's meeting included Joseph Leyleveld of the New York Times, Jack Foisie of the Los Angeles Times Philip Hayton BBC Television Michael Vestey BBC Radio, Dr Hans Germani, Die Weld, Roger Harris, United Press International H Idaka of Japan's Kyodo News Service Edgar Denter, Deutsche Presse Agentur, and Allister Sparks The Washington Post

Yesterday afternoon the group met the Minister of Manpower, Mr Fanie Botha who is the NP's candidate in the Soutpansberg by election

This morning they will meet the CP's candidate in Soutpansberg, Mr Thomas Langley

Tonight they will attend a by-election meeting in Louis Trichardt to be addressed by the CP leader, Dr Andries Treurnicht

Then they will travel to Nylstroom — headquarters of the Waterberg by-election campaign — where they will meet members of the HNP and again visit the NP and CP offices

Tomorrow night they will attend the meeting to be addressed by the HNP leader Mr Jaap Marais, in Nylstroom

Probe may seek wider powers

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that the Alumina group had operated a racket for getting money out of the country by over-invoicing products bought in the United Kingdom

Allegations against the two doctors included

- Accepting a trip which took Dr Schepers and his wife right across Europe at a time when a major tender was due to be considered by the Provincial Hospital Services tender board on which he sits
- Weekend stays at hotels such as the opulent Rosebank and the Kyalami Ranch near Johannesburg for Dr Schepers and a partner with lavish breakfasts in bed and a dinner bill which made up almost 90% of the bill

Mr Welz said that all of these, and even payments in cash deposited overseas for various parties, were "sweeteners" intended to buy influence at the top of the hospital services

Mr Welz said that he had information — which he could not himself substantiate — that Dr Schepers had been seen regularly in the company of a certain female representative of a pharmaceutical company at restuarants in Pretoria and had eventually been given her car

Under oath Dr Schepers said he bought the car from the woman with whom he had gone on frequent trips into the country These trips were not part of his business activities but were undertaken because they were "friends"

Mr Welz said that he had a cheque for R353 made out by an Alumina subsidiary and cashed by Dr Grove in January, 1980

Dr Grove said that he accepted the cheque after returning an unsatisfactory washing machine purchased on a buying order from an Alumina subsidiary

Also in evidence Mr Kenneth Diamond, who runs a company which extracts silver from used X-ray plates, said his lawyer had advised him he was being blackmailed after a meeting at which Dr Grove had told both of them he would get no further TPA contracts if he continued to 'rock the boat

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Company 'spent huge sums' to buy friends

By GEOFFREY ALLEN

SOUTH AFRICA'S former super-chemist, Mr Peter Goldberg, yesterday gave evidence of wholesale "influence buying" of private doctors throughout the country and said his Alumina group of companies spent huge sums to purchase influence and win friends

The man who was formerly in executive control of a massive pharmaceutical empire, whose stock-in-trade was allegedly "influence buying", was giving evidence at the De Kock Commission of Inquiry into the conduct of the director of Hospital Services in the Transvaal, Dr Hennie Grove, and his deputy, Dr Gerhard Schepers

Mr Goldberg said in the private sector it was common practice to offer doctors sponsored trips to conferences and to give them "sweeteners" to sell products

Mr Goldberg said he had not been involved in any of these activities but had made out the cheques to pay for them

One of his former managing directors, Mr Bill Kennedy, said he had used his company expense account to privately entertain his friend, Dr Schepers

He said he believed he had company authorisation to spend his R4 000-a-year expense account on friends — even relatives

Both men were senior employees of Mr Isaac Kaye's former pharmaceutical empire which was taken over by SA Druggists

Mr Kennedy said life at the top of Labethica (the company which he ran in the group) had become so frantic with the scale of business that it had got out of hand

"It became impossible You couldn't keep your finger on anything," he said

Mr Kennedy told the commissioner he saw nothing wrong with giving nominal gifts to people with whom his company did business

"This was no different from any other business in the world . there is nowhere in the world where you don't give sweeteners," he said

It was imperative, he said, to have the co-operation of "smaller people" in an organisation, such as secretaries and telephonists who could clear the way for appointments with their bosses

According to evidence Mr Goldberg who admitted he was known as an arrogant man, had once written to Dr Grove telling him he was "perturbed" by the award of an informal tender to another company and ending, "We trust you will go into this matter and prevent a repetition"

The commissioner, Mr L V de Kock, said he found the letter bombastic

Drama at 'payola' inquiry

7/5/83

By GEOFFREY ALLEN

PROCEEDINGS at the De Kock Commission of Inquiry into allegations of corruption in the Transvaal Provincial Administration were temporarily halted yesterday when a key witness refused to be cross-examined by a journalist and a retired company director

Mr Peter Goldberg, former financial controller of a major group of drug companies whose activities form the focus of the Commission, said through his lawyer that he would go to the Supreme Court to get an order preventing Mr Martin Welz, political correspondent of the Sunday Express, and Mr Ken Diamond, a former company director, cross-examining him because they had no locus standi

The application by his lawyer, Miss Miranda Barker, was first overruled out of hand by the Commissioner Mr L V de Kock

Mr Goldberg indicated that he was perfectly prepared to answer questions put to him by the Commission or by the Director of Hospital Services in the Transvaal, Dr Hennie Grove, and his Deputy Dr Gherhard Schepers, into whose activities the Commission has been briefed to investigate

After taking further instructions, Miss Barker gave notice that her client intended to proceed to the Supreme Court for a ruling This would take about six weeks

In his evidence in chief Mr Goldberg said he was aware of the practice of paying "sweetners" (bribes) to doctors in private practice and said that he had only signed the cheques or requisitions and was not personally involved in the nationwide activity

The inquiry was postponed to May 16

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Medical payola the influence

● Dr Gerrit Schepers, deputy director of Transvaal Hospital Services, said he purchased a car from a female company representative who was also a friend and whom he met regularly at a Pretoria restaurant She had accompanied him on company trips as a driver when he had suffered an attack of gout, he told the commission. A former director of a pharmaceutical firm said he entertained Dr Schepers at company expense.

A FORMER director of a giant pharmaceutical company testified this week that his managing director was in a position to influence the adjustment of valuable provincial contracts for the benefit of his company

The ex-director, Mr Jimmy de Villiers was in charge of the X-ray division of Continental Ethicals, a subsidiary of the Alumina group headed by Mr Isaac Kaye

Mr de Villiers gave evidence in Pretoria at a commission of inquiry headed by Mr L V de Kock into allegations that Dr Hennie Grove, Director of Transvaal Hospital Services and his deputy, Dr G W Schepers, received gifts from the company in return for favouring them in the awarding of tenders

In lengthy testimony, Mr de Villiers described in detail the procedure of awarding tenders

Under close questioning by Mr de Kock, Mr de Villiers stressed he could speak only of the period he spent working for Mr Kaye, managing director of the Alumina group of companies — between 1964 and 1978

Mr de Villiers said the opening of the tenders was strictly controlled and once they were submitted there was no way in which prices could be tampered with

However, once a tender had been awarded, giving for example 50% of the contract to Mr Kaye's company and 50% to another company, Mr Kaye was in a position to point out through Dr Schepers any "unevenness in the allocation of the tender which would be adjusted"

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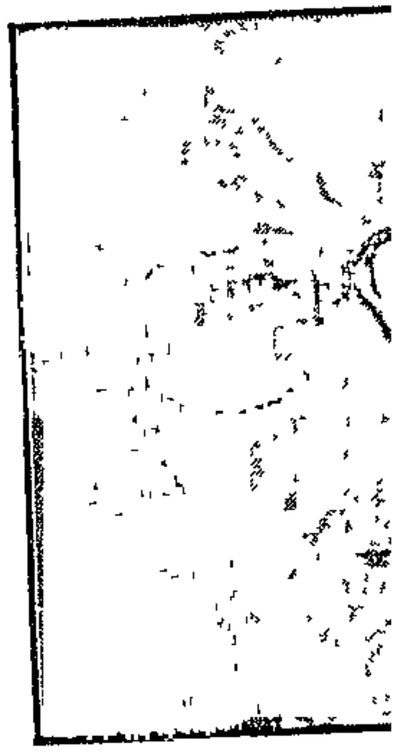

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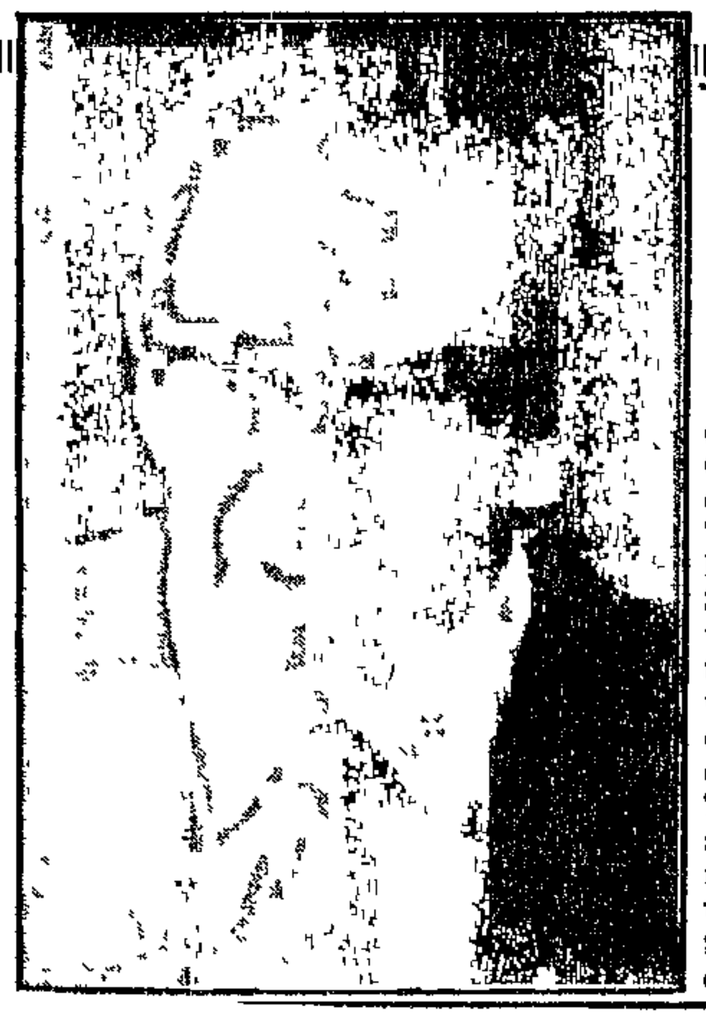

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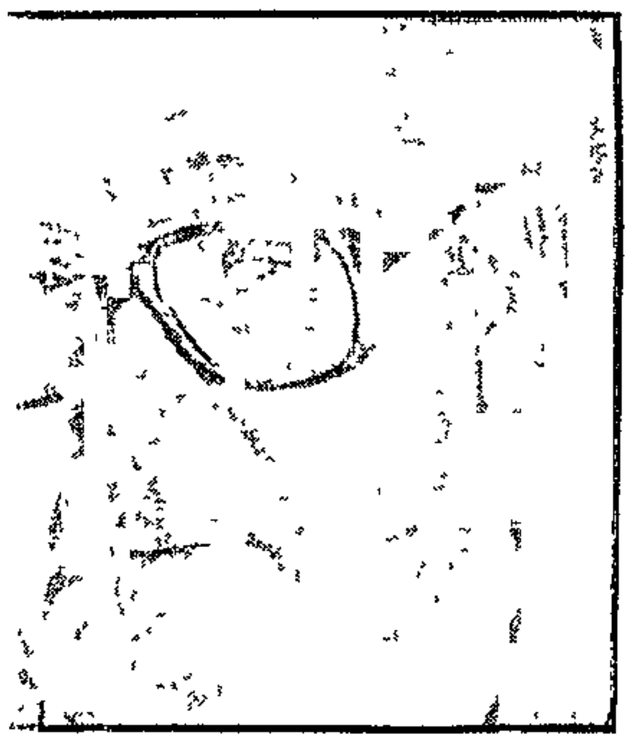

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Mr Kennedy also admitted his company had paid at least R15 000 over a period of about 18 months in "unofficial commissions", to private hospital buyers

He said "If you want to call these sweeteners I think I can safely say these will be found in private and public sectors, in the hospital business or the hotel business"

In a surprise development on Friday, Mr Max Peter Goldberg, who described himself as financial director of the Alumina group, switched legal advisers

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Her client, she said, was however quite prepared to answer questions put by the commissioner, the prosecutor and anyone else who had "lawful interest in the commission"

In earlier evidence, Mr Goldberg was emphatic that he would not allow executives to charge private entertainment to the company

He agreed that he had on one occasion challenged the actions of a company employee in Natal who had spent R40 on meat for a braaivleis for officials of South African Airways

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Mr Goldberg admitted the letter might have been arrogant, but, he said "If I feel unjustly treated I will talk up accordingly"

Mr Goldberg emphasised he knew nothing of bribes

On Wednesday, shortly after the commission began Dr Schepers was invited to explain how he had acquired a car from a pharmaceutical company

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'Extensive 'web of corruption covers SA and several neighbouring states'

Reports by LAUREN GOWER

THE commission opened with testimony prepared by Mr Welz and Mrs Wilmar Utting, also a senior Sunday Express journalist

They said

● The commission's terms of reference were "shockingly limited" in view of the evidence they had uncovered A Sunday Express investigation had shown the need for an inquiry on a national scale

● The links and connections in a network of corruption covered the entire country, involved every province, State and private hospitals, the administration of South West and neighbouring states

● The public was entitled to know more than matters contained in the commission's brief There was also the question of the public's right to recover monies which may have been lost

The testimony, referring to a recent Sunday Express investigation, continued "It was our function to produce a case of interest to our readers It was not our function as reporters and a newspaper to conduct a full investigation into bribery, corruption, undue influence and irregular practice in the pharmaceutical or any industry"

The Sunday Express reports had "simply stated the facts in a fashion it believed truly reflected the evidence we found"

"We also found, regrettably, hints to suggest that the relationship between the authorities and the pharmaceutical industry might have become so close and comfortable that they might have become less vigilant and possibly even reluctant to find out or see what was going on

"That, at best, they had become insensitive or, possibly unwittingly, had been seduced

"So often we were told 'everybody does it' We do not know whether everybody does it, but it is obviously vital for the right investigating authority to find out"

The commission was told that by systematic inducements, the Alumina group of companies had grown from a company with a capital of R2 000 000 to one with a R10-million profit — within a period of two years

Officials named as recipients of the company's generosity were

● Dr Grové who accepted the company's assistance to buy domestic goods wholesale, including a TV set

● Dr Schepers, who also accepted cheaper buying facilities and who was given an overseas trip for his wife and himself

● Dr Neville Howes, superintendent of the Johannesburg Hospital who was on several occasions entertained — with his wife — by Mr Kennedy

● Dr Charles Esterhuizen, superintendent of Baragwanath Hospital, who also accepted Mr Kennedy's hospitality in Johannesburg restraurants

● Ms A Gieling, a clerk in the Transvaal department of Hospital Services, was given champagne, beer, wine, chocolates and expensive perfume

● Mr Dudley Honey, chief consultant of the South West Africa Hospital Services, received "tens of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of rands" in commission for items recommended to SWA hospitals

● The chairman of the Transvaal Provincial Council and MPC for Sunnyside, Mr B D T Boshoff, who was employed by the company to liaise between provincial officials and the company He was given a car, a credit card and irregular payments, one exceeding R5 000

● Dr Connie Mulder, then Minister of Information, who became a shareholder, along with Dr Grové, in an Alumina subsidiary

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The entertainment took the form of lavish meals, overnight stays in Johannesburg hotels, and on at least one occasion, a gift of wine for the doctor's birthday

However, Mr Kennedy insisted that his relationship with Dr Schepers was a personal one and he had never used this relationship to influence the awarding of provincial contracts

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Cape budget of R1 519m

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Staff Reporter

THE Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, will ask the Cape Provincial Council to approve a Cape Budget of R1 519 178 000 for 1983-84 when the council starts its mid-year session today

The budget will have its second reading tomorrow, when Mr Louw will present his budget address

The opposition spokesman on Finance, Mr G Everingham, will respond after the second reading of the budget tomorrow The debate will then be adjourned until Monday

The council will today be asked to consider improving the standard of drivers' licence tests and to have a driver education programme introduced into the syllabus of Cape schools

This is part of a private member's motion by Mr Frank van der Velde, opposition spokesman on roads and traffic. He will ask that the council approve the motion while noting "with deep concern" the inordinate number of deaths and serious injuries on our roads

The council will also be asked to increase penalties imposed on moving traffic offences and to introduce a crash investigation and data collection department under the control of the Provincial Roads Engineer

Mr Herbert Hirsch, PFP MPC for Sea Point and leader of the opposition, said this motion would be of vital importance to the community It would try to focus attention on the cost in life, money, and manhours caused by motor accidents, which could be reduced with improved public awareness and education

A proposed amendment to the Road Traffic Ordinance, which will have its first reading today, proposes that local authorities become the registering authority of motor vehicles instead of the Department of Inland Revenue

Although the revenue from licence fees would still be received by the Province, the local authorities would receive a fee for the administrative work.

One of the issues in the no-confidence debate, which will be held on Thursday and Friday, is expected to be the Constitutional Bill

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Bribery probe told of threats

PRETORIA — A witness before the De Kock commission of inquiry into alleged malpractices in the Transvaal Hospital Services said he had twice been threatened with violence and told "to be careful what I said because the people involved were very powerful"

Mr Alan Cornish, whose firm, Cornish Medical Equipment, was taken over by the Alumina Group in 1978, told the commission in Pretoria he had been unhappy because the company was not "being run in a legal manner Things were going on"

The company tended to get orders by giving gifts and he finally left

'Violence'

When he was working for the group in Pretoria, Mr Peter Goldberg, the director, came to see him and said he was unhappy about the situation about the way Mr Cornish was not cooperating

Mr Goldberg took him to the bottom of the factory and said if he did not stop making difficulties for the directors, he would "do something about it"

"I definitely felt it was a threat of violence," Mr Cornish told the commission

Recently someone had telephoned him with "friendly advice", Mr Cornish said

"They said if I got involved, I must be careful what I said because the people involved were powerful and my house might get burned down or worse

'Hurt family'

"They would hurt either myself or my family," he said

Mr Cornish said earlier in his evidence that his company had been defrauded of R10 000 when overdraft facilities were obtained in his name without his consent

When Mr Goldberg offered him R20 000 for his company, which was worth much more, he was forced to sell

He said in reply to a question by Mr Frans Roets, who is leading evidence, that he knew of money being sent overseas

An accountant later fired from the company told him he had found a double payment of R600 000 to a company overseas

A Mr Wickham of the Alumina Group also told him that regular payments were being made to a Mr Copper, who was a technical adviser to the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Mr Cornish said

'Thousands lent'

Mr S de Villiers, a former accountant to the Alumina Group, said he he had come across notification of a loan of thousands of rands made to a Mr Du Preez in the company's books.

He also told of letters querying debits being received from an overseas company

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The hearing will continue in June — Sapa

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PRETORIA — No-one ca n explain a macabre can a- paign of attacks on a Ve r- woerdburg schoolboy an d his girlfriend

In the latest attack, Nat le Chinner, 17, of Lyttleto n, says he was set upon b y four men on Monday wh o drove a 10cm nail throug h his left hand, pinning hi m to the ground

Natie said yesterday h e had been travelling hon e from a friend on Mond ay evening

He was attacked and h ad teargas sprayed into h is face, temporarily blindi ng him

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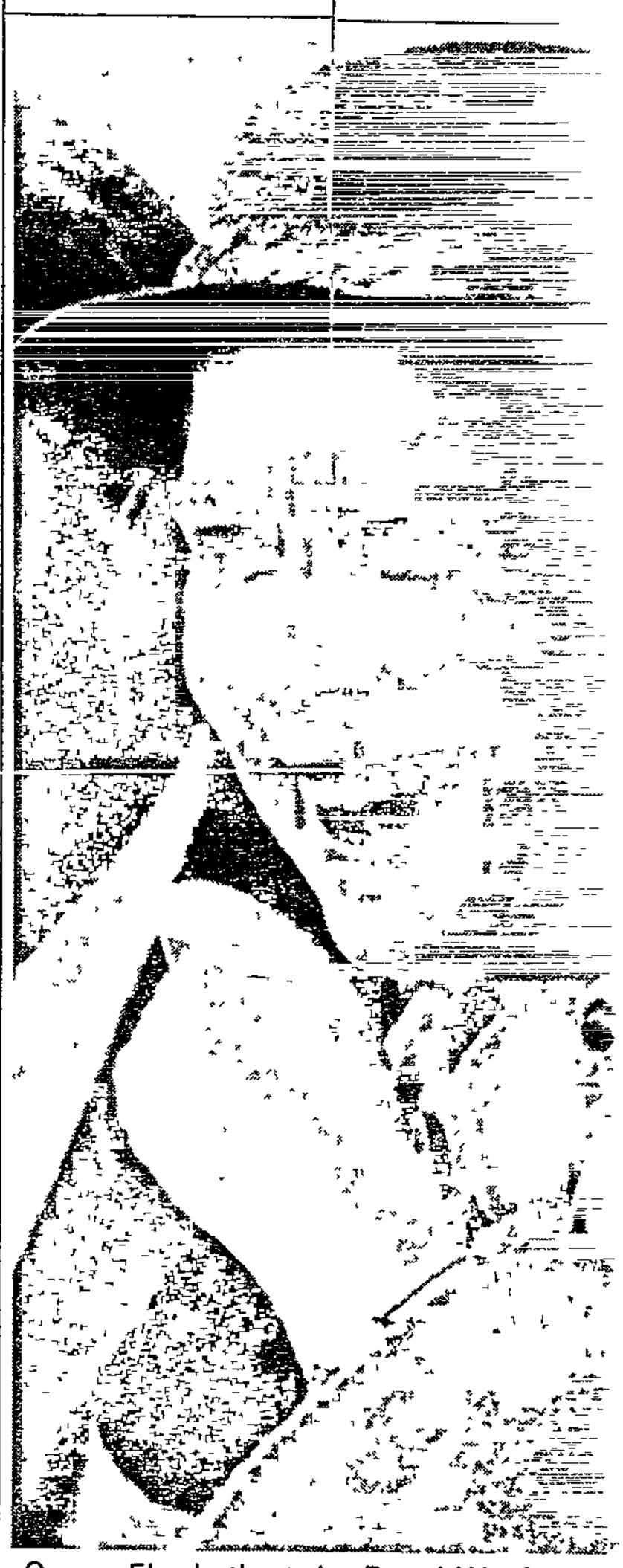

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Man jailed on 'bomb' charge

Staff Reporter

A SECURITY guard was yesterday jailed for a year for having placed two home-made "bombs" at a cosmetics factory on September 17 and November 3 last year

John James Marthinus, 22, of Kasouga Road, Manenberg, told the Regional Court he had been promised cassettes for performing the task.

He pleaded guilty to falsely threatening that an explosion, which could have endangered lives, would take place at the Yardley factory He was a security guard at the factory at the time of the offence

A plea of not guilty was noted by the magistrate after Marthinus said that someone else had asked him to place the "bombs", which were concealed in deodorant tins, in front of the factory's entrance

He was sentenced to three years' jail, two years of which were suspended for three years His co-accused, Mr Shamiel Mohammed, 27, of Bankook Street, Heideveld, was acquitted

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Province to be run 'in the red'

Argus 19/5/83 (28)

By BRIAN STUART
Provincial Reporter

THE Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, intends running the province in the red — a step which avoids increasing hospital, education and traffic fees for the man in the street during the present "difficult" financial year

In his budget speech in the Provincial Council yesterday, Mr Louw said he would end the 1983-84 financial year with a deficit of R10-million

Hospital fees were increased marginally at the start of 1982 Motor vehicle licence fees were increased by 33,3 percent this year — taking only an average of R1 a month more from the private motorist

These increases were small compared with provincial tax and fee rises in other provinces during the past four years

Mr Gene Louw

Since Mr Louw took office four years ago, he has consistently pared provincial expenditure rather than increasing the financial burden on the family man In his budget yesterday he again cut the Province's expenditure rather than raising taxes

Mr Louw has cut funds for many departments in spite of the fact that inflation has eroded the value of their allocations

In this recessionary year, his budget indicates that he will run the province at a loss in the hope of better times next year — financial experts predict an upturn in the economy in 1984

With the possibility of a better deal from the Treasury next year, he may be able to postpone substantial tax increases yet again

He said yesterday his drastic cuts in expenditure would allow provincial departments to increase the expenditure by only 2 percent this year, excluding salaries and wages

Difficult

"Although it will be difficult for departments to remain within the limits of their estimates, it must be realised that any relaxation — by allocating additional funds — would increase the deficit of R10-million

"To prevent this happening, heads of departments have once again been asked to cut expenditure as much as possible"

Moving the adjournment of the budget debate until next week, Mr Geoff Everingham (PFP, Pinelands), chief Opposition spokesman on finance, welcomed Mr Louw's decision not to increase taxes

Govt cuts Cape's subsidy

ARGUS 19/5/83

Provincial Staff

THE Treasury has cut the Cape's subsidy for 1983-84 by R44,5-million, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said in the Provincial Council

He said it was "provisional" and followed a Cabinet decision based on South Africa's present recession

Mr Louw said in his budget speech yesterday that this would leave hardly any room for expansion of provincial services or the introduction of new services this year.

FIGURES

This year the Treasury should have paid the Cape R1 170-million in basic subsidy, a capital grant of R63,6-million and special grants of R49,4-million, bringing the total to R1 283-million The provisional cut of R44,5 million would reduce this to R1 238,4-million.

Mr Louw said he had expected to end the 1982-83 financial year with a deficit of R30-million, but following a further allocation of R4-million from the Treasury, the final deficit would be R26 063 000 He proposed to reduce this to an expected deficit of R10-million at the end of 1983-84 by paring expenditure

Mr Louw said the Cape's total 1983-84 budget of R1 519-million represented a net increase in expenditure of only R86-million over the revised estimates for 1982-83

TPA inquiry is told of threats to key witness

By GEOFFREY ALLEN

A FORMER director of one of Mr Isaac Kaye's Alumina group of companies said under oath yesterday he had been twice threatened with violence — from assault to the burning down of his house — if he gave "injudicious" evidence to the De Kock Commission

Both warnings were made to Mr Allan Cornish, a medical company director who lost his own business because he was defrauded of R10 000 and then sold out to join the Alumina group

The De Kock Commission is inquiring into alleged misconduct by Dr Hennie Grove, director of hospital services in the Transvaal Provincial Administration, and his deputy, Dr Gherhard Schepers

During the same session of evidence, a former managing director in the Alumina group asked for a third opportunity to address the commission and conceded his company had paid "sweeteners" to buy influence with TPA staff but that these had not gone to the two men under inquiry

Mr Cornish said the first warning to him came some time ago from a fellow director, Mr Max Peter Goldberg

"He told me that if I didn't stop making problems for him and his fellow directors he would do something about it It was clearly a threat to me personally," Mr Cornish said

The "problems" Mr Cornish was causing revolved around illegal practices employed by the company in its business, he said

When the commission started sitting a fortnight ago he got a "friendly" warning by phone from another Alumina director, Mr Tony Marshall

Mr Marshall had phoned and, according to Mr Cornish's evidence, told him

"If you get involved (in the commission) be careful because very powerful people are involved

"You could find your house burnt down or you or your family could be hurt or assaulted"

Mr Cornish explained he had joined Alumina after he had offered to buy out three partners in his own anaesthetic business He had raised R28 000 and a further amount of R10 000 which he needed to conclude the deal

Unauthorised by him a bank account had then been established in Pretoria under the fictitious company name Allan Cornish Pty and an overdraft of R10 000 had been arranged with the bank The money was withdrawn and he had had to pay it back with the R10 000 he had raised as part of the deal with his partners

As a result he had been unable to continue and had sold out to Alumina, at Mr Max Peter Goldberg's suggestion, for R20 000

"I was not happy with the way that Alumina was run — it was operating illegally Gifts were clearly being made, for example," Mr Cornish said

Another witness, Mr Louw de Villiers, said he was a former accountant at Labethica, one of the Alumina companies

He said he was aware of loans made by the company to Mr Malan du Preez, a former senior official in the TPA tenders section, whose name has been linked in various evidence as being a person who could, and did, alter tenders to suit the Alumina group

In a prepared statement a former managing director in the group, Mr Bill Kennedy, said not all business had been conducted by paying people commissions or "sweeteners" but that his company had given some TPA staff "sweeteners"

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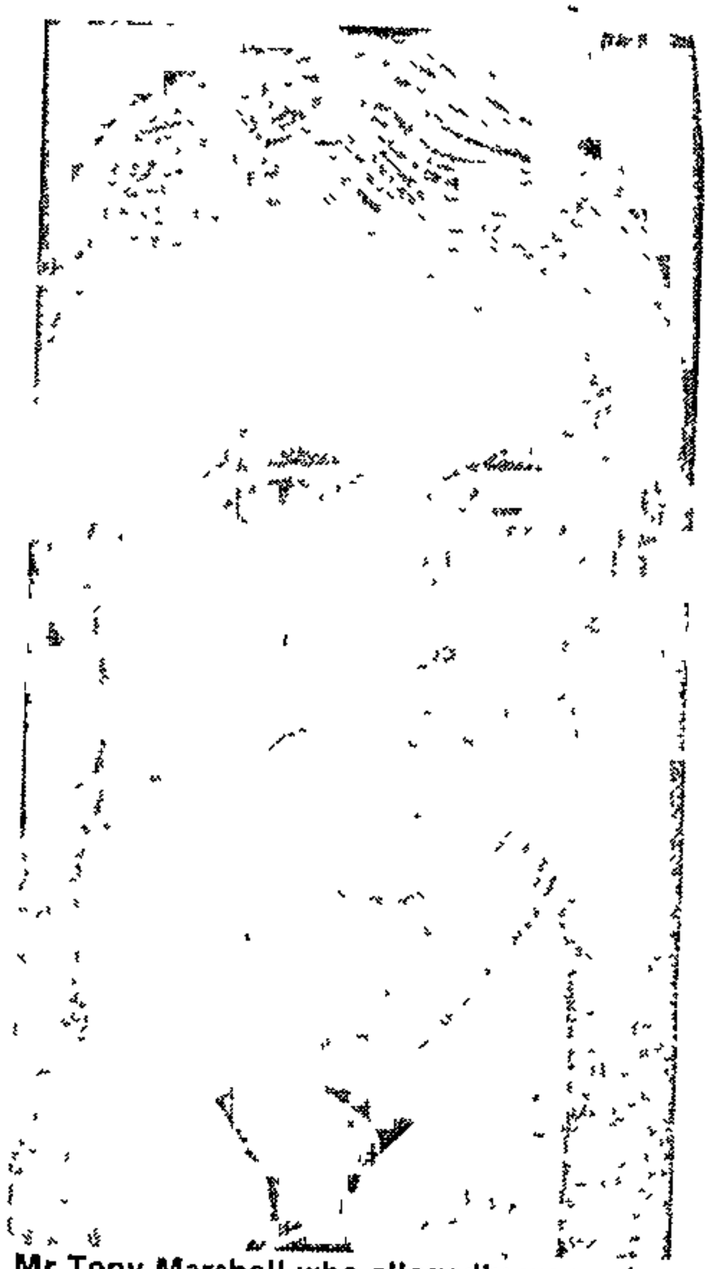

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Poignantly, the commissioner pointed out that he had never doubted it "Your are the registered managing director at the Company Registrar (in Pretoria) unless you you lied to him, too," Mr De Kock said

Finally, Mr Kennedy asked for yet another hearing, at which he admitted that he was managing director and was fully aware of sweeteners paid to doctors and TPA officials

"We never paid a thing to Dr Grove or Dr Schepers" He was emphatic

So how, asked Mr Roets, did he explain his close personal relationship with Dr Schepers and his frequent entertainment of the Deputy Director of Hospital Services?

"We were very good friends, based on our mutual fondness for photography and other things

"That was a different relationship from all the rest of the people I entertained in the hopes of winning orders," Mr Kennedy said

By the end of the series of cross-examinations he was an exhausted and confused man, denying things he had admitted and vice versa

"You are lying to this commission," Mr Roets put it bluntly

But Mr Kennedy had by then spelt out the Alumina formula

"You had to get in with people on the inside (of hospitals and others who influence contracts)

"You would start with theatre sisters, who are the heart of the hospitals, and work up from there But never in the TPA . we never did that"

And finally, yesterday "We did pay sweeteners in the TPA, in the form of pens, champagne and perfume but never to Dr Grove or Dr Schepers"

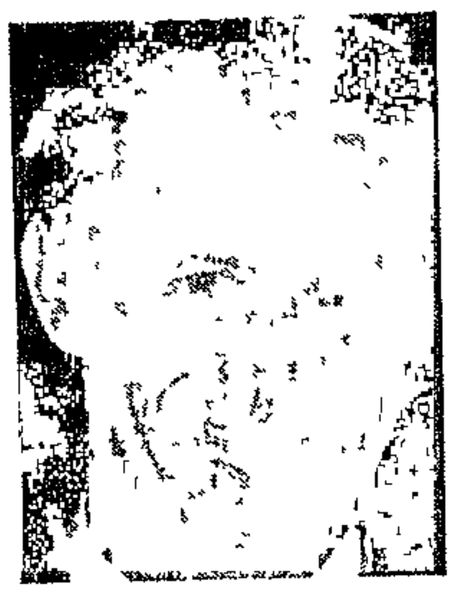
The champagne pay-off

By LAUREN GOWER

THREATS of violence, foreign currency swindles, manipulation of Government contracts and admissions of pay-offs to State officials were among fresh disclosures this week to a commission of inquiry into the marketing practices of a major pharmaceutical company

The one-man commission under retired chief magistrate Mr Lourens de Kock finished its second week of inquiry into the operations of the Alumina group of companies — the giant pharmaceutical empire headed by Mr Isaac Kaye

The commission was appointed after a series of Sunday Express articles disclosed that doctors and State officials were seduced by means of gifts into favouring the company.



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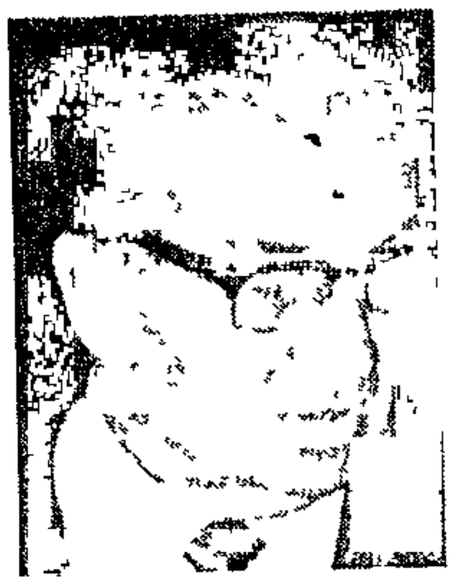


● Dr Grove
... hospital services chief

Involved in the allegations are top Transvaal Provincial Administration officials Dr Hennie Grové, Director of Hospital Services, and his deputy, Dr Gerrit Schepers

This week's witnesses included a senior clerk in the tenders department of the TPA, Mrs A Gerling , who told the commission she had received chocolates, perfume, five bottles of whisky, champagne and wine from Alumina officials

She explained she had accepted the gifts which she thought had been given as tokens of appreciation because she "sometimes helped company officials in her lunch-hour"

A former managing director of an Alumina company, Mr Bill Kennedy, made three appearances, at first denying but eventually admitting "Yes, we paid commissions to State officials" But not, he said, to Dr Grové or Dr Schepers

He had wined and dined Dr Schepers and made him birthday gifts as one friend to another — even if he did submit the costs of this on his company expense account

"You are lying to the commission," said Mr Frans Roets, who is leading the evidence

Mr Roets then produced evidence that Surgicare — one of the Alumina group subsidiaries — had kept two sets of invoice books One set applied to customers who paid the normal price, the other was kept for hospitals which were charged the normal price plus 10% Commissions of up to 10% were passed on to officials in the overcharged hospitals

Mr Roets told the commission that not only did Surgicare pay commissions, it entered those in the books as 'advertising'

He challenged Mr Kennedy to admit that "your firm would go to any lengths including paying commissions under the table, to get the business they sought"

A retired official of the Transvaal's Department of Hospital Services appeared before the commission to deny having accepted gifts from the Alumina group

Mr Malan du Preez, once the third most senior official in the department, said he had been in charge of hospital contracts When he left the provincial service he had worked for the Alumina group, visiting the hospitals as a debt collector

He told of three encounters with Mr Kaye or Mr Peter Goldberg, Alumina's accountant, in which bribes were implicit

Mr du Preez said Mr Goldberg had told him that if he considered Labethica as his special charge "something would come his way later"

On each of the three occasions Mr Du Preez claimed he protested that he could do nothing more than was possible within the rules and regulations of the TPA

Once Dr Grové called him aside and said "You're having problems" He then took Mr du Preez to lunch with Mr Kaye at the Burgerspark Hotel in Pretoria

"Almost immediately Dr Grové excused himself Mr Kaye asked me why I was not playing ball," Mr du Preez told the commission

On his return, Dr Grové inquired whether they had "settled their differences"

Mr du Preez said he had received two television sets from the Alumina group He paid for one in cheque instalments but because he had not been sufficiently co-operative Mr Goldberg had told him he would have to pay for the second immediately in cash

He said he had taken it as a matter of course that he would have to pay for it although he had been told he would have been given the set free had he not clashed with Mr Kaye.

...AND A DIRECTOR TELLS THE ALUMINA PROBE OF AN ARSON THREAT

A former director and accountant of Alumina's Labethica company in Bethlehem, Mr Louw de Villiers, said he had seen in company books the record of a loan of several thousands of rands to a "Mr du Preez".

When he queried this with Mr Goldberg, the latter had drawn attention to the amount of the loan, saying "Yes, and he is doing nothing to help us"

Mr de Villiers said he had the strong impression that Mr du Preez was not being as co-operative as he was expected to be

Another witness, Mr Allan Cornish, testified he had been warned not to speak about any malpractices he had encountered in Surgicare, an Alumina subsidiary of which he (Mr Cornish) was a director

The warning had come from Mr Tony Marshall, a one-time colleague

A few weeks ago Mr Cornish received a telephone call from Mr Marshall who had warned him to be careful what he said, because "the people involved are very powerful"

He said I could have my house burnt down and myself and my family could be assaulted"

Mr Cornish said an earlier threat from Mr Peter Goldberg had left him in no doubt about the use of physical violence against himself

As a result of a fraud he had been forced to sell his own anaesthetic equipment business to the Alumina group

He said Mr Goldberg eventually paid R20 000 for his company which was "worth a lot more"

Mr Cornish said after the company was taken over he had stayed on as a director but had refused to be on the board of Surgicare because "the company was run in a crooked way"

He said an accountant who was about to be fired from the company informed him about a R513 000 double payment to an overseas company — Harris Pharmaceuticals, a company run by Mr 'Dusty' Miller, a partner of Mr Kaye

Mr Cornish agreed to study the Surgicare books and pinpoint irregularities

Another witness, Mr Bertram Bratt, a manufacturer of intravenous fluid, said he had on one occasion lost a tender to Labethica and Baxter, whose prices had been higher than his

He went to see Dr Grové and the awarding of tenders was discussed

Mr Bratt said it was clear he would not get any portion of the tender and as he was already doing business with the TPA he felt that "if I pushed it too far I might lose the business I already had"

The inquiry has been adjourned to a date to be fixed

R568m wasted 'on ideology'

Cape Times 24/5/83

Staff Reporter

THE government was spending a "wasted" amount of R568-million on "purely ideological" items this year, Mr Geoff Everingham, Progessive Federal Party spokesman on finance, said in the Provincial Council yesterday.

Speaking during the budget debate, he said these items would fall away almost immediately under PFP rule.

He included in these "unnecessary items" the R4-million allocated for the President's Council and the R1-million voted for the S A Indian Council — neither of which could claim to be representative, he said.

Also included were the R46-million voted for the clearing of group areas and — "least in amount, but most important psychologically" — R1-million for population classification.

"It would be easy to say that if the PFP governed we could save hundreds of millions and reduce taxes," he said. "But I think it more realistic to assume that any savings would be channelled into national reconstruction — building a soundly-based economy freed from the devastation of apartheid."

It was "absolute lunacy" to be allocating money to Group Areas while there was a shortfall of 17 000 houses in Port Elizabeth, he said.

Mr Everingham made a specific appeal to authorities not to increase rents in Soweto, Eastern Cape, from R10 to R15 a month. It was mid-winter, conditions in the area were appalling and many would not be able to pay.

He moved that the council decline to pass the second reading of the appropriation draft ordinance unless representations were made to the government to abolish apartheid policies, to deal with mounting unemployment, and to make enough funds available for the proper funcioning of provincial services

Mr J N Moolman, National Party finance spokesman, thanked the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, for a responsible budget under "extremely difficult economic circumstances".

His budget had also shown pity for the inhabitants of the province, in that no taxes or fees had been increased, he said

Replying to Mr Everingham, he said so much political unrest would result from a PFP government that industry would grind to a halt and taxes would not be collected, costing the country more than an NP government.

Call to probe Parks Board

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

A CALL was made in the Provincial Council here yesterday for an inquiry into possible 'administrative sloppiness' within the Natal Parks Board

Speaking during the budget debate, Mr Rodney Haxton (PFP, Pinetown) said it appeared that, after initially dragging their heels, the S A P were making up for lost time in investigating allegations of theft of rhino horns

Mr Haxton said the list of allegations associated with the scandal read like the script of a cheap TV thriller, and included illegal dealing in the horns, murder and suicide

He said he had information that 'nationally known and respected' people were still to be drawn into the web of intrigue surrounding the affair

Committee

However, when police investigations were complete and those responsible brought to justice, there would be a need for an inquiry to investigate 'those questions which need to be answered in public'

Mr Haxton called for a select committee, comprising all three parties in the Provincial Council, or an independent committee possibly consisting of retired legal practitioners, to be set up

Mr Haxton appealed to the MEC in charge of the Parks Board, Mr D Stainbank, to act on his request and to pledge that nothing would be left to the public's imagination

Mr Stainbank is likely to reply to the debate today

Closing of NPA wage gap 'delayed'

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE narrowing of the wage gap in the Natal Provincial Administration had been delayed by the decision not to give public servants a general salary increase this year

This point was made in the Provincial Council yesterday by Mr Rodney Haxton (PFP, Pinetown)

Mr Haxton listed several senior provincial appointments which demanded identical qualifications, regardless of the population group from which an incumbent was drawn but where the salary scale varied according to race

Policy

The Provincial Secretary had confirmed this situation six months ago, but pointed out that complete parity had been attained above certain salary levels, 'with a few minor exceptions'

Still quoting correspondence with the Provincial Secretary, Mr Haxton said it was Government policy to narrow the gap every time salary scales were revised — which happened usually once a year

This suggested the NPA was bound by Government policy on these issues although 'a lot of people I know take a great deal of pride in the fact that Natal does not have a Nationalist-controlled administration'.

Mr Haxton pointed out that calls had been made last year for the closing of the salary gap and for pressure to be put on the Government to do the same

He asked what, if anything, had been done to achieve this

Kriel attacks Bishop for refusing invite

Municipal Reporter

THE MEC in charge of local government, Mr Hernus Kriel, yesterday launched a scathing attack on Mrs Di Bishop, MPC for Gardens, for turning down the Administrator's invitation to the official Provincial Council dinner last night.

He also attacked her husband, Mr Brian Bishop, over statements he made recently in the press on government-controlled newspapers and squatters

Mr Kriel's speech caused an uproar in the Provincial Council, with the Opposition Chief Whip, Mr Frank van der Velde, walking out halfway through it

Mr Kriel said it was the sixth time Mrs Bishop had turned down an official invitation, either from the Administrator or from the chairman of the council

What was she trying to demonstrate, he asked Perhaps she wanted to be able to say to the squatters on the Cape Flats that she was with them while the others were sitting eating at the council

Meanwhile, she drank tea and ate biscuits subsidized by the Province

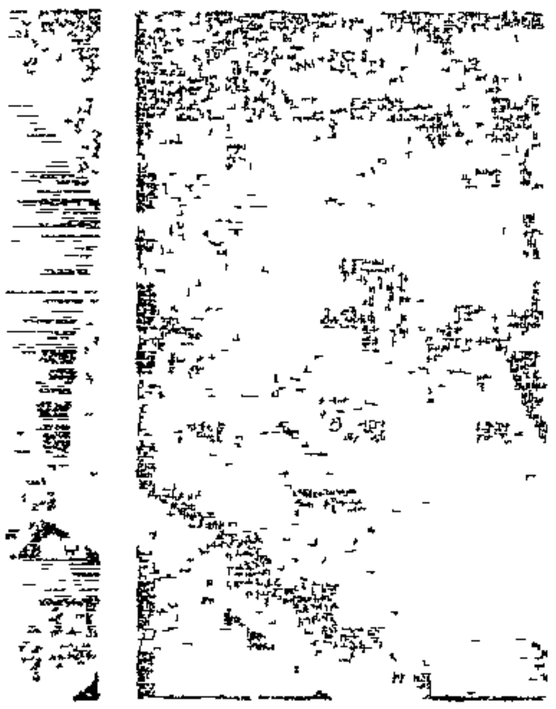
Amid accusations of "smear politics" from Progressive Federal Party MPCs, Mr Kriel said the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, had gone out of his way to keep out of party politics

Mrs Bishop sat writing until he turned on her husband, calling him a liar.

"If you want to attack my husband then do it face to face," an angry Mrs Bishop retorted

● Earlier in the budget debate, both Mrs Bishop and the MPC for Walmer, Mrs Molly Blackburn, came under bitter attack for their alleged attitudes towards the banned African National Congress

The MPC for Newton Park, Mr J J Crouse, said the PFP benches had remained silent when the rest of the council had praised South Africa's bombing of Maputo after the ANC blast in Pretoria



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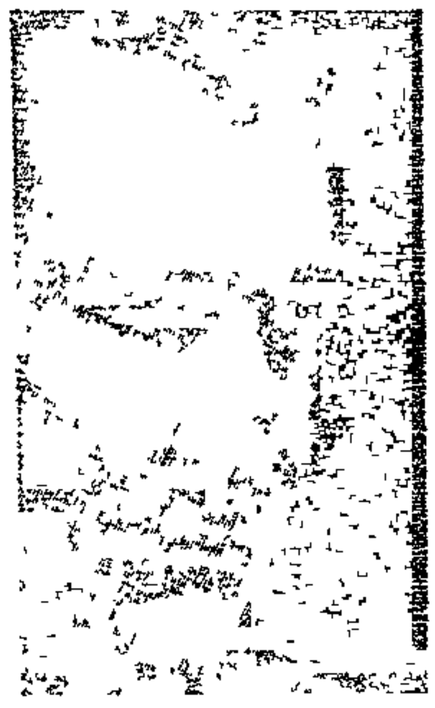

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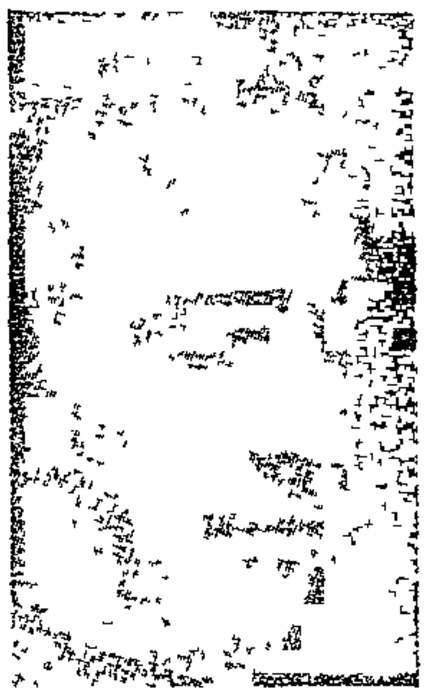

ROGER ENGLAND

Double death for kidnapper

By JOHAN BUYS

RUDOLF Bonakele, the 24-year-old roving painter and gardener who kidnapped an 11-year-old Springs primary school girl and chained her to a steel pipe in an underground cave for 10 days, because he wanted her to be his wife, was yesterday twice sentenced to death by a Springs Circuit Court judge

Mr Justice Curlewis sentenced him to death on a charge of kidnapping and again to death on the related charges He said "Looking at all the evidence, I am satisfied that this is a case where the death penalty should be imposed"

Bonakele heard the sentence impassively in a packed court His pro deo defence councel, Mr R G Beaton, lodged an appeal

Bonakele kidnapped the girl while she was on her way home from school on April 29 According to evidence he kept her locked in a garage in the street where she lived and smuggled her out of the suburb that night after covering her face with black polish to prevent people from recognising her

The court was told he kept the girl in a cave under a concrete slab of a demolished building on the old Geduld Mine property, 2,5km from her house, while a massive police search was on. She was so weak when she was found 10 days later that she had to be carried to a waiting vehicle to be taken to the police station

Giving evidence in his own defence, Bonakele admitted under cross examination that "My own people where I lived would have condemned me if I had kidnapped and chained a girl in the same circumstances"

Bonakele told the court he had passed Standard Seven and his home was in the Cape, but he came to Transvaal in September 1982

"I saw this girl and later loved her I decided she must become my wife because I am living alone I kept her in the hole because I did not want her to run away"

Bonakele said it was not his intention to harm the girl He said he lived in the hole and thought nothing wrong in keeping the girl there

"I decided to take her out between one o'clock and five o'clock so she could get fresh air When she asked for sweets I bought it and also meat so she could eat Later I brought her a radio so she would not be alone down there"

To a question by the prosecutor, Dr Jan De Oliviera, that Bonakele had intended to make the girl his prisoner for a long time he said. "I only wanted to steal her"

In an interview after the finding, the girl's father, who is divorced, said "The sentence is a just one Justice was seen to be done My daughter is relieved that the ordeal of giving evidence is behind her

"I will try to maintain the same home routine as before the incident so that she would not become disorientated Her friends at school are treating her the same as before so that she does not feel she is branded

He said she was now taking an alternative route home from school "to forget her traumatic experience"

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Gold takes a further tumble

Financial Reporter

GOLD fell further in London yesterday

The afternoon fixing of $400,25 was the lowest since November last year.

In the morning the price was $403,15 compared with Monday's second fixing of $407,75

European brokers and analysts predicted further steep falls for gold which they said was fading in attraction for investors alongside the powerful dollar

The sell-off in the gold market has been caused by a very strong dollar rather than by weakness in the oil markets

Degussa, a leading West German brokerage house, forecast in a market review released in Frankfurt that precious metals were set for a period of consolidation at sharply lower prices

The $400 level, although not a major chart point, was considered an important one where support should be attracted if the market's downtrend was to be halted, dealers said

Probe is told of film fiddle

By GEOFFREY ALLEN

MR ISAAC Kaye, former head of the Alumina pharmaceutical group, allegedly built a factory near Rustenburg in a deliberate attempt to get border industry advantages from the Government while not making anything

Instead of manufacturing X-ray film as he said the factory merely packaged imported film, but it still claimed tax and other advantages for being a border industry

That was the allegation made by Mr H P Bekker when he gave evidence to the De Kock Commission of inquiry into alleged misconduct by Dr Hendrik Grove, Director of Hospital Services in the Transvaal and his Deputy, Dr Gherhard Schepers

According to Mr Bekker he had discussed the project with Mr Kaye and when they found that it would be too expensive to actually establish a manufacturing plant Mr Kaye said he was going ahead anyway

Mr Bekker said that he had pointed out that the factory would not be manufacturing (a prerequiste for border industry advantages)

He alleged that Mr Kaye had replied, "Yes but they won't know that in Pretoria"

In a day of startling evidence the commission was told

- That a letter telling companies which hospitals they were to service in terms of a tender was sent out two weeks before the tender was finalised The official involved claimed he was merely being efficient by anticipating events
- Mr Kaye's firm was paid 10% more than tender prices for being a border industry and manufacturing film in South Africa
- Mr Kaye had recently disappeared abroad and could not be traced
- The Cabinet authorised an overseas trip made by Dr Schepers and his wife and paid for by one of Mr Kaye's companies
- Dr Hendrik Grove started his evidence and said he had encouraged his staff to dine with company representatives to improve public relations .

In a prepared statement Dr Grove said he had accepted offers of tickets to rugby, tennis and similar events, and a wholesale buying card, from various companies as part of a plan to build up confidence and good relations

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X-ray firm 'played on S African fears'

By GEOFFREY ALLEN

AN X-RAY supplying company played on South Africa's fear of economic sanctions to get Government concessions by establishing a border factory and then lied to its bankers about the factory's prospects to get a R200 000 overdraft

This allegation was made at the De Kock Commission of Inquiry yesterday by Mr F E Roets the examiner

It was put to Mr Max Peter Goldberg, a former senior executive of the Alumina group of medical supply companies, that he had lied when he wrote to the SA Bank of Athens saying that the factory "manufactured" X-ray film and had obtained a promise that its full production would be taken up by provincial administrations because it was the first and only local manufacturer In fact it had no such undertaking

Mr Goldberg, who gave evidence accompanied by three legal advisors, confirmed earlier evidence that the factory, near Rustenburg, had never actually made X-ray film but had merely cut and packed bulk rolls imported from Italy

"But it is a very sophisticated operation... it depends what you mean by manufacturing," he said

He testified that once the Rustenburg factory had begun ostensible manufacture of "strategically vital" film a Government Gazette had given notice that in future all competitive imported film had effectively been placed under an embargo through the introduction of heavy import duties, allowing his company to win 80% of the South African market in a short space of time

Both Mr Goldberg and Dr Hennie Grove (Director of Hospital Services whose alleged misconduct together with that of his deputy, Dr Gherhard Scheepers are the subject of the inquiry) gave evidence that X-ray film was strategically vital and that there was a danger of boycotts by foreign countries

Therefore the Rustenburg factory had assumed major importance by "manufacturing" film.

"They played on the old cry of 'Vir Volk and Vaderland'," Mr Roets remarked to another witness

Mr Roets asked why Mr Goldberg had also told the bank that his company had been promised that its total capacity would be absorbed by provincial councils all over the country

"Who gave that promise?" he asked

"Nobody could give that promise," Mr Goldberg replied

"Then that is a lie which you wrote to the bank," Mr Roets told him

Mr Goldberg "It may be a wrong impression"

Mr Roets put it to Mr Goldberg that he had suggested to Mr Isaac Kaye, former managing director of the group who allegedly held enormous sway over Dr Grove, in a company memorandum that if the TPA could be persuaded to add specifications to a tender exactly matching those of one of its machines it would win the tender

After an interjection by counsel for Mr Goldberg, the commissioner, Mr L V de Kock said "I will draw my own conclusions on that"

Mr Goldberg conceded that it was a normal company procedure to hand out gifts — possibly totalling as much as R62 000 a year — to doctors in private practice but not to TPA officials

Mr Roets suggested that Alumina had used a double invoice system and its overseas subsidiaries first had to win tenders and then pay for the items twice to move money out of South Africa

"You first put in a low tender guaranteeing that the price will remain constant for 90 days Then you get your overseas companies to increase the price and in turn you can legally obtain a back-dated increase from the TPA to the time the tender started Then you get two invoices from overseas for the same item and use one to pay and the other to move money out of the country," Mr Roets said

"That is a very serious allegation," Mr Goldberg replied

Mr Vivian Rudman, who worked for a rival firm, said his company had lost heavily when it got a letter telling it which hospital to supply with film two weeks before the tender was finalised.

When his salesmen arrived at the hospitals they found that they were stocked up for three months or more by Alumina

Then came another letter saying that they were to supply a different set of hospitals — in the meantime they had greatly increased perishable stocks

The letters were allegedly sent out by a TPA employee, Mr Malan du Preez, who was also allegedly a recipient of gifts from Alumina

Mr Rudman said he had gone to the Board of Trade, various other official bodies and Dr Scheepers to complain but got no-where Dr Scheepers in cross-examination denied any such discussions

The enquiry continues today

Officials tampered with tenders

By GEOFFREY ALLEN

TRANSVAAL Provincial Administration officials illegally tampered with medical supplies' tenders after they had been publicly opened and read out and were "sub judice"

The tenders, made in 1976, were for X-ray film

These allegations — made yesterday at the De Kock Commission of Inquiry in Pretoria by the examiner, Dr Frans Roets, — were confirmed by Dr Gerhard Schepers, Deputy Director General of Hospital Services

The commission is investigating alleged misconduct by Dr Hennie Grove, Director of Hospital Services, and Dr Schepers.

Other allegations confirmed by Dr Schepers yesterday were that.

- The company had been allowed to submit its price list after it had publicly heard the prices put up by rivals,
- The price list had been slipped into the tender after rival tenders had been officially opened,
- An unknown TPA official had written a figure into the tender submitted by Mr Isaac Kaye's Alumina Group of companies once it had been opened and was supposedly sacrosanct in the Hospital Services tender department;
- Between the opening of the tenders and the addition of the price list, Dr Schepers had phoned an Alumina official, Mr Gerald Pienaar, to ask where the prices were,
- Even though the Alumina prices were up to R6 more expensive than five rival tenders, the Alumina tender was accepted

Asked why he had contacted Mr Pienaar, Dr Schepers said. "We have the right, if there is some misunderstanding, to contact the firm"

"In this case," replied Mr Roets, "there were no prices to start with so there was no question of a misunderstanding"

"I phoned to ask where the prices were," Dr Schepers said

Mr Roets said that the Alumina tender should have been thrown out in terms of the Tender Board regulations Instead, it won the contract

The commissioner ordered that it be established whose handwriting was on the altered document.

Dr Schepers was closely cross-examined on the five star trip he and his wife made to Europe in late 1978 at the expense of the Israeli Tourist Board and various private firms

His version was that Professor (now a doctor in private practice) Malcolm Funsten and he were invited to go on the trip He had told Dr Grove and the people making the invitation that Prof Funsten was leaving the TPA and University of Witwatersrand Medical School to go into private practice and that the TPA would therefore not benefit from his going on the trip Instead it was suggested that he should take his wife

Dr Funsten told the commission that no-one had mentioned the invitation to him and that he had had no intention of resigning before he handed in his resignation nearly two years later He had told no-one that he wanted to go into private practice in 1978 because at that time he did not wish to

"I was very happy in my job," he said.

Dr Schepers admitted giving Mr Isaac Kaye, former managing director of Alumina, post-dated cheques to cover the purchase price of a TV set which was bought through the group for him

Dr Schepers then launched a virulent attack on the Sunday Express newspaper which published the expose of TPA corruption

"I say these allegations were vague and farcical .., sinister and fanciful ... the one thing that all the witnesses supporting the Express have in common is that they are aggrieved"

Dr Schepers said that it was a political plot against the Government's attempt to produce locally made drugs and other materials to make the country independent from, and immune to, possible boycotts from abroad

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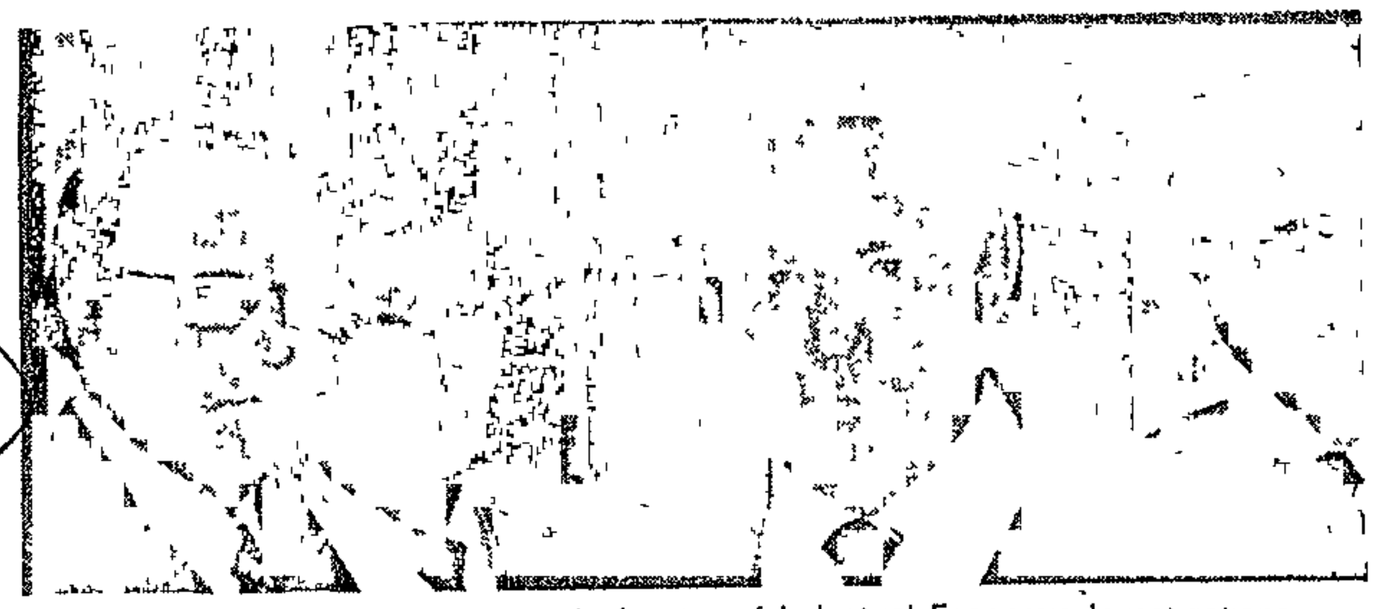

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Prof Funston — "Dr Schepers' evidence is incorrect"

FOUR OFFICIALS of the Department of Industries, Commerce and Tourism appeared as unexpected observers at the De Kock commission of inquiry in Pretoria this week.

Mr Dirk Coetzee, director of Industrial Economic Investigations, was accompanied by three colleagues who refused to identify themselves or explain their interest in the evidence before the commission

It is understood, however, their attendance during the last few days was related to wide-ranging inquiries that will follow the De Kock commission — which was itself a result of Sunday Express disclosures of the relationships between a pharmaceutical group of companies and provincial government officials.

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By LAUREN GOWER

Dr Schepers's testimony was questioned by Mr Frans Roets of the Department of Justice who led evidence to the commission on an overseas trip for Dr and Mrs Schepers in 1979 The trip was arranged and paid for through Mr Peter Goldberg, a senior executive of Continental Ethicals, a subsidiary of what was then South African Druggists

Dr Schepers said Mr Goldberg had relayed an invitation, purporting to be from the Israeli Export Institute, for two medical specialists of the TPA to visit Israel in 1979, to assess medical equipment He had ex-ference in Dusseldorf and while there he had accepted invitations to view equipment in other European countries, including Switzerland, Denmark and France He had also viewed different operating-theatre techniques

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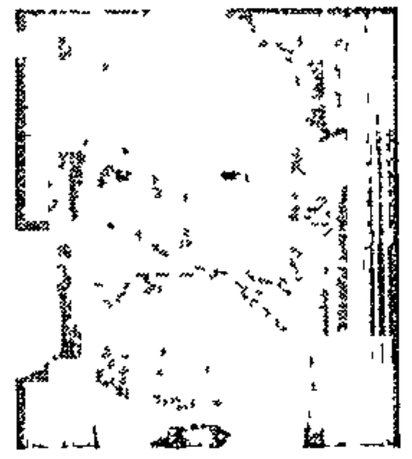

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This week the newspaper's disclosures and the testimony of its reporters before the commission were challenged by Dr Gerrit Schepers, deputy director of Transvaal Hospital Services

Dr Schepers said he saw the Sunday Express campaign not so much as a campaign at the level of an inquiry into irregularities in the pharmaceutical fields, but as a campaign directed against the Government and against individuals

Possible misconduct by Dr Grové and Dr Schepers and the possible influencing of these officials by employees of the pharmaceutical group, Alumina (launched by Mr Isaac Kaye and later taken over by South African Druggists) have been the subject of lengthy and controversial evidence before the commission chaired by Mr L de Kock

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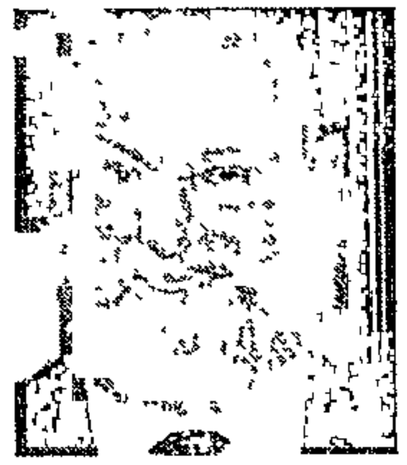

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This was Professor Malcolm Funston, then head of the Department of Radiology at the University of the Witwatersrand and of the Johannesburg Hospital.

Mr Goldberg had then told Dr Schepers that Mrs Schepers was to go along as well "as your secretary"

Mr Goldberg, however, told the commission that this was a blatant lie, claiming Dr Schepers himself asked if Mrs Schepers could accompany him, and had also asked that the air tickets to Israel be changed to include a visit to London He had agreed, Mr Goldberg said

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He had not been approached at any time about the invitation He might have accepted it if it had been approved by the provincial executive committee and the University of the Witwatersrand

At the time of the invitation, in 1979, he had entertained no intention of leaving the provincial service, he said

Questioned by Dr Schepers, the professor — now in private practice in Natal — denied telling the deputy director that he was leaving two years before he in fact did so

Earlier, at the start of lengthy evidence, Dr Schepers drew attention to the "disappearance" from the commission of Mr Martin Welz of the Sunday Express who had, at the opening session, put personal questions about Mr Welz, including the question "Where were you born?" (Mr Welz, who has returned to his duties in Cape Town since he gave evidence, was born in South Africa)

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Dr Schepers used selected examples and a series of graphs to explain his view that local companies, given encouragement, could eventually provide South Africa with vital drugs at a much lower price than the imported equivalent

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Instead he had been accused of being unpatriotic and trying to oppose a local venture, Mr Rudman said

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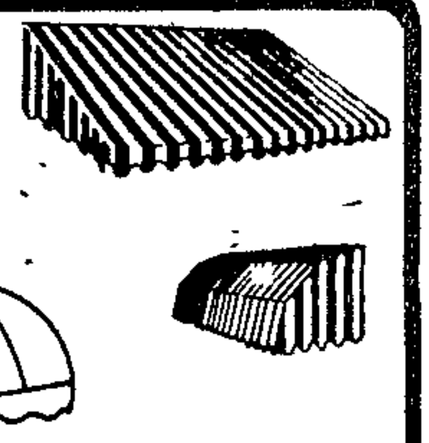

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Kaye May be Probed in Time

BY WILMAR UTTING

MR ISAAC Kaye, at present out of South Africa, is expected to return at the end of five months' time to give evidence before the Medical Practices Commission.

Mr Kaye's Aluminum group has companies which has been taken over by the South African Druggists' Industry.

Findings of the commission will be known by the end of July.

"The commissioner is anxious to hear Mr Kaye's evidence," Mr Roets said.

Although public hearings of the commission last week, the evidence, which has been included financial testimony of Mr Kaye's auditors, is still in dispute.

Mr Roets confirmed that a list of private doctors whose names have appeared in company reports, deputy director of the Transvaal Hospital Services, Dr H A Grove, was a subject of the Department of Health's brief to the commission.

The other subject was the possible nationalisation of the Kaye group.

Dr G Kock, chairman of the commission, said that Mr Kaye had been asked to give evidence before the commission's brief was completed.

Asked whether Mr Kaye would be returning to South Africa by the end of July, Mr Roets said he could not say.

Mr Kaye's evidence is expected to be heard by the Medical Council for the South African Medical Association.

Dental Council, which is considering appropriate action.

Bleak financial year ahead for Transvalers

THE Provincial Council budget session, which closed in the Ou Raadsaal in Pretoria last week, had little for the comfort of Transvalers.

Shocks included a huge increase in penalities for contraventions of the Road Traffic Ordinance and the inevitability — it may be introduced next year — of parents being compelled to contribute substantially to the education of their children

The session opened with a blistering attack by the Leader of the Opposition PFP, Mr Douglas Gibson, on successive executive committees

He claimed they had been bad rulers, bad planners and downright wasters of public money

He attacked planning blunders which, he said, cost taxpayers tens of millions of rands in fruitless spending

He said the Johannesburg Hospital was a monument to bad planning as well as to white greed

Half the hospital's 2 000 beds were empty, while black patients had to be accommodated on ward floors at the Baragwanath Hospital

The session was peppered with acrimonious and angry Broedertwis tussles between the Conservative Party's eight councillors and the big National Party majority in the council

Backdrop to the session was the Government's proposed constitutional changes and the threat these held for the provincial council system

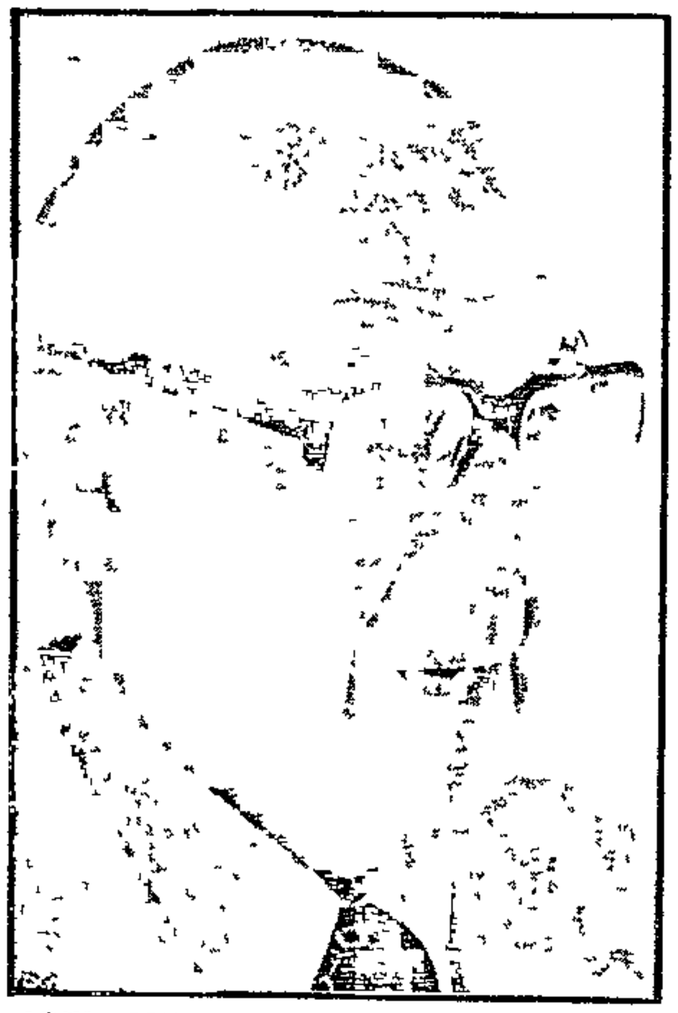
The PFP Opposition claimed the Government had set out years ago to strip the provincial councils of their powers and to undermine and restrict the functions granted them at Union.

In terms of the proposals, PFP leader Douglas Gibson said the provinces would be emasculated and all power grabbed by the Government under an executive president with dictatorial authority beyond even the reach of a court.

The proposals were repeatedly attacked during the session by the Conservative Party as well as the PFP but for very different reasons.

The Conservative Party's obsessional fear was that the proposals would be the thin edge of the wedge for total integration, while the PFP saw them as being cynically designed to entrench apartheid and the National Party even more deeply

The proposals, PFP members indicated, were a facade which should blind no one to the Government's real intentions . to perpetuate white rule and privilege at the expense of increased racial polarisation, black isolation and provocation.



JOEL MERVIS . . attack on SABC "bias" in news reporting.

FANIE SCHOEMAN compulsory financial contributions for education

By GERALD REILLY, Pretoria Bureau.

Where in all the world, one bewildered Conservative Party member asked, would you find a country where the ruling party was eager to surrender political control and power?

Conservative Party members warned of the inevitable confusion and conflict which would follow the implementation of the new dispensation

The Nationalists countered with what has become the stock response the "move-in-the-right-direction" argument

However, at least one subject got the unanimous support of all parties war was declared on reckless driving

Punishing new penalties aimed at disciplining the province's motorists into a more responsible use of roads, and to slow the rising road death toll, would be introduced next April, it was announced

Fines of up to R3 000 (or three years' jail, or both) will be imposed

Reckless driving will carry a maximum penalty of R2 000 (or two years', or both)

Stiff penalties are also promised for other road offences, such as forged driving licences or roadworthy certificates

Announcing the penalties, the MEC in charge of road traffic, Mr Daan Kirstein, said the current penalties had failed to keep pace with the falling value of money. Each year they became less severe because of inflation

They had also failed as a deterrent to bad and dangerous road behaviour.

The end of the era of free education at provincial schools was also foreshadowed during the session

The MEC in charge of education, Mr Fanie Schoeman, announced that the Education Ordinance would be amended next year to make provision for compulsory financial contributions by parents to the education of their children

He warned, however, that the issue should not become a political football and should not be dragged into the political arena

The costs of providing and maintaining schools and colleges of education and paying the province's 26 000 teacher corps were stressed

Other costs, too, had become prohibitive and beyond the means of the province, under the current inadequate Government subsidy to the province

The chronic English-speaking teacher crisis was highlighted by the PFPs education spokesman, Mr Peter Nixon

Only one in seven teachers at the education colleges, he said, were English-speaking

The crisis came into focus when it was realised that, for every three Afrikaans-speaking pupils, there was one English-speaking pupil .

Statistics showed a steady decline in the number of English-speaking teachers. Mr Schoeman said that from 1959, English-speaking teachers declined from 19,7% of the total to 18,9%

In the same period, English-speaking pupils had increased from 29% of the total to 32,2%

A particular aspect of the English-speaking teacher crisis, it was emphasised, was the sharp and continuing decline in the number of men students at the province's two colleges of education

During the budget debate, the SABC was slammed for "blatant and unashamed bias" in its presentation of television and radio news

Of the hysteria generated by the recent series of by-elections and by the constitutional reform plans, the SABC had over-reached itself as a blatant propagandist for the National Party, the MPC for Edenvale, Mr Joel Mervis, claimed

The alarming aspect was that television and radio were easily able to deceive the public

The news staff of the SABC, Mr Mervis said, was packed almost entirely with dyed-in-the-wool supporters of the National Party and being biased in favour of the Government was a way of life

A more balanced treatment of the news, he claimed, could only come from a more balanced staff and a realisation that all South Africans paid for the SABC and not just the supporters of the National Party

Attacked, too, was the headmaster of a Johannesburg school who sent out a circular, through his pupils, to parents asking them to inform on coloureds and Indians living illegally in the Hillbrow area

The PFP MPC for Hillbrow, Mr Max Neppe, condemned the "cruel and wicked witchhunt" which used pupils to propagate an iniquitous Group Areas Act and encouraged them and their parents to become agents of the Government.

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Nats back down on the Local Government Affairs Bill

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THE GOVERNMENT has backed down from its plan to remove substantial powers from provincial councils.

Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development, today tabled amendments to the controversial Promotion of Local Government Affairs Bill, which in its initial form was to remove the control of local government from the provinces

The Bill, when published last month, sparked off harsh criticism from coloured local government representatives

Opposition also came from the three opposition parties in Parliament, particulary the New Republic Party, which controls the only non-Nationalist provincial council

Mr Heunis met representatives of coloured local government, including Mr David Curry, chairman of the Labour Party, and the Administrator of Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha, with the Natal senior MEC, Mr Frank Martin

At one stage it appeared as if the NRP was planning to reconsider the qualified support it was giving to the Republic of South Africa Constitutional Bill, so strong was its opposition to the Local Government Bill

Mr Derrick Watterson, MP (NRP Umbilo), a former Natal MEC in charge of local government, welcomed the amendments tabled by Mr Heunis

"With these amendments we won't have to oppose the Bill in its second reading," he said

"We are not altogether satisfied because the amendments are not perfectly clear and there appear to be some technical errors"

Mr Heunis had, however, removed the clauses in which the control of provincial government would have been taken away from the provinces and placed in the control of his ministry

A further controversial clause in terms of which the Minister would have been able to declare a "person" a local authority has also been removed

The object of declaring a "person" a local authority was clearly a move to overcome problems that would be caused by any boycott of local government elections

After the initial outcry over the Bill it was placed lower down on the order paper and is due to be debated in Parliament today after a three-week interlude

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White teacher at coloured school barred from library

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Education Reporter

A WHITE teacher was told by the chief librarian that she could not join the Cape Education Department Library in Cape Town because she taught in a "coloured school"

An outraged Mrs Ann McGregor, a teacher for three years at the Langeberg Senior Secondary School in Robertson, said she went to the CED library in Victoria Street last Thursday

"When I found the reference books I needed I was delighted and applied for membership

NOT ELIGIBLE

"The librarian asked me, as is the procedure, at which school I taught When I told her she said I was not eligible to join because 'You people have your own library in Roeland Street'

"I was so outraged I simply could not believe it I protested volubly but was firmly told I was not permitted to use the library and that was that!

"In other words, not only are no coloured teachers able to make use of the library even though they teach in the Cape Province and contribute taxes towards these libraries, but neither are white teachers who teach at coloured schools

"So much for the new constitutional dispensation!," she said

Mr H A Lambrechts, director of the CED, said there were 15 000 teachers and about 2 000 students from the universities of Stellenbosch and Cape Town who used the CED library

"Therefore we cannot allow teachers or anyone outside our fraternity, irrespective of their race, to use our library It would be chaos," he said

SHARING

However, teachers could use some of their books if they organised to do so through their "own libraries"

"All libraries have this arrangement to share books," he said

A spokesman for the Department of Internal

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Barred from library

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Affairs (Coloured Education) said they had two libraries for teachers in their department

"One is attached to the University of the Western Cape and the other, which we are still building up supplies, is in Harrington Street"

Simplified system says Stettler

Motorist to get licence from home

CITY/INTERNATIONAL

Motorists to get licence from home for August

By BRIAN STUART
Provincial Reporter

EVERY motorist in the Cape will soon receive a vehicle registration certificate as part of the province's new simplified registration system

And, in future, to notify any change of address or transfer of ownership, motorists will merely complete a pre-addressed postcard and pop it in the post — no stamp is needed

The system comes into operation on August 1 To start it, the province will instruct its computer to issue a vehicle registration certificate to every motorist This will take the form of a postcard addressed to the owner

All details

The certificate will reflect the computerised entry recorded by the Provincial Administration, including the owner's name and address, type and make of vehicle, year of model and engine number

Motorists must keep this certificate, as it replaces all previous registration certificates It is proof of registration and must be handed to the new owner on change of own-ership

It will also notify motorists that from August 1 all registrations will be handled by municipalities and no longer by offices of the Receiver of Revenue

Automatic

New motor vehicle registration forms have been drawn up They are contained in a single document which will automatically provide the carbon copies needed by the province, the municipality and the owner

Attached to it are postcards, pre-addressed to the province's motor vehicle registration office and requiring no postage stamps

Motorists will use these to notify changes of address, transfer of ownership, the theft of a vehicle or its permanent unfitness or scrapping

It will be unnecessary for motorists to notify both the municipality and the province of the change The pre-printed postcard will be enough.

All motorists will automatically receive these postcards on registering or re-registering any vehicle on or after August 1

Other motorists will be able to obtain the postcards, free of charge, from their local municipalities

Falling away

As from August 1 the old system requiring motorists to re-register their vehicles when moving from one magisterial district to another will fall away — as long as they remain within the Cape This will save re-registration fees

But they should still complete a postcard to notify a change of address This will automatically be entered in the computer

This is important to motorists, because the computer issues reminders, about six weeks in advance, for the payment of annual licence fees

Post offices

This is the reminder the motorist takes to any post office in the Cape to obtain his new disc The annual renewal of licences will continue to be handled by post offices

If a motorist fails to notify a change of address, this notification will go to his recorded address and he could find that his licence has expired. He will then have to re-register the vehicle, which will cost R10

In any case, the law requires him to give notice of a change of address or transfer of a vehicle

said they managed to salvage some of the furniture from rooms on the ground floor, but lost most of their clothing which was upstairs.

'The flames spread so fast that there was no time to remove anything. All I did was grab my two little children who were asleep in another room and run outside'

Attempts to fight the fire with buckets of water were abandoned when the flames spread to the roof, extensively damaging the entire roof on one portion of the building

Mr Cassimjee said: 'This building is 80 years old and we thought that the fire would spread to our portion of the house in no time. In fact a part of the roof had already caught on fire, but it was brought under control by firemen,' he said

Denied

He added that had there been no delay in the arrival of the fire tender, a major part of the Seedat home could have been saved

'There was a delay of about 30 minutes before the fire engine arrived,' he said

But a spokesman for Durban's Fire Department yesterday denied that there had been any delay in responding to the call. He said his men left within minutes of receiving it

'At most it could have taken about four minutes to get all the details from the caller, but under such circumstances four minutes is like half an hour for some people, especially victims of a fire,' he added

The cause of the fire was still not known last night

Medic link-up

JOHANNESBURG— South Africa has become part of a world-wide network linked by satellite to provide instant communication on medical assistance for travellers, according to the president of a travel assistance service, Mr Jerry Edwards — (Sapa)

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Afrikaans teachers slam 'smear campaign'

Mercury Reporter

THE 'smear campaign' against Afrikaans speaking-officials of the Natal Education Department was distasteful and reprehensible, the Natal Onderwysunie said in a statement yesterday

Attacking the Natal Teachers' Association and the English Press, the chairman of the Afrikaans teachers' union, Mr Chris Heese, said the whole affair could only harm the profession

He said if the NTS had evidence that Mr Isak Marais — Natal's Chief Educational Planner who is said to be a member of the Broederbond and is widely tipped as the next Director of Education — and others were not suited for top-level posts because they allegedly treated English speakers unfairly, it had to be reported to the S A Teachers' Council on grounds of professional misconduct

According to the statement no questions were ever put forward with reference to the secret affiliation of English-speaking officials

The union estimated that the vast majority of all previous directors in Natal had been affiliated with the Freemasons or the Sons of England

'The NOU represents approximately 40 percent of the teachers of Natal A likely percentage of pupils are Afrikaans speaking. If an Afrikaans director is unable to treat English schools correctly, then the Afrikaans child is similarly neglected under an English director of education

'In 70 years we have had only one Afrikaans director In all fairness the director should be Afrikaans for the next 40 years if this argument were valid'

The statement said two conclusions might be drawn from the fact that the top educational posts were filled in a province, controlled by the NRP, on the advice of largely English-speaking directorates Either English candidates did not come forward or they were not available

Exco mum on possible action over Broederbonder

Mercury Reporter

MEMBERS of the Natal's Provincial Executive Committee were reluctant to reveal yesterday what action they would take if a Broederbonder were to become the next director of education

Almost 25 years ago Exco resigned when a Nationalist, said to belong to the secret organisation, was nominated deputy-director of education — only to be over-ruled by the Supreme Court

Attention has been drawn [illegible] the Broederbond

In November, 1959, Exco members resigned in protest against the nomination of Mr J H Stander The only member of the former committee who is still alive, Mr E C Wilks, said yesterday the recommendation by the Public Servant's Commission had been unacceptable because of Mr Stander's alleged connection with the organisation

Haslam

According to present Exco member Dering

Sequel to shooting

Mercury Reporter

car-old youth, Mr Kesaval Naidoo, made a brief ance before Mr Krishna Maharaj in the Chats- agistrate's Court yesterday in connection with ing of two young girls in the kitchen of their th home at the weekend

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Gift or benefit 'is not an offence'

Grové is completely exonerated

By GEOFFREY ALLEN
and GERALD REILLY

DR HENNIE GROVE, the Transvaal Director of Hospital Services, has been completely exonerated of all allegations of corruption in his Department and of alleged misconduct by himself.

His deputy, Dr Gherhard Schepers, was found to have made an error of judgment in accepting an extension to an overseas trip paid for by a private company.

And he was found to have acted against the interests of the Province by taking his wife on an extended official tour in Europe.

Although the De Kock Commission into alleged misconduct by the two doctors found that Dr Grové and Dr Schepers had benefitted from an offer by the Alumina Development Corporation (formerly the dominant supplier of medical equipment and drugs to the TPA), or one of its subsidiaries, to buy TV sets at cost price, neither man had committed an offence

In the report released in Pretoria yesterday, the commission said "The *per se* handing over of a gift or a benefit" did not constitute an offence

Moreover, the TPA had not been "prejudiced", it added

In only one instance was it found that the Alumina Group won any advantage from its dealings with the TPA — when a letter was sent out from the Administration building purporting to be the allocation to various companies of hospitals they were to supply in terms of a new tender.

Subsequently, it was discovered that the tender had not yet been awarded and that therefore the allocation was wrong

Meanwhile, some companies had been able to provide three months' stockpiles of goods to the hospitals before the correct allocations were sent out

The commission made two recommendations

- That the ordinance governing Provincial commissions in the Transvaal should be widened to give the commissions more power. The Commissioner, Mr Lourens de Kock, said his scope to investigate the allegations fully had been limited and that the matter had been discussed with the chief legal advisor of the Province and the relevant ordinace was being revieweed
- That the Province should lay down strict gudelines on exactly when and under what circumstances officials were allowed to receive presents or advantages from supplying companies

The Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr W A Cruywagen, commented last night "It is to be regretted that officials of the Administration have been subjected to unnecessary suspicion and have had to endure such a degree of humiliation I am satisfied that no offence has been committed

"I and the members of the Executive Committee have full confidence in both officials and also in the system followed in respect of tenders, not only in the Department of Hospital Services, but also in the Transvaal Provincial Administration as a whole, and we are further satisfied that, as is evident from the report, the Administration has not in any way been prejudiced and that the possibility of irregularities in the handling and acceptance of tenders has been ruled out."

Dr Grové said last night he was still considering the report.

But an apparently ebullient Dr Schepers insisted on first turning on his desk tape recorder, and then declined any comment.

Mr Ken Owen, editor of the Sunday Express newspaper, which published many of the allegations against the doctors, said, "We are still studying the report However we are reassured by the main finding that the Provincial officials were not influenced by the favours they received

The leader of the Progressive Federal Party in the Provincial Council, Mr Douglas Gibson, said the report removed the cloud of suspicion that hung over the province

Gift rules 'already strict'

Mail Reporter

TRANSVAAL Provincial Administration officials are already subject to the strictest regulations concerning the acceptance of gifts despite a De Kock Commission recommendation for stricter guidelines

The De Kock Commission into alleged misconduct by Dr Hennie Grové, Transvaal Director of Hospital Services, and his deputy, Dr Gerhard Schepers, recommended

- That the province should lay down strict guidelines on exactly when and under what circumstances officials were allowed to receive presents or advantages from supplying companies

Commenting yesterday on the recommendation, MEC Mr D P Kirstein said there were at present the strictest regulations governing the conduct of officials

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By MARTIN WELZ
and WILMAR UTTING

THE Transvaal provincial adminstration has been thrown into utter confusion by the report of the De Kock commission of inquiry into the medical pay-off scandal.

The commission ignored regulations that forbid officials to take gifts — on the grounds that they are not applied anywhere in the public service — yet called for new rules to prevent graft.

It exonerated two top medical officials of wrongdoing, even though they accepted gifts and benefits from a pharmaceutical company. It made no mention of Public Service Regulation No A11/1 which forbids acceptance of such gifts without proper permission.

The commissioner, Mr Lourens de Kock, told the Sunday Express "I read the regulations, but I can say they are not strictly applied anywhere in the public service"

In his report he observed that even Cabinet Ministers regularly received gifts when they visited homelands, and said there was "nothing wrong" in the mere acceptance of a gift.

His call for new guidelines left officials bewildered The Transvaal MEC for hospital services, Mr Daan Kirstein, said "I don't know what the commission means There are already strict conditions laid down"

The provincial secretary, Dr W Steyn, said the province was not empowered to frame new regulations The present regulations were well established and comprehensive, he said

In fact, the Sunday Express was reliably informed this week that earlier this year a special circular was sent to all officials in the provincial Department of Hospital Services reminding them of the regulation banning the acceptance of gifts.

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Payola row starts anew

Explaining his apparently contradictory recommendation, Mr de Kock told the Sunday Express that "clear guidelines" were particularly necessary for officials in the province's Department of Hospital Services, which he had found to be "definitely a very rich field, ripe for irregularities"

Besides sowing confusion in provincial ranks, his findings also fly in the face of views on gifts for doctors held by leading members of the medical profession

The leader of the Opposition in the provincial council, Mr Douglas Gibson, yesterday called on the Administrator of the Transvaal to demand a fresh report from the commission to clarify the position

Regulation A11/1, which applies to all provinces, deals with the acceptance of gifts, commissions, money or reward

It states 'An officer or employee shall not accept, without the permission of the head of department or, in the case of the head of the department, without the permission of the Minister or Administrator, a gift pecuniary or otherwise offered to him by a member of the public by reason of his occupying or having occupied a particular office or post in the service"

The chairman of the Federal Council of the Medical Association of SA, Professor Guy de Klerk, said he could definitely not go along with the commission's view of gifts to doctors

"Under no circumstances should a doctor, in private practice or in the provincial service, accept a gift or favour from a pharmaceutical company — whether it is in return for favours or not," he said

Prof de Klerk's statement reflects a view long held by leading members of the medical profession

Earlier this year Professor Peter Folb, chairman of the Medicines Control Council, said his attitude was unequivocal "No person operating with the MCC may accept anything whereby he may be influenced or seen to be influenced by pharmaceutical companies Not even a cup of coffee"

Calling for a fresh report, Mr Gibson said the commission should now spell out exactly why it did not apply the regulation and what it now had in mind

"Mr de Kock appears to have a remarkably candid approach to the regulations He should have spelt out exactly what he proposes should replace the regulation, if it for some reason no longer applies Surely this is what the commission was all about," Mr Gibson said

The Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, told the Sunday Express, however, that there was no point in calling for a fresh report "There already are regulations that prohibit the acceptance of gifts," he said

"I recall that they were circulated again to all departments earlier this year by the provincial secretary I have discussed the matter with Dr Steyn and he has agreed that all we can do is to bring the regulations to the attention of all officials again

"We can only abide by the existing regulations, we cannot have new guidelines"

"We intend bringing the regulations very clearly to the attention of all officials and if there are then contraventions nobody can complain they did not know about them," Mr Cruywagen said

In his interview with the Sunday Express Mr de Kock said that evidence heard by the commission "has certainly made it clear that the Department of Hospital Services is a rich field, ripe for irregularities"

He referred the Sunday Express to his finding that, on the evidence, the former chairman of the Alumina group of pharmaceutical companies, Mr Isaac Kaye, "pursued success and in the process had no scruples about applying dishonest or unethical methods"

He also noted that the actions of the Alumina group's agents 'indisputably' showed that the group was prepared to pay officials if this would promote the group's interests

"That was the situation I had in mind In this situation it is natural to be suspicious The province cannot afford to leave the matter so ill-defined," Mr de Kock said

"The department should determine exactly what an official may receive, for instance, a business lunch and a bottle of whisky at Christmas — and what he may not accept

"If an official may not take a lunch or a box of chocolates in return for a favour without first getting the permission of the provincial secretary, Dr Steyn, then the province must say so"

Gifts and benefits given to officials

Arrests for 'State security'

Action was required promptly' — official

● President Sebe

THE first concrete evidence that a threatened coup was behind this week's turmoil in Ciskei surfaced during a brief court hearing in the Ciskei capital, Zwelitsha, on Friday

Brigadier M B Madolo, acting head of the Ciskei Central Intelligence Service, said in an affidavit he had acted under the Ciskei National Security Act which provides for the detention of people who engage in activities which endanger the safety of the state

He said 'prompt action' was necessary and that the arrests had nothing to do with the family feud known to be raging in Ciskei

It involves President Lennox Sebe on one side and members of his own family, with their respective factions, on the other, including his half-brothers, the detained Commander-General Charles Sebe, and Mr Namba Sebe, Minister of Transport

The Sunday Express can also disclose that one of the key figures arrested — Major-General Tailefer Minnaar, security adviser to the Ciskei cabinet — had accompanied President Sebe on a visit to Israel

The president cut short his

[illegible], Political Reporter

lowed later, and was detained on Tuesday — the day after his return on Monday from Israel

Maj-Gen Minnaar is a former officer in the SA National Intelligence Service, and went to Ciskei as security adviser in 1979

In the court hearing before Mr Justice Pickard, application postponed until tomorrow

The applicants were Mrs Mara Elizabeth Minnaar, for her husband, Mrs Nomafakathi Sebe for her husband Gen Sebe, and her son, Corporal Khambashe Sebe, Mrs Nondwe Sebe for her son, Lieutenant Toni Sebe, Miss Kholeka Nondlwana for Captain Joe Ntwasa, Mrs Evelina Tamsanqa for her husband, Brigadier H Tamher son, Lieutenant Mbulelo Xaba

Lts Toni and Colin Sebe are the sons of Transport Minister Mr Namba Sebe, and Lt Xaba is the son of the ailing vice-president, the Rev W M Xaba

Mrs Minnaar said she was told the following day that her husband had been arrested and was being held in Mdantsane, the Ciskei town

office of commander-general was now vacant and had not been filled, and since in terms of the National Security Act it was necessary for the commander-general to sign any detention warrant, she believed her husband was being held wrongfully

Lt-Gen Sebe's wife, Mrs Nomafakathi Sebe, said in her statement that her husband and her son, Cpl Khambashe Sebe, were "loyal and faithful" servants of Ciskei

She said that she believed the lives of her husband and son were in danger

In a replying affidavit Brig Madolo said he had been Commissioner of Prisons in Ciskei and that since July 15, he had been acting head of Ciskei National Intelligence Service

"Since then I have assumed the powers and duties of the Commander-General," he said

He gave instructions for the arrest of Gen Sebe and his son Khambashe on July 19, for Capt Twasa on July 16, for Capt Ndlabantu on July 18, for Brig Tamsanqa on July 14, for Lt Xaba on July 18, and for Lts Toni and Colin Sebe on July 20, he said

"It was in the interests of the state that they should be detained," he said

It was not in the interests of the State or the public that reasons for the detentions should be made known, he said, nor that the detainees should receive visits

"As for allegations that lives and health are in danger, I deny there is reason for this They are being well treated and get better food than other awaiting-trial prisoners and detainees"

I did not back the PM's

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Commission clears top provincial doctors

● Dr Hennie Grové — no evidence that an allotment (of shares) influenced the awarding of tenders.

