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AREA A Alberton, Bellville, Benoni, Boksburg, Brakpan, Durban, Germiston, Goodwood, Inanda, Johannesburg, Kempton Park, Krugersdorp, Kullis river, Malmesbury, Nigel, Oberholzer, Paarl, Pinetown, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria, Randburg, Randfontein, Roodepoort, Sasolburg, Simon's Town, Somerset West, Springs, Stellenbosch, Strand, The Cape, Uitenhage Vanderbijlpark, Vereeniging, Wellington, Westonia, Wonderboom and Wynberg;

AREA B Bloemfontein, East London, Kimberley, Klerksdorp, Pietermaritzburg, and Witbank;

AREA C Middelburg(TVI), Oendaaalsrus, Potchefstroom, Virginia, and Welkom;

AREA D Newcastle, Pietersburg, and Rustenburg;

AREA E Ermelo, George, Heidelberg, Highveld Ridge, King William's Town, Klip river, Knysna, Kroonstad, Mossel Bay, Oudtshoorn, Standerton, and Uppington;

AREA F Bethlehem, Brits, Delmas, and Harrismith;

AREA G Albany, Balfour, Bethal, Bothaville, De Aar, and Piet Retief;

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Divco evictions continue

Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council is continuing to evict tenants from its houses on seven days' notice without giving reasons, in spite of an indication from its lawyers that its policy is becoming more lenient.

An attorney dealing with eviction cases in Elsie's River recently received a letter from the council's attorneys notifying her that the case against one of her clients had been dropped.

Part of the letter reads: "In terms of a general policy which our client is now adopting towards its tenants, our client is disposed towards allowing your client to continue his occupation of the leased premises on the strict understanding that your client maintain regular payment of rental."

A few days after receiving this letter, however, another of the attorney's clients was served with a final eviction notice.

Divco secretary Mr W Vivier, in a long-awaited written reply to a request from the Cape Times for clarification on the issue, denies any change in council policy.

"On the contrary, this policy has been formulated over the years in an

attempt to protect the major portion of the community who have the desire to live in peace and tranquility within the housing estates, and it is therefore obliged to take action against disruptive elements, particularly where anti-social behaviour or other allied activities by individual tenants are created."

Liquor-selling

The council's present lease agreement is causing concern among tenants and their legal representatives, as the first clause allows the council to evict tenants at seven days' notice without a reason.

Although the lease also makes provision for eviction if the tenant causes a disturbance or sells liquor from his premises, the council consistently refuses to furnish proof of these alleged offences, preferring to rely on the overriding provision of Clause 1.

The attorney dealing with many of the cases has described the clause as "inhuman" and "arbitrary", as there is no legal defence against it whether the tenant is guilty of an offence or not.

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Window-dressing won't help Bo-Kaap, says Khan

Municipal Reporter

WINDOW-DRESSING the Bo-Kaap as a tourist attraction is not going to solve the social and economic problems of the area, according to the chairman of the Schotsche Kloof Civic Association, Mr Hassan Khan.

This week the managing director of Captour, Mr John Robért, suggested that the City Council develop the area to attract tourists.

Mr Khan said the suburb would become a "natural tourist area" if the real needs of the people were seen to.

Mr Robért said Captour had to discourage tourists from visiting the old suburb because it was not attractive and was unsafe.

He said boosting tourism would stimulate residential and commercial development and suggested the council consider establishing a craft market there.

"Captour and the City Council must

get their priorities right," Mr Khan said. "We don't need a craft market... we need better houses, a community centre, sports fields, a swimming pool and off-street parking."

He conceded the crime rate in the area was a problem but said neither the council nor the police seemed prepared to do anything about the situation.

Mr Khan said community leaders in the area were prepared to discuss their problems with the City Council but were unlikely to co-operate with Captour because the organization had "never taken the trouble to approach them".

City councillor for the area, Mr Norman Osburne, said he supported Mr Khan.

"The area must be improved, but it must be improved for the sake of the people who live there, not for the tourists," he said.

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No non-racial suburb in EL

EAST LONDON — There was no provision for a racially mixed residential area in the Group Areas Act, a spokesman for the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning said yesterday.

Mr Bertie Nel was responding to queries concerning the proposed implementation of an area in East London where all races could live together.

He said nobody could proclaim such an area. Applications from the city council or the community would have to be

submitted to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

If the proposal were accepted then a permit allowing all races in the area to live together would be issued.

Mr Nel said such a decision would probably only be made by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.

"It has never been done so far although a few individual cases have been considered and granted," he said.

He added that an area would first have to be found before such a proposal could be submitted to the minister for consideration. —
DDR

EAST LONDON — The city council's approval of an Indian doctor's application to live in a white area was unfair and selective, two councillors, Mr Patrick Kay and Mr Eric Whitaker, said yesterday.

They said that East London's own Indian community should be given priority.

"I am not happy about the decision taken by the council to give Dr F. R. Peer permission to live in a flat in Stirling," Mr Kay said.

"I sit on the municipality's Indian management committee and feel strongly that we should take care of our own community first."

Dr Peer is a South African citizen and medical officer employed by the Ciskeian Department of Health and Welfare at the Cecilia Makiwane Hospital in Mdantsane.

"We have a tremendous housing shortage," Mr Kay said. The local Indian community were being shunted around, not knowing where they were going to live.

Mr Whitaker said the need for an open residential area — which he had called for recently and which had been "laughed off by so-called liberal elements" — had now been proved.

"While I sympathise with Dr Peer's plight, there are hundreds of coloured and Indian families living in East London who have been

Oppose Indian's residence

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waiting for homes for several years."

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Indian Management Committee (IMC), Mr Mike Williams, spoke out in favour of the municipality's approval.

"There is a critical Indian housing shortage in East London and plenty of homes available in white areas. The application by Dr Peer could ease the housing backlog for us," Mr Williams said.

The other councillor for Ward eight, Mr Errol Spring, said that if the people of the area had no objection to Dr Peer living in Stirling, the council had none.

The council division which was called for resulted in an eight to seven vote in favour of Dr Peer's application.

Those who voted in favour were the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, the deputy mayor, Mr I. S. Zulman, Mr Donald Card, Mr J. H. Bezuidenhout, Mr F. W. Botha, Mr L. E. C. Cooper, Mr B. T. Snell and Mr Errol Spring.

Those who voted against were Mr Eric Whitaker, Mr Pat Kay, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, Mr R. L. de Lange (senior), Mr R. L. de Lange (junior), Mr W. J. Morris and Mr N. W. E. Randall. — DDR

Indian MPs

Row over dining room ban on

CME TMS 16/2/85

Staff Reporter

THE MP for Sandton, Mr David Dalling, has protested strongly at being refused permission to entertain two Indian MPs in the dining room of the white House of Assembly.

In a statement yesterday, Mr Dalling said he had not been allowed to have two members of the House of Delegates, Dr J N Reddy and Mr Pat Poovalingam, as his guests in the Assembly dining room.

Dr Reddy is Opposition leader in the House of Delegates.

In the end, the party — which included the Canadian Ambassador to South Africa, Mr Ted Lee, and the editor of the Argus, Mr Andrew Drysdale — ate in the new "international" parliamentary

restaurant in the same building as the House of Delegates.

Mr Dalling's statement is likely to revive the public row about parliamentary dining facilities. The Progressive Federal Party has raised the issue annually in recent years, protesting at the fact that MPs are not allowed as a matter of course to entertain guests of colour in the Assembly dining room.

It emerged during these debates that this privilege is reserved for cabinet ministers and the Leader of the Opposition. Before the new "international" dining room was built, other MPs had to seek permission from the Speaker or entertain their guests in the separate VIP dining room.

Mr Dalling's statement, which was front-page news in the *Transvaal* yesterday, is likely to cause comment in political and diplomatic circles. The statement said:

"I have always believed that the facilities of Parliament are available to all members. I have always believed that in every democratic Parliament throughout the world it is a jealously-guarded tradition that all members are equal in status and enjoy equal respect.

"This is not true of the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa.

"Last week I booked a table for luncheon yesterday in the parliamentary dining room in the House of Assembly. Included among my guests were the edi-

tor of the *Argus*, the Canadian Ambassador to South Africa, Dr J N Reddy MP and Mr P Poovalingam MP.

"A casual discussion with a PFP Whip a day later prompted me to confirm with Mr Speaker that my booking was in order.

"To my amazement, I was informed that despite the introduction of the new bicameral system, the rules relating to the dining room had not been changed, and accordingly I would not be entitled to entertain my fellow Members of Parliament, Dr Reddy and Mr Poolalingam, at this venue.

"The only reason given for this refusal was and is that Dr Reddy and Mr Poovalingam are not white.

"After receiving Mr Speaker's ruling, I was forced to cancel the booking for a table in the House of Assembly dining room and make another booking for the same party at the newly-constructed 'international' restaurant across the road.

"During the course of the luncheon I apologized to my guests, and in particular to Dr Reddy and Mr Poovalingam, for not being able to entertain them in the House of Assembly, and advised them of the reason given to me by Mr Speaker.