Reports by MARTIN WELZ AND WILMAR UTTING

evidence that this allottment (of shares) influenced the awarding of tenders, the commission found

The commission condemned a report in the Sunday Express headlined "Grové linked to Kaye empire" just because they held shares in the same company, saying it was misleading

The commission found that evidence of a trip allegedly made to the Greek Islands by Dr and Mrs Grové at the expense of Continental Ethicals in 1978 or 1979 'must have referred to another Dr Grové" It found that while Dr and Mrs Grové (the director and his wife) had visited the Greek Islands, this trip had taken place in 1975 and had been paid for by Dr Grové

The commission was satisfied from the records that all the hospital's tenders had been properly handled in terms of tender regulations

While this was not specifically provided for in the regulations, special tender advisory committees consisting of doctors and professors in the department's service had assessed tenders and made recommendations to the Tender Board This procedure, the commission found, was an added safeguard against irregularities taking place

Dealing with the evidence concerning Dr Grové, the commission noted that Dr Grové had admitted obtaining a TV set at wholesale price from Mr Kaye, purchasing a washing machine-making use of an Alumina company buying order to get it wholesale, and using the 'Makro' card of an Alumina director to buy goods wholesale

"It is general knowledge that people acquire things at cost with the help of those in a position to help It is also general knowledge that when Ministers of State open certain homeland legislative assemblies they are handed gifts"

In the case of officials receiving gifts, the commission found that both the giving and the receipt of a gift must be in relation to the work of the official There must be a guilty intent before a crime is committed

"With regard to the favours accepted by Dr Grové, the allegation is clear it could promote influence In a community, experience has taught, there will always be those that come to the conclusion that there was influence and that there is advantage to the giver

"Judged objectively, however, there was absolutely no evidence led from which it could be deduced that Dr Grové was influenced Whatever Mr Kaye's intentions might have been, the commission is satisfied that Dr Grové did not receive the favours in relation to his work, and that there was no guilty intent on his part

"Dr Grové is a senior official with an annual income in salary and allowances totalling over R41 000 It is highly improbable that he would squander his honour and integrity for a measly few hundred rand"

Referring to the Sunday Express "banner headlines" report on contaminated intravenous fluids supplied to the province by an Alumina subsidiary, Labethica, the commission said the allegation was that this serious situation had not received immediate attention

However, the commission found that the province had acted immediately it was informed by the Medicines Control Council of the contamination by telephonically advising hospitals to freeze their stocks and obtain replacements from another company

This instruction had been confirmed in writing two weeks later

Dr Grové had impressed the commission as an honest and reliable witness, the report said The commission was satisfied he had not been influenced

Dealing with allegations concerning Dr Schepers, the commission said while he had admitted receiving a TV set wholesale from Mr Kaye there was no evidence he was in any way influenced in the awarding of tenders

While evidence indicated that Dr Schepers had been entertained countless times by an Alumina director, Mr William Kennedy, both men had said they were bosom friends and that this entertainment, although done at the company's expense, was not related to business

Dealing with an invitation from the Israeli Board of Trade to visit Israel, the commission noted that Dr Schepers had taken his wife along instead of the other doctor invited, Professor Funston, without informing Dr Grové

This action was wrong and reprehensible, the commission said Dr Schepers had put his own interests above those of the province

An unauthorised extension of this trip at the expense of a company was clearly to acquire further knowledge to the advantage of the province and the commission accepted Dr Schepers had acted in good faith in this regard

He should, however, have sought approval subsequently

One Sunday Express report condemned

THE De Kock Commission condemned the Sunday Express for one of its reports on the medical scandal published earlier this year, saying it was "misleading"

The Sunday Express report linked Dr Hennie Grove to the 'Kaye empire' — a group of pharmaceutical companies known as the Alumina group which was headed by Mr Isaac Kaye

It said Dr Grove was a former business associate of two of the leading partners and shareholders in the Alumina group, Mr Kaye and his

The commission noted that "an official is also human and entitled to live a normal life" and said it could find no fault with Dr Grové's actions There was absolutely no evidence that his shareholding had influenced the award of tenders

The commission did not mention the partnership agreement between Mr Kaye and Mr Tabatznik Nor did it mention that Banstan and Copybook had in fact never traded with the province and were not involved in the tender market for medical products

The only companies that did enter the Transvaal tender market for medical products in 1975 were Amilkay and Labethica, the two Alumina companies in which Mr Tabatznik and Mr Kaye were partners, major shareholders and co-directors

Mr Tabatznik told the Sunday Express in a statement which he examined for accuracy before publication that he had suggested to Dr Grové that he sell his shares in Banstan and Copybook because Labethica — not Banstan or Copybook — was about to trade with the province.

However, the relationship between these companies is not clarified by the commission's report which does not deal with the implication that Mr Tabatznik and Dr Grové saw a link between the companies, or they would have had no reason to sever it.

Alumina group which was headed by Mr Isaac Kaye

It said Dr Grove was a former business associate of two of the leading partners and shareholders in the Alumina group, Mr Kaye and his partner, Mr David Tabatznik

Dr Grové was allotted 2 000 shares in one of Mr Tabatznik's companies, Copybook Investments (Pty), in 1966 and in 1972 he was allotted 2 000 shares in another Tabatznik company, Banstan (Pty) Both these companies own or hold interests in private hospitals and sanatoriums The commission found he paid for the shares

Other shareholders in these companies included Mrs Maria Brink, wife of Professor A J Brink, also a director of an Alumina subsidiary, and Mr Kaye himself

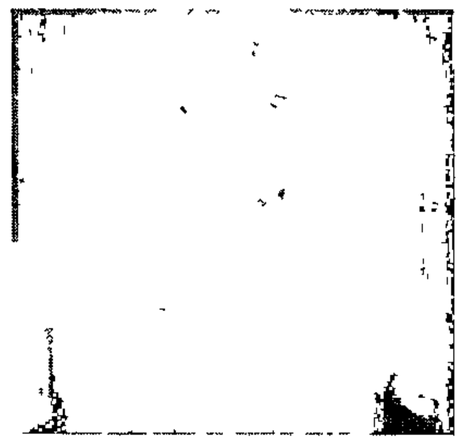
Mr David Tabatznik, besides being chairman of Copybook and Banstan, was also a director of two of the Alumina group's largest subsidiaries, Amilkay and Labethica

All the companies in the Alumina group were, or became, major suppliers to the Transvaal Department of Hospital Services

The De Kock commission accepted Dr Grove's explanation that he had been unaware that Mr Kaye also held shares in Banstan and Copybook at the time Neither company had traded with the province

According to the commission Dr Grové and Mr Tabatznik had an agreement that if the companies entered the Transvaal tender market Dr Grové would be informed. This had occurred in 1975 and Dr Grove had sold his shares

Gifts didn't influence Grové or Schepers



● Dr Gerrit Schepers — admitted receiving a TV set wholesale but there was no evidence he was influenced in the awarding of tenders.

A COMMISSION of inquiry appointed to investigate aspects of the gift-giving scandal in the medical industry, this week exonerated Dr Hennie Grové, Director of Transvaal Hospital Services, and his deputy, Dr Gerrit Schepers, saying they had not been influenced by favours they received.

The commission said that Dr Schepers's action in taking his wife along on an overseas trip sponsored by a pharmaceutical company had not been in the interests of the province, and he was at fault for not obtaining approval for a trip to Sweden

"The handing over of a gift, as such, is not an offence," the commission said "What is of importance, however, is not only the spirit in which it is given but also the spirit in which it is accepted"

The commission said the Director of Hospital Services and his staff met daily with suppliers to the province and it was only natural to expect that this contact would lead to ties of friendship

However, it suggested that the Transvaal Provincial Administration consider drawing up "clear guidelines" for officials to accept gifts and benefits

Mr Lourens de Kock was appointed as a one-man commission by the Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, after reports on medical gift-giving by the Alumina group of pharmaceutical companies headed by Mr Isaac Kaye were published by the Sunday Express of February 6 and February 13

He found that the actions of Alumina's agents in Natal, the Cape, Namibia and Transvaal demonstrated indisputably that the group was prepared to pay officials if this could promote the interests of the company

The commission was, however, required by its narrow terms of reference to make a finding only on whether gifts and favours received by the doctors from the Alumina group could have benefited the companies in the awarding of tenders for the supply of medical equipment to the province

In his report Mr de Kock said his inquiry centered around 11 main allegations against Dr Grové, and four allegations against Dr Schepers

Of the 11 allegations against Dr Grové listed by the commission, three emanated from reports in the Sunday Express or evidence by Sunday Express reporters Two of the four allegations against Dr Schepers came from the Sunday Express

The allegations concerning Dr Grové that emanated from the Sunday Express were

● That until 1975 he had been a shareholder in two private hospital companies, Banstan (Pty) and Copybook Investments (Pty), controlled by Mr David Tabatznik, a director of and major shareholder in companies in the Alumina group, and a partner of Mr Kaye Other Alumina directors and shareholders also had interests in Banstan and Copybook at the same time

● That he had acquired a TV set and a washing machine wholesale through Mr Kaye and the Alumina companies

● That Dr Grové had hesitated to take action against an Alumina company that supplied the province with intravenous fluids when it was discovered that the fluid packs were defective and possibly dangerous to health

Other allegations, made by witnesses to the commission, included making use of an Alumina director's 'Makro' card to buy goods wholesale using the company's name, taking a holiday trip with his wife to the Greek Islands paid for by an Alumina company, favouring Alumina companies above their competitors in tender allocations and by giving information to Alumina in advance, to the detriment of its competitors

Sunday Express allegations concerning Dr Schepers were

● That he had obtained a TV-set wholesale through an Alumina company

● That he had undertaken an extended overseas trip with his wife, paid for by Alumina companies

Other allegations made in evidence were that Dr Schepers was excessively entertained by Mr William Kennedy, the managing director of an Alumina company and that he had awarded a tender for silver recovery (from used X-ray film) to an Alumina company in such a manner that the province had suffered large financial losses

The commission said it was common cause that Dr Grové was allotted 2 000 shares in each of two companies, Banstan (Pty) and Copybook Investments (Pty), in 1973 and that he had paid for them These companies were controlled by Mr D Tabatznik, but the companies did no trade with the province

In his evidence Dr Grové had said that he had not been aware that Mr Kaye (who did trade with the province) was also a shareholder in these companies The commissioner found that even if he had been aware of this, there would have been "no harm in it"

There was absolutely no

QUOTE

The handing over of a gift, as such, is not an offence What is of importance, however, is not only the spirit in which it is given but also the spirit in which it is accepted

More allegations but no proof

THE commission assessed evidence which suggested that Mr Isaac Kaye and the Alumina Group were given preference or had unusual influence in the Transvaal Department of Hospital Services

● Mr Malan du Preez, a former assistant director of Hospital Services, had testified that there was a "feeling" in the department that the Alumina companies were favoured above others Mr du Preez was, however, unable to substantiate this view, the commission found

● Mrs Annette Geiling (the official in the department responsible for administering informal tenders) had gone out of her way to be of assistance to Mr William Kennedy, the managing director of an Alumina company, from whom she had received many gifts

The commission, however, found that she appeared a "helpful sort of person", and accepted her statement that she had helped people from other companies as well The commission also noted that she denied that the gifts were always as big as was reflected on the invoices presented to the commission

● Mr Jimmy de Villiers, a former director of one of the Alumina companies, alleged in his evidence that Mr Peter Goldberg and Mr Kaye would "see things right" with senior officials in the department But, he too, the commissioner found, based this claim on hearsay

● In a letter, remembered as "arrogant" by Mr du Preez in his evidence, Mr Goldberg wrote to Dr Grové in October 1979 objecting to the award of certain informal tenders to a competitor The letter (a copy of which was found in Mr Goldberg's correspondence files seized by the commission), concluded "I trust you will go into this matter and prevent a repetition"

However Mr du Preez could not recall what had become of the letter after he had seen it and the original could now not be traced

● In a Sunday Express interview Mr Goldberg was quoted as saying "Top officials in Pretoria, such as Dr Grové and Dr Schepers, would phone me for advice They knew I would sort them out"

The commissioner interpreted this statement as meaning that Mr Goldberg would "put them in their place"

In his evidence Mr Goldberg had vehemently denied making the statements attributed to him in the Sunday Express

"If the Sunday Express report is correct, it reflects a sad state of affairs that Dr Grové and Dr Schepers should phone a vain chap (verwaande vent) such as Mr Goldberg — and Goldberg says They knew I would put them in their place," the commission said

"But in the end, when I indicated that I intended recalling the Sunday Express reporters for further questioning, Mr Frans Roets, leading evidence, informed the commission that the Sunday Express had conceded that its reporting was wrong What was intended was that Mr Goldberg would sort out problems," the commissioner said

Now a new picture emerged with which no fault could be found, the commission found "But Dr Grové and Dr Schepers remain tarnished by the newspaper report There is much of the newspaper reports that does not reflect a true image," the commissioner said.

Misunderstanding over denial

THE De Kock Commission said the Sunday Express had admitted to incorrectly reporting an interview with Mr Peter Goldberg, company secretary and accountant in the Alumina Group of pharmaceutical companies

The Sunday Express had reported that Mr Goldberg said he was frequently called for advice by Dr Grové and Dr Schepers and he would "sort them out". Mr Goldberg denied making the remark.

To help shorten the proceedings, the Sunday Express explained to Mr Frans Roets, who was leading evidence to the commission, that in the context of the interview with Mr Goldberg the latter had used the expression "sort them out" as meaning sorting out their problems.

Mr Goldberg had been reported accurately, and the entire report of the interview had been read to him and passed by him before publication

It appears that Mr Roets misunderstood this explanation and told the commissioner the Sunday Express had admitted an error, which in fact it had not. Had the Sunday Express been aware of the misunderstanding it would have testified on this point to the commission under oath.

TPA likely to remind officials of gifts law

By GEOFFREY ALLEN

A MEMORANDUM is likely to be sent to Transvaal Provincial Administration officials reminding them of a 26-year-old law against accepting gifts from the private sector

This possibility follows a four-month commission of inquiry into alleged misconduct by two senior TPA officials

The De Kock Commission, which investigated alleged misconduct by the Director of Hospital Services, Dr Hennie Grove, and his deputy, Dr Gherhard Schepers, recommended that precise guidelines should be laid down for the acceptance of gifts or favours by Administration officials

Yesterday, spokesmen for both the Public Servants Association of South Africa and the Commission for Administration said that the recommended guidelines already exist

Meanwhile, Provincial officials are still working out the cost of the commission conducted by Mr L V de Kock, following reports by a Sunday newspaper that the two doctors had allegedly misconducted themselves in the course of their work

A TPA source said the Administrator of the Transvaal, Dr Willem Cruywagen, still had to decide on the commission report and what action to take

However, the source said it was most likely that a memorandum would be circulated to staff reminding them of the law relating to the acceptance of gifts

The commission report tabled last week found that the doctors had accepted assistance from the giant Alumina Group of pharmaceutical and medical equipment supply companies in purchasing goods at wholesale prices, but that they had not been influenced, nor had they in turn influenced the awards of huge tender contracts as a result

According to the Public Service Act No 54 of 1957, it is an offence for any officer "to accept (or demand) without the permission of the Minister or Administrator in respect of the carrying out of or the failure to carry out his duties any commission, fee, or reward, pecuniary or otherwise, or fails to report to his head of department or the Minister or Administrator the offer of any such commission, fee or reward"

A spokesman for the Commission for Administration confirmed that the rule applies equally to public servants and officers of the TPA

If an official is found guilty of accepting any reward in terms of the Act, he can be suspended and be made to pay back the money he has gained

"It is a very serious rule," the spokesman for the Public Servants Association said

He said that he did not think that expensive business lunches could be included in the definition of gifts because they were had in the course of working

The De Kock Commission found that neither of the two doctors under scrutiny had been guilty of any misconduct

Officials not confused — spokesman

Pretoria Bureau

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration had not been thrown into confusion by the contents of the De Kock commission report, says the province's liasion officer, Mr A Byrne

He was reacting yesterday to Press articles that TPA officials were confused by the report

The De Kock report had been accepted in its entirety by the Administrator, and the comments contained in it would receive attention, he said

"I wish to state emphatically that no action is contemplated against either Dr Grove nor Dr Schepers or any other official in the TPA, as the report is quite clear that no misconduct had taken place and no offence had been committed", he said

ay giant oil slick

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in a north-westerly direction, away from the West Coast Though its nearest point is 17 miles west of Saldanha Bay it has narrowed itself to only three miles from west to east at that point

The low toxic dispersant has to be sprayed on the oil within 24 hours or else the oil turns to tar and the dispersant become ineffective

Much of the main slick has already turned to tar and pollution experts can do nothing but pray the wind holds out in the right direction to keep the slick from smothering the coast

One pollution expert based in the Eastern Cape, who does not wish to be named for profes-

UK dagga 'godfather' lived opulently in city; left behind assets worth R1-m

Staff Reporter

FORMER Cape Town drug syndicate 'godfather' John Green was a high school dropout who became a millionaire and married a beauty queen

After leaving school in Lancashire in his mid-teens, he was apprenticed to firm of carpenters, which he bought out seven years later

He then took up speedway racing, bought and renovated a nightclub

He served two jail terms for gambling offences, came to South Africa in the early '70s and lived opulently in Brampton House in Bishopscourt while running a successful construction company

According to police, there was also a dagga factory in his Longmarket Street workshop

Green also owned a two years ago

A midnight raid on Brampton House in 1979 netted 480 kg of high-quality dagga, valued at about R480 000

Green was taken into custody but jumped bail and fled South Africa on a false passport

A week later he was seen in his Lancashire home town, driving a Rolls Royce

Burnley and the dagga factory was allegedly re-established

So tight was his security that Green was able to watch the police watching him He had them in his infra-red sights while they had him in their binocular sights about six weeks before he was arrested last year

In a recent interview, Green denied involvement in the

short — FCI

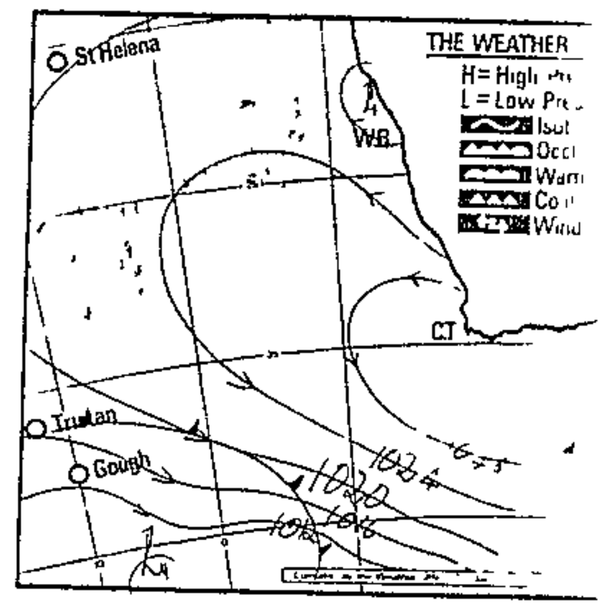
JOHANNESBURG — The Federated Chamber of Industries says the modified Constitution Bill falls well short of what is essential for stable and orderly development of South Africa and all its peoples

It believes a golden opportunity to generate wider acceptability for constitutional reform has been lost

The Association of Chambers of Commerce says further changes are necessary and that it will make representations to the the Minister of Constitutional Development

STATEMENTS

The comments were made in statements by FCI president Mr R J Ironside and Assocom chief executive Mr Raymond Parsons



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☐ Fine and warm to hot but very co

☐ Wind Light to moderate south easterly.

☐ Minimum temperature at D F M will be between 2 and 4 deg C.

Use of Cape's libraries astounding — Administrator

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Provincial Reporter

CULTURE vultures are flourishing in the Cape. They are borrowing about 1 000 gramophone records, 122 documentary films and 38 904 books a day from the Cape Provincial Library Service

The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, described the use being made of the Cape's libraries as "astounding". About 30 years ago public libraries in country areas of the Cape were the most neglected in the whole country.

He told the Association of Divisional Councils congress in Port Elizabeth that provincial library figures did not include the activities of the three independent city libraries — Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and East London.

At the Province's 451 library centres throughout the Cape, 640 000 members borrowed 14,2-million books in the most recent 12-month period

In an "impressive use" of the audio-visual materials available, they also borrowed 359 000 gramophone records and 57 000 art prints

The Province's three film libraries loaned 44 500 documentary films to societies, clubs and institutions

Mr Louw said provincial libraries operated free of charge

Tender award probe rejected

THE Transvaal provincial administration has dismissed a complaint from a pharmaceutical company whose tender to supply the province with X-ray film chemicals was rejected in favour of a more costly supplier

Maybaker of Port Elizabeth, part of a giant French-owned company, asked for an investigation of the tender award, pointing out that its tender was about R300 000 cheaper than that of X-Ray Imaging Services, the company that won the R1-million contract

Maybaker wrote to Mr Daan Kirstein, MEC in charge of hospital services, after failing to obtain what it regarded as a satisfactory answer from Dr Hennie Grove, director of hospital services

Mr Kirstein, responding to a report of Maybaker's complaint, which was published by the Sunday Express last week, told newspapers "I investigated the matter personally and wish to state categorically that the contract was concluded strictly in accordance with the provincial tender board regulations

"I am satisfied that the award of the tender to the company concerned was made in the best interests of the administration"

He refused to disclose why the more expensive tender was accepted, saying that tender board regulations prevented him from doing so He said the De Kock commission of inquiry had found it "virtually impossible" to favour any tenderer

Mr Kirstein added "It is to be regretted that the company saw fit to submit the matter to the Press before having received a reply from me"

● Mr Kirstein is mistaken in assuming that Maybaker complained to the Press The Sunday Express obtained its information from an independent source, and Maybaker was subsequently asked for its comment.

A question of ethics

A Wits student reports on the university's new code of ethics

By JILL McILRAITH

INTEGRITY cannot be legislated for — but the pitfalls in maintaining it can be illuminated. And that's what the University of the Witwatersrand's new guidelines to staff members about accepting gifts from outsiders seek to do.

The guidelines are the result of several months' consultation within the university following the resignation earlier this year of Professor Saul Zwi as dean of Wits' medical faculty Prof Zwi resigned after acknowledging that he had received credit card payments from a drug company

Described by one senior academic as a "gentle and enlightened document", the three-page guidelines provide a broad framework for the acceptance or refusal of gifts by the several thousand academic, administrative and part-time staff of the university

It lays down few rigid rules, points no fingers and assumes that university staff wish to act 'honourably' and do nothing that would jeopardise their academic and personal integrity. It follows the tack of "be aware of the potential dangers of gift taking" rather than "be wary of all gift-givers".

Businessmen may regard it as a naive attempt to elucidate an area of free enterprise filled with traps for the unwary and point to its lack of definitions. What, for example, constitutes "real intrinsic value"?

Less scrupulous companies may brush it off as only a flimsy obstacle in their attempts to influence people in pursuit of profit, for it lays down no machinery to enforce the guidelines or to monitor them.

But the guide's very flexibility and basic premises may be the reason it will succeed where lengthier, more detailed and more rigid directions would not. It has the attraction of being relatively brief. It is clear, and resists the temptation to be dogmatic or to deliver sanctimonious lectures on moral behaviour.

It also has the advantage of placing the onus where it belongs on the individual staff member in consultation with his colleagues.

While reminding staff that many companies offer a wide range of gifts as part of their public relations and marketing techniques, the guidelines exhort staff to be aware that "the purport of the gift may not always be patent" and that the giver may expect a favour in return.

There are two central concerns for the university

- Gifts to staff may have the appearance, potential, outright intent or actual effect of influencing a recipient's scientific and critical judgment.
- Staff always bear in mind the example they may give to students and the impression their actions may create.

In attempting to clarify the most appropriate behaviour when offered gifts, the guidelines divide such donations into several categories

Firstly, there are gifts or fees paid to a staff member for services rendered These may include things such as drug trials or equipment testing. Such money should be paid to the University Foundation and not to the individual It may then be credited to his department.

Secondly, there are gifts made when no service has been rendered but as gestures of support or interest or to create "a sense of goodwill, gratitude or even obligation"

Again, if it is money that is offered, this should be paid to the University Foundation and not to individual staff

The money may then be allocated for that person to attend a conference and he would be expected to report back on it to his colleagues. Gifts in kind should not be accepted personally "but for the benefit of the university"

Such acceptance should have the approval of the dean of that faculty and should become university property It is a sensible formula that still permits academics to accept sponsorship to attend conferences or congresses to enable them to remain abreast of learning in this field.

Thirdly, while cautioning staff about accepting gifts of "real intrinsic value", the university sees nothing wrong in staff accepting trivial gifts at Christmas time or where offered to many members of staff

Fourthly, the guidelines place an obligation on staff not to exert any pressure in eliciting sponsorship for conferences or social functions and that such commercial aspects be kept to a discreet minimum

Fifthly, gifts made by grateful patients, students or parents are acceptable, but staff should not accept them if there may be an ulterior motive Their acceptance remains a matter of "good sense and courtesy".

Implicit in the guidelines is the attempt by Wits to clarify the university's links with the business community and to balance two, potentially conflicting, desires

While wishing to protect the integrity and independence of staff, private enterprise must not be discouraged from making donations to the university for research, taking part in genuine academic pursuits, or, indeed, from taking a healthy, general interest in the university

There cannot be complete separation of a university and the society it is part of — that would deny some of the basic tenets of why a university exists

But such guidelines as laid down by Wits last week do seek to limit the undue influence some sectors of the commercial world may seek to gain in a university, thus helping to keep the relationship between the institution of higher learning and the community on a symbiotic footing

Ultimately such an arrangement must be in the mutual long-term interest of both Wits and the business world — and regularising the getting of gifts is just one step in this ongoing interaction.

But one aspect that the guidelines do not mention, is that between commercial companies and students Particularly in faculties such as medicine, students are offered a range of gifts — from ones of little intrinsic value, to more substantial presents such as books, journals and stethoscopes.

Students, in turn, also do their share of begging for sponsorship for social functions and conferences

Student organisations have often taken the lead in controversial areas — this time they may have fallen a bit behind

Miners get big rises in pay

LUSAKA—The Zambian Government has awarded salary increases to 40 000 plus miners ranging from 10 to 65 percent, far in excess of the IMF's 10 percent wage ceiling

There was no official explanation on how this will comply with the IMF condition.

Chairman of the Mineworkers' Union of Zambia Mr Timothy Walamba said 'I am very happy the mine management accepted our proposals Our good industrial harmony will definitely be maintained It is an achievement in view of the prevailing situation of the country'

This then ends the strike threats by miners who had refused to accept the 10 percent wage ceiling imposed by the IMF

However, this might complicate the economic situation because workers in other sectors will not accept the IMF-imposed 10 percent wage ceiling.

Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines chairman and chief executive, Mr Francis Kaunda confirmed the increases saying 'the new salaries will be paid out today'

Miners here get their salaries on the first day of every month.

Councils to lose powers — MPC

Political Reporter

THE division of affairs into "own" and "general" in the new constitution would result in less provincial council powers, Mr Herbert Hirsch, leader of the official Opposition in the Cape Provincial Council, said yesterday.

Addressing a lunchtime meeting of the Institute of Citizenship on "What future for Provincial Councils?", Mr Hirsch said the new constitution was bound to lead to less provincial council influence.

Some of the listed "own" affairs such as education, health, hospital services and local government, were three of the most vital aspects of provincial services.

Jurisdiction

These would be removed from their jurisdiction and would probably move upwards to central government level, resulting in less decision-making at the lower tiers of government.

This in itself would be a major objection to the new constitution, he said.

The future of provincial councils was a subject of much speculation, and would continue to be so as long as the future of the municipal level was unclear.

Appealing for "real devolution of power", he said democracy functioned best when as many decisions as possible were taken close to the man-in-the-street.

'Too early to talk about cleaners' pay

By HELENE ZAMPETAKIS

IT IS "too early" for the Transvaal Education Department to say what they will do about school cleaners' wages

Referring to a motion passed unanimously at the Transvaal Teachers' Association annual conference over the weekend, a spokesman for TED said yesterday it would have to process the demand for cleaners' salaries to be increased

The spokesman said motions from associations' conferences were submitted to the department in written form

It took "a while" for the department to process the motion before any decisions were taken he said

The TTA had called on TED to increase "as a matter of urgency" the salaries of janitors, who were earning between R91 and R208 a month

Their salaries were well below the Institute of Race Relations' household subsistence level, which was R277 for a family of six in urban areas

Many schools were supplementing their cleaning staffs' salaries, even though it went against department rulings

Certain schools had employed the same cleaners and members of their families for generations, Miss Elizabeth Niemeyer, president of the TTA, said this week

The loyalty of the cleaners had induced them to increase their salaries

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leaners' pay 'shameful'

By HELENE ZAMPETAKIS

.RVATION wages paid to ool cleaners have forced ny schools to supplement m — illegally.

hock statistics for school and hos- leaners' wages were disclosed at Transvaal Teachers' Association ual conference at the weekend.

ith an average salary of under 0, cleaners are paid less than the nary household subsistence level ISL).

ccording to figures released by Institute of Race Relations, the SL for a family of six in Johannes- g was R221 this year — and this figure excluded rents and transport

The TTA disclosed that many teachers received in one month what one cleaner received in a year

And the total monthly wage cheque for a school with four cleaners was usually less than the monthly cheque of a first-year teacher

A resolution, proposed by Mr D P Robertson from the Central Rand branch of the TTA, called on the Transvaal Education Department to review "as a matter of urgency" these wages.

Outlining the salaries for cleaners, the TTA said many cleaners had wives and children in the "homelands" and their income was minimal They had to subsist on a total income of R100 to R200 a month

Male school cleaners start at R103 a month — and the ceiling scale is R208 a month

A woman cleaner's starting salary is R91 and increased only up to R191 a month

Miss Elizabeth Niemeyer, president of the TTA, said yesterday the "disgraceful" salaries were likely to be increased by 12% when teachers and other civil servants received their increases next year

Despite TED rulings that schools may not pay their cleaning staff additional wages other than overtime, many schools resorted to this form of payment to supplement the wages

"It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain the services of cleaning staff if there is a change of staff The wages offered are not attractive," the TTA said.

In a response to a TTA memorandum earlier this year, the TED said leave privileges and the creation of promotion posts would be investigated At present there are no such privileges

"As a result of the present economic position, the department is unfortunately not in a position to deviate from (the present staffing structure) at this stage," the director, Professor J H Jooste said

Leadership academies' still up in the air

Mail Reporter

E Transvaal Education partment has not yet de any decisions to imple- nt leadership academies, ch have been strongly cri- sed by English school- chers.

'rof J H Jooste, director of D, said yesterday the de- tment had issued ques- naires to measure teach- responses to leadership ademies at regional con- nces earlier this year

sked how plans for the ademies stood at present, of Jooste said there were no indications of future developments "at this stage"

He did not elaborate on what the department had in mind for the academies

However, according to briefings to English schools earlier this year, teachers understood that the academies would be designed to encourage qualities of leadership from the Transvaal's more outstanding youth.

The academies would operate like boarding schools, and children between Standards 7 and 8 would leave their normal schools and their homes to attend them They would have a similar function to veld schools

These pupils would then be reintroduced into other schools as leaders for their final two years of high school

At the weekend, the Transvaal Teachers' Association condemned the principle of establishing such a scheme and called on TED to drop plans for them "as a matter of urgency"

The principle has been strongly condemned as being "open to abuse and therefore dangerous"

Miss Elizabeth Niemeyer, president of TTA, said yesterday English schools would strongly oppose such a programme if TED decided to implement it

The system would remove the cream of pupils at a time when they could be making a very important contribution to their schools

The principle also assumed that normal schools were not providing suitable opportunities for the identification, development and training of leaders, Miss Niemeyer said.

It was debatable whether such a system would in fact be in the interests of pupils concerned For example, these pupils could become the objects of resentment among other pupils

The resolution unanimously passed at the TTA conference slammed the system as "extremely unhealthy", saying it would give the department the opportunity to mould attitudes and values as it saw fit It was viewed as an elitist concept which was bound to foster attitudes of exclusiveness

Union plans go ahead

Mail Reporter

OUT 30 teachers met in hannesburg yesterday to w up a constitution for a chers' trade union.

he teachers decided to l the union the South Afri- Teachers' Guild, with Mr

'Education charter' formulated

By HARRY MASHABELA

A CONFERENCE organised by the National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa) and held in Maritzburg at the weekend, decided to formulate an "education charter" for an alternative to the existing black and white education systems.

Mr Curtis Nkondo, Neusa's president, said yesterday the envisaged education charter

tions, teachers, individual parents and students through seminars and workshops.

The Maritzburg conference was attended by 130 delegates the National Union of South African Students (Nusas), Congress of South African Students (Cosas), Azanian Students Organisation (Azaso), Teachers Action Committee (TAC) and Diakonia, a Durban-based

critical of both bantu education and white education in this country and now want to chart out an alternative All progressive organisations are to be asked to join hands with us to work towards the creation of an equal and democratic education system," said Mr Nkondo

The idea of an alternative education system was, he added, born out of their

Charter that "the doors of learning shall be opened to all"

Mr Nkondo also said that several resolutions were adopted by the conference, rejecting the President's Council proposals, the three Koornhof Bills, the De Lange Report on education and the conferment of the freedom of Soweto on the 21 Battalion

The National Education Union of South Africa is an

Bid to ban Soviets from Games

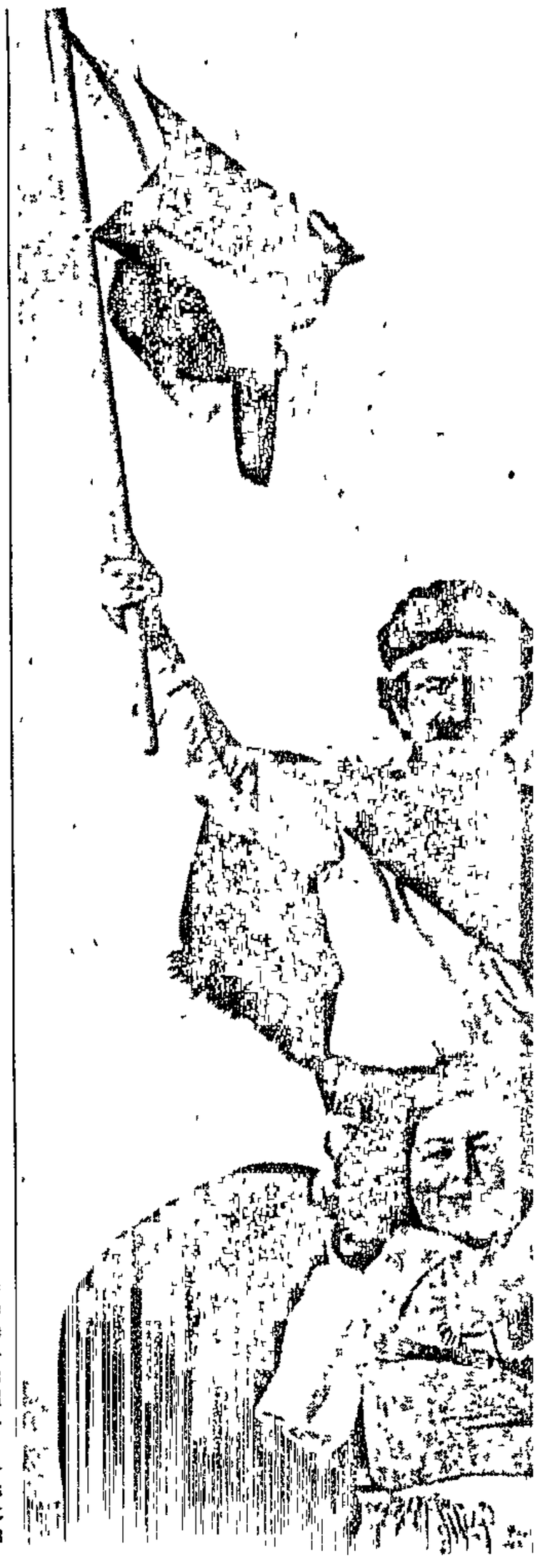
LOS ANGELES — A ban on Soviet participation in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics because of the downing of a Korean Air Lines jet is the subject of a million signature petition.

Five Southern California businessmen, including two Korean-American community leaders, launched the 60-day national petition drive on Monday to pressure President Ronald Reagan and Olympic officials to block Soviet participation in the games

"The actions taken as sanctions against the Soviet Union have not been strong enough, and certainly have not been effective in condemning the Soviet Union for massacring 269 innocent men, women and children," said Mr David Balsiger, an Orange County evangelical author who organised the petition

Copies of the petition demanding the banning of the Soviet Union from the Games through executive order, congressional legislation or denial of visas will be given to world leaders and Olympic officials

It also urges state legislatures to pass resolutions asking that the Soviet Union be banned and asks



Administrators aim to help ratepayers

TO REDUCE the tax burden on ratepayers, the four provincial Administrators may ask the Government to offer tax concessions to private enterprise for "donations" to help local authorities balance their budgets.

This was only one of a number of possible additional sources of revenue for local government, Mr Gene Louw, Administrator of the Cape, said today.

Mr Louw has repeatedly pleaded for new ways of financing local government to reduce the burden of ever-increasing taxes and service charges on ratepayers

The Administrators' Conference, comprising all four Administrators, their Executive Committee members and senior officials, discussed the problem in Cape Town this week

Chairman

As host, Mr Louw was chairman of the conference.

"The conference was especially keen on investigating the possibility of obtaining finance from the private sector for ever-increasing capital requirements," Mr Louw said.

"It undertook to clear its findings on the possibility of donations and other forms of reasonable financing with the Treasury, and to report back to the next Administrators' Conference

"The aim will be to prevent this from placing an additional burden on the shoulders of ratepayers or from adversely affecting the financial discipline on capital expenditure, as fixed by the Government from time to time.

"In addition, the Cape Provincial Administration was authorised to find ways and means of reducing the tax burden on ratepayers when local authorities were forced to spend large sums on necessary facilities

BRIAN STUART
Weekend Argus
Provincial Reporter

Mr Louw said smaller rural communities in particular were often required by central Government departments to provide a new water or sewerage scheme

"The capital cost of these schemes gives rise to intolerable increases in rates which in turn accelerates the alarming process of depopulation"

After discussing the problem, the conference asked the Cape to find a solution in consultation with the Government, "and in particular to prevent rising costs from making life in rural areas unbearable," Mr Louw said

Apart from financial problems, the conference discussed hospital services, education, local government, roads, traffic and conservation

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Administrators study funding of provinces

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Political Reporter

THE country's provincial Administrators, MEC's and senior officials left Cape Town yesterday after their two-day annual conference, which centred on the financing of provinces

The Cape Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, who hosted the conference, said yesterday that the delegates had resolved to investigate possible additional sources of revenue for local government

He said they were particularly keen to obtain funds from the private sector for "ever-increasing capital requirements" and would investigate a system of donations and other

Mr Gene Louw

forms of "reasonable financing"

The aim, he said, was to prevent an additional burden being placed on the shoulders of ratepayers and an adverse effect on the financial limits on capital determination set by the government

The conference gave serious thought to the depopulation of rural areas Often smaller communities were required to provide new water or sewerage schemes, the cost of which could not be borne by the locals This resulted in "intolerable" rates increases.

Mr Louw said the Cape Province was specifically authorized to investigate this problem and to attempt to find a solution to rising costs

A wide variety of matters affecting all four provinces, such as hospital services, education, road and traffic problems, and nature conservation, were discussed

(Report by Jane Arbous, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town)

Men in teachers' college: Discrimination charge

ARGUS 25/10/83 (3) (261)

Staff Reporter

MR JAN van Eck, PFP provincial spokesman on education, has accused Mr Willem Bouwer, the MEC in charge of education, of stalling or possibly discriminating against English-speakers in his handling of admitting male students to the Cape Town Teachers' College in Mowbray

Mr van Eck also accused Mr Bouwer of trying to "hide behind another survey" when he said one was necessary to assess whether men would be admitted to the college

Mr Bouwer announced last week that if there was a good response to a survey to be held "somewhere in April, May or June" next year, the Education Department would consider opening the college to men

Mr van Eck said even if a dozen students wished to attend the college — a Education Department survey in 1979 showed 17 were interested — it was anough reason to immediately open the college to men

It did not matter even if there was one student only who was interested in attending the college "If we do not admit that one person, we are losing him from the teaching profession"

Mr van Eck said Mr Bouwer "gave the impression he was stalling" when he said if the survey was positive it would still be some time before men could be admitted to the college, because more staff would have to be appointed and facilities provided

Research by parties who wanted the college open to men showed they could be accommodated in all aspects of their training

Everyone, from the South African Teachers' Association to the College Council, wanted the college opened to men

Unless the MEC could give a good reason why the college should not be opened to men, English-speaking parents could justly claim the education of their children was not receiving the same priority as that of Afrikaans-speaking children

MPC in attack on 'imbalance'

CAPE TIMES 25/10/83 (261)

Education Reporter

LESS than 26 percent of white students who begin training as primary school teachers at Cape Education Department colleges next year will be English-speaking, the MPC for Groote Schuur, Mr Jan van Eck, said yesterday

In a press statement, Mr Van Eck charged that the department's training quotas for 1984 would further strengthen the already "serious imbalance" in the proportion of English- and Afrikaans-speaking teachers in the country

According to figures contained in the sixth annual report of the South African Teachers' Council for whites, only 28 percent of white teachers in the country were English-speaking and only 32 percent of teachers were male

English-speakers made up 40 percent of the white population The imbalance in teacher numbers for the different language groups had led to the "very serious situation" where teachers who were not completely fluent in English were being forced to teach English-speaking pupils, he said

'Breakdown'

Mr Van Eck said that a breakdown of the first-year quotas supplied recently to the province's seven primary teacher training colleges for 1984 showed that of the 300 students who would be accepted for the Senior Primary course, a maximum of 26 percent would be English-speaking

Of the 300 who would be accepted for the Junior Primary course, only 25 percent would be English-speaking

Mr Van Eck said that in view of the fact that the Oudtshoorn, Dennewood and Wellington Colleges were Afrikaans-medium only, that the Paarl college was Afrikaans and would start accepting English males only in 1984, that the Port Elizabeth and Graaff Reinet Colleges were bilingual, and that the Cape Town Teachers' College (CTTC) was the only English-medium college, it was "critical" that the CTTC be opened to men

Mr Van Eck said that if the department continued with its policy of causing English-speaking men to leave Cape Town, it would be held responsible for perpetuating the low percentage of English-speaking male teachers in the teaching profession

The Provincial authorities' controversial refusal to open the CTTC to men has been challenged by the South African Teachers' Association and Mr Van Eck is collecting signatures for a public petition on the issue

Last week, the MEC for Education announced that a survey among matriculants would be conducted to assess the feasibility of opening the CTTC to men

Private schools to legally open to blacks

c/c ARGUS 26/11/83

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By BRIAN STUART
Provincial Reporter

BLACK pupils are to be given the legal right to seek admission to private schools in the Cape

Private church schools in the Cape already have about 1 000 black, coloured and Indian pupils — about eight percent of pupils at these schools

But the pupils are admitted in terms of an agreement between the Cape Provincial Administration and the Private Schools Association

Although blacks are being admitted by agreement, the 1956 Cape Education Ordinance makes no provision for their admission A new ordinance will be introduced at the February session of the Cape Provincial Council to legalise this situation

Conditions

Section 68 of the 1956 law says that the province may pay certain expenses, including the salaries of teachers whose appointments have been approved by the Department of Education, on conditions laid down in the section

One of these is "Every church primary school shall be staffed exclusively by European teachers and shall be attended only by European children"

It is proposed to add a clause stating that "any other children may attend such school, with the approval of the Administrator"

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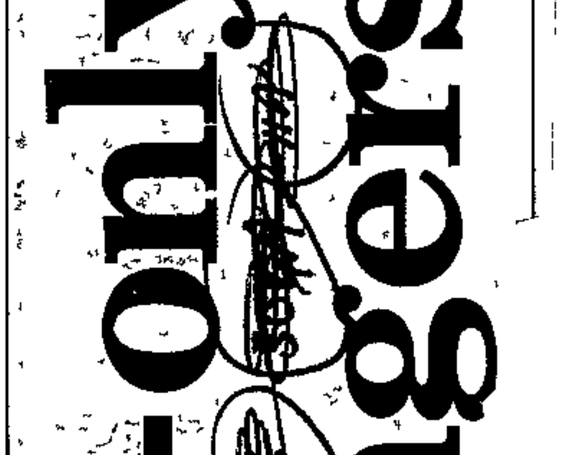
NP's 'whites-only' move angers Curry



By HUGH ROBERTON

ONE of the National Party's chief coloured allies in the new constitutional plan, Mr David Curry, has sharply rebuked the NP leadership in the Provincial Council for introducing a new ordinance restricting the municipal franchise to whites

Mr Curry, president of the Association of Management Committees and a prominent member of the Labour Party, is one of the committee chairmen of the Government-appointed Co-ordinating Council on Local Government

The council is discussing the whole question of municipal franchise qualifications, and Mr Curry alleged today that the NP in the Provincial Council had "gone over our heads, without even consulting us" and was retarding the whole reform process

"It is regrettable that the NP has taken the initiative in introducing new legislation on the municipal franchise when we in the co-ordinating council are still negotiating a new formula for local government," Mr Curry said in a statement.

Highest level

"The Government must not blame us for interpreting this move as one which is re-laying the foundations of apartheid in local government The matter should have been referred to the co-ordinating council first One of the committees of the council is now investigating the whole question of municipal franchise qualifications".

Mr Curry added that he intended taking up the matter "at the highest level" and indicated that a strong protest at the Provincial Council action would soon be lodged

The new whites-only ordinance has been defended in the Provincial Council on the grounds that it closes a loophole created by the new constitution

Under existing provincial legislation, all persons who qualify to vote in Parliamentary elections — only whites qualify — are entitled to vote in Cape municipal elections Since the new constitution gives coloured people and Asians the right to vote in parliamentary elections, they would thus be entitled to vote in Cape municipal elections too.

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Louw to ask for extra R88,5-million

By BRIAN STUART
Provincial Reporter

THE Cape Provincial Council will be asked this month to vote R88 499 000 in provincial expenditure for 1983-84 above the R1 519-million budget approved last year

This figure compares favourably with last year's additional expenditure of R83,6-million, although it indicates that the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, may yet end the financial year on March 31 with a deficit

On Wednesday, February 22, Mr Louw will give details of the additional expenditure of R88,5-million for 1983-84 in surveying the Cape's financial situation, and indicate where the extra money will come from

The size of the deficit on March 31 will depend almost entirely on what additional help he has been able to get from the Minister of Finance, Mr Owen Horwood

Presenting his budget last May, Mr Louw said he expected to end the 1983-84 financial year on March 31 with a R10-million deficit This deficit is the result of a provisional cut by the Treasury of R44,5-million in the R1 283-million that was due to the Cape in grants and subsidies.

But this year the Treasury will inevitably cut provincial subsidies again It has already increased GST, and other State tax rises seem certain as the Treasury seeks to balance its own books

In the past two years, Mr Louw has chosen to operate the province in the red rather than raise provincial taxation more than the 33 percent increase in motor licence fees last year.

In announcing the higher vehicle licence fees last February, Mr Louw said "This, naturally, does not mean that we may not be obliged to reconsider hospital fees at some future stage."

At the same time, it is clear Mr Louw would be extremely reluctant to increase Cape provincial taxes, apart from the annual adjustments made in some service charges and fees

The biggest single source of provincial revenue apart from Treasury grants is motor vehicle licences, expected to produce R76-million this year

Another R14,4-million comes from totalisator and betting tax, and this tax already runs to 33 percent

By comparison, total departmental receipts this year are estimated at R65,5-million — revenue from hospital fees, school and boarding fees, fines and audit fees.

Given the country's present financial state, Mr Louw may probably warn the Provincial Council at its sitting later this month of a "difficult" 1984-85 budget.

Worker mediocrity slammed

Pretoria Bureau

Transvaal's Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, last night "declared war" on mediocrity and flagging productivity among provincial administration employees.

Mr Cruywagen said it was time to take to task people who received pay increases but failed to boost their productivity to match.

He said he was "sick and tired" of those who did their duties half-heartedly.

All staff members should wake up to the contribution they could make towards a healthy economy and should stop waiting for the drought and the recession to end, he said, adding that he had briefed department heads on the new drive

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Cape councils under fire for lack of liaison

Municipal Reporter

COUNCILS which are apathetic in liaising with coloured and Indian management committees have come under fire from the Provincial Administration

Cases in which some management committees were poorly informed by councils over meetings on the Government's house-selling scheme are to be taken up with the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, and the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze

The councils and management committees involved are not named in a provincial circular put before Cape Town's Executive Committee yesterday

The circular, signed by the Director for Local Government, says the Administration had made "purposeful efforts for many years to promote better liaison between councils and management committees

DISSATISFIED

"It appears some councils are apathetic about encouraging liaison"

The issue arose with the announcement that the Government planned to sell 500 000 houses to tenants Instructions on the sale were given in a circular sent to councils, which were asked to pass on the information to management committees

The Department of Community Development also held informal meetings to discuss the implications of the plan with councils and management committees

"There is dissatisfaction in the ranks of many management committees because they did not know about the meetings and in many cases did not see the circulars until recently," the circular said

The Administration appealed to councils to "do everything in their power" to keep management committees informed

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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

No tax increases, bu province R27-m in

Plea for stronger measures to enforce road safety in the Cape

Provincial Reporter

THE Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, made no taxation proposals today when he told the provincial council that the province would be almost R27-million in the red as it entered the 1984/85 financial year.

While Mr Louw today painted a picture of accumulating deficits, taxpayers will have to wait until he presents the 1984/85 budget in May to see whether he will increase taxes in an attempt to make the Cape financially solvent

Expenditure

Asking the council to approve additional expenditure of R88,5-million for 1983/84, Mr Louw said this would push total expenditure for this year to R1 597,5-million, as compared with an income of R1 591-million

This would leave a deficit of R6,5-million, which had to be added to the deficit of R20,2-million carried over from last year, leaving the province R26 694 000 in the red

"It is impossible to wipe out this 1983/84 deficit, since cutbacks in spending have already been made wherever possible and expenditure has been limited to the most important services

"I propose that the shortage should be carried over to the 1984/85 financial year"

The debate on the little budget will take place in the council next week

Provincial Staff

STRONGER measures to compel Cape motorists to drive safely — including higher penalties for offences — were proposed in the Provincial Council during debate on a motion supporting the declaration of 1984 as National Road Safety Year

The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said in opening the council session yesterday that a "massacre" occurred daily on the roads

Mr Louw warned that the province was compelled to "act drastically" against the owners of overloaded vehicles which were causing untold damage to the roads

The first reading of a new measure to increase traffic fines was approved yesterday before debate on a motion by Mr Jan Pienaar, MEC in charge of roads and traffic, supporting National Road Safety Year

TRAGIC

Introducing the motion, Mr Pienaar said road safety pleas had fallen on deaf ears in spite of the tragic consequences and the extent of costs in both lives and damage to property.

"It is shocking that we lose more lives in South Africa every three years in road accidents than the 24 532 South Africans who died during World War 1 and 2," said Mr Pienaar.

The high accident rate could not be accepted in South Africa which was a young and developing country. It was a civic duty to aid in the removal of dangers which faced road users daily.

During 1983 there were about 390 000 accidents which cost an estimated R1 800-million A single accident cost R90 000, a figure which included only measurable costs such as loss of productivity, as well as administrative, medical and legal costs.

Worst of all was the high loss of life — a shocking total of 9 120 deaths

Mr Frank van der Velde (PFP, Wynberg), opposition spokesman on roads and traffic, said the object of Road Safety

Mr Jan Pienaar

Year was to reduce the "unacceptable death and destruction" on South African roads

He said a programme to train children to drive at schools had proved extremely successful and asked if it was not time the programme was taken over by the Province

Legislation was needed which would make it compulsory for applicants for driver's licences to attend a prescribed number of driving lessons at a registered school or to have successfully completed a high school driver education programme

Cape Town had a fatality rate of 7,8 per 10 000 vehicles, but the Cape Province still had a death toll of 18,4 deaths per 10 000 vehicles in 1982, Mr van der Velde said

The fact that for the first time in South Africa last year bicycle sales had exceeded new car sales by more than 100 000 units, bringing the bicycle population to about 2,5-million, meant the necessity of safety training and the building of facilities such as bicycle lanes was no longer a minor priority

PE hospital tenders accepted

Provincial Staff

THE Provincial Administration has accepted tenders for alterations and extensions to the casualty departments of Livingstone Hospital and the Provincial Hospital in Port Elizabeth.

Replying to questions by Mrs Molly Blackburn (PFP, Walmer) in the Provincial Council yesterday, Mr Piet Loubser, MEC in charge of hospital services, said extensions to the intensive care unit and casualty department of Livingstone Hospital would be completed by August 31 1985.

The tender accepted was for R3 599 161.

A tender for extensions to the casualty department at the Provincial Hospital had been accepted at R481 184, with December 31 this year as the completion date.

Vorster's death a great loss: Motion

Provincial Staff

A MOTION recording "the great loss South Africa suffered" with the death of former Prime Minister and State President, Mr B J Vorster, was unanimously approved by the Cape Provincial Council.

The unopposed motion was moved by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw

Council to debate 'thank you'

Provincial Staff

A NATIONAL Party motion thanking "the white voters of the Cape" for supporting the new constitution is to be debated in the Cape Provincial Council tomorrow

The motion asks the council to "express its dissatisfaction with the negative role played by the PFP, CP and HNP in the referendum"

Notice of motion was given yesterday by Mr J J Crouse (NP, Newton Park) Since the National Party has a majority in the council the motion is assured of approval if it is put to the vote

It asks the council to thank the voters "who in a well-considered and responsible manner gave their overwhelming support to the new constitution"

It also asks the Administration in Executive Committee to "continue negotiations with the Government and to make an input . in the implementation of the new dispensation".

Mr Jan van Eck (PFP, Groote Schuur) gave notice yesterday of a motion deploring the Government's rejection of the De Lange Report recommendation for a joint education department for all races

His motion asks the council to "urge the Government to take immediate steps to ensure that all the pupils living in this province receive an education which can truly be described as equal"

Land planning body approved

Provincial Staff

THE Provincial Council has approved a 10-man select committee to hear evidence on a draft Land Use Planning Ordinance to replace the Cape's existing town planning system.

The select committee was appointed after the first reading of the ordinance It is instructed to receive evidence and report to the May-June sitting of the council

The all-party committee comprises Mr H J Kriel (MEC in charge of local government), Mr D Campher (NP, Sundays River), Mr R Dercksen (NP, Beaufort West), Mr S M Greeff (NP, Oudtshoorn), Mr R Hurly (PFP, Claremont), Mr J F Pretorius (NP, Aliwal), Mr R Radue (NRP, King William's Town), Mr J L H Scheepers (NP, Vryburg), Mr J W Theron (NP, Vasco) and Mr J B van Gend (PFP, Constantia).

Among the proposals is one to end town planning committees and replace them with land usage bodies It is proposed that after a certain period of time, land zoning should lapse and revert to the use being made of the land

R500 000 for Khayelitsha

ARGUS 27/2/84 (26)

Provincial Staff

THE Provincial Administration has made a grant of R500 000 to the Cape Divisional Council for the development of beach and other amenities in the Khayelitsha area, Mr Hernus Kriel, MEC in charge of local government, told the Provincial Council

Replying to questions by Mrs Di Bishop (PFP Gardens), Mr Kriel said the grant was made at the request of Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur) asked Mr Willem Bouwer, MEC in charge of education, what the quarterly school fees were for the first child in a family admitted to high schools in the Cape School Board area

They were

Bergvliet R25, Camps Bay R40, Cape Town R35, Ellerslie Girls' R30, Gardens Commercial R10,50, Good Hope Seminary R20, Groote Schuur R30, Maitland R8, Norman Henshilwood R25, Pinelands R33, Plumstead R25, Queen's Park R10, Rhodes R20, Rondebosch Boys' R60, Rustenburg Girls' R35, SACS R95, San Souci Girls' R42, Sea Point Boys' R35, Simon's Town R10, Westerford R30, Windsor R12, Wynberg Boys' R85, Wynberg Girls' R30 and Ysterplaat R7

Seven schools have a contribution per quarter per family Fish Hoek R20, Jan van Riebeeck R25, Milnerton R22, Muizenberg R15, Thornton R5, Voortrekker R15 and Zwaanswyk R20

Matric

Mr van Eck asked Mr Bouwer how many pupils in Cape Education Department schools had enrolled for the matriculation examination each year since 1977, how many had passed and how many had obtained matriculation exemption each year

Figures for the past two years are

1982 13 635 pupils, 12 701 passes, 5 881 with matric exemption

1983 13 606 pupils, 12 576 passes, 5 834 with matric exemption.

'Banned quotes' allowed

Provincial Staff

THE chairman of the Provincial Council, Dr J J de Jager, has reversed a ruling he made last year forbidding members of the council from quoting from banned material

Dr de Jager said he had pointed out in his ruling that the Press reported all debates in the Provincial Council

However, the Speaker in Parliament had since ruled that as "the Press must determine whether they have the right to report or not" on quotes in Parliament from banned documents, these quotes would be allowed

Dr de Jager added that in the Provincial Council "the onus is on the Press" to decide whether they could quote such references or not

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Beach showdown

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Natal will fight loss of powers

Star

2/3/84

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — A bitter showdown between Natal's provincial executive (Exco) and the Government is likely if control over beaches is taken away from provincial administrations as recommended by the Strydom Committee.

Natal's senior MEC, Mr Frank Martin, said this week that Exco had always fiercely resisted any attempts to strip the province of its powers.

He warned that, in the same way, it would oppose any measures that would result in the province losing control of the beaches

The Strydom Committee has suggested local authorities be given the power to decide which races are allowed to use their beaches

PROBLEMS

The Natal Provincial Administration has in the past refused to co-operate with the Government in enforcing beach apartheid

It issued a policy statement last year saying that beach zoning caused more problems than it solved

Last year Exco refused a request from Kingsburgh to have separate beaches

If the recommendation of the Strydom Committee is accepted, local authorities such as Kingsburgh will be able to segregate their own beaches.

Mr Martin re-emphasised that zoning only caused problems, and said the recommendation would not benefit either the province or local authorities

"To date we have been the buffer in between, putting up amenities where we felt they were most urgently needed.

"If the recommendation is agreed to, local authorities will be under considerable pressure from all groups to provide amenities."

Another Natal MEC, Dr Fred Clarke, said the Government would be guilty of a retrograde step of the highest order if it accepted the proposal

"Why must they try and take away the province's powers?" he asked.

A third MEC, Mr Dering Stainbank, said he deplored the attempts to hand over the control of beaches from the province to local authorities

It was peculiar because the Government had just given the NPA almost R8 million to build facilities along Natal's coast for "other race groups".

FORFEIT

It did not make sense to now expect the province to forfeit control of beaches, he said.

The executive chairman of the South African Indian Council, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, said the question of local option for beaches worked against the interests of the majority of people.

Although some local authorities were lucky enough to have beaches, people from all over the country used the beaches, he said.

Mr Rajbansi said he believed the control of beaches was a national issue which should be handled at central government level.

Probe into segregated beaches

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Staff Reporter

THE Provincial authorities were examining legal questions surrounding racial beach demarcation in the light of the Attorney-General's refusal to prosecute seven people for contravening beach apartheid rules, the MEC for Local Government, Mr Hernus Kriel said yesterday

He was responding to questions following the withdrawal of charges against seven Cape Town people who were arrested for being on a beach in Simonstown, designated for whites only, in December.

Mr Kriel said the Provincial Administration had begun examining the implications of the Strydom Committee report on group areas which expressed doubt whether beach apartheid signs were legal or could result in the conviction in court of alleged offenders

He could not say when the Provincial Administration would repond to the report

After charges had been withdrawn yesterday afternoon, the Town Clerk of Simon's Town, Mr C Chevalier, said that while most beaches in the area were clearly demarcated, he realized that the demarcations on Fisherman's Beach, where the seven were arrested, might be "legally questionable".

Pools in the municipality were fenced and labelled and some beaches were "so self-contained as to be virtually fenced", he said "But with some of the wide beaches we have here, labelling is problematic"

Both Mr Chevalier and the Fish Hoek Town Clerk, Mr Eric Fry, said no action to further clarify beach demarcations would be taken until a policy directive had been received from the Provincial Administration

After charges were withdrawn against him, a City advocate, Mr Siraj Desai, released a statement on behalf of all seven saying the withdrawal confirmed their conviction that they had been wrongly arrested.

The Attorney-General's decision, however, did not mitigate "the hurt, embarassment and assault upon our dignity".

● Asked whether the Strydom Report would affect the policing of beaches, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Captain Jan Calitz, said that as long as a law remained on the statute book the police would continue to enforce it

Umfolozi counts the cost

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Umfolozi Game Reserve, home of the white rhino, is still reeling from the effects of the devastating floods that swept thr ough it in February.

Umfolozi was the most badly damaged of all the Natal Parks Board reserves and the board has launched a fund-raising drive so the reserve can be restored

Last month the Stellenbosch Farmers' Winery responded to the appeal by giving R40 000 and this week SFW executives were on a tour conducted by NPB director, Mr John Geddes-Page and a team of top officials through some of the damaged areas in the reserve

The reserve's three bushcamps and four trail camps, built in the lush riverine forests on the banks of the White and Black Umfolozi rivers, were destroyed Large numbers of trees were uprooted at these sites and add to the scene of desolation

However, the most serious loss from a conservation point of view was the devastation of the ri-

Reserve still reeling after floods

verine vegetation along the Umfolozi rivers

Generally regarded as the richest and most productive habitat of the whole reserve, the riverine area provided a haven for a large number of animals and birds, particularly nyala antelope and fruit-eating birds like the green pigeon which lived off the year-round supply of fruit from the giant sycamore fig trees

Dr John Vincent, assistant director (interpretation) of the NPB, said it would take about three years for the vegetation to become re-esta blished along the river ba nks

The damage to roads, fences and buildi ngs in the reserve has be en estimated at R500 000

The product ma nager of the SFW, Mr Dave Johnson, said the board would decide how their money would be spent He understood that a start would be made with the rebuilding and restocking of the trail camps, situated in the wilderness area of th e reserve

Mr Geddes-Page said that damage, estim ated at R1,7-million, had been caused overall by the floods Of this, R400 000 had been covered by insurance and a furt her R900 000 by the Gove rnment This still left a shortfall of R400 000

He said that pub lic support was essential if the reserve was to be speedily rebuilt and become available on ce more for thousands of tourists and natu re lovers

TV man's death sparks apartheid row

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Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The Transvaal Department of Hospital Services will investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of television announcer Vivian Solomons if it receives complaints about the treatment he received after being fatally injured in a road accident

This assurance was given today by the Director of Hospital Services, Dr Hennie Grove

Mr Solomons was buried on Saturday amid allegations that although critically injured he had been shunted from one department to another at Klerksdorp Hospital while attempts were made to establish his race group

Dr Grove said he was aware of claims that Mr Solomons's race had apparently led to some confusion and that, as in any other case, there would be an investigation if the department received a complaint

Mr Solomons, the first coloured continuity announcer on SABC-TV 1, died after a road accident on April 13

It is understood that he was first taken to the white Lichtenberg Provincial Hospital Because of his condition it was decided to transfer him to Klerksdorp Provincial Hospital

Vivian Solomons

At the coloured section of the hospital he was apparently thought to be an Indian and in the Indian section was thought to be white

Mr Jac Rabie, leader of the Labour Party in the Transvaal, is reported to have alleged that Mr Solomons's colour was a cause of confusion and is said to have reported the matter to Mr Boetie Abramjee of the South African Indian Council

Huge subsidy cut: City risk projects at risk

CITY/INTERNATIONAL

Municipal Reporter

MAJOR roads projects in Cape Town are in jeopardy because of a huge cut in the Provincial Administration's roads subsidy for the city for the next financial year

City Engineer Mr Jan Brand says the "sudden, crippling reduction" of the provincial subsidy from R23,3 million to R11,7 million means Cape Town will receive money for only two projects which are nearing completion

It eliminates almost the entire city road-improvement programme, which is already pared to the bone to cut costs No money will be provided for seven major projects

"Serious effects"

Notice of the 50 percent reduction and a report from Mr Brand were put before the city's utilities and works committee today

Mr Brand says "The very serious effects of this should be brought to the attention of the Provincial Administration and the Government through interviews with the Administrator and the Minister, if necessary

"Strenuous efforts should be made at least to reinstate the public transport projects, to ascertain what future provisions will be made for metropolitan transport development as well as to protest to what amounts to a sudden, crippling reduction of provincial subsidies on transport projects

"No reasons given"

"It is a 50 percent reduction on a programme which conformed, in respect of Cape Town, with draft capital estimates already reduced to essentials

"No reasons for this drastic cut are given in the letter, but I understand it is basically due to a substantial reduction in contributions to provincial coffers from central Government

"The practical effect on Cape Town for the next financial year is that only two contracts — Vanguard Drive and Kromboom Parkway — will get money

"This eliminates virtually the entire programme for road improvement, especially for public transport infrastructure in the city and metropolitan area"

'Health Bonds' to be debated

Staff Reporter

A SCHEME for collecting funds for health and welfare services, similar to the current Bonus Bond system, will be proposed to the Provincial Council today at the start of its May-June session

The opposition spokesman on health in the council, Dr John Sonnenberg of Green Point, has given notice of a motion requesting the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, to ask the government to investigate selling "health bonds" to raise money "specifically" for health and welfare services.

'Shortage'

In his notice of motion Dr Sonnenberg refers to the "chronic shortage of funds which militates against the provision of an adequate health-care system for all the inhabitants of the Republic of South Africa".

During the four-week session, the council will also be asked to approve a budget of R1 771-million for the Cape for the next financial year.

This figure is 16 percent up on last year's budget but this is in line with the central government's increase in estimates and most of the extra revenue is expected to be provided by the government subsidy

Mr Louw will make his budget speech tomorrow afternoon, but the budget debate will be adjourned until Monday. He is expected to budget for a deficit in the hope that the economic situation will improve sufficiently next year to make up the shortfall

Other items to be debated during the session include the opposition's motion of no confidence in the government, an amendment to the Education Ordinance to allow married women teachers to retain their posts, and the controversial Land Use Planning draft ordinance which was referred to a select committee for consideration after its first reading during the February session.

Increase in GST likely to cost province millions a year

NATIONAL/CITY

By BRIAN STUART
Provincial Reporter

THE dramatic increase in GST is expected to cost the Cape Provincial Administration millions of rands in the year ahead, creating a new strain on the province's finances

The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, obviously drew up his Cape budget of R1 771-million for 1984-85 before the shock announcement last Friday that GST will increase to 10 percent from July 1

The Provincial Administration also pays GST and the increase will cost the province millions more for stores, new hospital equipment and vehicles

Subsidies

While there could be a saving to hospital services with the exemption of GST on some foodstuffs such as raw meat, eggs, margarine and grains, this will be small compared with the additional costs on other items of hospital expenditure

Dramatic cuts in State subsidies to the Cape are also expected to be announced by Mr Louw when he makes his budget speech in the Cape Provincial Council tomorrow afternoon

At the recent Cape Province Municipal Association conference Mr Louw said State subsidies to the Cape could be cut "on a scale far bigger than ever before"

The exact amount of these cuts will be announced by Mr Louw tomorrow, but they could be as much as twice the size of previous cuts

New term for Louw

Political Correspondent

MR Gene Louw, Administrator of the Cape Province, has been appointed for a further term of office, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr J C Heunis, announced today.

Mr Louw's present term expires on August 31

'No' to health bonds

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A PROPOSAL that "health bonds" be sold to raise funds for improving and expanding the country's overtaxed health service was turned down by the Provincial Council during the first day of its current sitting yesterday.

The opposition spokesman on health, Dr John Sonnenberg, of Green Point, proposed the motion, saying that the rising demand for health care could no longer be met by the State alone

He suggested that health bonds, like defence bonds, could be a means of raising money voluntarily from the population

"Many people in this country who, for a variety of reasons, do not wish to purchase Bonus Bonds might be willing to invest in health bonds, knowing that the proceeds would be solely devoted to health and welfare purposes"

In reply, the MEC for hospital services, Mr P J Loubser, proposed an amendment which called for the matter of alternative sources of finance for health to be referred to the Browne Commission into health services

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Louw keeps lid on provincial taxes

By HILARY VENABLES

PROVINCIAL taxes will not be raised during the 1984/85 financial year and the Cape hopes to end the year with no deficit — despite a massive R74-million subsidy cut and the recently announced increase in GST.

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said yesterday in his budget speech to the Provincial Council that he hoped to balance the coming year's R1 771-million budget and appealed to the province to live within its means and to put its priorities in order with regard to the availability of funds

The province expects to spend R211,6 million more than it did during the current financial year

Most of the increased expenditure is due to salary increases, loans and other staff benefits.

Although no more tax increases were announced, the province will rely heavily on the expected additional R11 million income from hospital fees which were raised by 50 percent on April 1.

Vehicle-licence fees, which were raised last year, will also bring in extra revenue.

The totalisator tax, hunting and fishing permits and other hospital receipts are expected to provide more income through natural growth.

Senior Certificate examination fees are to be increased, as are boarding fees for training and other school hostels

An extra R3,8 million allocated to the Province for flood damage, the cost of which has already been taken into account, will decrease last year's expected R27-million deficit and bring the nil balance closer.

The Opposition spokesman on finance in the council, Mr Geoff Everingham, PFP Pinelands, said the Province would have to find millions of extra rands to cover the increase in GST.

"We must also bear in mind that although the May budget looks good for the man in the street, there have been recent increases in both hospital and vehicle-licence fees, so the public isn't getting off scot-free," he said.

"Still, it's nice to see a nil balance budgeted for instead of a deficit, and I'm very glad there will not be additional tax increases"

PFP glee on teachers move

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By HILARY VENABLES

THE Progressive Federal Party had the time of their lives in the Provincial Council yesterday when they were given the chance to point out to members on the other side how slow they had been to agree to the PFP's long-standing plea for married women teachers to be allowed to keep their jobs

The debate on a draft ordinance amending the education ordinance to give married women teachers the same status as their male counterparts afforded the PFP much amusement

Both the leader of the opposition, Mr Herbert Hirsch of Sea Point, and the opposition spokeman on education, Mr Jan van Eck, related with glee the objections Nationalist members had made to the step

These ranged from the traditional "woman in the kitchen" argument to the claim that at least one teachers' training college would have to close down as a result.

Mr Hirsch said there was still an "enormous amount of male chauvinism" in the education department and called for the scrapping of the quota system operating in teachers' colleges and for the elimination of the male/female wage gap

Mr Van Eck said that if steps were taken to make the profession more attractive to men, the quota system would be unnecessary

The draft ordinance was approved unanimously.

Capab, museums, hit by province cutbacks

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Provincial Staff

CAPAB, museums, nature reserves, libraries and organisations such as surf lifesaving will find it more difficult to make ends meet this year because of the cut-back in provincial spending and subsidies.

The vote for Capab, which was R6,8-million last year, is R6 779 000 for 1984-85

Administrator Mr Gene Louw made no reference to this in his budget speech in the Provincial Council, but details are expected during the budget debate

A large number of organisations will receive the same grants as they did last year, in spite of inflation and the sharp rise in GST, which will strain their budgets

R500 for lifebelts

The 1984-85 Cape budget vote for miscellaneous services which provides these grants and subsidies is R33,8-million, compared to R29,6-million last year Salaries, wages and staff benefits account for R2,3-million of the increase

The Surf Life Saving Association will receive R27 000 this year, as it did last year And R500 will be provided to set up and maintain lifebelts along the Cape coast, compared to R200 last year

Grants-in-aid for art galleries will remain unchanged — R1 000 for the Ann Bryant Art Gallery in East London, R1 600 for the Hester Rupert Art Museum at Graaff-Reinet, R3 000 for the King George VI Art Gallery in Port Elizabeth and R400 for the Queenstown Art Gallery

Municipal libraries

Municipal library services of Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and East London will receive marginal increases in their provincial grants Cape Town will get R1 681 000 (R1 461 000 last year), Port Elizabeth will get R342 000 (R292 000) and East London will get R572 000 (R522 000)

Mr Louw told the Provincial Council the increases followed pleas in the council last year for more assistance to libraries

The foundation endowment fund of the 1820 Settlers Monument in Grahamstown will receive R10 000, as it did last year

Fynbos conservation

Expenditure on public resorts controlled by the province will increase from R640 000 last year to R672 000

The amount set aside for fynbos conservation has dropped to R13 000 from R25 000. A sum provided for publications, publicity and education on conservation has dropped from R123 000 to R110 000

The budget of the Department of Nature and Environmental Conservation for 1984-85 is R7,2-million, an increase of R985 400, which includes R538 000 for salaries, wages and allowances

Development and maintenance subsidies to nature reserves, including municipal and private reserves, will double from R413 000 to R833 000 But funds for improving road systems in provincial nature reserves have been cut from R60,000 to R30 000

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. . . but enough money for new Groote Schuur

Provincial Staff

WORK on the new Groote Schuur Hospital will not be affected by the drastic cutbacks in provincial spending this year

In the 1984-85 budget, presented to the Cape Provincial Council last week by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, R28-million was provided for the project this year An amount of R12-million has already been spent on the new building and on parking decks

The total cost is estimated at R200-million and the project is due to be completed in six to seven years

CANCER TREATMENT SECTION

Last year a provisional amount of R171 000 was set aside for additions to L-block at Groote Schuur, its cancer treatment section This year's budget provides for R1,5-million for the section, with the remaining R2,2-million still to be voted

At Tygerberg Hospital, R1,7-million has already been spent on the new oncology building, which will house a department for the study and treatment of tumours, including cancer

A further R4,1-million is provided this year for the R10,3-million scheme

NEW FAURE HOSPITAL

Work is nearing completion on the new Faure Hospital, which will be a transit point for cancer patients from Groote Schuur and Tygerberg receiving nuclear treatment at the national accelerator centre

An amount of R1,8-million has already been spent on the R3,8-million Faure Hospital, with R1,7-million to be provided this year

The linking of the highly specialised unit at Faure with the cancer study and treatment units at Groote Schuur and Tygerberg will give the Cape some of the most modern and versatile cancer treatment facilities in the world

INTENSIVE-CARE UNIT

Work will also continue this year on the three largest Cape hospital projects outside the Peninsula

An amount of R2,7-million is provided in the budget for a R4-million new intensive-care unit and additions to the casualty department at Port Elizabeth's Livingstone Hospital

The casualty department at Provincial Hospital in Port Elizabeth is being enlarged and improved at a cost of R436 000, of which R308 000 is to be provided this year

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN

At King William's Town work on the new R15,7-million Grey Hospital will get underway, with R2,7-million being provided in the estimates

Porterville is also to have a new hospital The total estimated cost is R1,7-million, of which R1,1-million was provided in this year's budget.

Row over local govt's future

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Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — Opposition parties clashed in Parliament yesterday over the future of provincial and local governments when the new constitution comes into operation at all levels

The Progressive Federal Party's chief spokesman, Mr Colin Eglin, called on the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, to give the country immediate details of how the two lower tiers of government would work.

However, Mr Vause Raw, leader of the New Republic Party which controls the only non-Nationalist provincial council, called on Mr Heunis not to "rush" the process

When Mr Heunis, whose department's budget was being discussed, interjected that he had just been on the receiving end of demands for details, Mr Raw shot back "I wouldn't pay too much attention to what the Progs say"

Earlier Mr Eglin had said there were three "gaping holes" in the new system which could cause it to collapse and one of them was the future of provincial and local tiers of government.

Nobody knew what form of local government there would be for coloured people, Indians or whites

Another "gaping hole" was the omission of non-homeland blacks from local government and the omission of all blacks from any say in the central government.

The government recognized that something had to be done in this regard and had appointed a special cabinet committee to investigate it. However, it was time Mr Heunis disclosed what progress had been made

As long as blacks could not share in government peace, progress and prosperity and possibly the whole system would be at risk.

Caution

Mr Raw wanted to know what work the special committee had been doing and whom it had consulted

He felt there were areas in which South Africa was not moving fast enough but he called for caution on the future of provincial and local government.

"I would like to know why the minister has set such short deadlines for the committees investigating the matter to report," said Mr Raw

He was interested only in seeing that what emerged was the best system, achieved through a maximum degree of consensus

The minister was being too hasty and there were ominous signs that it had already taken certain decisions and was pre-empting the results of the investigations

When challenged by Mr Heunis to be more specific he said. "It seems clear they are planning the elimination of provincial councils"

There were similar signs about local authorities too

Mr Val Volker (NP Klip River) hit back at Mr Eglin saying it took time to devise a new system for the two lower tiers of government and everything could not be introduced at the same time

While blacks had been omitted from the parliamentary structure he believed that there would be multilateral liaison between all groups to co-ordinate action on matters affecting all groups

However, he strongly rejected a "fourth chamber" in the new constitution for blacks

This however did not mean that blacks were being totaly omitted from responsible decision-taking It meant simply that the matter was being dealt with at a different level

"We have seen the failure of single parliamentary structures throughout Africa. We can't have centralization of power, we must have devolution of power"

'A bottomless pit'

Staff Reporter

THE demands made on health services in South Africa appeared to be a bottomless pit, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said yesterday.

Speaking at a City hotel during a one-day seminar on cost-effective management in government and private hospitals, he said the budget for health services in the Cape Province for the current financial year was about R720-million.

At present the Department of Hospital Services employed about 45 000 people.

Mr Louw said South Africa had a combination of First and Third World socio-economic structures. Setting objectives, therefore, became a fine art.

"We have the people and the systems, but as any worthy manager must do, we also ask ourselves whether our infrastructure is performing at optimum or at mediocre levels."

Mr Louw said the administration, with the SA Medical Research Council, was establishing means to evaluate present services and to probe how future development should take place.

Hospital fees to go up again

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By BRIAN STUART
Provincial Reporter

CAPE hospital fees — increased by 50 percent on April 1 — are going up again soon, with the new increases probably affecting out-patients and those receiving a number of specialist in-patient services

The Department of Hospital Services is to present the Executive Committee with proposals for a new structure of hospital fees not later than July 31

In the Cape Provincial Council yesterday Mr Piet Loubser, MEC in charge of hospital services, said the daily cost of a patient in a provincial hospital had increased from an average of R44,77 in 1981 to R63,43 in 1983

PRICE RISES

He said only five percent of this was recovered from hospital fees

The costs of hospital care continually increased because of price rises and the necessity to replace outdated equipment

He estimated that the rise in GST to 10 percent from July 1 would, in itself, increase hospital costs in the Cape by R7-million

Although hospital fees had been increased on April 1, Cape fees still compared favourably with those of private hospitals and the fees in other provinces, Mr Loubser said

"Apart from these basic tariffs which have been increased, there are still a variety of special tariffs relating to services at provincial hospitals, and these are now receiving attention

"We are thinking in particular of the analysis of blood samples, liver function tests, the comprehensive tariffs for coronary thrombosis patients who receive a series of physiotherapy treatments, the treatment of Army patients and the cobalt treatment of private out-patients"

Mr Loubser said other aspects of the present hospital fee structure were also being examined prior to recommendations to be made to the Administrator and Executive Committee before July 31 These included

- The possible withdrawal or extension of the present system by which out-patients paid for only the first two treatments in each calendar month.
- A possible nominal charge for the use of hospital transport by out-patients
- A possible compulsory nominal levy for out-patient treatment
- A possible additional levy for out-patient treatment, with the exception of emergency cases, "in regard to wealthy patients who misuse hospitals after hours and at weekends"
- A revision of the means test and income level determining whether a patient is classified as a private or hospital patient

Mr Loubser also suggested that different fees may be charged at different hospitals in future, based on the patient's income level

For example, there might be one fee for training hospitals, another for city hospitals, another for hospitals in larger and fast-developing towns (Worcester and George, for example) and another for the purely country towns

FUNDS SHORTAGE

He added "As a result of the dilemma in which the Hospitals Department finds itself, the Executive Committee has been kept informed during the past year of attempts made to maintain a reasonable standard in our services in spite of the gnawing shortage of funds"

The Department of Hospital Services had been conducting a programme since February aimed at cutting costs, he said

Mr Loubser rejected a plea by Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP Green Point), Opposition spokesman on hospital fees, for prescribed medicines to be exempted from GST He said this could lead to greater tax on other essential items

Louw's attack on teachers condemned by Opposition

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Education Reporter

THE "vehement" attack on the South African Teachers' Association (Sata) and its president by the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, would fuel the growing crisis over the delayed salary deal, Opposition spokesmen have warned

The Sata executive committee is to hold an urgent meeting today to "consider the implications" of Mr Louw's statement, the president of Sata, Mr Alan Powell, said

In his statement Mr Louw deplored Sata for using a public platform to pass "provocative resolutions"

Mr Alan Powell was singled out in the attack

"SATA ACTED UNPROFESSIONALLY"

Mr Louw's statement comes a week after Peninsula and Port Elizabeth branches of Sata passed resolutions threatening to withdraw extra-mural participation if the new salary deal was not announced by the end of July

Mr Louw, who said teachers had his "full support" in calling for a better deal, accused Sata of acting unprofessionally, and urgently appealed to teachers to drop proposals that would result in a boycott of extra-mural activities

Mr Louw said Sata represented the majority of English-speaking teachers in the Cape, but only about 20 percent of all teachers in the Cape Education Department

"EXTREME DISPLEASURE" AT CONDUCT

Singling out the Sata president for attack, he said that both he and Mr Willem Bouwer, the MEC in charge of education, expressed "extreme displeasure" at Mr Powell's conduct and for using such phrases as "teachers had come to the end of their tether" and the profession was being "sold down the river"

He expressed his "esteem" for the secretary of Sata, Mr Clive Roos It is to his credit that he gave a strong warning about his association's irresponsible conduct

The Administrator said that teachers had "a good case, which is enjoying the attention of many people It certainly has my maximum support as well as that of the Cape Education Department"

"GRATEFUL TO SILENT MAJORITY"

"I am very grateful to the silent majority who are curbing their impatience in such an orderly fashion, knowing that everything possible is being done to create an improved salary and structure plan for their respected profession"

Mr Jan van Eck, PFP MPC, said it was "regrettable" that Mr Louw had deemed fit to attack Sata and Mr Powell

"If Mr Louw was properly informed about the level of dissatisfaction among teachers, he might have thought twice before attacking an organisation which has done no more than air the feelings of teachers

"Attacking a teachers' organistion which merely reflects the discontent of the teachers will not end the dissatisfaction On the contrary, it might even increase it," he warned

Mr van Eck said that if Mr Louw thought it was only English-speaking teachers who were dissastisfied he was wrong

"All teachers, Afrikaans and English-speaking, are deeply dissatisfied with the way they are being treated

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Mr Herbert Hirsch, leader of the Opposition in the Cape Provincial Council, said "Mr Louw's statement displays a regrettable lack of understanding as to how deeply and seriously teachers — all teachers, not only Sata members — feel about this failure to give adequate recognition to their status"

● Asked for his response to the criticism of his statement, Mr Louw said today he had had a number of telephone calls from parents and teachers supporting what he had said

"I reiterate that I have not criticised, but unreservedly supported, the merits of the claim for an improved salary structure for teachers

"What I have done is to express in the strongest possible terms my extreme displeasure at the methods used to attain this goal

"Teachers alternatively booing and cheering and passing boycott resolutions at open meetings is the worst possible example to the scholars of our province"

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SATA: Attack 'deplorable'

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By MARTINE BARKER
Education Reporter

IN the escalating row over a new pay deal for teachers, the executive committee of the South African Teachers' Association (SATA) yesterday condemned as "deplorable" the manner in which the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, had made a public attack on the organization and its president earlier this week

An emergency executive meeting yesterday morning discussed Mr Louw's attack, which upbraided the SATA for holding "inflammatory public meetings" and for passing provocative resolutions"

His criticisms followed area meetings in Cape Town and Port Elizabeth last week where teachers passed resolutions calling on their colleagues to withdraw participation in extra-mural activities if a salary adjustment for the profession had not been announced by the end of July

Mr Gene Louw

'Inaccuracies'

The SATA executive has asked for an interview with Mr Louw at which it hopes to "deal with the numerous inaccuracies and misconceptions in his statement"

Yesterday, while Opposition spokesmen and teachers criticized Mr Louw's initial attack, Mr Louw issued a second statement saying he did not criticize but supported "unconditionally" the merits of teachers' claims for an improved salary structure

"I have, however, expressed my extreme displeasure, which I would like to repeat in the strongest possible terms, at the method used to attain this goal I have based my comment not only on press reports but on fact

'Teachers cheering, booing, applauding and passing resolutions to boycott the extra-mural activities of innocent schoolchildren at open meetings is setting the worst possible example to the scholars of our Province

"I am grateful for the positive approach and sensible concern of many parents and English-speaking teachers who have conveyed to me the fact that they dissociate themselves from the actions of the SATA

"I sincerely hope that further rousing representations in public will be discontinued until the Minister of National Education has been given a fair opportunity to make an announcement, as he has undertaken to do at the earliest possible opportunity

"Everybody is aware of the fact that the only delaying factor is one of finance in the worst possible financial year we have experienced for several decades," said Mr Louw

The SATA executive expressed its "full confidence" in the leadership of the president, Mr Alan Powell, "and the responsible way in which he has handled the salary issue" Mr Louw accused Mr Powell of making "inflammatory remarks"

The SATA executive said the meetings of teachers referred to by Mr Louw had been called by the executive "in response to the demands of its branches"

"This is consistent with the democratic nature of the association At the meetings the president brought members up-to-date on the salary issue and stressed the SATA's commitment to working through the established channels, ie the Federal Council"

A motion had been formulated for reference to the SATA annual conference "in response to the extreme anger expressed by a majority of members at the continued delay

This was in keeping with "the normal method by which the Executive received a formal mandate from its members"

The executive noted "with regret" that the Administrator had based his response "on press reports which do not necessarily present the whole picture"

Debate

"In view of the fact that the Executive of the SATA has referred the matter of salaries and possible action to its Conference, it has no wish to enter into further public debate until then," said the statement

The leader of the opposition in the Provincial Council and official PFP spokesman on education, Mr Herbert Hirsch, described Mr Louw's attack on the SATA as "distressing, disturbing and unfortunate to say the least"

Failure by leaders such as Mr Louw publicly to recognize and acknowledge the cardinal role teachers play in society could harm the status of the profession and the whole society, he said

Pop star Boy George (right) meets his sculptor at Madame Tussaud's wax Judith Craig. The work went on p

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they made contact with the runway

At 9 12am Mr and Mrs Botha — he wearing his usual buttonhole she in a sealskin coat and cap — came down the steps of the aircraft. The waiting ministers set up a spatter of applause which was almost immediately drowned out as the field-guns started a thunderous 19-shot salute, to the accompaniment of startled shrieks from parts of the crowd

What almost no-one realized was that at that moment the police were notified that a bomb had been planted in the domestic-arrivals building, but this hoax was dealt with in an unobtrusive manner

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Hospital plan for 3 Arts area

By PETER DENNEHY

A CONSORTIUM has proposed to build a medical centre which would include a 264-bed ... formed Church — hopes to construct a home for the aged according to the committee report

Three blocks of flats ...

Louw attacks SATA teachers

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By MARTINE BARKER
Education Reporter

THE ADMINISTRATOR of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, yesterday entered the growing row over the delayed pay deal for teachers with a scathing attack on the South African Teachers' Association (SATA) for passing "provocative resolutions".

In a statement which also criticized the president of SATA, Mr Alan Powell, the Adminstrator accused SATA of being "highly unprofessional" in "seeking a public platform from which to broadcast its threat of a boycott on participation in extra-mural activities"

He made an "urgent appeal" to those who had passed "provocative resolutions" at SATA meetings to withdraw them

Mr Louw's statement came a week after SATA area meetings in Cape Town and Port Elizabeth following demands from members that the possibility of action be examined Teachers called for a boycott of extra-mural activities if no announcement had been made by the end of July

Mr Louw's statement suggested that a boycott would degrade the teaching profession and would "punish the child in a dispute about personal financial interests"

"Is this also the message being conveyed to the pupil if he cannot have his way? After all,

Mr Gene Louw

which have in fact been used extensively over the past year or more and are being used continually"

In his personal capacity and on behalf of the MEC for education, Mr Willem Bouwer, Mr Louw said he wished to express his "extreme displeasure" at the conduct of Mr Powell in making "inflammatory remarks" such as that teachers had come to the end of their tether, the profession was being sold down the river

"I consider it an extremely poor show that Mr Powell, as a responsible leader in matters educational, is using his leadership in this fashion and allowing his audience to be roused in this way with the further allegation, which is devoid of truth, that the Minister of National Education is guilty of a breach of trust.

"I find it presumptious that resolutions are passed which lead to confrontation with the authorities and which seriously injure the professional status and image of the teaching profession," Mr Louw said

"Irresponsible threats and abusive language" did not "suit" teachers and did not further their case Teachers had a good case which he supported, and as much effort was being devoted to the matter as possible, said Mr Louw

● A spokesman for SATA said last night the association would comment on Mr Louw's statement when it had had time to study it.