"In the light of the above situation, I wish to make the following statement:

"The provisions which divide Members of Parliament into separate racial categories, and allow them rights and privileges according to their skin

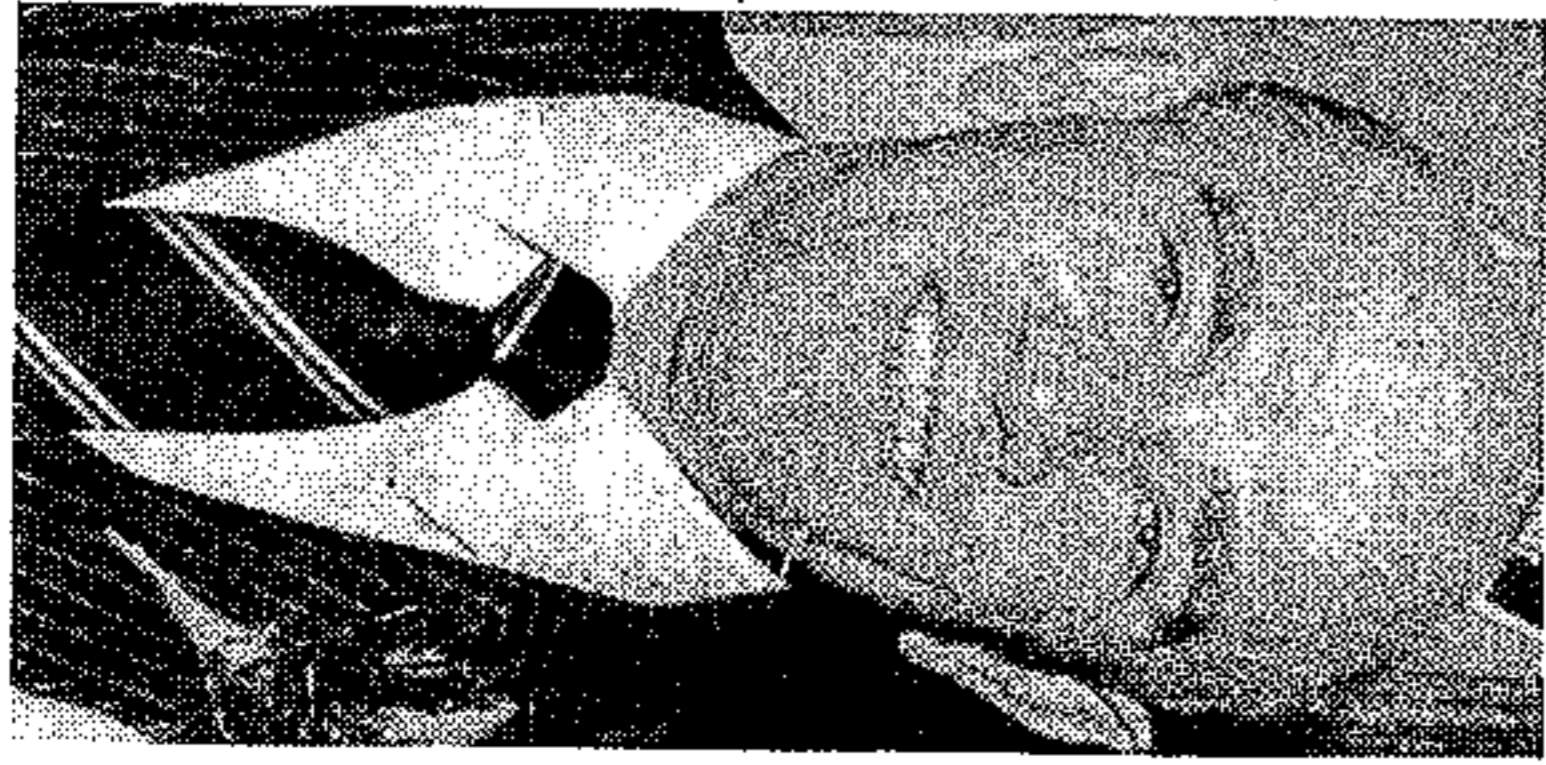
colour, bring shame and degradation to our Parliament and to our country."

Mr Dalling said that until these restrictions were wiped from the parliamentary slate, reform in South Africa would with justification be viewed with suspicion and disbelief.

"Certainly apartheid in the parliamentary dining room hardly affects the ordinary citizen. But it is symbolic of the dreaded illness which afflicts our land.

"Until such time as these offensive rules are abolished I will not spare any effort, either private or public, to bring to the attention of South Africa what insults are meted out to our fellow colleagues in Parliament.

"It is a disgrace," Mr Dalling said.



Mr Dave Dalling



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'It's not a zoo' says Bo-Kaap

Staff Reporter
STRONG objections exist within the Bo-Kaap community to development of the area purely as a tourist attraction.

"It's not a zoo, we don't want people wandering through here looking at us like animals," said a resident.

The issue of upgrading the quarter was raised again when Mr John Robert, managing director of Captour, in a letter to the City Council, said the authority had reluctantly urged tourists not to visit the historic area because it is "not attractive" and "very unsafe".

Expanding on his remarks Mr Robert said the Bo-Kaap was possibly one of the only parts of Cape Town that retained the old Cape atmosphere.

"When South Africans call on our bureau they have a very real desire to experience their roots and their history. To do this you have to experience an area and this is

one of the last left in the city that can give you the feeling of living in old Cape Town.

"It should be one of our major tourist attractions, but because of conditions we are forced to ignore it."

The area was neglected and rundown he said.

"Also it's very dangerous. I know of many attacks there and also pickpockets are very active.

"In one instance I had been showing someone from overseas round and we had been to dinner at a restaurant. He had to walk a block further to his car than I did and he was held up and robbed."

"Its safe"

"There are some areas in which I feel like running. There are walls tumbling down, vagrants hanging around and people drinking meths.

"Can I, if people come to my bureau, tell them it's safe to go there."

A rubble-strewn vacant lot flies the washing line's flag of convenience against a backdrop of rusty tin fence and dilapidated buildings. Not an attractive sight for residents or tourists.

Residents object to being 'tourist attraction'



THE VIEW:

Development and under-development. The historic Malay Quarter sinks into disrepair as the city grows up behind it.



HOMES:

On the steeply sloping streets of Bo-Kaap many rows of houses are either derelict or in urgent need of renovation.

But several residents, spoken to at random, said they did not really like the idea of developing it as a tourist attraction.

Explaining the feeling in the community, Mr Achmet Davids, author of The Mosques Of Bo-Kaap and a member of the Schotsche Kloof Residents' Association, said he did not think anybody liked the idea of developing the area as purely a tourist attraction and retaining it purely for its historical value.

"People do not like being looked at as museum pieces, but as human beings," he said.

"The area needs to be developed as an integral part of the city, not something that is cut off and different. That is what residents mainly object to — the idea that seems to be projected that the area needs to be upgraded for its historical value and tourist possibilities rather than because it is a neglected area where people live."

Post Reporter

No influx of black traders to PE's 'dying' CBD — Pillay

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THE recent announcement that central business districts were to be opened to traders of all races would not lead to a sudden influx of black traders to Port Elizabeth's CBD, the interim vice-chairman of the Eastern Province Traders' Association, Mr Shun Pillay, said today.

He said the CBD was a bit of a "dead duck".

Mr Pillay said the growth points in Port Elizabeth were in the black areas.

"Port Elizabeth's CBD has been slowly dying. One of the reasons is the shortage of parking," he said.

Mr Pillay said he did not want to appear ungrateful for the new concessions,

which he welcomed.

There was a fallacy concerning the scrapping of all legislation which denied people the right to trade, live, swim and so on in certain areas, he said.

The fallacy was that as soon as those restrictions were removed, people would flock to places to which they had previously been denied access.

Mr Pillay said it was human nature to want to go somewhere you were not allowed, but if the restrictions were lifted, people would not dramatically alter their lifestyles.

Mr J Makan, who has a family outfitters at Korsten, said he traded in South End for many years before being moved in 1969.

Since then he had established his business in Korsten, which due to the adjacent factories, was proving a good trade area.

He said if areas like Greenacres were opened to traders of all races he was sure black traders would move in there.

The CBD had "died down", with most white people doing their purchasing in the suburban shopping centres.

Sapa reports from Cape Town that the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said that free trade areas open to all races were not permitted in black townships.

In a statement released in Cape Town yesterday, Mr Heunis said he wished to give further details on free trade areas after a number of inquiries from the public.

Referring to the Group Areas Amendment Act, passed by Parliament last year, he said Section 19 free trade areas could not be

established in black townships because the townships were established in terms of the Black (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act

Furthermore, the coming into operation of the Amendment Act did not imply that all business areas in towns and cities would be open to all races automatically.

In terms of the amending legislation, free trade areas would still have to be identified, advertised and investigated by the Group Areas Board before being proclaimed. Regional representatives

of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning have been instructed to consult with local authorities to identify free trade areas.

Local authorities should approach the regional offices of the department as soon as possible, he said.

Mr Pillay said the inauguration of the Eastern Province Traders' Association would take place at 3pm on Sunday at the Muslim Movement Hall at Parkside.

He stressed that the non-racial association was open to every sector of the retail trade.

Separate chapters for butchers, drapers, ironmongers and others would be started. There would also be area committees.

Border towns must reapply for open trading in CBDs

EAST LONDON — Border towns which have applied for open trading in their central business districts (CBD) may have to remotivate their cases with the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

This emerged yesterday after inquiries with the department's Pretoria office following the announcement this week by the minister, Mr Chris Heunis.

East London, King William's Town and Queenstown have applied for the CBDs to be opened to all races.

But yesterday a director of constitutional promotion, Mr B. Nel, said he thought the municipalities would have to remotivate their cases with the department.

He said earlier applications had gone to a

different department and it would be better to negotiate with the department in terms of the new dispensation.

"Some of the people here in our department may perhaps not know about the earlier cases so I think it will be wiser to resubmit the motivations," Mr Nel said.

The department's regional office in Port Elizabeth would promote the new deal and a permanent appointment to that office still had to be made, he said.

"The person in charge of that office will probably contact local authorities in his region to establish their wishes and needs but it would be better for local authorities to take up the matter themselves."

Border municipalities did not know yesterday that they had to remotivate their cases.

The chairman of the East London City Council's action committee, Mr Donald Card, said it was news to him that the council had had to make new submissions.

"We were one of the first municipalities to apply for this, as well as the opening of the beaches. I was under the impression we were waiting for the government.

"Well, if they want us to do so again, I suppose we will do so. I don't see any problem," Mr Card said.

Mr Card did not know of two Section 19 areas in East London as reported from Parliament this week — and neither did Mr Nel.

Section 19 areas are areas where there is free trade. The only one in East London among the 44 in South Africa is part of the North End area bounded by Kimberley Road.

There are only two Indian traders in the CBD which has an inner and an outer area. The inner area is bounded by Fleet, North, Buffalo and Cambridge streets while the outer is bounded by Fleet, Park Avenue, Beaconsfield and Station streets.

The chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Mike Williams, is waiting for word on his bid to buy a R150 000 property in the inner CBD.

The town clerk of Queenstown, Mr Peter Gerber, said he did not know why he had to resubmit the application as the government had said he would be informed in due course.

"We applied a long time ago after consultations with our traders who all agreed, except one or two. We were then told the government was working out the details and that we would be advised in due course," Mr Gerber said.

Queenstown applied for the whole CBD to be opened. There were about 10 Indian traders in the area.

The acting town clerk in King William's Town, Mr Kobus Marais, said the borough council would probably make new representation if necessary.

The borough council had applied for the CBD to be opened in 1981. The area comprised Cambridge Road to the west of Alexandra Road and included a section of the market square.

In 1984, the Department of Community Development turned down the application from the borough council for a Section 19 area.

The town clerk of Grahamstown, Mr A. D. Lofting, said he had applied for a Section 19 area years ago.

"We asked for New Street to accommodate our 25 Indian traders. I suppose if they want us to remotivate our case, it will be a larger area than just New Street," he said.

In Parliament this week, Mr Heunis said business areas would not be opened automatically when the Group Areas Act was amended.

The areas would have to be identified, advertised and investigated by the Group Areas Board in the normal procedure.

Mr Heunis called on local authorities to make representations to his department about open trade zones as soon as possible. — DDR

Police use teargas in Atlantis

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Staff Reporter

ATLANTIS residents have called for an "urgent meeting" with the Divisional Council following yesterday's police action against an anti-evictions protest in the town.

According to a member of the newly-formed Atlantis Residents' Association, police yesterday sjambokked protesters and fired teargas and rubber bullets into a crowd who gathered to demand the withdrawal of Divco eviction orders served on 365 families.

Evictions were to be postponed "indefinitely", residents were told.

The crowd went to the rent offices to try and get an evicted family re-instated. Police gave them five minutes to disperse, but "after two minutes" they were charged and shot at, he claimed.

● A police liaison officer for the Boland confirmed last night that police had used teargas but denied the use of rubber bullets.

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Indians 'angry' over City houses

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Political Reporter
and Sapa

HOUSE OF DELEGATES. — Angry Peninsula Indians may march into Marks Building — headquarters of the House of Delegates — demanding houses, the Rev Edward Manikkam (Sol Rylands) said in the House yesterday.

Speaking in the debate on the Additional Appropriation Bill, he said Rylands, just outside Cape Town, had been declared an Indian Group Area many years ago but only 400 houses had been

built there, mainly for people displaced from white and coloured areas.

There was talk in the community that the neighbouring Pelican Park area had been "stolen" from the community to house Indian MPs while families were forced to live in out-houses and garages in Rylands, he said.

Mr Manikkam said the government and the Indian ministers in the House of Delegates should get their priorities right and build

houses before spending millions on other things such as schools.

● Even if Indian MPs could not speak "on behalf of blacks" they could speak on "a human being's inalienable right to live a full life, free from fear of oppression and tyranny", Mr Ranji Nowbath (NPP nominated), said yesterday.

Mr Nowbath was reacting in an interview to criticism by extra-parliamentary organizations that coloured and Indian MPs did not have a right to speak on behalf of blacks — particularly with reference to recent events in black townships and Crossroads.

● A new government move to scrap apartheid on first-class railway coaches was last night welcomed by Indian parliamentarians as an "encouraging step" in the reform process of the State President, Mr P W Botha.

The Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, told the House of Delegates yesterday that from now on anyone from any race could buy a first class rail ticket and be entitled to first class facilities.

Mr George Thaver, secretary of the National Peoples Party, the ruling group in the House, and a nominated MP, told Sapa he hoped the move would herald scrapping of all forms of discrimination in transport services, including buses.

Mr Mahmoud Rajab, secretary of the opposition Solidarity, and its MP for Durban Springfield, said the government need not fear the move "as the airways had dropped passenger apartheid some time ago and the sky had not fallen". — Sapa

Silvertree Creche to stay

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By BARRY STREEK

THE Silvertree Creche building in District Six has been saved from demolition.

But the Silvertree Creche Working Committee, the organization which led the fight against its demolition to make way for a road, will not be permitted to acquire the building.

The decision not to demolish the building, which was built as a memorial to World War Two soldiers, was announced in a joint statement yesterday by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works, Mr Amie Venter, and the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry.

'Good use'

In the statement, they said: "Representations have been received from several bodies for the preservation of the Silvertree Creche, which as a result of the implementation of the urban renewal project at Zonnebloem, had to be demolished.

"It is evident that the building can still be put to good use and that a need for the facility exists.

"As a result it has been

decided that the building can be retained.

"The organization which administers the above-mentioned creche at present, the National War Memorial Health Foundation, will therefore be allowed to continue its activities and to acquire the right of possession of the property.

"The responsible State departments will assist as far as possible in this regard," the three ministers said.

After the government announced that the creche would be demolished to make way for a new road, the War Memorial Foundation acquired a property in Queen's Road, Woodstock, to continue the creche. The new creche was started this year.

But the Silvertree Creche Working Committee, consisting of parents and residents in the area, refused to accept the decision and drew up alternative plans for the new road.

The Working Committee made an offer to the government to form a trust and buy the Silvertree building to continue the creche.

The announcement that the National War Memorial Health Foundation would be permitted to acquire the right of possession of the property effectively means that the Working Committee offer has been rejected.



Silvertree Creche wins reprieve by three Ministers



Picture: PETER STANFORD, The Argus

Happy Faces at Silvertree Creche in District Six today. Ministers have decided against its demolition.

Staff Reporter

SILVERTREE Creche in District Six — under threat of demolition to make way for a road — has won a reprieve.

The decision not to demolish the building was announced in a joint statement yesterday by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works, Mr Amie Venter, and the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry.

The creche, built in 1955 as a "living memorial" to World War 2 servicemen, catered for children from District Six and Walmer Estate.

Last year plans for a new road through the property were announced and the creche was given until the end of August.

The National War Memorial Health Foundation, which manages the creche, acquired an alternative property in Queen's Road, Woodstock, where a new creche was started this year.

Parents of Silvertree Creche pupils refused to accept the decision to close and formed the Silvertree Creche Working Committee.

In terms of yesterday's statement, the committee's offer to form a trust and buy the building has been turned down, but the National War Memorial Health Foundation will be allowed to acquire the building and "continue its activities".

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Dist 6 mural blessed

Staff Reporter

THE 19th anniversary of the declaration of District Six as a white area was yesterday commemorated with the blessing of a huge, colourful mural depicting the removal of its people and life as it used to be in the once-thriving suburb.

Father Basil van Rensburg, parish priest at the Holy Cross Centre on

which the mural has been painted, yesterday called for the area to be opened to all.

He appealed to the State President, Mr P W Botha — who was Minister of Community Development when 50 000 people were ordered to leave, to provide high-density housing for people in the lower-income group, not “R100 000 houses for the

affluent”.

Professor R Davies, Professor of Geography at UCT, said the mural symbolized “the destructive process which has become part of our social history”.