● The Minster of National Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said yes-

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Teachers

By MARTINE BARKER
Education Reporter

THE ADMINISTRATOR of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, yesterday entered the growing row over the delayed pay deal for teachers with a scathing attack on the South African Teachers' Association (SATA) for passing "provocative resolutions".

In a statement which also criticized the president of SATA, Mr Alan Powell, the Adminstrator accused SATA of being "highly unprofessional" in "seeking a public platform from which to broadcast its threat of a boycott on participation in extra-mural activities"

He made an "urgent appeal" to those who had passed "provocative resolutions" at SATA meetings to withdraw them

Mr Louw's statement came a week after SATA area meetings in Cape Town and Port Elizabeth following demands from members that the possibility of action be examined Teachers called for a boycott of extra-mural activities if no announcement had been made by the end of July

Mr Louw's statement suggested that a boycott would degrade the teaching profession and would "punish the child in a dispute about personal financial interests"

"Is this also the message being conveyed to the pupil if he cannot have his way? After all, there are orderly channels of negotiating

Mr Gene Louw

which have in fact been used extensively over the past year or more and are being used continually"

In his personal capacity and on behalf of the MEC for education, Mr Willem Bouwer, Mr Louw said he wished to express his "extreme displeasure" at the conduct of Mr Powell in making "inflammatory remarks" such as that teachers had come to the end of their tether, the profession was being sold down the river and that the government was inept.

"I consider it an extremely poor show that Mr Powell, as a responsible leader in matters educational, is using his leadership in this fashion and allowing his audience to be roused in this way with the further allegation, which is devoid of truth, that the Minister of National Education is guilty of a breach of trust.

"I find it presumptious that resolutions are passed which lead to confrontation with the authorities and which seriously injure the professional status and image of the teaching profession," Mr Louw said

"Irresponsible threats and abusive language" did not "suit" teachers and did not further their case Teachers had a good case which he supported, and as much effort was being devoted to the matter as possible, said Mr Louw

● A spokesman for SATA said last night the association would comment on Mr Louw's statement when it had had time to study it.

● The Minster of National Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said yesterday salary recommendations were being considered and an announcement would be made as soon as possible.

'Regrettable'

● Mr Jan van Eck, PFP provincial spokesman on education, said last night it was regrettable that Mr Louw had deemed it fit to attack SATA and its president.

SATA was an organization which had acted in a most restrained and responsible way during the present salary crisis

Instead of attacking the organization, Mr Louw should have used his high office to convince the Minister of National Education that teachers should, as a matter of urgency, receive a just salary deal.

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From TONY WEAVER

WINDHOEK. — The 37 Swapo members and friends detained by security police at a braaivleis on Saturday were released last night after appearing in court at 8pm

The 37, who were held at five prisons 300km apart, appeared briefly in the Magistrate's Court at a late-night sitting before Mr K A S Boonzaaier

No charges were put and they were immediately released on their own recognizances

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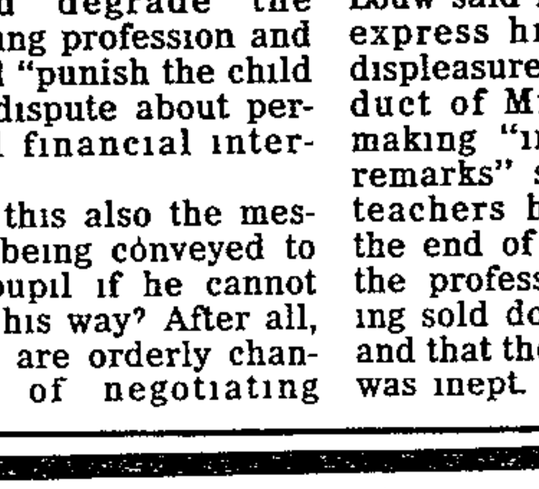

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New law legalises entry of blacks to private schools

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Provincial Reporter

A NEW provincial ordinance legalising the admission of black pupils to private schools in the Cape came into effect today

The amendment states that "any other children may, with the approval of the Administrator and on conditions prescribed by him . be admitted as pupils to a private school".

Private Christian and Jewish schools have been allocated "quotas", ranging from 4 percent to 33,3 percent, for the number of black pupils admitted.

Peninsula schools and their black quotas are given in percentages

● 33,3 percent Springfield Convent, Holy Cross, Maitland, St Mary's Senior, Cape Town, Waldorf, Constantia, Loreto Convent, Strand.

● 30 percent St George's Grammar, Mowbray, Marist Brothers, Rondebosch.

● 20 percent St Cyprian's, Oranjezicht, Michael Oak, Kenilworth.

● 15 percent: St John's College, Green Point, Herschel Girls', Claremont, Somerset House Preparatory, Somerset West.

● 13 percent: Holy Cross, Brooklyn.

● 12 percent: Diocesan College, Rondebosch.

● 11 percent Forres Preparatory.

● 10 percent· Holy Cross Sisters, Bellville, Hillcrest, Mowbray, Western Province Preparatory, Claremont.

● 8 percent· Helderberg High and Primary, Somerset West.

● 5 percent: Herzlia High and Primary, Highlands Estate, Herzlia Primary, Constantia, Herzlia Primary, Milnerton; Herzlia Weizmann, Sea Point.

● 4 percent Cape Town Deutsche Schule

'Bitter' employee refuses award

Staff Reporter

A DARKROOM assistant at Somerset Hospital in Green Point on Tuesday refused to accept a plaque at a long-service awards lunch at the hospital because she protested at receiving only about R300 a month after 27 years' service

"I cannot put on a happy face at this occasion because I find it an insult to give me a plaque while refusing to give me an increase in salary," Mrs Louise Reuben said

She said she wanted the plaque to be given to Mr Solly Rodwell, head of the X-ray department where she was employed, to impress on him how bitter she felt about receiving only about R300 a month

The acting hospital secretary, Mr D Eversen, said Mrs Reuben had recently been offered two other posts, either as a housekeeper or as a technical assistant, which would have meant an increase in salary but that she had refused both

BUSINESS

Privatisation high on Botha council agenda

JOHANNESBURG — Privatisation will be high on the agenda of the State President's National Priorities Committee It should be appointed within a fortnight and is expected to begin work in earnest after the present parliamentary session

The committee, to be chaired by President P W Botha, will include only politicians and provide guidelines for the Minister of Finance in setting Budget policy

Dr Joop de Loor, Director-General of Finance, who will act as one of the committee's top advisers, said that, while privatisation was now accepted Government policy, much depended on "when you can move and how fast"

Candidates for privatisation would have to be picked with an eye to the business cycle and to the possible danger of swopping a public monopoly for a private one

The threads which run through Dr De Loor's views on privatisation are

- That privatisation of suitable candidates, for example parastatals, might be done only in part,
- That if some areas of operation of those candidates are to be privatised, they would have to be profitable enough to attract the investment of private enterprise,
- On the other hand to strip profit areas from parastatals that provide other services, which could not be privatised, might jeopardise those services — a problem that would have to be approached with care, and
- Privatisation of an operation should be effected where there is sufficient competition to prevent it from becoming merely a private monopoly

Dr De Loor described Iscor as a sitting duck for privatisation but said the steel industry was in such poor condition that selling it off would constitute giving it away

Privatisation in this case would have to wait for an upturn

He said Sasol III could be privatised reasonably easily — much as Sasol II, which was doing well, — via a general share offer to institutions and the public

Escom was a possibility but it was just covering operating costs He expected the Wim de Villiers Commission on Escom, which will report any day now, to make recommendations that would cut further increases in the power price

On transport, he said Sats road transport and pipeline services, which were more profitable, could not simply be stripped away For a start, tariffs for private operations would have to be brought into line with costs

Nor could the rail network be only partly privatised because profitable lines were subsidising unprofitable lines He posed a hypothetical and undesirable situation in which private enterprise might close unprofitable sectors — such as suburban train services

Air transport was a better proposition in which it might be possible to sell off the domestic service of SAA, although this was not part of immediate thinking

Anything was possible, Dr De Loor said, but he warned that such a move could reduce the area of national coverage, which might not be desirable

On health and welfare, another major area of Government expenditure, Dr De Loor said privatisation was "a very emotive issue", particularly when so many vital services were provided with such a heavy subsidy

Privatisation and the removal of subsidies, would increase patients' costs, often dramatically, and he did not see much scope, for it in health

Nevertheless, he envisaged the privatisation of certain health services For example, district hospitals, in which medical and paramedical services could be concentrated might be built by the State and leased to a range of medical practitioners

He did not believe education was a candidate for privatisation although he expected that a more uniform policy would be adopted throughout the country for all races

Privatisation was already part of the housing strategy, as manifested by the 500 000 state-built homes that had been on the market for more than a year Government had actively encouraged the involvement of private enterprise because it could not go it alone on housing — SAPA

Dr Joop de Loor

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Revamped Iscor to go public

by
Michael Chester
of the 24 Hours team

South Africa's vast Iron and Steel Corporation — the bastion of nationalisation — is likely to be handed over to the private sector as soon as the economy starts pulling out of the recession

The scenario has been set by Iscor cutting loose from the millstone of huge losses from the Sishen-Saldanha rail line and moving out of the red

Insiders forecast that shares will go on public offer by the end of next year if the predictions of a 1985 economic recovery prove accurate.

It promises to be the boldest State handover to private enterprise yet — even more significant than the Sasol shares issue that broke the State's monopoly hold on the oil-from-coal operation

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The cash responsibility for the rail link from October 1 has been shifted to the Treasury

The private sector has also been invited to have a say on a new advisory board that will now monitor the export operations

"Now that the rail problems have been solved and the profit outlook for iron ore exports has been improved, it seems the decks have been cleared for a full privatisation programme for Iscor," says Mr Maree

A crucial element in tax-cutting strategy

Privatising Iscor could provide many benefits

By Professor Roger Gidlow

According to recent reports the huge iron and steel corporations, Iscor, is to be de-nationalised within the next year or two

If this happens it will mark an important departure in official economic policies which could potentially bring about appreciable benefits in coming years

One of the attractions of privatisation is the scope this presents for private ownership of capital resources to be spread more evenly

Advocates of wider share ownership appreciate that such a development fosters the important qualities of entrepreneurship among peopale, as well as a deeper understanding of the virtues of a private enterprise economy

Indeed these considerations suggest that if Iscor is to be privatised the authorities should encourage foreign participation in any share issue since this could lead to greater foreign investment in other areas of the economy

Iscor has all along appeared to be one of the most suitable candidates for denationalisation

It is already an incorporated concern whose shares are almost entirely owned by the South African government It can in no way be described as monopolist, and consequently selling it off to the private sector would not entail the authorities in trying to monitor its activities for fear of the enterprise abusing the economic power

Iscor has not paid a dividend since 1972, but it pursues very conservative accounting policies, and is expected to return to a healthy profit position with the release of its results for the 1983/84 financial year The purchase of its share stake originally cost the state R865 million, but the book value of the share capital plus distributable reserves alone were worth almost R2 000 million in 1983

Even if one uses this very conservative valuation, and one assumes that the shares owned by the government were sold off over a three-year period, the annual receipts for the Treasury would amount to nearly R700 million This compares with the latest revised estimate for the budget deficit in the current fiscal year of about R3 600 million

The British government plans to raise £10 billion from the sale of state enterprises over the next five years, and this constitutes a crucial ingredient in the strategy of the Conservatives to reduce income taxes in coming years

The sale of Iscor could be the prelude to a similar strategy in South Africa, since the scope for selling state assets in the Republic is considerable

In the process a structural change in the capital market would materialise with less pressures exerted on fixed interest securities than would otherwise be the case

At the same time, some alleviation of the shortage of equity shares would be forthcoming from a series of privatisation schemes This would be particularly welcome for local financial institutions in view of their rapidly rising cash flows

The sale of Iscor will not be free of difficulties The timing of any share issue will be a delicate issue In addition, Iscor will have to be relieved of the losses it has incurred in shipping iron ore exports along the Sishen-Saldanha rail line

These issues pale into insignificance when compared with the potential benefits to be derived from shifting Iscor into the orbit of the private sector

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Escom defers R3-bn expansion programme

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Escom intends deferring capital expenditure totalling R3 billion from its expansion plans to 1996

The commission announced yesterday that it was negotiating with the main contractors for the 3 600 MW Majuba power station to put back the starting date by two years

The starting date for Majuba had previously been delayed by one year to 1990 and the latest deferral will push this back to 1992.

The principal contractors for Majuba are Transvaal Land & Exploration, which is to supply the coal for the station, Steinmuller which holds the contract to build the stations' six boilers and GEC which is to supply the six turbine generators.

Also affected is GEA which holds the contract to install the dry-cooling system which will be used at the station to be built near Amersfoort

The Escom statement is a further blow to South African industry which is already reeling from the effects of the prolonged recession

Escom has to date been the major "big spender" in the economy where private enterprise has cut back severely on planned expansion programmes.

In his annual review released in May, Escom's chairman, Mr Jan Smith, had warned that the commission could be forced to cut its planned capex by up to R3,8 billion because of lower-than-expected growth in the demand for electricity.

In his annual review he said Escom had revised its load growth forecast down by 0,5 percent to a growth rate of about seven percent annually from 1983 to 1995

This growth rate was then expected to taper off towards the end of the century

Escom now predicts that a maximum growth rate of six percent is possible if the lower growth rate in the South African economy presently being forecast materializes in the longer term.

The commission estimates the lower growth rate in the demand for electricity over the next 12 years will defer the need for the equivalent of a 3 600 MW power station by 1996

The chairman of Escom, Mr Jan Smith, is overseas at present and could not be reached for comment.

Mr Smith had said earlier at the "Make it with aluminium" conference in May this year that Escom projects its capital expenditure five years ahead and capex for the period 1984—1988 had been reduced by R1,06 billion

At that time he said the latest Escom capex estimate was R11,28 billion for the next five years.

He also said that by adopting a growth rate of about six percent, electricity shortages could result in five or 10 years if the economy grew at a more rapid rate than estimated.

In April, Escom announced that the commissioning of the No. 5 and No 6 generating sets at Lethabo and Tutuka power stations had been deferred for nine months

The first four sets at each station were due to come in on schedule.

The power stations in Escom's current building programme are Lethabo, Tutuka, Matimba, Kendal, Majuba and Lekwe.

Escom also in April deferred the commissioning of the first generating set at Lekwe power station by two years to September 1992

Lekwe is the station to which Escom is the least committed as contracts have not been placed for boilers or generators although Amcoal is contracted to supply the coal

It seems probable the start-up date could be deferred further.

After Lekwe, Kendal would appear to be the power station which could most easily be deferred. The first generating set at Kendal is due to be commissioned in 1989 and the final set in 1993

Escom's agreements with the main contractors include a stipulation that Escom can defer construction of the final three generating sets of each six set power station at its discretion.

Commissioning of the fifth and sixth sets at Lethabo and Tutuka have already been deferred by nine months to 1990 and 1991 and it is possible these sets could be further deferred as part of the Escom cutbacks.

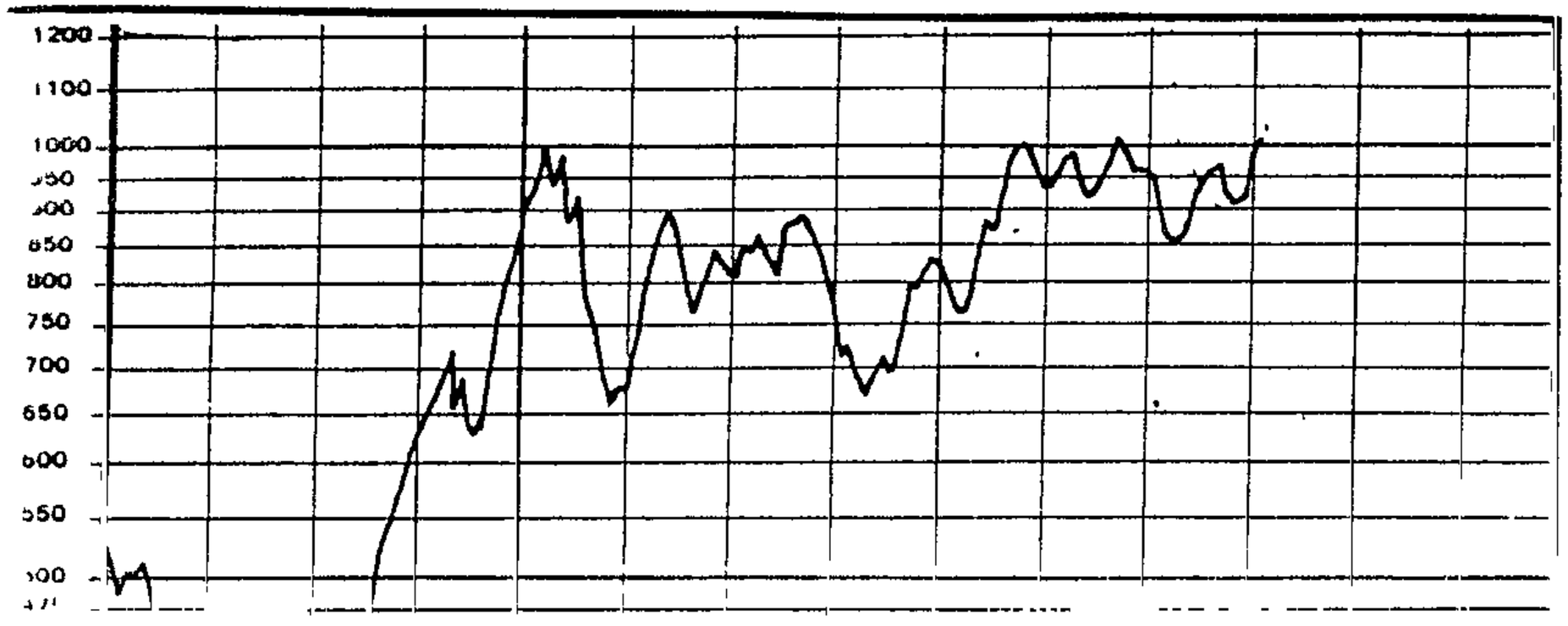
The first set at Tutuka is due to come in during March 1985

An Escom spokesman said yesterday at this stage there was no change to the commissioning plans for the Matimba power station near Ellisras which is scheduled to be commissioned from 1987 to 1992

Total Escom sales in 1983 grew by 2,2 percent to 98 251 GWh, compared with a growth of 2,4 percent in 1982.

The 1983 growth rate was the lowest for 36 years and even this modest growth would not have been achieved without a significant surge in electricity consumption in the last four months of the year.

The average annual growth rate of 2,3 percent for the last two years compares with an average annual growth rate of 9,5 percent from 1971 to 1981



Platinum, silver may join gold on futures market

From NEIL BEHRMANN

LONDON — An internal report recommends that platinum and silver be traded on the London gold futures market to revive the ailing market

The study by a director of the exchange Mr John

The tiny volume compares with between 15 000 and 30 000 contracts a day on the New York gold futures exchange, Comex

But volume has also shrunk on that market In march 1982, 65 000 gold contracts were traded a

Media Council raps SABC over Eksteen speech

THE SABC has no justification for excluding from its television and radio newscasts controversial material of common concern that vitally affects the interests of all the people of South Africa, a special committee of the South African Media Council said in a statement in Cape Town this week

The committee which deals with the free flow of news, made the statement after investigating a speech to the Cape Town Press Club on August 24, by the director general of the SABC, Mr Riaan Eksteen Concern about the speech had been expressed by Dr Richard van der Ross, rector of the University of the Western Cape, who is a member of the Media Council

On Tuesday Mr Eksteen formally objected to the findings of the committee He said in his objection that the committee had dealt with his speech on the basis of unfounded deductions and selective and incomplete quotations and had come to the conclusion that the SABC did not cover certain news

Dr Van der Ross said Mr Eksteen's speech to the Press Club implied that the SABC would refrain from publishing news it preferred the public not to hear

Independent role

In his speech, Mr Eksteen said that internationally, but also in South Africa, the media regarded themselves as belonging to a "new class" which mostly played an opposing, if not a hostile, role towards the government of the day and the "establishment"

The SABC defined itself as being outside this "new class" It saw itself as playing a unique and independent role in the national interest and would rather emphasize information than political strife

"It will focus on points of agreement in programmes and help promote the positive rather than blowing up differences"

The SABC would, in the new dispensation "unreservedly, unequivocally" and positively promote the interests and security of South Africa and all its inhabitants, the maintenance of public order, obedience to the laws of the country, sound relations between population groups and decency, decorum and good taste

"This viewpoint of the SABC implies that those groups and parties which of their own choice, opted out ... of consensus politics in favour of revolution and undemocratic methods cannot expect the SABC to reflect their views," Mr Eksteen said.

"There will, therefore, in the new dispensation, be no sympathetic ear for, for instance, the ANC or its faceless fellow-travellers . ."

The Media Council committee said in its comment "In the view of the committee, the corporation is not justified in excluding from its broadcasts and television newscasts controversy about matters of common concern to, and that vitally affect the interests of, all the people of South Africa

"The principles Mr Eksteen has stated should be applied so that the public is informed of — to mention but a single example — the standpoint of those who oppose the new political dispensation and who called for a boycott of the recent coloured and Indian elections

"Mr Eksteen said the corporation would not reflect the standpoint of those who had opted out of what he called consensus politics It is, on the contrary, the view of the committee that the members of the public have a right to be conscientiously informed of all relevant facts relating to the political debate, so as to enable them to arrive at their own conclusions"

A body with persuasive powers of the SABC should refrain from using its authority to propagate, in regard to matters of public importance, a partial point of view — however laudable it might be thought to be — for the reason that the "corporation in its wisdom thought it to be the proper view to take"

The Media Council committee said its comments had to be viewed in the light of the fact that the SABC was the sole electronic medium in South Africa, was constituted under statute and its operations were financed from public funds — Sapa

Parents to pay 10% towards child's education

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Big changes in schools soon

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By Susan Pleming

Schools governed by the Transvaal Education Department will undergo a dramatic change in the next few years when compulsory tuition fees are introduced

Draft regulations covering the new fee scheme have been presented by the Director of Education in the Province, Mr J D V Terblanche, to school principals, committees, educational representatives and provisional councillors

After months of speculation it was revealed at the meeting that parents would have to pay 10 percent of what it cost to educate a white child a year

Parents of primary schoolchildren will pay R120 a year For junior secondary school the fee will be R165 and for secondary senior school R180

Parent and teacher organisations and provincial councillors have reacted to the draft regulations with mixed feelings

A member of the executive committee of the Transvaal English Medium Parents' Association, Mr Jack Gordon, said parents would resist if schools, as had been suggested, received only 40 percent of actual fees paid in the area

Fifteen percent will be given to the school boards and 45 percent to the regional councils.

At present white education is free in provincial schools and all contributions are voluntary and determined at the discretion of the headmaster and the parent-teachers association concerned

A Transvaal Education Department spokesman said yesterday that the department suggested years ago that school funds in primary schools be R4 a year and in secondary R12

"We have issued these figures for years but the governing bodies and school committees have the right to increase the levy if they wish," he added

"But the donation still remains voluntary."

As there has been no final decision on the draft ordinance, the spokesman could not comment whether schools would be asked to stop voluntary contributions

A random survey in the Johannesburg area, revealed that most schools would continue asking for contributions if the department allowed them to do so.

The headmaster of Jeppe High School for Boys, Mr David Quail, said the voluntary funds at his school were R240 this year There would be a substantial increase next year because the school needed to develop more facilities

"If the voluntary contributions are abolished then we will not be able to cover all our demands and requirements," he added

"The compulsory school fees will be used for water and lights and additional books, but they are not intended for cultural and sporting requirements

King Edward School, which asks parents for R300 a year, will also ask for contributions when the compulsory tuition fee system is introduced.

So will Parktown Boys' High School, which presently requests R720 a year

The principal of the Johannesburg High School for Girls and president of the Transvaal Teachers' Association, Miss Elizabeth Niemeyer, was unsure whether she would continue to ask parents to contribute R150 to school funds when the new system was introduced

The leader of the Progressive Federal Party in the Provincial Council, Mr Douglas Gibson, said an area of concern was that an impossible load would be placed on principals and already overloaded school secretaries in the gathering of fees

He added that school boards could become glorified collecting agents because if parents refused to pay fees the school boards would be given the unpleasant task of issuing summonses to ensure payment

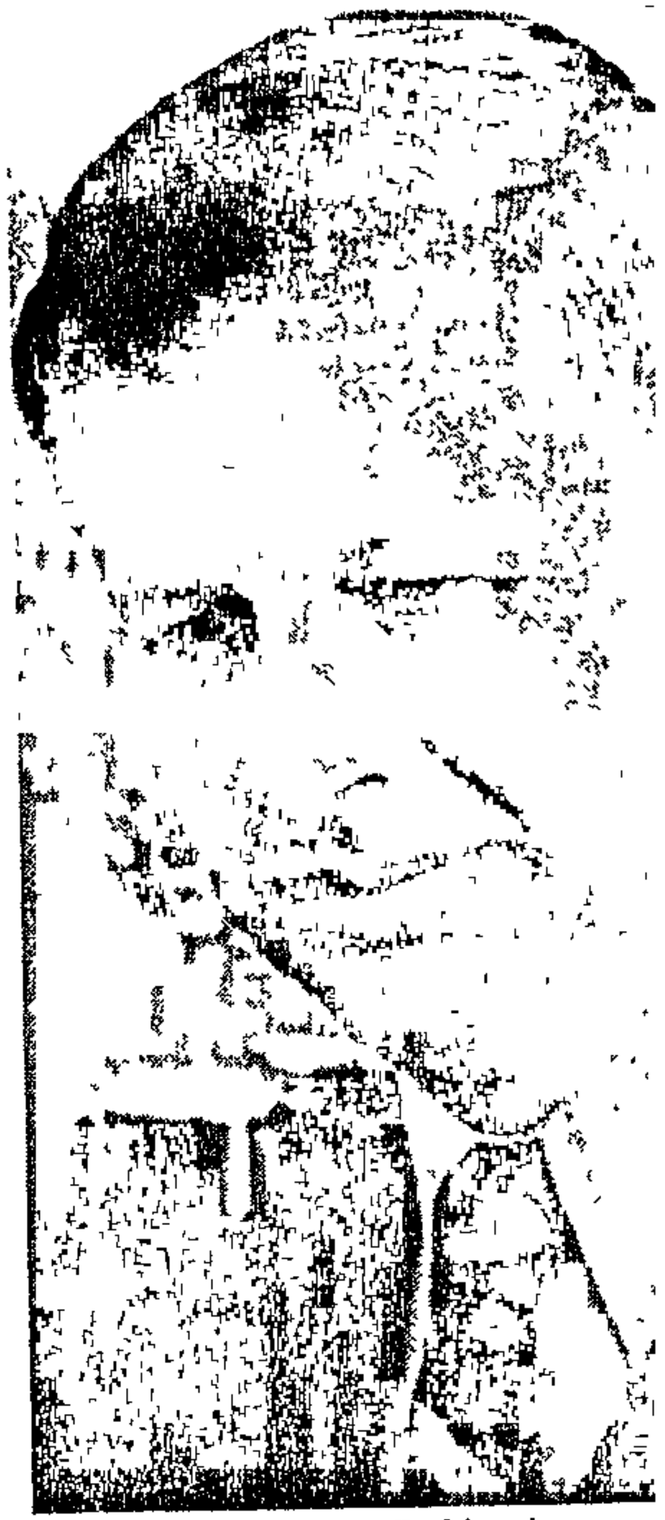
The draft regulations pointed out that parents who could not afford to pay the fees could apply to the regional councils for bursaries

But even with the bursaries, schools in the less affluent areas could suffer because the draft regulations had not made it clear whether bursary money would be paid in full to schools

Mr Gibson said it was also unclear what schools would have to pay for from money allocated to them by the department.

A rebate scheme incorporated in the draft regulations has also caused concern and some parents and principals fear that this could encourage absenteeism.

Mr Gordon said the rebate clause needed to be given more thought It was abnormal for parents to ask that school fees be refunded to them. The rebate scheme could result in increased absenteeism



Mr Terblanche

Koeberg recruitment under fire

US questions Escom's 'secret' bank account

by
Michael Chester and Stephen McQuillan

The South African Government has been asked by the US State Department to provide an assurance that Escom has not used its bank account in New York as a secret fund to recruit American technical experts for the Koeberg nuclear power station outside Cape Town

Escom has also been asked by the US Ambassador in Pretoria to ensure that all 38 American experts employed at Koeberg complete a formal questionnaire that amounts to seeking approval from Washington of their work in South Africa

The recruitment of American nuclear technicians has become a subject of diplomatic exchanges following news coverage of the R8,4 million swindle that has been exposed at Escom

Escom blames the storm on inaccurate American news reports "First of all, none of the Americans recruited for the Koeberg project is working here in contravention of US legislation relating to nuclear plants," said a spokesman "The recruitment has all been above board

"The role of our New York bank account has been raised in error due to inaccurate reporting in a Washington newspaper that implied it acts as a strategic fund to finance recruitment in the US That is utter nonsense

"Our bank account in New York is one of several that we maintain overseas to handle international trade deals It's as simple as that

"But in all the furore about the Escom swindle, its role has come under suspicion as a result of the misquoting of officials in a Washington newspaper report

"It can be categorically denied that funds in the foreign accounts of Escom, which does much business on the foreign money markets, are used or were used for defraying costs of recruitment in Europe or in the United States"

The spokesman also emphatically denied that Mr Gert Rademeyer, the former assistant chief accountant who is the prime suspect in the R8,4 million scam, had ever been concerned in overseas recruitment, as had been incorrectly implied

"He has never been on a single overseas assignment on behalf of Escom", he said

Despite the Escom denial, Congressional investigators are trying to come up with their own evidence on the New York account and the possibility that several of the US technicians at Koeberg may be violating American laws on technology secrecy

Escom denies losing money at Koeberg

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Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Escom has denied reports that it is losing money through the temporary shutdown of Koeberg nuclear power station

Regional information officer Mr Andre van Heerden said allegations that the facility was facing a loss of R1-million a day indicated a "complete lack of knowledge of how an electrical system works"

He said that, if Koeberg were the only power station in the country, Escom would definitely lose money The closure of the plant meant that Escom used spare generating units at other power stations to provide electricity for the Western Cape

"The amount we can sell remains the same whether or not Koeberg is shut down"

CAPE TIMES 1/3/85

Open amenities seen as 'illusion'

Staff Reporter

OPENING an amenity such as the Sea Point Pavilion pool was "an illusion", since such a decision merely replaced its use by one group with use by another, Mr P J Loubser, MEC and MPC for Mossel Bay, said in the Provincial Council yesterday

He was speaking in opposition to a motion proposed by Mr Jan van Eck, MPC for Groote Schuur, to call on the government to open all public amenities to all people, regardless of race

Mr Van Eck said his motion was an attempt to determine how serious the government was in its talk of reform and moving away from racial discrimination

"All I am asking here is that no person should be refused admission to any public amenity because of his skin colour or race"

His motion was defeated, and instead the Council passed an amended version, by 42 votes to 9, that the council "accept the reality of South African society" and the "will of people to live out their lives within their own group"

Mr John Sonnenberg, MPC for Green Point, said all citizens, not only whites, had helped to pay for public amenities, and it was inconceivable that they should remain segregated forever

He urged that the Provincial Council should follow the City Council's course of action All facilities developed by Provincial subsidy should have to be open to all

Parliament to rearrange control of local government

The Councils lose their power

PARLIAMENT — Legislation further stripping power from Provincial Councils is to come before Parliament in the current session

Most of it will deal with the re-arranging control of local government which presently falls under the councils

The terms of the councils expire in 1986 but can be extended to 1987 under current legislation

They are expected to be phased out before then

Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, says no decision has yet been made on what structure or structures will replace them

All he will say at this stage is that it is obvious a

By Bruce Cameron, Political Staff

re-arrangement is inevitable

"In my opinion it is premature to speculate on dates or structures," Mr Heunis said

The future of Provincial Councils and other possible structures is being assessed by his Department and the Commission for Administration.

He does, however, still see a need for some type of second-tier government to handle general affairs such as planning and nature conservation

Questions that had to be answered, said Mr Heunis, were whether these matters should be handled on an agency basis and whether there should be any type of elected council with an administrator and executive

There is growing speculation in Cape Town that any elected form of Provincial Council system will be dropped altogether and with it the current provincial boundaries, in some cases

Most of the powers of Provincial Council matters will either be taken over by local government or by the own-affairs Ministers' Councils.

These councils, particularly of the coloureds and Indians, have little on their plates at the moment and will want more and more control

Hospitals, for instance, are likely to be transferred to the control of the Ministers' Councils

With the emasculation of powers it is unlikely that the Government, already under pressure for the costly proliferation of governing groups, will agree to anything near as elaborate as the current provincial system

It is more likely to opt for groups nominated either by itself or by the proposed regional service groups

Also, the larger provinces can expect to be carved up.

The Cape, for instance, is likely to be divided into three areas the Northern Cape, the Eastern Cape and the Western Cape

The Transvaal is likely to be divided into two or even three regions

The basic interests of the provinces were local government, health, roads and road traffic, education and nature conservation

Roads are now virtually handled on an agency basis and changes are being introduced in education structures, giving parents a greater say in the running of schools

This could make it administratively easy to be taken over at central government level

And with the local government control removed there will be no need for legislative powers

Seldom do Provincial Councils sit for more than two months in the year, indicating how little legislating actually has to be done

Most time is spent in approving financial measures covering spending, but this is virtually a rubber-stamp process as the councils have not had taxing powers for many years, apart from setting licence and other fees

On top of this, money is allocated by the Government on a formula basis and although there can be some juggling, the spending is quite straightforward

The dropping of elected councils will have its main effect on the concern for local interests

For instance, Natal and the Free State have been run on different bases

Because of this the Government is expected to be under pressure to ensure local interests will be represented on the new second-tier groups

However, the main problem at this stage appears to be how to give the coloured and Indian people representation on any new group

This could be solved if the Government opts for a pyramid form of election

The small own-affairs councils will nominate members of the regional service councils which will probably have the taxing powers of local authorities.

And these, in turn, could nominate the members of the new second-tier groups

'The present movement by political parties to politicise local government elections is in anticipation of a similar system being chosen

It is unlikely the Government will issue a definitive statement of intent — it will probably gradually chip away at the existing structures

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Equal amenities or share, says Van Eck

Provincial Staff

IF separate but equal amenities could not be provided "then not even this government can justify keeping people of colour away from the amenities in so-called white areas", the Provincial Council was told.

Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur) spoke yesterday on his motion that the Government open all public amenities to all immediately

The council voted 42-9 in favour of an amended motion by the National Party Leader of the House, Mr Piet Loubser, calling on local authorities to consider all people when providing public amenities and to administer them in an orderly way

Mr van Eck said the money required to provide separate but equal amenities when the Province was cutting expenditure would mean amenities "will not be provided for people of colour"

On the beaches

He criticised the Administrator for supporting "those people who believe that misbehaviour on the beaches has been caused by the opening of the beaches"

Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP Green Point), also a city councillor, appealed to the council to ensure that all facilities and amenities developed by local authorities through Provincial subsidies be open to all — all citizens had helped pay for them

"On several occasions the Cape Town City Council has asked the Government for permission to open all its bathing amenities to everybody Each time the Government — though paying lip-service to reform — has refused

"I am proud"

"I am proud to be a member of a public body that has got the guts to do what it thinks and knows is right"

Dr Sonnenberg said the culture shock for white inhabitants, especially some of the elderly, was understandable, but they would have to adapt to it

Mr F J van Deventer (NP Maitland) criticised the Opposition for raising the debate because it did little more than generate emotions

Mr Herbert Hirsch, Leader of the Opposition, said the Government had been contradictory in providing some extra funds for amenities but allowing the pools in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu "to become totally unusable".

Open beaches: MEC wants to 'restore order'

Provincial Reporter

IN a bitter attack on Cape Town's open-beach policy, the MEC in charge of local government, Mr Piet Loubser, has threatened steps to "put the situation in order"

He accused the City Council of having an "arrogant, UDI attitude" in wanting to "wield the sceptre" over its own area and said its decision to open pools and beaches was irresponsible and led to chaotic conditions

He blamed the Peninsula's problems on the council's "slackness" in not providing sufficient facilities — particularly near areas for blacks and coloureds — and its obsession with crippling the Government's viewpoint or, at least, withholding co-operation

NEW MUNICIPALITY?

He wondered "if it was time his department seriously considered recommending to the Administrator that the Sea Point-Camps Bay area be declared a new municipality"

Mr Loubser spearheaded sharp criticism from National Party councillors of Cape Town's open policy yesterday Councillors were debating a motion by Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur) that the Government open all facilities immediately

Mr Loubser said it was clear from letters and other available information that "over-crowding and anti-social behaviour", particularly at Sea Point swimming pool, had caused racial friction

He said the City Council had not considered the interests of ratepayers who had bought and developed properties on the seaboard at prices which reflected the advantages of living near the sea, beach and other facilities

● National Party members in the council told the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Herbert Hirsch, that he lost his City Council seat last year because Atlantic seaboard residents rejected his liberal views

Mr Hirsch was defeated by Mr Jack Frost in the city election last September

Council votes for gratuity increase

Staff Reporter

THE Provincial Council yesterday voted for increases in members' lump sum retirement gratuities in the face of PFP opposition

Mr Piet Loubser, MEC (NP, Mossel Bay), introduced the Provincial Council Service Pensions Amendment Ordinance of 1985 "to improve gratuities payable to members" The draft ordinance was declared an urgent matter by the Administrator on Tuesday

Mr Geoff Everingham (PFP, Pinelands) said the legislation was "the most outrageous I have seen since I was elected to this council"

"It asks us to double the cash gratuity payable on termination of service, assuming a member qualifies through having 7½ years' service The minimum will now give a gratuity equal to a year's salary and allowances, R17 763, compared with R8 952 previously

"At the maximum, with 20 years' service or more, the gratuity will be R47 368, or 164 percent more than it was"

Pensions were also paid to members of the Provincial Council who retire, and these were not affected by the ordinance, he said

No effect

Mr J A van Tonder (NP, Prieska) said Mr Everingham had not mentioned his travel allowance of R6 000 a year, or his housing allowance to stay in the City — in his own house

He said the measure would not have any effect on the current economic situation, because nobody was planning to retire

Mr Loubser said the motion brought the Cape Province into line with others It was general practice not to debate matters to do with members' remuneration

Mr Herbert Hirsch (PFP, Sea Point) moved an amendment "that this motion be read this day six months hence", which in parliamentary procedure is the strongest possible opposition measure

The motion was passed by 32 votes to 9

Natal wage bill to be cut

DURBAN — The Natal Provincial Administration is to trim R11-million from its wage bill through a 2½ per cent cut in staff this financial year, the Provincial Secretary, Mr Roy Hindle, has disclosed

He said the overall staff cut would affect some departments more seriously than others

Although he expected the cut could be achieved without having to retrench any permanent staff, temporary staff would be hit.

He could not disclose exacly how many temporary staff were emporary staff were employsaid each case would be decided on merit and particular consideration would be given to such sensitive areas as hospitals and education.

Dr Fred Clarke, MEC in charge of hospitals, said the cut, while not as bad as originally thought, would put heavy pressure on departments which urgently needed more money for essentials

The province's provision of services would be affected and the public would feel the pinch, he warned

He hoped the situation would be temporary and would be rectified when the economy recovered

The province, which employs about 40 000 people, placed a freeze on posts two months ago when a staff cut was first mooted by the central government.

The government asked the provinces in February to report on the implications of staff cuts of 2½ per cent, four, six and eight per cent.

Mr Hindle said the government's decision now to ask for a 2½ per cent cut was much more favourable than the original request for an eight per cent cut.

"The consequences of even a four per cent cut would have been drastic," he said However, the R11 million the government had asked to be cut from their wage bill was still "serious"

He said this wage bill cut was over and above the already decided-on three per cent cut in salaries for provincial staff, effected on their annual bonuses, which will be one third less this year The savings from the bonus cut were expected to amount to about R8 million — SAPA

Possible 'new deal' for Natal

Political Staff

THERE is speculation in political circles that the government is considering a "new deal" for Natal in terms of future links and co-operation between the white province and black Kwazulu.

Mr Ray Swart, leader of the Progressive Federal Party in Natal and chief opposition spokesman on homelands, said in an interview yesterday that he intended to press the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, in Parliament for more clarity about the province's future.

He said that with the latest proposals for solving Natal's highly complex consolidation problems currently before the cabinet, there were signs that Nationalists were coming around to the opposition view that land issues in the province would have to be dealt with differently from in any other area.

Pleading with the government for greater "flexibility" in dealing with Natal, he said the situation in the province was different from the rest of the country because of the close inter-relationship between the races living in an intricate jigsaw-puzzle of white and black areas covering the length and breadth of the province.

'Pin Dr Viljoen down'

"I intend to pin Dr Viljoen down on this issue when his department's budget vote is debated in Parliament," said Mr Swart

"I would urge that the whole question of Natal and its inter-dependence with Kwazulu should be considered in a realistic manner."

The government would have to say soon what its consolidation proposals were

He also wanted to know if any real consideration was being given to the various recommendations of the Buthelezi Commission which emphasized the feelings of a large cross-section of the people of Natal "in regard to the inter-dependence of Kwazulu and the rest of Natal and the need for a special dispensation to be allowed to operate in the Natal region"

Solutions, he said, should not be imposed on people but reached in consultation with them

"Only if this approach is followed can there be any hope of our achieving the economic stability and political stability and security which we all seek"

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R100m cut in Cape's subsidy

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The government's subsidy to the Cape Province for 1985/86 has been cut by more than R100-million, the Administrator of the Cape Province, Mr Gene Louw, said last night

He was opening the 78th Annual Congress of the Cape Province Municipal Assocation (CPMA) at the University of Port Elizabeth

'Nightmare'

"Mr Louw said the Cape Province received about 80 percent of its revenue from the State In 1984/85 this had been cut by R74-million and would be cut by more than R100-million in 1985'86

"The quest for funds has become a nightmare", he said, and priorities had to be watched carefully

Mr Louw said it was clear the government would not be able to bear the sole responsibility for subsidizing services and there was a need for increased productivity and efficiency

A better financial climate was needed for the situation to improve

Duplication

He urged that local authorities supply services together as far as possible to cut out the possibility of duplication

The regional services councils which were to be introduced would help remove some of the problems of providing services

In his address the president of the CPMA, Dr T G Schlebusch, pointed to another financial problem of local authorities.

He said that with few exceptions, the tax which municipalities now received on government properties, was neutralized by GST and in many cases municipalities were in a worse position than before

Controls

Dr Schlebusch also said that although some functions had been delegated to municipalities in a devolution of power, legislation indicated that tighter control would be exercised over local government

"We must be under no illusions that with the eventual takeover of traditional municipal functions by other institutions, even privatization of some functions, the traditional municipal structure is going to change," he said

There would be more powers of decision-making for local authorities over fewer functions, said Dr Schlebusch.

Subsidies

Referring to the proposed regional services councils, he said the income from these councils would be used for, among other things, subsidizing the loss on commuter services, including trains

This meant a reversal — local government was subsidizing the central government

He was concerned about the impact of additional levies on businesses and urged as a possible alternative the imposition of GST with no exemptions

The congress, attended by about 500 delegates from throughout the province, begins sitting this morning and ends on Thursday

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Provincial staff will work longer hours

By MICHAEL MORRIS
Provincial Reporter

CAPE Provincial Administration staff will work longer hours from next week and the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, has asked municipalities to consider asking employees to do the same

The move is part of austerity measures promised by Mr Louw earlier this year to make governing the Cape more efficient and less costly

Mr Louw last night announced at the opening of the Cape Province Municipal Association Congress in Port Elizabeth that from May 1, provincial staff would work 30 minutes extra a day — increasing the working week by 2½ hours

He said "I do not think it is unreasonable to expect local authorities to follow this, and the Government's, example"

"DEADWOOD"

Mr Louw outlined further austerity measures, including scrapping some vacant posts, leaving others unfilled and "getting rid of deadwood"

He also warned that a record State subsidy cut and rising costs would increase the likelihood of tax rises in the new financial year

He said Government subsidies — the Cape's financial lifeline accounting for about 80 percent of provincial funds — was being cut by more than R80-m and the Cape also had to save about R22-m on its personnel account

MORE EXPENSIVE

He said claims made on the provincial revenue fund "continue to exceed the available means", especially as inflation was making the provision and maintenance of services more expensive, "forcing us to higher tariffs"

He said he had been fighting to avoid increases for more than five years

He warned municipalities that any excess incurred outside the budget on any service would have to be made up by cutting back on another ser-

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Apartheid

UITENHAGE. — Three ambulancemen had been dismissed partly because they had given evidence before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry, the secretary of the Dias Divisional Council, Mr Nigel Anderson, said yesterday.

"He told the commission he was unable to give an assurance that no further ambulancemen would be called before the commission after counsel for the families of some of the deceased, Mr Chris Nicholson, pointed out the dismissals to the Judge

The Divisional Council secretary said the decision to dismiss the men had been based on "managerial principles".

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until after it had ended

He had not fired any shots from his R1 rifle, which he had kept clasped to him

Cross-examined by Mr Peter Gastrow, for the Progressive Federal Party, the witness agreed that records of radio reports made after the incident indicated he had fired three shots at the scene

He said he had still been scared afterwards and had told the officer relaying the message that he had fired three shots, although he had handed in all his ammunition at the end of the day

Dr Isaac Viljoen, one of the doctors who treated the injured at Uitenhage Provincial Hospital, was earlier cross-examined by Mr Wim Trengove, for the families of some of the deceased

The doctor conceded that a condition he had referred to in connection with one of the dead men at the scene was not a common occurrence, and that he had not come across it in his career

Dr Viljoen testified earlier that a dead man seen with a stone loosely held in his hand could have undergone instantaneous rigor mortis, a condition that sometimes occurred when people died under great shock.

In such cases, the muscles immediately went into spasm and anything held in the hands would be clenched fast. Later the muscles would relax

Dr Viljoen said yesterday, in answer to questions by Mr Justice Kannemeyer, that if the man in question had experienced instantaneous rigor mortis, he would have held the stone tightly for up to 30 hours, before the muscles relaxed.

It would appear the man had not experienced great shock on dying and had undergone normal muscle relaxation after death, the doctor said

Rigor mortis would have set in only after three hours

Doctor Viljoen was then cross-examined on his earlier evidence that one of the shooting victims was brain dead

He said brain death was difficult to diagnose, and was a controversial concept.

He said, however, that he had used the same criteria as always to determine on March 21 that one of the man was brain dead

The man had been declared dead only after repeated attempts to resuscitate him had failed, and after the other normal tests for brain death had been conducted

The hearing continues today

● Mr Justice Kannemeyer said last night it was not up to him to decide whether to prosecute the Dias Divisional Council over any anticipation of the commission's findings

He said the Attorney-General had to make any decision in this regard

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against the senior officers proved to be true, Mr Anderson said he would establish an interdepartmental commission of inquiry within the council to look into the matter.

'Misconstrued'

He said he had lost all faith in the men because of their background, "and the way they have misconstrued certain facts" would no longer allow them to have anything to do with situations where people's lives were in danger.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer asked if Mr Anderson believed his action would encourage other ambulancemen to testify.

"Anyone can say anything against the service but it must be true," he replied.

"They must substantiate their allegations."

On Mr Justice Kannemeyer putting it to him that it was clear he had decided provisionally that the men had made false statements, Mr Anderson said, "My trusted senior men spoke to the men before they were told what their evidence and what would not in-

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most other people from giving evidence.

The commission yesterday also heard evidence from two other ambulance drivers, one of the crew of the Casspirs involved in the shooting, the driver of the truck in which the dead were removed from the scene of the incident and from medical personnel involved in treating the injured and in post-mortem examinations.

A witness, who may not be named by order of the judge, said he had been so scared by the crowd approaching the police Casspirs on the day of the incident that he had crouched inside the Casspir from some time before the shooting began

NPA's extra time deal to cut costs

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EMPLOYEES in the Provincial Administration are working an extra half-an-hour a day on a 'flexi-time' basis to cut costs.

Provincial Secretary Roy Hindle said early in March that Exco had decided on the measure and that no problems had been encountered

Circulars had been sent to all departments within the NPA on March 12.

Each department had been asked to decide how to incorporate the extra half-an-hour without necessarily changing basic working hours.

'We are looking for co-operation from all our staff to promote productivity in the Province's attempt to cut expenditure by 2,5 percent,' Mr Hindle said

Meanwhile, the Cape Provincial Administration staff will have to work longer hours from next week and the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, has asked municipalities to consider asking their employees to do the same

The move is part of austerity measures to make governing the Cape more efficient and less costly, promised by Mr Louw earlier this year

He announced at the opening of the Cape Province Municipal Association Congress in Port Elizabeth last night that from May 1 provincial staff would work an extra 30 minutes a day

Mr Louw outlined further austerity measures, including scrapping some vacant posts, leaving others unfilled and 'getting rid of dead wood'

L Violence

Evidence to be sent to A-G

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — The chairman of the commission inquiring into the Langa shooting, Mr Justice D D V Kannemeyer, announced yesterday that he had instructed that evidence about the dismissal of three Dias Divisional Council ambulancemen be sent to the Attorney-General

In terms of the Commissions Act it is an offence to prejudge or anticipate the findings of a commission

The three ambulancemen, Mr Jospeh Berry, Mr Dennis Barlow and Mr Michael Goqo, were dismissed from their posts as ambulancemen on Monday and their employment with the council was suspended

Mr N W Anderson, secretary of the council, told the commission action had been taken against the men partly as a result of their evidence and because of allegations that senior ambulance officers had attempted to influence statements they made to the police about the events surrounding the shooting

Fired one shot into crowd

Yesterday a policeman, giving evidence in camera, said he was a member of the crew of the Casspir commanded by Lieutenant John Fouche, the man who ordered police to fire on a crowd of about 4 000 people at Langa on March 21

He said that after he fired one shot into the front ranks of the crowd which was pelting police with stones, the order was given to cease firing

Moments before shooting began he had seen the leader of the procession, moving ahead of the crowd, take a petrol bomb and a black book from his clothes

When next he saw the man his body was being dragged away by another person The policeman said that when he later walked among the bodies he saw fragments of a broken bottle lying next to the leader's body

He could smell petrol and saw wet marks on the road He was unable to tell the commission how the petrol bomb had come to be broken at the place where the leader's body was found when he was, according to earlier evidence, shot some distance away

Boy lifted off bicycle

Another witness, Mr Kelman Befile, who volunteered to give evidence to the commission, said yesterday that he saw a boy on a bicycle riding around some time before the shooting

Later, as people neared two Casspir vehicles blocking Maduna Road, he heard a shot and saw the boy lifted off the bicycle

Mr Befile said he turned and ran but later approached policemen moving about He had seen policemen kicking and hitting injured people lying on the ground

He said he saw policemen throwing stones among the shooting victims

Asked by Mr Chris Jansen, SC, representing the SA Police, why no mention was made in his written statement about the boy on the bicycle or about stones being thrown among the victims, Mr Befile said he had spoken of them when making his statement.

There was no interpreter available when he made the statement and his English was not very good, he said He agreed that the statement was read back to him before he signed it.

A municipal official, whose identity may not be disclosed in terms of a ruling by the commission, said he was at a vantage point about 700 metres away from the scene of the shooting when he saw a crowd of people moving towards two Casspir vehicles blocking Maduna Road

"Then I heard shots It sounded like one volley of shots, then shooting stopped People were running away"

He said he could not recall hearing a single shot precede the general gunfire

The hearing continues today.

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THE new Republic Party has accepted that it has lost the fight to retain the provincial system in Natal

The Provincial Council in Natal has provided the power-base of the NRP for a number of years In an interview, the Natal leader of the NRP, Mr Derrick Watterson, MP, said NRP policy was being revised

It was quite clear, he said, that the provincial council system could be gone "by as early as next year".

"While we have, all the way through, fought for a modified elected provincial system of government, the central Government will not accept it."

Heunis to outline council system

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By Dennis Henshaw

ONE year from today, South Africa's provincial council system is expected to disappear, and later today Minister of Constitutional Development Chris Heunis is likely to make a statement setting the date and outlining the system that will replace it

Recent indications that the Government was now prepared to study the Buthelezi Commission's report mean that in the next 12 months integration of Natal and KwaZulu could chart the course for this province's future, with possibly a multiracial advisory council directing affairs

Natal Administrator Radclyffe Cadman and senior M E C Frank Martin flew to Cape Town yesterday to meet their opposite numbers from the other three provinces And at 7 30 this morning they will all sit down with the minister to discuss their future

No extension

As matters stand at the moment, each province will retain its administrator and Exco to deal only with general affairs, but the powers of the second-tier government will pass to regional service councils — six in the case of Natal — which will include representatives of all races and will be set up on a geographical, not an ethnic, basis

Mr Martin said 'The minister will put the Regional Service Councils Bill before Parliament next month and it will be fully operative by next July He wants to get it off the ground as soon as possible

'My guess is that the end of April next year will see the end of the provincial councils I hear that in view of the financial circumstances there will be no extension'

This was a major recommendation of the report, which was signed by the PFP, largely approved but not signed by the NRP, and officially pigeonholed and ignored by the Government.

And on the agenda of today's talks is sure to be Mr Martin's recent proposal to form multiracial advisory councils to replace the provincial councils These would advise the regional service councils on how to allocate their funds.

His suggestion for Natal was a composition of 10 blacks, 10 Indians, eight whites and two coloureds

Constitution

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Recent indications that the Government was now prepared to study the Buthelezi Commission's report mean that in the next 12 months integration of Natal and KwaZulu could chart the course for this province's future, with possibly a multiracial advisory council directing affairs.

Natal Administrator Radclyffe Cadman and senior MEC Frank Martin will meet the other three provinces' executives at 7.30 this morning. And at 7.30 this morning they will all sit down with the minister to discuss their future.

No extension

As matters stand at the moment, each province will retain its administrator and Exco to deal only with general affairs, but the powers of the second-tier government will pass to regional service councils — six in the case of Natal — which will include representatives of all races and will be set up on a geographical, not an ethnic, basis.

Mr Martin said: 'The minister will put the Regional Service Councils Bill before Parliament [illegible] possible.

'My guess is that the end of April next year will see the end of the provincial councils. I hear that in view of the financial circumstances there will be no extension.'

This was a major recommendation of the report, which was signed by the PFP, largely approved but not signed by the NRP, and officially pigeonholed and ignored by the Government.

And on the agenda of today's talks is sure to be Mr Martin's recent proposal to form multiracial advisory councils to replace the provincial councils. These would advise the regional service councils on how to allocate their funds.

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He cited as an example the Greater Durban Metrocom area, which will be one of the six regional service council areas. It would include Umlazi and Kwa Mashu and a total of 31 'black spots', he said.

The composition of his proposed advisory councils could vary according to the requirements of each province. 'For instance, the Free State's adequate representation to the coloured community.

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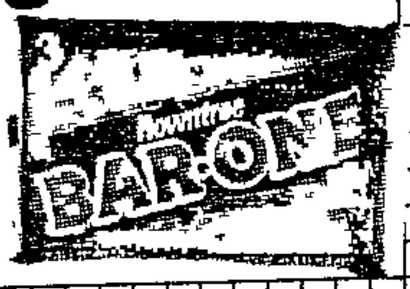

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Provincial budget of nearly R2-bn

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Province will spend nearly R2 000-million during the coming financial year — 12 percent up on the current budget

Most of the record R1 986-million budget, which will be introduced during the Provincial Council s main sitting later this month, will be financed by government subsidy with the balance coming from hospital fees, vehicle licences and the betting tax

No major increases in these taxes are expected, however, despite the fact that the Province will enter the next tax year R9-million in the red

The growth in Provincial spending, which is lower than it has been for some years, is well below the inflation rate and the government subsidy is 15,6 percent up on last year

The Opposition spokesman on finance in the council, Mr Geoff Everingham, said last night it was unlikely that any "significant" increases would be imposed on Provincial tariffs

"On the basis of these figures, it looks as as though the Administrator should be able to balance the budget without having to resort to major tax increases

"There might be a slight adjustment to hospital fees, but this will be cushioned by an adjustment to the means test so it should not be too much of a blow for the man in the street"

Mr Everingham said the decline in the growth of spending was probably due to the fact that no across-the-board civil-service wage increases were being granted during the coming financial year

Other items on the council agenda are

- A possible increase in licences for unneutered dogs,
- An amendment to the Road Traffic Ordinance which will give the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, the power to alter existing speed limits at his discretion and will enable local authorities to exempt disabled people from parking restrictions, and
- An amendment to the Licences Ordinance which will facilitate the granting of business licences

Province accused of 'taking all and giving nothing'

Cape nurses bitter over longer hours

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NURSES employed by the Cape Department of Hospital Services, already working longer hours than most other Cape Provincial Administration workers, are bitterly angry at orders that they must now work 12½-hour days.

The austerity measures announced by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, which affect all Province workers, come in addition to

- Bonus cutbacks,
- Retraction of a promised half-day off a week,
- Removing lunch-hour time from working hours,
- Refusal of salary increases for the second year running

And angry nurses accuse the Provincial Administration of "taking everything and giving nothing in return"

However, they say they are powerless to do anything If they were to take action, they would risk losing their jobs, they say

Carry on working

"Only about 1 000 people would be prepared to stand up against this The other 5 000 will carry on working," said one angry nurse

"At present employment is frozen in hospital services and we won't easily get jobs somewhere else"

None of the nurses speaking to Weekend Argus was prepared to be named, for fear of retribution

They feel they should not be included in regulations applying to public servants generally, but that they should be treated separately, as part of the medical profession

"We are professional people who are highly qualified," said another nurse "I don't consider myself on the same level as the tax clerk We are an essential service which applies to all medical people"

Nurses say the extra 2½ hours a week they have been instructed to work would mean they would either have to cut back on their lunch-time or get home later, which would have a detrimental effect on their family lives

Nursing was one of the essential cornerstones in society and "this move is going to make future nurses reluctant to join the profession," they said

Pay cutback

The feeling of many nurses is that they should get their qualifications — and then leave the CPA

"Why should we stay — they offer us nothing and we can get private employment with normal working hours and better pay," an unhappy nurse said

At present, nurses work a 48-hour week — compared to the average 40-hour week of many other professions Shifts for most nurses are either from 7am to 7pm or the night shift from 7pm to 7am Night shift hours will not be increased but extra pay normally received for night duty will be cut back

"The nurses are furious about these extended hours and benefit cuts," said a nursing sister

Many nurses say they cannot understand how this extra half an hour a day will put money in Government coffers

"What must we do with the extra half an hour a day? We cannot re-wash a patient or remake a bed and our shifts are so well organised that they overlap anyway"

Some nurses said they felt the Provincial Administration "just takes from us all the time but gives nothing in return"

Mr Robert Engela, Provincial Hospital Services public relations officer, said there is tremendous pressure on health services, as on other services

"It is just one of those things no one can do anything about"

Nurses warn cutbacks will affect patients

Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — South Africa's nursing associations have warned the Government that a reduction in nursing staff could adversely affect patient care

And it was recommended that nursing posts be abolished "only with the greatest circumspection", the South African Nursing Association (Sana) publication, Nursing News, reports

Although nursing posts were being decreased the patient load was increasing with the recession, a delegation from Sana and the SA Nursing Council told the late Minister of Health and Welfare, Dr C V van der Merwe

Unemployment had led to a greater demand for public health services and health problems were increasing

The reduction in public health facilities caused further problems with a higher rate of bed occupancy, shorter hospital stays and more seriously ill patients — all of which placed greater demands on nurses

"A point can be reached when patient care is no longer safe," Nursing News warns

Another factor lowering the morale of nursing staff was the extra two and a half hours a week they had to work

Provincial councils to go

By TOS WENTZEL, Political Correspondent

PROVINCIAL councils are to be scrapped, and provincial administrations restructured as part of new second-tier arrangements in the new constitutional system.

Speaking in the debate on his vote in the Assembly this afternoon, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr J C Heunis, gave details of the new second-tier system.

He said the Cabinet had decided that at the second level the President's speech at the opening of Parliament regarding liaison with black communities should also be borne in mind

Mr Heunis said the present provincial dispensation would end between April 29 and June 30 next year.

Instead there will be administrators and executive committees in the provinces with advisory committees.

Vacancies which occur before the expiry date in a provincial council would be filled by the party which held the seat.

Own affairs

"Own affairs" functions, which according to the new constitution have to be reallocated to the various Ministers' Councils, would be transferred from the provincial administrations as soon as possible

The new second-tier system would deal only with general affairs

Mr Heunis said provincial councils would not be able to continue to exist in the new dispensation and would therefore have to be abolished

The administrators and executive committees would be answerable to Parliament

Appointments

Appointments on these bodies would be made by the State President

Advisory councils linked to the electorate would advise second-tier executives in various fields

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Mr Heunis promised provincial officials that their job security would be guaranteed.

Suggestions regarding Government functions which could be devolved from the central level to the second regional and local tiers would be drawn up as soon as possible after consultation with all concerned.

The existing structures, processes and vested interests at second level would be maintained and protected as far as possible within the framework of these decisions.

The Minister pointed out that the autonomy of provincial administrations had been severely restricted for some years and that they already received 85 percent of their budget revenues from the central Government.

Guidelines given in 1982 laid down that the provincial boundaries would remain unchanged, that the provincial councils would continue until at least 1986 and that certain provincial functions would have to be carried over to central as well as local and regional levels.

Discussions with provincial administrations on the implementation of the changes would continue.

The old provincial system goes, after 75 years

Star 7/5/85

CAPE TOWN — The provincial system used for 75 years was tossed aside by the Government yesterday with hardly a thought or a word for the special interests and hard negotiations that brought it into being, writes **Bruce Cameron.**

In fact its main destroyer, Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Mr Chris Heunis, said the Act of Union in 1910 no longer had any relevance

But if the provincial system had not been introduced there would have been little chance of a four-province Union.

Natal in particular fought for a federation rather than union because her representatives at the national convention were worried that, being the only predominantly English-speaking province, her traditions and culture would be overwhelmed.

Both the Free State and Natal were concerned about being overwhelmed and outvoted by the larger provinces and being submerged by the wealth of Transvaal.

There had been concern in the Cape and Natal about the removal of limited voting rights of people of colour in their regions

Natal fought long for Federation for these reasons and came into the Union only because of the provincial system, the weighting of representation in the Senate and fear that she would lose out economically

The founding fathers decided the provincial councils would deal with local concerns, including the important matter of education

Natal, more than any other province, has jealously guarded the powers which were given

But under the National Party these powers have been further and further eroded.

The removal of powers was met with a whimper in the other provinces, where there were overwhelming National Party majorities, . . but with much tub-thumping in Natal

Natal's stand over the years, on this issue as well as that of forming the Republic, has made it a target of jest with accusations of jingoism and isolationism

The National Party, particularly since 1970, made concerted efforts to win Natal through the ballot box.

In 1977, the National Party for the first time held the majority of Natal's parliamentary seats — but was still thoroughly thrashed over control of the provincial council

In the last outing at the polls in 1981, the whites of Natal again made it clear they wanted to keep Natal free of National Party control, electing 15 non-Nationalists to the 20-member council

The New Republic Party and predecessors, particularly the United Party, made it clear their first concerned was the protection of English interests

They fought off introduction of Christian National Education and fought to prevent Nationalists and Broederbonders being appointed as senior officials, particularly in education

However in later years the New Republic Party provincial council was involved in concerted efforts to find ways to work and include other race groups in decision-making

Many of the more important steps, such as inclusion of Indians and coloureds in local government, were vetoed by the National Party Government, which showed an increasing intolerance of the independent views in Natal

Most politicians have accepted that the system thrashed out over two years, which brought the Declaration of Union, is no longer acceptable because it excludes other race groups

But non-Nationalists have wanted to build on a system that allowed for different interests rather than scrap it

Provincial councils' end could signify NRP demise

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Parliamentary Correspondent

CAPE TOWN—The NRP is likely to disappear from the political scene next year in the wake of yesterday's announcement that provincial councils are to be disbanded by the end of June, 1986.

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis announced in the House of Assembly that provincial councils would be disbanded between April 29 and June 30 next year

At present the NRP — the succesor to the old United Party — has only five members in the House while its leader, Mr Bill Sutton, is in the President's Council

Its strength lies in the Natal Provincial Council where it holds 14 of the 20 seats.

Replaced by the PFP as the Official Opposition, the NRP shrank further at the end of last year when three of its MPs, Mr Ron Miller, Mr George Bartlett and Mr Aubrey Thomson, defected to the NP

Without its power base in the Provincial Council, the NRP seems unlikely to survive and, in fact, NRP leaders have already indicated the party will disband when the provincial councils are abolished.

At this stage it would appear that Mr Pat Rogers, MP for King William's Town, is likely to link up with the PFP should the NRP decide to disband, while the MP for Mooi River, Mr Ralph Hardingham is likely to follow suit if he does not opt to retire

Mr Brian Page — orginally one of those scheduled to cross the floor last year — may now opt for this choice as could former leader, Mr Vause Raw Mr Derrick Watterson is likely to retire.

Natal business as usual, says Cadman

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fairs' only and would be directly answerable to Parliament via a special standing committee

In a move that could open the way for limited black involvement, Mr Heunis also noted that a need existed 'for advisory councils linked to the electorate to advise second-tier executive authorities in various fields'

The present provincial administrations would continue to exist as second-tier administrations but it was now possible that larger provinces in particular could be subdivided into separate administrative authorities

Mr Heunis said that discussions with provincial authorities on implementation of changes to the existing system would continue, but he promised provincial officials that their job security was guaranteed

Mr Frank Martin, MEC for Local Government and senior MEC, described it as a 'sad day for anyone who has been associated with the system which has proved itself since Union'

'But if it means an improvement in race relations then we must go with it,' he said

If the new dispensation was to accommodate the other race groups, then the institution which was founded in 1910 for whites only had to go

Mr Dering Stainbank, a senior MEC and chairman of the New Republic Party in Natal, said the province had been governed first by the United Party and later the NRP for 75 years.

'This was historic as it was the longest-serving government in the history of the modern world and the province has come to the end of an era,' he said

Cumbersome

Dr Fred Clarke, MEC for Hospital Services, said he was distressed at the the demise of the provincial system as 'it had run the province so well'

Mr Owen Jones, chairman of the Metropolitan Consultative Committee, said the system seemed in principal to tie in well with the proposed regional services councils

'It will be necessary to have some co-ordinating executive body to co-ordinate the activities of the different regional services councils in a province

'But it does seem a terribly cumbersome system to have elected advisory councils advising a politically appointed executive council.'

Durban's Mayor, Mr Neil MacLennan, said he thought the move 'too hasty'

'I'm not particularly happy with legislative power being taken away and put in the hands of central government.'

KwaZulu would not be satisfied with being consulted on a 'liaison' basis only, to give tacit support to the tricameral parliamentary system, the Chief Minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, said in the KwaZulu Assembly last night.

KwaZulu needed to be very cautious that it was not separated from the mainstream of South African politics by means of 'liaison'.

Opposition circles saw the new plan as the end of the New Republic Party and a serious blow to the standing of the Progressive Federal Party which stands to lose about 20 public representatives.

They also feared that the moves would be likely to curtail the watchdog role of opposition parties and significantly undermine their ability to stimulate debate, ask questions and exercise influence at the provincial level

In Parliament the move was immediately attacked by the PFP, the Conservative Party and the NRP, all of whom challenged the assertion by Mr Heunis that the new system represented a devolution of political power

The Leader of the Opposition, Dr F van Zyl Slabbert, said it appeared that the new system would lead to a centralisation of power and policy-making, but a decentralisation in the exercising of administrative functions

Nervous

The Natal leader of the PFP, Mr Ray Swart, slammed the move as a fatal erosion of provincial authority that would pave the way for an 'almost absolute centralisation of power in central government'.

The leader of the Conservative Party, Dr Andries Treurnicht, accused the Government of promoting greater centralisation of power and suggested that a decision to hold no more elections if provincial seats fell vacant showed that the Government was nervous of the CP after the Harrismith by-election

The Natal leader of the NRP, Mr Derrick Watterson, said that 'domination and dictatorship' faced the electorate in Natal, where his party would lose all 14 provincial seats it currently held

Mr Watterson said the NRP, which had helped the Government win support for its new constitution, felt betrayed and he vowed that the party would resist the new plan at every turn.

Provincial councils to go

By David Braun,
Political Correspondent

PARLIAMENT — Provincial councils will be phased out from the end of April next year as the Government introduces its new constitutional dispensation at the second tier, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Mr Chris Heunis, said in the House of Assembly yesterday

This ends years of uncertainty about the shape and role of the crucial second tier of government under the new Constitution, which provides for consensus administration by whites, coloured people and Indians

Mr Heunis said the Cabinet had decided that

- The present provincial dispensation be terminated between April 29 1986 and June 30 1986 and provincial ordinances which had not obtained parliamentary status as a result of the transfer of own functions would obtain the status of Acts of Parliament in the province concerned from that date
- The execution of those own affairs which according to the Constitution had to be reallocated to the Ministers' Council, but which at present were still provincial functions, be transferred to the respective Ministers' Councils as soon as possible

Mr Heunis said these own affairs should be dealt with in a decentralised manner by locally seated political functionaries

Such affairs could also be dealt with by a political functionary in the general structure at second level as a delegate of the Ministers' Council concerned, but with retention of their character as own affairs

Mr Heunis said the new second-tier system would deal with general affairs only

There would be a strengthened executive authority for dealing with general affairs at second level, in the form of an administrative and executive committee with extensive statutory subordinate legislative and executive powers

This body would be directly answerable to Parliament regarding political, financial and administrative matters for its handling of second-tier affairs via a special standing committee of the province concerned

"This arrangement implies that Parliament will, in future, exercise parliamentary control at the second level," Mr Heunis said

The present provincial administrations would continue to exist as second-tier administrations, taking into account the changes which would be brought about by the reallocation of own affairs to the Ministers' Councils and of functions from the central level to the lower tiers

Mr Heunis said the Cabinet was still to approve suggestions regarding which government functions could be devolved from central level to second, regional and local tiers

Key to the new system

PARLIAMENT — The Cabinet's decision regarding second-level government under the new Constitution may be summarised as follows

- **The present largely autonomous provincial councils which are elected by the voters of each province are to be abolished next year**
- **Certain functions of the provincial councils and their back-up administrations are to be transferred to the "own affairs" administrations at central level (white, coloured or Indian Ministers' Councils) while certain others may be devolved to regional and local levels**
- **The remaining functions, all of which will be of "general affairs" nature (common to all three race groups) are to be catered for by administrative and executive committees with extensive legislative and executive powers**
- **The new executive committees are to be appointed by the State President from the political arena as an extension of the central Government They will be directly answerable to Parliament for their handling of second-level affairs via special Parliamentary Standing committees**
- **The Administrator is empowered to make a final decision in the event of conflict on an executive committee.**
- **There are to be no further provincial elections and any vacancies occurring between now and the abolition of the provincial councils are to be filled by appointment**

SCRAPPING OF PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Provinces: Nats keep control

BRUCE CAMERON of the Argus Political Staff reports on the Government's decision to abolish provincial councils.

The proposed provincial deal announced in Parliament yesterday is an extension of the new constitution, bringing coloured people and Indians into the system but effectively ensuring that the National Party maintains firm control

By scrapping the legislative functions of the provinces the Government has avoided the embarrassing situation of creating costly and complex tricameral systems at provincial level and, for it, a politically unacceptable unitary system with all three race groups making decisions together

There are still wide gaps in the Government proposals but it is obvious that it has no intention of letting the provincial system be dominated by race groups other than whites

The new provincial executives, which Mr Heunis says will be multiracial, will be appointed by the State President

And the Administrators will have the power to take the final decisions — that cannot as is the case now be outvoted by the other members of the executives

So even if there were to be a majority of non-Nationalists it would make no real difference

No doubt as was the case with the election of the State President the National Party will claim that it is possible for an Indian or a coloured to be an Administrator but it will not point out that it will also be totally improbable

The new executive committees, and in particular the Administrators, will have virtually dictatorial powers and will not be answerable to the electorate

They will be answerable to the Government and voters of a particular province will not be able to oust a provincial executive

There are suggestions that the State President will take into account the political make-up of a province in making appointments but it is unlikely that control will go to a non-Nationalist majority For example a provincial executive of Natal representing racial and political majorities would probably not have a single Nationalist and would have an Indian majority

At a Press conference the Minister of Constitutuional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, said it was a "reasonable deduction" that, for instance, the New Republic Party would lose control in Natal, despite the majority of white Natal voters giving the party their support

The loss of control is not as important in the other three provinces where the National Party already is in control, as in Natal

The pace of change in Natal and relationships with other race groups will now be entirely dictated by the central government leaving no room for regional differences

However Natal is not entirely on its own in being different There are many differences between the National Party-controlled provinces in such things as the setting of fees and licensing

There are proposals that joint standing committees will be formed with members of Parliament from all three houses being members to act as the Parliamentary watchdogs of the new executives

However the powers of the executives will be delegated through the ministers of general affairs who will as such maintain the real control

Jealously-guarded institutions such as the Natal Parks Board are hardly likely to be scrapped under the new system but where an elected Natal Provincial Council appointed its members before, its members will be appointed by another body — either at central government level or by the new provincial executive

Mr Heunis says blacks will be consulted about the new provincial system and would not commit himself either to their inclusion or exclusion

However indications are that as is the case with the proposed local government regional service councils, blacks are likely to be indirectly involved in matters which affect them without receiving direct representation

Exactly what powers and functions the new executives will have are yet to be worked out and will only probably become known next year

But general affairs such as roads, nature conservation and horse racing will remain at provincial level administratively

All existing provincial legislation will automatically obtain Parliamentary status in terms of legislation to be put before Parliament and thereafter further legislation or amending legislation will be dealt with by Parliament

It is likely that numerous bills can be expected to rationalise some of the legislation and make it more uniform

Hirsch hits at 'glaring omission of blacks'

By Argus Provincial Reporter MICHAEL MORRIS

PLANS for second-tier government to replace provincial councils "make nonsense of the Goverment's supposed support for devolution of power", says the Leader of the Opposition in the Cape Provincial Council, Mr Herbert Hirsch

Mr Hirsch also criticises the proposals for the "glaring omission of some provision for the inclusion of blacks"

"I can only hope this will come about in the foreseeable future otherwise our major problems will defy solution," he said

Mr Hirsch was reacting to the proposals spelled out in Parliament by Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, for scrapping provincial councils and creating a new form of second-tier government

Mr Hirsch said it "is clear that when this statement of intent is implemented, it will mean greater centralisation of power, thus making nonsense of the Goverment's supposed support for the devolution of power and of the federal structure of their own party

"All that will be achieved will be the delegation of executive and administrative responsibility to a politically appointed provincial executive which will presumably exclude political debate at that level"

Mr Hirsch said his motion to the Provincial Council next week — calling for democratic, non-racial second-tier government with legislative powers — made it clear that his caucus "believes that some form of second-tier government is necessary in the context of the present South African dispensation"

"We believe that decision-making should take place as close as possible to the man and woman in the street

"I am opposed to the filling of casual vacancies in existing provincial concils by political parties, even though it would be only for a limited time This would introduce a policy which would be highly undesirable"

Mr Hirsch said "Looking back at the non-racial Parliament in the old Cape Colony, I can only say the implementation of these proposals in their present form will herald a sad day in South Africa's history"

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Govt decides to scrap Provcos

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — Provincial councils are to be terminated next year, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced yesterday

He announced the government's decision during the debate on his budget vote

In terms of the new dispensation, the new second-tier system should "in its own right only deal with general affairs" and "provincial councils as institutions with original legislative powers, will not be able to continue to exist and must thus be abolished", Mr Heunis said

Among the decisions listed by Mr Heunis were

● That the present provincial dispensation be terminated between April 29 and June 30, 1986 Provincial ordinances which had not at that stage obtained parliamentary status, as a result of the transfer of own functions, would obtain the status of Acts of Parliament in the province concerned from that date

Vacancies

● That vacancies which occurred until the expiry date in a provincial council be filled by appointment by the party in the ranks of which the vacancy occurred.

● That the execution of those own affairs which, according to the constitution, had to be reallocated to the ministers' council, but which were still provincial functions, be transferred to the respective ministers' councils as soon as possible These own affairs should be dealt with in a decentralized manner by "locally seated political functionaries"

"For transitionary and efficiency reasons, such affairs could also be dealt with by a political functionary in the general structure at second level as a delegate of the ministers' council concerned, but with retention of their character as own affairs"

● That the new second-tier system should in its own right deal only with general affairs

● That there should be a strengthened executive authority for dealing with general affairs at second level (possibly in divided provinces) in the form of an administrator and executive committee with extensive statutory subordinate legislative and executive powers

This body would be directly answerable to Parliament for political, financial and administrative matters for its handling of second-tier affairs via a special standing committee of the province concerned

● That the functionaries in these executive institutions should come from the political arena and be nominated by the State President, but a member of Parliament would have to vacate his seat to fill such a position the term of office of which would be linked to that of the central government

● That at second-tier level the State President's opening speech on January 25 this year regarding liaison with black communities also be borne in mind —Sapa

'Less success' with legislation for councils

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — Provincial councils had proved themselves less successful at legislation than as executive and administrative authorities, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday.

He outlined to the Assembly during the debate on his budget vote the considerations which led to the decision to restructure second-tier government.

Among these were factors such as:

● Provincial councils represented only white communities.

● Their jurisdiction covered a limited range of functions or controls within its geographical area

● These functions were already governed by either central government policy or conformity with other provinces.

● Both Own Affairs and General Affairs matters fell under the provincial councils.

● Nearly 85 percent of the provincial budgets were subsidized by the State revenue fund.

Mr Heunis said the provincial reforms did not imply the centralization of authority with the government. The effect of the government's decision was to extend the important executive and administrative role of second-tier authorities. — Sapa

Control will pass to appointed political functionaries

Shake-up for white schools, hospitals

Star 7/5/85

By Colleen Ryan and Sue Leeman, Pretoria Bureau

The abolition of provincial councils will bring with it a major shake-up in the administration of white schools and provincial hospitals.

But while administrative structures will be fairly radically altered, there will be little change in the day-to-day running of these institutions

The administration of white schools will remain in the hands of the different provincial education departments, but they will now be controlled by political functionaries appointed by the State President and answerable to the administration for Own Affairs

Transvaal schools still fall under the TED and will feel little change except that future matric exams will be co-ordinated nationally

The Transvaal MEC for Education, Mr Fanie Schoeman, said the province's plans to introduce compulsory school fees, probably from the start of next year, would remain unchanged.

Important changes will also be made to the running of hospital services with a view to rationalising health care in South Africa.

Transferred

The administration of white, black, coloured and Indian hospitals will be transferred from the control of the provinces to the administration for Own Affairs

In practice, however, the white Own Affairs administration will administer all hospitals on an agency basis, working through appointed political functionaries in the four provinces.

The MEC for hospital services, Mr Daan Kirstein, said this morning hospital fees and the general running of hospitals would remain unchanged

The changes to provincial administration, in line with the new constitutional dispensation, were announced yesterday by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.

He said provincial councils would be abolished by June next year.

Third tier

Draft legislation will be introduced to Parliament this session to provide for a new third tier of Government

In terms of the legislation, Regional Services Councils (RSC) will be established to rationalise services provided by local authorities

White, black, coloured and Indian local authorities will have representation on the councils

Although provincial councils are to scrapped, administrators and extended executive committees will continue to have important responsibilities, such as liaising with RSCs and handling general provincial affairs such as roads.

● See pages 3, 4 and 15

Councils' abolition criticized by parties

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE government's decision to abolish provincial councils was yesterday unanimously condemned by opposition parties as an attempt to centralize power in the hands of the National Party and bypass the electoral process.

The announcement that provincial councils are to be scrapped next year and that provincial administrations are to be revamped to dovetail with the government's new constitutional scheme was made by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, in the House of Assembly

By June 30 next year at the latest, provincial councils will be replaced by a new body to be staffed by officials who will be appointed by President P W Botha and who will be answerable to Parliament

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Opposition MPCs also warned last night that

government in a new shroud of secrecy"

In Parliament, the move was immediately attacked by the PFP, the CP and the NRP

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centralization in the exercising of administrative functions

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The Natal leader of the NRP, Mr Derrick Watterson, said that "domination and dictatorship" faced the electorate in Natal — where his party will lose all 14 provincial seats it currently holds

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The present provincial administrations will continue to exist as second-tier administrations but it is now possible that larger provinces in particular could be subdivided into separate administrative authorities

Mr Heunis said that discussions with provincial authorities on implementation of changes to the existing system would continue but guaranteed provincial officials their job security

The government's proposals to remove all legislative functions from provincial administrations "make a mockery of its avowed policy of devolution of power", the leader of the opposition in the Cape Provincial Council, Mr Herbert Hirsch, told **Hilary Venables.**

Mr Hirsch said the appointment of "political functionaries" as executive members of the provincial administration meant that no political debate would take place at that level

"In effect it means the second tier will become purely administrative, with no legislative powers at all," he said.

Uniformity

"This goes against the PFP's position that decision-making should take place as close to the people as possible."

He said the fact that all provincial ordinances would become Acts of Parliament would inevitably lead to increased uniformity in the administration of the various provinces and will remove "any regional legislative differences".

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Transvaal to tighten its belt

Pretoria Correspondent

Star 7/5/85

The province of Transvaal is facing another bleak financial year

The Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, opened this year's long Provincial Council session today with a sombre forecast that the economic recession would prevent the initiation of new capital projects in the Transvaal for another three years.

The province could not take on any new financial responsibilities with regard to education, hospital services, roads or any other provincial service before the 1987/88 financial year, he said.

The eventual backlog in educational facilities alone in three years' time would be tremendous, he said.

He said that parents would have to make a bigger financial contribution to education in future.

Increases in provincial tariffs and levies, which include car licence fees, hospital tariffs and betting taxes, cannot be ruled out when he announces his budget on Thursday

Sweeping changes will not affect daily lives

Star 8/5/85

The new provincial deal, and who will pay for it

Sweeping changes to local and provincial government structures are unlikely to affect the daily lives of Transvaal residents.

But indirectly they will pay for the costly new system.

Although basic services such as schooling, hospital care and vehicle licensing will continue on the same basis, the man in the street will ultimately foot the bill for new local government levies

In terms of the Government plan, provincial councils will be abolished and their functions will be taken over either by own-affairs offices or by provincial administrators who will handle general affairs

General matters to be controlled by administrators include roads and

By Sue Leeman,
Pretoria Bureau

works as well as most local government matters, horse racing and vehicle licensing

Hospitals and schools on the other hand have been earmarked as own affairs

This will mean that separate facilities and administration for the different race groups will be maintained

Hospitals will continue to be segregated but the white own-affairs administration will run black, coloured and Indian facilities on an agency basis

Transvaal's education will remain under the auspices of the Transvaal Education Department (although this will probably have a new title) and matric exams will be co-ordinated at a national level in future.

This broad plan is in line with the new constitution for the second tier of government

Lower down the scale, on local government level, will be Regional Services Councils.

Draft legislation will be presented to Parliament for the Regional Services Councils which will provide joint services such as electricity, water and transport to all municipalities in a given region

White, black, Indian and coloured local authorities will nominate members to serve on the Regional Services Councils where joint decisions will be taken

Traders whose goods are subject to general sales tax will pay a levy based on the percentage of tax they collect.

A salary and wages levy will be paid by all business, as well as Goverment, provincial and municipal employees.

Although provincial councils are to be abolished, provincial administrators will play an important role in the new system and will liaise between the Regional Services Councils and central Government

An important principle in the proposed new Regional Services Councils system is that it allows for flexibility

It will be up to the members of a particular Regional Services Council to decide which services should be provided on a joint basis

Once the Regional Services Council has decided to provide a certain service, local authorities will lose their power over this function

In the provision of transport, for example, municipalities will have to surrender their control over individual bus services and a joint service will be provided.

Regional Services Councils will have the power to appoint outside contractors to perform certain tasks on an agency basis

The Putco bus service to Soweto, for example, is unlikely to be tampered with, and the Regional Services Council will probably ask the company to continue to provide the service on the agency principle

The Regional Services Councils could also appoint a local authority to provide a particular service

For example it is likely Johannesburg will provide services such as sewarage on an agency basis

In spite of these changes, municipalities in their present form will function as before.

Ratepayers will continue to vote for city and town councillors, and a number of these will be nominated to serve on the Regional Services Councils.

Another important provision in the new plan is that municipalities will continue to derive income from property rates as no Regional Services Council will be permitted to charge rates on property.

The money generated from property rates will continue to be spent on financing city and town councils.

NRP raps minister over council issue

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A MEASURE of consensus could have been attained over the scrapping of provincial councils if the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, had consulted the legitimate political representatives of the people, Mr Derrick Watterson (NRP Umbilo) said yesterday

Speaking during debate on Mr Heunis's budget vote, Mr Watterson said the genuine representatives of certain other races had not been consulted and no black leaders had been involved in the discussions.

Provincial representatives of the Progressive Federal Party and Conservative Party had also not been consulted

'It is again a case of the Government trying to find solutions for the problems of people without those people being involved'

Mr Watterson said the NRP's objections to the proposed new provincial authorities were the same as those of the PFP — the new sytem did not represent a devolution of power and people appointed to provincial posts would not have public accountability.

Mr Watterson said the NRP accepted the existing system had to be changed but believed it could have been adapted to meet the new requirements and to accommodate other communities

It was a pity Mr Heunis had not been prepared to accept a NRP proposal that replacement bodies for provincial councils be elected and not nominated

This was a reasonable proposal and the NRP was prepared to co-operate in finding ways of making it work.

Mr Watterson said the NRP objected to Mr Heunis's reasons for the scrapping of the councils

The minister had adopted the 'rather cynical' attitude that the councils were no longer of consequence when in fact the Government had created this situation by taking away their most relevant powers — (Sapa)

'State President will be able to do as he pleases'

PFP against demise of provincial councils

Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN—The Progressive Federal Party could not support the move to disband the provincial councils, the leader of the party, Dr F van Zyl Slabbert said yesterday

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced on Monday that the four provincial councils would be disbanded between April 29 and June 30 next year

Speaking during the debate on the Constitutional Development and Planning vote in the House of Assembly, Dr Slabbert said the reasons for this were

It amounted to a concentration of centralised executive power and a whole 'new arena of presidential largesse';

Vagueness

The 'absolute vagueness' about the alternative to the existing system, and

The lack of guarantees against the domination of opposition parties.

Dr Slabbert said that more questions were posed than answered by Mr Heunis's announcement on Monday and he was left with a feeling of 'disquiet and apprehension'.

Constitutionally, he said 'we have far more clarity on what this Government is abandoning than what it is moving towards'

Dr Slabbert said it appeared that the Government had decided in principle on 'an extensive decentralisation of administrative structures while concentrating policy-making and decision-making power'

Pleased

In place of the provincial councils, he said there would be an administrator and executive committee appointed from the 'political arena' by the President.

In other words, he spelt out, the President had the executive power to do as he pleased

What this meant, Dr Slabbert said, was that the provinces or regions would no longer have even the 'limited accountable representatives' which they had in the past.

This new body, he said, would have such administrative and financial powers as determined by the executive while a standing committee of Parliament would 'oversee' the activities of the body

Dr Slabbert said there was 'no clarity' as to which functions were to be transferred to the new body and yet Parliament was being asked to approve scrapping the provincial councils in the absence of such information

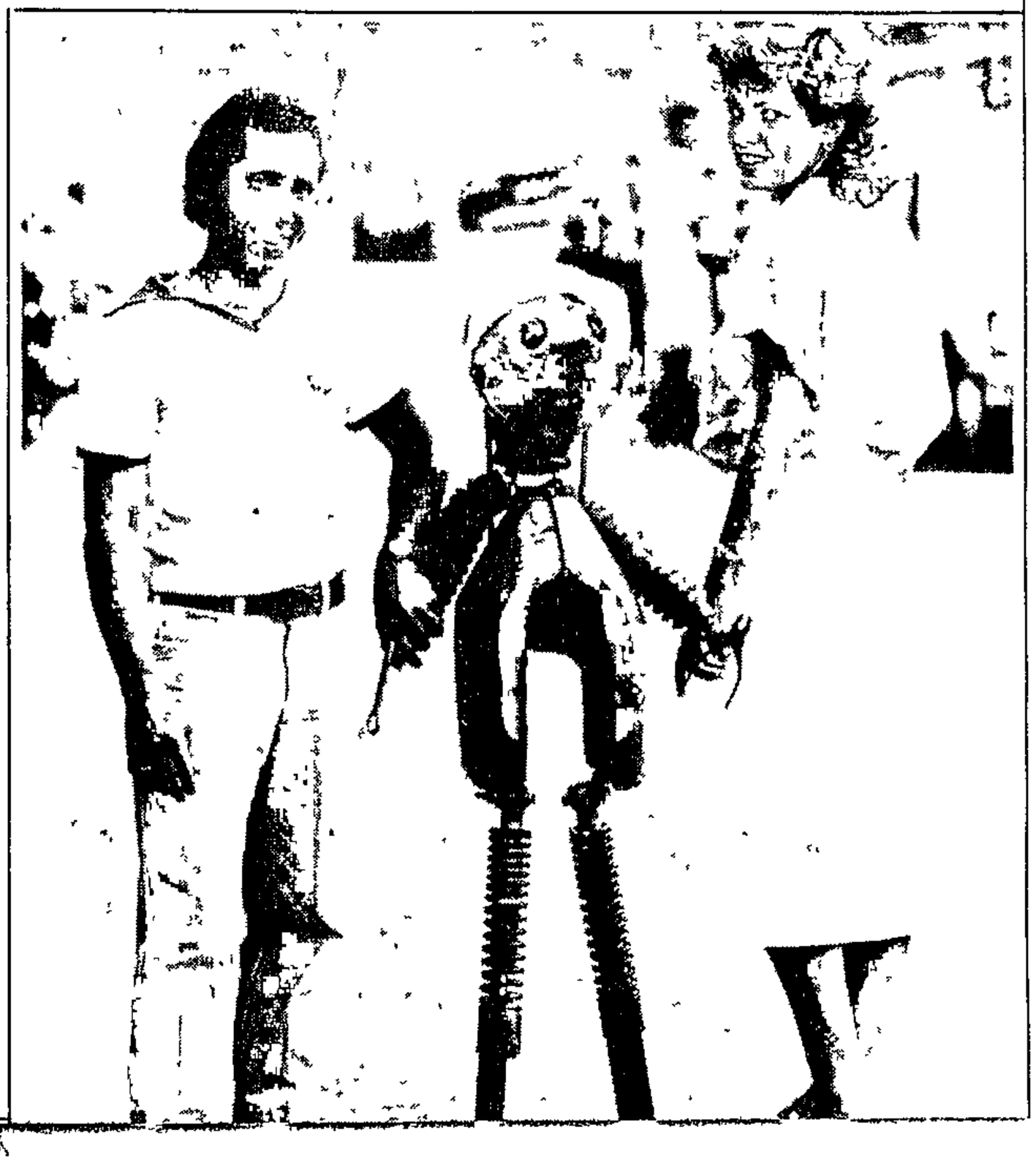
This, he said, was 'wholly untenable'

Further, he added, it was also not clear how the so-called advisory councils were to be constituted and how they were to be 'linked to the electorate'.

The New Republic Party's spokesman on Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Derrick Watterson said his party accepted that changes had to be made to bring in other racial groups

But, he said, the NRP felt that the present provincial councils could be adapted in such a way as to achieve this

He said that since 1948 when the National Party came to power there had been a gradual erosion of the powers of the provincial councils such as the removal of their right to impose taxation



Transvaal budget up 9,4%

Star 9/5/85

The Transvaal will spend a record R2 639 million during 1985/86 but Administrator Mr Willem Cruywagen warned that belt-tightening would occur all round

However, his last Budget announcement today contained no general tariff increase shocks for the man in the street

The only people who will feel an extra financial pinch will be businesses with heavy vehicles of more than 3 600 kg whose licence fees will increase from October 1

The province's budget for 1985/86 is 9,4 percent up on that of 1984/85 when costs ran to R2 412 million. — Pretoria Bureau.