The mural, painted by artist Peggy Delpont, depicts life in District Six as recounted by former residents and from photographs and drawings in libraries and museums.

Appeal against Bishop Lavis plan

Political Reporter
MR Nic Isaacs, MP for Bishop Lavis, yesterday appealed to the government to halt attempts to demolish illegal structures attached to homes in his township until those affected were provided with alternative accommodation.

In a memorandum advising the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry, of the township's plight, Mr

Isaacs said "threats" had been made to demolish these structures.

Applications to the Divisional Council and City Council to allow such shelters to stay were rejected, Mr Isaacs said.

"The people have nowhere to go. There are cases where families had become too big to stay in three- and four-roomed houses and parents were forced to erect illegal structures."

He added that the housing shortage in Bishop

Lavis was "acute". Promises made to residents of Bishop Lavis in 1978 that they would qualify for 25 percent of each new housing development in Belhar, Valhalla Park and Elsie's River "never materialized".

"People were moved from Goodwood Acres and other areas to make the apartheid ideology work, but now 20 years later the whole fiasco is hitting back and people must bear the brunt," Mr Isaacs said.

He also urged the minister to look into housing prices in the township where home-buyers were told to purchase the land separately from the house.

The Housing League, which was responsible for the sale of the houses, claimed that they had permission from the Department of Community Development to do so since they bought the land from their personal funds, Mr Isaacs said.

He said the government's prescribed "factor" for the sale of houses already included the price of the land. Home-buyers were thus required to pay twice for the ground if they had to pay for it separately.

In the past the league purchased ground "to relieve" the overcrowded situation in the township, but on completion the same houses were sold to people from outside the area, Mr Isaacs said.

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Renewed call to open EL, King CBDs

EAST LONDON — King William's Town and East London are to pursue their efforts to have central business districts opened to businessmen of all races.

The King William's Town Borough Council is to re-apply to have King's CBD opened and the East London City Council is to renew its call to the government to open the CBD.

The King William's Town Borough Council applied for a relaxation in the Group Areas Act

as long ago as 1981, but the request was not approved. However, following the recommendations of the Strydom Report, the government announced last February that "defined" CBDs would be opened to all races.

The bill to amend Section 19 of the Group Areas Act passed through all its stages, providing for restrictions under the Act to be lifted by proclamation by the State President after consultation with the Administrator.

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said recently the bill would be implemented as soon as possible and he has called on local authorities to make representations.

The Town Clerk of King William's Town, Mr Henry Hutten, said yesterday the council had not yet re-applied, but would do so "in due course".

He said the application would be discussed at this month's council meeting.

The chairman of the East London City Council's action committee, Mr Donald Card, has confirmed the council is to renew its call for the CBD to be opened.

His confirmation follows a statement from the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning that local authorities should re-submit their applications to open trade

areas. The city council originally applied to the old Department of Community Development, but the Department of Constitutional Development said the application should be re-motivated.

The city council's application is in line with a call from the chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Mike Williams, that the council should apply for all areas to be opened and not just the central business district.

Mr Williams said opening the CBD would jeopardise the situation of other Indians trading around the suburbs of East London.

Mr Card said council had also asked the department to clarify the role of local authorities in such matters as opening trade areas.

He said municipal officials had also been asked to supply the department with a description of the CBD and its boundaries. — DDR.

'Tiresome' ^{9/3/85} 130km a day

Staff Reporter

TWENTY-FIVE Indian pupils in King William's Town have to travel 130 kilometres daily to get to school and back because they may not attend provincial schools in King William's Town. Mr Willem Boucher, MEC for Education, told the Provincial Council this week.

He was replying to a suggestion from Mr Rupert Hurley, MPC for Claremont, that the pupils should be accommodated in the available schools in King William's Town.

"There are no private schools in King William's Town, and the honourable member should know that education is, in terms of my party's policy, an 'own affair'. Jurisdiction over the 25 Indian children rests with the Administration for the House of Delegates.

"I do agree that to travel 130km a day to school and back would be tiresome. As a matter of fact, pressure was put on me to institute a bus service from Betty's Bay to Hermanus, but this was refused because of the long distance involved."

Mr Boucher said he was sure the Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs in the administration for the House of Delegates would "make suitable arrangements" for the children if their parents wished.

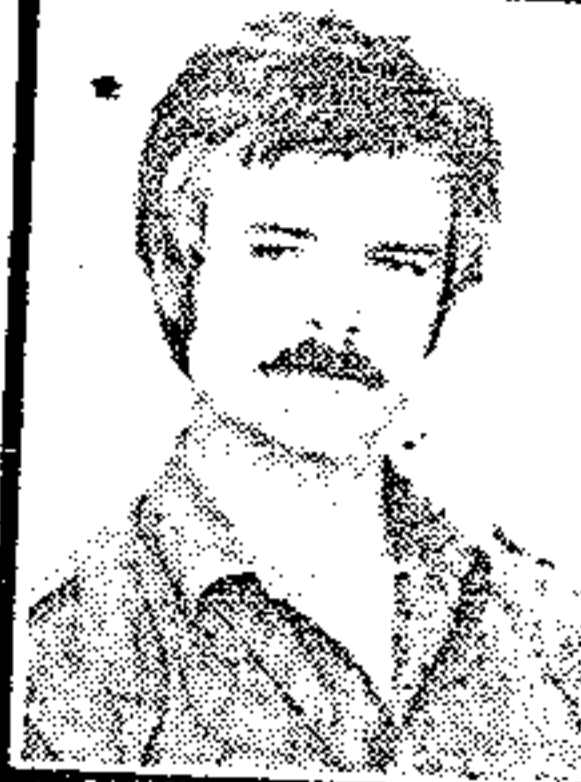
Mr Hurley suggested that in the meantime the pupils should be allowed to attend the available schools, but Mr Boucher refused this.

'The party'

"The party regards it as the duty of the authority to watch over education to ensure that each child, according to its capability, receives education based on sound educational and national principles," Mr Boucher said.

"Account should be taken both of the Christian national basis of the State and the right of the parent to determine in what direction the education must be given regarding the moral and religious forming of the child.

"Each community having its own schools and, wherever possible, its own residential area is fundamental to happy circumstances."



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Lay-offs

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Weekend Argus Reporter

ATLANTIS, created by the Government as a model of industrial decentralisation, has been severely rocked by the recession and hundreds of workers living in the town have been laid off.

Work-seekers are flocking to Cape Town to seek work, causing a Department of Manpower official to comment: "It's fast becoming a dormitory town."

Mr Noel Williams, chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association, has called on the Government for aid to stop Atlantis becoming a "ghost-town".

A survey by the Divisional Council shows 1 179 workers have been retrenched since the end of last August.

And researchers estimate that 1 700 people have lost their jobs since the beginning of last year, with about 20 firms closing or cutting back.

Unskilled workers

Among them was the ailing motor giant, Atlantis Diesel Engines, which slashed its work-force of 2 000 by almost half last year.

Western Cape unemployment figures have been rejected as a "gross under-estimation" in the latest issue of the SA Labour Bulletin.

The brunt of the lay-offs — about 90 percent — was borne by unskilled workers, said Mr F Petersen, a labour researcher.

● A spokesman for the Divisional Council said it was "certainly concerned", but unemployment was "not unique to Atlantis".

Work was in progress on 30 factories which were expected to create 1 090 jobs this year.



Miss Charmaine van Wyk, foreground, recently retrenched, at her Atlantis council block. "If you can't get work, how can you pay the rent?"

(2) Yes, a Board of Enquiry was appointed by the Management of Transport Services.

(3) No, this has been adequately dealt with in my reply to question no 4 on today's Question Paper.

Fuel pipelines

*6. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether any complaints concerning the South African Transport Services fuel pipelines were received from any employees of the South African Transport Services during the latest specified 24-month period for which information is available; if so, (a) in what capacity was each of these persons employed when these complaints were received, (b) who received these complaints, (c) when were they received in each case and (d) what was the (i) nature of the complaints, and (ii) response thereto, in each case;

(2) whether any action was taken as a result of these complaints; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action, (b) when, (c) by whom and (d) with what result;

(3) whether any of the employees who made these complaints have since been (a) transferred, (b) demoted and (c) promoted; if so, (i) (aa) why and (bb) when in each case, (ii) who took the decisions in this regard and (iii) in what capacity was each of these person employed as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

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

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes, April 1983 to March 1985.
 (a) Planner (Pipelines), and Co-ordinating Officer (Pipelines)

(b), (c), (d), (i), (ii), (2), (a), (b) and (c) During the period in question numerous allegations of theft, fraud, dangerous working conditions, incompetent staff, etc were addressed to, *inter alia*, the SA Railways Police, the Manager, Pipeline Department, the Management of Transport Services and myself. The allegations were investigated by the SA Railways Police, senior officials of Transport Services and a Board of Enquiry.

(d) In those cases where the alleged irregularities could be substantiated, remedial action was taken.

(3) (a) Yes.
 (b) and (c) No.

(i) (aa) In order to ensure the normalisation of harmonious personnel relations within the Pipeline Department.