RSC Bill may push up prices

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Political Staff

ORGANIZED business is expected to react vigorously to the latest version of the Regional Services Councils Bill which, it is feared, could push up prices and deepen the unemployment crisis

The bill — presented in Parliament yesterday — provides for turnover and payroll taxes on employers, and for participation of black local authorities

The intention of the bill is to establish bodies for joint provision of services at local government level

Two fundamental questions remain to be answered What tax rates are to be applied, and will black local authorities be able to participate effectively in view of the damage inflicted to black local government by civil unrest in recent months?

The government can also expect a host of other objections concerning the impact on general cost structures and likely disincentives to job creation

More direct representation

Spokesmen for organized commerce and industry reacted to the tax proposals with serious reservation yesterday They will continue to press for more direct representation on regional services councils (RSCs) — since their members are funding these bodies — and they would also prefer that the tax proposals be referred to the Margo Commission

They also do not believe that the lifting of other employer levies will offset the new taxes, which, according to calculations made by commerce, industry and government officials last year on the rate of taxation, could raise at least R1 billion

Commerce and industry were backed by Mr Harry Schwarz, MP for Yeoville and chief finance spokesman for the Progressive Federal Party, who said the turnover tax could have an effect on prices comparable to an increase of up to two percent in GST He said despite appeals by the minister that the tax not be passed on to the consumer, he had no doubt that with profits under pressure this was inevitable

Need to create jobs

He described the payroll tax as a hindrance to job creation in urban areas It would encourage an intensification of capital-intensive industry, and act as an incentive to decentralize at a time when the country needed to create jobs as cheaply as possible — which was best achieved in urban areas because of the lower cost of infrastructure

He drew attention to the heavy tax burden carried by business and consumers, and called on the government to refer its proposals to the Margo Commission first

The turnover tax is described as an regional establishment levy, defined as a levy on the total sales on which a vendor pays GST — including food products on which GST is not paid, and on others not liable to pay GST such as wholesalers and manufacturers

The tax on the wage/salary bills paid by employers has been described as a regional services levy, and defined as remuneration paid to an employee in service within a RSC region

Tax-deductible operating expenses

It includes Amounts paid to directors of private or public companies, all taxable benefits paid to employees, and profits paid out to partners or sole traders by way of withdrawals or loans

The levies are to be regarded as tax-deductible operating expenses They may not be added to prices or tariffs as a separate specified item, or be deducted from salaries/wages Failure to pay them will be punished by a fine of up to R5 000 and/or 12 months' imprisonment

It is understood that the government intends the bill to be passed by the end of this session of Parliament

One of the RSCs' highest priorities will be the provision of revenue for development of infrastructure in black urban areas

Council funding method attacked

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Organized commerce and industry say higher inflation and more unemployment will result from the method of funding regional government proposed by the Regional Services Councils Bill published in Parliament yesterday

The Bill proposes levies on company wage bills and turnover to pay for the new all-race councils which will take over most of the functions of local authorities — including water, electricity, sewerage, traffic control and libraries — on a regional basis

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● **Call to refer proposed tax to Margo, page 12**

Govt plans to change influx control laws

Political Correspondent

THE government was giving urgent attention to ways of reducing the influx of "illegal" and unemployed immigrants into the Western Cape, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, warned last night.

However, he also announced that draft legislation aimed at a "thorough" softening of influx control legislation — which is likely to ease the hated pass law system — is likely to be submitted to a Parliamentary select committee in the second half of this year

In a major policy speech to the Cape Employers Association, Dr Viljoen also announced that:

● He did not believe that the scrapping of all influx control would be feasible or practical,

● Efforts were being made to eliminate unnecessarily restrictive regulations which have the effect of creating large numbers of technical transgressions,

● He could see "no reason why a properly upgraded Crossroads could not ultimately qualify for leasehold together with the rest of Nyanga",

● The number of squatters at Crossroads was "far higher" than initially estimated and that approval had consequently been given for the development of two more informal settlement areas to the north of Khayelitsha,

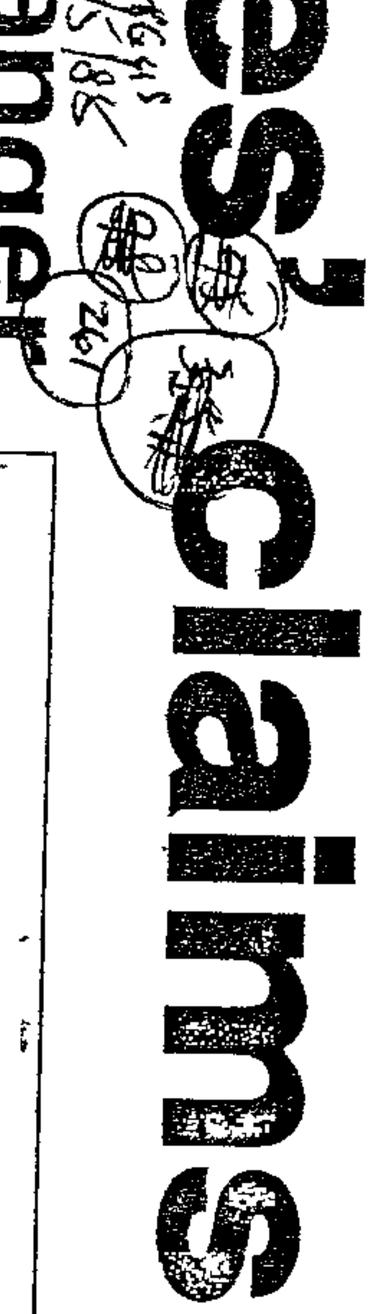
● Blacks moving to Khayelitsha under the 18-month residential permit system could "resolve the impasse over the legality issue" by becoming economically active during the 18-month period and then have their permit extended

Dr Viljoen said "urgent attention" was being given to achieving more effective influx control To this end, he appealed to employers to "studiously avoid" employing persons who were not authorized to work in the Western Cape

The government would continue with its strategy of stemming the influx of work seekers into the Western Cape by creating employment opportunities in areas like the Eastern Cape and the homelands

Nurses' complaints spark off counter-claims

But still work hours at issue



By LINDA PIETERSEN
Weekend Argus Reporter

The Cape Director of Hospital Services and the Administrator have disputed complaints by nurses that they have to work overlong hours — and complaints that the current austerity measures are making things even worse

But angry nurses objected to the official version of the amount of time they work and claim that "unofficially" they often work more than 46 hours a week

In Weekend Argus last week CPA nurses expressed their anger over having to work an extra 2½ hours a week, like other provincial employees They said this would mean they would have to work 12½ hours on some shifts

But the Director of Hospital Services, Dr N S Louw, said this week nurses do not work longer than an eight-hour day During the 7am—7pm shift, nurses "have four hours off which is determined by a duty roster", he said

Time off

And the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said "Nurses work exactly the same additional time as other provincial employees and they are given time off for working beyond 42½-hours a week"

But nurses who called Weekend Argus this week said although some shifts begin at 7am, nurses have to be on duty at least 15 minutes earlier to take over from the night staff and at the end of the day, handing over duties often takes up to half an hour

They claimed also that incorporating lunch-times into the nurses' working week has been scrapped, whereas CPA administrative staff work a 42½ hour week, which includes their lunch-break

Roster

Nurses at some hospitals said the four hours off arrangement mentioned by Dr Louw was scrapped for them some time ago and the working week at many hospitals consists of three shifts of 7am to 7pm and one shift of 7am to 3 30pm The matron draws up the roster to meet the demands of the wards, they said

But, said a spokesman for Groote Schuur Hospital's head matron, it was the nurses' choice to work four days a week and get three full days off

"It is easier on transport and better for those with families if they have three unbroken days off"

Nurses at one provincial hospital say they have been informed that instead of increasing night duty by half an hour a night, their weekly pay will be reduced

Frustration

"There is a high level of frustration among the nursing sector and whereas we used to work overtime willingly we are now forced into longer hours," the nurses said

"During the time a nurse is on duty, she is continually at the beck and call of both the patients and doctors," said the Red Cross children's hospital head matron, Miss D McWilliams

"Nurses do seem concerned about the extra hours," she said

Nurses who spoke to Weekend Argus said they considered themselves already overtaxed and thought they should be exempt from the 2½ hour weekly increase because they feel it is counter-productive and "shifts are so well organised they overlap anyway"

Dr Louw stated emphatically that nurses have been told their night duty pay will not be affected by the working hour increases

The Administrator said "Last weekend's report created the impression of a cold and harsh attitude on the part of the administration, but nurses are close to our hearts We recognise that they have made sacrifices and we have to reward them accordingly

"Extended working hours are a sacrifice made by all employees as a contribution to the Government's promotion of productivity at a time when we are experiencing harsh economic setbacks and problems"

Durban RSC could be set up 'in months at minimal cost'

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Mercury Reporter

A REGIONAL service council (RSC) could be set up in the Durban area within months and at minimal cost because of the groundwork already done by the Metropolitan Consultative Committee, according to Metrocom chairman Mr Owen Jones

Metrocom had also prepared the way for the inclusion of blacks in decision making in the Durban region, he said

'An RSC could be established in the Durban area within months with a minimum of staff The existing authorities could contribute services as agents of the council,' Mr Jones told the Mercury

Durban's Mayor, Mr Neil MacLennan, agreed that Metrocom's work had put the region in a strong position regarding regionalisation.

'But that does not mean everything will go smoothly from the start

'We will all have to adapt to changes'

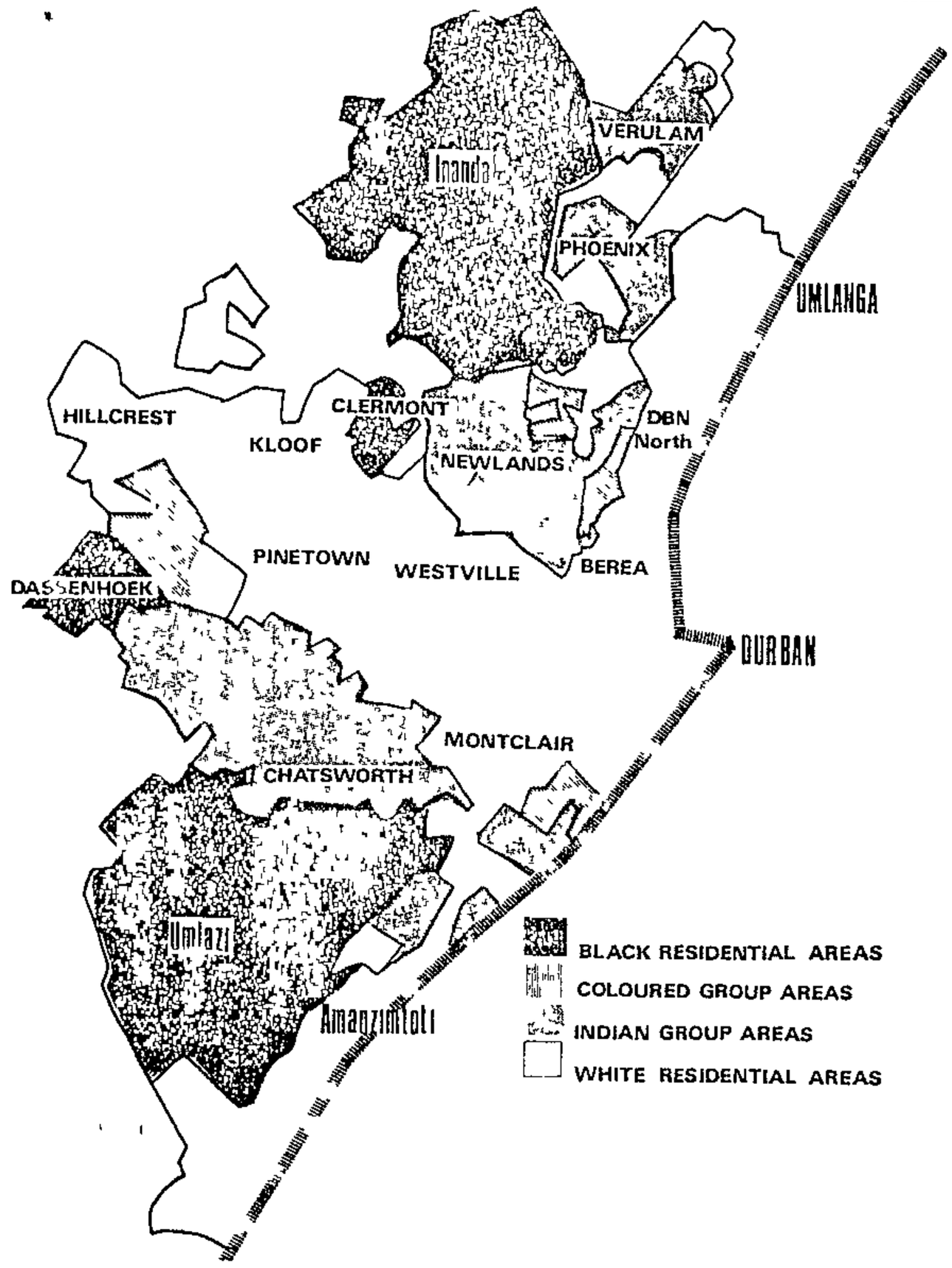
Mr Jones said Metrocom had laid the basis for the inclusion of blacks in the RSC by including township and KwaZulu Government representatives in the planning process

The Regional Services Councils Bill published in Parliament this week provides for full black representation on the councils and the inclusion of black local authorities and homeland areas to be served by the councils

One of the priorities of an RSC in the Durban area would be the extention of services to black residential areas, Mr Jones said

He did not agree with criticisms by organised commerce and industry of the way the new councils would be funded

'Without the additional taxation the RSCs will be totally incapable of functioning, especially in the Durban area'



The extent of the regional services council for the greater Durban area proposed by the Durban Metropolitan Consultative Committee last year

New council 'will closely resemble'

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African Affairs Correspondent

ULUNDI—The Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, says it is imperative that the authorities in Natal and KwaZulu should be closely involved in formulating policy such as the Draft Bill on regional service councils announced this week

Responding to the announcement, Chief Buthelezi said it was extremely important that consensus about the structure should be sought before its implementation and that new structures should not be imposed on the region with consensus confined to the period after the structure had been put into operation

He said he was appalled that the finalising of this Bill was going to be done within the precincts of the tri-cameral Parliament which excluded 72 percent of the population from having any say whatsoever'

Determined

Chief Buthelezi criticised the extent to which the Government found it necessary to arm itself with a 'big brother' presence and to force on the Administrator the 'onerous responsibilities' which the wide powers defined in the Bill thrust

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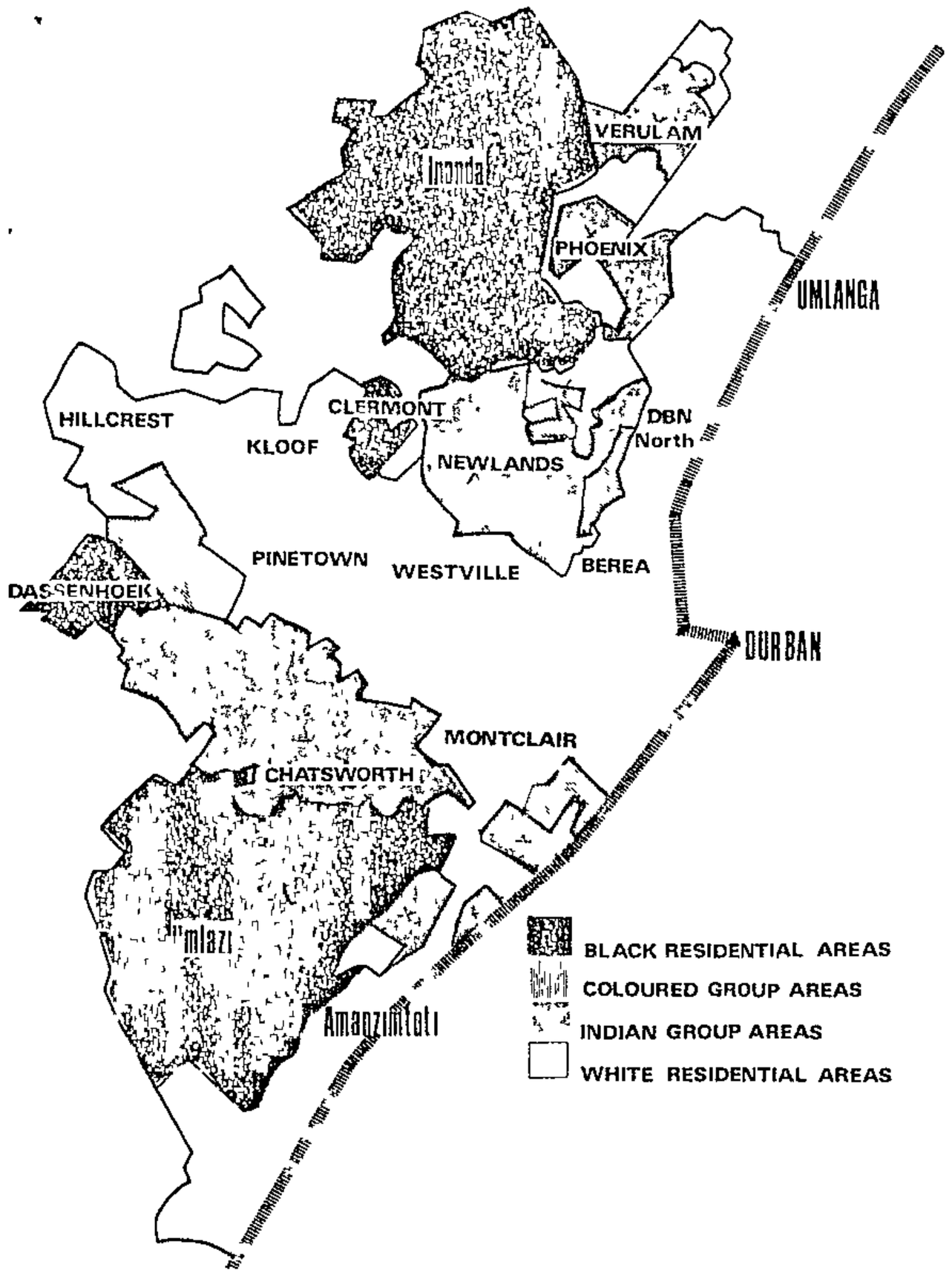

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'Necessity for consensus between the authorities'

African Affairs Correspondent

ULUNDI—The Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, says it is imperative that the authorities in Natal and KwaZulu should be closely involved in formulating policy such as the Draft Bill on regional service councils announced this week.

Responding to the announcement, Chief Buthelezi said it was extremely important that consensus about the structure should be sought before its implementation and that new structures should not be imposed on the region with consensus confined to the period after the structure had been put into operation

He said he was appalled that the finalising of this Bill was going to be done within the precincts of the tri-cameral Parliament which excluded 72 percent of the population from having any say whatsoever '

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was some recognition of points made by the Buthelezi Commission, including an acknowledgement that there was a necessity for consensus decision-making between the KwaZulu and the Natal authorities

He was concerned, however, about the nature of representation on the proposed council

'If this is in any way weighted to favour one group over the other, it will unavoidably lead to a speedy collapse of the effectiveness of the structure, and will, in fact, militate against the willingness of KwaZulu to participate in it,' Chief Buthelezi said

He said he was deeply concerned about the consequences of the thinking contained in the Draft Bill for a place like Durban

'There were about 1 400 000 black squatters in the Greater Durban area, Chief Buthelezi maintained

'By the nature of the structuring of authority and services rendered by authorities, these people will remain outcasts in decision-making and blacks, now represented to the extent that they are on local black councils; will remain at the bottom end of the scales of influence in decision-making,' he said

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Mercury Correspondent

CAPE TOWN—The task of collecting the levies to be imposed by the new regional service councils could put even greater strains on the Department of Inland Revenue, Mr Harry Schwarz, chief spokesman on finance for the Progressive Federal Party, said yesterday

He said the RSCs did not have the infrastructure to handle it and local authorities — in spite of the Government's intention that they should collect the levies — did not not have the experience or the machinery

The only conclusion that could be drawn from this was that the job would devolve on the Department of Finance and its inland revenue officials, which was already undermanned, overworked and battling to cope with the existing problems of collecting personal, company and general sales tax

He predicted that the new regional dispensation would be accompanied by a fresh army of bureaucrats just to collect the levies

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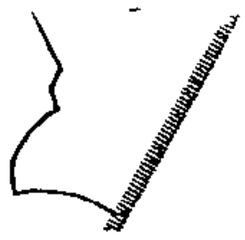

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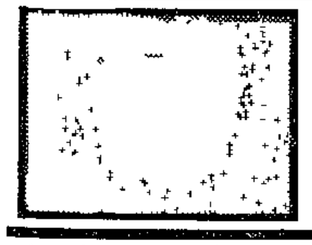

Sunday Tribune 12/4/85

By KIM McGOWAN

FIRST they took away "the beer Natal made famous" — and now it seems they have taken away Natal

Beer is one thing but Natal, the province, the last outpost of the British Empire, and all that it stands for, is something else altogther

The Government's recent announcement of the dismantling of provincial councils sent short, sharp shockwaves darting around this so very English province

Douglas Mitchell, the former United Party MP for South Coast, thinks it is "disgraceful"

"That a legislation, which has been functioning for 75 years, should be abolished with the stroke of a pen is unbelievable It is doomed to shipwreck There is no hope that it can be made to work," said Mr Mitchell

"We have one man in control here and he keeps coming up with new-fangled schemes There is not a country in the world where such a scheme has proved successful"

"It is an untried and unwanted provision that has never been put to the South African public for consideration It will end up being administered by a second-rate clerk in Pretoria"

Not only that, there is a big fear that the Banana Province has finally fallen into the hands of the National Party

Warwick Webber thinks it has

He is the former Natal leader of the New Republic Party, who was expelled from the party during the 1983 Referendum campaign because of his public support for a "no" vote against the NRP's official support for the "yes" vote

"I wish I knew a bit more about what Heunis is talking about The Nats are so full of double talk, I do not believe a single word of what they are saying," said Mr Webber

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RAW . . . disappointed, bloodied — but the man is still on his feet!

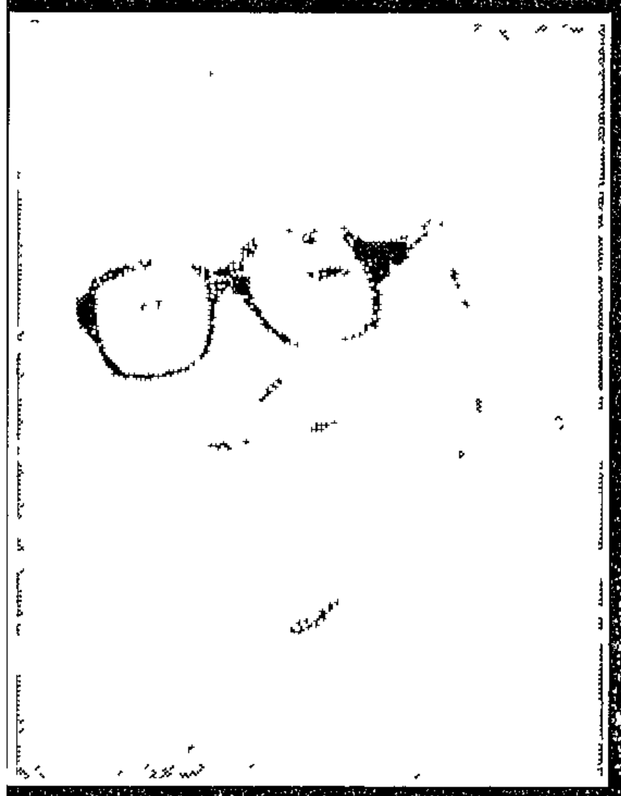
By JOHN MacLENNAN, Political Correspondent

THE scrapping of the provincial councils is the latest in a series of disasters which have beset the New Republic Party and its lineal forebears

Now some observers say the party must surely die at last and Natal is to lose its unique flavour as the only province which is not dominated by the Nationalists at provincial level

But Vause Raw — if there is a Mr NRP it is surely the MP for Durban Point — has, arguably, lived through bigger and better crises during his 30 years on the opposition benches He believes this week's events may even bring Natal voters back to the middle-of-the-road party which has ruled Natal without, what he calls "blemish or scandal", for 75 years

VAUSE RAW has considered and absorbed the latest body blow like a veteran boxer who knows how to roll with disa



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given day and say: "Gentlemen, I intend scrapping the provincial system and am looking for ideas for something to put in its place. Have you any suggestions?"

They would have. Very different ones, some of them. Some common ones. Even some that Mr Botha would find acceptable, perhaps. He might share his ideas with them, test their reaction. Then, as he does with the members of his economic advisory committee and suchlike, he could thank them, send them on their way and caution them that he might well want to talk to them again before going public on his plans for change.

What a difference it would make. Far from a perfect system of consultation. But a beginning. Listening first, deciding afterwards, instead of imposing predetermined changes intended as reforms and learning too late that for very good reasons those he was seeking to accommodate were unimpressed.

Chief Buthelezi has again criticised the Government for not consulting blacks before changing the political format. His case is unanswerable; his frustration understandable.

The Government cannot any longer afford to act as if it alone has the solution to the needs of all South Africans. It is imperative that a real start be made to involve blacks in policy making. Both the President and black leaders must get together and get used to getting together to talk. Talking must become a habit. If it is delayed any longer a point could well be reached that when the invitation to meet is finally extended, genuinely representative black leaders will refuse to accept it.

That would be disastrous.

Urgent action

RATHER than wait for the outcome inquests on the deaths of trade unionist Andries Raditsela and Congress of South African Students organiser Sipo Mutsi, the State President should appoint a judicial inquiry immediately. Both deaths followed police inquiries and give rise to public misgivings.

Immediate investigation, thorough and urgent, is essential. Delay in the wake of the Steve Biko and Neil Aggett tragedies will cause immeasurable harm.

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This 63-year-old party stalwart, who remembers the days when the old SAP ruled with a majority of 82, sees new hope for the depleted five-MP party to which he belongs and believes the bad news will have this effect "If the voters want the voice of Natal to be heard in future they will have to send NRP members to Parliament"

He is joined in this sentiment by NRP Natal leader Derrick Watterson, who says "People will take a cool, hard look at the situation and decide that the UP and the NRP have done a bloody good job of looking after their interests

If there is any logic involved in politics it will give us a fillip"

The situation — particularly bad for Natal — is this provincial councils will be scrapped next year and replaced by executive boards consisting of Government-appointed white, Indian and coloured politicians to handle general affairs Own affairs will be handled by the Minister's Councils in the three houses of Parliament

The boards will be accountable to Pretoria instead of the voters of Natal and it is virtually certain they will be dominated by Nationalists

All three opposition parties in the House of Assembly immediately slammed the new deal, but the NRP is in the invidious situation of first having supported the constitutional proposals generally and now being seen to cry "Ouch!" as the detail unfolds

But Mr Raw ("Yes, I still enjoy the challenge of politics") thinks the latest crisis does not come close to matching the events of 1977 when a snap general election caught the newly-formed NRP without a properly formulated policy and whittled its number of MPs from 30 to 10

Like a boxer, who believes the sound of the bell signals another round and not the end of the fight, he comes out with his gloves up and says support of the tricameral system "was a calculated risk Everybody recognised provincial councils could not continue unchanged as white organisations

"Our stand throughout the referendum — and it was one of the conditions of our support — was that there should be elective second-tier administration we expected that and we will still fight for that"

In his view, the NRP has two courses It must strive to persuade the Government to switch to an elective system, or the appointees "must carry the confidence of the people of Natal"

Mr Watterson is also adamant the party was not led up the garden path "We supported the concept of the constitution for change, but we gave an undertaking at the time that we would not support everything We didn't expect any favours, but we were given a gratuitous kick in the pants because a provincial system could have been adopted to produce a democratic executive as opposed to an autocratic one We will never give our support to a system which is not democratic"

Asked why the party doesn't just leave the field and allow the real players to get on with the game, as has been suggested by some of its more strident critics, Mr Raw says the NRP still represents the "views and philosophy of tens of thousands of people We have a hard core of voters in every constituency Natal will be the springboard and there are other areas where we have very good support"

And, naturally, he believes it has a role to play in representing moderate opinion "Our policies are still in advance of what has been achieved and I see that role continuing It is not a question of numbers We have got to be an independent party with freedom of thought in order to continue our role in the reformist era

"I don't think we are going to stay at five members People will increasingly realise what the NRP has contributed to change in South Africa

"If we didn't exist the Nats would have a free hand and white politics would become simply confrontation between the NP (while watching its right wing) and the CP, and the PFP — looking to a non-racial, non-group solution based on a majority rule system This will be a disaster"

He discounts reports that the NRP will break up next year

Why I'm still prepared to give it a go!

By FRANK MARTIN, Natal's longest serving MPC

I SUPPORT the new constitutional dispensation as it is beginning to unfold I want to repeat what I said during the Referendum in an article in the *Natal Witness* of September 28, 1983 I said that if I did not believe that blacks were to be included in a constitutional dispensation some time in the future, I would definitely not be voting yes on November 2

I pointed out that I held this view because having been involved with the nuts and bolts of government I could see the moves that were being made at local and at second-tier government level to accommodate the other race groups, including blacks, and I remained unconvinced that one could give representation at these levels to blacks and then say so far and no further

I do not believe there are many whites in South Africa who really believe the status quo in our political life could be maintained for all time The general feeling was that there simply had to be changes to the system that would allow accommodation with the other race groups to be reached

The question the voters should have asked themselves, but apparently in some cases did not, was how an accommodation could be reached with the other races without any one group being able to swamp any other group If that question was truthfully answered then it became painfully obvious that the institutions that had served us so well since 1910 could not remain as they were

With the acceptance of the Constitution during the Referendum, the tricameral parliament was introduced in 1984 That spelt the end of the old Parliament as we knew it, including the old Senate that was abolished a few years earlier

That then leaves the question of the four all-white Provincial Councils and I am absolutely certain that for financial, practical and administrative reasons the tricameral system in Parliament could not be repeated at all four levels of Provincial Councils in South Africa

One must remember that the multiracial Executive Committees at second-tier level are going to be handling, in their own rights, only those matters of general affairs The own affairs portfolios will be handled by the white House of Assembly and could be handled on an agency basis at second-tier level, but the multiracial Executive Committees will be handling matters of general affairs only

This will be by way of consultation, initiation, reference to a standing committee of Parliament consisting of Members of Parliament for any particular Province from the three race groups represented in Parliament I sincerely believe that if there is less ill-informed speculation as to how the new system is going to work and a little more faith and patience then perhaps many people will be surprised to see how easily a system, that at the moment is suspect in many quarters, does really work and how that system really works in practice

■This is the article to which Mr Martin refers above. "If I did not believe that blacks were to be included in a constitutional dispensation at some time in the future I would definitely not be voting 'Yes' on November 2.

"I hold the view because, being involved with the nuts and bolts of government, I can see the moves that are being made at local and second-tier government level to accommodate the other race groups — including blacks. But I am not convinced that you can give representation at these levels to blacks, and they say that is it, so far and no further.

"For 35 years I have seen laws introduced which are aimed at the separation of the races. Now we are looking at the first piece of legislation that is aimed not at separating people on the basis of colour, but at bringing them together

"However inadequate the constitution may be, I sincerely believe that it will see the beginning of a reversal of the negative effects of the last 35 years."

"I suppose on paper you could argue that the creation of three separate parliaments for the three race groups involved merely entrenches the whole concept of apartheid. But this presupposes that the Indian and coloured houses are going to do exactly what the Nationalists tell them. I don't assume that at all. I would imagine, for example, a major assault on such legislation as the Immorality Act, the Mixed Marriages Act, and even the Group Areas Act."

THE GOOD OLD DAYS .. This NRP election poster says it all. Then the party decided to vote Yes in the Referendum and now it remains to be seen how free Natal will be after the demise of the provincial council

"What about all the veto mechanisms in the constitution which appear to be designed to prevent Indian and coloured opinion from having much effect on legislative decisions?

"I believe that their opinions must have an effect. The worst thing that could happen is a repetition of the failure of the Coloured Representative Council system. I don't think the Government wants that, and it will therefore be compelled to listen to coloured and Indian opinion."

Asked if he thought that a "Yes" vote, which would be inevitably seen by blacks as meaning their exclusion from national politics, would not have the effect of forcing leaders into much more radical positions, Mr Martin said · "Of course this would be absolutely true, but only if one accepts that there will be no accommodation of blacks in the new set-up. I don't believe that it will be possible to exclude them. The official NRP position on the new constitution is that in spite of many shortcomings — the exclusion of blacks being the main one — we will give it a qualified 'Yes', but on condition that the inclusion of blacks will be the main negotiating point after the new dispensation has been introduced."

What would be the effects of a "No" vote majority?

"The Government will face serious challenges if the new set-up is introduced, but I believe if the answer given in the referendum is an overwhelming 'No', the challenges will be even greater because there will then be no question of discussion and consultation. It will be simple confrontation.

"I say this because I don't believe that after a 'No' vote victory the Government would be a government of moderate or verligte Afrikaners. It would almost certainly be a government of radical rightwing Afrikaners because the moderates would have lost face."

In summing up the issues at stake: "It depends what you want. If you want a return to the old style of confrontation politics then vote 'No'. If you want increasing consultation and negotiation of the future, then vote 'Yes'. The new constitution has many defects, but for myself I'm going to give it a go."

It won't be business as usual for Natal ...

12/5/85
Sunday Tribune

By RAY SWART, Natal leader of the PFP

I DO not agree with the Administrator of Natal, when he is quoted as saying "it will be business as usual" for Natal when the Provincial Council system is abolished

The scrapping of the Provincial Council System represents a major change in the practical administration of those aspects of public policy which have hitherto been the responsibility of the provinces.

It also represents the disappearance of the last vestige of autonomy of the provinces — an autonomy which, for Natal in particular, has been a rallying point in politics for three-quarters of a century

History shows Natal has always been extremely jealous of its autonomy but, alas, never very successful in preserving it Bit by bit it has been taken away from us, and now it is to go altogether

True, the new Constitution provided, inter alia, for the phasing out of the Provincial System and those who advocated a yes vote in the Referendum knew this to be so But the bland announcement by Minister Heunis this week that it is to go next year, and the somewhat sketchy substitute which he has outlined, has come as an obvious shock to even those who voted yes less than two years ago

From next year it won't be "business as usual" for the Provincial Executive Committee (Exco as it is known)

The four-man "Provincial Cabinet" will no longer have to account to the voters of Natal by whom they are presently elected via their membership of the Provincial Council They will have to account to the State President by whom they will be appointed

They will carry out his dictates, not the dictates of the Natal electorate

The administration of departments may remain in Natal but the policy will be dictated by Pretoria or Cape Town To quote Minister Heunis "This body (Exco) will be directly answerable to Parliament for its handling of second-tier political, financial and administrative matters via a special standing committee for the province concerned

This arrangement implies that Parliament will thus, in future, exercise Parliamentary control at second level"

So here is centralisation of policy control, whatever administrative decentralisation may follow

Gone is the province's control of policy relating to such matters as conservation, Parks Boards, Sunday observance, etc These are "general affairs" in respect of which Parliament will in future, exercise "Parliamentary control"

Matters categorised as own affairs, in terms of the new Constitution, will now be transferred "to the respective Ministers' Councils as soon as possible" — that is to the white, coloured and Asian Houses

The words of Minister Heunis "These own affairs should be dealt with in a decentralised manner by locally-based political functionaries", sound ominous Gauleiters, perhaps?

All of this would have been totally repugnant to Natalians of yesteryear

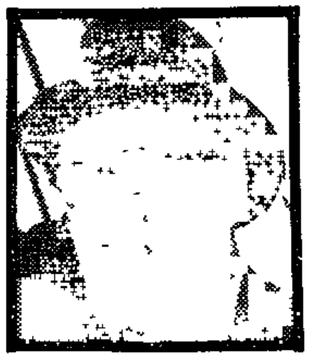
I search back into history to find Frederick Moor, Prime Minister of Natal at the time of the National Convention and Union, saying "I believe the Federal System is the only workable one that will come out in the Convention when it assembles"

In support of his belief Moor, and his four fellow Natal delegates, pleaded for federation at the convention and submitted a draft constitution based on the federal concept

It was rejected, and a unitary constitution was adopted, but with the provincial system included as a sop to those who hankered after a degree of provincial autonomy and independence

On this basis, Natal voters, in a referendum, accepted the new unitary constitution in 1910 But they and their representatives remained very jealous of the provincial powers they had retained, even as these were threatened or truncated decade after decade

HEUNIS ... A bland announcement and a sketchy substitute



MALAN: Concentrated government

In the late Twenties, during the regime of the Hertzog Nationalist Government, there were powerful moves to do away with the provincial system Dr Malan, a member of the Hertzog Government, expressed the view that South Africa would never become "a nation" until all executive government was concentrated in Pretoria

In 1930, because of its financial difficulties, the OFS Provincial Council asked the central Government to take over its responsibilities and there appeared to be no strong sentiment outside Natal in favour of the provincial system

But in Natal there were years of turmoil, featuring the "Devolution League" which pleaded for "Home Rule" and caused the SA Party controlled Provincial Council to come out strongly in favour of the retention and strengthening of the provincial system

The Party (Smuts' Party) produced, and accepted, the Hollander Memorandum recommending, inter alia, the entrenchment of provincial powers, that the Administrator be elected rather than nominated, and that the powers of the province be considerably extended

The adoption of the Hollander Memorandum was soon overshadowed by the birth of the Fusion Goverment and later by World War 2

Natal remained vigilant, however, and after the Nat Government came into power in 1948 all attempts by the central Government to interfere with provincial rights were bitterly resisted

As recently as 1952 the Natal Provincial Council passed a resolution calling for effective entrenchment of certain provisions of the Constitution of particular significance to Natal, and a Natal "convention" was held in support of these contentions

So Natal has a proud record of having fought for the right to retain a provincial identity and a degree of provincial independance and autonomy

Its record in regard to the position of people other than whites in the battle is, alas, not so proud Indeed the same Frederick Moor and his collegues who stood out so strongly for federalism and provincial autonomy at the time of Union, were vigorously opposed to the extension or entrenchment of the Cape Native franchise and, according to one historian, believed "that the black man was incapable of civilisation" and was "absolutely opposed to placing them in a position to legislate for white men"

By contrast, the only enlightened Natal thought I can find on the subject of the future of black Natalians at the time of Union came from Legislative Council Member, the Hon Marshall Campbell who said " the Act (of Union) is deficient in the amount of consideration it shows towards Natives Some way out of the present position occupied by our Natives should be found No country can prosper when the largest section of its people has no say in the government of the country"

Surely, therein lies the answer to Natal's present dilemma Whatever substitutes are to be found for the provincial system, the inter-dependance of black and white in this province cannot be denied, and it must be vigorously pursued and made a reality in any new infrastructure which may evolve to fill the vacuum which has now been created

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make themselves out to be All they do is fly different kites and then sit back and wait for reaction

"When I opted for a no vote, Frank Martin told me I didn't know what I was talking about, but the Nats have now finally got control of Natal, the last little bit of South Africa that they didn't have"

Mr Webber believes that those who voted yes did so without knowing what they were voting for and that the Government gave them a blank cheque

"The picture right now is so confused, but if Frank Martin and Radclyffe Cadman have information about the Government's real intentions, then I don't know about it and neither does the public"

"One thing you can do is forget about Natal ever retaining any of its former independence And the other thing you can do is look forward to Christian National Education"

While many Natalians are not too worried about the Government interfering with the running of the other provinces, some tend to view tampering with Natal as little short of sacrilege.

Some observers, however, are quick to claim that Natal's "independence" is nothing more than a myth

After all, in 1884, the town of Vryheid was established as the capital of the New Republic, a Voortrekker republic, and Lucas Meyer was its leader

But has Natal really fallen at last, as some would express it, into the hands of the National Party?

Ken Sutler-Gore, a self-confessed National Party supporter and the President of the 89-year-old Durban Parliament, doesn't think so

"Something had to happen that would bring Natal into line with the other three provinces," said Mr Sutler-Gore

"Quite obviously a second tier government is neccessary, it doesn't matter what country you are talking about"

"I don't see that any harm can come of it Heunis is not trying to turn Natal upside down and I don't think the Broederbond will now move their members in en masse"

"People like to think Natal was the last bastion of the British Em-

'Ad-hocracy' takeover of education

By ROGER BURROWS, PFP MP and spokesman on education. He was former secretary of the Natal Teachers' Society and the South African Federation of Teachers' Associations.

IT IS a key to the understanding of the changes coming in provincial education to remember that in terms of the 1983 RSA Constitution, education is an "own" affair This means that when Minister Chris Heunis sets up appointed executive committees to include persons other than white, education cannot fall under them

So what is to happen to provincial education?

The provincial council will disappear between April and July 1986 The law-making functions affecting white education will be transferred to the House of Assembly and existing provincial education ordinances will be incorporated into acts of Parliament

These include matters of general educational policy, budgeting, staff and personnel control, and broad executive policy

The executive functions now handled by the MEC (Mr Ray Haslam) will be transferred to the Minister of Education and Culture (Mr Stoffel Botha)

At the provincial level the existing education departments will remain and certain additional structures will be created It is likely that there will be an advisory education council for each department of education

Minister Stoffel Botha has made it clear that he is sensitive to the "distinctive character of education in the respective provinces" and has stated that this will be preserved and perpetuated In Parliament he repeated this sensitivity three or four times

Apart from these vague generalisations no answers were provided to some very important questions

☆ Who will appoint the director of education?

☆ Who will serve on the education councils? The Minister referred to education partners, who does that include?

☆ What policy-making authority will each department be allowed to maintain?

☆ Will each department retain the power to plan education supply and content at the local level?

☆ Which education matters will have to be uniform throughout South Africa and in which can provinces exercise total or limited autonomy?

At the end of his vote, Minister Stoffel Botha agreed that there were still more questions than answers He extended a broad invitation to make submissions on the details of the allocational functions and the creation of additional structures

For Natal, a note was struck when he said that insufficient consultation had taken place in some provinces on the question of parental tuition fees Unlike the Transvaal the Natal director has not yet recognised PANNO (Parents Association of Natal/Natalse Ouers Vereniging) as a full participant in discussions This recognition must now come swiftly, as parents will be expected to pay 10 percent of the full cost of educating their children

Naturally, in the National Party scheme of things, the myriad racial education departments will grow in number as coloured, Indian and black education departments are regionalised. Here again there are no answers to the questions

☆ What contact and coordination will there be between second level racial education departments in the same area?

☆ What interaction can and will there be between education councils of different races?

☆ What is to happen to the funding of the education of children other than white in this so-called white education system?

And so the questions roll on And there are few answers The National Party ad-hocracy is in control

The unique nature of Natal education depends very heavily on the development at school level of a degree of independent thinking which allows for experimentation and extension on the prescribed syllabuses. Far more than in other provinces, Natal teachers are allowed to initiate individual developments and are positively encouraged to do this by their subject advisers

Similarly, at Natalia, individual inspectors and planners do participate fully in lateral development of their subjects

Natal should guard against the danger of coordination between the provinces becoming a grey enveloping cloak of uniformity Natal's education system is often seen as the best of all 17 in South Africa and it must retain this excellence in order that other departments can aspire to it

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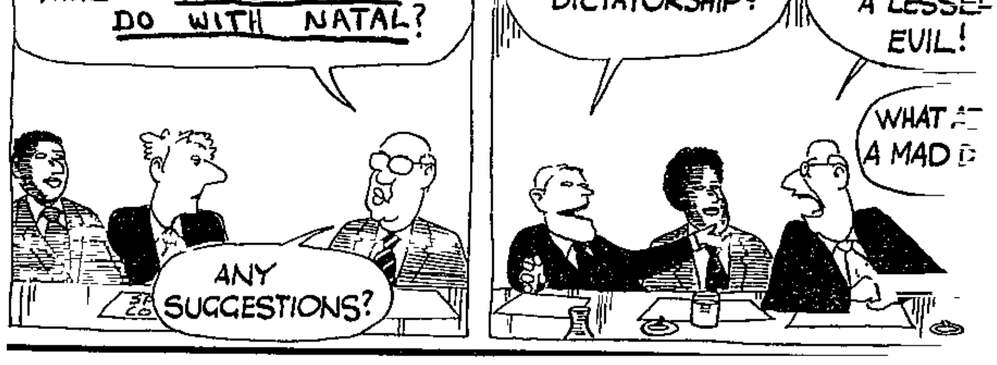

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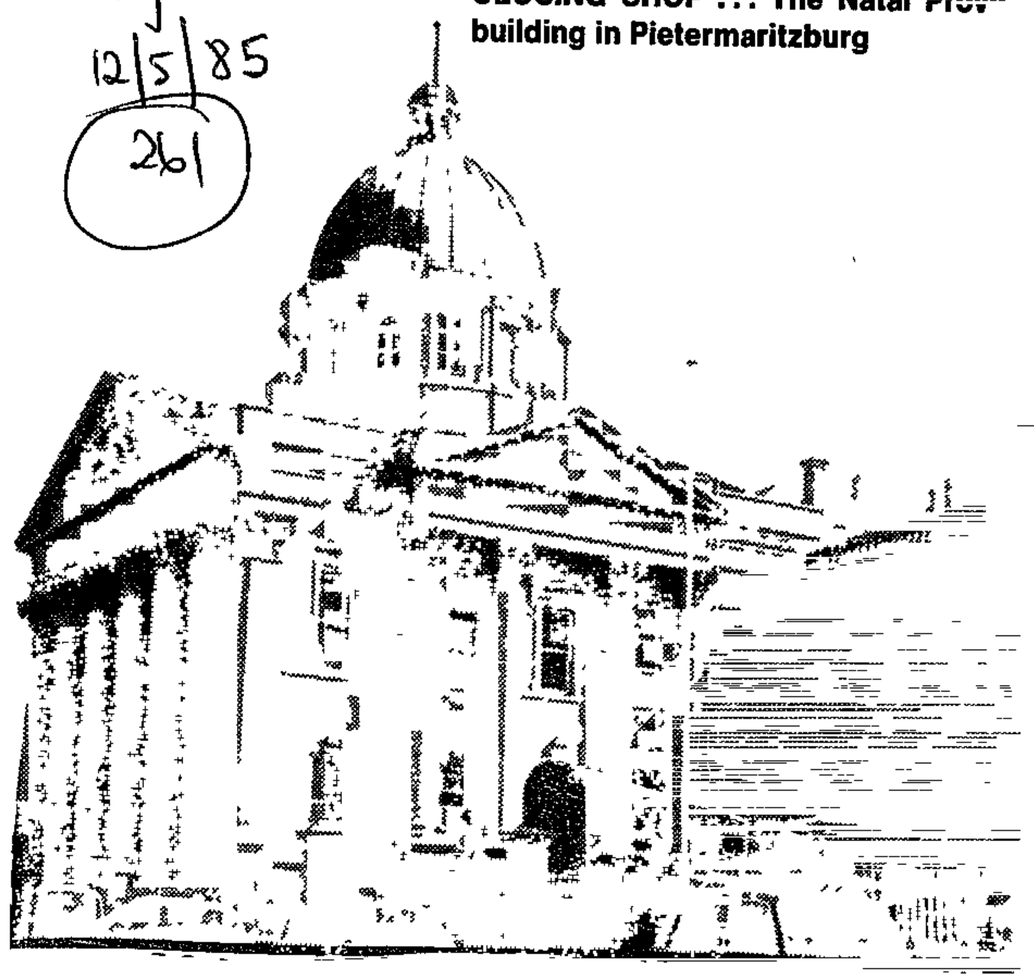

CLOSING SHOP ... The Natal Prov- building in Pietermaritzburg

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Death of the provincial councils sees the fall of the last outpost as Natal comes under Nat control

by Rodney Prynne

pire, but I don't think it was There are a lot of people in Natal with British backgrounds and although they might regard it as home, they have never been to Britain"

Frank Martin, Natal's senior MEC, believes that whatever happens, Natal will retain all of its former glory

"I can't imagine that Natalians are going to sit back and pander to the Nats Natal will retain its individual character Whatever the Nats ask to be done will have to be changed to please the people of Natal," said Mr Martin

"The four provinces have stood the test of time, but only as all-white institutions Then came the referendum, which resulted in the new tricameral Parliament This catered for own affairs and general affairs"

"I might be naive, but I can't see that we can hang on to old fashioned institutions without one group dominating the other This new system will preclude that

"We have done a tremendous amount of good work in the past and I hope it will continue that way, not with whites only, but with Zulus, coloureds and Indians as well"

A good enough reason to bid farewell to the old system and welcome the new, according to Mr Martin

"But Natal has always been different. We have always interpreted government Acts differently and I believe it will be possible to continue in that vein We have done it with education since 1977"

"I don't think we are still up against the old fashioned Nat ideology They have changed, they want this new constitution to work They won't get it to work if they try to thrust ideas down people's throats"

"As long as there is peace, law and order, we will be given the leeway to do things our way, even more so than before. At the same time, Natal can't be governed in the same old way"

Those who voted yes in the referendum, according to and including Mr Martin, effectively did away with an all-white institution

"Now, recognition will have to be given to some kind of liaison between Natal and KwaZulu"

"It will have to be worked out and in the not too distant future We already have a working committee The new Exco will not be all-white, we will be sitting with members of the KwaZulu Cabinet"

All this talk of a National Party "shift in policy" is nonsense, according to Mr Martin

"There has been no shift in policy, it's been that way for some time It's just that we have distrusted the Nats for so long that we find it difficult to recognise that they have changed"

"But after the tricameral Parliament, how could South Africa ever be the same again I don't think we should assume that the new system will be a Nat ideological think tank"

"There are some Nats that I can hardly recognise as the Nats of three years ago"

Still, there are peo[illegible]ple in Natal, like Fred Eyles, the leader of the opposition in the Durban Parliament, who refuse to believe that the National Party is in the game of politics for any other reason than for themselves

"It's a crying shame You just can't get rid of this Government In any other country in the world you could have kicked them out," said Mr Eyles

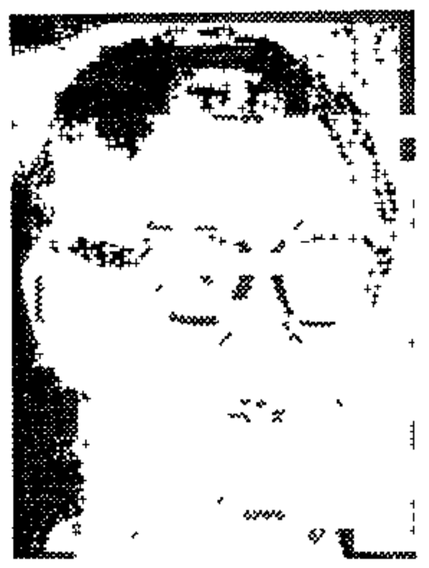
"Natal's English speaking people have got no hope whatsoever They now have minimal representation at government, if any Those English speakers who do have some decision-making powers, are nothing more than traitors"

"Already about 90 percent of all top posts in Natal, including education, are taken by Afrikaners The people who are second in charge are English speaking and they are doing all the work"

"English speakers built up this country, but they now only have about 10 percent representation in Parliament. Natal has had it, she has been sold down the river"

"The only disinvestment that we will suffer, will be people leaving the country and within two or three years PW Botha will be out and we will be left with a military dictatorship There is nobody left to take over the party."

Douglas Mitchell, former UP MP: It's disgraceful!



Warwick Webber, former Natal NRP leader: Nats are full of double talk

Council

R500 000 payout by province?

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By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Province, struggling to keep its head above water in the face of massive subsidy cuts and increasing costs, may have to dole out an additional R500 000 in golden handshakes when the Provincial Council is dissolved next year

A 100 percent increase in retirement gratuities was approved by the council in February, despite vociferous opposition from Progressive Federal Party members who said the move was "ill-timed" in view of the economic difficulties being experienced by the province and the country

Opposition members also predicted that the province would have to fork out massive amounts in one go when the council was closed.

Government members denied this, with one Nationalist MPC, Mr J A Van Tonder, saying the increase would not have any effect on the current economic situation because nobody was planning to retire

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However, the announcement by the government last week that provincial councils were to be scrapped next year, means about 44 Cape councillors could receive the increased payoffs at the same time

It is not yet clear whether the council's four executive members will receive the gratuity on top of their salaries if they join the executive of the new Provincial Administration

The opposition spokesman on finance in the council, Mr Geoff Everingham, said yesterday it was difficult to calculate exactly how much more the council would have to hand out as a result of the increases

"The government has made provision for councillors who served in 1981, but have not yet served the 7½ years required to get a pension, to buy into the pension scheme

"This means about 19 more councillors will be eligible for pensions than would have been the case previously

"Pensions themselves have not been increased, but if this new provision means these members will also get gratuities when the council is dissolved, the total cost of the increase will be very close to R500 000," he said

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34 patients under guard

Municipal Reporter

THIRTY-FOUR prisoners, 23 with gunshot, bird-shot or bullet wounds, were kept under police guard in seven Eastern Cape hospitals between November 1, 1984, and February 28, 1985

The age of the prisoners varied from eight to 49 years, and 13 were handcuffed or wore legirons

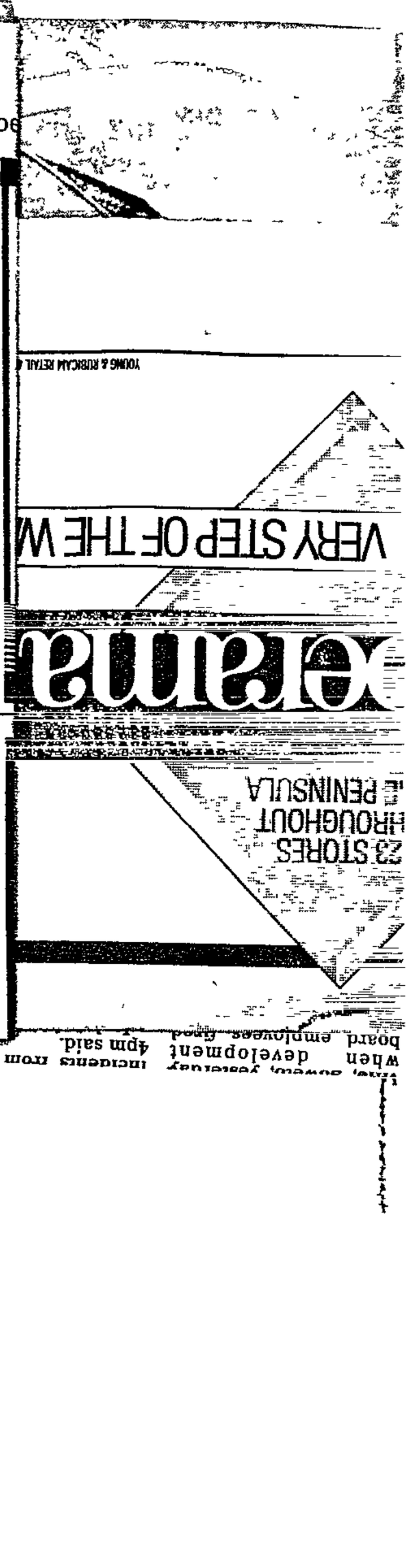
This emerged in answers to questions put by the MPC for Walmer, Mrs Molly Blackburn, to the Provincial Administration in March and tabled yesterday in the Provincial Council

Mrs Blackburn said afterwards she now wanted to know why four Cosas students were held at the white Provincial Hospital in Port Elizabeth, while other Cosas students held in connection with allegations relating to unrest had been held in hospitals serving their own race groups

● Further questions from Mrs Blackburn relating to the admission to Eastern Cape and Karoo hospitals of patients suffering from gunshot wounds and the effects of teargas were not answered yesterday

The MEC in charge of hospitals, Mr J W Theron, asked for a "stand over" because of "the research required".

Mrs Blackburn has asked how many of these patients were admitted to various hospitals, how many died, how many were kept under police guard or handcuffed to their beds, whether the police were notified by the hospitals of the expected dates and times of their discharge, and whether the hospitals gave the police any instructions regarding the need to continue medication for these patients



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Provincial taxes stay the same

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

PROVINCIAL taxes will not be increased this year

Presenting the last full budget of the Cape in the Provincial Council yesterday, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said he had decided to "adjust the requirements of the Province to the availability of the money supply at its disposal"

"I really want this Province to attempt to make some small contribution to the combating of inflation and to the encouragement of the inhabitants of the Cape, who struggle daily with economic and financial realities," he said

Surplus

Total expenditure for the year is expected to be R1 987,92-million, and anticipated revenue is R1 996,92-million, leaving a surplus of R9-million to cover last year's deficit

The massive R113,7-million cut in the government subsidy, and increasing operating and capital costs are partially offset by savings in the wage bill and increased productivity

Additional money will come from the delayed effects of last year's tariff increases — such as hospital fees which were increased in April last year — and the natural growth in income from motor vehicle licence fees, the betting tax and other licence fees and tariffs

The education vote has increased by R64-million of which R56,66-million will go towards increased salaries, other staff benefits and the creation of new teaching posts

Hospital and health services will get R765,83-million — R28,71-million up on last year's figure

Expenditure on road maintenance, repairs and improvements will increase by R6,93-million "to provide funds for the tremendous backlog in respect of maintenance work which has accumulated over the years"

The roads vote as a whole, however, shows only a R4,9-million increase and the Province will spend R4,39-million less on the construction of new roads this year

Groote Schuur

Mr Louw said the Treasury had allocated R108,4-million for capital expenditure, of which R27,7 would be spent on the redevelopment of Groote Schuur Hospital, and R5,8-million on community health centres at Mitchells Plain, Khayelitsha and Motherwell

The Province will also spend R9,96-million assisting local authorities with the provision of beach and other amenities and an additional R895 665 on the Provincial library service

The opposition spokesman on finance in the council, Mr Geoff Everingham, welcomed the fact that tariffs and licence fees would not rise

Federation

# of Natal considered by cabinet

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By PATRICK CULL
Political Staff

A BOLD new plan to consolidate KwaZulu along geographic lines and provide for a federal system of government in Natal is currently being considered by the cabinet as a blueprint for a multi-racial federation in the rest of South Africa.

The proposed consolidation of KwaZulu will involve an area stretching from KwaMashu, outside Durban, to the Mozambique border and includes the towns of Empangeni, Eshowe, Richards Bay, Stanger and Tongaat.

It is understood that whites, coloured people and Indians in the proposed consolidated area will be given the option to remain or leave — but no compensation will be paid to farmers who opt for the latter course.

Natal will be effectively left with a northern corridor down to Durban and will include the South Coast and East Griqualand

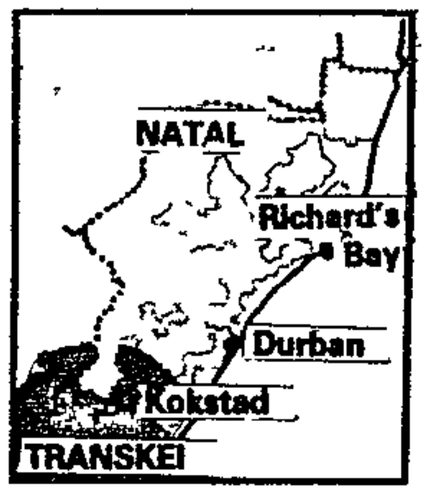
Divided

It is understood that the "white" area near Kokstad, which currently separates two parts of Transkei, will be incorporated into Transkei.

In keeping with the recommendations of the Buthelezi Commission report, which stressed the interdependence of KwaZulu and Natal, it appears that the province will be effectively divided into two parts with a central authority along federal lines

Such a move will mean the implementation of one man, one vote within each of the two areas — African majority rule in one and white/Indian majority rule in the other.

It is understood that the government feels it can experiment in this way in Natal inasmuch as those areas being incorporated into KwaZulu are not historically "significant" to the Afrikaner power base.



Map of Natal showing KwaZulu (light shaded areas) and Transkei (dark areas)

On Thursday night soon after meeting President P W Botha, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi of KwaZulu said in a television interview that the previous time the two leaders met was last November, after a long period of tense relations

In the interim, there has apparently been a flood of emissaries between the two

A further indication of the thaw in relations is that the Co-operation and Development Minister, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, this year opened the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly after the government had refused to send ministers for this purpose for several years

Chief Buthelezi also stated on Thursday night that he was prepared to compromise on the question of one man, one vote within a unitary state, an indication that he is prepared to consider an alternative form of government, namely, federation.

An indication that the government is taking a new look at the report of the Buthelezi Commission was given by Dr Viljoen during the vote on his budget in the House of Assembly

Dr Viljoen said that recommendations of the Buthelezi Commission which had been rejected by the government were now being reconsidered

While Dr Viljoen declined to spell out which recommendations were being reconsidered, it is understood that they concern the political aspects of the report.

Another development is the rapid healing of the rift between Chief Buthelezi and the leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse.

The rift was caused by the decision of the Labour Party, which was a member of the Black Alliance along with Inkatha and the Reform Party, to participate in the tricameral Parliament.

However, since the beginning of the year there has been contact between Inkatha and the Labour Party, which also proposes a federal form of government in South Africa

In a recent interview, Mr Hendrickse said it was a matter of time before he and Chief Buthelezi met.

An announcement of a common citizenship for all South Africans which is expected before the end of the year is also expected to pave the way for the new Natal plan.

There have been several indications from President Botha this year that such a move is on the cards and it is widely expected that an announcement will be made soon

Provincial Council

Motorists could be hit after record budget

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MOTOR licence and registration fees, Natal's largest source of revenue, might be increased later this year

Introducing a record R926,475 million budget in the Provincial Council here yesterday, the Administrator of Natal, Mr Radclyffe Cadman, said, however, that no allowance for an increase in fees had been made at this stage.

In his budget speech, Mr Cadman said the Government had allocated a provisional subsidy of R775,2 million to the Province for the 1985/86 financial year, or 81,5 percent of the Province's total income

Mr Cadman pointed out that Natal had been asked to make cutbacks amounting to 6,87 percent of its normal subsidy allocation.

This followed the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis's request that all State departments and provinces reduce current expenditure by cutting staff-related costs by some R500 million

Education

The largest slice of the Province's budgetary cake has again been allocated to hospitals and medical and health services, according to Mr Cadman.

The total allocation will be more than R333 million

Nearly R248 million has been provided for education — an increase of 15,5 percent or more than R33 million over last year's estimates

The Province has allocated more than R166 million for roads and bridges this year

Mr Cadman said Exco had approved a policy whereby the National Monuments Council would be responsible for capital works at national monuments and war graves, and the Province for the repair and maintenance, including the building of access roads

Under the works vote, more than R82 million has been allocated — R40 million for current expenditure and R42 million for major building works

The Natal Parks Board is to be allocated a subsidy of more than R21 million, according to the budget, and R7 231 000 has been provided as a grant on the estimates for the Natal Performing Arts Council

Mr Cadman said the Province would take part in Durban's Expo 85 exhibition, and has allocated an amount of R250 000

R10 m betting tax paid

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A TOTAL of R10 060 585 in betting tax, consisting of R9 154 767 in totalisator tax and R905 818 on-course bookmakers' tax, was received and banked by the Durban and Clairwood turf clubs This is according to figures released in a White Paper tabled in the Provincial Council

No cause for alarm over incorporation into Transkei

Kokstad farmers get assurance from MPC

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THERE is no cause for alarm among farmers and residents of Kokstad that their town will be incorported into Transkei, the New Republic Party MPC for South Coast, Mr Peter Miller, said here yesterday.

Speaking at a Press conference at the Provincial Council, Mr Miller reacted to reports that Kokstad, which is in a 'white' area which presently separates two parts of Transkei, might be included in Transkei.

He said a delegation comprising members of the East Griqualand Regional Development Association had been assured by Dr Gerrit Viljoen Minister of Co-operation and Development, that if, when the Transkei proposals became public, any part of East Griqualand was affected, the delegation's views would be heard

No one would gain by taking highly productive white-owned farms away from their present owners They were also giving 'a vast amount' of employment to Transkeians, he said

Mr Miller pointed out that in 1981, proposals to join the two parts of Transkei involved the handing over of the Weza State Forest

'We put a very well motivated case that it was not always wise simply for purposes of making the map look nice to alter what were natural boundaries' In other words, East Griqualand's boundaries with Transkei at present are all on the watershed or on the crest of mountains

Brief

'As a result, there is a happy relationship with very little stock theft poaching and trespass We have a mutually profitable relationship with our neighbours in Transkei,' said Mr Miller

At a recent annual meeting of the Regional Development Association, a delegation was appointed to hold a watching brief over consolidation developments and, if necessary, to make arrangements to see Dr Viljoen

'If the proposals do involve the Weza State Forest we will expand our delegation by inviting representatives from Harding in Natal to join us in seeing the minister

'The effect of giving Weza to Transkei will be to cut off the Kokstad district from the Harding district and also cut off the Kokstad district from access to the South Coast through South African territory,' he said

Mr Miller said his delegation noted that an article in The Natal Mercury read that Kokstad might be included in Transkei, whereas other newspapers, such as in the Cape, said that land near Kokstad would be incorporated

No link

'We believe that in that lies a great difference We also believe there is no cause for alarm whatsoever The East Griqualand area has been through things such as this many times before and we assure all interested parties, farmers and townsfolk that the delegation will take all necessary steps to protect the interests of the East Griqualand community'

Mr Miller said there was no link whatever between consolidation proposals for Transkei and those for KwaZulu, and any plans that might be in the pipeline for KwaZulu in no way affected the East Griqualand area

'In fact, even to be mentioned in the same context tends to prove (Dr Viljoen's) statement that it is all wild speculation,' said Mr Miller

for this call-up was the Eastern Cape, where police action in the black townships had been openly supported on a large scale by the army

The situation here had placed the call-up of the "old guard" in a completely different light "precisely because in the Eastern Cape there has been the bloodiest suppression of protest so far It forces a direct and immediate moral choice on every man who is called up for military service"

Professor Brink stressed that his decision not to serve in the defence force only involved himself.

"But by making such a decision and being responsible for it, I am also demonstrating my conviction that a person *has* a choice in every situation"

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OVER 95 VEHICLES

PFP, Nats clash over Sacos

Municipal Reporter

THE PFP in the Provincial Council yesterday opposed draft legislation aimed at preventing sports bodies like Sacos from barring other sports organizations from the facilities it hires from local authorities

The draft ordinance gives the Administrator the power to cancel a lease between a local authority and a sporting body if he feels use of the leased property is being "unreasonably" withheld from other individuals or organizations

This is believed to be aimed specifically at Sacos, which bans anyone involved in "multi-racial" sport from using its facilities

Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur) said the government had politicized sport and should not "point fingers" at Sacos for following suit

"Sacos, at whom the ordinance is aimed, is doing what the Nationalists have been doing for years

"Sacos and a considerable section of the coloured and black community are completely against those sports organizations which are prepared to participate in abnormal apartheid sport," he said

Mr Neels Ackerman (Stellenbosch), accused the PFP of supporting Sacos and the UDF and of "bedevilling" attempts to bring the All Blacks to South Africa

"I blame that party for the planned demonstrations against the All Black tour," he said

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Hospital ward was 'crowded'

MEDICAL staff treating victims of the Uitenhage "massacre" had tolerated a grossly overcrowded and unhygienic emergency ward "to facilitate the wishes of the police", Mrs Molly Blackburn said yesterday

Mrs Blackburn (MPC Walmer) told the Provincial Council she had seen patients "crammed" into one ward in the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital and patients (including one with a fractured skull) lying on the floor among pools of water

"There is only one reason why, with empty beds in the wards on either side, such conditions were tolerated by the staff — and that was to facilitate the wishes of the police who, simply because these people were wounded, placed them all under arrest."

She said ministers of religion were "prevented from administering religious rights to their parishioners" in the hospital and that patients had had their medication confiscated by the police

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Racing taxes criticized

Staff Reporter

CRIPPLING taxes on tote takings had pushed the Cape, formerly the leading horseracing province, into third place behind the Transvaal and Natal, Mr John Sonnenberg, MPC for Green Point, said in the Provincial Council yesterday

Stakes offered by the racing clubs had not increased as much as they had in other provinces because of heavy taxes, he said

Many local racehorse owners now preferred to keep their horses in training in other provinces where the tax was lower and the stakes were higher

In the Cape, clubs had to pay 12½ percent of their gross "exotic betting" pools in tax, while in Natal the corresponding tax was 5 percent, he said

Fewer punters

Mr Sonnenberg appealed to the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, to bring a revised Horse Racing Ordinance to next year's first council sitting

Mr Louw replied that if the Cape had slipped into third place, it was because there were fewer people and fewer punters here

The province was busy with a very wide-ranging inquiry into the industry, he said

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Hospital problems blamed on cuts

Medical Reporter

THE problems now being faced by nurses, medical technologists and paramedics at provincial hospitals were almost all related to the cut-back in government spending, the Cape Director of Hospital Services, Dr N S Louw, said this week.

He was reacting to complaints by all three groups relating to cuts in their annual bonuses, cuts in overtime pay and the extension of their working week from 40 to 42½ hours

Personnel costs

Dr Louw said "It must be understood that all these problems relate to the government's decision to cut back on expenditure wherever possible When the instruction came down to my department to cut back by eight percent on salary and associated personnel costs, we were left with few alternatives

"We could have cut back on the income of these people, and that would have been an across-the-board reduction That was done in the form of the one-third reduction in the annual bonuses, which resulted in a R500-million saving to government."

"One way of making these savings was to ask personnel to work an extra half-hour each working day and that was also done," Dr Louw said

'Irritation'

Responding to complaints that an extra half-hour on the hospital staff working day had more "irritation than practical value", Dr Louw said this was "a very dangerous statement" as "I might have to take these people up and force them to work the time efficiently"

Doctors had a much longer working week than nurses or paramedics — a survey had shown they worked an average of 65 hours a week rather than the 56 expected of them

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Medical Reporter

THE problems now being faced by nurses, medical technologists and paramedics at provincial hospitals were almost all related to the cut-back in government spending, the Cape Director of Hospital Services, Dr N S Louw, said this week.

He was reacting to complaints by all three groups relating to cuts in their annual bonuses, cuts in overtime pay and the extension of their working week from 40 to 42½ hours

Personnel costs

Dr Louw said. "It must be understood that all these problems relate to the government's decision to cut back on expenditure wherever possible. When the instruction came down to my department to cut back by eight percent on salary and associated personnel costs, we were left with few alternatives

"We could have cut back on the income of these people, and that would have been an across-the-board reduction That was done in the form of the one-third reduction in the annual bonuses, which resulted in a R500-million saving to government."

"One way of making these savings was to ask personnel to work an extra half-hour each working day and that was also done," Dr Louw said

'Irritation'

Responding to complaints that an extra half-hour on the hospital staff working day had more "irritation than practical value", Dr Louw said this was "a very dangerous statement" as "I might have to take these people up and force them to work the time efficiently"

Doctors had a much longer working week than nurses or paramedics — a survey had shown they worked an average of 65 hours a week rather than the 56 expected of them

Paid overtime

Nurses working 12-hour night shifts were paid overtime for the extra hours they worked, he said

The paramedics had confused the situation, said Dr Louw. The standby pay they previously received, and which had been "extensively abused", had been stopped, but they too received overtime pay for emergency work required of them

Province planning to sack 800 black road workers

Provincial Staff

THE Provincial Roads Department has been critisised for its intention to dismiss up to 800 black labourers when road-building units are closed — while white staff will keep their jobs

In the Provincial Council budget debate yesterday, Mr Jan Pienaar (MEC Roads) said that the Kimberley and Humansdorp units would finish their work in June or July and would then be closed Trained staff would be distributed among the remaining six units, but labourers would be dismissed

Mr Frank van der Velde (PFP Wynberg) said he did not believe road-building was the task of provincial authorities as it competed with the private sector

"But if road units are to be closed this should be a planned process You don't just put people out of work in this economic climate"

Mr Pienaar interjected "I'm not talking about whites We'll absorb the whites, but the blacks will be dismissed"

Cadet training required

Municipal Reporter

ALL white male pupils between the ages of 12 and 17 are required to train as cadets at schools with cadet detachments, the Provincial MEC for education, Mr W Bouwer, said yesterday

Replying to questions from the leader of the opposition in the Provincial Council, Mr Herbert Hirsch, Mr Bouwer said pupils could be exempted from cadets for conscientious objection or health reasons

Exemption would only be granted if application was made in writing giving "full reasons", and in the case of ill health, a medical certificate, he said

Mr Bouwer said 226 provincial schools had cadet detachments, and a total of 46 808 male pupils were currently undergoing school cadet training

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Job reservation for whites ends in Provincial Administration

Provincial Staff

JOB reservation for whites will no longer be applied in the Provincial Administration, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, announced in the Provincial Council

During the third-reading debate on the budget, Mr Louw said with "the acceptance of the concept of own and general affairs in this new constitutional dispensation", Government departments, the Provincial Administration and their divisions dealing with general affairs, would be staffed by coloured, Indian and white people and "in specific circumstances, also from the black community".

This meant that posts traditionally reserved for white people would be open to other groups

All appointments and promotions would be based on merit, and the "avenues for advancement" of coloured and Indian as well as black officials in certain cases, would increase dramatically.

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ARGUS 12/6/85

Seventy-five-year saga of the Provincial Council

The Provincial Council system will disappear in its present form next year. KAREN STANDER of the Argus Provincial Staff traces the history of the council.

THE development of the Cape Provincial Council, from its birth in 1910 to its demise this year, can — to some extent — be measured in financial terms

In 1910, the annual budget was £739 921. The budget this year was a staggering R1 996 920 000 — an increase of more than 125 000 percent.

It was on May 31 1910 that the Cape became a province of the Union, with an elected Provincial Council, an Executive Committee and an Administrator appointed by the Government

Next year provincial councils in their present form will disappear Smaller local authorities will be represented on regional services councils, while an executive committee will be retained

The council has become "more political, to a certain extent, spelling the end of the system," according to Mr Willem Bouwer (MEC Education), who is the longest serving councillor

United Party

The previous opposition — the United Party — "dealt more with the everyday concerns of the province", he says

Mr Bouwer, who was elected MPC for Humansdorp in 1960, has represented this constituency for 25 years He became an MEC in 1977

Many people have served on theCape Provincial Council in its 75 years — some moving on to high office, others disappearing into obscurity A minority will be remembered for the controversy associated with their names

Dr J N Malan, Administrator from 1960 to 1970, is remembered — among other things — for the theatre and opera house that bear his name

His successor, Mr A H Vosloo, was at the centre of the controversy over the opening of the Nico Malan Opera House to all races.

Public outcry

The first calls for the Nico Malan to be non-racial were heard in 1970, increasing in volume until 1975, when Mr Vosloo and his executive committee made their controversial decision to open the theatre to all races but to retain two nights a week — Monday and Saturday — for whites only

There was a public outcry Within 48 hours the decision was rescinded after personal intervention by the then Prime Minister, Mr B J Vorster, and Cape leader of the National Party, Mr P W Botha

In the words of a theatregoer at the time "The roof didn't fall in. It happened silently and without ceremony"

The Wavecrest scandal caused more than a ripple when it hit the headlines in 1972 Mr Theo Aronson, United Party MPC for Walmer and later nominated Nationalist MP, in 1974 described it as a R73-million scandal, "the worst that has happened to the National Party since they assumed power"

The matter simmered for more than 12 years and to this day some allegations remain unexplained

At the centre of the row were Mr Frans Conradie (now Nationalist MP for Sundays River), Leader of the National Party in the Provincial Council and MEC for Local Government, and Mr J H Heyns, (MP for Vasco), then MPC for Vasco

In spite of repeated calls for a judicial inquiry, only a departmental inquiry was held A majority report was tabled but the full minority report by two UP members of the Committee was never tabled

R4-million case

A R4-million civil case between Trust Bank and 10 defendants was settled out of court The terms were never made public

Police investigated, but the Attorney-General declined to prosecute

The "Pepperpots" (Disa Park Towers) on the slopes of Devil's Peak, are a constant reminder of past short-sightedness

The development was approved in the late 60s by the provincial administration after the city council turned it down and many believe the towering buildings deface Table Mountain

The row between the province and the city council over beaches has been simmering for years

In the late 60s the city council refused to erect apartheid signs on the beaches and told provincial authorities if they wanted the signs they could put them up themselves

On certain False Bay beaches signs were erected by the province — and the city council got the bill

In 1981 Mr Hernus Kriel MEC was at the centre when the row flared again — this time over the proposed fencing of Camps Bay beach. The issue was eventually resolved in a compromise and a R57 000 fence was put up around the tidal pool area of beach.

The quarrel continued when the unrepentant city council opened beaches and swimming pools to all races

In February the MEC for Local Government, Mr Piet Loubser, threatened steps to "put the situation in order"

The decision to open pools and beaches was irresponsible and led to chaotic conditions, he said

The city council's latest idea of pay-beaches and increased pool fees has not escaped criticism

The policy has been dubbed "cheque-book apartheid" by Nationalists and the city council has been accused of making the beach problem "three times worse"

Progressive Federal Party MPCs Mrs Di Bishop (Gardens) and Mrs Molly Blackburn (Walmer) have caused controversy and Nationalist outrage.

Mrs Bishop has been attacked for not attending council social functions and, as a member of the Black Sash, has been accused of propagating communism

Mrs Blackburn has been the target of numerous attacks for her role as a mediator in Eastern Cape unrest.

The PFP has opposed the new constitution and the abolition of provincial councils, expressing fear that the end of elected representatives and political debate at this level will prevent future exposure of corruption They continue to serve in the hope that the momentum of change and reform will end in a dispensation of equality for all

A number of former MECs and Administrators serve or have served in Parliament Among them are

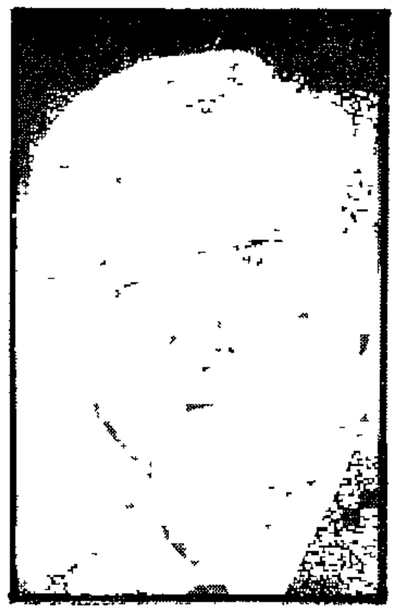
Dr L A P A Munnik, elected to the Provincial Council in 1962 and became MEC in 1966 He became MP for Caledon in 1972 and three years later was installed as Administrator He became a member of the Cabinet in 1979

Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and "architect" of the new constitution, who also cut his political teeth in the provincial council system Elected MPC for George in 1958, he became MEC for Education in 1965 In 1970 he was elected MP for False Bay

Mr S J (Pen) Kotze, now on the President's Council and ex-Minister of Community Development, was elected MPC for Bellville-Parow in 1954 and then to the House of Assembly for Parow

The last Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, was elected MP for Malmesbury in November 1972 In 1979 he was appointed Administrator.

Mr Hernus Kriel was elected to the Provincial Council for Parow in 1977 and became MEC for local government in 1981 He was elected MP for Parow in 1984



Mr Hernus Kriel ... at centre of row over beaches

Mr Gene Louw ... last Administrator of the Cape

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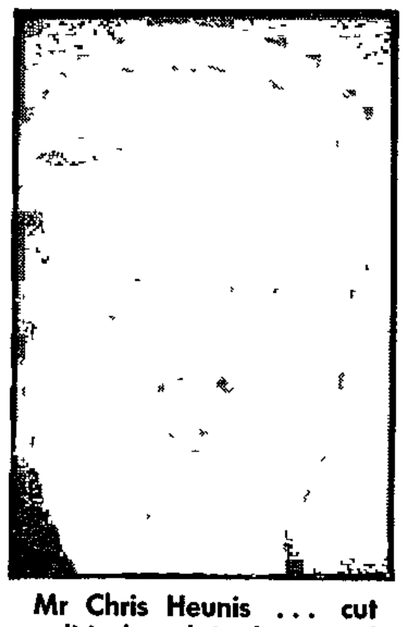
Dr J N Malan ... name given to theatre complex



Mr Chris Heunis ... cut political teeth in the council

Mrs Molly Blackburn ... target of numerous attacks

Mr Willem Bouwer ... longest serving councillor

Dr Sonnenberg ... no firm Govt commitment

Erosion of representation by people of colour

Provincial Reporter MICHAEL MORRIS writes on people of colour who have served in the Provincial Council.

CAPE provincial government since 1910 has been marked by the erosion of representation for people of colour and the stifling of a fledgling tradition of non-racial politics

It is ironic that today's architects of second tier government are puzzling over getting people of colour fairly and acceptably back into a decision-making process they were part of 75 years ago

Ironic, because the system they are designing a replacement for was founded on a franchise, albeit qualified, that enabled African, coloured and Indian men (though not women) to stand for election with whites

The Cape's first Provincial Council included the well-known Cape Town figure Dr Abdullah Abdurahman and the only African ever to serve on a Provincial Council, Dr Walter Rubusana

As far back as 1853 the franchise was granted to all adult males in the Cape irrespective of colour or race but subject to a £25 property clause

Amendments over the next 40 years increased the property qualification to £75 and added an education test — the applicant had to sign his name and write his address or occupation

Even with these qualifications, 15 percent of the Cape electorate in 1892 were Africans

The 1910 Act of Union entrenched Cape voting rights — making approval by two thirds of both Houses of Parliament necessary for change — and this was the opening for Abdurahman and Rubusana

Abdurahman, a medical doctor and active member of the African People's Organisation, was elected to the Cape Town City Council in 1904, to province in 1910 and he remained on both councils until his death in 1940

Rubusana's participation in provincial politics was briefer The Tembuland constituency voted him to office in 1910 — he defeated two white candidates — but he was out four years later

In 1914, journalist and African leader John Tengo Jabavu entered the Provincial election in Tembuland and split the vote against Rubusana A white candidate won

In the decades to follow it was more than a splitting of the vote which cost people of colour their say in the Provincial chamber

White representation was improved in 1930 with the granting of the vote to women over 21 and in 1931 with the scrapping of voting qualifications for men

But the first major dent in the set-up came in 1936 with the Representation of Natives Act which took Cape African voters off the common role and replaced their direct say with representation by two white members

Twenty-three years later, in 1959, that was scrapped too

Coloured and Indian representation suffered a similar fate Constitutional engineering of the 1950s paved the way for the Separate Representation of Voters Act of 1956 which replaced coloured and Indian say in the council with the option to elect two white members

And that went by the board in 1970

Dr Oscar Wollheim — who, with Mr W J M "Oogies" van Heerden, were the last men to represent the Cape's then 1,5-million coloured people from 1965 to 1970 — described the erosion of black representation as "a series of systematic betrayals" by the Government

More recently, Progressive Federal Party members have campaigned for a non-racial, democratic body with legislative powers

But, for the time being at least, second tier governors will be appointed

Indications have been given that the new executive committees could include people of colour but, as Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP Green Point) noted during this year's main session, the Government has not "unequivocally committed" itself "to the inclusion of all races in the new hierarchy"

It remains to be seen what say the Province's people of colour will be given in the new system and how fair and acceptable it will be

Link with KwaZulu is welcomed

Mercury Reporter

SPOKESMEN in Natal for the Labour Party, Solidarity and the Reform Party have welcomed the approval of a motion in the Natal Provincial Council this week calling on the Government to establish a statutory body to provide a link between Natal and KwaZulu to deal with matters of common concern

Introducing the motion, Mr Frank Martin, the senior MEC, said that the establishment of such a body would help to streamline administration in the area

The leader of the Labour Party in Natal, Mr A B Stowman, said he fully endorsed Mr Martin's sentiments in extending the political hand of friendship to the black people

He said there would be no success in the political field in South Africa without the support of the majority, who were the black people

The former chairman of the Natal Association of Local Affairs Committees and Solidarity MP for Stanger, Mr Yunus Moolla, said anything that brought people of colour together on a negotiating platform was to be welcomed

He called on the State not to thwart these efforts if the people of Natal — white, black, Indian and coloured — were prepared to come together in this way

Mr Moolla suggested that the Government should postpone implementation of the Regional Services Bill recommendations in favour of the establishment of such a statutory body

The leader of the Reform Party, Mr Y S Chinsamy, said he backed Mr Martin's motion to the hilt. The sooner the policy was carried out, the better for all concerned

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Mayor warns on 'political forum'

Chief Reporter

THE new Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Leon Markovitz, sounded a warning yesterday that with the advent of regional services councils (RSCs) and the disbanding of the Provincial Council, party politicians might try to turn the City Council into a political forum

In his inaugural address at a colourful installation ceremony in the old City Hall, he said "It is my sincere belief that the council of this great City should never allow itself to become a trading station for ratepayers' rights I believe the majority of my colleagues share this view"

In keeping with tradition Mr Markovitz, after his installation as Cape Town's 69th mayor, was conducted to the Chair of Van Riebeeck by his sponsors, Mrs Eulalie Stott and Mr Dick Friedlander

Mutual concern

The Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans, then handed him the keys of the Common Seal of the City Council, which had earlier been surrendered by the outgoing mayor, Mr Sol Kreiner

Mr Markovitz said he believed the spirit of mutual concern was "alive and well and already living in Cape Town", and said his parlour door would always be open to anyone wanting to discuss involvement in the solution of community problems

He praised his predecessor for his initiative in starting a movement to restore the link between the City and its waterfront, and pledged himself to continue working for this

Mr Markovitz also said one of his fondest dreams was to see the return of people to live in central Cape Town

"Imagine for a moment a block of 1 000 airy, spacious garden apartments, all with views of either the mountain or the sea, perched on top of a complex to be built on a site stretching from Hans Strijdom Avenue to Coen Steytler Avenue

"And I'm not talking about homes for the wealthy I envisage these apartments as being for middle-income people"

Mr Kreiner, in his final speech as mayor, expressed concern over the current unrest, particularly in the Cape Town municipal area, and said he wished to make an earnest appeal to all citizens "to do all in their power to seek reconciliation, so that a lasting peace may return to our City"

"Let us equip ourselves with the motto 'Things don't just happen, you've got to make them happen'

Youngest-ever

"We cannot afford to sit back and leave the damage for someone else to clear away."

Mr Peter Muller, 38, became Cape Town's youngest-ever Deputy Mayor when he was formally elected to this office at yesterday's ceremony He was proposed by Mr David Bloomberg and seconded by Mrs Bronnie Harding

Among the VIPs who attended the ceremony were the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, the Speaker of Parliament, Mr Johan Greeff, the Judge-President of the Cape, Mr Justice Munnik, members of the diplomatic corps, parliamentarians and members of the Provincial Council, and military heads in the Western Cape

Second Koeberg to be on E Cape coast?

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Two areas near here have been earmarked as potential sites for South Africa's second nuclear power station, Escom announced yesterday

The first site under consideration stretches about 60km along the coastline from the Tsitsikamma River mouth to Cape St Francis and is 18km deep The second site is bounded by the Sundays River mouth and Cape Padrone and is also about 18km deep

Seventeen other coastal sites, which were not identified, will also be investigated by Escom in an R8 million, six-year search which starts next month

Escom's assistant senior general manager, Mr Lood Rothman, said the decision to build a second nuclear power station had not been taken yet

"However, it is clear that at some stage in the future more nuclear power stations will have to be built to meet electricity needs

"We would be looking at another nuclear power station at the end of the century," he said, adding that the public would be informed of the investigation's progress because of the "greater sensitivity that exists towards nuclear generation".

The projected cost of a second station was estimated at R7 000 million

Investigation of both sites, which starts next month and will take about two years, will include exploration drilling and "exhaustive examination of environmental implications"

Escom expects that future projects will be modelled on Koeberg, which has two 920 megawatt reactors

Asked about the economic wisdom of a second Koeberg, given the unfavourable exchange rate, the current recession and a projected decline in demand for power, Mr Rothman said alternative sources of energy had to be investigated irrespective of the state of the economy

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A chronicle of misfires in bid to form country nobody wants

Political Staff

DURBAN — The consolidation proposals for kwaZulu revealed this week have now become part of the sorry saga of trying to create a separate country that hardly anyone really wants.

Consolidation has been an issue in elections and also sparked international rows, as happened when the Government tried to cede part of the territory to Swaziland.

Then there has been the controversy over removals. (It was the inhuman treatment of people being resettled at Limehill in Natal, and its exposure by Father Cosmos Desmond, that drew world attention to removals for the first time.)

Within hours of their publication, the latest proposals were showing signs of being just as contentious as earlier schemes.

DETERMINATION

The fact that hardly anyone, and particularly the Zulu nation, wants consolidation has seemingly not altered the Government's determination to press ahead with the plans.

Increasingly, the Government has attempted to confuse the Zulu need for extra land — in addition to that awarded in 1936 — with consolidation.

The latest attempt is the most blatant attempt to sweeten the pill of political consolidation with the addition of some 381 000 ha of land.

The problem has not only been the need to give kwaZulu extra land, but also, for political purposes, to pull together a fragmented, multitude of bits and pieces that have made up the so-called Zulu homeland.

The Zulus were spread far and wide by the British to break their power. Nobody really knows how many bits there are, but at the present count there are 42 pieces defined as tribal areas and 189 black spots.

Not even the National Party could start to pretend that the so-called Zulu homeland would ever constitute a state so, in 1955, the first attempts were made to draw parts together.

The Tomlinson Commission appointed in 1955 was the first to propose "consolidation" based on areas called heartlands, without drawing boundaries.

SEVEN REGIONS

Tomlinson's recommendations had shortcomings. He wanted to give the seven black regions he proposed far too much land as far as the Government was concerned.

Interestingly, he included Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland in these proposals, suggesting that Ingwavuma should be given to Swaziland.

The then Prime Minister, Dr Hendrik Verwoerd, took the basis of the Tomlinson recommendation, rejecting most of those which were of benefit to blacks, for his homeland policy of self-governing black areas.

From 1960, the Government toyed with various suggestions for consolidation of kwaZulu. But it never really came up with anything definite, changing many of its plans in mid-stream.

A notorious example was a move by the Government to develop the Makatini flats in northern Zululand, which had always been occupied by blacks, as irrigated farm lands for whites.

However, after the completion of the multimillion-rand Jozini Dam, the area was found to be unsuitable for irrigation and so the idea was dropped.

The territorial authority of kwaZulu, established in 1970, was one of the last homeland authorities to come into being and the next year the Government announced that it intended to consolidate the homeland.

In 1972, the first set of definitive proposals to reduce kwaZulu to six pieces were announced and met with immediate resistance, mainly from farmers and kwaZulu.

In June 1973, revised and final plans were approved by Parliament which would convert kwaZulu into 10 parts. Again the plan came under heavy fire, mainly from white farmers.

Another revision, this time for all the homelands, was put through Parliament in 1975. The areas were changed, but kwaZulu was still to be in 10 parts and still there was no support.

As a result of the general dissatisfaction throughout the country with consolidation, the then Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, appointed Mr Hennie van der Walt to investigate anew.

It did not take long for him to discover that the country could not afford the 1975 proposals. He said there would have to be major departures from traditional consolidation.

SUGAR INDUSTRY

He formed various sub-committees with the MP for Klip River, Mr Tino Volker, heading the eastern committee charged with looking at kwaZulu. The evidence he received was overwhelmingly opposed to consolidation for political purposes.

The sugar industry was the main motivator of a report supported by commerce and industry which stingingly rejected any further consolidation.