(bb) On 11 July 1984 and 21 January 1985.

(ii) The Management of Transport Services.

(iii) On 4 June 1985, as Artisans (special duties) without loss in remuneration.

(4) No.
 Concorde

*7. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether a Concorde flew to South Africa recently; if so, (a) when and (b) why;

(2) whether this aircraft was (a) painted and/or (b) decorated in the colours of the South African Airways; if so, (i) in what manner, (ii) why, (iii) what

was the total cost thereof and (iv) who was responsible for the payment of the costs involved;

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

+The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes.

(a) 28 to 29 March 1985.

(b) Passengers were conveyed from London to Cape Town to join the luxury liner, *Queen Elizabeth 2*.

(2) (a) No.
 (b) Yes.

(i) Decals of "SAA" and the emblem of South African Airways were affixed on the left side of the aircraft on the nose and vertical fin respectively.

(ii) The flight was a joint venture by S.A. Airways and British Airways.

(iii) R3 000.

(iv) South African Airways.

(3) No.
 81 *Henwood Q. 6/1. 1745*
 Sterkstroom: group areas 11/6/85

*8. Mr J H HOON asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether any group areas have been proclaimed for (a) Whites and (b) Coloureds at Sterkstroom; if not, why not;

(2) whether there are any Coloureds living in the group areas which have been proclaimed for Whites; if so how many;

(3) whether any permits have been issued to these Coloureds to live in White group areas; if not, why not; if so, by whom;

(4) whether any objections to the issue of such permits have been received; if so, (a) from whom, (b) how many and (c) what is the purport of the objections?

+The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) Yes.

(a) by Proclamation 209 of 8 September 1967.

(b) by Proclamation 119 of 26 June 1981.

(2) Yes, 9 families.

(3) Yes. Record of only one permit could be traced which was issued by the former Department of Community Development.

(4) Yes.

(a) Of a neighbouring White owner.

(b) One.

(c) The area, where the Coloured families reside, is a proclaimed White group area.

Lesseyton: removal of residents Q. 6/1. 1746 11/6/85

*9. Mr J H HOON asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

(1) Whether his Department intends to move the Black inhabitants of Lesseyton in the Queenstown district; if not, why not; if so, (a) why, (b) how many families are involved and (c) when are they to be moved;

(2) whether the area where the persons concerned are to be resettled has

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For written reply:

General Affairs:

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) (a) 273 000 males, females and children. Estimates in respect of each category are not available.

(b) (i) (aa)	71 283
(bb)	48 868
(ii)	53 533

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Females	13 060
(ii) Males	6 000
Females	1 000

(b) 31 December 1984.

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

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) to (3) The consolidation proposals in respect of Lebowa as published on 12 October 1984 makes provision for the addition of the District of Moutse to Kwandebele. The governments of Lebowa and Kwandebele have been informed accordingly.

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- (2) whether he will consult the (a) Government of Lebowa and (b) people of Moutse before taking a decision; if not, why not; if so, when in each case;

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

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Permits are still needed for two halls

Municipal Reporter

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(21) D. Dispatch 14/3/85

Start to opening CBDs

EAST LONDON — Two open industrial and commercial areas here are to be investigated by the Group Areas Board after being deproclaimed following the new Group Areas Amendment Act.

The regional representative of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning in Port Elizabeth, Mr Basie Botha, said the areas would be reinvestigated for possible proclamation again as open trade areas.

The areas comprise almost the entire old North End and an area off Oxford Street bounded by Park Avenue and Factory Road.

Mr Botha said it was necessary for the two existing Section 19 areas to be deproclaimed before the minister could issue the proclamation under the new Group Areas Amendment Act.

"It is really the start of

investigations to open the central business districts to all races as requested by local authorities.

"But the amended act to do this cannot be applied when there are still Section 19 areas under the old act. They will have to be deproclaimed otherwise they will be areas not open in terms of the new act," he said.

Asked whether the two existing Section 19 areas faced the possibility of not being reproclaimed, Mr Botha said it was unlikely.

"Development has taken place there and it is unlikely that it will not be reproclaimed," he said.

Mr Botha said written representation to the board should not reach his office later than March 18.

The city council has applied to the depart-

ment for trade areas throughout the city to be opened to all races.

Meanwhile, in King William's Town, the Borough Council was urged this week to "have the guts" to let the South African Government know what was best for King William's Town as far as opening the central business district (CBD) to all races was concerned.

The chairman of the Indian Association, Dr P. Raghavjee, said the "entire town" should be opened to traders of all races and the allocation of special areas only should be "emphatically" rejected.

The Town Clerk of King William's Town, Mr Henry Hutten, said last week the Borough Council intended submitting an application, but added the council had still to decide which areas should be opened to traders of all races.

The council will meet on Tuesday and will discuss the issue.

Dr Raghavjee said if the council only applied for certain sections of the CBD to be opened to all races it would be "hiding behind the government's shield" and would not be doing anything worthwhile.

The newly-elected president of the Kaffrarian Chamber of Commerce, Mr Isaak de Meyer, said he felt it "essential" for the Borough Council to reapply for free trade areas in the CBD.

He added, however, that Cambridge Road and the area between Smith and Fleet Streets were the main trade areas, "therefore it is not necessary to open the whole CBD. If, however, it is the council's decision to have the whole CBD thrown open, then I am with them all the way." — DDR-DDC.

Appeal by Atlantis residents

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RESIDENTS of Atlantis held a mass meeting yesterday to appeal to the Divisional Council to deal directly with their residents' association and not with the Atlantis Management Committee.

The meeting, attended by more than 600 people, also called for a stop to evictions and residents' water being disconnected.

The chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association, Mr Noel Williams, said people who had been retrenched were to get letters from their former employers to confirm this. These letters would be taken to Divco in an appeal to have rents reduced.

Creche committee politicized

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Staff Reporter

THE National War Memorial Health Foundation would in future have nothing to do with the Silvertree Creche Working Committee since the committee had been taken over by "political" people who wanted to do nothing but cause trouble, the foundation's chairman, Mr B M K Roscoe, said yesterday.

"We are concerned with the welfare of children here and cannot dabble in politics," he said.

Mr Roscoe confirmed the creche supervisor had acted with the foundation's approval in locking the creche on Wednesday night to prevent the committee holding a meeting there. The police had been called to tell those who arrived for the meeting that they had to leave the premises.

A spokesman for the committee said yesterday parents were angered that they were not allowed to hold a meeting at the District Six creche for which they had fought.

Bad feeling between the committee and the foundation flared last year over the foundation's decision to buy an alternative site for the

creche in the face of the government's plans to demolish the existing building to make way for a new road. The committee regarded this as "throwing in the towel".

The government announced last month the creche would be saved from demolition. Since then, offers by the working committee to buy the property from the government have been ignored. Yesterday Mr Roscoe said the foundation would buy it when it had the money to do so.

The chairman of the committee, Mrs Soraya Martin, said yesterday the committee called Wednesday's meeting to report back to parents and members of the community.

Since the announcement that the creche had been saved parents had requested a Parent/Teacher Association meeting but this had not materialised, she said.

Mr Roscoe said he was "positive" this was not true but could not say when a meeting had been held.

Wednesday's meeting was transferred to the Holy Cross Hall and expressed "total disgust at the vulgar behaviour of the NWMHF and their servile servants".

R100 000 donation for Steenberg scheme

Capt Tills 22/3/85
Municipal Reporter *(P)*

THE City Council's coloured self-help housing scheme to be built at Steenberg was given R100 000 by Sanlam for a community centre yesterday.

The donation was made to the Urban Foundation, which the council has appointed to implement the scheme.

In addition to the 395 houses planned for the project, the township layout provides for a primary school, church site, sportsfields and playgrounds, according to an Urban Foundation press release.

Sanlam's donation will be used for a building which will serve initially as a material store and community meeting place and will later form part of a large community complex.

Six types of house have been designed for the project which will be simple and cheap to build but will allow for "individual expression, expansion and upgrading", according to the release.

"Participants in the self-help scheme are being selected from persons living in the Steenberg-Retreat area whose names are already on the Cape Town City Council waiting lists."

Atlantis jobless in 'crisis'

CAPE TOWN
23/4/85
[Handwritten initials and scribbles]

Labour Reporter
ATLANTIS was in a "crisis situation" which seemed set to worsen further unless steps were taken to halt the current economic decline, the chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association, Mr Noel Williams, said last night.

His warning came after the closure of a large Atlantis clothing firm — Laurence Fashions — last week which has left almost 300 more workers jobless in the already hard-hit "decentralization point" for coloured people.

Mr Williams said 1 179 workers had already lost their jobs from January to March this year.

"The situation in the community is really bad and getting worse all the time," he said. "More and more people are cooking outside on fires because their electricity has been cut off, and some children are really starving."

He said increasing numbers of people could not afford to pay rent and although rentals of retrenched workers were being reduced on application, the threat of eviction remained.

"The State must bear the responsibility of what is happening here. We demand that the State and the Divisional Council sit down with representatives of the community to discuss the situation," he said.

Divco spokesmen dealing with Atlantis were

not available for comment yesterday.

Meanwhile, Laurence Fashions workers were continuing their battle for full severance benefits yesterday after being laid off with no pay on Friday morning.

Ms Zubeida Jaffer, the Clothing Workers' Union's general secretary, yesterday said representatives of the company and the Industrial Council for the Clothing Industry in the Cape had agreed to meet the workers in Atlantis today.

Workers are demanding notice and holiday pay, and their final week's wages from the industrial council.

They were also demanding savings deducted from their wages which they claimed had not been paid into their accounts, as well as the payment of rentals which had also been deducted from their pay.

A company spokesman yesterday said the decision not to pay out the workers had been taken by the liquidators.

He confirmed he would meet the workforce today and added that savings and rent would "definitely" be paid out to them.

An Industrial Council spokesman the Garment Workers' Union had paid workers their last week's pay on Friday and would be reimbursed by the council. Notice and holiday pay would also be paid.

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Brown's Farm squatters have been rehoused and their shacks demolished

Municipal Reporter

ABOUT half the squatters from the Divisional Council's controversial Brown's Farm site in Philippi have been rehoused elsewhere and their shacks have been demolished.

This was disclosed in a report to the Divisional Council yesterday.

Demolition raids at Brown's Farm in cold, wet weather last July drew strong protest from various quarters and squatters were granted a temporary reprieve until after winter.

FAMILIES

The report said 53 families had been "rehoused or had moved of their own accord" by early February and 23 of the original 45 shacks had been demolished. Families had been rehoused in Elsies River and Uitsig.

However, the position of black squatters in Divisional Council areas is still not clear — pending an investigation by the Western Cape Development

Board. A report says, though, that the board indicated that blacks "living legally in the area would possibly be offered accommodation at Khayelitsha".

● No decisions are being taken on the future accommodation of Hout Bay squatters until a socio-economic study of the harbour residential area is complete. Tentative proposals for housing them include a site and service scheme and proclamation of a second coloured group area there.

● Plans to build 300 houses in Bokram Village in Ocean View have run into trouble because Kommetjie ratepayers, opposed to it, say the council gave an undertaking no housing would be developed there.

The housing committee is looking into this. Also, on the suggestion of Mr H Langley, the committee will investigate using land east of Ocean View for housing — where a developer has withdrawn his option to mine kaolin.

Bishop: Trafalgar High plan a rotten disgrace

Provincial Staff

NEGOTIATIONS by the Department of Education to acquire the Trafalgar High School site in District Six had to be stopped, Mrs Di Bishop (PFP Gardens) told the Provincial Council.

She said in the committee stage of the budget debate yesterday that the answer given by Mr Willem Bower, MEC for Education, last week on the future of the school, was "nothing short of a rotten disgrace".

Mr Bower told the council on Friday in response to a question from Mrs Bishop that it had been decided priority should be given to the site of the Trafalgar High School for a



Mrs Di Bishop

proposed Cape Education Department primary school.

There had been no immediate need for the school, but negotiations regarding the acquisition of the site would again be entered into in due course, he said.

Mrs Bishop said Trafalgar had been the first high school for coloured pupils in South Africa and had made an exceptional contribution to education, producing many prominent figures.

The school was a "living, thriving institution, packed to capacity by many of the children of its original pupils," Mrs Bishop said.

"I believe the Cape Education Department should be very proud of its past association with the school — it was run by the Cape Education Department from its founding until 1964, when it was taken over by central Government, by the Department of Coloured Affairs."

Mitchells Plain shop is Pick 'n Pay's best performer

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PICK 'n Pay's supermarket at Mitchells Plain turned in the group's best performance last year and forecasts a "conservative" 25 percent increase in turnover this year after a 35 percent boost in sales for 1984. Earnings jumped by 74 percent to R326 000, an improvement far ahead of Pick'n Pay's Stores' profits. A 16c interim dividend raises the total payout by 25 percent to 25c, with the dividend twice covered by earnings —

slightly better than Pick'n Pay's. "We are now considering a second store for Mitchells Plain, which has the best growth prospects in the Western Cape, and we believe it could support another store," says Pick 'n Pay's joint managing director, Mr Hugh Herman. "Obviously we are alert to the prospect and if anything crops up we will certainly consider it. Mitchells Plain has proved itself."

Chris Hurst, finance director. Average price is between R3,40 and R5. The number of shareholders has dropped from the original 1 000 to about 800 as investors increase their shareholding. "There are few sellers and a number of keen buyers," he added. Mr Herman disclosed that Pick 'n Pay will open supermarkets "selectively" for Saturday afternoon trading from this month in the Western Cape.

Pick 'n Pay is also looking elsewhere in the country to open supermarkets on a similar partnership basis

41 CHECKOUTS

The store increased its trading area by 25 percent and with 41 checkouts — the highest number in any supermarket — has reached capacity, with no space for expansion.

First to open was the Mitchells Plain store, which also opened until 7pm on Thursdays and Fridays to suit the convenience of people in the area. "The existing staff are not working any longer but we have employed more people and provided more jobs."

The store opened almost five years ago and most of the local population are seeing an increase in disposable income, having paid off a lot of their heavy HP purchases incurred in moving into a new home, said Mr Herman.

The first to open outside a coloured area, at Milnerton on Saturday, resulted in a very high turnover, drawing shoppers from a wide area, he said. However, some local authorities, including Bellville and other northern municipalities and the Cape Divisional Council, were against Saturday afternoon trading.

This company now owns the supermarket property. Its surplus funds have been pooled with Pick 'n Pay's millions to earn a higher rate of interest.

This meant that the huge new Tyger Valley shopping centre, the largest in the Western Cape, would be closed on Saturday afternoons. Other new stores at Constantia and Ocean View were also not allowed to open.

Half the shares are owned by the coloured community and are now changing hands at up to R5 a share compared with the issue price of R2 five years ago, says Mr

Tom Hood

Pelikan Park: ^{OFF-Trip} 3/4/85 'No' to division ⁽⁸¹⁾

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

A SUGGESTION that a portion of the Indian residential development at Pelikan Park be set aside for coloured housing has been turned down by Cape Town City Council's amenities and health committee.

The council's Executive Committee inspected the area in January and concluded that Pelikan Park was too big for "the expected needs" of the Indian community, and that some of the land should be set aside.

However, the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, disagreed on the grounds of the future housing demand for the Indian community and the need for a coherent Indian suburb that would provide for the "specialized religious and cultural institutions which form such an important part of the Indian lifestyle".

The amenities and health committee has upheld Mr Brand's recommendation that Pelikan Park should be reserved for the Indian community.

● Building societies have expressed mixed attitudes to offering

loans to buyers of houses financed from the National Housing Fund.

A circular from the City Council requesting building societies to indicate the kind of housing they were not prepared to accept for bonds, received the following response:

The Allied Building Society said all loan applications, including those for properties funded by the NHF, were "treated on their individual merits".

The United Building Society said it would consider granting loans only for houses built of brick or concrete, with iron or asbestos roofs, and comprising at least two bedrooms, a living room and kitchen.

"The society advises that the existing two- and three-roomed units erected with NHF funds do therefore not meet their required minimum standards."

The SA Permanent Building Society said it was prepared to bond properties for all sections of the community but "cannot get heavily involved in any one area at the expense of another".

The society said the applicant would also have to prove that he or she was in steady employment.

● Schotsche Kloof Civic Association has called for an interview with the city council to discuss the planned building of 106 houses in the area, and the new community centre.

The association also wants to know who will be eligible for the houses and what will happen to derelict houses in the neighbourhood.

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Some CBDs open within six months

Political Staff

SOME central business districts could be opened to all race groups within six months.

This was announced in Parliament by Minister of Constitutional Development Mr Chris Heunis, in reply to a question by Mr John Malcomess (PE Central) on the delay in the implementation of amendments to the Group Areas Act passed by Parliament last year.

Mr Heunis said the implementation of the legislation had been delayed because 44 areas had to be dealt with under the old legislation.

Statutory notices, which would de-proclaim the areas in terms of the old legislation and re-proclaim them in terms of the new legislation, had already been published in newspapers.

However Mr Heunis said his Department was already, in consultation with local authorities and other bodies, investigating business districts which could be opened.

It was expected that the first areas would be opened by September.

• Simon's Town council has recommended that the town's central trading area be opened to all race groups.

The decision, taken at yesterday's monthly council meeting, was in response to a letter from the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

Mr Heunis said earlier CBDs would not be automatically opened but that opinion of local authorities and other "interested parties" would be canvassed before individual trading areas were proclaimed open.

According to Town Clerk Mr Charles Chevalier, the Simon's Town trading area stretches the entire length of St George's Street (the town's main road), from the station to Coal Point Road near the entrance to the naval dockyard.

• Hundreds of businessmen, traders, tailors, fishermen and artisans were affected when Simon's Town was proclaimed a white group area in September 1967. Most were forced to move to Ocean View near Kommetjie.