The Van der Walt Commission evolved into the standing Commission for Co-operation and Development that has presented the latest proposals.

The Chief Minister of kwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, put a further spoke in the wheels of consolidation when he appointed a commission in 1981 to consider the often-mulled-over suggestion that kwaZulu and Natal be treated as one region.

The commission on which most interest groups were represented almost unanimously agreed that kwaZulu and Natal should be one political region, already being inextricably interwoven economically.

The commission gave impetus to calls for a separate deal for Natal, which would obviate the need for political consolidation.

The Government has agreed to separate regional arrangements, but what it means by this has yet to be defined.

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Four education depts to remain

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By DIRK VAN ZYL
Political Correspondent

FOUR education departments for whites, coloureds, Indians and blacks would remain

This was said from Pretoria today by the Deputy Director-General of National Education, Dr Bernhard Louw, in an interview with the Evening Post

Dr Louw was asked to clarify Press and radio reports that the Minister of National Education, Mr F W de Klerk, had announced a multiracial Department of National Education at a Press conference

This appeared to observers to be in conflict with existing Government policy

Dr Louw pointed out today that four existing executive education departments would remain, but would have to work within the framework of general policy guidelines

Mr De Klerk said yesterday the Government was not "dragging its feet" on the implementation of its 1983 White Paper proposing equal education opportunities for all

He announced the names of the 26 members of the multiracial South African Council for Education (SACE) which would give advice on general education policy

Mr De Klerk said an important development last year had been the approval of the National Policy for General Education Affairs Act, in which the Government defined four spheres in which the Minister responsible could determine the general policy to be applied to formal, informal and non-formal education for all population groups

The four areas were norms and standards for the financing of running and capital costs of education for all races, salaries and conditions of employment, professional registration of teachers, and norms and standards for syllabuses and examination and for certification

Dr Louw pointed out today that white, coloured and Indian education would broadly remain, as far as the executive administration was concerned, under the respective parliamentary Ministers' Councils, and black education under the homeland governments or the Department of (black) Education

The Government would be advised on general education policy by SACE, the Committee of University Principals and the Committee of Technikon Principals

MacLennan rejects land proposals

Mercury Reporter

THE Regional Development Association for the Greater Durban metropolitan area is completely opposed to the KwaZulu consolidation proposals

Association chairman Neil MacLennan said the proposals were totally irrelevant to what was needed for the area's development

For instance, he said, the proposed inclusion of Lamontville and Claremont into KwaZulu was irrelevant because both were part of the Durban metropolitan area and that was the only way they should be looked at

The association would make contact with the KwaZulu Government on the development of the region in general

'This is important because the development of the region is inextricably linked with KwaZulu interests If we don't liaise with them then there is no point in doing anything anyway,' he said

The association was established last year and comprises representatives of commerce, industry and local authorities in the Greater Durban area

Its purpose is to make representations to relevant authorities and bodies on the development of the area

At its meeting yesterday the association also decided to contact the Government on the relocation of industry

Mr MacLennan said paying companies to close in the metropolitan area and relocate elsewhere merely exacerbated the unemployment problem, and thereby the possibility of unrest, in the greater Durban area

Development of new industries was needed.

'Durban, Pinetown and New Germany need more industry to provide work for the people already living in the area,' he said

Louw: Provco and City 'at crossroads'

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Municipal Reporter

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

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

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

'Insulting'

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

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

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

'Leaked'

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

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

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

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

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

Apology

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

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

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

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

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

Hospital strike staff dismissed

JOHANNESBURG. — Domestic staff at Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital are still on strike over pay and those who have not returned to duty have been dismissed, Dr H van Wyk, Director of Transvaal Hospital Services, said yesterday.

All services were being maintained, although student nurses had also refused to go on duty since Thursday.

Dr Van Wyk said "every effort" had been made to deal with legitimate grievances.

"At this stage medical services will continue although surgery will be curtailed and only more urgent operations are being done," he said.

● **Sophie Tema** reports that tension ran high at the hospital yesterday after more daily-paid workers were arrested.

On Thursday 718 people were arrested and later released after being charged under the emergency regulations and for attending an illegal gathering.

Police could not confirm yesterday's arrests but a number of doctors and hospital workers alleged that a truck-load of people were arrested.

Nurses have expressed dissatisfaction over an 8pm curfew, poor food, unfair dismissals and victimization, working extra hours without pay, and not being allowed to attend meetings.

The Health Workers' Association yesterday called for an immediate response to worker grievances and a halt to the use of force — such as calling in the army and the Baragwanath security police. They also demanded that legitimate organizations chosen by the workers be allowed to function without harassment.

Troops help as hospital fires 1 800 strikers

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JOHANNESBURG. — Troops were called in at the weekend to help with the running of the strike-crippled Baragwanath Hospital, where services faced collapse following the decision by the Transvaal Hospital Services to fire an estimated 1 800 employees — two-thirds of the workforce.

The Defence Force units moved into the hospital on Saturday in an effort to continue essential services which were jeopardized after a wage dispute escalated on Thursday

The hospital is under threat after the walkout of about 1 000 workers and 800 student nurses

Support

"The decision has been taken to dismiss all those on strike," said a hospital spokesman "But we cannot yet say exactly how many people are involved "

The workers' representative body, the Health Workers' Association (HWA), says 1 800 nurses and auxiliary workers are on strike

The Director of Hospital Services in the Transvaal, Dr Hennie van Wyk, announced on Saturday that he had asked the SADF for help and yesterday he said patient services were functioning normally

The crisis started with 30 staff who were arrested on the second day of their strike on Thursday.

Yesterday a Hospital Workers' Association spokesman said the nurses were ready to go back to work on condition their demands were met, and on condition the authorities were prepared to talk to them The nurses have expressed grievances over The 8pm curfew, poor-quality food, unfair dismissals and victimization; working an additional 2½ hours a week without renumeration, and their right to attend meetings and organizations of their own

The spokesman said all Hospital Workers' Association meetings had been banned at the weekend, but the superintendent, Dr Chris van den Heefer, had arranged to meet the nurses today at 10am — Sapa and Own Correspondent

Baragwanath nurses' strike 'could spread'

By Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The Baragwanath Hospital strike may spread to other Transvaal hospitals and 17000 members of the South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers Union (SABMAWU) have threatened to join the strike in solidarity if the grievances of nurses and daily-paid workers are not resolved soon.

A spokesman for the union said at the weekend that the union would join the strike if a solution had not been found by the end of this week.

PAY DEMANDS

The union has also told its parent bodies, the Post Telecommications International, Telegraph International and the Public Service International, to take up the matter with governments at the head offices.

"The Black Health and Allied Workers Union (BHAWU — pharmaceutical workers — have also indicated that they will give us support if the situation is not resolved," a spokesman for the Health Workers Union (HWA) said today.

He said the nurses and theatre sisters would meet their matrons today because they are 'upset' with the having to wash floors and clean wards in the absence of the 800 student nurses and 1 000 auxiliary workers who went on strike late last week over pay demands and better working conditions.

On Friday nurses' aids came out on strike in solidarity with the daily-paid workers and student nurses.

"NOT LEGAL"

The strikers were told on Saturday they had been dismissed and should collect their salaries and wages today.

The dismissed student nurses were to meet the hospital superintendent Dr Chris van der Heever today to discuss their grievances.

"They will refuse to collect their pay because we have been told by our legal advisers that it is illegal to fire workers before they have had an opportunity of putting their case to management," the spokesman for the HWA said.

According to him the crisis still exists at the hospital and "things are very bad."

SURGERY BACKLOG

"Usually there are 60 operations a day in the hospital's 11 wards. There are only two cases on the list for surgery today and a backlog of 'cold surgery' cases is piling up.

"The strike could well spread to other Transvaal hospitals," he warned.

The Director of Hospital Services in the Transvaal, Dr Hennie van Wyk, announced at the weekend that he had asked the Defence Force for help.

Student nurses told to go

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — About 900 striking student nurses at Baragwanath Hospital were yesterday given 24 hours notice to leave the hospital.

The striking nurses said the chief superintendent, Dr Chris van den Heever, announced at a meeting yesterday morning that they should collect their pay cheques and leave the hospital premises by 11am today.

Scores of daily-paid workers were also made to sign receipt of their cheques yesterday and were told their services had been terminated.

Workers who were not made to sign their cheques said they intended going on with the strike in solidarity with those who had been sacked.

The nurses said they had resolved to ignore the decision and expressed their willingness to negotiate.

At the weekend a spokesman for the South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union said its members were set to join the nurses and workers on strike.

● Sapa reports that according to an official of the Hospital Services Directorate in Pretoria yesterday, the sacked student nurses and workers had been told they could reapply for their jobs and each reapplication would be judged on merit.

The workers and student nurses charged with public violence and attending an illegal gathering are due to appear in court on November 27.

Baragwanath threatened with work stoppage

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Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.— Doctors, nurses and other health professionals at Baragwanath Hospital have threatened to stop work today if 1 800 student nurses and workers who were dismissed for striking are not immediately reinstated

The decision was made at a meeting yesterday by 300 health workers in the full knowledge of the consequences they could face by striking — disciplinary action, prosecution with the possibility of a maximum fine of R1 000 or a year in prison and automatic removal from the medical register if convicted

An ultimatum stating that health workers intended taking an active part in the week-long strike by student nurses and non-classified health workers was given to the superintendent of the hospital, Dr Chris van der Heever, yesterday.

A delegation of doctors, nurses, radiographers, physiotherapists and technical staff were to meet Dr van der Heever today for his reply

12 000 patients

A co-ordinating committee of 15 medical workers has been set up to discuss ways of looking after the estimated 12 000 patients still being treated at Baragwanath

A spokesman for the Health Workers' Association (HWA) said the medical professionals were aware of the serious disciplinary action they could face, but in spite of this had decided to take action in support of the dismissed strikers

Intransigence

"These are desperate acts by medical staff brought about by the intransigence of the authorities The medical staff believe they have no alternative but to take the action planned," the spokesman said

Yesterday 942 student nurses were ordered to vacate the nurses' home and although they refused, they left the hospital grounds rather than face confrontation with the troops and police sent to evict them

"Only 40 of the student nurses surrendered the keys to their rooms The other 900 kept their keys," the HWA spokesman said

An urgent application asking for the reinstatement of the dismissed workers by lawyers representing the General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu) was to be brought before the Rand Supreme Court today.

A meeting of the dismissed workers was to be held today at Gawu's Johannesburg offices

● A telex requesting an urgent meeting with the Minister of Health to resolve the situation at Baragwanath was sent to Pretoria yesterday by the Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union and the Black Health and Allied Workers' Union The unions asked for a reply by tonight.

'Gunpoint' collection of wages

JOHANNESBURG — A Baragwanath doctor has described what he called an "extremely disturbing scene" at the hospital yesterday when about 300 dismissed workers were rounded up by armed soldiers and some escorted one by one to collect their final pay packets

Workers have signed affidavits saying they were forced at gunpoint to collect their pay, and have handed their wages back to officials of the General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu) so that they can be returned to the hospital

The doctor, who cannot be named, said the workers were surrounded by armed soldiers standing one metre apart The workers told the doctor they had been forbidden to go to the toilet and had not been allowed water to drink.

The commanding officer told the doctor that the workers would "cause havoc" if they were allowed to move around freely

The commanding officer denied that the workers were not allowed to have water or go to the toilet He said he would provide water and that workers were allowed to go to the toilet under escort one at a time — Sapa

Fired nurses: Lawyers act

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Lawyers acting on behalf of 900 striking Baragwanath Hospital nurses have given notice in the Rand Supreme Court that they will bring an urgent application this morning for the reinstatement of sacked student nurses and auxiliary workers.

Their services have been terminated and they have been prohibited from remaining on the premises and in the hostels.

It was agreed between all parties that the respondents would not have time to file affidavits before this morning.

The strike started a week ago after a demand by daily-paid or unclassified workers for more pay and the redress of grievances presented to the authorities by live-in student nurses.

Ban

Meanwhile, a new banning order has been imposed on the Health Workers' Association (HWA), representing all hospital workers and medical staff.

It has been banned from holding meetings from yesterday until 8.30am next Monday.

The banning order was served on the executive on Monday afternoon after 1 500 people at the hospital had been dismissed.

The first ban prohibited the HWA executive from addressing strikers at the hospital from last Friday afternoon until Monday morning.

Of the total dismissed, 900 student nurses were given 24 hours' notice to collect their pay cheques and be out of the hospital premises by 11am the next day.

The striking nurses defied the order to collect their pay, but all vacated the hospital premises after members of the Defence Force surrounded their hostels.

An official of the Hospital Service Directorate said in Pretoria yesterday that the nurses had been told they could reapply for their jobs. Each application would be judged on merit.

Hundreds of auxiliary workers, porters and cleaners were also fired from their jobs and claimed they were forced to sign receipts for their wages.

Soldiers

The workers claimed they were taken by armed soldiers and police from the Harriet Shezi Hall to the hospital's personnel office where they were paid off and told their jobs had been terminated.

Yesterday about 650 doctors, including health workers, signed a petition which was to be handed to the hospital's chief superintendent, urging him to meet and address the strikers and get them back at work.

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Unions threaten mass strike at Barag

wanath

From SOPHIE TEMA

JOHANNESBURG — Labour unions representing hospital medical staff and pharmaceutical company workers have threatened a mass strike if the crisis at Baragwanath Hospital is not resolved immediately.

At a meeting at the hospital on Tuesday, doctors and nursing sisters threatened a mass walk-out or to down tools if the dismissed workers and nurses were not reinstated by yesterday.

A delegation representing doctors, nursing sisters, radiographers and technical and clerical staff gave this ultimatum to the chief superintendent, Dr Chris van den Heever.

But the crisis deepened further when workers and nursing staff of a second hospital threatened to present a list of their grievances to the authorities in solidarity with Baragwanath Hospital's dismissed workers.

A telex requesting an urgent meeting with the Minister of Health to resolve the situation at Baragwanath Hospital was sent to Pretoria on Tuesday by the South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union and the Black Health and Allied Workers' Union.

The medical staff yesterday said that if the doctors and nursing sisters carried out their threat, hospital services would come to a complete standstill. This could to some extent affect the 12 000 patients at Baragwanath.

Yesterday morning lawyers acting for the 900 dismissed nurses presented papers on an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court for the reinstatement of the dismissed workers.

The Supreme Court action is being brought by the General and Allied Workers' Union in a bid to reinstate the nurses who went on strike over poor working conditions and pay.

Legal representatives met Justice G Goldstone in his chambers where he heard the application which was postponed to 11am today. Judgment is expected to be delivered at 2.30 this afternoon.

Meanwhile, Baragwanath is surrounded by military and police contigents and, it is alleged, patients have to be escorted around the building by armed soldiers.

One senior nurse at the meeting in Johannesburg said it was almost impossible for anyone not working at the hospital to gain entry, even to visit very sick relatives.

Mr Eddie Gobey, who is attempting to negotiate for the Black Health and Allied Workers' Union, said he had been unable to make contact with the hospital authorities. "They are always in meetings it seems."

● In the Cape, the Health Workers' Society yesterday condemned the action of Transvaal hospital authorities in dismissing the 900 nurses and 800 non-classified workers at Baragwanath and called for their unconditional reinstatement.

In a statement, a spokesman for the society said the authorities in the Transvaal had refused to accede to the legitimate demands of the workers, which included decent living wages, better working conditions and the right to democratic worker representation.

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Nurse alleges attack

JOHANNESBURG — A student nurse from Baragwanath Hospital described in papers before the Rand Supreme Court yesterday how she was "attacked with batons and stones" after trying to discuss grievances with a matron

Mrs Mardulate Tshabalala and two others brought an urgent application calling for their reinstatement at the Nurses' Home at the hospital

In her affidavit, Mrs Tshabalala said nurses were beaten by hospital security guards on November 13 after they were refused permission to discuss grievances at a routine meeting with the chief matron

March in hospital grounds

"The students then decided to march from the residence to the pay point, which is within the hospital grounds," she said

"It was then the hospital security guards attacked the student body with batons and stones, causing bodily injury to certain students and damage to the nurses' hostel"

She said that "at no stage did I or any member of the student body go on strike" and that that their "desire to report back for duty as soon as their grievances were dealt with was at all times made clear to the senior members of staff, including the chief superintendent (Dr Chris van den Heever)"

Finally, a student delegation was told on November 16 by Dr Van den Heever that they were being dismissed as of November 13 On November 18, they were given 24 hours to vacate their hostel rooms

Mr J Browde, SC, for the nurses, said the court should grant an interim order allowing them to be fully re-instated until the entire matter could be brought to full trial

'Refused to work'

In argument before Mr Justice R Goldstone, Mr J Coetzee, for the respondents, argued that 867 nurses were dismissed because they refused to work while there were 1 112 patients in the hospital

In his replying affidavit, Dr Van den Heever said he could not approve the reinstatement of the second and third applicants — Mr Themba Mbobo, a final year male student nurse, and Mr Macbeth Nxumalo, a male pupil nurse — because they had acted irresponsibly by striking

Mr Coetzee said Mrs Tshabalala had been unreasonable in "rushing" to court when the authorities did not even consider her dismissed as she was on leave when the alleged strike occured

The judge said he could not see how Mrs Tshabalala, who had acted as a representative for the nurses in negotiations, should have considered that she was excluded from the dismissal order

Over 1 000 patients will be tended by army personnel at least until Monday when the court will pass judgement — Sapa and Own Correspondent

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Dismissal of nurses invalid — judge

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The 940 student nurses dismissed from Baragwanath Hospital were found by the Rand Supreme Court today to have been given an invalid and ineffective dismissal notice.

Mr Justice R J Goldstone found that the hospital's chief superintendent, Dr C. van den Heever, had not properly exercised his discretion in firing all the students in a body.

The action followed the recent strike of an number of student nurses who believed that certain grievances had not been dealt with properly by the authorities.

URGENT ACTION

Three student nurses, Miss Mardulate Tshabalala, Mr Themba Nbobo and Mr Macbeth Nxumalo, brought the urgent action last week in the hope of having their dismissal declared unlawful and of being returned to their jobs and hostels.

Mr Justice Goldstone said that each student had been entitled to a hearing.

His order did not automatically mean, he added, that the three applicants were entitled to reinstatement.

Miss Tshabalala could return to her job and hostel room as she had been on leave at the time of the strike action.

TEMPORARILY

Mr Mbobo denied having been on strike and this dispute would have to be resolved in the main action. In the meantime, he was temporarily reinstated to his job and hostel.

Mr Nxumalo had not denied striking. The court could not order the reinstatement of someone who took part in an illegal strike, the judge said. It would "subvert the principles of the profession".

A spokesman for the Health Workers' Association said today he was "reasonably pleased" with the court ruling.

"We hope the authorities will immediately see their way clear to meeting student nurses to discuss reinstatement to get the hospital back to normal for the benefit of the community and in the interests of patient care," he said.

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Hospital staff get jobs back

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — All the student nurses and non-classified workers dismissed from their jobs at Baragwanath Hospital have been reinstated

Their legal representatives were told yesterday afternoon that the hospital authorities had resolved to reinstate all the workers — approximately 900 student nurses and 800 non-classified workers — with immediate effect, under the same conditions as before they were dismissed and with their full benefits

The 800 non-classified workers were dismissed on November 18 following a wage increase strike and the student nurses on November 19 after complaining about the hospital's curfew regulations

Three nurses who said that they had not gone on strike brought an action in the Rand Supreme Court against the Minister of Health and Welfare, Dr C V van der Merwe, the Director of Hospital Services, Dr Hennie van Wyk, and Dr C van der Heever, Chief Superintendent of Baragwanath Hospital, claiming the right to remain in the hospital's nurse's home and to continue working

Mr Justice R Goldstone ordered that Miss Mardurata Tshabalala, one of the three nurses demanding to be reinstated, should be fully reinstated and allowed to live in her room in the nurses' home

He ordered that the case of the second applicant, Mr Themba Mbobe, should go to full trial to decide whether he was employed on a permanent or temporary basis, and if he had been on strike between November 14 and November 18

He found that the third applicant, Mr MacBeth Nxumalo, did not deny taking part in the strike action and therefore could not be granted any relief

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Education Reporter

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Now first RSCs are set down for middle of 1986

THE first Regional Services Councils (RSCs) will not be established on January 1 next year as originally planned by government, but should be operational by mid-1986.

Director of Constitutional Development Len Dekker said yesterday that January 1 had only been a "target date" and that the RSCs would be implemented gradually rather than at a specific date.

He said the introduction of new taxes to finance the RSCs had been set for July 1 next year.

Furthermore, the Demarcation Board had not yet finalised geographical boundaries for the RSCs.

However, four sub-committees of the Co-ordinating Council on Local Affairs would complete their reports this week, and these would be discussed by the council at a meeting in Cape Town next week chaired by Minister Chris Heunis

A recommendation would then be submitted to government

PETER WALLINGTON

The sub-committees were appointed to investigate how a number of other local bodies, including development boards, Transvaal peri-urban boards, the Cape Divisional Council, the Natal Development and Services Board and the Regional Water Services Corporation, would be affected by the implementation of RSCs

Dekker said RSCs would lead to a rationalisation of the services provided on a local government level.

The RSC Act specifically provided for the transfer of powers, funds and personnel, he said.

Among parties represented on the Co-ordinating Council on Local Affairs are the Urban Council Association of SA (Ucasa), the United Municipal Executive (UME), development boards and the national ad hoc coloured and Indian management committees.

Pay rises for 175 000 lower-paid civil servants

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All labourers in the public service and provincial administration — including non-classified hospital workers — are to receive a pay rise, backdated to November 1

A spokesman for the Commission for Administration said last night the pay rise followed an investigation started in May. It formed part of a series of investigations approved in the last budget with the aim of improving the positions of lowest paid employees

A spokesman for the Black Health and Allied Workers' Union said daily-paid hospital workers would receive between 10 and 50 percent more and that increases would be backdated to November 1. He believed the announcement was a direct result of the strike action at Baragwanath Hospital last month

GENERAL ASSISTANTS

"A total of 175 000 general assistants, as the occupation class for labourers is known in the public service, will receive varying benefits," said the spokesman for the Commission for Administration

All workers are to rise at least one salary notch, but labourers at the bottom end of their salary series are to receive the greatest improvement

The spokesman said payment of the higher wages would be made as soon as individual departments had completed the adjustments But because of the large number of people, the implementation process was expected to take some time

A union spokesman said they would have to study the increases to see what they would mean to workers in real terms

"But we still maintain that non-classified workers in hospitals must have the right to negotiate their salaries through their chosen union."

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Racial service 'too dear'

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Medical Reporter

A SEVERE shortage of money and staff meant that there was no choice but to consolidate hospital services if high-quality medical care was to be maintained, the Cape's director of hospital services, Dr Niklaas Louw, said yesterday

In an interview, Dr Louw said consolidation of hospital and medical services supplied by the province had been under way for some time and would continue in the future

'Separate'

He said although the policy of separate facilities for the different race groups was still in force, duplication of services on racial or any other grounds simply could not be afforded any longer

Dr Louw said emergency and intensive-care units were now racially integrated at the major hospitals since these were too expensive to run on a separate basis

There was still general separation of races in the wards but it was his "sincere intention that a patient in need of treatment should never be turned away from a provincial hospital"

The financial situation of his department was so serious that two recently-completed 40-bed hospitals in Piketberg and Porterville could not be opened because there was insufficient cash to run them

In a consolidation programme which began last year, wards had been closed in some hospitals, hospital administrations combined and staff relocated from day clinics to hospitals, he said

"When we closed the wards for chronic patients in Conradie Hospital, and combined the administration sections of Woodstock and Volkshospitaal, we were able to open another 65 beds in Volkshospitaal for after-care rehabilitation of patients

"Similarly, when the staff of day hospitals in the northern suburbs were brought into Karl Bremer Hospital, we were able to open more beds in that hospital which were desperately needed

"We intend to move the beds available for after-care in Goodwood Hospital to Karl Bremer, making the latter our second hospital with rehabilitation facilities — as far as I know, these two are the only hospitals in the country with units specifically dedicated to rehabilitation," said Dr Louw.

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Louw: Govt has to help raise living conditions

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Staff Reporter

THE transferral of black local government to the Provincial Administration and its subsequent reconstruction after the recent unrest would bring together white, coloured and black local governments under one roof, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said in his New Year message.

Mr Louw said this was one of the "biggest responsibilities" facing his administration, as the lives of about three million blacks were affected by this new responsibility, which includes squatter control, housing and social services.

"We realise that the most pressing needs of the majority of inhabitants of this province is that their living conditions should improve and the central and provincial governments will have to lend a hand," Mr Louw said.

In discussions with "favourably disposed black leaders" in an attempt to solve the numerous problems facing the administration, Mr Louw said he was "struck by the large measure of goodwill which prevailed in spite of strong pressure from political activists and intimidators".

However, the availability of funds remains "the biggest worrying factor", and priorities will "have to be weighed up very carefully".

He said the province had a budget "in excess of R2 000 million for the new financial year", but that this "was not an enormous amount, considering the wide-ranging needs of our province".

Mr Louw said the year ahead was going to make "heavy demands on all of us, and the extent to which we achieve success will be decisive for the further political ordering of our country as a whole".

Praise for Natal's local authorities

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

LOCAL authorities throughout Natal have earned praise from Administrator Radclyffe Cadman for their efforts in creating work for the unemployed, Mr Roy Hindle, Provincial Secretary, said here yesterday.

He said the Natal Provincial Administration had channelled virtually all the R16,4 million allocated for this purpose by the Government into projects, organised by Natal's local authorities, together with the Parks Board and the Development Services Board, in the past two financial years.

In the 1985/86 financial year, 205 projects had provided work for more than 6 000 people a day.

Projects launched in the 1986/87 financial year gave work to an average of 4 200 people a day.

He said Mr Cadman had emphasised that the success of the projects in providing an income for large numbers of unemployed people was largely because of 'the positive and active response' from the local authorities in Natal.

The Administrator had also underlined the importance of the skills training programmes implemented by various companies and concerns throughout Natal, as well as by the Province's Community Services Office.

Hand tools

Mr Hindle added that from the daily allocation of R8 a person in urban areas and R6 a person in rural areas, at least half of the sum was paid as worker wages. The rest had been utilised for food and travel allowances for workers, protective clothing, hand tools, supervision and materials required for the projects.

The projects had included establishment and improvements to parks and recreation grounds, preparatory work on capital works projects such as sewer trenching and guttering, beautifying the environment, combating of soil erosion and maintenance of capital works.

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Dekker: levies will mean local funding

Business Editor

EAST LONDON — The payroll and turnover levies on businesses which are intended to fund the proposed regional services councils (RSC) should be seen as part of a government commitment to the principle of "user charging", the Director of Constitutional Development in the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Len Dekker, said last night

Mr Dekker, in an address to chamber of commerce officials and city councillors, acknowledged that the levies would result in additional taxation required to fund increased involvement by all races in local government However, they should be seen not only as an additional burden but also as a substitute for a number of existing levies, such as trading licence fees, which would fall away

The principle was that those people benefiting from services within a particular region should be primarily responsible for financing them and that this taxation should be widely based at a low rate

The government was committed to the maximum devolution of authority to local government level The levies to a large extent represented a transfer of taxation and funds from the central to the local level and, because various authorities and statutory bodies would also be taxed, it was estimated that as much as 50 per cent of the RSC levies could be collected from the public sector

Mr Dekker said legislation would provide that RSCs, in apportioning their funds, would have to give preference to improving the infrastructure in areas of greatest need This was in line with a fundamental principle that constitutional changes should go hand in hand with changes in the socio-economic sphere and in quality of life

"To put it bluntly the more affluent groups within a region must assist with the funding for the upgrading of infrastructure in the less developed areas," Mr Dekker said

The aim would be the provision of affordable and realistic services in the light of the fact that South Africa could not afford first world standards Unrealistically high standards would have to be relaxed through a process of deregulation

Mr Dekker said there were three advantages to be derived from the establishment of RSCs

- Improved services through rationalisation and optimum use of scarce resources,
- Political participation and joint decision making on municipal matters of interest to all communities, without domination by any one group,
- Access to "new own sources of revenue" for the provision of infrastructural services where the greatest need existed

(2) whether all such applications were granted, if not, (a) why not, (b) how many applications were (i) granted and (ii) refused and (c) what were the reasons for refusing permission in each case?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) Yes—280 for the period 1/9/85-31/8/86

(2) No

(a) All applications were considered on merit in terms of the provisions laid down in section 21 of the Group Areas Act, 1966

(b) (i) 113

(ii) 119
(48 applications still under consideration)

(c) Each application was considered on its own merits in terms of the provisions laid down in section 21 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 and no reasons for refusal are furnished

Zolani Township, Ashton municipal police force

1233 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

Whether a Black municipal police force has been established in Zolani Township in Ashton, if so, (a) what is the strength of this force (b)(i) when and (ii) why was it established, (c) how were members of the force recruited, (d) what type of arms are issued to members of the force and (e) what is the (i) actual or (ii) estimated annual cost of maintaining this force?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

No The Town Committee of Zolani will take a decision whether they will implement a municipal police force at their following meeting during September 1986

Film on Steve Biko

1234 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Deputy Minister of Information

(1) Whether the Bureau for Information has been approached by any persons to obtain permission to produce a film on Steve Biko in the Republic, if so, what was his response,

(2) whether he will furnish the names of the persons concerned, if not, why not, if so, what are their names?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION

(1) Yes My response was that foreigners require work permits to make films on any subject in South Africa Such work permits can be obtained from the Department of Home Affairs South African citizens do not require work permits for this purpose

(2) Yes Mr Jeff Sneller from the USA, and Mr Chris Davies

Pensions

1235 Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development

(1) (a) What are the terms on which employees of (i) the State and (ii) parastatal institutions, including control boards, may purchase back pensions at present, (b) what is the maximum period involved and (c) on what date were these terms introduced,

(2) what are the relevant particulars of the terms that applied in this regard prior to the date referred to above?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) (i) Payment of own contributions employer contributions and interest (2,75%) accruing over the period purchased, calculated on salary as at date of appointment Further interest (5,5%) accrues from date of appointment to date of payment

(ii) As in (i) with exception of control boards which have private pension funds

(b) The period between date of appointment and date of 16th birthday

(c) The various dates of inception of the pension funds concerned

(2) The particulars are not available In general, it can be assumed that the predecessors of the present pension funds offered the same terms as those stated in (1)(a)(i) above

Bureau for Information: funds to certain organisation

1245 Mr P G SOAL asked the Deputy Minister of Information

(1) Whether the Bureau for Information has made any funds or facilities available to a certain organisation, the name of which has been furnished to the Bureau for the purpose of the Deputy Minister's reply, if so, (a) what (i) funds and/or (ii) facilities, (b) when, (c) why, (d) on whose instructions and (e) what is the name of this organisation, if not,

(2) whether the Bureau has received any requests for assistance from this organisation or persons connected to it, if so, (a) when, (b) for what assistance and (c) what was the response to these requests?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION

(1) No (a) to (e) Fall away

(2) No (a) to (c) Fall away

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Regional services councils

1255 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

Whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the establishing of regional services councils, if so, (a)(i) when does it intend to establish the first regional services council in each of the provinces and (ii) what are the names of the local government bodies that will be included in each of these councils and (b) when does it intend to complete the establishing of such councils in the rest of the Republic?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Yes

(a) (i) In terms of the provisions of the Regional Services Councils Act, 1985 (Act No 109 of 1985), as amended, the provincial Administrators are responsible for the establishment of regional services councils in the various provinces In five instances the reports of the Demarcation Board for Local Government Areas have already been submitted to the Administrators namely

— the Bloemfontein/Botshabelo area,
— the Cape Metropolitan area,
— the Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage area,
— the Pretoria/Brits/Bronkhorstspruit area, and
— the Witwatersrand area

It is the intention of all parties involved in Central and Provincial level of government to have the regional services councils established as soon as possible,

taking into account the prescribed procedures which must be followed

(ii) It is not possible, before a region has been demarcated and the Administrator has taken a decision in terms of section 3(1)(a) of Act 109 of 1985, to indicate which local government bodies will be included in each council

(b) As soon as it is practically possible

Detainees: consultation of doctors

1257 Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development

(1) Whether a decision was taken in 1985 to appoint a panel of doctors which detainees may consult, if so, (a) on what date and (b) who was involved in taking this decision,

(2) whether this panel of doctors has been appointed, of not, (a) why not and (b) when will it be appointed, if so, how many doctors are on this panel,

(3) whether there was a delay in appointing this panel of doctors, if so, what was the cause of the delay,

(4) on what date was this panel appointed?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

(1) Yes

(a) In December 1985

(b) (i) Minister of Law and Order

(ii) Minister of National Health and Population Development.

(iii) Medical Association of South Africa

(2) Yes—154 doctors

(3) Moderate delay was the result of initial problems experienced with a new procedure

(4) Some in June 1986
Remainder in August 1986

Supplementary reply to Question 1170 on 19 August 1986 put by Mr P G Soal (col 2432)

L Mellet

1170 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether the incumbent of the post of director of information for internal media at the Burea for Information, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, holds or held any rank in the South African Police Force, if so, (a) what rank, (b) when did he attain this rank and (c) what is his name,

(2) whether this person has been seconded to the Bureau for Information, if so, from what date, if not, when did he cease to be a member of the Police Force?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

(a) Brigadier

(b) 1 March 1986

(c) L Mellet

(2) No, with effect from 1 April 1986

Own Affairs

District Six: housing units for Whites

92 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked

the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works:

(1) Whether his Department owns and/or administers any housing units for Whites in the area previously known as District Six in Cape Town, if so, how many (a) flats and (b) houses are (i) owned and (ii) administered by his Department,

(2) whether any of these housing units are unoccupied; if so, how many (a) flats and (b) houses were unoccupied as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) Yes

(a) (i) and (ii) 92

(b) (i) and (ii) 3

(2) No

(a) Falls away

(b) Falls away

Questions not replied to owing to adjournment of Parliament

For oral reply

Questions set down for reply on Tuesday, 9 September 1986

General Affairs.

Question standing over from Tuesday, 2 September 1986

Farm/domestic workers

*8. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Manpower:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 1043 on 30 May 1986, consultations concerning the report of the National Manpower Commission on the working conditions of farm and domestic workers have now been completed; if not, (a) why not and (b) what remains to be done to complete this investigation, if so, (i) when and (ii) what organizations and persons were consulted in this regard,

(2) whether the report has been released, if so, when, if not, (a) why not and (b) when will it be released,

(3) whether any action affecting the working conditions of farm and domestic workers is to be taken as a result of the findings of this Commission; if not, why not, if so, (a) what action and (b) when?

New Questions

Sanctions

*4 Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Justice †

(1) Whether any persons have been prosecuted in the current year for encouraging sanctions against South Africa, if so, (a) in terms of what statutory provisions, (b) how many and (c) with what result,

(2) whether a court case is pending in this regard at present about the statement by a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purposes of his reply, if so, what (a) are the particulars of the case and (b) is the name of the person,

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

Townships: conduct of members

*5 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Defence:

Whether any personnel attached to the South African Defence Force have been delegated to investigate allegations concerning the conduct of members of the South African Police while on duty in

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BUSDAY 5/6/86

Cape business congress to focus on problem of RSC's

The establishment of regional services councils to replace provincial administrations — some before the end of this year — and the higher taxation expected to accompany them will be the focus of a meeting of organised commerce in the Cape, reports CHRIS CAIRNCROSS.

REGIONAL Services Councils, the redemarcation of local authorities and the role of business in the reform process will be the main focus of organised commerce's regional congress in Cape Town next Wednesday and Thursday.

The establishment of RSCs — some before the end of the year — remains a sore point with the business community.

Criticism will be directed at government's intention to shift the burden of subsidising urban transport on to the shoulders of the new RSCs, without at the same time scaling down the central administration's share of regional tax collection

In a motion to be put by the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, it will be argued that shifting the cost of financing this subsidy on to the region will severely undermine the Western Cape's prospects for economic growth.

Political factors influenced the location of residential areas that house the poorest population section at considerable distance from main employment centres and the chamber believes government therefore has an obligation to accept responsibility for additional costs incurred

Organised commerce remains concerned that with the implementation of regional services and establishment levies — that will disregard the existing subsidy system — the State will not accept its share of this burden.

Although there will be a trade-off in that transport and service levies — as well as trade licence fees paid by employers — will fall away, it is expected taxation will escalate sharply

Various estimates suggest the new RSC taxes could raise about R1bn in the four major metropolitan areas, whereas the loss of revenue in the cases of taxes withdrawn will only amount to about R100m

In the Cape it has been estimated RSC levies may raise as much as R146m.

This will undoubtedly place the Western Cape RSC in a cost vice should central government withdraw completely.

The Peninsula's urban transport subsidy exceeded R140m last year — and this can be expected to increase when commuter rail links to Khayelitsha and Atlantis start operating.

Organised commerce forsees several economic and technical problems emerging from government's plans to redefine municipal boundaries to accommodate and create separate local authorities for the different race groups, and will make a strong plea for these plans to be abandoned

In the past, a major obstacle encountered in creating fully-fledged black municipalities was their inability to survive financially

The Browne Commission in 1980 proposed this problem could only be solved by a system of transfer payments from white local authorities

The recommendation was turned down by government and the issue was passed to the Croeser Committee, whose report provides the framework for the current re-organisation.

In terms of the new structure, allowance is made for a redistribution of funds from the RSC to the new local authority, but with economic viability remaining a criterion

The business community believes, however, that factors preventing black areas from achieving financial self-sufficiency remain.

The Cape Town Chamber says these problems relate to low income levels and land use in black areas.

Moreover, the chamber observes, there is a great deal of resistance to increasing rents Big rents arrears currently exist

A second factor impinging on levy income is that low income home-owners spend relatively less on home improvements and extensions and this affects the rateable property value

An added factor is that the value of State-built housing is pegged by a formula which determines the value of a house as lying midway between original and replacement cost, and therefore lower than market value

Most black areas consist primarily of residential land use and very little in the way of higher rate-paying uses

In general, thus, the level of rates raised in black areas is low relative to that of white areas

It is thus concluded as inevitable that some form of redistribution via the RSCs will have to occur, given that the self-sufficiency of black areas seems to be impossible

But there will be many demands on RSC funds, and some of them will experience financial shortages

It thus seems that municipalities will come under great pressure to raise rents and rates

SA moves toward the 'optical' phone option

HAMISH McINDOE

OVERSEAS telephone companies are meshing the globe with optical fibres in a cost-cutting drive using cheap glass rather than expensive copper.

British Telecom (BT), for one, thinks that half of its long-distance telephone lines will be optical by the end of the decade Optical fibres will soon carry telephone calls beneath the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

But sharply falling fibre prices overseas and rapid advances in technology are raising doubts over SA going optical by itself.

Threat of sanctions should be reason enough to quash any doubts on the merits of SA's self-sufficiency in the telecommunications field.

Brits-based telephone cable manufacturer ATC recently commissioned a R6m extension to its nine-month-old optical fibre plant

It plans to double capacity to 40 000km of fibre a year over the next six months

ATC optical fibre cables are being used to connect the Post Office's (PO) new digital automatic exchanges and inter-city networks

On paper, at least, SA's plunge into optical fibre technology is an expensive alternative.

The PO, which uses more than 90% of SA's optical fibre production, admits it is willing to pay 35% above world market prices to source locally.

"Suppliers must manufacture here or they don't get our business," said PO senior director of transmissions Dawie Malan

So West German Telecommunications heavyweight Siemens, for instance, is barred from tendering for PO contracts because it has no SA-based optical fibre facility. But it has no plans to compete with ATC

"The market is too small for two optical fibre drawers to make a reasonable return on investment," a company spokesman said

ATC MD Koos Voorster said that prior to the expansion, the company was importing about 40% of its optical fibre requirements at a cost of R10m over the last six months

Malan believes the soft rand is making locally-manufactured optical fibre cheaper than imports

But, longer-term, overseas prices are set to fall dramatically, with forecasts of optical fibre at $1/km eventually falling to around 20c/km

Price aside, the argument that SA could stray behind advances in overseas telecom technology gains little coinage

Arguably, SA is already ahead of some Western countries with its use of single-mode optical fibre.

West Germany's Bundespost, for instance, is only now switching from the older multi-mode fibre, where the light pulse has to be regenerated more frequently.

Jackboot has not crushed the Poles' spirit

ROBIN GEDYE

LONDON — It took three crowbar-wielding policemen 25 minutes to reduce a steel children's pram to a twisted wreck in front of a joyous Friday morning crowd of shoppers in Warsaw's run-down Praga district

As the crowd shouted and jeered encouragement and the policemen sweated and fumed, the "Voice of Solidarity" radio station kept up a steady stream of anti-government propaganda from the bowels of the carriage

Somewhere among the crowd two figures slipped quietly away to be congratulated by their colleagues

That same day, which was the fourth anniversary of the introduction of martial law, a three metre banner proclaiming "Solidarity Lives" was hung on the union's old headquarters in Warsaw's Mokotowska Street

It is six years since Poland was hit by the wave of strikes that spawned Solidarity At the weekend underground leader Zbigniew Bujak was arrested

Bujak is a popular, romantic, audacious figure who enthralled the police and public imagination during his four-and-a-half years on the run.

His capture deals a thumping blow to the morale of the underground movement Bujak's arrest, four weeks before Poland's first Party Congress since Solidarity was crushed, is too impeccably timed to be coincidental.

Government has long maintained that it knew of the arch-menace's whereabouts.

If we believe official claims then Bujak's arrest must be viewed as a sop to Communist party hardliners whose support Polish leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski must have if he is to maintain control over the crucial party congress at the end of this month

At stake is the future course of Jaruzelski's drive to centralise and liberalise economic management. To overcome hardliners' resistance to change, he must buy them with increased repression, say diplomats

The old cliche about Poland being a country under the military boot waiting to explode can no longer be trotted out The boot is firmly in place and the vast majority accept that there is no realistic alternative at the moment.

But the sense of resignation that settled on the Czechs after the Soviet invasion of 1968 has not been reproduced in Poland. The Poles have not, in the words of government, been "normalised"

The people have not been cowed into submission. Prominent actors, journalists, playwrights and intellectuals have contracted out and do not appear in State-backed forums The underground, with an estimated 40 000 to 50 000 active participants, continues to flourish as nowhere else in the Eastern bloc

Bujak was able to keep on the run for 53 months by moving to a new "safe house" sometimes two to three times a week.

A network that can support that sort of subterfuge in a hostile environment would have given the French resistance something to aim at. — *Daily Telegraph.*

DD 23/5/86

Legal action against IMC man possible

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Legal action is being investigated in connection with an alleged contravention of a provincial ordinance by the acting chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Edward Vengadejellum

This was confirmed yesterday by the chairman of the city council's action committee, Mr Donald Card

The senior administrative officer in the town clerk's department, Miss Abby Cronin, confirmed that a complaint had been lodged She said the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, would decide on the matter Mr Kumm was not available for comment

The allegation involves a statement by Mr Vengadejellum on Tuesday concerning confidential discussions on the 1986-1987 budget

Mr Vengadejellum criticised councillors for opposing a move for parity between allowances to city councillors and management committee members

Increases in the allowances were discussed at the finance portfolio meeting where it was revealed that councillors' allowances would go up from R300 to R400 a month and that of management committee members from R150 to R230

Mr Vengadejellum singled out the chairman of the finance committee, Mr Errol Spring, for particular criticism, saying it was strange that as a member of the Progressive Federal Party Mr Spring could do a "somersault" on parity

Yesterday Mr Card said it was an offence to discuss action committee matters in public and the management committee members were briefed fully on this when they were allowed to attend these meetings for the first time

"Cases such as this make it difficult to allow people who divulge information to be allowed back into the committee meetings We will have to investigate whether Mr Vengadejellum can be allowed back although he has said he will not attend any further meetings," Mr Card said

He said he did not want to discuss further what was said in the meeting but would like to comment on Mr Vengadejellum's claims about parity

"There is no way a nominated management committee member such as Mr Vengadejellum can be equated with an elected city councillor There is a big difference and nominated management committee members can be equated with leaders of ratepayers associations They have the same role and function," Mr Card said

Mr Spring refused to comment on matters which were discussed in committee

"I would not like to comment on Mr Vengadejellum's allegations The matter will probably come up in council," he said

Central Transvaal

Community Councils	Wards	Vacancies
1. Brits	6	4 (no quorum)
2. Thabazimbi	6	0

Local Authorities	Wards	Vacancies
1 Mamelodi (Pretoria)	12	2
2 Atteridgeville (Pretoria)	11	4
3 Belabela (Warm Baths)	6	2

Eastern Transvaal

Community Councils	Wards	Vacancies
1 Amersfoort (Ezamokhle)	6	0
2 Barberton (Emjindini)	6	1
3 Breyten (KwaZanele)	6	1
4. Carolina (Silobela)	6	3 (no quorum)
5. Davel (KwaDela)	6	0
6 Morgenzon (Sivukile)	6	0
7 Piet Retief (Ethandakukhanya)	7	3
8. Sabie (Simile)	6	0
9. Wakkerstroom (Esizameleni)	6	0
10. Waterval-Boven (Emgwewya)	6	4 (no quorum)

Local Authorities	Wards	Vacancies
1 Wesselton (Ermelo)	10	0

Western Transvaal

Community Councils	Wards	Vacancies
1 Bloemhof (Boitumelong)	5	0
2. Carletonville (Khutsong)	8	0
3 Christiana (Utlwanang)	5	0
4 Coligny (Ipeleng)	5	0
5 Fochville (Kokosi)	5	0
6. Hartbeesfontein (Tigane)	5	1
7 Koster (Reagile)	5	0
8. Leeudoringstad (Kgahala)	5	0
9. Lichtenburg (Boikhutso)	5	1
10 Makwassie (Lebaleng)	5	0
11 Orkney (Kanana)	8	2
12. Ottosdal (Letsopa)	5	1
13 Schweizer-Reneke (Ipelegeng)	5	0
14 Stilfontein (Khuma)	8	2
15 Swartruggens (Borolelo)	5	0
16 Ventersdorp (Tshing)	5	0
17. Wolmaransstad	5	2
18 Zeerust (Ikageleng)	5	0

Local Authorities	Wards	Vacancies
1 Jouberton (Klerksdorp)	8	2
2. Ikageng (Potchefstroom)	8	0

Levies

849 Dr F HARTZENBERG asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning †

What total amounts were owing to each Development Board in respect of (a) rent, (b) service charges, (c) electricity and (d) other specified levies as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(a), (b), (c) and (d) The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning does not keep record of such detail as Development Boards are autonomous bodies of which the financial statements are tabled in Parliament The hon member may, however, obtain the required information direct from the Development Boards

The State supplied the following bridging loans to Development Boards during the 1985-86 financial year in order to compensate for deficits due to various causes

Western Cape	R34 000 000
Eastern Cape	R48 820 000
West Rand	R30 000 000
Southern OFS	R 4 160 000
East Rand	R15 372 000
Natalia	R16 497 000
Orange Vaal	R20 000 000

Agricultural Pests Act

860 Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Agricultural Economics.

Whether, during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available, his Department took any action against persons who contravened any of the provisions of the Agricultural Pests Act, No 36 of 1983, if so, (a) against how many persons, (b) for what offences and (c) what were the penalties imposed in each case?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS:

Yes

(a) 4 persons

(b) (i) Removal of plants from quarantine contrary to an order,

(ii) removal of citrus plants from the Transvaal to the Cape Province contrary to the control measures, and

(iii) refusal or neglect to furnish information to an officer who is authorised in terms of the Act to request such information

(c) R300 admission of guilt in one of five cases under (b)(i) and (ii). The decision of the Court is still awaited in respect of the remaining four cases. Two prosecutions in respect of (b)(iii) have still to be heard by the Courts.

Kwelera: social pensions

909. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

Whether his Department is responsible for the payment of social pensions to persons living in the Kwelera area near East London, if not, who is responsible for this service, if so, where are these pensions paid out?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning took over the responsibility for the payment of social pensions to pensioners in the Kwelera area from the Ciskei Government with effect from 1 April 1986 Payment of pensioners will be made on an agency bases on behalf of the Department by the East London District office of the Department of Home Affairs at the Blue Waters Police Station near Kwelera

Own Affairs.

Transfer of records of provincial education departments

75 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 2 on 22 April 1986, all the

records of the provincial education departments were transferred to his Department along with the responsibility for the affairs of those departments, if not, (a) why not, (b) which records were not transferred to his Department and (c)(i) what steps were taken in respect of these records and (ii) who took the decision in this regard?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Yes, but the records of the Administrator, Provincial Executive Committee and the Member of the Executive Committee were not transferred

(a) Falls away

(b) Records as indicated above

(c) (i) and (ii) Fall away

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†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

HANSARD 9/5/86

Lesotho Highlands Water Project

QGen 1675

843 Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Water Affairs †

(1) (a)(i) What is the total proposed investment by the State, State institutions and other local institutions, with the permission of the State, in the Lesotho Highlands Water Project and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished and (b) what percentage of the total investment in the said project does this amount represent,

(2) whether an agreement has been reached on the percentage of the total proposed expenditure which the Lesotho Government will be expected to bear, if so, what percentage,

(3) whether any steps have been taken to prevent the project from being delayed unnecessarily, if not, why not, if so, (a) what contingencies have been negotiated about and (b) what guarantees have been obtained in this regard?

The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS

(1) (a) (i) R228 million

(ii) July 1985

(b) 12,2%

(2) No

(3) Yes The draft treaty makes, *inter alia*, provision for unnecessary delays by either party in the implementation of the proposed project, but as the proposed treaty still has to be approved by both Governments, no details can be divulged at this stage

(3) (a) and (b) Fall away

QOOL 1676

Johannesburg North: pollution

HANSARD 9/5/86

914 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Water Affairs·

Whether his Department took any action in 1985 in regard to the pollution of rivers, streams and canals which flow through the Parliamentary constituency of Johannesburg North, if so, (a) what action, (b) in respect of which rivers, streams and canals and (c) with what result?

The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS·

No The hon member is referred to my reply to his Question No 819 (for written reply) in 1985 The results of the monitoring have thusfar remained unchanged

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

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at this school at present; if so, how many?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE·

(1) No, the Department of Education and Culture only took over this responsibility on 1 April 1986;

(2) Yes, according to information obtained from the Transvaal Education Department, there are at present 14 such pupils

†Mr J H VAN DER MERWE· Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is the Department considering any steps at all to end the attendance of that school by Black pupils?

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE No, why should they? [Interjections]

†The MINISTER No, Sir.

Q CUR 1627

Rent-controlled premises

HANSARD 6/5/86

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

(a) How many applications in respect of rent-controlled premises have been heard by the Bellville Area Rent Board concerning premises situated in (i) Athlone and (ii) Grassy Park since 1 January 1986 and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(a) (i) 4

(ii) 2.

(b) 1 January 1986 until 25 April 1986

HANSARD 6/5/86 Q CUR 1627

Damage to schools

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

(1) (a) How many schools situated in the Durban area and falling under the Natal Education Department suffered (i) petrol bomb attacks and (ii) other specified forms of attack during the period 1 January 1986 up to the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) what are the names of these schools, (c) what was the nature of the damage to them and (d) what is the total estimated cost of this damage,

(2) whether the Natal Education Department has taken any steps to re-supply the affected schools, if so, what steps,

(3) whether security precautions were being taken at these schools at the time of these attacks; if not, why not, if so, what precautions,

(4) whether security precautions are currently being taken at (a) these and (b) any other schools falling under the Natal Education Department; if not, why not; if so, (i) at what other schools and (ii) what is the nature of these precautions,

(5) whether the Natal Education Department has taken or intends to take steps to enforce internal security at schools being administered by it, if not, why not, if so, what steps,

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

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) (a) (i) One,

(ii) four,

(b) (i) Port Natal High School,

(ii) Brettonwood High School, Durban High School, Durban Girls High School, Glenwood High School,

(c) Port Natal High School 4 April 1986
The entrance hall and offices of the principle and secretary

were damaged by a petrol bomb Severe damage was done to the contents of the offices

Brettonwood High School· 17 April 1986
An attempt was made to burn down the Hall by setting chairs alight, an ANC slogan was spray painted on the hall building, 16 chairs were destroyed, the light fixture was damaged and the gallery side walls need repainting,

Durban High School 24-25 January 1986
Petrol was used to set the staff-room door alight. Slight damage was done to the door only,

Durban Girls High School 7-9 February 1986
Double door to the refectory was set alight causing damage to the door,

Glenwood High School 24-25 March 1986
A window was broken in the Principal's office and petrol used to set fire to the curtains The wood panelling, flooring and carpeting were badly damaged,

Glenwood High School· 31 March 1986
Extensive damage was caused to the Secretary's office by fire which destroyed the contents of the office,

(d) R22 800,00,

(2) Principals have been authorised to replace or repair damaged items,

(3) yes, visits by security personnel by means of roving patrols,

(4) (a) yes,

(b) yes,

(i) all schools,

(ii) all schools are to be visited by security personnel after nightfall by means of roving patrols Some schools with hostels are provided with security guards,

(5) yes, principals of all schools in consultation with their advisory school committees, have drawn up contingency plans,

(6) no

Transfer of functions

HANSARD 6/5/86 Q CUR 1630 261

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

(1) Whether a date has been determined for the transfer to his Department of the functions of provincial departments of libraries and museums, if not, (a) why not and (b) when will a date be determined, if so, (i) what date has been so determined and (ii) what functions will be transferred,

(2) whether the provincial library and museum services will be divided amongst Own Affairs Departments on (a) the basis of readership/visitorship or (b) any other specified basis, if so, why,

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

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) No,

(a) the transfer to the Administration House of Assembly is still in the process of being negotiated

(b) when the negotiations have been concluded,

(i) and (ii) fall away,

in respect of races in pupil/teacher ratios; if not, (a) why not and (b) when it is envisaged that such estimates will be made; if so, what amount per year is required to bring about parity by (i) 1990 and (ii) 1995?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

The hon member is referred to the answer on Question 29, which is also applicable to this question on pupil/teacher ratios

22/4/86 Q CAR 1287 HANSARD

Rabies

*31 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Agricultural Economics·

How many cases of rabies were reported in (a) Natal and (b) KwaZulu during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS.

(a) Natal 68

(b) KwaZulu 15

For the period 1 March 1985 to 28 February 1986

Johannesburg station: release of gas

*32 Mr W V RAW asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

(1) Whether an investigation was held into the release of gas in the Johannesburg station; if not, why not, if so, (a) what type of gas was released, (b)(i) by whom, (ii) why and (iii) when was it released and (c) what areas and/or public facilities were affected;

(2) whether any (a) adults and (b) children were evacuated from the affected areas, if so, what total number of persons were evacuated,

(3) whether any foodstuffs and/or meals were contaminated by the gas so released; if so, what was the total amount of the losses sustained in this regard,

(4) whether any action has been taken against those responsible for releasing the gas, if so, what action?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS.

(1) Yes

(a), (b), (i) (ii), (iii), (c) and (2) to (4) As the matter is *sub judice* no information can be divulged at this juncture

Own Affairs:

HANSARD 261 22/4/86 Q CAR 1288

Provincial health/hospital services

*1. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Health Services and Welfare

(1) Whether a date has been set for the transfer of the provincial health and hospital services to his Department, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that a decision will be taken in this regard, if so, what is that date;

(2) whether any changes will be made to the (a) structure and (b) functioning of these provincial services when they are transferred to his Department, if so, (i) what changes and (ii) what is the reason for each of these changes?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE·

(1) No

(a) and (b) I refer the hon member to my reply on a question of the hon member for Pietersburg on 10 February 1986. The investigation by the project team of the Commission for Administration has been completed The report is being studied at present and a decision will be taken shortly

(2) The changes will be determined by the nature and extent of the functions which are to be transferred to Own Affairs Administrations

Mr R M BURROWS. Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he indicate which health services it has been agreed will be shared between the Natal Provincial Administration and the KwaZulu authority in terms of the Joint Executive Authority approved by the Government?

The MINISTER· Mr Speaker, the hon member should direct that question to the hon the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning [Interjections]

Mr G B D McINTOSH Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, would he tell the House whether the report of the Commission for Administration is an own affairs report or a general affairs report and whether it will be made available to hon members of Parliament?

The MINISTER· Mr Speaker, I do not think the report has been classified .

Mrs H SUZMAN: Race classification!

The MINISTER· . . in the terms used by the hon member, but it is being dealt with by a general affairs department, namely the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning

Mr G B D McINTOSH. Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he tell the House if the hon the Minister of National Health and Population Development is involved in dealing with this problem?

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, the hon the Minister of National Health and Population Development is obviously involved in this matter

22/4/86 Q CAR 1289 HANSARD

Teacher training colleges

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

(1) Whether any Administrator, Provincial Executive Committee or Member of the Executive Committee was formally approached at any time during the latest specified period of five years for which information is available, to open to all races any teacher training college then falling under provincial control, if so, (a) by what persons or groups, (b) what are the names of the persons so approached, (c) on what dates did this occur and (d) what was the reaction in each case;

(2) whether during the above period any university acting in accordance with the provisions of the National Education Policy Act, No 39 of 1967, made a request, in conjunction with a teacher training college, that such college admit non-White students of the university; if so, (a) which (i) universities and (ii) colleges, (b) on what dates and (c) with what result in each case,

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

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) No request in this regard was made to the Department The Department also has no record of requests made to the Administrators, Executive Committees and members of Executive Committees in the past,

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

(2) No such request was made to the Department and the Department has no knowledge of requests made to Administrators, Executive Committees or members of Executive Committees,

(a)(i)(ii), (b) and (c) fall away;

(3) No

Mr R M BURROWS· Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, did I understand him correctly to say that his de-

Mr K M ANDREW: Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him how his Deputy Minister could have made a public statement that it was intended to achieve parity within ten years?

The MINISTER. Mr Chairman, the exact terms of this programme will be announced by the hon the Minister of National Education, who has the overall responsibility for the standards and norms of financing with regard to education in respect of all departments, and in that announcement not only a formula but also the details of a programme—a time schedule, in other words—will be announced

Mr K M ANDREW. Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply to the previous supplementary question, I should like to point out that he was asked whether such a calculation had been made, and he failed to answer directly. Could he therefore tell the House whether such a calculation has in fact been made?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, many calculations have been made with regard to trying to determine, first of all, the parameters within which to calculate the backlog in educational facilities, the levels at which parity in educational facilities should be achieved, and also the parameters in relation to the financial means of the State in this regard Since these are factors which interact mutually it was thought best to bring them all together in a formula and to work out a programme or time schedule within which that formula could be introduced and ultimately fully implemented

*17. Mr K M ANDREW—Finance. [Reply standing over]

Q 695 1095
HANSARD 15/4/86

BHC poison

*18 Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Agricultural Economics

(1) Whether the poison known as BHC has been used to combat locusts in the Eastern Cape in recent weeks; if so,

(2) whether (a), he, (b) his Department and/or (c) any other body authorised the use thereof; if so, (i) by whom was it authorised, (ii) what quantity of the poison was used and (iii) where were supplies of the poison obtained;

(3) whether the use of this poison was monitored; if so, by whom;

(4) whether all the persons applying this poison were issued with the recommended protection equipment; if so, with what specified equipment,

(5) whether those applying the poison, suffered any ill-effects attributable to contact with BHC, if so, what is the nature of these ill-effects,

(6) whether this poison is still being used,

(7) whether any substitutes for BHC are available, if so, why were these substitutes not used?

†The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS:

(1) Yes

(2) (a), (b) and (c) Yes

(i) The Registar of Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies

(ii) 4 000 ton.

(iii) A strategic supply purchased by the Department of Agricultural Economics and Marketing during 1974 was kept in stock During 1981 a prophibition was placed on the manufacture of BHC.

(3) Yes, by officials of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Marketing

(4) No special protective equipment is prescribed in respect of the use of

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BHC. Labourers were issued with masks and dust goggles.

(5) No, not as far as is known

(6) Yes, on a limited scale only Stocks are almost exhausted

(7) Yes, substitutes for BHC have now become available and are being phased in

BHC poison

*19. Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Defence·

(1) Whether any members of the South African Defence Force are and/or were recently engaged in applying the poison BHC to combat locusts, if so, (a) how many as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) which Defence Force units are and/or were involved and (c) on what dates in each case,

(2) whether the activities of these units were monitored; if so, by whom;

(3) whether all members applying this poison were issued with the recommended protection equipment, if so, with what specified equipment,

(4) whether any ill-effects attributable to contact with this poison have been suffered by any members involved in locust combating activities; if so, what is the nature of these ill-effects,

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

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(1) Yes

(a) As on 7 April 1986· 50 drivers were made available to the Department of Agricultural Economics and Marketing at their requests

(b) North Western Command is in control of the members (who come from different units) and equipment of the SA Defence Force

(c) The assistance commenced on 24 February 1986 and is extended for periods of three weeks as required The most recent extention ends on 25 April 1986.

(2) Yes By officials of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Marketing for the execution of the task and by a senior Defence Force officer for disciplinary purposes.

(3) As military personnel are not involved in the application of the poison no special protective equipment is issued to them Only protective overalls have been issued to them.

(4) Three members showed symptoms of stomach cramps, coughing and headache, similar to flu, which may possibly have been caused by the poison. They received medication at a local hospital and are at present in good health.

(5) No

Own Affairs Q 695 1098 261 60
HANSARD 15/4/86

Provincial education councils'

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

(1) Whether a date has been set or suggested for the coming into operation of the provincial education councils; if not, why not, if so, what is this date,

(2) whether any organisations were consulted prior to the setting of this date; if not, why not, if so, what organisations,

(3) whether, prior to this date, the functions of these provincial education councils are being performed by another body, if so, by what body?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE (for the Minister of Education and Culture)·

(1) No; the House of Assembly has not yet considered the amendment bill instituting provincial education councils,

(2) falls away;

(3) no Functions which were carried out by the provincial authorities in the past have been transferred to the Department The proclamations affecting the transfer were promulgated in *Government Gazette* No 10171 of 27 March 1986

Provincial education departments

*2 Mr R M BURROWS asked the minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether his Department has taken over the capital programmes of the provincial education departments from each provincial administration, if not, (a) why not and (b) which Government Departments will undertake these capital programmes, if so,

(2) whether the costs of these programmes for the 1986-87 financial year have been incorporated in the estimates of his Department, if not, why not,

(3) whether financial arrangements have been made to cover the building programmes of the provincial education departments; if not, why not, if so, what arrangements?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE (for the Minister of Education and Culture)

(1) Yes, but the provincial administrations are still rendering assistance during the transition period in accordance with an agreement reached;

(2) no; as a temporary measure and pending investigations into the administrative structure of the Administration House of Assembly they have been incorporated in Programme 5 of the estimates of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works (page 4-19 of the Budget, Administration House of Assembly)

(3) yes, see items (1) and (2) above

Provincial education departments

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

(1) What posts in the provincial education departments are to be transferred to the head office of his Department,

(2) whether any posts in the provincial education departments are to be eliminated; if so, what posts?

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE (for the Minister of Education and Culture)

(1) The rationalisation of functions to be dealt with by the head office and the provincial education departments will take place gradually and it is not possible to determine yet which posts are to be transferred to or from head office Staff can be assured, however, that such transfers will take place with the minimum disruption and after consultation with the personnel who might be affected A few persons have already been seconded for shorter or longer periods of time to assist with the additional functions but no posts have thus far been transferred,

(2) no decisions have yet been taken in this regard

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For written reply

General Affairs

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HANSARD 15/4/86

Prisons

103. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice·

(1) (a) How many prisoners can be accommodated in South African prisons at present, (b) what is the current daily average prison population and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

(2) whether any prisons were overpopulated in 1985; if so, (a) which prisons and (b) what was the average rate of overpopulation in each case?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE·

(1) (a) According to the norm mentioned below, 81 783

(b) 113 792,8 (see Annexure A and B for analysis of sentences and crimes)

(c) December 1985

(2) Yes, in the sense that the norm was exceeded

However, as mentioned in my reply to Question No 12 of 6 March 1984, overcrowded prisons is a relative concept The accommodation figure for South African prisons is determined against a broad norm and the highest standards of hygiene and health are maintained. Everything possible is done to keep prisoners productively occupied and this gives rise to the fact that a large number of prisoners mainly work outside the prison during the day Prisoners also have access to spacious courtyards and ample opportunity is given for outdoor recreation In view thereof, overcrowding as such is not an unmanageable phenomenon However, attention is given to overcrowding in South African prisons on a continual basis During 1985 a total of 3 256 units were provided as additional accommodation Approximately 7 000 additional units is expected to be occupied during 1986 The situation at prisons with an above average influx of admissions due to temporary circumstances is alleviated by the transfer of prisoners to prisons with a lower occupation level The application of the deconsentration policy has resulted in a more even distribution of the prison population and therefore considerable relief has been effected with regard to occupancy levels in general. A futher method for utilising available accommodation more efficiently, is by implementing stacked beds to such an extent that hygiene and health standards are still complied with

(a) and (b) The prisons mentioned below were overcrowded on 31 December 1985 to the degree as indicated next to each prison.

Prison	Percentage over-population
Western Cape, Boland and Southern Cape	
Allandale (The construction of a new prison is being planned)	78,9
Beaufort West (The construction of a new prison is included in the priority list for inclusion in the major works services programme)	63,2
Bien Donne	44,6
Buffeljagsriver	48,0
Brandvlei Medium	54,6
Brandvlei Maximum (The construction of a new prison at Brandvlei is included in the major works services programme)	51,4
Caledon	95,3

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Local affairs body to take part in indaba

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Mercury Reporter

THE president of the Natal Association of Local Affairs Committees, Mr Albie Stowman, said yesterday that the association would participate in the Natal/-KwaZulu indaba starting on April 3 in spite of threats he received at the weekend

Mr Stowman, a Wentworth schoolmaster, told the Mercury that he received anonymous telephone calls at his home warning him against attending the talks

'The caller appeared to be a black man He said there will be trouble if we participated in the indaba

'But, we are not deterred by the threats and moves to instil fear in us We are going because we believe in dialogue to help resolve the problems in our country'

Mr Stowman said he did not report the matter to the police but if he received more threats or was intimidated in any way he would have no option but to report to the police.

He said the association discussed the threats at its annual congress in Dannhauser at the weekend

A six-man delegation, headed by Mr Stowman, was appointed to represent the association at the indaba The others are Mr Hassim Cassim, vice-president of the association, Mr Kamal Panday, Mr Moosa Bhighee, Mr L S Moodley and Mr Desmond Bond.

Mr Frank Martin, Natal's senior MEC and one of the co-convenors of the indaba, said yesterday he was very pleased with the association's decision to attend.

'But it does not surprise me to hear that they have been threatened I think if more people stood up, it would make it a lot tougher for the intimidators to succeed,' he said

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Swartland proposal rejected

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Divisional Council yesterday rejected a proposal from the Provincial Administration that the Regional Services Council for the Western Cape include the vast Swartland farming region.

The council decided instead to request an interview with the Demarcation Board to reaffirm its recommendation that only the divisional council areas of the Cape, Stellenbosch and Paarl be included in the RSC.

Only one councillor, Mr P J Grobbelaar, was in favour of the Swartland being included.

A number of other councillors, including Mr Neil Ross and Mr Jasper Walsh, were opposed to the RSCs in principal.

"A number of other municipalities have questioned the RSC system — not from a economic point of view but because they believe it is a recipe for racial disaster," Mr Walsh said.

COMMUNITY UPGRADING

FEATURE

Langa points the way

The description is overwhelmingly familiar — one tap for so many thousand people, no sewerage, almost no electricity, rutted roads and a handful of brick houses in a sea of tin shanties.

It is the story of Langa in Uitenhage and of many hundreds of black townships in SA What is different though, is that the people of Langa intend doing something about it

Another difference is that Langa is one of a number of townships that constitute a "black spot" in the "white" sections of the towns. It is also the site of the massacre on March 21 last year.

The problem is that the solution sought by the people of Langa differs sharply from the official plan. The residents want to upgrade the township and the authorities want them to move 10 km away to KwaNobuhle The question of the removal of 426 families living in shacks to KwaNobuhle is currently the subject of a Supreme Court action

The proposed upgrading is considered in an 89-page report by Planact, an ad hoc consortium of town planners, engineers and sociologists (from Wits and Natal universities) commissioned by the Langa Co-ordinating Committee. The picture that emerges is of a stable, but extremely poor community, with many of the residents living in shacks built to a fairly high standard — and who prefer living there to moving to KwaNobuhle.

At a press conference marking the release of the study, entitled *Langa the case of upgrade*, the community's stand was spelt out simply by the chairman of the committee, Weza Made The people do not want to move, and they deny that the area constitutes a fire or a health hazard. Langa is close to town, close to their places of work, and is an established township and community, not a squatter settlement.

The tone was conciliatory, but tough· "We want to avoid confrontation with government But if government forces us to move, we will have to use anything at our disposal We ask industry to use its influence with government to save the township"

The comprehensive report prepared by Planact includes the history of the current removals affecting 426 households, a brief outline of the economic situation in the Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage area, the findings of a detailed survey of Langa, the proposed upgrading, as well as alternatives for financing it

The township consists of some 8 000 families living in 1 032 brick houses and some 6 116 shacks — a density of about 330 people a hectare One of the significant findings on the shack area of Langa is that the average household size is five, as opposed to seven in the brick houses, indicating that overcrowding is far less of a problem in the shack area. Planact has also commented on the high standard of construction of the shacks — 28% are built by builders

A major problem facing the community and any plans for housing them elsewhere or upgrading Langa is the high rate of unemployment and very low incomes Only 47% of the working population is employed; 43% is out of work, almost half as a result of retrenchments and sackings. Only 13% have never been unemployed.

The average household income level in Langa is R186 a month — in an area where the current household subsistence level is R307 a month Only 9% of the households have incomes over R400 a month and 21% have no regular income at all.

The idea of the population consisting mainly of squatters new to the area was negated by the survey. Of the people interviewed, 84% had lived in some other part of Langa before they moved to their present houses, 7% had lived in KwaNobuhle The rest came from towns in the eastern Cape

Despite the fact that there is only one tarred road, no stormwater drainage, no purpose-built schools, only pit latrines and bucket toilets — and that in the one section of the shack area there is no water at all, and in another each tap serves 1 158 people — the residents still find advantages in living there The reasons are that they enjoy its social life, they are close to town, and their transport costs are low, as are rents

In their report, the planners have emphasised the importance of affordability in any proposed upgrading project They are also emphatic that the community should be consulted on all phases of planning and implementing such a project

A two-phase upgrading process has been proposed The first, costing R3,5m, would consist of installing 100 additional communal taps, improved stormwater drainage, canalisation of water courses, an improved pit latrine system and labour training

The second phase provides for the provision of a flush toilet system, water supply to each house, tarred roads and additional stormwater drains, further improvement to water courses, the provision of electricity and further training The estimated cost is R22m — well within Chris Heunis's budget

They can now 'muzzle Press'

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Changes introduced by the Provincial Council to town and city council procedures have encouraged secret decision-making that muzzled the Press, according to Mr Alan Gadd (MPC).

During this week's Johannesburg council meeting, he attacked a proposed amendment to the standing orders which would allow councils to handle items deemed not in the public interest behind closed doors, or "in committee", He pointed out that the contentious item had been passed by the Provincial Council (attended by two of the three Management Committee members who also served as MPCs) after being hotly debated by more than 60 members.

He said despite the lessons of Watergate and the Information Scandal, the council was now empowered to deprive the Press of information through the committee system

Natal 'single state' plan for Cabinet

By BRIAN POTTINGER and SHAUN HARRIS

PROPOSALS for a single KwaZulu Natal state are to be put to the South African Cabinet early in the parliamentary session.

The plan — a combined regional authority presiding over the country's most ethnically diverse province — is well advanced in discussions between the Natal Provincial Executive Commitee and the KwaZulu Government.

Some form of Natal "indaba" is expected soon and a revamped Buthelezi Commission option — once rejected out of hand by Pretoria — now looms

A senior government source confirmed this week that concrete proposals were expected from the region's leaders soon.

The same source claimed flexibility would be Pretoria's watchword when dealing with the proposals

The first vital step in the direction of a unified Natal-KwaZulu — widely known as the Natal option — was taken this week when the South African and KwaZulu governments approved a R107 million series of projects to upgrade rural and urban areas in the region.

Entity

The most important element — sources insist — is that the plan takes no account of existing boundaries and is based on the assumption that the whole of the Natal region must be taken as one economic whole

The idea of treating Natal as one economic entity has long been accepted by government development planners but the ambitious scheme unveiled this week will force movement on the next crucial stage — a political integration of the province.

Seventy preliminary projects proposed by Dr Louis Rive's Natal-KwaZulu Planning Council were approved this week in a joint statement by Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of Education and Development Aid, and KwaZulu's Chief Minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Senior MEC for local government Mr Frank Martin said the acceptance of the Rive plan was a "good sign" for the joint future of Natal and KwaZulu.

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"It's well known that we plan to get our joint administrative and political proposals before the Cabinet as soon as possible."

Mr Martin said the current proposals being drafted by the Executive Commitee and KwaZulu were different in some respects from the recommendations made in the Buthelezi Commission report, but these differences were of a technical nature

"Our proposals are in the same spirit as the Buthelezi Commission — but we have added an essential element of consociation missing from the original report," he said

But PFP Natal leader and black affairs spokesman Mr Ray Swart said there was no evidence at this stage that the joint Natal KwaZulu proposals went beyond an administrative accord between the two authorities.

The pace of negotiations has increased considerably in the last few weeks

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Province 'has much vital work to do' before June demise

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By Sue Leeman,
Pretoria Bureau

This month will not see the end of the Transvaal Provincial Council, as expected, and the second-tier authority plans a punishing programme to wrap up its activities between now and June

In planning for its demise, the council has scheduled a February session which will be a week longer than customary, and there will be a second, more protracted, sitting in May

The February session, which begins next Tuesday, is expected to run for three weeks instead of two It will be largely devoted to the part and additional budget appropriations in the normal manner, according to leader of the council and MEC, Mr Fanie Schoeman

However, Mr Schoeman has indicated that 11 pieces of new legislation still have to be dealt with and says nine of these are expected to be tabled in February

The most significant will be the long-awaited draft Shop Hours Ordinance If this meets with the council's approval — as it is bound to do — the new trading hours of 5 am to 11 30 pm every day except Sundays will come into effect later this month

Amendments to the Education Ordinance would also be put before the council in February, Mr Schoeman said These make provision for Chinese parents to serve on management committees at TED schools

The May session will feature the usual full-blown provincial budget

The council will then finalise those elements of provincial legislation which will be inherited by the Ministers' Councils ("own affairs") and the provincial administrators ("general affairs") after the body's demise

One significant item on the order paper in May will be a draft Townships and Town Planning Ordinance, a mammoth piece of legislation which will streamline the development of townships

Drawn up on the basis of a recommendation made by the Venter Commission on housing, the ordinance will give more autonomy to individual local authorities and the Townships Board in establishing and developing townships

In the past, the municipalities have had to obtain Pretoria's approval for every move

Leader of the PFP opposition, Mr Douglas Gibson, said his party believed the council still had a lot of vital work to do.

Cape Times 1/2/88

Pay rise for officials

Staff Reporter

THE salaries of provincial traffic officials and revenue inspectors have been increased retrospectively from October last year, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, announced yesterday

He said the increases had been granted in view of difficult working conditions such as long distances to be travelled, long working hours, frequent absences from home and exposure to danger.

leading batsmen, Steve Smith ... snowball effect," he said.

● See Pages 13, 19 and 20.

New plan may replace provincial councils

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Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — A second tier of government with multiracial legislatures and the option to include national states may replace the provincial council system before the end of the year.

Negotiations, it is understood, are nearly complete.

The proposals represent a major departure from the Government's original constitutional blueprint for a second tier of government.

At first the Government favoured phasing out white, elected provincial councillors but now it seems likely that a multiracial, elected provincial council will be responsible for "general" affairs, such as roads.

"Own" affairs at provincial level, dealing with aspects such as hospitals and schools, will continue to be administered racially and will be controlled by regional, own affairs administrators.

Critics are likely to brand such a system as yet another complication in South Africa's consitutional maze. Those in favour could argue that it would provide all races with more democracy since the provincial council would be responsible to voters.

Legislation is likely to come before Parliament soon after Easter and Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, announced yesterday that the new middle-tier Government would be implemented from July 1

Government sources say the new system will include whites, Indians, coloureds and non-homeland blacks but the legislation is also likely to include what has become loosely known as "the Natal option".

Despite a speech in Parliament this week by a senior Natal Nationalist MP, Mr Con Botha, throwing cold water on the Natal option, it is understood the issue has virtually been given Government approval.

The kwaNatal option will enable not only Natal but other regions to decide if they want to co-operate administratively with adjacent national states.

In his statement Mr Heunis announced that the life of the current provincial councils had been extended from April to July 1. However, the transfer of powers identified as own affairs would continue.

Full consultation urged for education

AN EDUCATION policy would be forced on the rest of the country if the Minister of National Education were allowed to determine guidelines without consulting other groups, Horace van Rensburg (PFP Bryanston) said in the House of Assembly yesterday.

He was speaking during the debate on the second reading of the National Policy for General Education Affairs Amendment Bill, which provides that the general education policy determined by the Minister should be tabled in Parliament.

Van Rensburg recommended that the Minister should draw up draft policy guidelines that would then be reviewed by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education. — Sapa.

cial language of South Africa, the Herstigte Nasionale Party's MP, Louis Stofberg, said yesterday. Speaking during the Woordeboek van die Afrikaanse Taal Amendment Bill, he said Afrikaans could become a new symbol to bind whites in South Africa together.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY: 1. Questions. 2. Resumption of Second Reading debate — Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill. 3. Resumption of Second Reading debate — International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships Bill. 4. Resumption of Second Reading debate — Post Office Amendment Bill.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Second Reading debate — Part Appropriation Bill.

REPORTS Sapa and Reuter

No decision yet on running health services

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — The State has not yet decided who will administer provincial health services after the proposed abolition of provincial councils on July 1.

Minister of Health Services Dr Willie van Niekerk, answering a question tabled in the House by Dr Willie Snyman (CP, Pietersburg) yesterday, said he could not give "a definite reply" on who would administer the provincial health services.

By BARRY STREEK

Van Niekerk said: "The reorganisation of the health services of the provincial administrations is at present the subject of an inquiry by a project team of the Commission for Administration.

"As soon as this inquiry has been completed, a recommendation will be furnished to the Cabinet for a final decision."

Snyman had asked whether Van Niekerk's department would administer the provincial health services and when his department proposed to take over the services.

He had also asked whether his department would administer hospitals that made provision for all population groups.

Cruywagen asks for another R159m

● CRUYWAGEN

INFLATION during the past year has accelerated the continually rising costs of running Transvaal, provincial administrator Willem Cruywagen said yesterday.

He asked the provincial council to approve an additional R159,4 m when he introduced the second reading of the Additional Appropriation Draft Ordinance.

The amount will be added to the originally budgeted figure for the 1985/86 financial year of R2,639bn.

The additional funds were needed mainly because of unforeseen price rises, urgent services which could not be postponed, and salary adjustments for various professional groups.

GERALD REILLY

The funds would come from an additional government subsidy and from the bigger than expected surplus at the close of the 1984/85 financial year, which had been transferred to the current financial year.

He said he had budgeted for a surplus of R619 421 at the end of the current financial year but the additional expenditure would reduce this substantially.

Stressing the additional R159m was needed mainly because of inflation and price rises, Cruywagen said the higher postal tariffs, for example, had cost the General Administration Department alone an additional R560 100.

The additional R17,484m for education was ascribed to higher medical tariffs and the raising of the maximum subsidy for housing loans. The Department of Works needed R380 000 for salary adjustments.

Hospital services are to get R11,984m of the R159m, mainly for improved "dispensations" for nurses, paramedics and pharmacists.

Labourers' wages had also been adjusted, Cruywagen said.

Increased postal tariffs had added an additional R234 000 to Hospital Department spending.

Hospital services also needed a further R738 300.

Legislation over white school fees

Municipal Reporter

WHITE pupils at schools run by the Cape Provincial Administration may have to pay school fees from next year in terms of legislation to be introduced in the Provincial Council during this month's session.

According to the legislation, pupils will be charged fees determined by the Administrator and higher fees may be charged for certain standards.

Pupils whose parents are unable to pay may be exempted from some or all of the fee.

At present white school fees are not compulsory, although the schools may charge nominal fees.

The legislation, which has already been introduced in the Transvaal, is designed to reduce State expenditure on white schoolchildren in an attempt to narrow the gap between the amount spent on whites and that spent on other race groups.

Taxpayers

The opposition spokesperson on education in the Provincial Council, Mr Jan van Eck, said his main objection to the proposal was that he believed education was the responsibility of the total population.

It was in the interests of all taxpayers that the population should be educated and education should therefore be financed from central revenue.

Mr Van Eck said if each school was given back a percentage of the money it raised from fees, the gap between the incomes of richer and poorer schools would be entrenched as the poorer schools would have more non-paying pupils.

Nursing pay parity would cost R14-m

Pretoria Bureau

Some black nurses are still earning almost 30 percent less than their white counterparts, the Transvaal Provincial Council heard last night.

The MEC for hospitals, Mr Daan Kirstein, said it would cost the province R14 million to remove the gap which still exists between black, coloured and Indian nurses' salaries and those of their white colleagues.

He said that though nurses above the rank of senior matron now enjoyed salary parity, there was no timetable for removing the remaining salary differentials.

He quoted figures which showed that salaries for black nurses between the ranks of student nurse and senior sister still lag behind those of whites. Coloured and Indian students nurses and nursing assistants also earn less than whites.

According to his figures, the pay packets of black nursing assistants and student nurses contain 30 percent less than those of their white colleagues.

The salary of a black senior sister is still 7,28 percent lower than that of her white counterpart, while the differential between the salaries of white and black sisters is 16,6 percent.

Coloured and Indian senior nursing assistants earn 9 percent less than whites, while nursing assistants and students earn almost 6 percent less.

Low salaries prompted nurses at Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto to strike last year, and the army had to be brought in to keep the hospital running.

A number of nurses were summarily dismissed, but won reinstatement after they appealed to the Rand Supreme Court.

Mr Kirstein said 1 004 of the 1 005 student nurses who had been dismissed had been reinstated in compliance with the court order.

All 732 of the other staff members who had been sacked had been reappointed, though 19 had not returned to their posts.

Friday, February 14, 1986

KwaZulu and Natal to seek ANC's views

Dispatch Correspondent

DURBAN — The KwaZulu authorities and Natal's Provincial Executive Committee have decided to call a constitutional conference to discuss the political future of the region

All interest groups, including the banned African National Congress, are to be invited to the indaba

Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, will be informed about the decision on March 11

This was said in Durban yesterday by Dr Oscar Dhlomo, the Minister of Education and Culture of KwaZulu, when he, and Mr Frank Martin, senior MEC in Natal, addressed a press conference after another round of meetings on linked government for the region.

These included parliamentary and extra-parliamentary groupings, including the African National Congress, representatives of commerce and industry, of city councils, of agriculture and labour interests as well as representatives from the KwaZulu administration and the Provincial Administration in Natal.

Those interested would be expected to present their views on what a single legislative authority for KwaZulu Natal would look like, he said.

"We will ensure that the indaba is convened after we have seen the minister on the question of phase two of the current negotiations — a joint executive authority for Natal and KwaZulu," Dr Dhlomo said.

"This second move will require enabling legislation to be passed in Parliament.

"We are not able to provide details at present of the mechanics of the indaba but we have agreed that phase three — joint administration of the region — must accommodate the idea of an indaba."

The minister emphasised that the present talks should not be seen as ruling out the aspirations of black people to be represented at the central level of government

Mr Martin said he and his colleagues in the New Republic Party agreed that whatever was achieved at regional level should not detract from such black aspirations.

Asked how the ANC, which is a banned organisation, would be expected to put in their recommendations, Mr Martin said their representatives could be seen outside the country Dr Dhlomo said it would be possible for them to submit a memorandum outlining their views

"Anyone who is not there will have excluded himself," Dr Dhlomo said

"We will issue specific invitations."

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vices to pupils of other population groups who attend private schools in term of item 14 of Schedule 1 to the Constitution Act, 1983 (Act 110 of 1983) are being considered,

(2) yes In addition to the children of diplomatic missions, pupils are admitted to private schools on religious and humanitarian grounds. This admission is subject to the approval of the provincial authorities concerned, after they have also considered educational criteria such as language proficiency, and in some instances have consulted the schools about the extent thereof,

(3) yes, see (2) above;

(4) no, see (1) above;

(5) no, see (2) above; and

(6) no.

Mr R M BURROWS: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, he will be aware that this question refers to the determination of bases for the admission of pupils to Government schools. He has referred to private schools Do I take it that the same conditions apply to Government schools?

The MINISTER: No.

Transfer of schools/technical colleges

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

(1) Whether his Department intends transferring to the provincial education departments all schools and technical colleges falling directly under its control; if so, why,

(2) whether the (a) authorities and (b) parents' committees of these schools were consulted about this transfer; if not, why not, if so, when,

(3) whether a date has been set for the transfer; if not, why not; if so, what is the date;

(4) whether a report has been compiled on the proposed transfer; if so,

(5) whether this report is available to the public; if not, why not, if so, where can it be obtained;

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

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

(1) All education for Whites will in terms of the provisions in the Constitution Act, 1983 (Act 110 of 1983) in future fall under one department, viz the Department of Education and Culture, Administration: House of Assembly This Department will naturally continuously regulate and adjust its internal organisation,

(2) see (1),

(3) the transfer of the duties of the provincial education departments with the setting of a date for the transfer is a constitutional matter which is not determined by the Department of Education and Culture;

(4) falls away,

(5) falls away; and

(6) no

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, does he not think that there is great uncertainty in White education on the question of when provincial administration education is to be transferred to his department?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, there is naturally uncertainty, but the hon member will have to admit that no answer can be given until the final decision has been taken I ask the hon member to wait until the announcement of the decision, which will be taken as soon as it is possible to eliminate all the uncertainties

Mr R M BURROWS: Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him whether or not he is aware that there is considerable uncertainty regarding the transfer of the special schools which fall under the control of his department to the provincial education departments? I should also like to ask whether it is true that his department appears not to have consulted them on this matter?

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, my reply to this is exactly the same as my reply to the hon member for Rissik [Interjections]

For written reply

General Affairs

Athlone: vehicle used as decoy

17. Maj R STIVE asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether a vehicle belonging to the South African Transport Services, particulars of which have been furnished to the South African Transport Services for the purpose of the Minister's reply, was used as a decoy to combat stone-throwing in or near the Atholone area of Cape Town on or about 15 October 1985, if so, what type of vehicle was used,

(2) whether this vehicle was used by members of the security forces engaged in riot control, if so, by whom was such use authorised,

(3) whether the security forces using this vehicle were members of the South African Railways Police, if not, which branch of the security forces used the vehicle, if so, (a) who authorised the operation, (b) what is the (i) name, (ii) rank and (iii) experience of the officer in charge of the operation, (c) what are his qualifications, (d) how many members of the Railways Police were engaged in the operation, (e) what specified arms were used and (f) how many rounds were fired,

(4) whether any persons were (a) killed and/or (b) injured as a result; if so, (i) how many, and (ii) what were their ages, in each case;

(5) whether he has received any representations or complaints regarding this operation; if so, (a) from whom, (b) when and (c) what was (i) the nature of the complaints and (ii) his response thereto in each case,

(6) whether he has ordered an investigation, into this operaton; if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) who was in charge of the investigation, (c) what was the (i) nature and (ii) scope of the investigation and (d) what were the findings,

(7) whether any action is to be taken as a result of this (a) operation and (b) investigation; if not, why not; if so, (i) what action, and (ii) by whom, in each case;

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

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) to (8) During the incident in question patrolling was undertaken in a vehicle of the South African Transport Services which was allocated to the security forces.