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Building conditions for District 6 may be relaxed

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Municipal Reporter

NEW buildings in some parts of District Six may be allowed seven storeys instead of three if changes in strict design controls are approved by the Administrator.

Development guidelines for Hanover Walk, drawn up in the early 1970s, have been found to go against modern design trends and have discouraged developers. Cape Town City Council's town planning committee is suggesting relaxing some conditions to encourage development.

Among the recommendations — which will need the council's and the Administrator's approval — are that height limitations on some sites be increased from three to seven storeys.

A report warns: "To continue with the present restrictions will mean that District Six could face the same fate as those parts of the Foreshore

that remain undeveloped because of unduly onerous controls."

Other recommendations cover the relaxation of conditions restricting business developments.

Developers have said they would rather develop business premises than flats above ground floor shops to make the projects economically viable.

The report also says that the three-storey limitation on two erven in Hanover Walk "precludes the development of a prestige development on these sites".

● Converting a Tamboerskloof property for business purposes has been turned down by the town planning committee which says the Park Road house would probably be used as offices at a time when there is a surplus of office space in the city centre.

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Management committees in rift with City Council

By MICHAEL MORRIS, Municipal Reporter

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

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

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

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

They said they wanted to make decisions and not merely advise.

"Won't put up with it"

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

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

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

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

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Irony of 'last straw' break by management committees

Municipal Reporter MICHAEL MORRIS examines the decision by Cape Town's management committees to cut links with the city council.

DETERMINED to force the government to think faster on the future of local decision-making on the Cape Flats, Cape Town's management committees have cut links with the city council and are demanding autonomy.

They met last week to decide how to recast their role as public representatives in a system they acknowledge is a failure. Embarking on this "last straw" tactic, management committees want the government to give them decision-making powers over their own areas "so that we can achieve things for our people ourselves".

It was said at that meeting: "Our decision to break ties will say: 'We are not going to put up with it any more.'" But it is ironic that the city council has been snagged on the spike management committees are jabbing into the government's side.

Stanley: We will be satisfied only with full representation

MR ARTHUR Stanley, Labour Party MP in the House of Representatives and chairman of the Athlone management committee, sums up the feelings of those on the inside of the much-criticised management committee system.



Mr Arthur Stanley

"We will never be satisfied until we get full representation. That's what it boils down to. We can operate on an equal basis successfully in fulfilling the needs and requirements of our neglected areas. "Our areas are lacking in facilities and they desperately need general upgrading, but this cannot be achieved until we have access to funds and decision-making. "People who originally voted for us are now blaming us for the deteriorating conditions, not the council. They do not realise our problems in getting improvements through the present system.

John Muir: People of all races should be eligible for election

MR JOHN Muir, chairman of the executive committee, explains the city council's view. "We say that people of all races who live in the municipal area should be eligible for election to the Cape Town City Council. "They should be the democratically elected representatives of their areas, participate in decision-making and be responsible to the citizens they represent. "The management committee system was brought in by the government after Cape Town had had its coloured councillors removed and the management committee system has never been effective because of its inherent difficulties.



Mr John Muir

"In an attempt to help the situation, we formed a liaison committee comprising the council's executive committee and the chairmen and vice-chairmen of management committees. This has been rejected by them. "Our message is simple: People must be elected to the council. We do not believe they should be put there."

Irony, because it was the city council's commitment not to opt for anything less than full representation of all people through the due democratic process that led to last week's showdown. And ironic also because management committees are widely ignored — for being nurtured into existence to meet a government prescription, rather than the political needs of local communities.

Management committee members protested last week that they too wanted full representation, but they were prepared to accept interim measures that would help them achieve it. Criticising the city council for not accepting such interim measures, they accused the council of "hiding behind the skirts" of the government and "keeping the best share of the cake for themselves". They claimed that having to operate through the city council had prevented them from achieving improvements they considered priorities. They wanted full control over the budget for their areas and the allocation of funds for specific projects. And the time had come to turn their backs on the council.

At the centre of the fury is a city council debate in December last year during which councillors reaffirmed a 13-year-old commitment to work for an open council and rejected proposals to expand links with management committees. That commitment finds the council standing firm against compromise, against accepting interim measures that lock the people of the city into separate constituencies. While the council believed the existing monthly liaison meetings were fruitful — and sufficient — in providing a "useful forum for consultation", these will now be suspended. But even as they set out on their campaign for autonomy, it is uncertain what the management committees will achieve. Without having explored material or financial severance from the city council, it remains to be seen whether the breach they have masterminded will be anything more than a technical breakdown in liaison. And the new dispensation for local government may out-strip whatever blue-print they may have in mind.

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Uitenhage coloureds 'live in fear'

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Mercury Correspondent
PORT ELIZABETH—
Coloureds in Uitenhage
are living in nightly fear
of marauding groups of
Africans roaming their
townships and forcing
them to join in stoning
and petrol-bomb sprints,
many of them claim.

Several people inter-
viewed in the coloured
townships of Rosedale
and Gamble said they
were being forced to join
groups of African rioters
who entered their homes
at night.

And, in a recent inter-
view, the leader of the
Labour Party, the Rev Al-
lan Hendrickse, said col-
oured people were
caught in a situation in
which their schools were
being stoned and petrol-
bombed by Africans —
'something which the
coloureds don't do
themselves'.

Africans, he said, might
logically be expected to
converge on white
schools and businesses,
but a situation had now
developed in which 'the
man immediately above
you is the target'.

'Threatened'

He added that the cur-
rent situation was likely
to drive a further wedge
between the African and
coloured communities.

A young man from
Rosedale said groups of
Africans moved down the
streets, entering houses
on the way. Residents
were threatened that
their houses would be
burnt if they did not ac-
company the groups.

Another man said he
woke up early one morn-
ing to find his house 'full
of blacks'. A knife was
held to his throat and he
had no option but to ac-
company the group.

An elderly man said his
son, who lived in Langa,
used to sleep at his par-
ents' home in Rosedale in
an attempt to escape the
gangs. 'But they found
him and nearly killed
him. He has now moved
elsewhere.'

A man of about 30 said
the noise coming from
Langa at night made it
impossible to sleep.
Groups of Africans en-
tered Gamble and
Rosedale at night and

'pluck our young men and
boys from their beds'.

The groups of Africans
were usually accompa-
nied by 'older men who
seemed in command'.

A young man said a
group of Africans recent-
ly entered a shopping
centre in the coloured
township and started
overturning display
shelves. One was appre-
hended and his hands
tied behind his back. The
others fled.

'Later a mob of about 50
arrived and tried to bash
down the door. They
smashed windows and
were trying to free their
accomplice inside the
shop,' he said.

The apprehended man
made a dash for the win-
dow and dived through it.
He and his friends fled
back to Langa.

A spokesman for the
South African Police Di-
rectorate of Public Rela-
tions in Pretoria urged
people intimidated by
others to participate in il-
legal activities to lay a
complaint at their near-
est police station.

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**Residents reaffirm
removal decision**

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Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — Residents of Duncan Village reaffirmed their decision to oppose removal to Mdantsane at a meeting here yesterday, according to the chairman of the meeting, Mrs F. D. Mangala.

were now permitted to stay in their townships.

The delegates saw no reason why they could not be allowed to stay in their township, Mrs Mangala said.

She said delegates had expressed concern that if they were sent to Mdantsane in Ciskei they would lose their urban rights and encounter difficulties when seeking jobs.

She said it was unanimously decided to fight any move by the authorities that would entail moving the residents of Duncan Village.

She said delegates at the meeting cited the case of the people of Langa and Gugulethu in Cape Town and Walmer, Port Elizabeth, who had been faced with the possibility of forced removal for years, but

Survey shows 27 ^{AKG 25/1/81} live in one flat at ⁸¹ Hout Bay harbour

By MICHAEL MORRIS, Municipal Reporter

THE Hout Bay harbour community is living in conditions which are so over-crowded that one flat is housing 27 people, a Divisional Council survey has found.

Plans to proclaim more land for coloured people in Hout Bay have been submitted to the Government and more houses are being built as a result of the survey, which showed that 450 houses, a school and three playgrounds were needed.

Divisional councillor Mr Len Pothier says the Hout Bay coloured community is "bursting at the seams and needs more space".

BUILDING 101 MAISONNETTES

"Expansion must happen. There are probably more coloured people living in the harbour area than whites living in the rest of the valley.

"We are looking at a time-scale of five years for our plan to provide more housing and facilities — two years to plan, find funds and buy the land and three years to build the township.

"In the medium term we will be building 101 maisonnettes to relieve the shortage in the harbour area and money is being set aside for other improvements."

Mr Pothier said the report on the survey had been handed to Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, who would present it to Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

NEW COLOURED TOWNSHIP

The report calls for a new coloured township in Hout Bay and suggests various sites but, Mr Pothier said, details would remain confidential to prevent the upset of any necessary property deal.

A new township would require proclamation of a new group area.

● In another development, 40 squatter families living near the harbour community are being moved to a site-and-service scheme at Philippi.

Mr Pothier said this followed "threats of court action from North Shore residents and police over shebeening, drug-abuse and prostitution by squatters".