As persons were killed in the incident the matter is being investigated by the South African Police and is, therefore, sub judice

Unrest: national servicemen

37 Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Defence:

(1) How many national servicemen were employed in the combating of urban unrest in 1984 and 1985, respectively;

(2) whether any national servicemen were (a) killed and (b) injured in unrest situations during that period; if so, (i) how many, (ii) where, and (iii) what was the cause of death or in-

RSCs 'sabotage' KwaNatal plans

CAPE TOWN—The imposition of regional services councils would be the death knell of a negotiated joint administration for Natal and KwaZulu, Mr Peter Gastrow (PFP Durban Central) said yesterday

He appealed to the Government to withold the implementation of the Act giving effect to the new regional authorities until the Natal/KwaZulu negotiations had been completed

In the debate on a private member's motion supporting Government policy on RSCs, he said the PFP opposed it, not because the party was against third-tier government but because it was being forced on those involved without prior negotiation, it was based on forced group membership and the method of its financing was unacceptable

Another flaw was its application in practice when its foundation, third-tier government, was collapsing

'If ever there was a time when third-tier government has, or is about to collapse, it is now

'One of the main factors in the 1985 unrest has been the collapse of black local government,' Mr Gastrow said

Only five councils were still functioning fully and 240 councillors, including 27 mayors, had resigned from black local authorities

His party did not deny the legitimacy of group fears and agreed that white fears had to be accommodated without confrontation

'There is no better example of this than Natal-KwaZulu (negotiations), but this Government just decides and imposes'

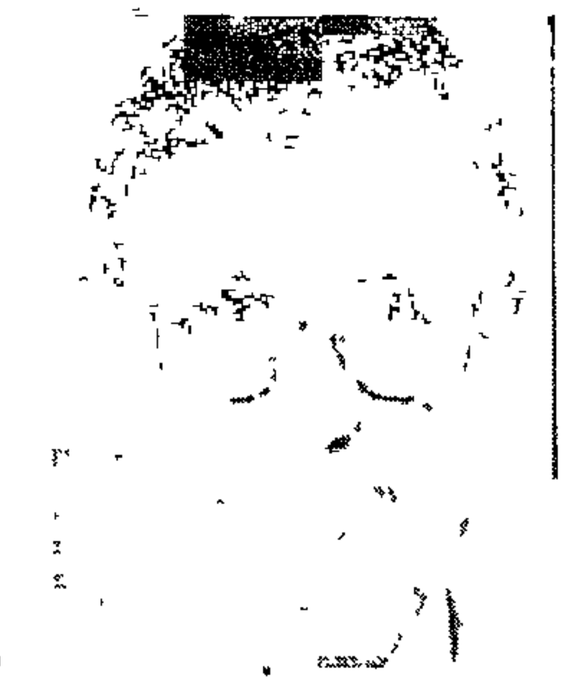
Apart from the 2 000 000 blacks formally settled around Durban, a further 1 300 000 to 1 500 000 were settled there informally

'The Act does not provide for the latter How will it deal with them?' Mr Gastrow wanted to know from the Minister of Constitutional development, Mr Chris Heunis

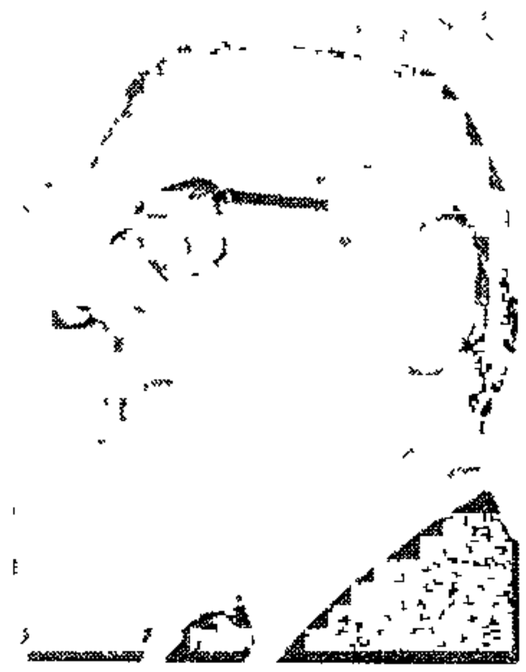
'If he wishes to proceed with its implementation, that is the surest way of sabotaging the negotiation attempt of Natal and KwaZulu for a joint administration

'It will be absolutely fatal if implemented before negotiations are completed,' he said — (Sapa)

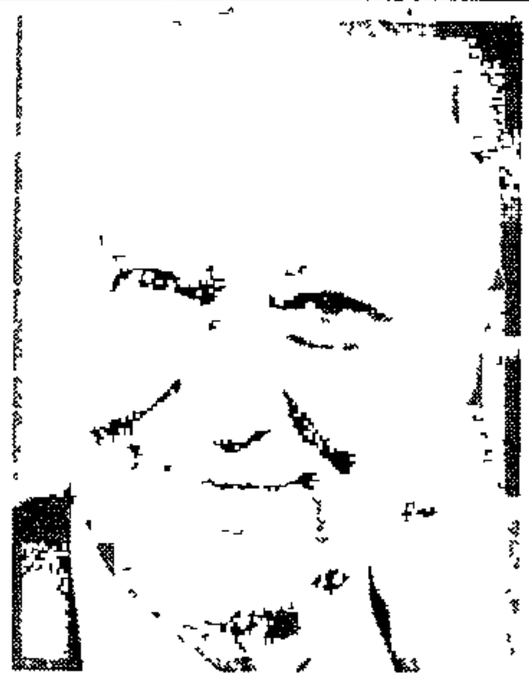
Mr Peter Gastrow black local government has failed



Mr Jan Hoon his party rejects the sharing of power



Mr Derrick Watterson . paper reform — and it won't work



Mr Nic Olivier . rejects concept of group representation

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Regional councils under fire

Political Staff

PARLIAMENT — The Government's plan for regional services councils has come under heavy fire from all the main opposition parties in the House of Assembly

The Progressive Federal Party rejected the plan on the grounds that it was based on the apartheid concept of forced group membership and that proposals for financing the system were unacceptable

Before the Assembly was a private member's motion from **Mr H J Kriel (NP, Parow)** expressing appreciation for the Government's constitutional reform on the third tier of government

He described the plan for regional services councils as "an exciting event" and said it meant that for the first time white, coloured, Indian and black people would decide together on local matters This was a milestone on the road to constitutional reform

Opposing the motion, **Mr Alf Widman (PFP, Hillbrow)** said his party shared some of Mr Kriel's views, but differed from the Government's idea of basing its approach on group identity

Mr Widman moved an amendment rejecting the concept of regional services councils being "superimposed on local authorities"

He said that under the proposed taxation system, labour-intensive industries would suffer This would lead to more unemployment and promote unrest and instability

Mr Jan Hoon (CP, Kuruman) said his party rejected the Government's plan for racial integration and power sharing with black people at local government level

He quoted Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Mr Chris Heunis as having said in 1982 that inclusion of black people in South Africa's constitutional dispensation would lead to the destruction of the country

Mr Hoon asked what had made Mr Heunis change his mind about black participation

Mr Derrick Watterson (NRP, Umbilo) said the proposed regional services councils were "the most expensive form of government anybody has ever devised"

"What we have here is paper reform, and it will not work It will drive businessmen up the wall because they will not be able to afford to pay the tax"

Mr Peter Gastrow (PFP, Durban Central) said that while the Government side spoke in lyrical terms about the new system, the reality was that third-tier government had collapsed

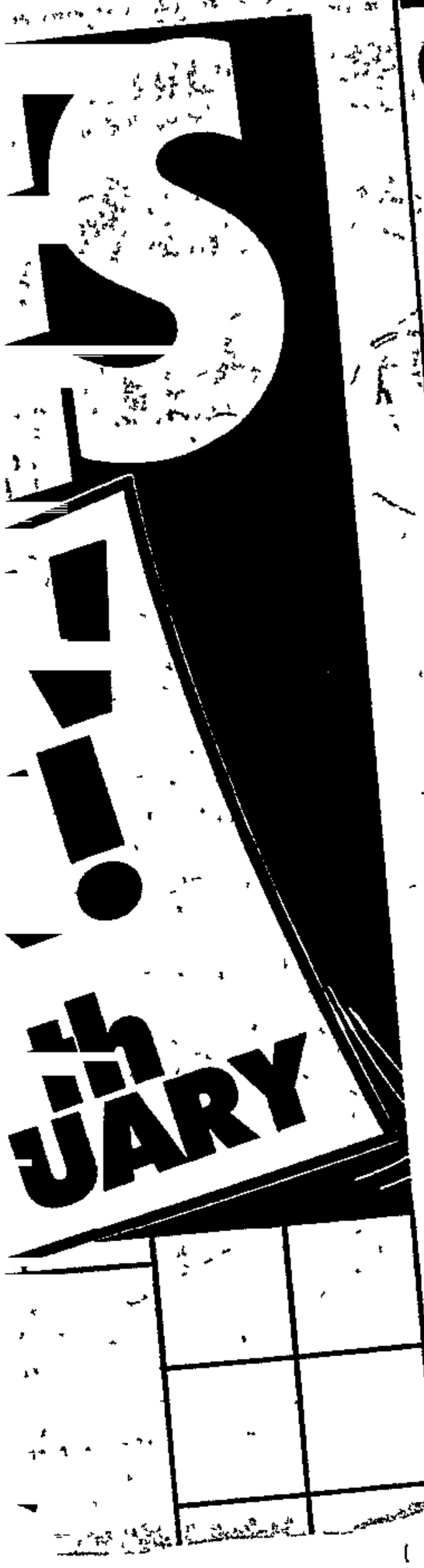
The present unrest was one of the factors behind the failure of black local government Black councillors had been attacked, some had been killed and many had resigned

The surest way to "sabotage" the Natal-kwaZulu constitutional initiative was to introduce regional serv ces councils

Mr Nic Olivier (PFP, Nominated) rejected Government arguments based on the concept of group representation and group security

He said if political distinction had to be made on the grounds of race and colour, then such a distinction would also have to be made on such grounds as language, religion and culture

The time for debate expired and the motion lapsed



Chinese role in TED schools unchanged: Gibson reacts

By Sue Leeman, Pretoria Bureau

In deciding once again to bar Chinese parents from serving on management councils in TED schools, the province had failed to respond to the challenge of showing the Government was actually dismantling apartheid, the PFP's Transvaal leader, Mr Douglas Gibson, said yesterday.

He was reacting to the withdrawal this week of an amendment to the Transvaal's Education Ordinance giving Chinese parents a say at this level.

The move has highlighted the nebulous legal position of the country's Chinese community and government sources have indicated the authorities are not quite sure how to "classify" these people.

CHALLENGED

White education in the province, an "own affair", is being transferred from the provincial administration to the white Minister's Council.

Many Chinese live quite legally in white group areas in the Transvaal and their children attend white TED schools.

Mr Gibson challenged the Minister for white education, Mr Piet Clase, to introduce legislation in Parliament to change the situation or to instruct the Transvaal MEC for education, Mr Fanie Schoeman, to introduce legislation at the council's May sitting.

Provco pays tribute to Blackburn, Bishop

Staff Reporter

THE Provincial Council yesterday unanimously passed a motion of condolence at the deaths in a road accident on December 28 of PFP MPC for Walmer Mrs Molly Blackburn and Mr Brian Bishop, husband of PFP MPC for Gardens Mrs Di Bishop

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, putting the motion to the council, said Mrs Blackburn would be remembered as a "formidable politician and a tireless fighter for the principles she believed in"

He expressed his deep sorrow at the death of Mr Bishop and wished Mrs Bishop, who broke both her legs in the accident, a speedy recovery

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Herbert Hirsch, said that while Mrs Blackburn had served her own constituency conscientiously, she had served much wider with "courage, integrity and unselfishness"

"Her concern with the day-to-day miseries of ordinary people and her fearlessness in trying to help them, won the hearts and the respect of thousands if not millions of South Africans — and even of some further afield"

Mr Frank van der Velde, MPC for Wynberg, said "Molly proved conclusively that being white did not necessarily make her the enemy of the black people"

provincial council

● The Provincial Administration intends cracking down on local authorities which refuse to co-operate with the government's attempts to improve communication between themselves and coloured and Indian management committees

The Administrator told council he would introduce legislation giving him the power to take "certain disciplinary" steps against local authorities which failed to "do their duty in this regard".

The legislation, which will be tabled today, is thought to be aimed at Cape Town City Council, which has repeatedly rejected management committees as "unrepresentative", although Mr Louw said "a considerable number" of local authorities had failed to co-operate with the committees

Mr Louw said the Province had provided R1,5-million during the current financial year to upgrade areas served by management committees

● The Province almost trebled spending on housing subsidies to its staff in the three years prior between 1983 and 1985

In response to a question from Mr Geoff Everingham, PFP spokesman on finance in the Provincial Council, it was disclosed that amounts spent on subsidies increased from R15 687 095 for the year ending March 31, 1983, to R24 933 427 by March 31, 1984, and R42 103 870 for the year ending March 31 last year

Chief warns on P W's attitude to joint plan

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BONN—Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi warned here last night that President Botha might oppose the KwaZulu/Natal joint authority plan if he (Chief Buthelezi) would not take part in the proposed national statutory council.

He also announced that KwaZulu and the Province had agreed that the KwaZulu/Natal authority's chairmanship would alternate between him and the Administrator and that they would jointly decide on matters where consensus could not be reached among the constituent parties.

Proposals to implement this, the second phase of the plan, go before Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Chris Heunis next month.

Now, Chief Buthelezi told German VIPs at a dinner hosted by Adenauer Foundation chairman Dr Bruno Heck, work was to begin on the politically dramatic third phase of the KwaZulu/Natal proposals.

In this phase, he said, the task was to find a unified political system with an integrated legislative authority along the lines of the Buthelezi commission recommendations.

Blacks and whites involved in the negotiations were convinced that what he called the political logjam in the region could be broken, in spite of many difficulties and the prospect of tough negotiations.

The Buthelezi commission report was proving a practical guide in the striving for consensus politics, not just for the KwaZulu/Natal region but for the whole of South Africa.

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Further developments now depended on the extent to which the central Government would delay sanctioning them, which it could do only because of statutory requirements, the chief said.

He said whether or not the President would take umbrage over his reservations about participating in the national statutory council, remained to be seen. — (Sapa)

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Powers for management committees?

Municipal Reporter

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

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

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

"Something concrete"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alternative to PC system 'this year'

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Political Staff

PARLIAMENT — A second tier of government with multiracial legislatures and an option to include national states may replace provincial councils this year.

Negotiations are understood to be nearly complete, only the structure and need for legislatures are still to be resolved

Legislation is likely to come before Parliament soon after the Easter recess and Minister of Constitutional Development Mr Chris Heunis announced yesterday that the new middle tier of government, which would accomodate all groups, would be implemented from July 1.

Government sources say the new second-tier system will include whites, Indians, coloured people and non-homeland blacks but is also likely to include what has become loosely known as "the Natal option".

Despite a speech in Parliament by Natal Nationalist Mr Con Botha throwing cold water on the "Natal option", it is understood to almost have Government approval

Draft legislation from current talks between kwaZulu and Natal has already been handed to the Government. The kwa/Natal option will enable not only Natal but other regions to decide whether to co-operate at administrative level with adjacent national states.

Mr Heunis' statement announced that the life of current provincial councils had been extended from April to July 1 However, the transfer of powers identified as own affairs would contiue

UNDERSTOOD

Mr Heunis gave no indication in his statement of the proposed form of the new second tier except to state emphatically that all races would be included.

It is understood that earlier proposals to form multiracial advisory councils to a Government-nominated executive have been scrapped. Direct or indirectly elected executives are being considered.

The intention, however, remains to have multiracial executive committees on whatever basis.

The new system will be the first step in fulfilling the State President's assurance that blacks will be included at all levels of government

One education system in April

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PATRICK CULL

PROVINCIAL education departments are to be scrapped and schools throughout SA will fall under the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Assembly from April 1.

The move, however, has been condemned by the Progressive Federal Party. MP for Pinetown Roger Burrows said English-speaking parents had been excluded from the consultations which preceeded the decision.

Announcing the transfer of the four departments to the ministry yesterday, Budget Minister in the House of Assembly F W de Klerk said that much of the detail involved in the transfer still had to be worked out.

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Klerk said details would be spelled out by Education and Culture Minister Piet Claase when the main budget was presented later this session.

Burrows said the take-over of provincial education by Pretoria had to be condemned for several reasons:

☐ It removed the last vestige of federalism which had been one result of the National Convention which took place prior to Union.

☐ Consultations which had taken place prior to the announced take-over had been intermittent. English-speaking parents, particularly, had been excluded from consultation.

☐ There was a lack of clarity as to which matters would go to Pretoria and which would be run by the new provincial education councils.

☐ The demise of provincial control would remove "from local influence the most vital function affecting children".

RSCs 'doomed to fail' — MPC

By ANDREW DONALDSON

THE proposed Regional Services Councils (RSCs) were doomed to failure as, based on apartheid, they were totally lacking in political legitimacy, Dr John Sonnenburg, PFP MPC for Green Point, told the Provincial Council yesterday.

Speaking during the part appropriation debate, he said he was of the opinion that the National Security Council had last year advised the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, that RSCs be established and operational "as soon as possible" to contain widespread dissatisfaction and produce "results".

It was technocrats, rather than "little people", who played a part in their creation, he said.

Referring to the Administrator Mr Gene Louw's warning this week that local authorities may be punished for not co-operating with management committees, he said. "Apartheid is going to be rammed down their throats."

He rejected the "Madison Avenue" approach adopted in promoting the RSCs

"It all looks very nice, but the RSCs are nothing more than a second league mini tri-cameral parliamentary system . . they have foundations which are faulty, designs which are rotten and a finish which is appalling"

The council adjourned to Monday, when Dr Sonnenburg will finish his address.

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City Council 'third-league white racists'

Provincial Staff

CAPE Town City Council has been described in the Provincial Council as "a third-league white racist Prog council"

In the part appropriation debate yesterday Mr Neels Ackermann (NP Stellenbosch) reacted to a statement by Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP Green Point) that regional service councils (RSCs) would fail because they lacked political legitimacy

Dr Sonnenberg had said RSCs were "nothing more than a second-league mini tricameral parliamentary system".

Mr Ackerman said Dr Sonnenberg criticised the system "because the Cape Town City Council will have to work with representatives of coloured communities for the first time.

"Until now they have refused to co-operate because they conveniently did not recognise management committees

FULL PARTICIPATION

"If RSCs are second-league mini tricameral systems, the Cape Town City Council is a third-league white racist Prog council," he said

Mr Frank van der Velde (PFP Wynberg) defended the City Council "Before you were born or born to politics, Cape Town had coloured people on its council."

It supported "full participation by all citizens irrespective of race, colour or creed".

Mr Eddie Trent (PFP Newton Park) said "Not one black leader with any credibility in his community will touch these RSCs with a barge pole and if any can be persuaded to participate they will run the risk of suffering the consequences"

CHILDREN play among the remains of a house in Brits Location -Pic LEN KUMALO

A community falling apart

FOCUS

By THEMBA MOLEFE

ABOUT 15 000 residents of Brits Location in the north-western Transvaal fear they will soon be incorporated into Bophuthatswana

On December 7, 1985 the Brits Community Council announced that township residents would be resettled at Letlhabile, a new area separated by a fence from Maboloka Township in Bophuthatswana

About 170 houses have been built in Letlhabile and are now occupied. Residents started moving into the new houses on December 10

Although it is not clear how many people have moved there voluntarily, about 4 000 residents now live in the township, most of them in corrugated iron huts and tents

Meanwhile residents remaining at the old township are resisting resettlement They demand that

- Land on which the township stands be sold to them;
- A proper drainage system be installed and the main road tarred, and
- Proper schools be built and the money residents donated towards extending a school in the township be refunded

Residents are also angry because the cemetery in the "location" was closed by the authorities and a new one opened at Letlhabile They demand that corpses be exhumed and buried again in the old township

The Letlhabile Cemetery is waterlogged and most of the graves have started to cave in

Brits Location — called Oukasie by residents — was established 55 years ago It has no electricity and the old bucket system of sewerage is used.

Most of the dwellings are built with corrugated iron

There are about 1 000 official tenants in the township who build shacks to sub-let

The township is situated about 5 km from the Brits white business district and most workers walk to work Letlhabile is about 25 km from the old township

Residents believe that they are being moved to make way for a new white suburb

In 1969 nearly 300 families were removed from the township and resettled at Mothutlung, 30 km into Bophuthatswana

A white suburb, Elandsrand was established near Brits Location three years ago.

FORMER standholder, Mr Edward Phale.

New home for Brits residents

About 30 standholders have already moved to Letlhabile

Sub-tenants are not allowed to stay on the stands vacated by the standholders. If they do not move to the new township they are left homeless Former sub-tenants, therefore, make up the majority of those who have moved

One former standholder, Mr Edward Phale, said he moved to Letlhabile three weeks ago after his five-roomed house was demolished He said he had not been compensated although he was promised money for his old house and the stand

Mr Phale, his wife and five children share a corrugated iron hut and four small tents supplied by the authorities

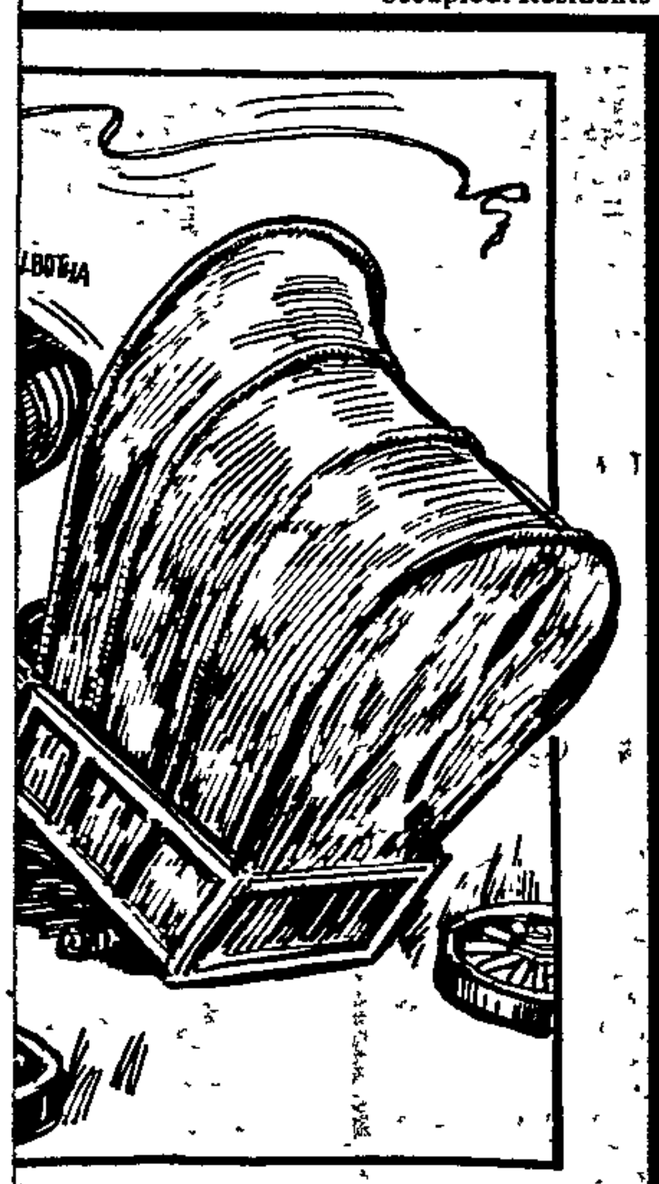
Another concern raised by the Brits Action Committee (BAC) is that the houses and tent dwellings at Letlhabile are only 500 metres from the waterlogged cemetery

The BAC says the township could also be waterlogged and could cause problems in the future

The BAC has called several protest meetings and so far more than 1 000 people have signed a petition protesting against the removals

On December 8 last year residents stated their opposition to resettlement at Letlhabile and said that

- They felt there was pressure from the neighbouring white township that they be moved,
- The move was an attempt by the authorities to break the solidarity of workers who joined trade unions in large numbers in 1980,
- The resettlement was a forced removal because the authorities refused to allow that vacant stands be occupied, and
- The new township is eventually going to be incorporated into Bophuthatswana, as had already happened when families were moved to Mo[illegible]



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Attack on Van Eck

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Staff Reporter

IN a furious exchange of words in the Provincial Council on Friday, the MEC for Hospitals, Mr Koos Theron, accused Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur) of undermining law and order

He also suggested the PFP's unrest-monitoring committee had gathered "wrong" information when they collected statements from residents alleging police brutality.

Mr Theron was referring to a speech by Mr Van Eck last week, in which he called for the resignation of the Chief Magistrate of Robertson for his extreme views on "justice" towards blacks accused of public violence during the unrest

The magistrate, Mr J Lategan, was alleged to have told Mr Van Eck that blacks "only understand the law of the *kierie* (club)" when the PFP's monitoring committee went there last year

Mr Theron accused Mr Van Eck of abusing his position as an MPC by introducing himself to Mr Lategan as "Jan van Eck, a member of the Provincial Council's unrest-monitoring committee"

Mr Frank van der Velde (PFP Wynberg), interjecting, asked "Would the magistrate have told a different story (about the use of *kieries*) to the PFP?"

It had been unfair to attack the magistrate in council as he had not been present to defend himself, Mr Theron said. He said it also "undermined the law and order of our country"

Because the unrest committee were seen as "enemies of the police", it was possible that residents had made "anti-police statements" to suit the PFP.

The debate was adjourned to today

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PFP vows to fight 'Big Stick Bills'

By ANDREW DONALDSON and HILARY VENABLES

THE PFP in the Provincial Council has vowed to fight "every reading and every clause" of legislation giving the Administrator the power to sack errant town and divisional councillors or dock their pay

After opposing the legislation during its first reading — the strongest form of opposition in terms of the standing rules — the PFP introduced an amendment to the second reading yesterday calling for the ordinance to be read "this day six months".

The PFP has branded the legislation — which affects three local government ordinances — "The Big Stick Bills" and maintains these are aimed at forcing liberal local authorities — like the Cape Town City Council — to toe the government line.

The MEC for Local Government, Mr Willem Bouwer, said the amendments to the ordinances were necessary for "orderly government" and would give the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, some "teeth" and "more effective power".

A number of local authorities in the Cape Province had over the years "been somewhat apathetic with regard to the establishment of management committees", he said

"It is considered essential to give the Administrator more effective power whereby a council can be forced to comply with a particular regulation"

Mr Jan van Gend (PFP Constantia) said the new ordinance was "out of line with the principal of democracy" and ran counter to the government's professed intention to "devolve power down to the third tier".

"It is aimed primarily at upsetting decisions taken by duly elected public representatives where these do not conform to government policy," he said

"If a specific part of the country choses to elect a representative to a body, that representative has the right to stay in office until the electorate decides differently," he said.

There were already adequate means of ensuring good administration and these additional powers were clearly designed "to punish councillors who acted contrary to the political wishes of the Administrator".

"If NP members do not see this as a fundamental departure from democracy, there is no hope for this country while their government remains in power," Mr Van Gend said

Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP Green Point) described the legislation as "vicious" and said the PFP would oppose "every clause and every reading"

Both the Administrator, in his opening address to council, and Mr Bouwer, had made it clear that the legislation was aimed at forcing local authorities to cooperate more closely with coloured and Indian management committees

The legislation would be used by the Admnistrator to punish people who differed with him politically and the PFP would "defend the right of a council to hold views that differ radically from the views of the government", Dr Sonnenberg said.

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Louw attacked on school fee plan

Staff Reporter

A PROPOSED amendment to Provincial education ordinances allowing the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, to prescribe school fees has been slammed by the Progressive Federal Party as allowing the government to avoid its responsibilities in providing equal education for all

The leader and chief education spokesman of the PFP, Mr Herbert Hirsch, raised the following objections to the proposed amendment in the Provincial Council yesterday

● It gave the Administrator absolute discretion It was "like asking for blank cheques from each parent" and it was "taxation" without any control from elected representatives.

● The measures would create large new sources of revenue over which the council — or future parliamentarians — would have no control.

● No details of what services the State would be providing were contained in the draft ordinance, he said

● No indications were given when the amendment would be implemented, what portion of funds would be going back to the schools from where they were collected and what would happen if parents refused to pay extra fees for their childrens' education

● Even "not-so-poor" school committees would have difficulties in persuading parents to pay additional "voluntary" fees

"Assuming the motive was to provide more funds for 'black', 'coloured' and 'Indian' education there is no guarantee that this would be achieved because all funds came from a central exchequer" There would be no way of checking what happened to one department's savings, he said.

Funds could also not be transferred between various "own affairs" departments. Savings could then be used anywhere — for example, administering influx control or providing civil servants with housing subsidies

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Sharing of facilities/premises

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(1) Whether, during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available, his Department or any of the provincial education departments received any requests from any other education departments to use or share any (a) school and (b) teacher training college (i) premises and/or (ii) facilities which (aa) were not being used and (bb) were being underutilised at the time; if so,

(2) (a) what are the names of these schools and colleges, (b) what was the nature of these requests, (c) on what dates were these requests made and (d) what was the response thereto in each case?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

(1) No; and

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HoA

Mr R M BURROWS: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I inquire from him whether this in fact includes the governments of the national states and also whether his department has received any requests from the governments of the national states to utilise any of the underutilised facilities?

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(3) whether he has considered this report; if so, when,

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(2) whether any applications by parent bodies for recognition have been refused by his Department or any provincial education departments; if so, (a) which parent bodies are involved and (b)(i) when and (ii) for what reasons were their applications refused,

(3) whether he has granted interviews to any parent bodies not enjoying official recognition, if so, (a) to which bodies and (b) when;

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

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

(1) Yes, the ordinance of the Transvaal Education Department already makes provision for the recognition of parent bodies and official recognition has been given to the Transvaalse Afrikaanse Ouvereniging The request for recognition recently received from the Transvaal English Parents' Association is under consideration. The Department of Education and Culture has not yet given official recognition to parents' associations and has accordingly not yet formulated criteria. If necessary the co-ordination of criteria for the provinces will be considered at a later stage,

(2) no, all the provincial education departments are already considering the recognition of parents' associations and consultation is under way with a view to final resolutions when the legislative basis for such recognition has been established;

(3) yes;

(a) the English Speaking Parents' Association and OFS Afrikaanse Ouvereniging;

(b) on 17 February 1986 and 6 August 1985 respectively; and

(4) no, the matter will be further dealt with if Act 39 of 1967 is amended appropriately.

Mr R M BURROWS: Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, the hon the Minister will be aware of the fact that there are contradictory provisions being applied by the various directors of education in the different provinces as far as the recognition or non-recognition of parents' associations is concerned I should like to ask the hon the Minister whether he does not consider now to be the time when he should set up express guidelines for the provinces for the recognition of parents' associations

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, the hon member is aware of the fact that until 1 April the recognition of parents' associations depends on the discretion of the different education departments. It is possible that the different education departments have set different strandards for the recognition of such parents' associations, and I am aware of this However, after 1 April the situation will change. I agree with the hon member that it is absolutely essential that we investigate the question of the recognition of parents' associations because according to the Government's White Paper and also pursuant to the De Lange Report it is important that we do give the necessary recognition to parents' associations so that they can achieve the necessary participation. As I also indicated in the reply to the hon member's question, we will give attention to this at a more convenient time.

Mr R M BURROWS: Mr Speaker, arising further from the hon the Minister's reply, I should like to point out that both Act 39 of 1967 and the Government's White Paper on education give express recognition to a parental function in advising on changes in the educational structure in South Africa The hon the Minister will be aware of the fact that all four provinces are at the moment concerned with changes in the structure of

education, particularly pertaining to the education council How is it then possible that a parents' body can advise if it has not been recognised? The hon the Minister seems to be suggesting that parents' associations will only be recognised after 1 April

†The MINISTER. Mr Speaker, the members of the parents' associations have the opportunity to put their case, either at the education departments concerned or to me. They could have had an interview with me, as my reply very clearly indicated Some parents' associations which up to now have not had recognition have applied for an interview with me, which I have granted We have listened to these people

For written reply

General Affairs

Small Business Development Corporation

13. Dr W J SNYMAN asked the Minister of Trade and Industry.†

(1) Whether his Department (a) has received any representations on and/or (b) has been informed of irregularities which have allegedly occurred in the vicinity of Amanzimtoti in connection with the claim for removal costs of the Small Business Development Corporation, if so, what is the nature of the alleged irregularities,

(2) whether his Department intends taking any steps in this connection; if not, why not, if so, what steps?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY:

(1) (a) and (b) No. The Small Business Development Corporation has not effected any removals in the vicinity of Amanzimtoti and is also not aware of any irregularities regarding alleged removals or claims

(2) Falls away

National Liquor Board

163 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Trade and Industry:

What was the cost of operating the National Liquor Board in the latest specified year for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

R756 700 during the 1984/85 financial year

Labour Relations Act

168. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Manpower:

(1) How many (a) strikes as defined in section 65 of the Labour Relations Act, No 28 of 1956, and (b) discontinuances of work reportable in terms of section 65A of the said Act took place in 1985,

(2) how many (a) prosecutions were instituted and (b) convictions were obtained in that year in respect of contraventions in terms of section 65 of the above-mentioned Act;

(3) how many (a)(i) recognition and (ii) other agreements have been filed with his Department in terms of section 31A of this Act since 1 September 1984 and (b) *status quo* orders in terms of section 43 of the Act were (i) granted and (ii) refused by the Industrial Court in 1984 and 1985, respectively?

The MINISTER OF MANPOWER:

(1) (a) 346

(b) 390 [including the figure specified under (a)].

(2) (a) and (b) The Labour Relations Act, 1956, does not require that the Department of Manpower must be informed of prosecutions in terms of section 65

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'Sacking' measure passed

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

CONTROVERSIAL legislation giving the Administrator the power to sack local government representatives was passed by the National Party-dominated Provincial Council yesterday.

The ordinance allows the Administrator to dismiss or withhold the allowance of any councillor who refuses to abide by a provincial or government regulation or who, in the opinion of the Administrator, "is responsible for or contributed to" a local authority's decision to defy the law.

Although the full implications of the legislation are not yet clear, the MEC for local government, Mr Willem Bouwer, conceded that it would enable the Administrator to dismiss the entire Port Elizabeth City Council for refusing to enforce the Separate Amenities Act on its beaches.

The Cape Town City Council, which also refuses to enforce apartheid legislation at its amenities, and the East London City Council, which has decided to defy the Group Areas Act, would be under the same threat in terms of the ordinance.

This would also apply to a council which refused to serve on a Regional Services Council or which refused to cooperate with coloured and Indian management committees.

Mr Bouwer said councillors who had been dismissed could not be reeleced as long as the provisions of the ordinance applied to them.

Speaker bars House debate on Moutse

SOWETAN 5/2/86

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — The dispute over the incorporation of the Moutse area into KwaNdebele at the beginning of ths year following its earlier excision from Lebowa will not come before the House as the matter has been taken to the Supreme Court and is therefore sub judice, the speaker, Mr Johann Greef, ruled yesterday.

Mrs Helen Suzman (PFP Houghton) has had a private member's motion on the order paper for a number of weeks already which would give two former Moutse members of the Lebowa Legislative Assembly leave to be heard at the Bar of the House to urge the disapproval of the disputed area's incorporation into KwaNdebele.

Mr Speaker announced yesterday he had been notified that the Lebowa Government had applied to the Supreme Court to have the proclamation which incorporated Moutse into KwaNdebele declared null and void.

"I accordingly rule that as (the proclamation) is now going to be adjudicated upon by a court of law, the matter is sub judice and the honourable member for Houghton's notice of motion . . . cannot be considered by Parliament before the court has pronounced judgment," he said.

Moutse leaders strongly resist plan

6/3/86 E-Post

By DIRK VAN ZYL
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Leaders of the Moutse area in the Transvaal today strongly pleaded their case against the South African Government's plan to incorporate them permanently into Kwandebele

They addressed the Progressive Federal Party's parliamentary caucus, then held a Press conference

Yesterday they met members of the House of Delegates and senior diplomatic representatives of the United States, Britain and West Germany, and they lunched with members of the House of Representatives today before flying back to Johannesburg

The area was incorporated into Kwandebele by proclamation from January 1 this year, but the Lebowa Government has contested this in the Supreme Court

Since 1980 it has fallen under the SA Government's control administratively, although it has still had MPs sitting in the Lebowa Legislative Assembly

This has been recognised by the Assembly, but not by the SA Government Politically the Moutse people have therefore continued to consider themselves part of Lebowa

Response to meeting on joint legislature

Mercury 6/3/86

(26)

THE Reform Party and the Islamic Council of South Africa yesterday announced that they had accepted an invitation to the Natal/KwaZulu talks scheduled for Durban next month.

Mercury Reporter

Reform Party leader, Mr Yellan Chinsamy, said his party would definitely attend the meeting on April 3.

'We are very interested in finding a solution to the political problems in this country and hope that our participation will help towards finding a peaceful solution,' he said

Mr Ibrahim Bawa, executive director of the Islamic Council of South Africa, which is among the 37 organisations invited to the talks, said that anything to do with the future constitution of South Africa was of vital concern to all and the ICSA would naturally want to make its contribution

'The purpose of the meeting appears to be the establishment of a legislative authority for Natal including KwaZulu on a non-racial basis and this of course appeals to us as it is a move in the right direction

'It could set a precedent for other bigger provinces and could create a model to be followed and thereby resolve our complex constitution situation to the satisfaction of all,' he added

However, the Azanian People's Organisation rejected the invitation for talks saying that Azapo would not attend any 'divisive gathering that earnestly seeks to further fragment our already bantustanised country.

'The organisers have a cheek to use our name in their attempt to gain credibility. We shall not sit at the same table with our oppressors'

A spokesman for the Congress of South African Trade Unions, Cosatu, said they only received the invitation yesterday, but it would be referred to the executive for a decision.

Two found guilty of stealing hi-fi set

Court Reporter

30-YEAR-OLD man and a -year-old youth were - guilty in the Durban -al Court yesterday -aling a hi-fi system Barclays Bank in Dur- North.

- Julliffe, 30, and the entered the bank on - 1 last year and hi-fi system worth

there they attacked -, Mr Mkveba Hlo- -ing him on the a bottle.

After they had left Mr Hlongwa called the police and the two thieves were later arrested

Mr X Odendaal sentenced the youth to six cuts with a light cane.

He said the Court was satisfied he had been influenced by Julliffe and being a juvenile would be treated as such.

Julliffe will remain in custody pending sentence on March 17.

Mr W Ward appeared for the State.

Two Durban tugs to be sold to Mozambique

Shipping Reporter

TWO of Durban's tugs are about to be sold to Mozambique's harbour authorities, it was learned yesterday.

The expected sale has become the talk of the harbour's Shop 24 where the Danie du Plessis and the Willem Heckroodt tugs are being serviced and painted. However, South African Transport Services have declined to confirm that a sale is being negotiated.

Both vessels have had their white markings and names painted over in black.

Although it is not known when the vessels are to leave for Maputo, preparations appear to be well under way for the journey.

It is believed the negotiations are being handled by both SATS and the Department of Foreign Affairs

The British-made Danie du Plessis has had uninterrupted service in Durban harbour, apart from six weeks in 1979 when both propulsion units burned out, a mishap that resulted in a departmental inquiry.

The Port Elizabeth-registered Willem Heckroodt was long regarded as jinxed after ramming and indirectly sinking Durban's floating dock in 1978 Earlier that year she suffered from recurring malfunctions with her port propulsion units and was laid up for six months

While very little is known about Maputo's tug fleet, it is believed to be in a sorry state, with a number of tugs out of commission because of the lack of expertise needed to do the repairs.

In 1979 Mozambique's top tug, the Maputo, sank after colliding with the Durban-registered coaster Indoda

Stamp fair

PRETORIA—The postal administrations of South Africa, South West Africa, Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei are to take part in the Essen 86 International Stamp Fair in Essen, West Germany, next month. — (Sapa)

Today's motion roll

SUPREME COURT MOTION ROLL FOR TODAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1986.

DEFAULT JUDGMENT:

1	Barclays National Bank Ltd	v B R Sommerville	
2	Fagerste Steels (Pty) Limited	v B E S Agencies	6588/85
3	Barclays National Bank Ltd	v P G Thompson	7310/85
4	Shire (Pty) Ltd t/a Shire Construction	v D E Claasen (Pty) Ltd	6356/85
5	Couture Fabric Printers (Pty) Ltd t/a Barrows	v Seagift Clothing CC	8167/85
6	Muthu	v D Moodley	92/86
7	Wadesteel (Natal) (Pty) Ltd	v B I N Engineering	263/86

SUMMARY JUDGMENT:

8	W S Mitchell (Natal) (Pty) Ltd	v Le Vantage (Pty) Ltd	8151/85
	G Assenheim & Co	v Men Clothing Manuf	830/86

Natal meeting 'blazes trail'

DURBAN. — A meeting to discuss the possible joint administration of Natal and KwaZulu in April was a trail-blazing exercise which might be an important step in the establishment of a non-racial, democratic South Africa, the leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Mr Colin Eglin, said yesterday.

But both the African National Congress and the Azanian People's Organization (Azapo) have rejected participation in the meeting

The first KwaZulu-Natal meeting will be in Durban City Hall on April 3

Mr Eglin said that "we do not see the Natal-KwaZulu plan as a substitute for the struggle for power at the centre. Whatever happens at local level can also happen at the top We believe this example should be followed at the highest level".

Mr Frank Martin, Natal's senior MEC, and Dr Oscar Dhlomo, KwaZulu cabinet minister, have organized the meetings

Meanwhile, the Natal National Party leader and Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Stoffel Botha, said the Provincial Council is not authorized to conduct negotiations on legislative functions

The New Republic Party MPC for Durban Berea, Mr Peter McKenzie, said he hoped the NP would not close the door on the talks. — Sapa

Cosatu, UDF to decide on Kwa-Natal

THE United Democratic Front and the Congress of South African Trade Unions are not rushing into any quick response to the invitation to attend the "Kwa-Natal indaba".

Their decisions are not expected for about a week.

The African National Congress and the Azanian People's Organisation have indicated that they would not participate.

Meanwhile one of the organisers, Mr Frank Martin, Natal's senior MEC, said yesterday: "Although it is early days, it looks as though there will be sufficient people of good will to get this thing going."

The indaba is scheduled to start in Durban on April 3 to formulate proposals for a legislative body to govern the Natal-KwaZulu region at second-tier level.

The Natal publicity chsirman, Mr Lechesa Tsenoli, said an invitation had been received but would have to be considered by the Front's affiliates throughout the country before a decision was made.

A spokesman for Cosatu said a decision would be made at a meeting next Wednesday. — Sapa

Chief: Reject us and you'll boost violence

(261) 12/3/86 Mercury.

CAPE TOWN—Rejection of KwaNatal proposals would confirm the views of those who felt that fighting was the only thing left in South Africa, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi warned yesterday.

ORMANDE POLLOK
Political Correspondent

The Chief Minister of KwaZulu and the Natal Administrator, Mr Radclyffe Cadman, had just presented plans for the joint running of the region to Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

He said at a Press conference he had gained the impression that 'both sides' had realised the seriousness of the situation and the effect the Government's decision would have on the political situation throughout the country

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accompanying the KwaNatal proposals, that Natal and KwaZulu could save millions of rands a year through joint administration

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'We have produced such a partnership in our region'

The partnership plan was already catered for in legislation the Government has been working on for some time which Nationalist sources suggested yesterday would provide for close co-operation on a regional basis and would probably satisfy the needs of KwaNatal

Mr Heunis said the KwaNatal proposals would be submitted to the Cabinet and as far as he was concerned there was no reason why the Government could not deal with it 'as expeditiously as possible'.

Millions

Mr Heunis was not prepared to comment on the KwaNatal indaba to be held in Durban on April 3 to start negotiations between a variety of organisations towards a joint legislature for the region.

Mr Stoffel Botha, leader of the National Party in Natal, confirmed yesterday that he was still considering whether he would be attending.

Mr Cadman expressed the view, in a memorandum accompanying the Kwa-Natal proposals, that Natal and KwaZulu could save millions of rands a year through joint administration.

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Welfare

'In the event of a disagreement, the matter will be referred to the Administrator of Natal and the Chief Minister of KwaZulu jointly for determination.'

A secretariat would be necessary and the powers, duties and functions of the authority would be performed either jointly or on an agency basis by those able to provide the best service.

Mr Cadman said provision could be made for joint occasional and standing committees of the proposed authority and the creation of statutory bodies similar in concept to the Natal Parks Board, Game and Fish Preservation Board and the Natal Town and Regional Planning Commission.

'I believe the welfare of the people we represent can be greatly improved were the Government to accept our proposals. I hope in due course you will find it possible to make a favourable recommendation to the Cabinet,' Mr Cadman said in his memorandum to the minister

Parliament and Politics

KwaNatal plan may suit govt

Political Staff

THE KwaNatal plan for closer co-operation at executive and administrative level between Natal and KwaZulu is already provided for in legislation the government has been working on for some time

It appears that the proposals put to the government in Cape Town yesterday by the Natal Administrator, Mr Radclyffe Cadman, and Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, will fit neatly into plans for future provincial tier government

Cabinet

Nationalist sources suggested yesterday it will provide for close cooperation on a regional basis and would probably satisfy the needs of Natal/KwaZulu as put to Mr Chris Heunis, the Minister of Constitutional Planning and Development, yesterday

Mr Heunis said at a press conference after yesterday's talks that the proposals would be submitted to the cabinet.

If, as is thought, the proposals fit into current government thinking, the KwaNatal plan could start operating by the middle of the year

Chief Buthelezi said that he and Mr Frank Martin had formally informed Mr Heunis that their ultimate goal was a joint legislature

Rejection of the KwaNatal proposals would confirm the views of people who said there was no future in a negotiated settlement and that fighting was the only thing left, the chief said at the press conference

Savings

Natal and KwaZulu could save millions of rand a year through proposals for joint administration of the two regions, Mr Cadman said yesterday in a memorandum

"For example, we believe that annual savings of between R2 million and R4 million are possible should both KwaZulu and ourselves purchase pharmaceutical requirements jointly," he said

"This is only one example and I can assure you there are many others

"In fact, we have identified 14 other fields of co-operation such as road traffic, education, libraries, computers, planning, nature conservation and recreation, roads and the creation of employment opportunities

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Mr Cadman said provision could be made for joint occasional and standing committees of the JEA and the creation of statutory bodies similar in concept to the Natal Parks, Game and Fish Preservation Board, the Natal Town and Regional Planning Commission and others which would be responsible to the JEA

He said the meeting was of historic significance "because I believe the welfare of the people we represent can be greatly improved were the government to accept our proposals".

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KwaNatal indaba to be held in secret

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Mercury Reporter

THE public and Press will be barred from attending sessions of the KwaZulu/Natal indaba, which opens in the Durban City Hall on April 3.

This was confirmed yesterday by a spokesman for the organising committee who said that only the official opening at 10 a m would be open to the public.

Durban's Mayor, Mr Stan Lange, has been invited to officially open the indaba

After the opening, the meeting will adjourn to the council chamber where all further sittings will be held in camera.

The spokesman said the decision to exclude the public and Press was to enable the participants to have 'free and frank' discussions on possible joint rule for KwaZulu and Natal at the second-tier level of government.

Sessions of the indaba, to which 37 organisations have been invited, will be held twice a week, possibly on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a m to 4 p m.

The spokesman said no timetable had been laid down.

'It could take anything up to three months or longer, depending on how soon consensus is reached,' he said

The deliberations will be chaired by Judge S Miller with Prof Desmond Clarence, former principal of the University of Natal, as deputy chairman.

The indaba is being organised jointly by Natal's senior MEC, Mr Frank Martin, and Dr Oscar Dhlomo, KwaZulu Cabinet minister and secretary-general of Inkatha.

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NAU to consider indaba invitation

Mercury Reporter

THE Natal Agricultural Union would consider an invitation to participate in the KwaZulu/Natal indaba at a meeting of its executive committee today, according to Mr Alwyn Bisschoff, director of the NAU.

He said the decision would be forwarded to the organisers of the indaba

The Natal Association of Local Affairs Committees had accepted the invitation to take part in discussions concerning the possible joint rule of the KwaZulu and Natal regions at the second-tier level of government, Mr Albie Stowman, the chairman, said yesterday

The Congress of South African Trade Unions, which represents more than 500 000 workers, discussed the invitation at its regional executive committee meeting this week, but deferred a decision

Mr Thami Mohlomi, Cosatu's Natal regional secretary, said that the meeting felt that the general membership should be consulted.

KWAZULU-NATAL

Breakthrough near

Government is expected to respond before next month's KwaNatal indaba in Durban to the latest proposals for a joint executive structure between KwaZulu and Natal.

Talks in Cape Town this week between Constitutional Affairs Minister Chris Heunis, KwaZulu leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the senior MEC in Natal, Frank Martin, and the Administrator of Natal, Radclyffe Cadman, set the scene for a major breakthrough in the long negotiations towards a common government for KwaZulu-Natal, sometimes called "the Natal option"

Observers believed government would have little difficulty accepting the joint executive proposed by KwaZulu and the New Republic Party-controlled Natal provincial administration, but was likely to stop short, at this stage, of agreeing to a common legislature.

Acceptance by government of the KwaNatal plan is regarded as crucial if Buthelezi is to be drawn into government's own plans for constitutional change.

The KwaNatal delegation in Cape Town presented Heunis with a draft Bill to implement the joint executive plan.

There is presently a non-statutory forum for co-operation between Natal and KwaZulu which has identified 15 areas where administration can be rationalised and money saved.

The proposed statutory forum would be accountable to Parliament. Joint services would be financed by contributions to a fund by both KwaZulu and Natal on an agreed basis, and by direct funding from Parliament

Heunis said the KwaNatal delegation indicated they wanted a decision from government as soon as possible.

A major indaba in Durban next month will discuss the issue further. The National Party has been invited to attend, but has not yet decided whether to do so.

☐ In Parliament this week a Nationalist MP, Jurie Mentz of Vryheid, said Buthelezi was striving for peace in South Africa and had a key role to play in seeking solutions to the country's problems. He described Buthelezi as "a fellow South African and a Christian" who was prepared to share power with whites. ■

Province to ease Alex land transfer

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Pretoria Bureau

Legislation to facilitate the donation of 80 ha of land by the Johannesburg Town Council to Alexandra will come before the Transvaal Provincial Council during the May session.

This undertaking was made by the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, to an Alexandra delegation led by the Rev Sam Buti

The three-man Alexandra delegation also included Mr L C Koza and the town clerk, Mr A S Magerman, who requested a meeting with the Administrator to discuss the problems over the transfer of the land, known as the eastern bank.

In a statement released in Pretoria, Mr Cruywagen said present provisions of the Local Government Ordinance of 1939 did not empower one local authority to donate land to another.

The Administrator was therefore not in a position to approve such a transaction.

However, Mr Cruywagen assured the delegation yesterday that steps would be taken during the May session to rectify the deficiency in existing legisation

The issue would receive the highest priority to minimise any further delays, said the statement

Transkei land plans revealed

DESPATCH 18/3/86

CAPE TOWN — The Deputy Minister of Development and Land Affairs, Mr Ben Wilkens, yesterday announced proposals for consolidation of the Weza Forest into Transkei

The consolidation proposals, which deal with six areas around Transkei, would serve as a basis for further negotiations, Mr Wilkens said in a statement here

The handover to Transkei of the Weza Forest, in the Alfred district of Natal, and two adjacent farms in the Mount Currie district, would mean the joining of the two largest parts of Transkei, which until now had been separated by the corridor of land between Harding and Kokstad.

Neither of these towns are included in the consolidation proposals

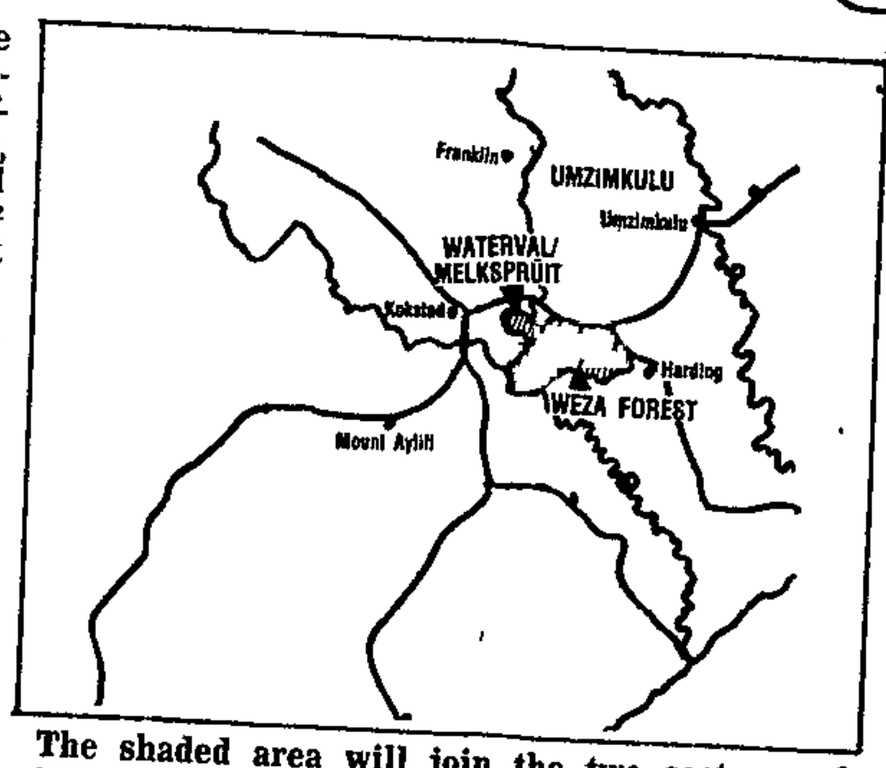
Further consolidation involving several farms in the Queenstown, Elliot and Maclear districts around the present Transkei border was also proposed

The chairman of the Commission of Cooperation and Development would in due course announce the date and place where evidence would be heard from affected parties

Meanwhile the NRP MPC for South Coast, Mr Peter Miller, condemned the proposal to transfer the state-owned Weza Forest, and forecast friction between KwaZulu and Transkei citizens if the proposal went through

He predicted the area would become the "louse of Natal" Moutse is an area under dispute between KaNgwane and Lebowa.

Mr Miller said the transfer into Transkei was likely to have a dramatic affect on relations between Transkei and KwaZulu because the locations abutting the Weza Forest, where forest workers lived, were part of KwaZulu "These KwaZulu citizens are vehemently opposed to the incorporation of Weza into Transkei."



The shaded area will join the two sections of Transkei if the South African Government's land proposals are implemented.

He said the Weza area was one of the largest truly significant areas of indigenous forest left in Natal. "I fear for the future management of this asset."

Mr Miller said Transkei had always been deemed part of the old Cape It was the first time that part of the original Natal was to be incorporated into Transkei.

He said the East Griqualand Regional Development Association was opposed to the move and he predicted the Harding Farmers' Association would reject it at a meeting this afternoon

These bodies were not opposed to the proposal for any selfish reasons, he said. However, the quota of the 1936 Land Act had already been fulfilled as far as Transkei was concerned

The NRP MP for Mooi River, Mr Ralph Hardingham, said the proposals were "crazy" and could spark off racial conflict

"There are numerous Zulus working in the Weza Forest and the proposals will seal off the corridor between Kokstad and Harding and the South Coast" He said this could lead to border difficulties for travellers.

But he welcomed the proposals to deproclaim the farms Waterval and Melkspruit "This area has been a festering sore as animals from Transkei have wandered onto neighbouring farms spreading disease among livestock."

Mr Hardingham said he was concerned that there was no mention about the return of the farm Guildford, near Matatiele, which had been handed to Transkei before by mistake — Sapa-DDC

Land plan: T'kei hits at critics

Dispatch Reporter

UMTATA — Transkei has rejected criticism by two Natal politicians of the South African Government's proposal to incorporate the Weza Forest area into Transkei

The land transfer, if implemented, will join the two largest parts of Transkei

The NRP MPC for South Coast, Mr Peter Miller, and the party's MP for Mooi River, objected to the proposal, saying it could cause friction between Xhosas and Zulus

Transkei's Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Mr E Z Booi, said last night some of the statements made by Mr Miller were "most unfortunate and mischievious in the extreme"

"Such inflammatory statements come at a time when both inter-racial and inter-tribal relations have been strained to breaking point by the previous divide-and-rule policies perpetrated by people of Mr Miller's ilk

"Why should Mr Miller choose to exploit the dangerous and highly volatile situation between the Pondos and the Zulus, instead of trying to promote peace between these warring factions?"

Mr Booi asked whether it was not enough that so many people had died already or whether Mr Miller did not care because they were black

"The racist insinuations made by both Mr Miller and Mr Hardingham cannot go unchallenged

"If Mr Miller cares to know, Harding and Kokstad are both in the Cape Better he should go back to school and learn geography," said Mr Booi

He said the two men should realise that the legitimate claims for Transkeians' land would continue despite "unfounded vituperations and inciting noises from people who have been selfish and biased for years against the black people"

"Mr Miller's prejudice becomes even more patently clear when he says 'I fear for the future management of this asset,' referring to the indigenous forest at Weza'

"Before uttering such presumptious belittling statements he should have come to see for himself how Transkei's forests and nature reserves are managed," Mr Booi said

All indigenous species of animals were protected under the Nature Conservation Act, which was vigorously enforced No exploitation of indigenous forests was permitted

"Only those trees that have been damaged by lightning or by mechanical damage may be felled"

Mr Booi said Mr Hardingham referred to the deproclaimed Waterval and Melkspruit area as a "festering sore, as animals from Transkei have wandered on to neighbouring farms and have been spreading diseases among livestock".

"It seems that the warped idea that everything from Transkei is inferior and old-fashioned still persists in the gullible and prejudiced minds of many"

"If such people are interested in peaceful coexistence then the sooner they divest their minds of this malady the better for all in this region," Mr Booi said

The control of disease in Transkei was, in fact, very effective For example no cattle diseases had ever been transmitted from Transkei to South Africa There was also no foot and mouth disease or rabies

Chief condemns proposal to hand over forest to Transkei

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African Affairs Correspondent

ULUNDI—Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, has condemned the possibility of the South African Government handing over the Weza Forest in southern Natal to Transkei in an attempt to further consolidate the already independent homeland

He said the statement from Cape Town this week negated all talk of reform on the part of the Government and their reference to South Africa as being 'one country'

'I don't see any necessity for excising part of Natal and parcelling it off to Transkei,' he said

Chief Buthelezi said he believed the move would bedevil relations between the Government and the Zulu people

This week Mr Peter Miller, New Republic Party MPC for South Coast, also attacked the proposal

He said that the black workers in the Weza Forest were from areas under the control of the KwaZulu Government and they did not wish the area to be incorporated into Transkei

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Attacks won't affect indaba

24/3/86

Dispatch Correspondents

DURBAN — The firebomb attacks on the Durban home and the Natal University offices of Professor Lawrence Schlemmer are unlikely to influence the decisions of any of the parties already committed to attend the Natal—KwaZulu indaba

The PFP's Natal leader and delegate to the indaba, Mr Ray Swart, said the attack would not affect the PFP's decision to participate

Mr Bill Sutton, leader of the NRP said acts of violence would not deter his party from participating in what he felt was an important step for the region

The president of the United Democratic Front, Mr Archie Gumede, said the attacks were an unfortunate occurrence.

Police last night said they were still investigating the fires at the university and Prof Schlemmer's home No arrests had been made.

Yesterday, staff and students helped with clearing up operations in an attempt to get the affected departments, which include Prof Schlemmer's Centre for Applied Social Studies back in gear for the continuation of classes today

One of the few clues left by the arsonists were the words. "No indaba", which were sprayed outside Prof Schlemmer's office

The attack on Prof Schlemmer's house was on Thursday afternoon and at the university on Friday night

Flames and sparks pour from offices at the rear of the University of Natal's Memorial Tower building at the height of the blaze. **Picture by IAN COLCLOUGH**

Flames 'won't stop the indaba'

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Mercury Reporter

THE firebomb attacks on the Durban home and Natal University offices of Prof Lawrence Schlemmer are unlikely to influence the decisions of any of the parties already committed to attend the Natal/KwaZulu indaba.

This became apparent yesterday as spokesmen for organisations at both ends of the political spectrum responded to reports of the incident.

Spokesmen for the New Republic and Progressive Federal parties, both of which have decided to take part in the talks, said if the action was intended to deter people from taking part, it was unlikely to have any effect.

The PFP's Natal leader and delegate to the indaba, Mr Ray Swart, said the attack would not affect his party's decision to participate

'It is up to groups on the Left and Right of the political spectrum to decide whether or not they should participate.

'I don't think the threats and damage done to Prof Schlemmer and his work will influence any responsible organisation's decision to participate or not. It certainly will not affect our decision to participate,' he said.

Determined

Mr Bill Sutton, leader of the NRP, said acts of violence would not deter his party from participating in what he felt was an important step for the region.

'This action will not put us off. In fact, when people behave in this manner, it makes us all the more determined to participate.

'The Natal/KwaZulu indaba is the most important political development for a long time,' said Mr Sutton.

He said it was difficult to comment on the likelihood of further attacks on moderate academics or others who supported the indaba until it had been established who was responsible for this attack.

'This attack could be the actions of lunatics on either the Left or Right.'

The president of the United Democratic Front, Mr Archie Gumede, said the attacks were an 'unfortunate occurrence'.

'Unease'

'The attacks were unfortunate because the slogan painting creates unease and suspicion about those groups which have decided not to take part in the talks.'

Mr Gumede said responsible people seldom resorted to painting slogans.

'One cannot rule out the possibility of elements within an organisation acting in their own specific interests.

'It's anybody's guess who was responsible for the attacks, but it was definitely not authorised by either the UDF or the Natal Indian Congress.'

He said the UDF had not decided whether to take part in the indaba.

Police said last night that they were still investigating the fires at the university and Prof Schlemmer's home. No arrests had been made.

Yesterday, staff and students helped with clearing up in an attempt to get the affected departments, which include Prof Schlemmer's Centre for Applied Social Studies, back in gear for the continuation of classes today.

One of the few clues left by the arsonists were the words 'No indaba', which were sprayed outside Prof Schlemmer's office.

The attack on Prof Schlemmer's house was on Thursday afternoon. The university fires were on Friday night.

Prof Schlemmer is one of the main designers of the Natal/KwaZulu indaba.

● See Editorial Opinion

Nats, UDF also turn down invitation to Natal indaba

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By BRUCE CAMERON, Political Staff

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Mr Botha said the party had serious reservations about the invitations being sent to some organisations whose "declared intentions and activities are at variance with the norms of a civilised order and democratic process"

Mr Botha also referred to President P W Botha's opening of Parliament speech in which he referred to a negotiated future and the establishment of a national statutory council

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Full mandate

Dr Farook Meer, spokesman for the NIC and UDF said today that the NIC had decided that it would not attend the opening of the indaba next week but would still be consulting community organisations to get a full mandate for its opposition to the indaba

The UDF position was unqualified rejection One of the main reasons being that it could have nothing to do with apartheid structures

There is "no chance" of the Congress of South African Trade Unions joining the indaba, assistant secretary of Cosatu, Mr Sydney Mufamadi, said in Johannesburg today

The general secretary, Mr Jay Naidoo, could not be contacted to confirm this Previously he said Cosatu would have to canvass the views of members before coming to a decision

We'll go ahead with meeting — Natal MEC

Political Staff

THE Natal/Kwazulu indaba would go ahead despite the refusal of a number of major political bodies, including the National Party, Mr Frank Martin, Natal's senior MEC, said today

Mr Martin said he was disappointed but he emphasised that the important issue would be what happened to any recommendations made by the indaba

Mr Martin, who is a joint sponsor, was however pleased the NP would attend as observers

"PALE SHADOW"

"I cannot understand the party's apprehension about participating as the indaba is designed to deal with only the second tier of Government."

Mr Ray Swart, Natal leader of the Progressive Federal Party, said the presence of observers would be a "pale shadow of an active delegation"

"One would have thought that as a party which has representation in the Natal Provincial Council and holds Parliamentary seats in the province the NP would have felt it their duty to attend"

Mr Swart said the refusal to participate seem to endorse the opinion that the Government was only interested in negotiations which it initiated and on its own terms

National Party keeps door open on indaba

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ORMANDE POLLOK
Political Correspondent

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CAPE TOWN—The National Party is keeping the door open on the KwaZulu/Natal indaba in Durban next week and is to send a senior delegation of three MPs as observers, which the official Opposition said was better than boycotting it.

This was revealed yesterday in a letter to the organisers which was released by the Nationalists' Natal leader, Mr Stoffel Botha, Minister of Home Affairs

He said that as the indaba's proposals were to be submitted to the Government and as the Natal National Party was part of the central Government, it would not be 'appropriate' for it to participate on the suggested basis

'However, in a spirit of goodwill and as further evidence of our commitment to negotiation as a method to further constitutional development, we propose to send a delegation to attend as observers,' he said

Leading the team would be Mr Val Volker, provincial chairman and MP for Klip River, accompanied by Mr Jurie Mentz, MP for Vryheid and deputy provincial chairman, and Mr Renier Schoeman, a nominated MP who is provincial secretary

Mr Ray Swart, chief Opposition spokesman on black affairs and provincial leader of the Progressive Federal Party, described the NP decision as a 'luke warm approach but better than the boycott attitude it has adopted to similar discussions in the past.'

Consensus

Representing Natal seats in both Parliament and the Provincial Council the NP could have made a valuable input to the indaba.

'There would have been nothing to stop them submitting a minority report to the Government if the indaba's proposals were contrary to Government policy,' he said.

The organisers, Dr Oscar Dhlomo of the KwaZulu Government, and Mr Frank Martin, Natal's senior MEC, have said the main aim of the indaba is to reach consensus as far as possible on the 'creation of a single legislative body to govern the combined area of Natal and KwaZulu'

This did not imply the separation of the combined areas from the rest of South Africa and referred only to second tier government.

In his letter to the organisers, Mr Botha said constitutional reform was an ongoing process of negotiation.

The Special Cabinet Committee had played an important part in many of the reforms which had already taken place and President Botha had committed the Government and the National Party to negotiations as an instrument to achieve further constitutional development.

'We appreciate Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi s frequently expressed support for the principles of self determination and non violence,' said Mr Botha.

'Therefore, we have serious reservations about the inclusion in your list of invited participants of some organisations whose declared intentions and activities are at variance with the norms of a civilised order and democratic process.'

Mr Volker defended the NP's decision to send observers and said a great deal of the discussions would be on an informal basis.

'Sending observers means we will be there and will be able to participate in informal discussions and be there to answer questions,' he said

'As the proposals are to be sent to the Government we will not participate in officially formulating proposals.'

Final negotiations would have to take place between people who could accept responsibility for what was decided

As part of the National Party's power base in the Government the Natal NP's participation in the indaba, which was not a national convention, had to be seen in a different light from the participation of other bodies

'We do not want to stand aloof from negotiations however,' he said

● See Editorial Opinion

NP observers welcomed

African Affairs Correspondent

ULUNDI—The Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, last night welcomed the presence of a National Party delegation as observers at the KwaZulu/Natal indaba

Chief Buthelezi said he was not worried about the label Mr Botha gave to his 'observers' as long as they were there

Responding to the unqualified rejection of the invitation by the Natal Indian Congress, the Chief Minister said this was 'quite predictable'

The moment that the external mission of the African National Congress sneezed, the NIC and the United Democratic Front caught a cold, he said

The UDF has also rejected the invitation

Chief Buthelezi welcomed the fact that some Indian parties such as Solidarity and the Reform Party had agreed to attend

Twenty-six of the 38 organisations invited to take part in the indaba have agreed to participate, according to the organisors

The African National Congress, the Azanian People's Organisation, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the Conservative Party and the Herstigte Nasionale Party have said no

Some will move says Heunis

Political Correspondent

MR CHRIS Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, has confirmed that some people will have to be moved from the land they now occupy in the Greater Mariannhill area

However, he told Mr Roger Burrows, PFP MP for Pinetown, in a letter yesterday that 'it is intended that such relocation within the Greater Mariannhill area should take place in a spirit of co-operation and with as little disruption as possible'

'In recognising the permanence of blacks living in the area, you will appreciate that as the area is developed, such development will have to take place on a planned basis,' said Mr Heunis

'Whether or not this development is for industrial or residential purposes, it obviously means that certain people need to move from land they now occupy'

Challenge to 'big stick' law

CAPE Times 28/3/86 Z61

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is to challenge the legality of the new "big stick" legislation which gives the Administrator arbitrary powers to fire elected councillors.

In terms of a motion proposed by Mr Arthur J Wienburg and amended by Mr Neil Ross, the council resolved to instruct its legal adviser to investigate the validity of the legislation in terms of the law and to ask the State President, Mr P W Botha, to overrule the relevant clause in the Provincial Ordinance.

No power

Mrs Joan Kantey said that in terms of parliamentary legislation, the Administrator did not have the power to remove elected representatives from office and that the new ordinance was therefore ultra vires.

Mr Wienburg described the new powers as "political thuggery", but withdrew the remark after being asked to do so by the Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz.

"I have no doubt that this move is specifically aimed at this council, which has a long and admirable record of opposition to this government's maniacal obsession with interfering in the lives of individuals, tampering with their civil liberties and riding roughshod over the principle of the rule of law," Mr Wienburg said.

Court

"It is an accepted principle of democracy that the power to remove public representatives from office is vested in those very people who elected them in the first place — except for certain situations whereby a court has the right to remove those guilty of misdemeanours identified in law."

Dr John Sonnenberg said he would continue to oppose the government by, for example, doing everything in his power to destroy the "unfair, unjust and unwanted management committee system" and challenged the Administrator to "sack" him and any other councillor who supported him.

A number of National Party members left the chamber before and during debate without defending the legislation and the motion was unanimously adopted by the remaining 27 councillors.

'Holes' in ambulance service probed

Medical Reporter

THE Cape Province's ambulance services and personnel were not perfect, but they were as good as limited resources allowed, the province's MEC for Hospital Services, Mr Koos Theron, said yesterday

Responding to a hard-hitting Automobile Association report on ambulance services in the Transvaal and the Free State, Mr Theron said there were "some holes" in the Cape's service but these were being looked into and corrected as quickly as limited finances would allow

"Within the constraints placed upon us I think we have achieved a miracle with the province's ambulance services," he said

Disagreed

Dr Alan MacMahon, consultant-in-charge of emergency services, said he and Mr Theron totally disagreed with the AA report's assessment of the safety of ambulances, at least as far as those in the Cape were concerned

"Of the province's 450 ambulances, 90 percent have been properly equipped and the remainder will be phased out over the next few years," he said Some 80 percent were equipped with radio communications

Referring to criticism in the AA report of the training received by ambulance personnel, Dr MacMahon said the province had three permanent training centres, one each in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and East London, and training for ambulance personnel from the Northern Cape was carried out annually in Kimberley

"The vast majority of our personnel have undergone at least the Basic Ambulance Course, which trains them in the use of ambulance equipment to keep injured patients alive until more sophisticated help is available

Advanced courses

"Many have also gone through more advanced courses and we have also trained about 500 traffic officers in the essentials of first-aid

"Of course we still have a few personnel who have not passed some sort of course, but these people are very few in number and are usually from rural areas where we have difficulty finding personnel," said Dr MacMahon.

In the major centres, ambulance response times were usually excellent, with between 80 and 85 percent of calls being answered within 20 minutes

Mr Theron said under no circumstances would racial discrimination by ambulancemen be tolerated and anyone guilty of this would be in serious trouble

Prototype

Dr MacMahon added that a prototype ambulance, with easily obtainable parts to counteract the rising prices of large municipal ambulances which cost up to R80 000, would be unveiled within a few days

● Sapa reports that the Progressive Federal Party's health spokesman, Dr Marius Barnard, has called on the Minister of National Health and Population Development, Dr Willie van Niekerk, to appoint a Select Committee to investigate the country's ambulance services He said it should include representatives of the AA.

The PFP also condemned all forms of racialism by ambulance services "exposed by the report"

BLOW TO NATAL-KWAZULU INDABA

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Own Correspondent

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Campaign against indaba launched

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A campaign to oppose the KwaZulu/Natal indaba was launched in a hotel here last night by an alliance of rightwing groups under the umbrella of the recently-formed Action White Natal

The campaign will begin today when three protest documents are presented to the chairman of the indaba, Professor Desmond Clarence, at its public opening session at 10am in the City Hall

The documents will be presented by the chairman of Action White Natal, Mr Barry Wolmarans, the chairman of South Africa First, Mr Arthur Morris, and two prominent Natal Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) members, Mr Oscar Hattingh and Mr Kosie Erasmus

The Durban representative on the HNP national executive, Mr Martin Louw, said the campaign would include a Natal petition. An anti-indaba meeting would be held on May 19

He said that after today's indaba meeting, 40 delegates from the groups at last night's meeting would form an ad-hoc committee to coordinate the campaign

The HNP and Conservative Party refused to take part in the indaba

The HNP's reasons were, among other things, that the organizers had not been given a mandate by whites to hold the indaba; that the Anglo American Corporation and "a small group of rich people" were behind it, that the indaba would lead to the disintegration of borders between races.

The Natal/KwaZulu indaba

Feeling of hope for unification talks

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'We will have to play it by ear as far as the details are concerned We have not been asked to come to the meeting with any specific proposals,' Mr MacLennan said

He said some previous discussions, particularly those between co-conveners, Mr Martin and KwaZulu Cabinet minister Dr Oscar Dhlomo, would have some bearing on the indaba

Mr Roland V Freakes, executive director of the Natal Chamber of Industries said in participating in the indaba the chamber supported the concept of the joint administration of KwaZulu and Natal and the investigation of power sharing between the areas

'This is a formidable task, yet one so important to our future that the chamber accepts, without hesitation, the opportunity to contribute to its execution,' Mr Freakes said

'The decision of the National Party to appoint a delegation of observers is most welcome and a clear signal that Government sees in the indaba seeds from which important new constitutional proposals affecting the whole country may develop

'Positive attitudes conduce to success that these are now becoming increasingly evident in the run-up to the indaba augers well for real achievement through the indaba project,' Mr Freakes said

Group likely to express its opposition

Mercury Reporter

A RIGHT-WING group is expected to publicly express its opposition to the KwaZulu/Natal indaba

Sources close to the recently-formed Action White Natal said the group was holding a meeting to discuss what strategy should be adopted in opposing the indaba

It is believed that the group is considering delivering a petition to the indaba chairman, Prof Desmond Clarence

Both the Conservative Party and the Herstigte Nasionale Party refused invitations to participate in the indaba

In a document signed by the HNP leader, Mr Jaap Marais, the party's national executive has stated six reasons for its rejection of the discussions

The first reason is that the organisers have not been given a mandate by whites to hold the indaba

Secondly the HNP believes that the Anglo-American Corporation and, 'a small group of rich people who are becoming richer', are behind the indaba

The HNP also cites the fact that Northern Natal is rich in Afrikaner history and says it would be 'highly insensitive to even suggest' that Afrikaners would be taken into account in a joint KwaZulu/Natal legislature

Fourthly, the HNP believes that the indaba will lead to the centralisation of power in the country and the disintigration of the borders between the different races

The HNP objects to the fact that, in a multiracially governed Natal, whites would have 10 percent of the political power but 80 percent to 90 percent of the financial responsibility

Lastly the HNP states that there is no reason why Natal should have a different constitution from the rest of the country

KwaZulu/Natal talks get down to real business

Mercury Reporter

THE historic KwaZulu/-Natal indaba enters its second day today with the delegates getting down to the business of debating the details of a single legislative body for the region.

Yesterday the representatives of 34 political parties, business, professional and trade union groups, spent the first session of the indaba deciding on basic organisational procedure

The indaba will sit from 9 a m to 4 p m on Thursdays and Fridays

Prof Desmond Clarence, a former University of Natal principal and chairman of the indaba, said no time limit had been set for the discussions but he hoped they would finish 'within several months'

Intention

Prof Clarence said the indaba decided that each group would have one representative and a maximum of five advisers The representatives would be the main spokesmen, but the advisers could be invited to speak.

He said the intention was to achieve consensus on all substantial issues

'There may be occasions when there is disagreement and there has to be a vote — we have to have some practical cut-off point (to the discussions)

'I would interpret a close vote as meaning the issue needed more debate and would so decide

'This is likely to take longer than a straightforward majority vote way of doing things, but the strength lies in achieving a broader base for decisions,' Prof Clarence said

He said it was unanimously decided that the two observer groups — the National Party and the Trade Union Council of South Africa — would have speaking but not voting rights

Prof Clarence said the meetings would continue to be held in private, but he would issue Press statements as often as possible

'The proceedings have so far taken place in an excellent and co-operative spirit and I am hopeful and optimistic about today's meeting,' he said

Historic KwaNatal 'indaba' starts

DURBAN. — Representatives of 31 organizations taking part in the Natal/KwaZulu "indaba" began deliberations here yesterday under tight security for the first day of what could be six months of deliberations on the future governing of the two regions.

But nine major extra-parliamentary groupings, including the African National Congress, the United Democratic Front, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the Natal Indian Congress, the Pan African Congress and the Azanian Peoples' Organization, have refused to participate in the talks

The one clear goal of the conference is the formation of a joint governing body for Natal and KwaZulu which would represent a historic first in South African constitutional development.

The ruling National Party and the moderate Trade Union Congress of South Africa, Tucsa, are present at the "indaba" as observers and it was decided yesterday they would not have voting rights

A large contingent of foreign diplomats and more than 1 000 people representing the majority of KwaZulu and Natal's political, business, industrial and agricultural groupings were present at the opening

Security

On the ground floor were 420 delegates, advisers and invited guests who met under the strictest security measures following the attack two weeks ago on the University of Natal offices of one of the architects of the indaba, Professor Lawrence Schlemmer

The chairman of the indaba is former University of Natal principal Professor Desmond Clarence and the two main forces behind it are KwaZulu's Chief Minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and Natal's senior MEC, Mr Frank Martin.

Yesterday's opening session marked the start of the second negotiation phase between KwaZulu and Natal

The first phase produced an agreement between Natal and KwaZulu to administer the region jointly. The proposals for the first phase have been submitted to the government.

Speaking at the opening session, Chief Buthelezi warned that the participating organizations could be subjected to intimidation including violence to prevent success

The indaba was not a national voice which was representative of all the people of the country "but the time is ripening for that voice to emerge"

'Timely'

"None of us believe that apartheid can last. Everyone of us knows that change is in the very air we breathe. This 'indaba' is poignantly timely"

He said there was a strong lobby that said the time for reconciliation and negotiation was past.

"They believe that the only thing that is left to do is to maim, burn and kill in order to bring about change in this country

"We say such a moment has not come as yet."

Professor Clarence said the target, a single legislative assembly for Natal and KwaZulu, would permanently defuse the ongoing unrest and high tension between groups in South Africa. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

CHIEF Buthelezi

Have guts, says Chief Buthelezi

THE Natal-KwaZulu Indaba would only fail if those who were committed to democracy and decency did not have the guts to succeed in the face of hostility, the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, said at Ulundi yesterday.

He said it was "political hogwash" to say the indaba would be prejudiced because the UDF, the ANC and Azapo were not participants

"The indaba will not be catastrophic because the forces in violent politics do not support it The KwaZulu-Natal Indaba will only be catastrophic if those who are committed to democracy and decency are shown not to have the guts to succeed in the face of hostility," he said

Chief Buthelezi said that if South Africans did not want the indaba, and its opportunities were "no more than pearls cast before the feet of swine", then "it would be rank foolishness for me to campaign for it and attempt to prop it up. I must now regard it as something launched to fend for itself".

He said if white liberals in organisations such as the Black Sash, Nusas, the South African Council of Churches and the UDF were powerful enough to destroy the Natal-KwaZulu Indaba, then he was going to fold his arms and watch them do so

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snags

Natal indaba hits first

Spectrum

By BRUCE CAMERON
Political Staff

THE Kwazulu/Natal indaba has hit its first snags and the next meeting has been put off for a week for delegates to prepare position papers

There have been differences of opinion over the modus operandi, the scope of the indaba and decision-making powers of the delegates

However delegates say the difficulties were not unexpected although some expressed surprise they had cropped up so soon

And Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday distanced himself from the indaba, but delegates interpreted this today as a move in case the indaba went sour

The first division occurred after Mr Ray Swart, Natal leader of the Progressive Federal Party, moved that the indaba petition the Government to declare a moratorium on the the proposed scrapping of the Natal Provincial Council and the Regional Services Council

Delegates agreed that President P W Botha should be asked for the moratorium on the provincial councils but agreement was not reached on the RSCs

The issue was debated at some length and this included an explanation of the RSCs by National Party observer Mr V A Volker

The indaba chairman, Professor Desmond Clarence, declined to confirm this in an interview but said the RSCs were third tier government and the indaba was dealing with the second tier

He also objected to the Press being given information about was being debated behind closed doors

The issue of Press coverage has also been raised with some delegates, particularly the New Republic Party delegation insisting on almostvirtually complete secrecy about debates

It is understood delegates agreed that only the chairman should make statements

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Indaba a 'challenge' to whites

Own Correspondent

ULUNDI — The KwaZulu/Natal indaba would have to be seen by whites as a challenge to themselves, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Chief Minister of KwaZulu, said in the Legislative Assembly yesterday

Responding to negative reaction to the indaba, which was officially opened last Thursday, Chief Buthelezi said he had come to the conclusion that, if whites, blacks, Indians and coloureds did not want the indaba, and its opportunities were no more than "pearls cast before swine", then it would be rank foolishness for him to campaign for it and attempt to prop it up

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He said he was getting very tired of blazing new trails and fighting one "horrendous" political battle after another for the sake of his fellow white, Indian and coloured South Africans

Chief Buthelezi criticised remarks about him attributed to the State President, Mr P W Botha, in an interview with The Washington Times

Venture

He said that, by mentioning the leaders of the so-called homelands in the same breath as himself, the State President had "tarred him with the same brush" as these leaders who had sold their "birthright" by accepting so-called independence

Mr Botha believed that he had no significant role to play in politics, the KwaZulu Chief Minister claimed

"It is now going to become increasingly problematic for me to continue telling the world that there is hope," he said

Whites were doing nothing effective to halt Mr Botha's "blundering into a political abyss"

GERALD REILLY

Final fling for councils

THE provincial council system will come to an end at the final (budget) session of the Transvaal Council which opens at the old Raadsaal in Pretoria on May 6.

Progressive Federal Party Transvaal chairman Douglas Gibson said the session would be "highly political and contentious".

"This is the last opportunity we will have to highlight the total failure of Nat Party policies," he said.

The 1985-86 budget totalled R2,8bn of which R2,1bn was made up of a government grant.

About half the total was paid out in wages, salaries and related expenditure.

An additional expense this year will be the golden handshakes for the 76 Members of Provincial Councils.

These could cost more than R2m, although provincial authorities are tight-lipped about the actual amount involved.

It is believed that the grants will range from about R15 000 to more than R50 000 depending on status and length of service.

The major piece of legislation is a draft ordinance to revolutionise and accelerate the process of township development in the Transvaal.

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THE NATAL INDABA

Sense and sensitivities

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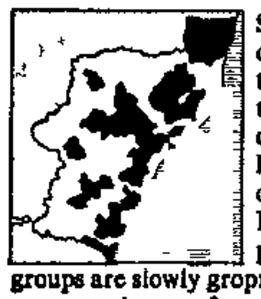

While it is too soon to know whether the "Indaba" on the fusion of Natal and KwaZulu will produce concrete results, the fact that it is taking place at all is welcome. It could influence wider-ranging talks at a higher level.

SA is indeed a country of paradoxes While the security forces and township youths are daily involved in violence and death, in another part of the land, Natal-KwaZulu, people of different race groups are slowly groping towards a political accommodation of sorts Precisely what the nature of the beast will be remains to be seen But it is a most welcome development at this stage of our sorry history — people talking instead of warring

In the Durban City Hall last week, representatives of a vast array of interest groups and divergent political opinions sat sombrely around the table to confer over the constitutional future of their region

The meeting has been dubbed the Natal "Indaba" It seeks, quite simply, to legitimise a situation which many already accept as a reality — that Natal and KwaZulu are inextricably intertwined and, for all practical purposes, should be treated as a single administrative and legislative entity

Most people should have no difficulty with that The facts — economic and political — speak for themselves But given the mindset of "own affairs" politics that characterises the thinking in the ruling hierarchy, such notions verge on heresy

Equally, the possibility that something good, no matter how remote, might flow from the Indaba discussions is viewed with misgiving by elements on the far Left and far Right The words "political accommodation" just do not form part of their lexicon They will do anything, including firebombing the homes and offices of university academics, to ensure it does not take place.

It comes as little surprise, therefore, that organisations like the African National Congress (ANC), Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), the United Democratic Front (UDF), and the Natal Indian Congress (NIC) — or, for that matter, the Conservative Party and the Herstigte Nasionale Party — will not be among the delegates. They were invited, though

Their non-presence is a pity If anything workable is to emerge from the Indaba it is important that its participants consult as widely as possible Never enamoured with the Indaba proposal in the first place, government, ruefully, finds itself in the position of the reluctant debutante It does not want to be seen to be actively obstructing what is, in effect, an attempt at "genuine power-sharing at the regional level" That cliché has been used too often in Rubicon speeches of the past, and Pretoria's credibility could be seriously impaired if it continues to pay it no more than lip-service

At the same time, government's distaste for home-grown constitutional initiatives that by-pass the constitutional workshops of parliament, the Special Cabinet Committee, and the President's Council, is well known, even understandable

Government no doubt has its own vision of what second-tier government should look like under the new constitution — though it has yet to spell out precisely what that is Perhaps the federal congress of the National Party (NP) in Durban in August will provide a suitable occasion for it to elaborate? Talk in parliamentary circles is that the NP is considering multiracial legislatures of *some* kind which will have the option of including national or homeland states

Quite conceivably, though, its proposals will bear little resemblance to the Indaba proponents' ideal of a multiracial legislature presiding over a unified KwaNatal

For government to have resorted to a compromise to escape its dilemma might seem ironic — given that that is what the KwaNatal discussions appear to be all about It has decided to allow three Natal Nationalist MPs, Val Volker, Jurie Mentz and Renier Schoeman, to sit in on the talks as non-voting "observers"

In the circumstances, it is not hard to sympathise with Natal NP leader Stoffel Botha's view that government could hardly participate officially in the discussions, the upshot of which is quite likely to be recommendations contrary to current government policy

To Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Chief Minister of KwaZulu and main proponent of the Indaba, the MPs' actual status seems not to matter The important thing, he stresses, is that "they are there"

Of course, there was always the threat that Buthelezi might refuse to participate in government's own National Statutory Council discussions, should Pretoria snub his Indaba That, too, might have been a coercive element in ensuring some form of government presence

"Observers" or "delegates," call them what you will, what is important is that there *will* be NP members present — to offer inputs if necessary, and carry reports of progress back to government That, in itself, is something of a breakthrough

All this should be seen against the background of government's rejection of the report of the Buthelezi Commission, only a few years ago The report advocated a form of "consociational" government for Natal and KwaZulu, and, indeed, right up to the present has not lost its relevance It is likely to form the basis of the Inkatha delegation's submission to the Indaba

Now that the political posturing is over and the delegates have taken their seats around the conference table, what can we expect this regional initiative towards power-sharing to yield?

The answer, no doubt, will be revealed only once the talking is over and formal recommendations emerge

On a more immediate level, government has already recognised the need for some form of shared administrative responsibility for Natal and KwaZulu There is a loose working arrangement between the two administrations, and a Bill, which will formalise that into a statutory joint executive, is currently before parliament

What the Indaba backers envisage, however, is that this co-operation should eventually lead to a total fusion of the two administrations into a single, multiracial, administrative and legislative body And this is where they part company with the NP

It cannot be said that the central government is oblivious to the practical advantages of shared administration in Natal-KwaZulu in areas of overlapping interest, such as roads, traffic, hospitals and game conservation The cost savings alone will probably be enormous The facilitating Bill is therefore likely to pass unhindered

But with ethnicity still very much at the

The Indaba opens . . . people are talking there

ECHOES OF HISTORY

It is, perhaps, more than mere coincidence that the Durban City Hall has been chosen as the venue for the historic Natal "Indaba"

Across the street, the old Post Office building, then the City Hall, performed a similar function some 78 years ago in October 1908, when heads of state gathered for the National Union Convention

Their deliberations were fruitful indeed and culminated in the country being led into Union two years later and more firmly into the bosom of the Commonwealth The significance of that earlier political milestone was not lost on Durban's mayor, Stan Lange Quoting from the opening address of his counterpart of the time, he noted how he hoped from their deliberations "a South African constitution will be evolved that will prove acceptable to every colony, and that will materially hasten development and prosperity of the whole sub-continent."

Buthelezi . . . 'a long process'

No doubt there are those who cherish similar hopes for the Indaba today

With a historic precedent of that status, it is understandable that a conscious air of expectancy should surround this latest convention initiative. Though essentially dealing with regional issues, it could well have an impact beyond Natal's borders

As the delegates gathered, however, the scene outside the City Hall did not quite reflect the importance of the occasion The brigades of Inkatha youth that one has come to expect at these events were absent, along with their banners and sloganeering

The Hall itself stood proud and serene, now that the traffic has been banished from Church Street and the approaches to the building paved

Inside, the atmosphere was different The mood of the curious onlookers seemed to contrast with the sombre, almost leaden presence of the delegates seated around the horse-shoe table It was as if they seemed to sense destiny calling

Light from the stained glass windows of the baroque building streamed down as Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi took his place at the podium to explain Inkatha's and the KwaZulu government's involvement Behind him the crazy patchwork map of homeland KwaZulu in white Natal, like the splashes on a painter's palette, was a graphic reminder of the pressing need for unification

A difficult road lay ahead, the chief minister told his audience The Indaba, should it be successful, was only the beginning of a long process towards the normalisation of South African society along democratic principles

There was a strong body of opinion, he noted, which believed the time for dialogue, reconciliation and negotiation had passed and that the only political options open were violent ones

But "We say such a moment has not yet come" More than anything else, Inkatha's presence at the negotiating table underscored that

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centre of its constitutional master plan, and reform initiatives launched from this basic premise, talk of multiracial legislatures is a little too much for Pretoria to swallow — at present.

The Indaba, however, is not talking of secession for Natal — or of blacks in Natal-KwaZulu giving up any aspirations they may have to participation at the centre Natal would still be very much a part of SA and, as such, any proposals emanating from the Indaba would have to fit, constitutionally speaking, with the rest of the country.

It does imply, perhaps, that the constitution might have to be redrawn to make it fit. That's not the worst thing that can happen For many, the tricameral parliament has always been regarded as a temporary measure or ruse. In future, even government might consider a federal constitution, which makes "local options" like KwaNatal less unthinkable

Initial reports from the Indaba indicate it has already run into an early obstacle. The problem is that the principal negotiators — the elected, but soon to be phased out Natal Provincial Council, and the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly — face an odd deadline If government presses ahead and replaces the Natal exco with a nominated exco, with the coming of the regional services councils in June, it could damage the credibility of the discussions Consequently, government is being asked to delay the implementation of its own constitutional package until the talks are concluded.

This could prove a shrewd move on government's part — if acceded to. After all, government could well consider incorporating elements of the Indaba's recommendations into its own plans for second-tier government

And certainly, if the Indaba comes up with proposals that at least seem workable, government would have great difficulty in rejecting them out of hand In the highly charged political atmosphere of the day, there is a need to reward moderate initiatives — of which the Indaba is clearly one Also, the eyes of the Western world will be on Pretoria. The "Natal option" appears to have much support abroad, and if government throws it out it could well expose its reformist intentions as a sham. It can't afford that

Of course, it is entirely possible the Indaba will come up with diffuse proposals. A common litany among blacks is that there are no credible forums where they can negotiate their constitutional future with dignity.

If the Natal Indaba retains some credibility — with government participation — it could well provide a safety valve for black political frustrations and take some of the impetus out of the vicious cycle of violence and repression we appear to be caught up in.

Moreover, it could be good for the cause of negotiation in general. Having sat around the table together and tested what could be achieved mutually, the participants may well have paved the way for further negotiations at a higher level.

By implication, if it succeeds in turning the proposed National Statutory Council discussions into a full-blown Indaba on a national scale, where there are no non-negotiables, then its achievements will not have been wasted ■

HIGHVELD

The margins narrow

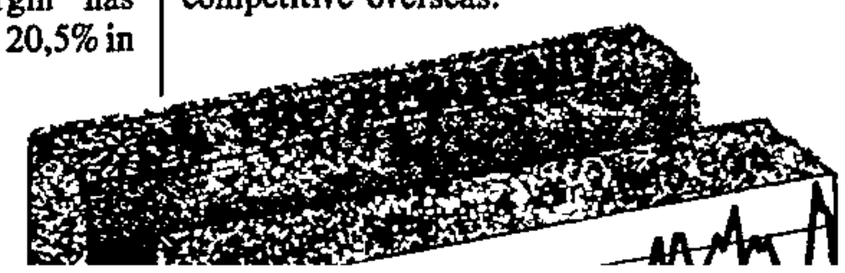
After faltering badly in 1983, Highveld Steel and Vanadium's profits took on a white-hot glow in 1985 And the key to its recovery over the past two years was the strength of export markets. In the year to end-December exports reached a new high of R372,5m (R219m) and boosted group turnover to R662,1m (R450,2m), also a record Despite the weakness of the local steel market, earnings a share improved to 58c (38,9c), which allowed a 7c increase in the year's total dividend to 24c.

A worrying factor, though, is the lower contribution of the local market, which has traditionally been more profitable than exports. While overall sales have improved, the operating profit margin has narrowed Even with the higher rand contribution from exports, the operating profit margin has dropped to only 11,2%, compared to 20,5% in 1982

What's happened is that local inflation has climbed so rapidly that the profitability of the domestic market is being eroded Most

On the face of it, with fat profits, Highveld's share price has definite upside potential. But until the local market recovers, the company will remain heavily dependent on exports and will therefore be extremely vulnerable to sanctions.

sure The effects might even ripple into the export market. Chairman Leslie Boyd notes, with concern, that if the disparity between the South African inflation rate and that of its major trading partners continues, it "will soon negate the temporary export advantages arising from the weak rand, and will result in South African products being uncompetitive overseas."



World steel production and consumption in 1985 was marginally higher than the year before In the US, though, production dropped by 4% while its consumption remained little changed, with imports making up the difference However, the pressure of steel imports reached levels which prompted US steelmakers into attempts to limit imports This resulted in voluntary restraint agreements (VRA) with SA and other major steel exporting countries As most bilateral trade agreements were finalised by end-1985, a more stable US steel industry is foreseen

But Highveld's US market potential will be restrained, since the VRA system was determined according to imports into the US during the 1981-1983 period Nonetheless, the US remains Highveld's most important foreign market

In any steel operation there are three phases mining, steel making, and finishing Traditionally the US has been strong in all three One analyst notes, however, that with the emergence of cheaper producers like

ratio is applicable in the classroom situation·

(1) Schools for the Hearing Impaired· (Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

(i) Pre-primary sections 8 pupils per teacher,

(ii) Primary sections: 10 pupils per teacher,

(iii) Secondary sections 10 pupils per teacher

(2) Schools for the Visually Impaired (Blind and Partially Sighted)

(i) Pre-primary sections: 9 pupils per teacher,

(ii) Primary sections. 10 pupils per teacher,

(iii) Secondary sections· 10 pupils per teacher,

(iv) Sections for the deaf-blind· 3 pupils per teacher

(3) Schools for the Neurally Handicapped· (Cerebral palsied, epileptic, physically handicapped, specific learning disabled)

(i) Pre-primary sections 10 pupils per teacher,

(ii) Primary sections 10 pupils per teacher,

(iii) Secondary sections 10 pupils per teacher

(4) Schools for pupils with Early Childhood Autism

All sections· 3 pupils per teacher

(5) Child Care and Reform Schools

Information is not available as pupil numbers change daily Pupils are referred by the Courts and discharges occur regularly

(i) Practical and/or Secondary courses—

(a) Academic. 17 to 30 pupils per teacher,

(b) Trade, home economics and other vocational fields 25 pupils per teacher

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(a) Academic· 25 pupils per teacher;

(b) Trade, home economics and other vocational fields.. 25 pupils per teacher

(6) Training Centres for Mentally Retarded Children

10 pupils per teacher.

Provincial education authorities

60 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture.

(1) Whether his Department is concerned with the co-ordination of financial requests from the provincial education authorities, if not, why not, if so, (a) what is the formula currently applied for, and (b) what factors are taken into consideration in the calculation of, the financing of provincial education,

(2) whether provincial education authorities are permitted to apply the principle of *virement* to their expenditure on education, if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE·

(1) Yes, the Department of Education and Culture is concerned with this matter from 1 April 1986,

(a) the Department has not yet applied a formula as it was not a function of this Department in the past,

(b) the estimates for 1986/87 were still drafted by the provincial education authorities;

(2) yes; the conditions must however still be determined. The policy of the Department will be determined in accordance with the general policy laid down by the Minister of National Education in terms of the National Policy for General Education Affairs Act, 1984 (Act No. 76 of 1984)

Land Service movement

61. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Education and Culture †

(1) Whether his Department has any connection with the Land Service movement; if so, (a) what is the nature of the connection, (b) how many officials in his Department are charged with the affairs of this movement, (c) what posts do these officials occupy and (d) how many officials are there in each post;

(2) whether the connection with this movement underwent a change recently, if so, what change, if not,

(3) whether any change in the connection is envisaged, if so, (a) what change and (b) when,

(4) whether the staff structure charged with the affairs of this movement underwent changes recently, if so, what changes, if not,

(5) whether any changes in this staff structure are envisaged, if so, what changes,

(6) whether his Department spent any funds on the Land Service movement in the 1985-86 financial year; if so, (a) what amount and (b) for what purpose;

(7) whether his Department envisaged spending funds on the Land Service movement in the 1986-87 financial year, if so, what amount?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

(1) Yes.

(a) It is a state-aided youth movement,

(b) no officer is exclusively involved in it, but a number pay priority attention to it,

(c) cultural officers and an assistant director,

(d) 13 cultural officers and 1 assistant director

(2) No

(3) No

(a) Falls away

(b) Falls away

(4) No.

(5) No

(6) Yes

(a) R205 685

(b) Subsidising camps and courses

(7) Yes R216 000

TUESDAY, 15 APRIL 1986

†Indicates translated version.

For oral reply:

General Affairs·

State President

Shares in newly listed companies

*1 Mr K M ANDREW asked the State President·

Natal farmers slam plan to incorporate Weza Forest

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Harding Farmers' Association has slammed a government proposal to incorporate the Weza Forest into Transkei

A statement issued by Mr S Rennie on behalf of the association referred to the "curse of consolidation"

The proposal was announced last month by the Deputy Minister of Development and Land Affairs, Mr Ben Wilkens, and was criticised by New Republic Party MPs in the area who warned it would lead to confrontation between Zulus and Xhosas and to neglect of the forest.

The proposal deals with six areas around Transkei and the addition of this nearly 24 000 hectares to Transkei would mean the joining of the two largest parts of Transkei

At present, these two parts are separated by the corridor of land between Harding and Kokstad. Neither town is included in the proposal

Mr Rennie's statement said "The curse of consolidation spreads like a deadly disease across our land Like a cancerous growth it destroys, turning fertile farm land into eroded ravaged wastelands

"Once green mountain slopes become brown and bare, the natural vegetation eaten flat by goats and scrawny cattle. Once bubbling fountains and dancing brooks become bleakly muddied puddles "

Mr Rennie said the entire ecological system was upset by "the curse of consolidation".

He recalled how a prominent American was told by an investor to "buy land as they no longer make it".

"Yet we in South Africa squander this resource with mindless stupidity," he said

The farmers' association called on South Africans to help stop the incorporation

"Weza belongs to the people of South Africa. It is not a piece of land that the government can give or swop at will," Mr Rennie said

Indaba takes stand against racist laws

Political Reporter

A JOINT legislature for KwaZulu and Natal would review legislation considered to be racially offensive, Mr Frank Martin, Natal's senior MEC, said yesterday

He was commenting on a statement issued after the third meeting of the KwaZulu/Natal Indaba at the Durban City Hall

The statement listed six points of departure unanimously agreed by delegates from 34 political, business and trade-union groups.

This included the statement that legislation based on racial discrimination had to be abolished

Mr Martin said this meant a new second-tier government for the region would not pass legislation offensive to any group, and would review such legislation

The Indaba agreed that all people in the region should have a right to full political participation and effective representation.

'Society in Natal/KwaZulu must be founded upon a free economic system and the provision of equal opportunities for all people

'Provision must also be made for the protection of the rights of individuals and groups,' the statement read.

The Indaba also agreed that, while there should be a single second-tier government for the region, the intention was not to be sovereignly independent of the rest of South Africa

The fourth Indaba meeting will be held today, with the delegates debating papers presented by the KwaZulu Government, the Natal Provincial Council, the Progressive Federal Party and the New Republic Party

Natal-KwaZulu get Govt go-head for joint administration

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Ormande Pollok
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN—A joint KwaZulu/Natal administration has been accepted in principle by the Government and other similar bodies could be established elsewhere

This was announced yesterday afternoon by President Botha, who said the decision had nothing to do with the current Indaba concerning a joint legislative body for Natal which was a completely different matter and held deep political implications

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Parliament and Politics

Govt go-ahead for KwaNatal

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Political Staff

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Suzman hails pass-law move

Political Staff and Sapa

MRS HELEN Suzman the veteran MP who has fought the controversial influx control measures for more than 30 years, said yesterday she was "obviously elated" that the pass laws would be abolished as announced by President P W Botha yesterday

"I can only hope that the white paper due next week on planned urbanization will in no way suggest any form of substitution for restrictions on mobility which have been a major cause of racial friction over so many years," she said in an interview yesterday

"I hope, too this means that all other offences, linked to influx control and pass laws, like curfew regulations are also on their way out.

Eglin

"Tackling genuine grievances about discriminatory and oppressive laws is clearly a better means and more permanent manner of dealing with unrest in the black townships," Mrs Suzman said.

● The PFP leader, Mr Colin Eglin, said during the debate in Parliament yesterday if the proposed National Council was going to contribute to the success of negotiation, the people who took part in its deliberations would have to be the genuine leaders of the communities they were supposed to represent.

Mr P W Botha had to "make it clear his government is not locked into the concept that constitutional development can only take place within the framework of racially based structures founded on statutory race classification and compulsory group membership"

This also implied willingness to abandon "the costly and divisive constitutional monstrosity known as own affairs"

At local-government level the introduction of Regional Services Councils based on separate racial authorities was meeting massive resistance from blacks and increasing resistance from coloureds and Indians, who wanted full participation on a non racial basis.

● The delay in calling a general election was legal and constitutional but not honourable or democratic, Mr Roger Hulley (PFP Constantia) said yesterday during the Budget vote of the State President.

He called on Mr Botha to call an election this year

In the 76 years since Union in 1910 there had been an average of four years and two months between each of the 18 elections

The provision in the previous constitution was that every Parliament should continue for five years "and no longer"

According to that constitution the State President would have had to call a general election before July 31 this year But in terms of the 1983 Constitution the State President was permited to allow Parliament to continue until September 4, 1989

"It is absolutely unprecedented for South Africa, even in wartime, not to hold a general election within the constitutional five year period'

● Mr Daan van der Merwe (CP Rissik) said Mr Botha had been reported as saying that he found the past system to be repugnant.

"Mr Botha is the only member who has sat in this House since 1948 and implemented the laws of separation For him to say he found this system repugnant was the same as saying his whole political career was repugnant."

● The CP supported the bombing of Libya by United States jets, Mr Frank le Roux (CP Brakpan) said yesterday during the debate

He hoped, however, that the US also understood South African military action in Angola

● Mr Pat Rogers (NRP King Williams' Town) said his party backed a confederation of Southern African states whose national anthem could be N'kosi Sikelele i'Afrika which was revered throughout Africa

aware of the things to which the hon member for Houghton refers It is so that we are blamed for many things which we often are not responsible for, but it is still a serious objective of the Government that it will take note of the administration that takes place in such national states It is, however, once again not my field, therefore I cannot comment on it Another hon member of the Cabinet is responsible for the administration in this regard If the hon member has any enquiries I ask her to put it to my hon colleague who in addition to the national states also has specific responsibility for the administration and governing of those states

Joint administration: Transvaal/national states

*15. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) Whether he has received from (a) the Administrator of the Transvaal and/or (b) any national state any proposals for the joint administration of the Transvaal and any or all of the national states situated in that province, if so, (i) when, (ii) what is the nature of these proposals and (iii) what was his response thereto, if not,

(2) whether his Department will (a) investigate the possibility of such a joint administrative structure and (b) initiate discussions between affected parties, if not, why not, if so, when,

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

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) No.

(2) (a) Legislation will shortly be presented to Parliament creating a statutory framework for co-operation at administrative and executive levels between provincial authorities and national states

(b) No Such co-operations rely on agreement between the parties concerned and must be initiated by them

(3) No. The State President made a statement on the matter on 18 April 1986 in the House of Assembly

London: travel bureau

*16 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

(1) With reference to his reply to Question No 685 on 7 April 1986, what total amount in revenue was generated by the 3 620 bookings made at the travel bureau of the South African Transport Services in London in the 1985-86 financial year;

(2) whether any bookings made at this bureau were cancelled in the abovementioned financial year, if so, how many?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) R3 338 000

(2) Yes, 227 individuals and 7 groups of 15 persons each

Dellville Wood

*17. Mr J H VISAGIE asked the Minister of Public Works:†

(1) Whether the memorial museum at Dellville Wood has been completed; if not, when is it expected to be completed, if so, when,

(2) what is the latest estimate of the total cost of the erection of the museum, (b) what amount has been spent on the erection thereof to date and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

†The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS:

(1) Finishing is in progress and should be finalised shortly.

(2) (a) to (c)

The final accounts will be available in due course. For the present the estimate remains at R9 760 000 as indicated in the White Paper on the department's building programme To date R8 599 895 has been brought into account in respect of this service

Kagiso: person shot

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

(1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, was shot and killed in Kagiso on or about 25 March 1986; if so, (a) by whom was this person shot, (b) what were the circumstances surrounding his death and (c) what is his name,

(2) whether an investigation has been held into the death of this person, if not, why not, if so, what were the findings,

(3) whether an inquest has been held into the death of this person; if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) where and (c) what were the findings?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) to (3)

Since judicial proceedings, resulting from the events on 25 March 1986 in Kagiso, have already commenced and a Judge has already banned the publication or disclosing of information relating to the matter, I do not deem it in the interest of the administration of justice to make known further information

Aircraft: tyre problem

*19. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether, during March 1986, a South African Airways aircraft on a flight from Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth had a tyre problem on take-off, if so,

(2) whether this problem required the aircraft to re-land at Jan Smuts Airport; if so, at what time did the aircraft re-land,

(3) whether the passengers were required to remain on the aircraft while repairs were being carried out; if so, (a) why and (b) for how long were they required to wait;

(4) whether these passengers were kept informed of the situation; if not, why not, if so, in what manner?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(1) Yes

(2) Yes, at 19h00.

(3) Yes.

(a) Intially only a tyre change would have been made which is normally not a time consuming procedure. However, after the tyre was changed it was also found that a wing flap was damaged during the incident and it was therefore necessary for the passengers to change aircraft.

(b) 2 hours.

(4) Yes, through regular announcements by the captain.

Mr D J N MALCOMESS: Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply given by the hon the Minister, could he tell us whether the tyre problem was caused by a poorly retreaded tyre, or whether it was an original tyre?

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I cannot say whether it was a Firestone, a Dunlop or a retreaded tyre, I cannot provide the hon member with that type of information.

Meeting banned despite Minister's plea

By Chris More

Soweto's Police Commissioner has banned a meeting of the Soweto Parents' Crisis Committee, in spite of pleas from the Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer to allow it

The committee has had a delicate "open door" relationship with Mr de Beer and yesterday, after Brigadier Jan Coetzee banned the meeting, Mr de Beer told *The Star* "I did the best I could" He added that he could not interfere with another department for the committe said frantic efforts were being made to get a reprieve for the meeting scheduled for the Jabulani Amphitheatre tomorrow

The committee is due to meet this weekend in Potchefstroom, Soshanguve, in the Eastern Cape Western Cape and the Border area Police headquarters in Pretoria were last night unable to confirm if these gatherings would be prohibited

Provincial executives outlines new plan — Viljoen

Political Staff

PROVINCES will in future be controlled by multiracial executives that will be directly responsible to Parliament

The veil on the, until now, highly secret new system, was lifted today by the Minister of Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, when he opened the KangwaneLegislative Assembly.

Mr Viljoen said the Government had accepted the principle of power-sharing with blacks and as a result black people would be included in the new provincial system with whites, coloured people and Indians

The new second tier government would handle only "general affairs"

The administrators and executive committees would be strengthened to give them sub-ordinate legislative and executive powers

He was, however, cautious about joint legislatures

RSCs mean 'everyone will pay more'

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

The offloading of some of the Government's costly services on the regional services councils was one of the more serious implications of the new bodies

This was said by Mr Frank van der Velde, MPC, at the weekend seminar in Johannesburg on regional service councils (RSCs) The seminar was organised by the Progressive Federal Party

Mr van der Velde said the sincerity of the RSCs would determine how the standard of living was improved for poorer people

But whatever happened, everyone would be paying more at the end of the day, without being guaranteed better services

TAX COULD INCREASE

The small percentage that was payable under the payroll tax was not a disincentive, but the danger was, that the amount could rise as GST had done, he warned

The biggest criticism of this tax was that it would discourage labour-intensive businesses

Mr van der Velde said he feared the same increase in the turnover tax

Professor Nic Olivier, MP, said the creation of a large number of new bodies to implement the Government's policy would allegedly lead to decentralisation The opposite was true

What had happened was "not greater decentralisation and devolution of powers and functions, but a decentralisation and multiplication of bureaucratic functionaries."

More power had been placed in the hands of the Government, especially the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, he said

he committed to having them all removed to George?

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, naturally I cannot transfer one half of the children to one school and keep the other half in the other school That would necessarily lead to the problem that the available accommodation is not fully utilised Therefore all the children will be transferred to George Should any of those pupils however choose not to go to George, they would also be able to go to Paarl—if it is their own choice, of course

Mr R R HULLEY. Mr Chairman, further arising from the reply given by the hon the Minister, is it necessary for those people to be moved in the middle of the year, at the most disruptive time in terms of their studies? Is it not possible that this step could be considered at a later date?

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, it was considered The whole matter received much attention This whole matter has of course already been under discussion since last year We tried to also act in the best interests of the children involved In the broader sense we judged that the best time to do it in these circumstances, would probably be July this year

†Mr H E J VAN RENSBURG Piet, what do you know of normal, spontaneous contact? [Interjections]

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order!

Mr R R HULLEY Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, will he entertain further representations in this regard?

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I have no problem talking to people about this matter I do, however, want to say to the hon member for Constantia that we have taken a final decision on this We have honestly looked at all possible facets thereof and I have no doubt that it naturally is a move that causes great sadness to some people I understand that

However, I plead with the hon member for Constantia, as well as with those who care about the well-being of these girls and all children in a childcare school, not to make politics out of this matter I have had the opportunity to pay a visit to the Kapenhof School and I want to assure hon members that I was touched by the spontaneity, the love and the calm that prevail there, mainly as a result of the dedicated service of the headmaster and his staff I want to further inform hon members that these girls, the pupils of the Kapenhof School, were deeply affected by the bad publicity in some newspapers last year These children were hurt by that because what was portrayed was not really their daily circumstances The idea was created to the outside that it was that kind of child that was there

I therefore really want to appeal to everybody involved to let this matter rest and to accept that what had been done, was done in the best interest of not only the children of Kapenhof but also of other children who find themselves in similar schools or in reform schools elsewhere in the country [Interjections]

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Schools kept open

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

(1) Whether there are any schools falling under the control of his Department which, having been assessed to be not viable in terms of uniform national criteria, are being kept open, if so, (a) which body or person has the authority to make the decision to keep a school open once it has become not viable and (b) what total number of schools which had been assessed to be not viable were being kept open as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) whether any criteria have been laid down with regard to determining which schools will be kept open once they have been assessed to be not viable; if not, on what basis is such a decision made, if so, (a) what are these criteria and (b) who lays down these criteria?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) No, (a) and (b) fall away,

(2) no, each such case would be considered by the Minister on its own merits, (a) and (b) fall away

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Elections for committees

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

(1) Whether the Natal Education Department has issued a letter and circular to all School Advisory Committees in Natal calling for elections for all committees to be held on or before 25 April 1986, if so, (a)(i) on whose instructions and (ii) when was the document issued and (b) when was it received by the affected schools;

(2) whether any period of notice is required to be given prior to these elections being held, if not, why not, if so, what period of notice is required,

(3) whether the document contained any reference to the decision or determination of the Executive Committee of the Natal Provincial Council that these elections be held under new regulations, if so,

(4) whether that decision or determination was still in force after 1 April 1986, if so, (a) to what extent, (b) in terms of what regulation or statutory provision and (c) when did his Department take control of the Natal Education Department;

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

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Yes,

(a) (i) the Director of Education Natal,

(ii) 27 March 1986,

(b) during the week 31 March 1986 to 4 April 1986,

(2) yes—at least 14 days in terms of the provisions of the regulations;

(3) yes;

(4) yes,

(a) in all aspects,

(b) Proclamation 56 of 1986,

(c) 1 April 1986;

(5) no

Mr R M BURROWS· Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, he is aware that the Natal schools were closed until 9 April However, is he also aware of the fact that the document posted on 27 March was only received at the schools on 9 April, and that the meetings had been called for 25 April?

†The MINISTER· Mr Chairman, I am not aware that the dates overlapped with those of the school holidays, but what I would like to bring under the hon member's attention, is that, when looking at that date, he would see that this happened before 1 April and that the issuing of the notices and so forth at that stage fell under the administration of Natal So the Director of Education in Natal did it and I do not have to account for it.

For written reply

General Affairs.

Hake/crayfish/chokka

698 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism

(1) (a) What is the total quota allocated per annum for (i) hake, (ii) crayfish and (iii) chokka and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

PFP to highlight provincial confusion

GERALD REILLY

THE spread of bureaucracy and the high costs involved in the break-up of the provincial council system and the establishment of regional services councils will be highlighted by the PFP at next week's Transvaal Provincial Council budget session

This will be the last budget session before the abolition of provincial councils It will be held in Pretoria's old Raadsaal and an atmosphere of confusion is expected to surround the distribution of former council functions.

It is not yet known whether all or some of the four members of the executive committee (MECs) will be reappointed. Their term of office expires on June 30.

It is also not known what their functions will be, should they be retained

One of Exco's main functions, education, was transferred to Education and Culture (Own Affairs) Minister Piet Clase in April.

Another, hospitals administration, will become the responsibility of the ministers of health in the three Houses of Parliament.

Progressive Federal Party leader in the council, Douglas Gibson, said yesterday Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Chris Heunis had so far failed to explain how the new system would function

"The lack of information on how the remaining provincial functions are to be divided and administered is causing great confusion," Gibson said

The PFP, he added, would oppose the RSCs on two grounds — they would further entrench apartheid, and they would lead to a multiplication of unproductive and costly bureaucracy.

The session itself will be a quiet one

Most important piece of legislation to be tabled is the amended Townships and Town-planning Ordinance, which will slash time-wasting and costly procedures.

A last formal sitting of the council is scheduled for June 12

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TPC to streamline township process

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By Sue Leeman,
Pretoria Bureau

The last session of the Transvaal Provincial Council is expected to pass sweeping legislation which will streamline township development

One of its more important implications is that it will give total autonomy to several major centres — including Johannesburg — when it comes to establishing townships within their areas of jurisdiction

The new draft ordinance, tabled yesterday by the MEC for local government, Mr John Griffiths, is the result of an inquiry by the Venter Commission

It has been welcomed by the official PFP opposition as a forward step.

Mr Griffiths said it was hoped the ordinance would help eliminate delays in township development, as requested by the private sector and the local authorities

Some of the provisions are.

● That all applications for town plan amendments and township developments be addressed to the local authority concerned, which will advertise applications and invite comment. If there are no objections, the matter can be referred directly to the executive committee without approaching the Townships Board

● Applications will only have to go to the Townships Board if there are objections by the local authority or outsiders It is hoped that this will end delays by relieving the board of the need to investigate and report on applications which are generally of a minor nature

BOARD WILL ADJUDICATE

● Developers will be responsible for the provision and installation of internal engineering services and the local authority for external services Where developer and council cannot agree, a newly formed services appeal board will adjudicate

● The Administrator can give any local authority complete control over township development and any decisions by such a council can only be changed after an appeal to him

● When granting a consent use — for example, permission to build townhouses in an area zoned for half-acre developments — the Administrator can demand that a developer pay a local authority for the provision of certain engineering services

Ruling favours hospital doctors

Pretoria Bureau

Private doctors will in future only be able to treat their patients in a provincial hospital if they are prepared to accept a part-time appointment with the institution

This means a provincial hospital is not obliged to accept a patient if his doctor has not agreed to serve some time in the hospital

However, MEC for hospital services, Mr Daan Kirstein, has said the new ruling would not endanger emergency patients

Tabling draft legislation before the provincial council yesterday, he said emergency patients would be treated by part-time in-house doctors if an approved private part-time doctor could not be found

BATTLE TO SECURE SERVICES

Mr Kirstein said hospital services often battled to secure the part-time services of private physicians

In the platteland hospitals in particular, the number of patients did not justify the appointment of full-time medical personnel and the department relied heavily on part-time employees

If they could not be found, the service offered by a hospital could be jeopardised

"Under normal circumstances the province would not tamper with the private doctor's right to treat his private patients in provincial hospitals, but the situation is now so bad that we must make the private doctor liable for service."

RSC functions outlined

GERALD REILLY

THE large-scale shuffling of staff necessitated by the demise of the provincial council and the devolution of their functions were outlined by Administrator Willem Cruywagen when he opened the last budget session of the Transvaal Provincial Council in Pretoria yesterday.

He said the establishment of Regional Services Councils (RSCs) would be the start of a completely new dispensation

Currently the department was dealing with the establishment of RSCs for Pretoria and the Witwatersrand

The subdivisions which dealt with the own affairs of specific population groups would be transferred to the ministers responsible for Local Government Affairs

Referring to finance, Cruywagen said this year's budget would be drastically less than last years R2,6bn

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R1,713bn in the kitty for Transvaal

GERALD REILLY

TRANSVAAL administrator Willem Cruywagen tabled a budget of R1,713bn in the provincial council yesterday — a decrease, he said, of R1,086bn compared with the 1985-1986 financial year.

The reason for the decrease, he said, was that no provision had been made for education and Culture in the House of Assembly.

This had been transferred to the Department of Education and Culture in the Cruywagen said he had budgeted for a surplus of R546,000 in the event of continued austerity.

Warning of continued austerity, he said because of current economic conditions and the high inflation and interest rates, provincial subsidy — the province's main source of funds — had been cut to R1,266bn.

Last year's subsidy amounted to R2,181bn.

However, about half of it went to the education vote.

Finance Minister Barend du Plessis had warned that the subsidy would be cut by a further 2%.

Consequently only the most essential growth was possible.

"It is obvious that the year ahead will be extremely difficult and that the policy of strict financial discipline will still have to be applied," said Cruywagen.

He stressed that a duty rested on the province to, as far as possible, wholeheartedly support government policy of combating unfavourable trends in the national economy.

Efforts had therefore been made to limit expenditure.

In the 1986-87 general administration would be R1,893m.

Cruywagen said provision would have to be made for payments which was down by R105,599m from last year's subsidy amount.

No provision would be made after June 30 for the provincial council, he said.

Under this head, too, provision would have to be made for gratuities and pensions for the province's 76 provincial councillors.

But he gave no indication of the amount involved.

The allocation to libraries and museums amounted to R9,454m; works R159,864m; nature conservation R956,443m; roads and bridges R13,418m; and local government services R195m; other licences and fines R15,698m; estimated revenue R57,120m; motor vehicle licences R145,560m; betting tax R450,755m; and departmental receipts R17,600m.

Details of estimated revenue are: betting tax R57,120m; motor vehicle licences and fines R15,698m; R145,560m; Government subsidy R1,266bn.

Contributions by the SA Transport Services, posts and telecommunications and the National Transport Commission would be R8,907m.

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Employees of doomed boards await decision on their future

Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The 40 000 employees of the doomed development boards are to stay in their posts for a transitional period of six months until it can be decided what to do with them.

Many of their duties include the rendering of services which will continue during the period, according to Constitutional Development officials

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced yesterday that as from July 1 the country's 13 development boards would cease to exist.

The 40 000 officials employed by the boards would be re-assigned new posts in the public service

From July 1 the provincial administrators and executive committees will be placed in control of the employees and the boards' assets.

TEMPORARY MEASURE

In order to ensure continuity in the rendering of services, the boards' employees are being transferred provisionally within their entire components, to the provincial administration

Although their employers will not exist any longer, all staff of the former boards will retain the basic conditions of service at present applicable to them

For a transitional period of six months at the most they will continue to render services in their present posts, Mr Heunis said yesterday

The Commission for Administration will decide by the end of the year which functions of the former boards should be transferred where

Employees will be transferred accordingly.

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Mounting outrage over scrapping of councils

Govt plans for new province carve-up

GOVERNMENT has announced plans to introduce legislation that will empower it to sub-divide the existing provinces into a new geo-political structure.

But already there is mounting of outrage over the move to replace elected provincial councillors with government-appointed bureaucrats

Outlines of the plans, including a major restructuring of second and third-tier government, were revealed yesterday by Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis

He said plans would be translated into legislation during this session of Parliament The changes come into effect on July 1, when the existing provincial

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and GERALD REILLY

council system is dismantled

Heunis said the theme throughout the Bill would emphasise government's policy of attaining maximum devolution of executive power

Controversial features of the proposed legislation, revealed by Heunis during the debate on his Budget vote in the House of Assembly, include

☐ A mechanism which will enable the existing provinces to be divided up within the existing boundaries "should this prove necessary".

☐ The replacement of provincial councils with an executive committee under the chairmanship of an administrator, these all to be political appointments made by the State President

☐ Provision for the creation of joint executive bodies on the lines proposed for Natal and KwaZulu

☐ A devolution of more executive governmental functions to provincial authority level

☐ Authorisation for powers and functions currently entrusted to a Minister to be assigned to an administrator

☐ The scrapping of the 13 black development boards

☐ The scrapping of the Transvaal Board

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New province carve-up

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for the Development of Peri-Urban Areas

☐ The replacing of the 38 divisional councils in the Cape with regional services councils

Opposition members were disturbed by the plans Opposition leader Colin Eglin said he listened to Heunis' plans with a "sense of foreboding" With one fell swoop, government had effectively ended elected representation at the second tier of government

New Republic Party (NRP) spokesman on Constitutional Development and Planning, Derrick Watterson, described Heunis' proposals as a "political dictatorship".

And Douglas Gibson, Progressive Federal Party leader in the Transvaal Provincial Council, said government had lied to SA on the new structure, reports GERALD REILLY

Regarding his own department, Heunis stressed that the excution of functions presently handled there would be transferred to the appropriate institutions as soon as possible

The scrapping of development boards and the transfer of certain development functions of these boards to provincial administrations, local authorities and regional services councils means that about 40 000 employees will be affected.

Heunis said it was government's intention that all executive activities his department administered and which directly affected the interests of black communities (housing, welfare and socio-economic development) would as soon as possible be placed under the direct control of black political decision-makers

Provinces to run boards and councils

THE 13 Development Boards, Transvaal Peri-Urban Boards and the Cape Divisional Councils will be controlled by their respective provincial administrations from July 1, Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis said yesterday.

Announcing the restructuring, he said in the House of Assembly that Regional Water Corporations and the Natal Development and Services Board would continue until they were rationalised or placed under Regional Services Councils

He said all the bodies had been investigated by four committees of inquiry whose recommendations had been accepted by government with a few amendments

The various administrative units would be provisionally retained and, to ensure continuity, added to the various provincial administrations under the provincial secretaries and administrators

Although the boards would no longer exist, their employees would retain their current conditions of service and continue in their present posts for the transitionary period to December 31

Government had accepted the principle of continuing the various services with minimal personnel disruption, Heunis said.

It had also decided to "treat personnel transferred to other institutions as individuals with particular preferences, skills and abilities".

Government was aware of the expertise acquired over the decades by the personnel of the various development bodies, he said.

As far as possible, government intended to transfer the officials and their functions simultaneously

For instance, about 540 Development Board labour regulation employees would be transferred to the Department of Manpower where they would continue with the same work

Core conditions of service such as salaries, housing, pension and medical schemes would be guaranteed

The services of the chairman and board members of the Peri-Urban Areas Development Board of the Transvaal would end on June 30 and the administrative employees would be transferred to the Administrator of the Transvaal and Exco.

The Cape Divisional Council employees would also fall under the Cape administration until RSCs took over — Sapa

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New provincial system under fire from main parties

Political Staff

PARLIAMENT — The new provincial system was the beginning of the end of effective, representative government in South Africa, the House of Assembly has been told.

Mr Colin Eglin, Leader of the Opposition, said government was being taken further away from the people and increasingly into the hands of bureaucrats

The new system, outlined yesterday by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, came under fire from all the main opposition parties in the Assembly. The Government was urged to hold over its plans until wider agreement had been reached on the pattern of constitutional reform.

Mr Eglin said the Government's "gross mismanagement" of the reform process had aggravated instability and violence.

"I suggest to the Minister that he should stop his patchwork of structure after structure until he has negotiated with blacks."

IMPOSING SYSTEM

Mr Eglin accused the Government of imposing a system that was opposed by most South Africans, including a considerable portion of the white population.

The Government's plans to impose racially based structures at provincial, regional and local level should be held over until agreement had been reached and until Parliament, which had to enact these measures, was "truly representative".

Conservative Party leader **Dr Andries Treurnicht** said he was in sympathy with some of Mr Eglin's criticism but neither Mr Eglin nor the Government had so far answered the key question: How do you prevent a majority government from imposing its will on minority groups?

Dr Treurnicht said it did not seem to him that the disappearance of provincial councils would bring about a real devolution of power

What was happening instead was that decisions from a streamlined top authority would be carried through to the lowest levels of government

NO JUSTICE

There could be no justice if different groups were forced into a single political structure.

Mr Derrick Watterson (NRP Umbilo) said the Government's plan was "an affront to the democratic system and to the people of South Africa"

Mr Ray Swart (PFP Berea) said a major defect of the new system was that provincial executive committee members would not be accountable to the people and the provinces concerned, but to the Government

What was needed was a strengthening, not a weakening, of second-tier government.

Defending the new system, **Mr Wynand Malan (NP Randburg)** said Mr Eglin was wrong in saying the system was not effective representative government.

The system did, in fact, allow people of different groups to have a say in matters affecting them.

Mr Andre Fourie (NP Turffontein) said Mr Eglin claimed the Government was not implementing real reform. It appeared the only thing Mr Eglin would accept as real reform was "white capitulation and a handing over of white power to black power"

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New provincial system entrenches racial representation

Only two 'main' changes

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By Bruce Cameron, Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — The new Provincial Council system, though multiracial for the first time, entrenches the Government's policy of race group representation

And it is mainly because it would have been bureaucratically unwieldy to bring in group representation that the Government has scrapped directly elected and accountable provincial councils

The Director-General of the Department of Constitutional Development, Dr Andreas van Wyk, said yesterday there were "only two major" differences in the new system

The first was that there would no longer be elected provincial councils and the second was a change of functions

However, it was clear that these two changes entailed a string of consequences.

Many of these were unclear as all the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, had done in dealing with the issue in Parliament on Monday was to give a little more detail to the broad outline of the new system he announced last year

One of the important factors on which Mr Heunis had given more detail was the position of the the administrators and executive committees.

Appointed by the State President without any direct accountability to the electorate, the new administrators had been given much stronger powers to rule by decree than initially indicated, Dr van Wyk said

Last year Mr Heunis indicated the administrators would receive powers to make regulations

Since then they had been given key and almost unquestioned powers in the establishment of the new local government system, including regional services councils

RULE BY DECREE

Mr Heunis announced on Monday that they would also be given the power to rule by proclamation — virtually the power to rule by decree

They would have to explain their actions to a parliamentary committee, but behind closed doors, and would be answerable to the Government.

The ambit of control of the new executives remains vague, though in wider terms they will control what the constitution defines as "general affairs"

The limitations and extent of the powers of the new executives will be spelt out in legislation to be tabled soon in Parliament

The provinces have already started shedding some of their powers classified as racially exclusive own affairs

Local government will under the new system fall within the second and central level of government, with the racially based primary local authorities being answerable to the own affairs adminstrations in central government

However, the regional services council, which will deal only with general affairs aspects of local government, will be answerable to provincial government

Issues such as roads, some hospitals, conservation, horse racing and road traffic will remain under provincial control

But Mr Heunis also indicated that other administrative powers could be devolved to second tier This could include such issues as group areas and planning

One major new function will be the improvement of underdeveloped urban areas, particularly black townships

Apart from the examples given by Mr Heunis, a number of other functions are being investigated by the Commission for Administration, including public works The provinces are also likely to be asked to act on an agency basis for various Government departments

One of the anomalies of the constitutional system is that all black affairs are classified not as "own" but as "general" affairs

This will enable the Government to pass on a large proportion of the administration of black affairs to the provincial governments and lower to increase black authority at third tier

NO GREATER THREAT

The Government has already made it clear that blacks will be represented on the executives, giving them some say over their affairs.

Mr van Wyk said the differences in the region were no greater threat than they had ever been The governing party, through Parliament, had always held the power to change any aspect of life in the provinces

It was expected that in the single select committee of Parliament only those members from a particular province would deal with the issues of the province

The provinces — in particular Natal, which has had ongoing clashes about what it sees as politically motivated staff appointments, mainly in education — will lose all control to central Government through the Commission for Administration

The Government has scrapped any form of elected provincial representation at provincial level.

It is Government policy to have separate changes for the different race groups and this would have necessitated a bulky and probably impossible quadricameral system in each province.

This would have been compounded in the event of the Transvaal and the Cape being divided up to make new provinces

There is no clarity on the Government's intention to create new provinces. The general opinion appears to be that the Cape should be divided into three parts and the Tranvsvaal into at least two, but there are problems — the major one being the viability of the separate regions

Like the new central government system which, after two years in operation, still has not got all the wheel and cogs in place the provincial system will probably take years to develop

Business to be hit by more taxes

Govt steamrolls 'flawed' RSC plan

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GOVERNMENT remains determined to steamroll the establishment of regional services councils despite fears from business, local authorities and officials that the proposed system is badly flawed.

The man charged with setting up the first RSC in Bloemfontein by September 1 says he doubts it will be in a position to start providing services.

Free State director of local government, Willem Weilbach, says he has "advised my administrator that I don't think it is correct for any RSC to get involved in providing services within the first six or nine months of their existence"

"Otherwise they won't be able to budget for what they may decide are their priorities," he says

MIKE ROBERTSON and CHERILYN IRETON

There is mounting opposition from business to RSCs — which will introduce turnover and payroll taxes at maximum rates of 0,1% and 0,25% — and fears that RSCs will add to inflation and unfairly burden companies with a high turnover and large staff.

The whole thing is abominable and grossly unfair, says OK director Alan Fabic "We employ a great number of people and although we may have a high turnover, we have limited returns"

He objects to companies being taxed twice "Mass retailers can't absorb any further tax burdens. It will be tragic if we are forced to pass these additional costs to the public Inflation is high enough already"

Another opponent is Pick 'n Pay chairman Raymond Ackerman. The new payroll tax at the maximum rate will cost his company R1,8m/year (based on its 1985 financial statements)

CHRIS CAIRNCROSS reports from Cape Town that there is concern over the way government appears to be rushing through implementation of the RSCs

Cape Town city council executive committee chairman, John Muir, says "Our concern is at the unseemly haste with which a political ideology is being imposed on a metropolitan situation, without any viability study or research being undertaken"

He notes that it is mostly unlikely, for

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PROVINCIAL CHANGES

More power to rule by decree

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By BRUCE CAMERON
Political Staff

THE new Provincial Council system, although multi-racial for the first time, entrenches the Government's policy of race group representation

And it was mainly because it would have been bureaucratically totally unwieldly to bring in group representation that the Government has scrapped directly elected and accountable provincial councils

The Director General of the Department of Constitutional Development, Dr Andreas van Wyk, said at a Press conference yesterday that there were "only two major" differences in the new system

One was that there would no longer be elected provincial councils and the second was a change of functions

However it is clear that these two major changes entail a whole string of consequences

Many of these are as yet unclear as all the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, did in dealing with the issue in Parliament yesterday was to give a little more detail to the broad outline of the new system that he announced last year

ONE of the important factors on which Mr Heunis gave more detail was the position of the the Administrators and Executive committees.

Appointed by the State President without any direct accountability to the electorate, the new Administrators have been given much stronger powers to rule by decree than initially indicated

Last year, Mr Heunis indicated the Administrators would receive powers to make regulations Since then they have been given key and almost unquestionable powers in the establishment of the new local government system, including regional services councils

Mr Heunis annouced yesterday that they would also be given the power to rule by proclamation, which is virtually the power to rule by decree

They will have to explain their actions to a Parliamentary committee but behind closed doors and will be answerable to the Government

The ambit of control of the new executives is still vague although in wider terms they will control what the Constitution defines as "general affairs"

The limitations and extent of the powers of the new executives will be spelt out in legislation to be tabled shortly in Parliament

THE provinces have already started shedding some of their powers classified as racially exclusive own affairs

The top of this list has been education but will be followed by aspects of local government and health

Local Government, will with the new system, fall under the second and central level of government with the racially-based primary local authorities being answerable to the own affairs adminstrations in central government

The regional services council, however, which will deal only with general affairs aspects of local government, will be answerable to provincial government

Issues such as roads, some hospitals , conservation, horse racing and road traffic will remain under provincial control

But Mr Heunis also indicated that other administrative powers could be devolved to second tier This could include such issues as group areas and planning

ONE major new function will be the improvement of underdeveloped urban areas, particularly black townships

Apart from the examples given by Mr Heunis a number of other functions are being investigated by the Commission for Administration, including public works The provinces are also likely to be asked to act on an agency basis for various government departments

One of the anomalies of the constitutional system is that all black affairs are classified not as "own" but as "general" affairs

This will enable the Government to pass a large proportion of the administration of black affairs onto the provincial governments and lower to increase black authority at third tier

The Government has already made it clear that blacks will be represented on the executives giving them some say over themselves

Mr van Wyk said in an interview that the differences in the region were no greater threat than they had ever been

The governing party through Parliament had always held the power to change any aspect of life in the provinces

IT was expected that in the single select committee of Parliament only those members from a particular province would deal with the issues of that province

The Provinces, in particular Natal which has had ongoing clashes about what it has seen as politically motivated staff appointments, mainly in education, will lose all control however to central Government through the Commission for Administration

The Government has scrapped any form of elected provincial representation at provincial level

It is Government policy to have separate changes for the different race groups and this would have necessitated a bulky and probably impossible quadricameral system in each province.

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Golden handshake

There was also concern to-day that the new system could pre-empt the Natal/Kwazulu indaba

Meanwhile it has been confirmed that all provincial councillors, even those who do not quality, will retire in June with golden handshakes and pensions

There are 180 provincial councillors. Those who do not have the required eight years service will be able to "buy" the additional years to enable them to quality

Those at the top end of the scale will retire with a R36 000 golden handshake and R18 000 a year. The latter figure may be higher if a councillor has held a more highly paid job, such as that of MEC or whip

Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, of having a contemptuous attitude towards Parliament.

Mr Heunis assumed Parliament would automatically confirm the proposals in legislation, Mr Watterson said

LEGISLATION establishing the new provincial system is set for a rough ride through Parliament and may not be approved before the existing system is scrapped on June 30.

The Government was under fire today for setting the date for the abolition of the provincial councils before the new system is in place.

And opposition parties have already given notice that they are not happy about the proposals. This is especially the case with the power being given to administrators, who will be appointed by the President and will not be directly accountable to the electorate

Mr Derrick Watterson, MP, leader of the New Republic Party in Natal, accused the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, of

Mr Derrick Watterson

Provincial system may not be approved in time . . .

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Govt's plan for provinces comes under fire

Mr Chris Heunis . . . accused of arrogance

By Sue Leeman,
Pretoria Bureau

Opposition parties in the doomed Transvaal Provincial Council have condemned the Government's plans for future second-tier government, saying the new nominated bodies will rob the electorate of any say in decisions.

However, one MEC has countered by saying that although the new system may be less democratic it will be more efficient because experts in certain fields can be appointed.

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced yesterday that when the provincial councils are abolished in June the State President will appoint powerful administrators with executive and legislative powers to run general affairs in each province.

Each administrator will be advised by an executive committee, also appointed by the President.

These committees may be multiracial.

Various general affairs matters will be devolved from Parliament to the new provincial administrations, which will be answerable directly to Parliament.

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The own affairs components (such as education, hospitals and local government) of the present provincial administrations will be transferred to the various Ministers' Councils in Parliament.

Leader of the official PFP opposition in the Transvaal Provincial Council, Mr Douglas Gibson, accused Mr Heunis and the Government of arrogance "for believing that they govern by some divine right".

The Government was giving the lie to its promises to devolve power.

"The Minister (Mr Heunis) now takes over all authority and the nominated executive committee, owing allegiance only to him, will exercise legislative powers.

"By taking away elected MPCs the Government has eliminated the democratic element and lawmaking and administration will in future take place in secret."

Leader of the Conservative Party in the council, Dr Servaas Latsky, said a Government-appointed provincial administration was unacceptable.

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"It is responsible only to the one who appoints it and not to the voter. This is not good for healthy and honest government because you can't debate the decisions of such a body."

Dr Latsky also objected to the introduction of mixed government at second-tier.

"Blacks will serve on regional service councils and possibly on the executive committees. We believe every affair is an 'own affair'."

However, MEC for local government, Mr John Griffiths said the new system would not change the fact that the Administrator was in charge at second-tier level "and what he wants, he usually gets".

Provincial administrations, he said, would continue to pursue the policy of the government of the day and central Government would still dictate how the Budget was spent.

Although the new system was less democratic, the State President could be counted on to appoint only people who were acceptable and came from the particular province.

The President would be able to draw on experts to run the provinces efficiently, Mr Griffiths said. Coloureds, Indians and blacks would also be brought into second-tier government.

Govt 'puts lid on' Kwa-Natal indaba

Political Staff

THE Government had put the lid on the Natal/Kwazulu indaba for a joint legislature, Mr Derrick Watterson, Natal leader of the New Republic Party, said today

Mr Watterson said the new provincial system proposed by the Government would count against proposals for a single legislature for Natal and Kwazulu

In an interview he strongly rejected claims by the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, that the reason Mr Watterson was critical of the proposed new system was that it would result in the demise of the NRP.

"This is absolute nonsense. The proposed system will be highly expensive, is full of flaws and will satisfy no one but Mr Heunis"

Mr Watterson conceded that the NRP would suffer as a result, because it would lose its elected representaives who controlled the Natal Provincial Administration.

But the main objection remained the proposals themselves which, among other things, removed elected representatives

Mr Watterson said it was also stupid to remove a system, which was working perfectly well, before the new system was in place

He was critical of Mr Heunis's failure to give full details, such as who and how many people would be appointed by the President to the new executive committees.

Mr Watterson said he did not think the intention of the scrapping of an elected second tier of government was to get rid of the NRP-controlled Natal Provincial Administration by stealth.

"It was not the motive but it is the result.

"It is almost certain to put a lid on evolving a legislative system for Natal and Kwazulu"

Parliament and Politics

Heunis defends system

By ORMANDE POLLOK
Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, yesterday hit back at critics of his proposed new provincial system, rejecting charges of dictatorship and concentration of power in Pretoria

Opposition parties slammed the new system of nominated administrators and executive committee during the debate on his budget vote and have given notice that the plan will not go through Parliament without a fight

But Mr Heunis yesterday said he agreed that second-tier government should be strengthened and contended that this was just what his proposals would ensure

Rejecting accusations by the Natal leader of the PFP, Mr Ray Swart, that the new system would end representative government, Mr Heunis said the same people who voted for provincial councils voted for Parliament, to whom the appointed administrators would be responsible

He also replied sharply to accusations by Mr Derrick Watterson (NRP Umbilo) that the new system would be a "provincial dictatorship"

He could understand Mr Watterson's approach, he said, because "the abolition of the provincial system will mean the death-knell of the NRP in Natal"

Administrators would not have "unfettered" powers, and ordinances that they proposed would have to be tabled in Parliament

A new Standing Committee would be established to monitor provincial government

Mr Watterson was wrong in claiming that the provincial councils could control administrators at present They were presidential nominees and could not be removed by provincial councils

"Parliament will be able to exercise greater control over the provinces than now," he said

Mr Heunis accused the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Colin Eglin, of contradicting his party's support for the participation of all communities in the process of government

Mr Eglin said the new plan filled him with a "sense of foreboding" yet when provision was made for the participation of all groups, he criticized it

"It is surprising that Mr Eglin supports the present provincial system as being effective representative government because only whites are included," said Mr Heunis.

He should realize the country was in a transitionary stage which could lead to other things

Mr Heunis said Mr Eglin had also contradicted the spirit of a speech by nominated PFP MP Mr Nic Olivier

He said that in the present situation various negotiating parties could be identified but he wanted to make it clear that the government was not simply one of the participating parties

"It is the final authority What we negotiate must be approved by Parliament," said Mr Heunis

He rejected claims by the leader of the Conservative Party, Dr Andries Treurnicht, that he wanted to ignore the differences between people in the country

Mr Heunis said he was pleading for the recognition of these but wanted greater emphasis on the issues which welded South Africans together rather than divided them

South Africa would have to find a consensus model of government which would not be a copy of any other

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AREA D: The Cape and Goodwood.

PFP says finance policy has failed

Own Correspondent

GOVERNMENT'S policy of financial discipline had failed and caused serious backlogs in vital services in the Transvaal, PFP Provincial Council leader Douglas Gibson said yesterday.

He said government had overspent and budgeted for increased spending in the past five years, but provincial subsidies had not kept pace.

The financial restraints had retarded growth and infra-structural development in the Transvaal — the hub of commercial and industrial life

He said the consequent neglect of Transvaal schools, hospitals and roads would cost millions of rands to rectify since inflation had reached its highest point in history

When Barend du Plessis was made Finance Minister in 1984, the rate was 11,8% In January it stood at 20,7%

The country was becoming poorer at a time when resources should be more widely-spread, he said

This aggravated the current political instability.

It would make reforms impossible before the country was overwhelmed by revolution, said Gibson

Province cuts spending

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Staff Reporter

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL — The exclusion of the Education Vote and other services from the draft expenditures of this year's budget would result in a substantial cut in Provincial spending, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said yesterday in his last budget presentation to the Provincial Council

Funds for education, which cost the Province some R64 million last year, are now voted by Parliament

He asked council to approve expenditure of R1 630 929 000, a 17,96 percent decrease on last year's R1 987 920 000

Subsidy

While the State subsidy had been substantially cut by R492,3 million and spending would be reduced, Mr Louw said there would be no increase in licence fees or tariffs

The R492,3-million cut included the education subsidy plus an extra R26,5 million for other departments

Expected income for the year was R1 608-million, resulting in a deficit of R22,42 million

"The surplus of R22,42 million from the 1985/86 book year will mean that the 1986/87 book year will be closed with a zero balance," Mr Louw said

R81,192 million has been scheduled for establishing new or extending existing services at Provincial Hospitals The largest part of this, R56,869 million, would be earmarked for Groote Schuur Hospital

Subsidies to Provincial hospitals would be increased by R6,85 million and subsidies to other medical institutions increased by R2,301 million

An extra R1,072 million is to be set aside for creating beach and other recreational facilities, Mr Louw said

The debate was adjourned to Monday

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The job creation allocation allowing local authorities funds for work-intensive programmes has been cut by R11,7 million to R4,5 million, he said

Local authorities would receive an extra R4 million for the provision of services and, of this, R1,5 million was scheduled for sporting and similar facilities for "non-whites", he said

An allocation of about

● The Chief Medical Superintendent of Groote Schuur Hospital, Dr H Reeve-Sanders, has been promoted to Senior Deputy Director of Hospital Services, Mr Louw announced

This was the highest position occupied by a woman in the administration of the Province Dr Sanders' appointment was in effect from July 1, Mr Louw said

"With due regard to her academic background and many years in the field of hospital administration, where she has excelled herself, I regard her as eminently suitably for the post"

Vacant

Dr Sanders' promotion meant that the posts of Medical Chief Superintendents at both the City's largest hospitals, Tygerberg and Groote Schuur, were now vacant

Dr J. P van der Merwe, the Chief Medical Superintendent at Tygerberg, retired last month

An announcement about promotions to these posts could be expected within the next six weeks, Mr Louw said

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A 'yes, but' system

Abolishing the provincial councils paves the way for nonracial regional executives. However, these will be appointed by government, and the system will also not cut back State spending.

Government's new plan for second-tier authorities to replace the provincial councils gives with the one hand and takes with the other. While claiming simplicity, it is really a complex constitutional mish-mash.

Its most positive aspect can be seen as the establishment of nonracial provincial executives and joint executives (along the lines of the proposed KwaNatal plan) to facilitate co-operation between the provinces and the non-independent homelands This could set the precedent for local options around the country — but only if the executives are seen as genuinely representing their constituencies Elected representatives, responsible to their (white) voters, have, however, been ditched And, surely, nominated blacks will be seen as "sell-outs" and become candidates for reprisals in their townships

For the new executives will be appointed by Pretoria — and that is yet another move away from democracy by an authoritarian government Clearly, Pretoria does not, at this stage, wish to see bold initiatives that cut across its sacred group-race laws

So the cost will be high — politically and, inevitably, economically. The announcement of the proposals by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Chris Heunis raised more questions than it answered It is not really clear how the new authorities will function or what their powers will be, although Heunis's chief director, Andreas van Wyk, claims little will change (but tell that to the provincial councillors) It is also not clear who will be *politically* responsible for the provinces and whether anyone will be answerable publicly for the actions of provincial executives

The main points of the proposals are.

☐ Parliament will, in future, exercise overall political control of the provinces,

☐ Provincial administrators and executives will be appointed by the State President The appointments will be of a "political nature" and will take account of the "particular characteristics and population make-up" of each province,

☐ If necessary, existing provinces will be divided into smaller units,

☐ Existing provincial officials will be transferred to the central civil service,

☐ There will be technical changes to the financial administration of provinces to make them financially accountable to parliamentary committees;

☐ Provision will be made for the appointment of joint executive bodies, similar to the proposed KwaNatal plan, between provinces and homelands,

☐ Administrators will be able to issue proclamations which will have to be tabled in parliament,

☐ Much of the executive authority currently vested in Heunis's department will be assigned to the administrators, or to black local authorities in cases where the department still exercises executive functions; and

☐ The development boards operating in black townships will be scrapped and their functions taken over by the provincial authorities, local authorities and regional services councils

Heunis says nothing in the new provincial system prevents "members of any community" from occupying positions in that system. That has a pleasing ring to it, but when Heunis describes his plan as "a more streamlined provincial system, representative of all communities dealing with new and rationalised functions," we find it difficult to accept The costs of the new system entail more than a move away from democracy For how are we ever to roll back wasteful State spending if public-sector jobs are to be protected at all costs? Financially, the most alarming aspect of the proposal to abolish the development boards is Heunis's assurance that none of the 40 000 board employees' jobs will be threatened They will be held in "separate account" until the Commission for Administration decides where to redeploy them

(No such consideration has been shown the 17 500 workers laid off by the motor industry in the past four years — who are just as much, if not more, hostages to misguided government policies)

All around the world, unchallenged tenure for life in the public sector is coming under review, as governments grapple to trim unwieldy bureaucracies. Heunis's brainchild looks as if it will cosset existing bureaucrats — and most probably spawn entire new empires This from a government that promised to streamline the civil service

Some day we will have to tackle the problem Let's hope by then it's not too late. ■

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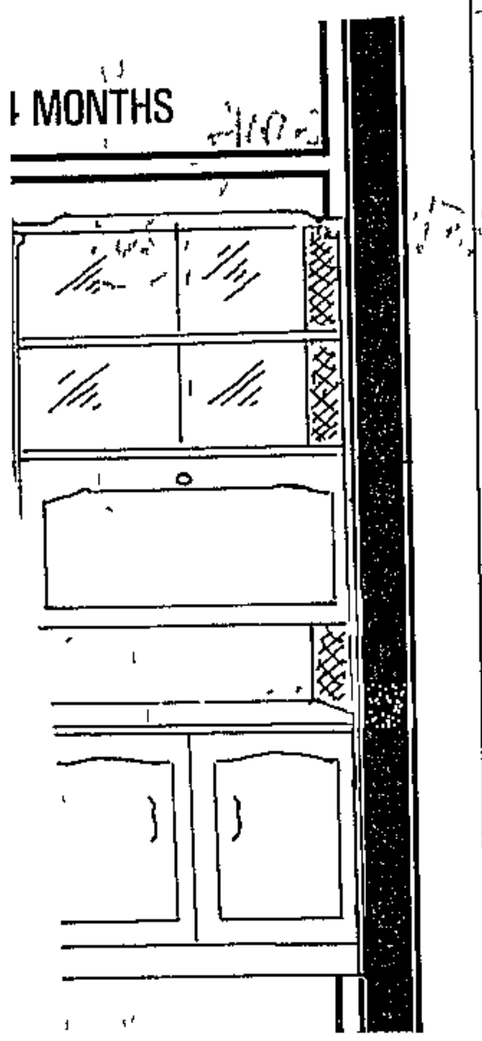

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Provincial chairman slams segregated dining remark

By Sue-Leeman,
Pretoria Bureau

The leader of the PFP opposition in the Transvaal Provincial Council was yesterday rapped over the knuckles for suggesting that the provincial dining room was segregated

Council chairman Mr "Bossie" Boshoff said anyone was allowed to eat in the dining room, but added that preference was given to members of the council and their voters — all of whom are white

Mr Boshoff said it did not become Mr Douglas Gibson to question the motives and decisions of the session committee for internal arrangements, which organises such things as meals

And he added that the ultimate right of admission rested with the chairman personally

CONTINUE

In a scathing attack on Wednesday on what he labelled the province's love of apartheid, Mr Gibson said it appeared that the provincial authorities would continue to push for segregation until the provincial councils were finally abolished

"The false argument that whites are voters and blacks are not and, therefore, that whites can enter the restaurant is borne out by the fact that no one inquires whether visiting whites are in fact voters or whether they are overseas visitors

"In the dying hours of this provincial council, the (session) committee has resolved that nothing about this must change

"This is an utter disgrace and a reflection on the whole house and we on this side (the PFP) distance ourselves in the strongest terms from this decision"

West Bank development ruled out?

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By MATTHEW MOONIEYA
Local Affairs Reporter

EAST LONDON — The controversial industrial development on the West Bank seems set not to go ahead

This was the hint at an information meeting for civic leaders and businessmen here which was addressed by the Deputy Minister of Information, Mr Louis Nel

During question time, the chairman of the Border Regional Development Association, Mr Cyril Manthe, referred to the West Bank when he highlighted factors which militated against industrial development on the Border.

"West Bank seemed a logical development but it seems the guide plan discourages it," Mr Manthe said

Replying later, the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, said it had been found that the West Bank was not the best place to site industry

He said the Cape Provincial Administration-appointed ad hoc committee which had investigated the future siting of industries in the city had completed its task and had submitted its findings to the committee investigating an overall guide plan for the city

Mr De Pontes did not elaborate but it is understood that the ad hoc committee ruled out the 83 hectares identified by municipal officials and supported by a landscape architect, Mr Willem van Riet, for park-type industrial development.

The committee identified Berlin as the most important industrial centre for the sub-region, with other priority areas such as Scenery Park and land beyond the airport

Municipal officials have been pushing for the development of the 83 hectares which were seen as vital for the industrial development of East London

The assessment was based on research which showed that the black population growth was three per cent and that, by the year 2 000, 302 hectares would be required

The mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, said last night the council still favoured further development of the West Bank and had "no plans to abandon the battle"

"West Bank is the life blood of our city," Mr Yazbek said.

The chairman of the Border Metropolitan Development Corporation, Mr Errol Spring, cautioned against overreacting to statements by provincial officials

In view of the many changes which were going to take place on local government and provincial level, what was important was to do the right things in the interest of East London

He said he remained optimistic about West Bank's future

Provincial councils go quietly into limbo

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By DENISE BOUTALL

WHEN the members of the last Cape Provincial Council finally rise from the blue leather benches of their chamber later this month most people will barely notice the passing of a legislative body that has become largely irrelevant

And when the members finally part company — Nat and PFP members cracking a last joke at one another s expense and young Nat MPCs deferentially greeting the older ones with the obligatory "oom" — few of them will dispute this public perception

The four provincial councils, all-white bodies responsible for largely non-contentious issues affecting the white communities in the four provinces, are to be disbanded at the end of their current sessions

They are legislative authorities that have lost control over all but a few minor sources of finance and are now dependent on the Central Government for their funds

Instead of incisive discussion over the allocation of public resources, budget debates have become a painful, sometimes embarrassing, process of cutting up an ever-diminishing cake baked in someone else s kitchen according to a subsidisation recipe that few understand

But though they have become irrelevant, the election of the first Cape Provincial Council in September, 1910, raised the hope it might be the beginnings of multiracial representative government because it was in that election that Dr Walter Rubusana, the first and only African man ever elected to the council, won his seat

The interests of Africans and whites were indivisible and "they were all here to live together ', he said, announcing his candidature

There appeared little point in delaying possible election to the council 'If the native people waited five or 10 years, would the colour question in the meantime have died a natural death?" he asked

Born at Mnandi in the Ciskei and educated at Lovedale Mission Station, he was ordained as a minister of the London Missionary Society in 1884 He was awarded an honorary doctorate by McKinley University in the United States for his work, *A History of South Africa from the Native Standpoint*

By 1910 he was a well-known and respected black political leader He was president of the South African Native Congress, which he had helped to form in 1898 He was also a member of the delegation of black leaders who went to London in 1909 to protest against the exclusion of blacks from the Union constitution And subsequently, in 1914, he accompanied the ANC delegation which went to London to protest against the 1913 Natives Land Act which effectively prevented Africans from acquiring land outside the Native Reserves

In terms of the 1910 constitution, Africans in the Cape who had previously had the right to seek election to Cape Parliament (although none ever did) lost that right, but retained their qualified franchise and the right to vote in parliamentary elections and to seek election to the Cape Provincial Council

In the Tembuland constituency where blacks constituted 49,5% of the registered voters, Dr Rubusana faced a three-cornered fight against two white men When the votes were counted Dr Rubusana had taken 766 of the 1 766 votes cast, winning by a margin of 25 votes

And so he took his first-class rail ticket and travelled to Cape Town for the first session in January, 1911

In spite of his commitment to promote African interests, the business of the provincial council, then as now, was to deal with mainly parochial issues So, according to Andre Odendaal in his book *Vukani Bantu!*, he spoke on telegraph communications, relief for sick ex-servicemen, the construction of a bridge across the Bashee River, East Coast fever, the stoppage of ox transport from Umtata, teachers' salaries, and colour distinctions in new regulations for examinations for teachers' certificates

Yet the fact that he was there meant that he had access to the authorities and could act as a channel between Africans and the Government and highlight the problems of Africans, argues Odendaal.

Dr Rubusana lost whatever power he had in the 1914 election when the editor of Imvo, John Tengo Jabavu, stood against him, and the third candidate, a white man, got in, taking 1 004 votes to 852 for the Rubusana and 294 for Jabavu

In the same election, Dr Abdullah Abdurahman was elected to the council to represent Woodstock, remaining a member until his death in 1940 And in 1930 a second coloured man, Mr Stephen Regon, was elected as member for the Cape Flats

In 1936 Africans lost the right to election to the provincial council and in 1959 the right to elect the two white MPCs to represent them In 1956 coloureds lost the right to seek election to the council and in 1970 the right to vote for their own representatives in the provincial council and the House of Assembly

Today Dr Rubusana's presence in the provincial council is a minor footnote in history But anyone who cared to examine the photographs of the old provincial councils in the wide corridors leading to the provincial council chamber would encounter the intense, serious face of man that for a few brief years made that council a place where African and white sat and debated and voted on an equal basis

African councillor unique in history

Dr WALTER RUBUSANA . the only African to sit in the Cape Provincial Council

Item	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
(a) School Textbooks	6 087 683	7 326 040	9 939 165
(b) Library Books	501 621	2 853 527	3 790 860
(c) Hostel Accommodation	978 229	1 157 564	1 153 460
(d) Pupil Transport	273 754	377 475	414 988
(e) School Audio-visual equipment	99 399	43 385	360 878
(f) School Buildings	66 656 910	100 020 323	108 433 316
(g) Stationery	404 403	422 631	558 001
(h) School Furniture	6 966 429	5 944 842	4 311 908

Note

(1) These figures are in respect of primary and secondary schools only

(2) The expenditure in respect of Pupil Transport is for the transport between schools and technical centres

(3) Stationery was only supplied in respect of compulsary education.

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RAU: property owned

*1 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether he will furnish information on properties owned by the Rand Afrikaans University; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether the University owns the property situated at 33 Kingsway, Auckland Park, Johannesburg, if so, when did the University acquire this property,

(3) whether this property has at any stage been rented to any political party, if so, (a) to what political party, (b) why, (c) on what conditions, (d) when was it first rented by this party, (e) what was the rental charged at the time and (f) who gave permission for this property to be rented to a political party,

(4) whether this property is still rented by the political party in question, if not, when did the lease expire, if so, what was the rental charged as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(5) whether the University has to be informed of the purpose for which this property is being used, if so, for what purpose is it being used,

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

The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE (for the Minister of Education and Culture)

(1) Yes

(2) No

(3) Falls away

(4) Falls away

(5) Falls away

(6) No.

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Health services: inquiry

*2 Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Health Services and Welfare

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(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 1 on 10 February 1986, the project team of the Commission for Administration has completed its inquiry into the reorganisation of the health services of the provincial administrations, if not, when is it anticipated that it will be completed, if so, (a) when and (b) what were the (i) findings and (ii) recommendations;

(2) whether the Cabinet has considered these recommendations, if not, why not, if so,

(3) whether a final decision on this matter has been reached, if not, when is it anticipated that a final decision will be reached, if so, (a) what are the details of that decision and (b) when will it be implemented,

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

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE.

(1) Yes

(a) 2 April 1986

(b) (i) and (ii) Findings and recommendations were made to the Cabinet whose prerogative it will be to either announce it or not

(2) The recommendations are at present in the process of consideration

(3) No As soon as the Cabinet committee concerned with the evaluation of the recommendations has completed its task

(a) and (b) Fall away

(4) No

Q Con 1789.
HANSARD 20/5/86

Pre-primary schools: differences

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

Whether he has appointed or intends to appoint a body to investigate the existing differences among the education departments under his control in respect of norms and standards relating to provision for pre-primary schools, if not, why not, if so, (a) when did or will this investigation commence, (b) who are the members of the investigating body and (c) what are the terms of reference given to this body?

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE (for the Minister of Education and Culture)

No, the Department is at present engaged in studying the provincial education ordinances and the Educational Services Act, 1967 (Act 41 of 1967) to determine where there are differences in policy Priorities will then be determined in the foreseeable future for the co-ordination of the policy, bearing in mind the undertaking that the particular character of education be retained as far as possible Pre-primary education, as one of the components of this extensive investigation, will be handled accordingly,

(a) falls away,

(b) falls away,

(c) falls away

State-aided/private schools

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

Whether agreement has been reached on the criteria to be applied for the registration and subsidisation of State-aided and private schools, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that agreement will be reached, if so, what are these criteria?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE (for the Minister of Education and Culture)

The hon member is referred to my reply on 8 April 1986 to Question 6 I intend giving more information on this matter during my budget debate

HANSARD 20/5/86

Pupils: vacancies

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

(a) What is the total number of vacancies for pupils in (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools falling under his Depart-

(a), (b), (c) and 2 (a) Salt River station is presently being remodelled as a result of which trains on the Cape Flats line are delayed for approximately 17 minutes almost daily during morning and afternoon peak periods The remodelling of the station provides for additional lines between Woodstock and Maitland which will greatly improve the timekeeping of trains on the Cape Flats line Bi-directional signalling is also being installed between Salt River and Hazendal which will also contribute to the smoother running of trains

(b) During September 1986

Bilharzia

1045 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development

(1) Whether the water of rivers, streams and canals flowing through the Parliamentary constituency of Johannesburg North was tested by his Department in 1984 for (a) bilharzia and (b) any other specified contamination, if not, why not, if so,

(2) whether any traces of (a) bilharzia and (b) any other specified contamination were found, if so, (i) in which rivers, streams or canals and (ii) what action is being taken as a result?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) Yes

(b) No, primarily local authority's responsibility

(2) (a) No

(b) See 1(b)

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Own Affairs

Pre-primary schools

79 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) How many pre-primary schools were registered with, but not financed by, each provincial education department as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) whether there are any differences in the financing formulae for pre-primary schools applied by these education departments; if so, (a) why and (b) what are these differences (i) within each such department and (ii) among the four departments;

(3) (a) what number of pre-primary schools falls into each category of financing in each province and (b) what is the expenditure per pre-primary child in each category of financed pre-primary school for each provincial department,

(4) how many pre-primary schools of all categories are there in the Greater Durban area?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Transvaal. 372 as at 21 January 1986,
Natal 9 as at 9 May 1986,
Cape 23 as at 31 March 1986,
Orange Free State 21 as at 4 March 1986.

(2) Financing formulae do not yet exist.

(a) Falls away.

(b) (i) and (ii) Fall away

(3) (a)

	Subsidised (Per Capita subsidy)	Controlled schools (salaries only)	Provincial schools (Government schools)
Transvaal	178	35	125
Natal	2	97	2
Cape	21	156	—
Orange Free State	—	82	—

(b)

Transvaal	R76 (1985-86)	R1 066 (1985-86)	R1 267 (1984-85)
Natal	R85	R1 145	R1 873
Cape	R85-R125	R562,56	—
Orange Free State	—	R715	—

(4) 25

University of Natal

80 Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Education and Culture †

Whether any fire damage was recently caused to the buildings of the Department of Political Sciences at the University of Natal, if so, (a) when, (b) what were the circumstances surrounding this incident, (c) what is the estimated amount of the damage and (d) in what manner is this amount being recovered?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Yes.

(a) Night of 21 March 1986

(b) According to inquiries it appears that the University does not have the actual particulars at its disposal and the SA Police has indicated that the matter is still being investigated

(c) R1,0 million

(d) Negotiations in this connection have not yet been completed.

Cape School Board

81 Mr R M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) What are the names of the (a) high and (b) primary schools in operation in the Cape School Board area in (i) 1975, (ii) 1980 and (iii) 1985,

(2) in respect of each of these schools, how many pupils (a) were enrolled and (b) could the available physical facilities accommodate in (i) 1975, (ii) 1980 and (iii) 1985?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

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	(1) and (2) (i)		(1) and (2) (ii)		(1) and (2) (iii)	
	(2)(a)	(2)(b)	(2)(a)	(2)(b)	(2)(a)	(2)(b)
Bergvliet	652	500	721	660	793	825
Ellerslie Girls'	352	350	230	350	212	350
Good Hope Seminary Girls'	275	450	231	450	288	450
Groote Schuur	260	300	376	500	268	500
Jan van Riebeeck	629	650	557	650	489	650
Cape Town	626	650	611	650	532	650

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West Cape receives 70pc of budget for hospitals

Provincial Reporter

THE Cape hospital department has been accused of "disgraceful empire-building" in the Western Cape at the expense of the Eastern Cape.

During the debate on the hospitals budget vote in the Provincial Council yesterday Mr Eddie Trent (PFP PE Central) said almost 70 percent of the budget was spent on the Western Cape, 25 percent on the Eastern Cape and five percent on the Northern Cape

Equipment at the Provincial Hospital in Port Elizabeth was antiquated and much of the new equipment had been provided by the hospital board

Mr A S Venter (NP, Newton Park) distanced himself from Mr Trent's comments and said the Eastern Cape had problems — "but we know they will be solved"

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Herbert Hirsch, made a plea for in-patient drug rehabilitation centres at provincial hospitals

He said drug-abuse was a rapidly growing problem which could be desribed as a "curse and a plague"

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DURING the same debate calls were made for an investigation of the water supply to Zolani Centre at Crossroads

It is claimed that the supply has been reduced and local authorities prohibited from improving it.

Mr Frank van der Velde (PFP, Wynberg), said the water available over the weekend had ranged from a trickle to nothing at all and called on Mr Koos Theron, MEC for hospitals, to investigate

The centre operated as a field hospital last week and was now a health-care centre and refugee camp for some 2,000 homeless people

To maintain primary health standards and avoid outbreaks of disease an abundant supply of fresh water was essential

incial Council

Demise of council 'unfair to voters'

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Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE PFP MPC for Pinetown, Mr Rodney Haxton, asked in the Provincial Council yesterday how many people in Natal would have voted 'Yes' for a new tricameral parliament had they known they would lose their elected second-tier system of government.

Mr Haxton, the only PFP member of the council, said that year after year the voters had watched the powers of provincial government being whittled away and marched off to Pretoria.

He felt history would judge June 30 — the last day of the Provincial Council — a 'very sorry day for South Africa and for Natal in particular'

Mr Haxton felt it would be pointless this time for him to raise matters normally discussed during provincial budget debates

'I could rant about roads, hassle about heavy vehicles but I honestly feel it will be to no avail. Who in Pretoria is listening? Who in Pretoria cares about the dangers of Field's Hill'

Mr Haxton warned that the Government was making a grave mistake by doing away with provincial councils

'I am sad because we who sit here today are about to become an anachronism the last body of men elected to represent this lovely province of ours, the last council that has to wend its way back to various constituencies and explain their stands and actions to the people who elected them,' Mr Haxton said

The New Republic Party MPC for Greytown, Mr Adrian Rall, said the decision to abolish provincial councils was the most retrogressive step ever taken in the long history of government in Natal.

He described the demise of the council as a major setback for the province

He said that if the Natal/KwaZulu Indaba did not succeed he saw very little hope for the future success of Natal or the rest of the country.

Regret

Mr Rall said that in order to bring about true power-sharing the constitutional proposals in their present form would have to be 'changed radically'.

The architects of the ill-conceived plan to 'hijack' the provinces and abolish the provincial system of government would live to regret the day, said Mr Brian Edwards (NRP Pietermaritzburg South).

Mr Edwards attacked the Government's 'lack of diplomacy and common courtesy' towards existing Executive Committee members over the proposed new State President-appointed Exco system

He said Exco members, provincial councillors and the public had been kept in the dark until the last minute about who the future leaders of the province would be.

Not involved

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THE South African Nursing Association has pointed out that it was not involved in the action brought against nine Baragwanath Hospital student nurses who yesterday appeared before the South African Nursing Council.

A spokesman for the association was reacting to a story that appeared in the *Sowetan* on Monday which said the action against the nurses was brought by the association and the nursing council.

"The action was brought by the Transvaal Provincial Administration, which employed the nurses. The council is the presiding body," the spokesman said. It was incorrect, the spokesman pointed out, to say the action was brought by the council and association.

The spokesman said the association had tried everything to resolve the situation and gave help during the crisis period.

Haslam slams attacks on regional committees

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE MEC in charge of education, Mr Ray Haslam, yesterday slammed as a 'downright misstatement' the claim by the Parents' Association of Natal (Panno) that they had not been consulted over the creation of regional committees.

Replying during the budget debate, Mr Haslam told the Provincial Council that on not one occasion had Panno's request for a meeting been refused.

Mr Haslam spoke at length on recent allegations by Panno, its attack on the director of education and the Provincial Council and its claims that parents were 'up in arms' over the creation of regional committees and the 'forced split' between English and Afrikaans-speaking parents.

Mr Haslam said Natal was fortunate to have the services of school advisory committees, which had had direct communication with the director of education and which had played an invaluable role in the interests of pupils, parents and schools.

Regrettably, he said, the rapport built up over so many years had now given way to suspicion and distrust, a situation that continued to be 'aggravated by Panno and their Press attacks'.

Mr Haslam referred to the most recent attack in which Panno had passed a vote of no confidence in the director and the Provincial Council.

He said the slur on the council had been uncalled for.

Mr Haslam replied to Panno's claim that the process of attempting to consult and negotiate with the Provincial Council and Exco had been 'fraught with difficulties and obstacles at every turn'.

He said Panno had met the caucus of the New Republic Party and the National Party and with provincial councillors.

'In addition and at my request, the Administrator and Exco members welcomed Panno to a special meeting, and there are not many bodies who meet Exco,' Mr Haslam said.

He quoted Mr Dering Stainbank, MEC, as having said that in all his experience, he knew of no other body that had had more opportunity of contact with officials, provincial councillors and Exco.

Mr Haslam said this made 'nonsense' of Panno's allegations.

Equally misleading, he said, was Panno's statement that parents were called to meetings to be advised by the director of decisions already taken, and which were non-negotiable.

Outlined

'The facts, contradicting that allegation, are that the director is required by law to consult with parent committees of every school.

'This he did in a series of meetings which spanned the province and at which he and his senior officials outlined the thinking of the department with regard to future structure and parental involvement.'

Mr Haslam said committees had been given the opportunity to comment and make recommendations and he thanked them for the excellence of their replies.

Mr Haslam pleaded with all organisations concerned and the parents themselves to dedicate their efforts to 'extracting the very best from the new system'

'It has its imperfections, it will need adjustment, but in the interests of present and future schoolchildren, let us give it a go'

Last day is business as usual

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By Sue Leeman

There was little to mark the historic last working day of the Transvaal Provincial Council yesterday, which now closes its doors after more than 70 years in office

The official farewells have been held over until June 12, when the council will hold a special closing ceremony

Yesterday saw no variations on the order paper — although the mood was generally nostalgic and opposing political parties did not clash with quite their usual vehemence

Many of the plush green leather chairs in the imposing colonnaded council chamber were empty as the last items of business were attended to

This final session took four weeks to complete and there were few surprises

Apart from the Budget — pruned to R1 713 million from R2 689 million, due to the transfer of white education to the white Ministers' Council — there was little to fire debate

There was, however, some controversy over the future second-tier authorities, following the Government's announcement that general affairs are to be handled by administrators and extended executive committees while own affairs will go to the various Ministers' Councils

Both opposition parties slammed the move, but for different reasons

The PFP held that the new system would just entrench apartheid and give the central government greater power to control the lives of South Africans

The Conservative Party, on the other hand, objected to the fact that the new executive committees would be multiracial and said each race group should keep its "own affairs" to itself

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There was also some fairly lively debate on the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging with the PFP calling the movement offensive and the Nats — still smarting after having a number of its public meetings hijacked by the AWB — condemning the organisation out of hand

A small breakthrough for the PFP came this session with the announcement that blacks, coloureds and Indians would be allowed into the old Raadzaal's restaurant on request Previously this privilege has been reserved for members and their (white) voters

However, the development is now academic following the closure of the council

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GHOST VOICES

Nats and PFP fight out the council's last days

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Provincial Reporter

THE beautiful wood-panelled chamber on the top floor of the provincial building in Wale Street is empty but for the ghosts of voices which rang out — often in anger, sometimes in congratulation — during 76 years of provincial government.

As the final day of the sixth session of the sixth provincial council ended yesterday, a question-mark still hung over the future of second-tier government and the future of the chamber itself, which might be too small to house the proposed regional services council

The council, where many personalities cut their political teeth and a great variety of political opinions were expressed, ended as a mere shell of its former self, with one of its biggest departments, education, already having been passed to Parliament

Only two political parties — the National Party and its official opposition, the Progessive Federal Party — remained after the only member of the New Republic Party, Mr Ray Radue (King William's Town) crossed the floor to join the National Party last year

During the last days, the personalities of members added colour to debates the outspokenness of Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur), who, in his role as head of the PFP's unrest monitoring commission, was the National Party's main target of attack, the gentleness of Mr Petrus "Oom Peet" de Klerk, National Party chief whip, uncompromising yet softly-spoken criticism from Mrs Di Bishop (PFP Gardens), the wit and schoolboy grin of PFP whip Mr Frank van der Velde (PFP Wynberg), the constant heckling of Mr Rhyno King (NP Worcester) and Mr Neels Ackerman (NP Stellenbosch)

Leader of the House Mr Willem Bouwer (MEC Local Government) lead furious debates with good humour

A carnival atmosphere pervaded during the last few days, with most speeches devoted to reminiscing and thanks, until a last firey interchange which livened an otherwise colourless last day

In an stinging attack, Mr J N Moolman (NP Tyervallei) accused Mr van Eck and Mrs Bishop of having abused their positions in the council

During the third reading debate on the budget he said that their behaviour in the council had only done harm

"The truth hurts," interjected Mrs Bishop

Mr Moolman said the reason why uncertainty about the future of second-tier government still existed was because the National Party was responsible and did not have "ready-made instant solutions"

"I am making a call to these two members to give us a chance to talk to everyone They are bedevilling race relations," Mr Moolman said

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Herbert Hirsch, interjected "I take it you are speaking about yourself."

Mr Moolman said the PFP was irrelevant and had become irrelevant the moment Dr van Zyl Slabbert resigned.

Mr van Eck said it was absurd to suggest that the PFP advocated violence He said "You are governing without a mandate from the people"

Parliament and Politics

PFP speaks out at Provco close

Staff Reporter

THE last session of the Cape Provincial Council ended yesterday with Progressive Federal Party councillors refusing to support the final budget on the grounds that it was based on apartheid and would take the country "further down the road to disaster".

The leader of the Opposition in the council, Mr Herbert Hirsch, slammed the proposed new system of provincial government which will replace the council at the beginning of July, saying that the nominated executive which will control the budget would be even less accountable to the public for its actions than at present

Passing the budget "would have the effect of endorsing greater centralization of power . and not facing up to the reality that apartheid is by far the single most important cause of most of our problems in the Cape Province and South Africa", he said

"The survival of all 30-million South Africans — including whites — depends on the peaceful transition from this present dispensation to one which is democratic and non-racially structured," he said

The PFP spokesperson for finance in the council, Mr Geoff Everingham, said the SADF's "ill-considered and ill-timed" raids into neigbouring countries would have "massive and disastrous economic effects"

Apart from increased international sanctions, the "Rambo-style" action would encourage concerned young professionals to emigrate.

"The military adventurers are driving the peacemakers to despair and to the point where they are leaving the country," he said

Mr J N Moolman (NP Tygervallei), immediately interjected "South Africa's problems can't be solved by yellow people"

Pathetic

Mr Everingham described the new system of provincial government as "a retreat from parliamentary democracy" which would be run by nominees who would be regarded by the community as "a pathetic group of collaborators"

During the debate there was a furious exchange of words between Mr Moolman and PFP members

Mr Moolmam accused two of the PFP's most outspoken members, Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur) and Mrs Di Bishop (PFP Gardens), of abusing their parliamentary privilege, "bedevilling race relations" and making remarks which "have done nothing but damage to the Cape and to South Africa"

Mr Van Eck said Mr Moolman was resorting to "sour grapes (bitterbek) politics" and that the provincial budget would "bedevil race relations every day for the rest of the financial year"

Wage-gap

Replying to the debate, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, outlined the various steps the Province had taken in moving away from racial discrimination

These included narrowing the wage-gap between white and black employees and providing more funds to improve facilities for blacks

"We have also done away with old discriminatory practices like, for example, the old practice which prevented a non-white contractor from undertaking work on a white girls' hostel"

● Councillors will bid each other a final farewell at a special meeting in the chamber on June 18 at which President P W Botha is expected to speak.

'No justification for City apartheid'

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By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

There can be no justification for the continued segregation of any council facility in Johannesburg's central business district, says president of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce Mr Pat Corbin

Reacting to last week's report of the petty apartheid debate in the Johannesburg City Council, he said a great opportunity had been lost to move further along the path to opening all council facilities to all race groups

"Good progress has already been made, in this our centenary year, with the opening of the CBD to all

"Rapid orderly steps must now be taken to open council amenities in the rest of Johannesburg.

"We strongly disagree with the reported contention of management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer that the removal of mixed racial barriers is in any way a 'concession' to be negotiated

"In our capacity as major ratepayers, we would remind the council that the wellbeing of all the citizens of this dynamic city is directly linked to the prosperity of the business community — already negatively affected by international pressures against South Africa

"Johannesburg, with its cosmopolitan population, is ideally placed to lead in the reform process, heralding the way for rapid, orderly change throughout the country"

Charter on June 26, 1965 ... they may be better able to deal with political vio-

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Government by secrecy feared

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

FEARS of the possibility of government by secrecy after the disbanding of the Provincial Council were expressed by the NRP MPC for Pietermaritzburg South, Mr Brian Edwards, yesterday.

'I don't think government by secrecy or behind closed doors was intended but it is something that is creeping upon us day by day,' Mr Edwards said.

'Good government is not government by officialdom or dictatorship but for the people by the people and I hope we can soon get back to that.'

Referring to the handing over of the control of the Natal Education Department to Parliament on April 1, Mr Edwards said serious shortcomings in the maintenance of school buildings and furnishings had become evident.

'Unfortunately the accountability for all this now seems to have been lost to the people of Natal We have heard about the appointment of Provincial education councils and regional committees but the silence is quite deafening as to exactly what is happening

'It seems the transfer of education to White Administration, Education, on April 1, April Fool's Day, was done with some indecent haste.'

Mr Edwards said the gap was widening between the people and the Government.

'What is going to be next? I believe it will accelerate and gradually we will get more and more government by secrecy.'

Mr Edwards said he had it on good authority that after only two months there were officials high up in the new education set-up who were 'most disillusioned with what is happening' and were giving second thoughts to the future of their careers

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Pietermaritzburg Bureau

A WOMAN was seriously injured in an accident involving a truck and a car near the Cedara/Hilton interchange on the N3 freeway near here yesterday

The woman, who has not yet been identified, was admitted to Grey's Hospital, where her condition was described as 'satisfactory'

A spokesman for the Natal Provincial Administration's Traffic Inspectorate said the car, occupied by the woman and a male driver, allegedly

Access road 'now a political issue'

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE 20-year-old environmental battle against the intrusion of a major access road to Chatsworth through the Stainbank Nature Reserve had become a political one, Mr Roger Whiteley (NRP, Durban Point), said yesterday

He made an urgent appeal to the Natal Parks Board to try to get the people of Chatsworth on the side of conservation to protect the reserve from being ruined by a highway running through it.

Mr Whiteley said the reserve was a unique wilderness in the middle of a metropolitan area inhabited by about 1 500 000 people

Unknown to many people, he said, was the fact that the reserve was of particular significance to the Zulus as Shaka and his impis had stopped there during his raids to the south

Mr Dering Stainbank, MEC for Parks Board affairs, was in Cape Town on Wednesday to discuss the proposed access road with three Cabinet ministers MEC Dr Fred Clarke told the Provincial Council a decision on the road was likely 'any day now'

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Yesterday was the penultimate sitting of the council The closing ceremony has been set down for June 30 — the day the four provincial councils in South Africa are disbanded.

The Provincial Secretary, Mr Roy Hindle, made history in the council chamber by addressing the House from the Bar just before the adjournment

He said that over the years councillors had expressed their thanks to officials for their work, but there had never been an opportunity for the officials to respond publicly

He said that in spite of the many hours officials spent waiting in the corridors for their respective subjects to be debated, proceedings of the council would be 'something that all the staff will miss'

Mr Hindle said he was conscious of the excellent work councillors had done and their going out of office would 'leave a void which will inevitably place a greater burden on the officials'

He said it had been an honour and a pleasure to work with the Provincial Council and he wished members well for the future

The Administrator adjourned the sitting until June 30 for the valedictory ceremony, which will be attended by invited guests.

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Increases in the tax on horserace winning bets were approved by the council yesterday

The Horse Racing and Betting Control Consolidation Second Amendment Ordinance was moved by Mr Ray Haslam, MEC, and was read for a third time

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The Executive Committee should deal with the future use of the historic Provincial Council building in Pietermaritzburg 'as they see fit', the Sessional Committee recommended to the council this week.

It is understood that the building and its valuable contents and records will be handed over to the Department of Library and Museum Services for safekeeping

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The Director of Local Government in Natal, Mr Ron Pistorius, would resign on November 1, the Administrator, Mr Radclyffe Cadman, told the council yesterday

Mr Pistorius joined the administration in 1949 and rose to the position of Director of Town and Regional Planning before being appointed Director of Local Government in 1982

Mr Cadman paid tribute to Mr Pistorius, saying he had made a significant contribution at provincial and national level

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The Wheel Tax Ordinance of 1918, believed to be the oldest Provincial legislation still in existence in Natal, is to be repealed on June 30

The ordinance provides for a tax on animal-drawn vehicles, but it brought in only R26 in 1984

The third reading of the Wheel Tax Repeal Draft Ordinance will be the last local-government business to be dealt with by the council before it is disbanded

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Provincial Council

Exco authorised to continue with Indaba

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE Natal/KwaZulu Indaba should continue at all costs for the sake of peace and harmony in Natal and the rest of the country, the Provincial Council was told yesterday

Mr Brian Edwards (NRP, Pietermaritzburg South) was speaking on his motion requesting the Executive Committee to assume responsibility from July 1 for the continued presentation of the administration's views and opinions at the Indaba

He said it must be clear to everyone but a fool that talks should continue at all costs and that the presence of Exco members was 'absolutely essential'

On June 30 the Provincial Council will be dissolved and a new Executive Committee will be appointed by the State President.

Mr Edwards said it was clear that the majority of South Africans wanted the Indaba to work.

'People of all political shades — except the radical Right and Left — are now sitting together and at last consensus among all the people of Natal seems to be within our grasp'

The National Party member for Port Natal, Mr Robbie Viljoen, surprised members when he opposed the motion, saying that from July 1 the Province would have no legal standing and that Exco could not be instructed to participate in the Indaba

Mr Ray Haslam, MEC, said he believed the National Party opposition in the council had been opposed to the Indaba ever since it had been mooted

He said Mr Edwards's motion was asking the new Exco to continue to present the views of the Natal Provincial Administration.

Mr Cliff Matthee (NRP, Durban Central) asked whether Mr Viljoen was suggesting the Province should tell Chief Buthelezi it would not continue to participate in the Indaba because the present Exco would be out of office from July 1

Mr Edwards said the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning would be in a position to stop the new Exco from continuing with the Indaba, but this would cause 'incalculable damage' to race relations and the relationship with KwaZulu if he did

His motion was approved with only one vote against

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Fears of local dictatorships

By BRUCE CAMERON
Political Staff

THE revamping of the provincial system has sent shock waves through opposition ranks with claims that the Government intends creating a virtual dictatorship in second-tier government.

Legislation scrapping the 75-year-old system brought reaction ranging from "unbelievable" to an accusation that the Government was attempting to establish a system of gauleiters.

Controls

The Government intends forcing the Bill through Parliament before June 20 so that it can abolish the existing system by the end of the month.

At the centre of the criticism are the powers contemplated for provincial administrators as well as additional powers for the President which will remove substantial parliamentary controls.

Mr Derrick Watterson MP, New Republic Party constitutional spokesman and a former provincial executive councillor, said "I think the whole thing is an abortion and a schedule of broken faith."

Excluded

Professor Nic Olivier MP, Progressive Federal Party spokesman, said "It is unbelievable that such extensive powers can be given to the State President and provincial administrators without proper parliamentary checks.

"Parliament itself is being excluded from legislative functions.

"This is the type of thing that should be referred to a national council — it is reshaping the constitutional dispensation."

Concern

Mr Watterson said "The Provincial Government Bill makes no allowance whatsoever for any public accountability by the new administrators despite assurances given by the Minister that this would be the case."

Other major points of concern raised by opposition spokesmen include:

- The transfer of the power to change provincial boundaries from Parliament to the President.

Checks

- The reduction of power of the excutive committees until they are nothing more than advisory committees to the administrators.
- The lack of checks or right to appeal against decisions taken by administrators.
- Powers given to the President to transfer unspecified powers of central government to the administrators without reference to Parliament.

Labour Party could block another rush Bill by Govt

Political Staff

ANOTHER major piece of legislation the Government is attempting to rush through Parliament is likely to be held up.

This follows on the heels of the blocking of the controversial security Bills.

This time the move is against legislation introducing major changes to provincial government.

The Government has set June 30 as the day for scrapping the provincial council system and has until June 20 to get the legislation through Parliament

If the Labour Party refuses to go along and particularly if it gets support from the National People's Party in the House of Delegates, the Government would face major problems in getting the Bill approved by the end of the sitting.

Labour Party sources said today there was serious concern about virtual dictatorial powers being given to provincial administrators.

The sources said the suggested multiracial executive committees would have little more than advisory powers and would not be able to overrule an administrator's decision

The Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, declined to comment on criticism of the Bill

"I do not want to pre-empt the constitutional committee which will consider the Bill," he said.

The new provincial legislation still has to be discussed by party caucuses but the Progressive Federal Party and the New Republic Party have already expressed strong opposition.

Mr Derrick Watterson MP, New Republic Party constitutional spokesman, also questioned today why the Bill had been referred to the special constitutional committee of Parliament under Mr Chris Heunis and not to the ordinary committee.

"This means Mr Heunis will be sitting in judgment on himself," he said

The committee will start considering the Bill today.

Crisis looms over Provincial Govt Bill

Political Staff

THE country might be facing another constitutional crisis which could leave it without proper provincial administrations if the proposed new Provincial Government Bill is not changed

It needs to be passed by the end of this month but there are indications that it will be opposed allround unless sweeping powers for the nominated administrators are not amended.

The old provincial system is due to end on June 30 but the contentious new measure as it stands could be rejected by the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates in the same way they turned down two controversial security measures earlier.

Mr Frank Martin, a senior Natal MEC, said yesterday that as it stood the bill was totally unacceptable to him and that there were indications that coloured and Indian leaders felt the same way about it.

However, he said the Standing Committee on Constitutional Affairs was meeting yesterday and he would reserve his final comments until he knew what amendments the government would accept.

Govt backs down on sweeping powers for Administrators

Political Staff

THE Government is backing down on the substantial powers proposed for nominated Administrators in the new provincial government system

Details of amendments were mistakenly printed on the order paper of Parliament

The amendments will restrict the proposed powers of the Administrators and increase accountablity

However, Administrators will still have substantially more power than at present

The amendments have been withdrawn from the order paper Mr Tino Volker MP, who is chairman of the joint standing committee on Constitutional Development, which moved some of them, said they would be put to the joint committee studying the Bill

He said further amendments were likely

The Provincial Government Bill is being strongly opposed by the Houses of Delegates and Representatives and by the Progressive Federal Party and the New Republic Party in the Assembly

In terms of the amendments, an Administrator shall no longer be able to formulate decisions of his executive committee "acting on his own"

He will have to act in consultation with the excecutive committee

And the section which permitted Administrators to take decisions and only notify executive members later is to go

The power to "amend, repeal or substitute any provision of an ordinance of the province" has been qualified.

Before any such proclamation may be issued it will have to be approved by a joint committee of Parliament

Sources within the National People's Party (Delegates) and the Labour Party (Representatives), say there will be pressure for more changes

They want more power for the excutive committee members

They will also press for meetings of the joint standing committees of the provinces to be held in public, and for the way to be left open for the reintroduction of elected legislatures in the provinces

Solemn end to Tvl Provincial Council

By Sue Leeman,
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The thud of the old Raadzaal's mighty doors as they were closed and locked for the last time yesterday marked the end of 76 years of rule by the Transvaal Provincial Council

A solemn historical ceremony put the final seal on the council's passing

There was an obvious sadness among councillors, not only about the end of a political era, but also about the current unrest and the future of the country

Many speakers spoke of working together to find solutions

Councillors wore red carnations and looked sombre as speaker after speaker reminded them of past debates and provincial highlights

The Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, entered in procession after all the other members had taken their seats

The Raadzaal's bells tolled sadly as he and the chairman of the council, Mr "Bossie" Boshoff, took their seats.

Mr Cruywagen said determination and courage would be needed to ensure that South Africa's various groups lived in peaceful coexistence.

Devolution and decentralisation of power to lower government tiers, privatisation and the execution of functions closer to the population — watchwords of the Government's new constitutional style — must not be just slogans.

"These must be put into practice in a meaningful and practical way

"The provincial administration must also play a role in this because it promotes orderly government."

COMMUNICATION

Mr Cruywagen said communication channels would have to be provided to all "clients" of the provincial administrations for two-way communication at all times These must also be extended to black people, particularly on the local government level.

The leader of the House and of the National Party caucus, Mr Fanie Schoeman, said it was time for all South Africans to look for common ground and see if they couldn't build something "which will prevent the destruction of our country".

The MEC for roads, Mr Skippie Botha, said: "We must not deny to others what we demand for ourselves"

The leader of the official PFP opposition, Mr Douglas Gibson, said when the council first opened its doors the political imperative was to bring English and Afrikaans together — "now it is to bring black and white together"

Latsky warns of backlash

Pretoria Bureau

The white backlash against power sharing has only just begun, according to the leader of the Conservative Party in the provincial council, Dr Servaas Latsky

His address at the council's last sitting yesterday was at odds with those of his counterparts in other parties — who called for reconciliation and understanding between races.

Dr Latsky defied the tacit ban on political rhetoric and warned that whites — and Afrikaners in particular — would rise up and fight power sharing.

He said the council's last sitting took place "in the shadow of a revolution which has already begun".

This revolution by blacks, he said, was the greatest threat to whites since the Great Trek.

"To those who think the whites have given up — let me say that the struggle has just begun," said Dr Latsky.

HEALTH SERVICES

Hospitals in limbo

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Under the current constitution, health services are an "own affair." With the new second-tier administrations about to be established, the prospect exists for fragmentation and chaos. Health should be a "general affair," and the constitution amended to declare it such.

Government seems poised to introduce measures that will throw the public health service into turmoil. Disaster could be averted, however, if the medical profession's advice is taken, and health declared a "general" affair.

In terms of the tricameral constitution, health is an "own affair" and the services should be reorganised under the coloured, Indian and white chambers of parliament. With the phasing out of the provincial councils, hospital services are under threat of the knife — along with other provincial functions they could be split among the three houses

The members of the provincial legislative assemblies are busy packing their bags for the last time By next month the administrators and their executives will be in complete control. In theory we are about to enter a new era of local and regional government, with the provincial system replaced by a non-elected second-tier system consisting of the administrator and his executive in conjunction with the new Regional Services Councils In practice the provincial departments are still there.

It all begs the question does anyone know what is going to happen? All Minister of Health and Population Development Willie van Niekerk will say is that the matter is "under investigation" and a phasing-in period is needed.

The only comfort is that government may be reconsidering. Several sources indicate that the decision is bogged down in an internal departmental dispute, with several senior officials opposing the proposed policy With good reason. The policy was tried in Namibia and failed And as Van Niekerk was the Namibian Administrator General at the time, he has first-hand experience of the sort of farce that can develop.

Even within the parameters of the existing constitution there is a way out The constitution could be amended with health declared a general affair How this would be received by the "own affairs" health ministers will be fascinating. During his budget debate the Indian "own affairs" Health Minister Ismail Kathrada said the House did not want ethnic hospitals Whether he will take this to its logical conclusion and willingly make himself redundant remains to be seen.

During his budget debate the white "own affairs" Health Minister Dr George Morrison astounded the medical profession with his tenuous grasp of medical matters. "Separate health services were justified because certain ailments affected only certain races," said Morrison Said one doctor "Tell that to the malaria-infected mosquitoes who don't care about the colour of someone's skin as long as their blood is red."

Certainly in SA only blacks get cholera, but that is because of their living conditions and not their genetic make-up Apartheid may try to keep people apart, but the reality is that people work and, these days, even live together Disease knows no racial barriers We need central planning, not inefficient co-ordinating committees between ethnic governments Counting the homelands, we now have 14 health ministers.

Even before the advent of the new constitution, the problem of divided control hampered efficient health delivery The services are controlled at three levels — State, provincial and local Theoretically each sector has a different function to perform, but in practice they are often treating the same patient. One example of how the fragmentation results in overall inefficiency black women in SA have one of the highest rates of cervical cancer in the world and costs of long-term hospitalisation for each patient are astronomical Yet no mass screening programme that could detect the disease during the early stages — usually performed as part of family planning services — is being carried out.

The past system has led to a lack of co-ordinated planning and an imbalance in provision of services between urban centres and rural areas. Another lopsided consequence is that less than 20% of the annual budget is spent on preventive and promotive medicine.

Another contradiction: while government simultaneously insists on continuation of segregated public health delivery, it also advocates privatisation — and the private hospitals are integrated

While the bureaucrats plot and plan, out in the real world doctors at the helm of the public service are busy rationalising services anyway

In December last year Cape Director of Hospital Services Dr Niklaas Louw announced the consolidation of hospital emergency services in the area "This development followed a severe shortage of money and staff," said Louw "While the policy of separate facilities for the different race groups is still in force, duplication of services on racial or any other grounds simply could not be afforded any longer."

And, in the Transvaal, a desegregated radiotherapy unit is operating at Hillbrow Hospital (although wards remain segregated) and the Johannesburg Hospital has an integrated cardiac surgery unit.

Meanwhile, doctors have been left in limbo, not knowing what is going to happen Says one "We have had no option but to rationalise resources What if we are now made to undo all this?"

The long-awaited report of the Browne Commission on health services is due to be tabled during the current parliamentary session It may provide clarity.

But preventing matters becoming worse is one thing To save the hospitals is only the first step The next step is for government to listen to the demands of the profession for a unified health service, which would allow planners to design for a healthy SA ■

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Bill reduces powers of administrators

Political Staff

A JOINT parliamentary committee has reduced the enormous powers of the administrators proposed for the new provincial system.

This has been confirmed in amendments submitted by the all-party committee to the Provincial Government Bill.

The Bill is likely to receive a clear passage through the Houses of Delegates and Representatives

The Progressive Federal Party and the New Republic Party, however, remain firmly opposed to the Bill, primarily because the new provincial structure is elected

Strong opposition

Professor Nic Olivier, PFP spokesman, and Mr Derrick Watterson, NRP spokesman, said they would strongly oppose the Bill in the second reading.

Mr Watterson said "There is no direct accountability.

The Government is rushing the Bill through Parliament to scrap the existing provincial councils by the end of the month

The main thrust of the amendments is to make the administrators accountable to an all-party standing committee of Parliament.

The tabling of the amendments follows a recommendation of the joint committee on constitutional affairs that a new standing committee be appointed to deal with provincial affairs.

The provincial committee would be able to hold its meetings in public

Obtain consent

The administrators will no longer be able to "amend, repeal or substitute" any provision of an ordinance

The amendments require them to obtain the consent of the standing committee.

However, they will still not be forced to accept any majority decision of their own multiracial executive committees

The joint committee has also recommended amendments that would force the President to advertise changes to a provincial boundary.

A tight rein on administrators

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — The accountability to Parliament of the extremely powerful administrators in the new provincial system is to be tightened

The Joint Committee on Constitutional Affairs has recommended to Parliament that a new standing committee be appointed to deal with provincial affairs

Unlike other Parliamentary committees, which operate under tight rules of secrecy, the provincial committee would be able to hold its meetings in public

The Houses of Representatives and Delegates and the PFP and NRP in the House of Assembly have been voicing objections to the proposed new system because of the sweeping powers for administrators and the lack of accountablity

The committee on Constitutional Affairs has yet to report to Parliament on the Provincial Government Bill, but the Government has indicated that the powers of the administrators could be reduced to make them more answerable to their own executive committees as well as to parliament

The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, presents Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning and former MPC, with a long-service award at what was probably the council's last session yesterday.

MPCs clash at 'last' sitting

Staff Reporter

ANY hopes that harmony and goodwill would reign during what was probably the final sitting of the Provincial Council yesterday were dashed when PFP and government members began sniping at each other about the state of emergency and the proposed new system of provincial government

The discord started when executive committee member Mr Willem Bouwer introduced a motion calling on the council to adjourn itself finally "owing to the proposed termination of the Provincial Council system on June 30"

He said the scrapping of the white Provincial Council system was one of the reform measures being taken by the government to make South Africa "less vulnerable"

"We reform because we want to walk the path of justice, and this demands that we find a solution for the millions of blacks that cannot exercise their political rights in the national states

"In South Africa's difficult and threatened position, there is simply no other body better able to appreciate the total situation than the government," he said, to PFP interjections of "nonsense"

Mr Bouwer told one of his most vociferous opponents, Mr Frank van der Velde (PFP Wynberg), to "keep quiet", to which Mr Van der Velde replied: "When you stop locking people up, I will keep quiet"

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Herbert Hirsch, said he had hoped party politics would not mar what was potentially the last day of council, but that he had to respond to the political content of Mr Bouwer's speech

The Act which would dissolve the council had not yet been passed, and there was "still no certainty about its demise", he said

The PFP would oppose the scrapping of the council "until something better turns up"

The scrapping of the council would mean one less forum for public debate and would place the control of the Cape into the hands of an appointed executive answerable not to an electorate, but to the State President, he said

Mr Hirsch said his caucus had asked him to express its "abhorrence" at the government's reaction to the current crisis and their fears that the country could be moving towards a permanent state of emergency

"We can't even be sure of what is going on because the press has been silenced," he said

"We call on the authorities to restore normality, lift the state of emergency and deal with the country's problems in a manner which civilized people would regard as reasonable," Mr Hirsch said

● In a final tribute to their colleague, Mrs Molly Blackburn (PFP Walmer), who died in a motor accident at the end of last year, PFP members took the flowers which were given to them as corsages by Mrs Hantie Louw, wife of the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, and arranged them in a wreath on Mrs Blackburn's empty desk

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LP rejoice at demise of Provco

Political Reporter

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES — The Labour Party yesterday rejoiced at the demise of the Provincial Council system, describing it as an "end of white rule"

Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House, speaking during second-reading debate on the Provincial Council Bill, said "I do not weep at the demise of the Provincial Council . . . we are marching towards a new South Africa"

He said he was proud of the fact that blacks would also be included on the new executive committee. "Somebody has to take the first step towards the process of reconciliation"

Mr Curry said the LP would not run away from the conference table.

Most constitutions applicable in Africa were manufactured in Europe South Africa should ensure that its constitution was created in Africa to suit the needs of its people He accused the British of being the first to introduce racism into South Africa's 1910 Union constitution.

Administrators to play political role

Political Staff

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES — Administrators will play a political role in the new provincial system, Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, said yesterday

Introducing second reading of the Provincial Government Bill, he also announced that decisions in the proposed executive committees will be based on consensus.

It was hoped that Mr Heunis would give more details of how the executive committees would be constituted, but he said the numbers and who they were would be determined by the State President.

There has been intense speculation in political circles about the administrators and excos

It is now clear from Mr Heunis's speech that the political role of future administrators will be in sharp contrast to the low political profile they have maintained in the past.

It also appears that unlike in the present system the size of the excos could vary from province to province.

There have been suggestions that Natal could have between five and seven members including at least one coloured, Indian and black member.

The bill contains no reference to race and was praised in the House of Representatives by the ruling Labour Party's chief spokesman, Mr Jac Rabie, as being a "colour-blind" measure.

There was nothing in the bill which said all races could be represented on the excos but, he said, Mr Heunis had promised this

Broaden

Earlier in his speech, Mr Heunis said the fact that excos would be presidential appointees had led to accusations that the abolition of democratically elected bodies was a contradiction of the government's goal to broaden democracy

"This is not true," he said. "The very reason why provincial councils were unacceptable to the government is that members of a government institution dealing with matters affecting the lives of all population groups in the province were elected by only one population group"

Parliament and Politics

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PFP, NRP CP attack Provco Bill

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — The proposed new provincial system was attacked from left and right wings yesterday because it was either too racist or too liberal

Mr Colin Eglin, leader of the Progressive Federal Party, rejected it because it introduced the racial concepts of the tricameral parliamentary system into second-tier government while Mr Casper Uys, chief spokesman for the Conservative Party, said it was the first step towards multiracial provincial councils

Speaking in second-reading debate on the Provincial Government Bill, Mr Vause Raw, MP for Point, said the New Republic Party could not support the measure because administrators and executive committees were to be nominees of the State President

Mr Louis Stofberg, lone Herstigte Nasionale Party MP, charged the government with breaking down the political rights of whites

Opposition spokesmen also criticised the removal of democratically elected provincial councils and both Mr Eglin and Mr Raw believed that all race groups should have been included in new elected councils

Mr Eglin said he was not impressed by the "political crocodile tears" shed by Mr Chris Heunis, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning about the demise of the old system

Updated

"He is like a hangman who is crying while adjusting the rope then suddenly springs the trap," said Mr Eglin.

He could not support the mechanism of replacing outdated apartheid with updated "own affairs" apartheid

The old system was limited to white representation only and should have been expanded to increase representation, not done away with entirely

"The system places enormous powers in the political appointees of the government who will not be responsible to the people of the province," said Mr Eglin

The councils would have to work through a standing committee of Parliament, which meant Black interests would be under the control of whites, coloureds and Indians

Mr Uys said he believed the measure was the first step towards mixed provincial councils

Mr Heunis had said the government had been opposed to the old councils because they were for whites only, said Mr Uys

Did this now mean that all legislative bodies would have to be mixed

The government did not have the courage to tell the voters this

Nic Olivier

Mr Raw said the bill should not be passed unless and until members of the executive committees were elected, directly or indirectly, by the registered voters of each province

● Sapa reports that Mr Nic Olivier (PFP Nominated), said in the debate that the new system would give authoritarian powers to the State President

He was given power

● To change provincial boundaries by proclamation, thus bypassing Parliament

● To control salaries and allowances of administrators and members of executive committees

● To dismiss the administrators or exco members "at any time"

● To scrap, change or substitute any provincial ordinance

Mr Olivier said a way should be found to control these powers through the standing committee

"I cannot understand what the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, meant when he said the new system was a broadening of democracy," he said — Sapa

Parliament and Politics

PC man: 'Many may go missing'

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL — The Internal Security Amendment Bill opened the possibility of people going missing in large numbers — as had happened in Argentina a Progressive Federal Party member of the President's Council, Mr P C Schoeman, said here yesterday

The bill — which provides for 160 days' detention without trial — was approved last night by the President's Council by 35 votes to 22, with the PFP, NRP and all parties represented in the House of Delegates and House of Representatives voting against the measures

National Party and Conservative Party members backed the bill.

Speaking during earlier debate, Mr Schoeman said that in terms of the bill, the Commissioner of Police had to give detainees' names to the Minister of Law and Order

'No answer'

"But what will the minister do when he gets the name of a detainee? Will he put it in a file for purposes of record or put it in a drawer somewhere?

"Or will he inform Parliament? Because when you ask for the names of detainees you get no answer'

Mr Schoeman asked whether the bill was being rushed through the council because people held recently in terms of the 14-day detention provision would soon have to be released.

"If so, we already have tyranny in our midst.'

Mr Schoeman gave examples of a Bloemfontein chemist who had been arrested at his work place "because he was a member of a trade union" One of the chemist's colleagues had also been held

Not humans?

In Middelburg a priest had been detained and there were reports that a community of 600 had been held

Provision was being made for the opponents of the State to be viewed not as humans but as part of a broad category of enemies such as "communists

● Government policy had created conditions under which Marxism could flourish said Mr Peter Marais (Freedom Party)

"We must make the Marxists uncomfortable by introducing full democratic values which they detest." he said in opposing the bill.

He said one could not destroy theatre by removing the actors"

"As long as there are enthusiastic audiences there will be other actors, more talented actors and more popular actors

"Unless you kill the need for radicalism you'll never kill the supply of radicals"

The President's Council enabled the white House of Assembly to ignore the other two black Houses he said

> **Mr Japie Basson The one weakness of democracy was its inability to deal with those who wished to destroy it by undemocratic means**

"We can put through unpopular legislation

Detention without trial had been a bitter experience for him and his people

The law represented its makers

They represent white domination Domination over us from the cradle to the grave"

● The one weakness of democracy said Mr Japie Basson (NP), was its inability to deal with those who wished to destroy it by undemocratic means

"Until we have the answer to the present day terror and totalitarianism we have no option but to pass measures of this kind' he said in support of the bill

The government had accepted the principles of non-discrimination and participation at all levels of decision making

"There is no justification if there ever was for political violence and intimidation

● The South African Communist Party document released by the State President last week was nothing short of a declaration of war on South Africa, said Mr J A Jooste (NP)

"This is unconventional war and we can only deal with it in an unconventional manner'

● Mr Fanie Herman (CP) said that since imposition of the state of emergency the exchange rate of the rand had improved calm had returned to the country and boycotts and sanctions had not increased as predicted

The world had recognized that the emergency would return the country to stability

● The government should give the ANC one month to renounce violence and come to the negotiating table "otherwise we will build a new South Africa without them' Mr Bill Sutton (NRP) said yesterday

Opposing the bill Mr Sutton said that if the Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis le Grange, had accepted the amendments proposed by the NRP consensus could have been reached on the legislation

● The President's Council debate on two controversial security laws was "the beginning of the burial of the tricameral Parliament', said Mr R V Carlisle (PFP)

'Furtively'

"We are not even burying it with full military honours We are burying it furtively with haste and in a cheap coffin probably some time tonight"

The NP was saying it could not manage "so we'll put the lid down However, it was not able to hold that lid down

The State President, Mr P W Botha had said in imposing the previous state of emergency that no one would stop him restoring order How ever, neither that state of emergency nor the present one had broken the rhythm of violence

It was inconceivable that the NP having built up apartheid, could dismantle it.

Mandela

What was needed was to bring together the best South Africans to abolish apartheid unconditionally, to release Nelson Mandela now and negotiate with him now so we don't have to negotiate with (ANC military leader) Joe Slovo later and to start discussions on a new constitution

● The council's passing of the bill would amount to giving the cold shoulder to members of the House of Representatives and House of Delegates who were clearly moderates said Mr James Rennie (PFP)

Opposition members excluding the CP opposed extended sitting hours to allow debate on this bill and the Public Safety Amendment Bill to be finalized yesterday

The deputy chairman of the council Mr Pen Kotze dismissed the arguments, saying that because of other obligations most members favoured the reports being finalized The extended-hours motion was passed by 46 votes to 11 — Sapa

Provco bill opposed

Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — Opposition forces yesterday fought a last-ditch battle against the new provincial system with its nominated administrators and executive committees

The PFP was fighting to extend representation in the councils to all races and the CP to keep them for whites only

CP speakers said the proposed system was on course for integration

Mr J H Visagie (CP Nigel) said he had refused to attend the closing ceremony of the Transvaal council because he would not attend the "funeral of a white man's system which has served us well for years"

By last night the CP had had 11 speakers and the PFP seven in the debate which started on Thursday afternoon.

Sapa reports that the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, denied in his reply to debate that he was rushing the bill through Parliament.

He said the Standing Committees on Constitutional Development and Planning had discussed 30 bills and put 61 amendments which were accepted this year

> Mr Baldeo Dookie. "I know for a fact that people of colour will be appointed to the excos"

● The demise of provincial councils should be "celebrated with champagne", Mr Salaam Abram-Mayet (NPP Nominated) said in the House of Delegates yesterday

Speaking in second-reading debate on the bill, he said the all-white provincial councils especially the one in Natal, had a history of raw deals to people other than whites.

"We should really be in a hurry to get rid of those last vestiges of British colonialism," he said in support of the bill.

● The Chairman of the Ministers' Council, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, said the move to replace the present provincial council system was in accordance with the reform programme of the State President and deserved full support of the House.

● People of colour believed that democracy in provincial government was being removed just as they were being included in the political system, Mr Pat Poovalingam (Sol Reservoir Hills) said in opposing the bill.

● The Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture Mr Baldeo Dookie, said he approved of the bill because people of colour would be appointed to the excos and could set in progress machinery for further changes.

Asked by Mr John Jyman (Sol Camperdown) if there was anything in the bill which said people of colour would be appointed to excos, Mr Dookie replied that there was no mention of colour or ethnicity in the bill.

"But I know for a fact that people of colour will be appointed to the excos," he said. — Sapa

Bid to break sports boycott

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — The sponsorship clause in the Income Tax Bill was the best method of breaking the sports boycott, the Minister of Finance Mr Barend du Plessis, said yesterday

Replying to second reading debate on the measure he said unless foreign sportsmen were financed they would have great difficulty in accepting invitations

Opposing the bill, Mr Harry Schwarz (PFP Yeoville) said legislation providing for tax concessions to sponsors of international sporting events provided cheap advertising for them at the cost of taxpayers

In terms of the bill the sponsors of the recent international rugby tour would have to pay only 10 percent of the cost of their sponsorship, the rest being tax deductible

Mr Du Plessis would be subjected to enormous pressure from sponsors seeking concessions

"I warn the Minister, if this sponsorship clause is taken up it will be a hot potato that will burn his fingers' Mr Schwarz said

Mr Du Plessis agreed that the measure was a "hot potato' and said it would be handled with care

Mr Mike Tarr (PFP Maritzburg South) said companies which built sports facilities in black areas should receive tax concessions in the same way as companies which sponsored sports tours — Sapa

in brief . . .

Questions tabled on UWC

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES — Mr Willie Dietrich (LP Bethelsdorp) has tabled questions here as to how many UWC students were involved in rendering services in the Crossroads area in June whether university vehicles were used and the cost. He has asked whether any lecturers or students residing in university hostels were involved and whether lecturers applied for leave for this period

35 635 arrested for trespass

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — Police arrested 35 635 black people for tresspass during the first five months of this year, the Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis le Grange said yesterday in reply to a question from Mrs Helen Suzman (PFP Houghton) This means on average more than 230 black people were arrested every day for tresspass between January and May this year However Mr Le Grange's figures reflect a steady decrease in the number of black people being arrested for trespass In January this year, 8 065 black people were arrested for trespass but this dropped to 7 662 in February 7 501 in March 6 638 in April and 5 769 in May

57 charged with rape

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — Mr Le Grange told Mrs Suzman 57 members of the police force and the Defence Force had been charged with rape over the last two years. He said three policemen and 7 members of the Defence Force had been found guilty of rape and 20 trials were still pending. In two cases policemen were found guilty of attempted rape one policeman was guilty of attempted immorality

322 burned to death

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — Some 322 people were burned to death in unrest situations in the last 12 months Mr Le Grange told Mr Pat Rogers (NRP King William's Town) Those apprehended in the 150 cases where people were arrested belonged to various 'radical organizations affiliated to the UDF or which support and propagate the same objectives as the UDF' People had been charged in 150 of the cases and convicted in two Replying to another question in the House of Representatives from Mr Willie Dietrich (LP Bethelsdorp) Mr Le Grange said 67 people had died by the so-called necklace method in the Eastern Cape between May 1985 and May this year — Political Staff and Sapa

Broadbill swordfish: Warning to trade

Political Staff

COMMERCIAL fishermen are to be banned from directly catching broadbill swordfish, the most prized of all game fish the Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism Mr John Wiley announced last night.

In a statement, Mr Wiley said that a 93kg broadbill swordfish was recently boated some 60 miles from Hout Bay by anglers using a new technique

"The significance and importance of this cannot be over-estimated

"If as I believe to be the case broadbill swordfish frequent our waters in quantity then South Africa will attract game-fish anglers with consequencial benefit to our tourist trade and to the promotion of deep-sea angling

"The catching technique referred to above has been used with success elsewhere and apparently is the most effective way of catching broadbill swordfish

"As this much sought-after game fish appears readily able to be caught by the new technique, I would like to warn commercial interests that commercial angling of broadbill swordfish will not be permitted"

He said "a notice prohibiting the catching of such famous game fish will shortly be published in the Government Gazette"

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Provincial bosses to keep their jobs — PW

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Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — President P W Botha has confirmed that the four Provincial Administrators are to be re-appointed under the new provincial system.

However he gave no details of the fate of the current executive committee members or who will be appointed to fill the positions under the new system.

Mr Botha said these details would come from the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis.

The administrators are Mr Eugene Louw (Cape), Mr Willem Cruywagen (Transvaal), Mr Radclyffe Cadman (Natal) and Mr Louis Botha (Free State).

MECs not yet informed

Mr Skippie Botha, MEC ... refused to comment.

Pretoria Bureau

Transvaal's MECs have not yet been officially informed that their services will not be needed under the new dispensation for second-tier government which comes into effect on July 1.

MECs Mr Fanie Schoeman and Mr Skippie Botha yesterday refused to comment on letters sent to members of the executive committees of Natal.

Mr Schoeman said it was possible a letter was on its way.

Everyone knows that the provincial system ends on Monday June 30 and that their term of office will also come to an end, then, said Mr Schoeman.

Under the new dispensation members of the multiracial executive committees will be nominated by the State President.

A spokesman for the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning said today it was still not known who would be running the four provinces from Tuesday next week.

CPC Times 25/6/86

Administrators retained

Political Staff

ALL four serving Provincial Administrators have been nominated by the State President, Mr P W Botha, to continue in their posts when the new provincial system is introduced on July 1

However, with only six days to go, Mr Botha gave no details of the new executive committees which are also to be nominated by him and are expected to include members of all race groups

The administrators are Mr Radclyffe Cadman, Natal, Mr Gene Louw, Cape, Mr Willem Cruywagen, Transvaal, and Mr Louis Botha, OFS

Serving MECs have received letters from Mr Botha thanking them for their services in the old provincial system which is to be terminated But it is felt this does not rule out reappointment of MECs if they are willing to serve in the new system

'Jackboot mentality must go'

HOUSE OF DELEGATES. — White officials of development boards who had a "deeprooted jackboot mentality" must be phased out irrespective of the cost to the State, Mr Somaroo Pachai (NPP Natal Midlands) said yesterday.

He was speaking in second-reading debate on the Abolition of Development Bodies Bill.

The boards are to be abolished by July 1 and employees are to be absorbed into provincial adminstrations and government departments.

"In this day and age of reform and reconciliation, we cannot afford such yesteryear officials percolating throughout the new civil service," Mr Pachai said in welcoming the bill.

Blacks would not mourn the day that development boards were laid to rest, Mr Salaam Abram-Mayet (NPP Nominated) said during debate.

He said the boards had rendered a disservice to black communities.

"The boards created whole new bureaucracies at a time when local authorities were doing a reasonable job in this sphere," he said.

Some of the senior staff had been interested purely in benefiting themselves financially.

"We must thank Almighty God for this day," Mr Mayet said. — Sapa

CPE Trib 26/6/86

Olivier warns on board officials

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — Development board officials should not retain authority over black people when boards were dissolved in terms of legislation before the House, Mr Nic Olivier (PFP Nominated) said yesterday.

Supporting second reading of the Abolition of Development Boards Amendment Bill, he said the relationship between the boards and blacks had worsened over the years because boards had to carry out government policy.

Board officials were being placed under control of provincial administrators as an interim measure and there was concern the officials might end up in the same positions as before.

Nothing could make the effect of the bill more worthless, he said.

Consideration should even be given to transferring officials to other provinces to avoid this.

He added that the PFP agreed in general with most of the provisions of the measure, although it was not satisfied that the interests of the 12 000 blacks employed by development boards were adequately protected.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

By racial appointees

Parliamentary approval last week of the Provincial Government Bill has given further shape to the ediface Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis is creating for "power-sharing" at all levels

The Bill provides for the abolition of existing provincial councils and their replacement with appointed executives The executive committees are likely to be bigger than the existing provincial ones and will include blacks, coloureds and Indians

In theory, the administrators can be black — as the Conservative Party repeatedly pointed out during their fierce opposition to the measure last week — but are hardly likely to be

The advantage of the new councils is that they will be "representative" of all communities in a province The disadvantage is that they will no longer be elected, but appointed on a political basis by the State President The number of executive members and who they will be, will, of course, be decided by the President They will serve for five years and can be re-appointed

In his Second Reading speech, Heunis said the existing councils were "unacceptable" to government because they dealt with matters affecting all population groups, but were elected by members of one group only.

Existing ordinances and other provincial legislation will remain in force.

The geographical composition of the provinces will also remain as it is, although provision is made in the new measure to change provincial boundaries (and possibly create new provinces).

"Decision-making by the executive committee will be based on the consensus principle . . . as it exists in the Cabinet by convention. .

"The Administrator, acting in consultation with the executive committee, can, however, make rules to regulate the proceedings of the executive committee," Heunis said.

The Administrator has exceptionally wide discretionary powers — one of the main Opposition objections to the Bill

In terms of the measure, the Administrator, acting with the executive committee is empowered to "amend, repeal or substitute any provision of an ordinance applicable to his province, or to regulate any matter which has been or is assigned to the provincial council or executive committee by or under an Act of parliament, or is declared by the State President to be of a provincial, regional, local or private nature in the province "

Heunis denied that the new system was a concentration rather than a devolution of power "The provincial government is authorised to exercise in its own right or on behalf of a State department or minister those functions entrusted to it

"This will result in the execution of certain functions at a level closer to the various communities, as well as to smaller, more specialised State departments whose functions will focus more on overhead planning and monitoring," he said

Heunis's grand plan is based on four levels local level, at which each community will have its own town or city council, regional services councils in which representatives of local authorities will meet to co-ordinate issues of common interest, "multi-racial" provincial councils to regulate and co-ordinate provincial matters; central government at which — eventually — it is envisaged that whites, coloureds, Indians and blacks will "share" power ■

New provincial councils are 'dull as ditchwater'

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The Cape's committee, under Mr Gene Louw as Administrator, is

● Mr Deon Adams, 47, a former teacher from Ceres who was appointed as a coloured member of the President's Council in 1984 He has served on the Durbanville Relations Committee since 1983 and is a past chairman of the Ceres Management Council

● Mr Themba William Nyati, 61, chairman of the Northern Cape Black Local Affairs committee and a former mayor of the Galeshewe City Council He is chairman of the board of chairmen of community councils and black local authorities in the Northern Cape

● Mr Jacobus Wouter Theron, 44, a Nationalist MEC who has been reappointed He practised as an attorney in Goodwood and Cape Town from 1965 to 1984 and served for 13 years as secretary for the Nationalist district council in Vasco He was elected as MPC in 1977 and was vice-chairman in the Provincial Council in 1981. In November 1984 he became MEC

● Mr Andreas Johannes van Wyk, 41, a Nationalist organiser who was elected MPC in 1974, and became chairman of the Provincial Council

● Mr Petrus Johannes Schoeman, 49, a National Party office-bearer He is a farmer from the Sterkstroom district He served as district leader for the National Party in Sterkstroom from 1966 to 1981

High school principal

Natal's executive is the only one where the whites are outnumbered by appointees of other races The appointment of a black provincial executive member for the province is still under consideration None of the province's former NRP MECs has been reappointed

Apart from NRP member Mr Miller, the new Natal executive under Mr Radclyffe Cadman as Administrator is Mr A G Joosub, a Durban businessman and a National People's Party MP for Brickfields, Mr S Naidoo, a retired high school principal, Mr C J Pierce, a member of the President's Council and a former teacher and Durban Coloured Local Affairs committee member, and Mr Tino Volker, Nationalist MP for Klip River. He is National Party chairman in the province and a deputy Chairman of Committtees in Parliament

The Transvaal executive committee under Mr Willem Cruywagen as Administrator is Mr John Griffiths, Mr Daniel Kirstein, Mr Fanie Schoeman, all three reappointed Nationalist MECs, Dr Willie Hoods, a member of the President's Council, and former educationist, Mr Ismail Mayet, a member of the President's Council and a Johannesburg businessman, and Mr John Mavuso, a Soweto businessman.

Former hospital clerk

The Free State executive committee under Mr Louis Botha as Administrator is Mr R Dreyer and Mr Humphrey Simes, both reappointed Nationalist MECs, Mr Clarence Henney, a former hospital clerk and now a reporter on a Bloemfontein newspaper; and Mr Rameoletsi Mokotjo, a circuit inspector of schools

In terms of the new provincial system of government which starts on July 1, the Administrators and members of the executive committees (MECs) will be directly responsible for the administration of affairs affecting all race groups at second tier of government

They replace the outgoing elected provincial councils and indirectly elected MECs They are reponsible only to Parliament and the President.

Highly controversial

Their main function is to administer current ordinances which have not been transferred by the redistribution of powers to the own affairs administrations (such as education and sections of public health)

The central authority in the new system will, however, still be the powerful Administrators Although they must consult their excos on decisions, they do not have to follow their advice.

On the other hand, Administrators may not amend or repeal existing Provincial ordinances without the approval of a joint standing committee of Parliament

The new system is highly controversial Its critics have accused the Government of centralising power and governing through appointed officials

3 Africans appointed to second-tier govt

Cape Times 28/6/86

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

AFRICANS have been appointed to executive posts in second-tier government for the first time with the announcement of Executive Committees (Excos) that will replace the provincial councils from July 1.

However, only three of President P W Botha's 20 exco appointees for the four provinces are African and Natal has no African appointees

And there are fundamental unanswered questions about the legitmacy of the three Africans appointed

Whites will have the majority of members in each province except Natal, where the Exco (including the administrator) will comprise three whites, two Indians and one coloured person

Two parliamentary by-elections

The administrators of all four provinces, who will chair the Excos, will be white

Of the Exco appointees, two are MPs — one in the House of Assembly and the other in the House of Delegates — four are members of President's Council and eight are current members of provincial councils, seven of whom are MECs

The appointments will necessitate two parliamentary by-elections, both in Natal, in the seats of Mr Val Volker (NP Klip River) and Mr Mohammed Joosub (NPP Brickfield)

The five Cape Province appointees are. Mr Deon Adams, a President Councillor and member of the Drubanville Relations Committee, Mr Themba Nyati, the Mayor of Galashewe township outside Kimberley and chairman of the Northern Cape board of community councils and black local authorities, Mr Jacobus Theron, an MEC and former vice chairman of the Provincial Council, Mr Andreas van Wyk, an NP organizer in the Cape and former chairman of the provincial council, and Mr Petrus Schoeman, a former district leader of the NP and member of the Border regional development advice committee

The other members are

TRANSVAAL Mr J M Griffiths MEC, Mr D P Kirstein MEC, Mr Ismail Mayet, Mr J S Mavuso, Mr S J (Fanie) Schoeman MEC and Dr Willie Hoods

FREE STATE Mr R P G Dreyer MEC, Mr C L Henney, a newspaper reporter and current vice-chairman of the Heidedal Management Committee, Mr R J Mokotjo and Mr H J R Simes

NATAL Mr M A G Joosub MP, Mr Peter Miller MEC, Mr Shunmoogam Naidoo, a retired school principal from Stanger who has served on various local authority committees, Mr C J Pierce and Mr Val Volker MP

Opposition slams 'political' province councils

NEW EXCO GETS HOT NEW

Weekend Argus Reporters

THE new multiracial provincial executive committees just announced are "dull as ditchwater", "bad", "disappointing" and "depressing", say senior Opposition spokesmen.

"I'm afraid the appointments are bad news," said Mr Brian Bamford, chief opposition whip and long-time provincial councillor. "They're as dull as ditchwater — the same old political diehards; no political spark among them and no special expertise."

He said he found it strange that appointments had been made before the exact nature of the officials' functions was known

"One also wonders what sort of consultation President Botha and Mr Heunis undertook before making these appointments As far as I know the Progressive Federal Party was not consulted and we've had no indication that anyone else was approached

"It is disappointing, too, that there are so many National Party politicians among the group But we were forewarned. Mr Heunis told us they were going to be political appointments. That there are one or two blacks among the officials as, I suppose, a 'plus factor'."

Mr Bamford said a golden opportunity to find people with special expertise and professionals for these appointments had been missed.

Mr Robin Carlisle, PFP member of the President's Council, said today that the black appointees were unlikely to stand up to the National Party

He also said that four of the 20 new provincial executive committee members countrywide were members of the President's Council

Mr Louw

"My experience of them is that they are unlikely to stand up to the Nats on important issues They will go along with the Nats"

They were also men who lacked experience of provincial government, he said

"I find the appointments utterly depressing This is co-option and coercion of the worst kind"

Mr Carlisle said it was astonishing that the Government had had to draw so many people off the President's Council "They can't even find any new people"

The Natal appointments were "amazing", he said "They are the clearest possible rejection of the Kwanatal indaba, the clearest signal that the Government does not want to go into a new deal with Kwazulu"

Mr Carlisle said he was especially surprised that Mr Frank Martin had not been retained "He has emerged as quite an impressive local statesman"

The announcement last night of the members of the new multiracial executive committees (excos) — in effect the "Cabinets" of the provinces — means that for the first time blacks will share in executive authority over other race groups

Of the 20 provincial excutives appointed 10 are whites, four coloured, three Indian and three black

And of the whites only one in Natal — Mr Peter Miller, formerly the New Republic Party MPC for South Coast — is not a Nationalist

Three of the coloured MECs and one Indian are from the President's Council and another Indian member is from the House of Delegates

The four serving provincial administrators were re-appointed this week

The new executives were announced by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis

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Confusion over new provincial system

30/6/86 STAR

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By Colleen Ryan, Political Reporter

The new provincial system which will give blacks a voice in decision-making for the first time will be ushered in tomorrow — but there is confusion and uncertainty about how it will work.

Elected provincial councils have been scrapped and the functions of provinces divided up into "own affairs" and "general affairs"

General affairs will be controlled by an enlarged executive council made up of nominated MECs of all races

Own affairs — such as hospitals and schools — are to be fragmented and controlled by separate offices

Development boards and peri-urban boards will also be scrapped.

The new MECs in the Transvaal are Mr John Mavuso, Mr Ismail Mayet and Dr Willie Hoods, who join existing members Mr Fanie Schoeman, Mr John Griffiths and Mr Daniel Kirstein

Black anti-apartheid organisations have expressed total opposition to the new constitutional structures and said the Government-appointed black, coloured and Indians provincial executive members are not representative of their communities

Controversy has erupted over the appointment of Mr John Mavuso, a member of Inkatha

The Chief Minister of kwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, has threatened to expel Mr Mavuso from the movement if he accepts the appointment

The Transvaal leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Mr Douglas Gibson, has said the Government promised to extend democracy under the new system, but this was not the case

"Three new MECs have been nominated by the Government. Their allegiance is, therefore, to the Government — certainly not to the people of this province.

"Ordinary voters will surely realise that they have had the wool pulled over their eyes The new executive committee has been nominated in order to apply apartheid, 1986-style

"The proposed Regional Services Councils are striking heavy weather, and it is not certain when they will be phased in

"Workers in the health field are extremely apprehensive about Government intentions to further fragment health services All experts have agreed that divided control along racial lines is a recipe for disaster"

The nominees for the Natal multiracial executive have been harshly criticised, and the former ruling New Republic Party has accused the Government of treating the people of Natal with contempt

Natal is the only province where sitting MECs have not been appointed

By-elections to be held in Natal

Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Two new parliamentary by-elections, both in Natal, will have to be held as a result of the State President's appointments to the new provincial executive committees

They will be in the Klip River seat of the House of Assembly (to be vacated by Mr Tino Volker) and in the Brickfield seat of the House of Delegates (to be vacated by Mr Mohamed Joosub)

The new vacancies bring the total to four — Dr van Zyl Slabbert's Claremont seat and Dr Alex Boraine's Pinelands seat, vacated when they resigned earlier this year, remain unfilled

By-elections for their former seats are scheduled to be held on September 3, with nominations to handed in on July 21

Klip River is expected to be contested by the National Party and the Conservative Party, although the CP and the Herstigte Nasionale Party have not yet decided if they will have a pact to fight the seat as a solid front

It is not certain what will happen at Brickfield If the National People's Party is unopposed there will be no poll

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Too early to choose capital says SEADA

Dispatch Reporter

GRAHAMSTOWN — The principle of establishing a separate provincial administration for the Eastern Cape should be accepted by the government before claims were made about which town in Region D should be the capital, the president of the South Eastern Areas Development Association (SEADA), Mrs Thelma Neville, said here yesterday.

She was asked to comment on a call by the National President of Assocom, Mr Rocky Ridgway, in Port Elizabeth last week for Port Elizabeth to become the capital of a separate Eastern Cape provincial division

"Naturally other towns in Region D will also make claims to be the capital, particularly Grahamstown, which is already the judicial capital of the Eastern Cape"

Grahamstown had the infrastructure and potential to develop into a capital city She cited Natal where Durban, the sea port town, was not the capital. It was Maritzburg, also a judical capital

Mrs Neville said Grahamstown was a centre of education and culture By virtue of its historical associations and geographic situation in Region D, it was the ideal city, she said

There was "no doubt that East London would also submit claims."

"Our first priority, however, is to establish the principle of separation and get government to agree. Only then should claims be made as to which city in Region D should become the capital It does not have to be the chief industrial centre of the region," Mrs Neville said

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What is the position of the anonymous man in society who says: "I like the little toe on my left foot better than I do the whole of humanity"?

UCT's presentation of The Card Index explores this question of man's fright, guilt and desperation at finding himself humbled and trying to prove otherwise

The star of the performance is undoubtedly Stephen Jennings in the role of the hero — the anonymous man

On stage for over an hour, he carries the audience through the basic emotions of the anonymous man's lack of conviction, essential dignity and decency, hidden shames and fears — and he does with superb skill and adeptness.

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Mace handed to Admin

Moving ceremony marks end of an era

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

AN HISTORIC and moving ceremony yesterday brought to an end the tenure of office of the Natal Provincial Council which has sat in Pietermaritzburg since 1910

The silver mace, symbol of the chairman's authority in the council chamber, was handed over to the Administrator, Mr Radclyffe Cadman, at the close of the valedictory sitting 'for safekeeping', before provincial councillors proceeded out for the last time

In his address, Mr Cadman said that while in no way seeking to diminish the part the Provincial Council had played in its long and distinguished history, he was sure there were few who would disagree that the time had come for the other communities in Natal to play a part in the public affairs of the province

Tribute

'I am the last Administrator to preside over a white-elected executive committee and will be the first to preside over an appointed multiracial committee

'Both of us have the privilege of ushering in a new dispensation and it will be my endeavour to ensure that what begins (today) will be, in its turn, as successful as what began, amidst such controversy, in 1910'

Mr Cadman paid tribute to the former members of the Executive Committee, saying they had upheld a long-standing tradition which had given integrity, stability and good government to Natal

From today there would be a new executive committee, which, while it was appointed by the State President, would be drawn from a far wider community of people than was the present Exco

Its success, Mr Cadman said, would depend on a number of factors, one of them being that it must be given sufficient freedom of movement and decision to give it credibility in the eyes of the people

The Administrator then declared the Provincial Council prorogued in terms of the Provincial Government Act of 1961

Generations

The Chairman of the Provincial Council, Mr Geoff Oldfield, said he hoped the council complex and its contents, which included items of the pre-Union era, would be preserved for the benefit of future generations in Natal

Mr Oldfield said it was in this spirit that at the end of yesterday's proceedings he had handed the mace to Mr Cadman

The mace was used from 1902 in the old Natal Legislative Assembly and later in the Natal Provincial Council

A small group of New Republic Party supporters caused a brief stir outside the Provincial Council building here yesterday when they hung up posters on the fence slamming the Government's decision to scrap provincial councils

The group erected the posters as VIPs and provincial councillors arrived for the closing ceremony yesterday afternoon

Believed

The posters were swiftly removed by a man who, supporters later said, was a security officer

Frank Martin, the former senior MEC, said he sincerely believed there would be a future elected legislative assembly representing all the people of Natal

'I do not believe that what we are going through now will be of a permanent nature

'I sincerely believe there will be a future elected legislative assembly representing the whole of Natal, but until we get there I wish the new Exco the very best.'

● See Editorial Opinion

Inkatha expels Mavuso from its central committee

ULUNDI — Mr John Mavuso, the first black member of the Provincial Executive in the Transvaal, has been expelled from the Inkatha central committee

This was confirmed at the weekend by Inkatha's president, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi Chief Buthelezi said Mr Mavuso had, however, not been expelled as a member of the movement

A resolution adopted at Inkatha's 11th annual conference said the organisation had always supported Chief Buthelezi's call for a moratorium on constitutional development until there was sufficient consensus between black and white in South Africa about the kind of future which was best for the country

It called on the State President, Mr P W Botha, to refrain from taking further action in restructuring second-tier government and developing Regional Services Councils as part of the new provincial dispensation

It also called on all Inkatha members to refrain from actions of any kind which could lead to claims of legitimacy for the new provincial council system and the Regional Services Councils because blacks were participating in these bodies

The resolution said "such structures had been foisted on Africans against their will".

It called on Chief Buthelezi and Inkatha's secretary-general, Dr Oscar Dhlomo, to ensure that the movement's disciplinary committee investigated the defying by any Inkatha member of the movement's convictions about the development of provincial administration and Regional Services Councils

Warnings on break-up of health services

Plan for provinces shows early cracks

1/7/86 STAR (26)

By Colleen Ryan,
Political Reporter

Cracks are already appearing in the Government's plan for provincial government as it becomes clear that the rigid "own affairs" and "general affairs" system is unworkable.

Top sources in the Transvaal Provincial Council have revealed that hospitals — originally designated as an own affair — will continue to be run by the province's executive committee, responsible for general affairs.

The new system of provincial government in the Transvaal was launched today with the induction of a multiracial six-man executive committee appointed by the Government. Administrator M. Villem Cruywagen will stay on as head.

Fragmentation

Elected provincial councils have been scrapped and their functions divided up into own affairs and general affairs.

While education has already become an own affair, health officials have warned that it will be impossible to fragment health services further.

Health services are already run on racial lines, but controlled by a single authority — the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

Under the new system, hospital will be split up according to race and administered by own affairs offices. This would have posed insurmountable problems for rural hospitals which have segregated wards, but cater for all races.

Uncertainty

The Progressive Federal Party expert on health, Mrs Irene Menell, has warned repeatedly of the dangers of fragmented health services.

In one of her last speeches before the Provincial Council was disbanded, she warned of the uncertainty among staff at hospitals and clinics controlled by the province.

The Government has made no official statement on the future of provincial hospitals.

● See Page 15.

Health control set to change

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The government is set to back down on its plan to racially fragment the control of hospitals

The plan, which flows out of the implementation of the tricameral constitution, came under fire from medical experts and opposition spokesmen because it would have resulted in the costly quadruplication of health service bureacracies and facilities.

Medical experts also slated the plan because they believe health services cannot be run along racial lines

Two highly-placed sources yesterday said that after months of heated argument it is almost certain that control of hospitals will be now be vested in the new multi-racial appointed provincial executives

A confidential document outlining the new plan has been circulated to cabinet ministers, MECs and senior health officials

The plan has been agreed on by health ministers from the three houses of Parliament but is still awaiting cabinet approval

The deputy director-general (administration) of the Department of National Health and Population Planning, Mr S J N Marais, said an announcement on the issue would be made in August during the second session of Parliament

"The whole thing has not been clinched because there are certain matters which need to be clarified"

However, according to informed sources, a health policy council will be established

The council will consist of the Minister of National Health and Population Planning, Dr Willie van Niekerk, and the three own affairs health ministers Dr George de Villiers Morrison, Mr Chris April and Mr Ismael Kathrada

Certain functions such as epidemic control and district surgeon duties, which are at present controlled by the state Health Department, will be handed over to the provinces and own affairs departments on an agency basis

Provincial administrations will retain control of hospitals

A strong recommendation from the House of Delegates and House of Representatives for all hospitals to be integrated has been passed on to the cabinet for a decision

Clinics

The own affairs health departments will be responsible for minor health services such as clinics and primary health care including school education

To satisfy the coloured and Indian houses of Parliament the two communities will be given more representatives on the boards of hospitals at which coloured and Indian patients are treated

Before making a decision the government considered four options on the future of hospitals They were that

- Any hospital that had a more than 95 percent occupancy by any one race would be hived off to the own affairs department for that race
- Any hospital that had a more than 65 percent occupancy by any one race be controlled by the own affairs department for that race group.
- All hospitals go to own affairs departments

'Authority'

- Hospitals remain under the control of provinces, but the authority of hospital boards be increased

Progressive Federal Party health spokesman Dr Marius Barnard said the PFP would welcome any move that would not result in hospitals being racially fragmented

He appealed to the government to remove now all vestiges of segregation in health services

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Party is in a dilemma over those committees

Municipal Beat

By JOHN YELD

THE largely Labour Party-controlled management committees find themselves firmly on the horns of a dilemma, and the dissolution of the Provincial Council has probably aggravated matters

In terms of a decision taken at its 1984 annual congress — which was ratified at last year's congress — the Association of Management Committees has committed itself to withdrawing from the management committee system unless it has achieved direct representation on town and city councils by September.

In addition, the Labour Party has rejected municipalities based on separate ethnic divisions The Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, has made this clear

"We certainly will not establish a coloured city council for Cape Town," he stated in a letter to a newspaper last year

But in the meantime the Athlone and District Management Committee has been pressing the government — through the old provincial administration — to grant it final decision making powers over a wide range of local government functions

These include such significant areas as the appointment and dismissal of staff, the allocation of houses and eviction of tenants, the approval and planning of new housing schemes and town planning scheme amendments

These will be temporary powers, the committee argues

Sympathetic to demands

But the government has given every indication of being sympathetic to its demands and there is a strong possibility of most, if not all, of the powers being agreed to and of similar controls being given to other management committees

However, the dissolution of the provincial council has led to major upheavals in some government departments and it seems highly unlikely that the handover of these powers can be accomplished in the next two months

So, come the self-imposed September deadline, the management committees will almost certainly find themselves not only without direct representation on city and town councils, but also without final decision making powers over some aspects of local government

Will the promise of these limited powers, with possibly more to come in the form of (already rejected) ethnically-based municipalities, be sufficient to persuade the Labour Party to stay with the system, particularly with its credibility already dented by events during the last parliamentary session?

The September congress of the association promises to be very interesting

People say . . .

● Sea Point councillor Mr Chris Joubert may come to regret his "I hope the higher authorities will take note of this" remark during last month's council debate on whether to remove beach fences True devolution of power carries its own responsibility — or is it just another convenient catchphrase?

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● With the demise of the Provincial Council, the chances of local government elections in the Cape becoming overtly political are much more likely The coming by-election in Ward 10 (Woodstock to Mowbray) caused by the resignation of Mr Jeremy Taylor may be a pointer to a trend

No decision on health, 'groups'

Staff Reporter

NO final decisions have yet been taken by the President's Council constitutional committee on whether health services are to be own or general affairs, or whether the Group Areas Act is to be replaced with a "local option"

This was said yesterday by the committee's chairman, Professor Dries Oosthuizen, after weekend press reports that his committee would in all probability recommend making health a general affair — a complete turn-around from the government's express wish to make health services under the new constitution an "own affair" issue

Professor Oosthuizen could neither deny nor confirm a report that the committee may recommend to the government that strict residential segregation as laid down in the Group Areas Act be replaced with a "local option"

He said his committee, which was looking at the whole issue of racial segregation of residential areas and amenities, was "still making decisions on some of the really major issues"

"Much of what we decide will depend on the interpretation of what the terms 'own affairs' and 'general affairs' mean This whole issue is still far from clear

"I'm personally hoping for the committee's report to be finished during October but even that's speculation"

The four acts the committee is studying for possible revision or scrapping are the Slums Act, the Community Development Act, the Group Areas Act and the Separate Amenities Act

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Govt warns on ID photos

THE Department of Home Affairs yesterday warned the public against people who masqueraded as Government officials and charge exhorbitant fees to help with the requirements of the new identity documents.

Mr Gerrie van Zyl, director general of the Department of Home Affairs, in a statement issued in Pretoria yesterday, said it had come to their attention that advance payment for photographs was charged while the photographer had no film in his camera

Mr Van Zyl said they had also received complaints that blacks who applied for identity documents were being exploited by people who professed to have been appointed by his department to.

- Photograph applicants,
- Take fingerprints, or
- Complete application forms on behalf of black people and to receive payments thereof

"The public is warned against unscrupulous practices where the taking of photographs is concerned Exhorbitant prices are charged by some photographers," Mr Van Zyl said

He added "The Department of Home Affairs wishes to state unequivocably that no private person or organisation has been appointed to render any such services to the public

Forms

"Applicants for the new identity documents who require assistance in completing the application forms, may approach any regional or district office of the Department of Home Affairs or any magistrates or Development Board office where their fingerprints will also be taken Only two photographs and the reference book need accompany an application"

Only Afrikaners on Vaal boards

W/t ARGUS 20/7/86 (26) ~~POST~~

JOHANNESBURG. — White Afrikaans-speakers dominate new appointments to the Transvaal's road boards — to the exclusion of all other race and language groups

Of the 297 people appointed to the road boards by the Administrator of the Transvaal 296 are white Afrikaans-speaking men The other is a white Afrikaans-speaking woman

English-speaking South Africans are presumably not suitable or important enough to be appointed, Mr Douglas Gibson, Transvaal chairman of the Progressive Federal Party, said yesterday

"I suppose black, coloured and Asian South Africans are considered to be insufficiently trained in democracy to be allowed to sit and discuss matters relating to the roads of the Transvaal," Mr Gibson added

"How will people react when a future government decides that the road boards should consist of 296 North Sotho-speakers, male, and one North Sotho-speaking woman?"

Mr Gibson said Nationalists will have to learn that "deeds speak louder than government promises" — Sapa.

Schools workers outline grievances

Labour Reporter

SCHOOL caretakers and cleaners in the Peninsula have a long list of grievances including discrimination, arrogant principals and poor salaries

At a meeting of the Public Servants League (PSL) in Hanover Park on Saturday they also complained of long working hours and the lack of protective clothing.

Regulations said they had to work at least 48 hours a week but caretakers said they were often expected to work a 12-hour day

Because schools could not be left unguarded, when security guards failed to arrive they had to stay on duty until the following morning However,there was no provision for them to be paid overtime

There was general dissatisfaction with salaries Several caretakers with long service, some had from 21 to 29 years, were earning R451 a month

They were all temporary staff, which led to insecurity about jobs and they had to wait two years before being eligible for the pension scheme

Many said they had never received protective clothing in spite of the cleaning and grounds care work they had to do

Are Excos in or going out?

DURBAN — Elected provincial councils could be on the way back, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday — only six weeks after they were scrapped in favour of the new nominated Excos

His surprise statement came during a debate on lower tier government at the Natal National Party's congress here Mr Heunis said the accusation had been made that the nominated Excos had detracted from democracy

Rejecting this argument, he said the new excos were responsible to Parliament, which voted most of the provinces' money However, "we may have to look at the possibility of directly or indirectly elected councils"

Asked later what had happened to make the government change its mind so quickly about the nominated Excos, Mr Heunis said no decision had been taken and that it was only a possibility — DDC

Province will still run some hospitals

PORT ELIZABETH—The provincial authorities would continue to administer those hospitals which fell under Own Affairs Administration of the House of Assembly, the Minister of Health Services and Welfare, Dr G de V Morrison, said last night

Addressing a meeting here, he said the private sector would have to share the Government's responsibility in building new hospitals

Private hospital entrepreneurs would also have to take a larger share in training nurses and other paramedical professions

'The Government will naturally continue with its training programmes but the wasteful exploitation of the Government institutions by the private sector can no longer be tolerated'

Altogether, the provincial administrations will continue to run 44 hospitals — three of them in Natal — but the second and third tiers of government will not formulate policy — (Sapa)

20/8/86

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, congratulates Mr Themba Nyati after he was sworn in as a member of the Provincial Administration's Executive Committee

CAPE Times 2/9/86 (26)

First black Exco member sworn in

Staff Reporter

MR Themba William Nyati, the first black Member of the Executive Committee of the Provincial Administration, was sworn in to his new position yesterday.

He had been overseas earlier this year when the other Exco members, Mr Jacobus Theron, Mr Deon Adams, Mr Andreas van Wyk and Mr Petrus Schoeman, were sworn in.

Mr Nyati, 62, a university-educated former teacher, is the mayor of Galeshewe, the black township outside Kimberley. He has held this position for four years.

He is also chairman of the Council of Community Council Chairmen and Black Local Managements in the Northern Cape

The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said yesterday was a "historic occasion", being the first time the new multiracial Exco met officially.

"For the first time in the history of South Africa we have a multiracial executive committee," he said.

Mr Justice George Munnik, Judge President of the Cape of Good Hope Provincial Division of the Supreme Court, swore in Mr Nyati.

A Provincial Administration official said portfolios had not yet been allocated to the new MECs.

(ee) Practising attorney and member of the Commission of Inquiry into Township Establishment and Related Matters

(ff) Retired Town Clerk of Welkom with wide experience of housing at local government level

(d) The Chairman receives R219,40 per meeting and the other members receive R156,67 per meeting of the Board and R176,14 per meeting of the Regional Committees of the Board

(2) No

(3) Falls away

Transport of pupils

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

Whether the various provincial education authorities have differing policies on the financing of the transport of pupils to and from school if so (a) why, and (b) what are these policies in each case?

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE (for the Minister of Education and Culture)

Yes,

(a) because transport schemes are administered in each province in terms of the provisions of the ordinance of that province, and

(b) the policies have already been furnished in the reply to oral question no 2 dated 24 June 1986

Technikons: race quotas/restrictions

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

Whether technikons under the control of his Department are required to observe a policy of race quotas or restrictions in regard to the admission of students, if so, what is the policy of his Department in the case of each technikon?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE (for the Minister of Education and Culture) (Question laid upon the Table with leave of House)

Yes According to the policy laid down in August 1984 by the Minister of National Education after consultation with the other Ministers responsible for education, the admission of Coloureds, Indians and Blacks as students to the formal teaching programme of a technikon is at the discretion of the Council of the technikon, with the proviso that for a specific year the ratio of the total number of White full-time equivalent students enrolled to the total number of full-time equivalent students enrolled is at least larger than the percentage prescribed per individual technikon (Cape 98%, Natal 94%, Witwatersrand 98%, Pretoria 99%, Port Elizabeth 91%, Vaal Triangle 99% and OFS 99%), the admission of Coloureds, Indians and Blacks as students to the individual national diploma courses is at the discretion of the Council with the proviso that for a specific course the ratio of the head-count of White students to the head-count of the total number of students by the middle of each semester is at least larger than 80%, the admission of Coloureds, Indians and Blacks as students to the non-formal teaching programmes on the campus or elsewhere, is also at the discretion of the Council with the proviso that for a specific course the ratio of the head-count of White students to the headcount of the total number of students is at least larger than 70% at the beginning of the course, the technikon Council may, with full explanation of the circumstances which apply, approach the Minister with a view to the adaptation of the above-mentioned percentages

The Department is at present revising the policy in the light of section 14 of the Constitution Act and item 14 of Annexure 1 to the Constitution Act

Libraries/museums

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

Whether libraries and museums under the control of provincial administrations have been transferred to his Department, if so, with effect from what date, if not, under which State Departments does the control of such libraries and museums fall at present?

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE (for the Minister of Education and Culture)

The Cabinet has decided that libraries and museums under the control of provincial administrations which have been identified as White own affairs, be transferred to the Administration House of Assembly Furthermore the Ministers' Council, Administration House of Assembly has decided that such services be temporarily allocated to the Department of Education and Culture No date for such transfer has as yet been set

For written reply

General Affairs

State of emergency, persons killed/injured

1192 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether he will furnish statistics on persons involved in incidents related to the current state of emergency, if not, why not, if so, how many persons (a) had been (i) killed and (ii) injured by (aa) members of the South African Police and (bb) any other specified persons and (b) had been (i) detained and (ii) arrested by the South African Police in connection with such incidents since 12 June 1986 as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) whether any members of the South African Police were (a) killed and (b) injured in unrest during the above-mentioned period, if so, how many in each case,

(3) what were the causes of the (a) deaths and (b) injuries in respect of (i) civilians and (ii) policemen during this period?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) to (3) No, because I do not deem it in the public interest to furnish this information

Electrified fences

1193 Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Defence

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 31 on 19 March 1985, any further electrified fences have been constructed on the borders of the Republic if so (a) in what areas (b) when in each case (c) where do these fences (i) begin and (ii) end in each case (d) what is the voltage carried by these fences, (e) who constructed them and (f) what was the total cost involved,

(2) Whether notices warning that the fences are electrified have been erected on both sides of the fences, if not, (a) why not and (b) what steps are taken to warn members of the public, if so (i) at what intervals are the warnings placed and (ii)(aa) in what languages or (bb) by what means are these warnings conveyed,

(3) whether any persons have died as a result of coming into contact with any of these fences, if so, (a) how many, (b) when and (c) what was the nationality of these persons?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(1) Yes, only one

(a) Eastern Transvaal

CAPE TIMES 3/9/86 (261A)

Levies will cover many activities

By GORDON KLING
Financial Editor

DETAILS of the Regional Services Council levy regulations gazetted yesterday show that the new taxes, due to come into effect when the RSCs they are intended to finance are running, will be far broader than GST

The two levies remain unchanged with a services levy of 0,25 percent based on enterprises' wages and salaries and the drawings of self-employed individuals, and an establishment levy of 0,10 percent based on turnover of an enterprise

The establishment levy is based on gross sales of goods

Every conceivable service charge is included — from doctors, architects, and accountants to lawyers and portfolio managers

Also included are sales of fixed property in the case of a factory or an office building, letting of goods, and rental of fixed property So-called management fees between companies are also subject to the levies, as are short- and long-term accommodation fees

Apart from bad debts and any other sales tax paid, no other deductions are permitted from the establishment levy base

Arthur Young's tax consultant, Mr David Clegg, points out that financial institutions will find that the levy is payable on their quoted share transactions, interest and dividends received, and any other dealings in financial paper, finance charges on financial leases and suspensive sales

The president of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, Mr Peter Hugo, said the government's decision to press ahead with the taxes "simply adds to our concern that (its) proposals are ill-conceived"

Mr Hugo said he believed the proposals are seriously flawed.

"On the one hand they provide for a payroll tax (the services levy) which is a disincentive for employment and comes at a time when the nation's unemployment level has reached dangerously high proportions

"On the other hand, they provide for a turnover tax (establishment levy) which discriminates against efficient enterprises that operate on low profit levels and high turnovers"

Another sore point was that the taxes would be hidden, since businesses are forbidden to disclose them in prices or as a deduction from pay

The chamber believes the system would prove extremely complicated to run, and questions whether they will be cost-efficient

It appeals for a reduction in business taxes to offset the negative impact of the new system, and calls for an opportunity to comment on the proposals

Cape will be governed in secret

CMG Times 4/9/86 (261)

By PETER DENNEHY

MR GENE LOUW, the Administrator of the Cape, yesterday revealed details of the committee system by which a five-member multiracial executive will govern this province behind closed doors

Three committees have been set up, namely social services, physical services, and local government, chaired by Mr J W Theron, Mr A J Van Wyk and Mr P J Schoeman respectively

Chairmanships last one year at a time from yesterday, Mr Louw said

After a year, the three deputy chairmen, Mr T W Nyati, Mr D Adams, and Mr J W Theron, will become chairmen

The five appointed members of the executive committee serve for five years

The press

Committee and executive committee meetings will be closed to the press, and the press will not be provided with agendas, Mr Louw said

Mr Louw will deal personally with the budget, personnel, Capab, festivals and Group Areas Act appeals, "if and when" responsibility for this Act is transferred to province

The social services committee's divisions are health services, community services, and cultural matters.

Many of the functions of the former Development Boards, such as squatter control, will fall under community services, Mr Louw said Sorghum beer sales are to be privatised

The physical services committee includes the roads, works, and environmental branches

Local government matters dealt with at provincial level will all be "general affairs", and these will include RSCs, planning services, and group areas administration, "if and when the President's Council transfers" this to province

Don't believe all you read — not even in the *Govt Gazette*

5/9/86 BUSDAY 26(A)

CHRIS CAIRNCROSS

VALIDITY of the *Government Gazette* as a legal instrument has been undermined by this week's *faux pas* by the Department of Finance

It published prematurely regional services councils' (RSCs) financial regulations

● DU PLESSIS

In Cape Town, Finance Department sources felt the badly orchestrated release of the regulations was a calculated effort aimed at further retarding implementation of the RSCs

They said there were serious differences of opinion over the RSCs, with these rifts apparently evident at Cabinet level

It was acknowledged the regulations were flawed and that the opportunity was, therefore, taken to arouse a further predictable response from the private sector

The more immediate effect, however, was the shoddy way in which the regulations were summarily published and followed by this week's retraction by Finance Minister Barend du Plessis

It had cast doubts over how the *Gazette* could be used as a credible and official source of reference in a court of law

Both the Civil Proceedings Evidence Act and the Criminal Proceedings Act state categorically that any issues published in the *Gazette* can be purported to be law in any proceedings

Pre-publication of RSC regulations in the *Gazette* — now declared to be virtually invalid for having been neither approved nor signed by Du Plessis, and stated to be merely a draft — raised serious legal questions, Harry Schwarz, PFP spokesman on finance, said yesterday

"One now has to question what one can believe as to what appears in the *Government Gazette*," Scharwz said

"It casts doubts as to whether any law promulgated via publication of the *Government Gazette* can now be accepted

The incident was an indictment of the way government was generally losing control of even the simplest administrative functions, Schwarz said

It displayed that even within official circles there was considerable effort to ensure the RSCs were stillborn

Officially, there is a denial that government efforts to launch this racially based local option is on the rocks

W/E ARGUS 6/9/86 (261)

I'm not a sellout — black MEC

By VIVIEN HORLER
Weekend Argus Reporter

THEMBA Nyati, the Cape's first black Member of the Executive Committee (MEC), had his general store burned down in 1984

Then he was mayor of Galeshewe, the sprawling Kimberley township which was the first in the country to get full town council status

"The shop was burnt down by a group of student rioters," he says "Did they think I was a sellout? Yes, they did

"But if young people opened their eyes more they would probably find the real sellouts History will not regard us as sellouts, because we believed in co-operation That's the only way"

His office in the towering Provincial Administration building is decorated in beige, with Cape prints on the walls and a draped South African flag His white secretary brings us tea

To many blacks, the idea being of one of the six men who run the Cape under the auspices of the Nationalist Government is abhorrent Yet to Mr Nyati, his appointment is an achievement for blacks as a whole

"When I was offered the post all I really looked at was the fact that we were now breaking a second barrier — provincial government

"I am not so interested in my appointment as such, but that for all time hereafter, black people will be able to walk into this position and do something for the country"

He is aware that there are people who reject his position so vehemently that he or his property could be physically attacked

"I have learnt in life that if you follow your convictions and base them on Christian principles, you have nothing to fear"

Mr Nyati, 62, speaks slowly and deliberately, out of deep conviction

Of the schools boycott, the former schoolteacher says "It is a great pity, and will put the liberation of blacks back a long time

"People have been led to believe they are breaking down apartheid, but the fact is they're breaking down all the moral and ethical thresholds

"They have broken the authority of the black teacher, of the black parent, of the clergy and the real influence of the church in the process of development

"Apartheid is just a system and you can't hurt a system So why hurt people, small children, old people, everybody, for a system?

"A system can be changed, but how long will it take us to repair the damage that has been done to the black communities and to the children? I believe an individual is far more important than the system in which he lives"

Mr Nyati, a Xhosa, grew up among the Tswana at Pniel, where his father taught at a Lutheran school Later the family moved to Tigerkloof, near Vryburg, where the young Themba matriculated

He went on to study at the South African Native College — later to become Fort Hare University — where his contemporaries included Oliver Tambo, Sir Seretse Khama of Botswana and former Ugandan president Yusuf Lule

"Today people don't understand how important places like the Lovedale Institute, Tigerkloof and Fort Hare were Pupils came from all over Africa — and then their education was cut off summarily when the Government decided, in about 1954, that preference was to be given to South African students

"Later Bantu Education was introduced as well I am sure the intentions of the Government were good, but it wasn't going to work, and it produced a lot of ill-feeling

"I feel sure that had the Government allowed black education to continue as it was, it would now be a strong enough force to meet the needs of blacks"

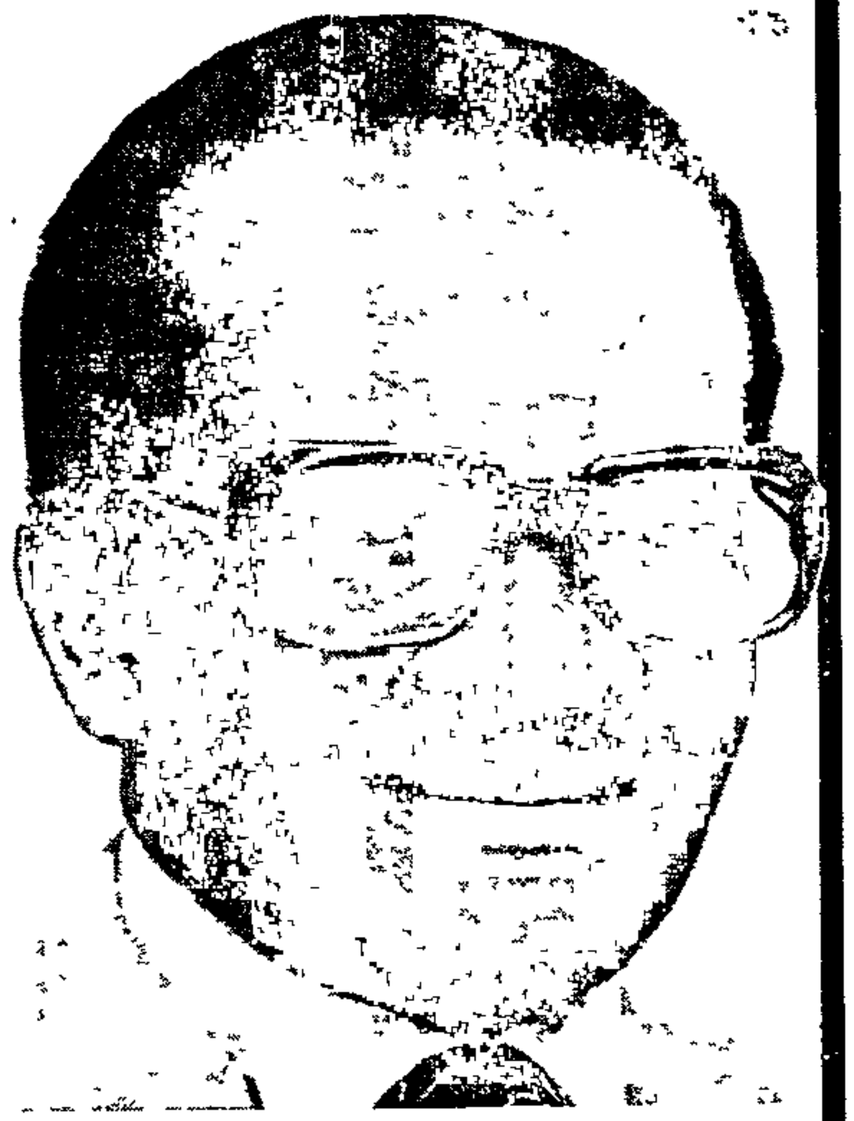
Mr Nyati taught at both Tigerkloof and later at Green Point, near Kimberley When Green Point was "removed", as he puts it, he went to the new township of Galeshewe where he left teaching — reluctantly — to help run three shops

Mr Nyati's conversation is sprinkled with references to "black liberation", yet clearly there is a gulf between what he and former co-student Oliver Tambo mean by the phrase.

"It is a question of how you reach your goals," he says. "If you decide to go too fast, you won't end up in complete control of your options

"Right now people are jumping on the bandwagon of political ideologies, and everything has to have a political name — be it socialism, democracy, or even Marxism

"But beyond the rainbow of these ideologies people want beautiful, safe homes with well-stocked pantries, safe and beautiful environments in which to bring up their children, and a system of economic stability and prosperity with work for all



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Mr Themba Nyati, the Cape's first black member of Exco.

Govt determined to establish RSCs despite many problems

Political Reporter

The Government is determined to push ahead with the establishment of Regional Services Councils (RSCs) in spite of mounting practical and political problems

A spokesman for the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning said the first council would be established in Bloemfontein early next year RSCs would also be established soon on the Witwatersrand and in Port Elizabeth, Cape Town and Durban

Opposition politicians doubt the councils will ever be launched, pointing to the many postponement dates for implementation

RSCs are intended to provide bulk services, such as electricity, water and transport services on a regional basis, with members drawn from segregated local authorities in a particular area

Earlier this year the Government said the first council would definitely be established by October, but another spokesman for Department of Constitutional Planning told *The Star* this was "too early"

Some of the interest groups which have rejected the RSCs are

- The business sector, which says the new taxes to fund the RSCs place an unwanted burden on businessmen who are already struggling to survive
- Anti-apartheid groups, such as the UDF, say the councils are based on racial segregation and merely entrench apartheid The PFP is opposed to the councils for the same reason, warning that blacks have already shown strong opposition to apartheid at local government level
- The Conservative Party and some conservative white town councils reject the RSCs for allowing power-sharing between races, and for removing white "autonomy"
- Inkatha is also strongly opposed to the councils, saying that they will not work in Natal

The Government has also encountered numerous practical problems The demarcation of areas for the establishment of RSCs has taken much longer than was originally thought The Demarcation Board has submitted several reports to the provincial authorities, but the proposal for Johannesburg has not yet been finalised

The latest snag has been the blunder over the publication of the financial regulations to finance the regional councils The regulations were published in their final form last week before interested parties were able to comment — prompting the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, to state that the regulations were still in their draft form

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NPA to train black local councillors and workers

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE Natal Provincial Administration's community services office was giving top priority to a proposed two-year training programme for the maximum development of black local authorities, Mr Peter Miller MEC said here yesterday

The programme — created in accordance with the Government's aim of stabilising black local authorities — involves the training of councillors serving on local authorities in the proper conduct of meetings, their responsibilities, and the training of local government staff to serve the local authorities

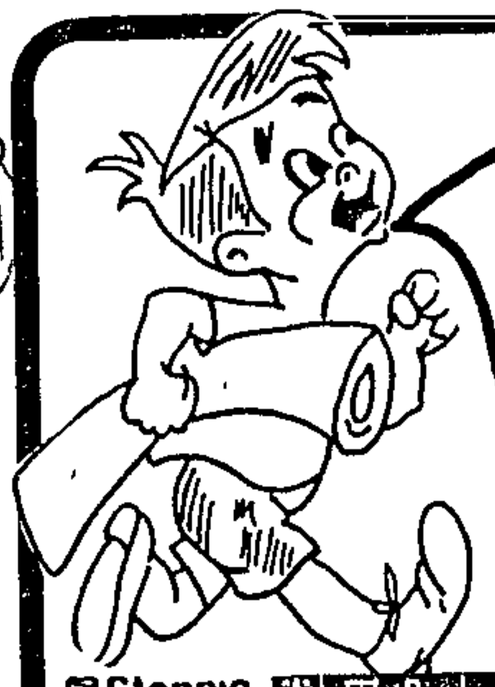
Mr Miller said the community services office had compiled job instruction programmes in management, legislation on local authorities, training committee work, registry; safety and loss control, legal work, organisation and work study, and internal audit

He added that local authority finance programmes were nearing completion and that programmes for personnel maintenance were being developed Furthermore, Zulu courses for the organisation's own personnel were being investigated.

Mr Miller said there was a serious dearth of trained black staff in both the technical and administrative spheres of local government, and it was this void which the community services office would attempt to fill

Community services intended to undertake training on an integrated basis for local authorities of all race groups in the future

'It is most important that all local authorities be able to co-ordinate their activities on a basis of mutual understanding,' Mr Miller said 'The easiest way to accomplish this aim is to provide equal training for the job'



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RSCs 'might cut rates'

CAPE TOWN—Property rates 'might possibly' decrease when Regional Services Councils (RSCs) are established, according to Mr L D Dekker, a director in the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning

He told the Tygerberg Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Association that the new RSC levies would to some extent 'be a substitute for existing rates'

'In so far as these levies represent a transfer of taxation, the overall burden of taxation should not be increased,' he said

Earlier in his speech, he said enterprises could add the amount of the levy to 'prices, tariffs or costs of services, to recover the levies from consumers within the region'

'Own' sources of revenue generated in an 'economically bound region' would replace present Government subsidisation of local authorities as far as possible, he said

The State, including provincial administrations, SATS, the SABC and other statutory bodies, would pay a great deal of property tax to local authorities, he said

It was estimated that as much as 50% of the RSC levies could be collected from the public sector — (Sapa)

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Heunis's department is shedding its powers

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — A first step towards possible local option in the Group Areas Act has come with the dismantling of the bureaucratic empire of Minister of Constitutional Development Mr Chris Heunis

In reducing his staff from 1 700 people to 327, Mr Heunis has transferred major powers, including the administration of black affairs, to the new non-elected provincial administrations

The powers to be handed over to the provinces retrospectively from October 1 are the administration of

- The Black Local Authorities Act of 1982 which includes the administration of the shaky local government in black areas
- The Black Communities Development Act of 1984, which includes black community and town development as well as leasehold and freehold schemes
- The Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act of 1951
- The issue of permits under the Group Areas Act of 1966

Mr Heunis said his department would "still be responsible for overall policy-making and co-ordination in respect of the devolved functions to the provinces"

He gave details of how greater parliamentary control would be applied to the provinces.

And he repeated an earlier statement that, if the need developed, provincial legislators could be introduced again in the future

Mr Heunis said the measure was an important step in devolving power and would be followed soon by the transfer of other functions and powers from his department to the provinces. This would include "certain guide plans and welfare matters"

A number of functions are also to be transferred from the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning to other departments

These are

- The control of black non-South African citizens, which includes people from the TBVC countries to the Department of Home Affairs
- The certification of import requirements for black labour as well as the registration of recruiting and employment agencies to Manpower
- Claims on the South African Development Trust Fund to Development Aid
- Land surveying in black areas and the registration of deeds in the Johannesburg area to Public Works and Land Affairs
- Matters concerned with occupational diseases contracted by blacks to National Health

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- The Black Communities Development Act of 1984, which includes black community and town development as well as leasehold and freehold schemes
- The Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act of 1951
- The issue of permits under the Group Areas Act of 1966

Mr Heunis said his department would "still be responsible for overall policy-making and co-ordination in respect of the devolved functions to the provinces".

He gave details of how greater parliamentary control would be applied to the provinces.

And he repeated an earlier statement that, if the need developed, provincial legislators could be introduced again in the future

Mr Heunis said the measure was an important step in devolving power and would be followed soon by the transfer of other functions and powers from his department to the provinces This would include "certain guide plans and welfare matters"

A number of functions are also to be transferred from the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning to other departments

These are

- The control of black non-South African citizens, which includes people from the TBVC countries to the Department of Home Affairs.
- The certification of import requirements for black labour as well as the registration of recruiting and employment agencies to Manpower
- Claims on the South African Development Trust Fund to Development Aid
- Land surveying in black areas and the registration of deeds in the Johannesburg area to Public Works and Land Affairs
- Matters concerned with occupational diseases contracted by blacks to National Health

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Heunis hands over 'hot potato'

Political Staff

THE Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, has announced he would in future have overall responsibility "in a broad sense" for the provinces.

He would handle budgets and other provincial affairs in the Cabinet and Parliament on their behalf Mr Heunis said this in a statement outlining changes in the power structure in his department and the transfer of posts involving a reduction in staff

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Mr Heunis said Parliament would now exercise more control over provincial affairs

Budgets

Parliament would have to approve the budgets of the four provinces in the absence of the provincial councils

The Administrator, MECs and the provincial secretary, in his capacity as accounting official in a specific province, could be called before standing committees of Parliament on finance and public accounts to account for their handling of provincial incomes and expenditures

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The dismantling of major sections of the Department of Constitutional Development has met with strong criticism.

Progressive Federal Party constitutional authority Professor Nic Olivier said the envisaged standing committees of Parliament on provincial affairs would only be able to check provincial expenditure and proclamations issued by the provinces but would not be able to call them to account for their actual administration

"The control of Parliament over black affairs has been seriously hampered and decreased The provinces are not subject to public accountability"

Professor Olivier said the latest move followed a pattern of restricting democracy in constitutional reform

"We have seen how the Government refuses to take responsibility for the parastatals like Escom Will the same thing happen with the provinces?"

Unpopular

Mr Frank Martin, former senior elected member of the provincial executive committee in Natal, said the provinces had been given an unpopular "hot potato"

He questioned why the provinces for many years had no say over black affairs He was particularly concerned about the powers being transferred before any blacks were appointed to the new executive committee

And he did not know how the Government would achieve this as Kwazulu was opposed to a nominated political executive

Mr Derrick Watterson, Natal leader of the New Republic Party, said the steps taken by the Governmemt was not devolution but merely delegation of powers

"Mr Heunis is maintaining overall concern The new executives are nothing more than glorified functionaries without any public accountability"

Heunis: provincial system to come back?

DURBAN — Careful thought would be given to the re-introduction of a provincial legislature if it fitted into the unfolding pattern of constitutional development, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday

He said in Durban at the first Administrator's Conference on the new executive committee provincial system, that he had been accused of undermining the democratic foundation of second-tier government when elected provincial councils were abolished earlier this year

"I said at the time I presided over the demise of those councils with a heavy heart —and in spite of the derogatory comments this elicited, it was true

"If it had been politically acceptable and appropriate at that stage for the government, I would have gladly accepted the introduction of a more representative provincial legislature

"Such a step, however, has and still has, to be considered in the light of the wider programme of reform and constitutional development in the country, and in that context, the timing was not opportune," Mr Heunis said

"Should the re-introduction of a provincial legislature fit into the unfolding pattern of constitutional development, the government will give careful thought to such a step"

Although there was now no legislative watchdog at second-tier level, the provincial authorities were not off the hook when it came to public accountability and political answerability

These two fundamental principles of sound public administration were catered for in a "unique manner" in the Provincial Government Act passed earlier this year

Proclomations by administrators in terms of

MR HEUNIS

their increased executive powers had to be published for comment first and also had to be approved by a Parliamentary Standing Committee for each province

Mr Heunis described the new provincial system as "an experiment in power-sharing and devolution" — Sapa

and Industry, said yesterday "This is in line with the minister's views, that it is not in the

Mr Harry Schwarz, MP, the Progressive Federal Party's

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"And I think it's high time the government introduced a Steel boycott of the UK."

Cape Times reports

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Heunis says govt may go back to provincial councils

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, yesterday said that provincial councils might be re-introduced

He made this surprise announcement, heralding a possible reversal of present policy, at the opening of a conference attended by the country's four provincial administrators and executive committees — the first such meeting since the new provincial government system was introduced

He said instead of scrapping provincial councils he would have gladly introduced a more representative provincial legislature, if this had been politically acceptable and appropriate for the government

"Should the re-introduction of a provincial legislature fit into the unfolding pattern of constitutional development, the government will give careful thought to such a step"

Mr Heunis said the working of the nominated multiracial excos would be a clear indication of whether or not power-sharing could work

"You are pioneers in the development of unique systems for a unique country," he said

"If you are able to make these bodies work successfully, it will be an added stimulus for the broadening of the basis of the participation of all peoples in other government structures"

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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Heunis permitting

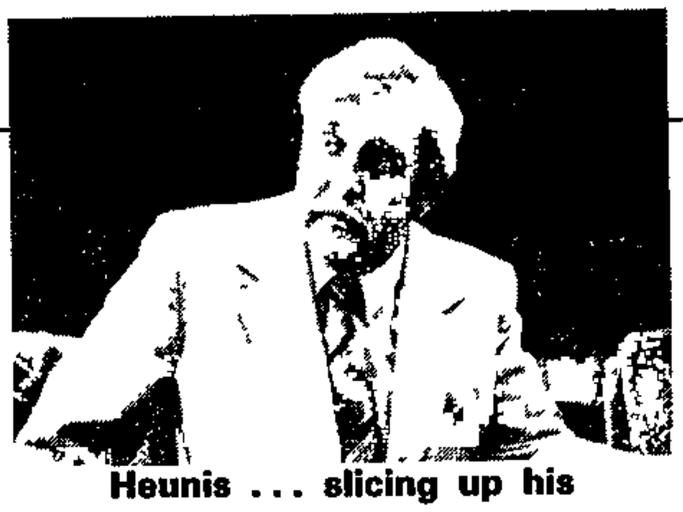
The shedding by Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis of a considerable slice of his vast empire has decentralised decisions on some of the most sensitive issues facing SA

For example, the new provincial authorities will now be responsible for issuing — or refusing — Group Areas Act permits to allow blacks to live in white areas, enforcing the controversial Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, and taking frontline responsibility for black local government

Heunis believes the move is an important step towards government's stated aim of devolving power as far as possible, and promises the transfer of additional functions from his department to the provinces in the near future

The implications of provincial executives taking direct charge of highly sensitive issues remains to be seen Of particular interest, however, will be whether the four executives will be consistent on their group areas permit decisions

President P W Botha's surprisingly lenient attitude towards the permit system in affluent white suburbs (*Current affairs* October 10) was widely seen as a sign to the authorities not to unnecessarily hold up or refuse permits Once the criteria for "affluent" areas have been established it will, presumably, be virtually impossible for the provinces not to be consistent in granting the permits



Heunis ... slicing up his vast empire

Heunis has given the assurance that he will remain responsible for "overall policy making and co-ordination" of all the functions devolved to the provinces

He will also handle their budgets and "other provincial affairs" in Cabinet and parliament Parliament will also have more direct control over provincial affairs than in the past and will have to approve the provincial budgets

Four parliamentary standing committees will be formed, each one consisting exclusively of MPs from one of the four provinces The committees will be able to call for evidence from the respective administrators, executive councillors or provincial secretaries, and ask them to account for their handling of provincial income and expenditure

Proposed proclamations by administrators will first have to be published for comment, then approved by the relevant standing committee before they can be issued

"It is clear that the contemplated parliamentary control over provincial affairs will be effective to such an extent that the second tier of government will not become a bureaucracy," says Heunis

Other functions previously handled by Heunis' department — many of them inherited from the former Department of Co-operation and Development — have been assigned to other departments including Home Affairs, Manpower, Development Aid, Public Works and Land Affairs and National Health and Population Development

The staff who deal with these functions have been transferred to the respective departments, effectively reducing Heunis' staff from about 1 700 to 327 Heunis says his department will revert back to a planning office and will in future be concerned mainly with macro-planning and development matters ■

Medicine thefts pose health risk

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

AN industry-sponsored investigation has uncovered a huge, highly-organized pharmaceutical theft racket that may pose a massive public health risk.

An ongoing Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association (PMA) probe has shown that huge quantities of scheduled medicines are being stolen from within the provincial tender system.

The investigation, conducted by the industry's private detectives, revealed that these products were being re-circulated into the retail pharmaceutical market.

The massive scale of the theft also led investigators to conclude that a "highly-organized network" was involved and that that the scam has been in operation "for a number of years"

The vice-president of the PMA, Mr Donald Bodley, confirmed last night that his association had requested an urgent meeting with the Minister of National and Population Development, Dr Willie van Niekerk.

Mr Bodley also disclosed that the PMA, the narcotics branch of the SAP and the Medicines Control Council were all tackling facets of the problem.

Industry and government sources yesterday said the racket posed a potentially seri-

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Huge medicine scam

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ous public health threat because

- Stolen medicines may be repackaged incorrectly, resulting in containers having misleading information about either dose strengths or even actual medicine types
- Contraband products may be kept under adverse storage conditions, which could have adverse affects on the quality and stability of products
- Scheduled substances were frequently being traded without any of the standard controls

A top government source yesterday disclosed that neither the government nor the pharmaceuticals industry knew at this stage "who is responsible for all the stealing, but we do know that it runs into millions of rands"

The Director of Pharmaceutical Planning in the Department of Health, Mr P F Retief, estimated that provinces and the State tendered for about between R150 and R180 million worth of pharmaceuticals each year

One government source said the Department of Health had also launched its own probe This had resulted in its investigators being threatened

School fee system for whites is shelved

GERALD REILLY

THE compulsory fee-paying system at white provincial schools has been put on ice, it was learnt in Pretoria yesterday.

Earlier this year the Federal Council of Teachers Associations discussed the issue with Education and Culture Minister Piet Clase, but no agreement was reached on how the system would operate

Motivation for the scheme is that government can no longer foot the massive and escalating costs of education, and that part of the resposibility for funding has to be passed on to parents.

Former PFP leader in the Provincial Council Douglas Gibson said: "After an incredible rush and fuss to pass an amendment to the Education Ordinance at an emergency council session two years ago, the issue seems to have been frozen"

In any case, he added, with a general election imminent a probable vote loser, such as making parents pay direct for education, can be ruled out until after polling.

The Transvaal Education Department recommended two years ago that a parent of a primary school child should pay R120 a year, and that of high school child R180 a year.

The Transvaal Teachers Association — supported by other professional associations — has made it plain it wants nothing to do with fee collecting.

It has rejected the idea of teachers acting as debt collectors as outside the professional ambit of educators.

This is the major problem in the way of implementing the scheme. So, until ar acceptable mechanism can be set up, i is stalled.

Minister 'alarmed by widespread pilfering of drugs'

SAP probe R20-m hospital racket

By Michael Chester

Full-scale police investigations have been ordered into disclosures that racketeers have created a multimillion-rand scam out of pilfering in provincial hospitals.

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (PMA), which confirmed the probe, estimates that prescription medicines worth more than R20 m a year have been looted from supplies distributed within the network of hospitals run by the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

Minister of National Health Dr Willie van Niekerk has expressed alarm over the gigantic scale of pilfering, believed to be have been groomed into a sophisticated operation and run by gangland syndicates, according to Mr Peter Fry, a PMA executive member.

He said Dr van Niekerk had ordered a full-scale investigation after behind-the-scenes talks with the police, investigators from the Department of Health, the PMA, Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Medicines Control Council.

The racketeers have concentrated on the 20 most popular brands of medical tablets intended for use as pain-killers or in the treatment of ailments from arthritis to heart disease.

There are suspicions that the syndicates have not only saturated the private market with their laundered supplies but also started clandestine exports to buyers in black Africa.

According to sources in the PMA, the racket swings into operation as soon as bulk supplies arrive at the Transvaal provincial hospitals' central warehouse at Auckland Park, Johannesburg

Outside clinics

The pilfering starts when containers are distributed to hospitals and the tablets emptied into huge hoppers, from which individual dosages are drawn for patients in various wards or sent to outside clinics.

"Hospital employees hired by the racketeers have found it a simple process to steal sackloads of tablets from the hoppers with little chance of detection," said Mr Fry, executive chairman of the Boots pharmaceutical company.

"Other hospital employees are hired to steal the original labelled containers after they have been emptied.

"Once the loot has been delivered to the racketeers, the containers are refilled with the stolen tablets, resealed — and sold at cut prices on the private market.

"The profits, even at cut prices, have been staggering. The tablets can be sold to pharmacists and dentists at an average of at least six times higher than the prices paid by State hospitals in the tendering system.

"But the racketeers have made a few slips and left a trail of vital clues behind."