Kuils River for all-race trade

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Tygerberg Bureau

THE Kuils River Town Council has accepted a circular from the Provincial Administration proposing it open its business area for trading by all races.

The decision was taken jointly by the Town Council and the management committee.

A spokesman said the council was in favour of free trading areas for business premises with specific zonings, but this did not include bottle stores.

ALL AGREED

He said the circular was in line with country-wide Government policy on the opening of business areas to all races.

Councillors were unanimous in approving it.

"Our council is quite open-minded and we don't foresee any problems," the spokesman said.

The Kraaifontein and Durbanville municipalities said they had also received circulars but were still investigating the matter.

CAPE TIMES 26/4/81

Pay-beaches proposal

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN bathers may have to pay to enter sections of some of the Peninsula's most popular beaches next summer.

The City Council's amenities and health committee has recommended that Milton Pool and portions of Camps Bay and Mnandi beaches be fenced, and an entrance fee charged as part of an experiment to gauge public opinion and the feasibility of the pay-beach concept.

The chairman of the committee, Mr Peter Muller, told a press conference yesterday that although the committee was opposed in principle to the idea of pay-beaches, it had decided to implement a pilot scheme whereby an entrance fee of R1 for adults and 40 cents for children would be charged at sections of certain beaches in December and January.

The council will still have to obtain the consent of the Provincial Administration and central government if it decides to go ahead with

the scheme.

The recommendation is one of several far-reaching proposals for the development and control of beaches and public swimming pools during the summer season.

Other proposals, which will be submitted to the full council for final approval on Tuesday, include increasing tariffs at pools, limiting the number of people entering amenities and extensive improvements and additions to beach amenities on the False Bay coast.

Parliament and Politics

Curtain up on new 3 Arts row

Political Staff

A ROW is developing over the enforcement of cinema apartheid in South Africa.

Yesterday the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, issued a statement defending the government's decision not to grant permission to the 3 Arts cinema to admit people of all races.

Criticized

Both the Labour Party's spokesman on constitutional development, Mr Jac Rabie, and the Progressive Federal Party's media spokesman, Mr David Dalling, strongly criticized his statement.

Mr Rabie bluntly told Mr Heunis to realize that there was a new government consisting of different components and his statement had implicated the Labour Party.

And Mr Dalling told Mr Heunis to stop "waffling" and "defending" racial discrimination.

"He should scrap cinema apartheid throughout the country, and he should do it now," Mr Dalling said.

Mr Heunis issued his statement in response to an article in yesterday's Cape Times by the Editor, Mr A H Heard, which appeared under the heading "The 3 Arts deci-



Mr Quibell

sion: Do we laugh or cry", as well as a leading article in the same edition of the newspaper.

Mr Heunis said the application to open the 3 Arts cinema to all races to attend film shows "was not submitted by the respective population groups but by Mr R Quibell in his capacity as owner of the said theatre".

Mr Heunis said it was "unfortunate and disappointing that no mention was made of the fact that a blanket concession had already been issued during 1978 to allow members of all racial groups to attend live perfor-

mances in the 3 Arts theatre".

Before the application had been considered, a survey had been conducted to establish how many cinemas in "non-white" areas in and around Cape Town were in operation.

"The survey revealed that altogether 12 cinemas for coloureds and Indians in Cape Town's suburbs are in use at present.

"There is, therefore, no necessity for these people to travel to Cape Town to enjoy such facilities, as provision has already been made to satisfy this demand.

Wider basis

"It would also be in the interests of the various population groups that films of quality, as proposed by Mr Quibell, be duplicated and distributed on a wider basis in order to make it possible for all population groups to attend such film shows," Mr Heunis said.

Mr Rabie said he was "disappointed" in the minister's inconsistency in the application of the separate amenities.

"We cannot accept the fact that the 3 Arts cinema had to apply to the government to open its doors for us," he said.

"In my application to him (Mr Heunis) to open the Wild Waters pleasure resort in Boksburg, he said that he could not 'prescribe' to the owner.

"Yet, in the 3 Arts case the owner did apply.

"The minister must realize that we have a government consisting of different components and if he wishes to issue a statement like that he implicates the LP."

He said the minister should "make up his mind".

The LP had already called for the scrapping of separate amenities and the minister was fully aware of that, Mr Rabie said.

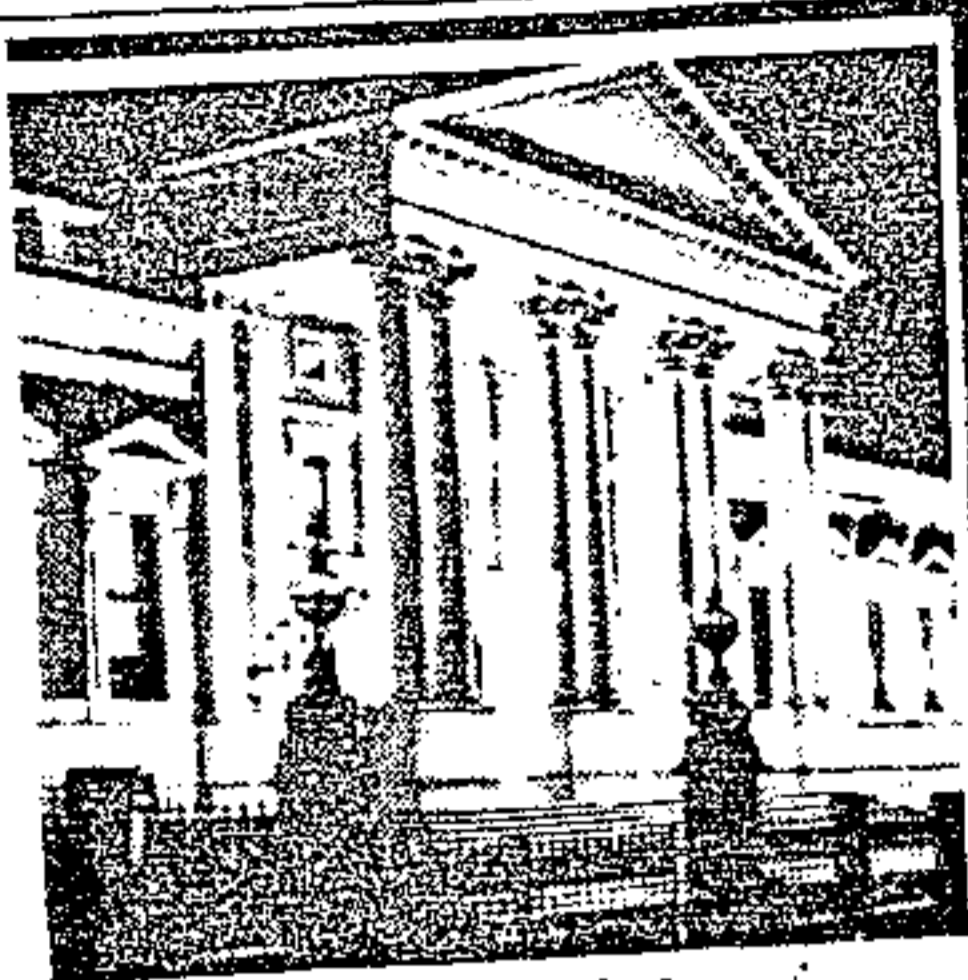
Mr Dalling said Mr Heunis's criticisms were totally unjustified and Mr Quibell's decision to open the theatre was an effort to improve race relations — as well as making good business sense.

Influence

"Mr Heunis should stop waffling, rationalizing, defending and trying to justify racial discrimination," he said.

In the House of Assembly yesterday, Mrs Helen Suzman (PFP, Houghton) urged the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, to influence Mr Heunis over the "absurd" refusal to open the 3 Arts cinema.

Mrs Suzman said these degrading actions were doing irreparable harm to South Africa abroad.



In brief . . . *NRK*
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'Permit'
(81)
system for
villagers

Parliamentary Staff
COLOURED people in the village of Prince Alfred's Hamlet were living under a permit system similar to the Government's system for blacks, the House of Representatives was told.

Mr Yusuf Rhoda (Democratic Workers' Party, Bokkeveld) said the permit system even prevented children from visiting their parents. No criticism of the system was tolerated by the white local authorities.

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"LOCAL government is the area where the fight for survival really takes place." — Mr Kenneth Lategan (Labour, Hanover Park) in the House of Representatives.

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MRS Molly Blackburn, PFP MPC for Walmer, although much reviled in National Party propaganda, was one of the few people who knew who to talk to in trouble-torn black communities, Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens) said in the Assembly.

Referring to school unrest in the Eastern Cape, Mr Andrew said that when the Department of Education and Training wanted to know who to speak to in the black community, they approached her.

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MORE secondary schools for blacks were needed in rural areas, Mr Pat Rogers, (NRP King William's Town) said in the Education and Training vote of the Budget.

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Housing study 'delights' Stott

Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S housing estates contain "a surfeit of totally inadequately-sized houses", according to the chairperson of the council's housing committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott.

Mrs Stott was responding to a report from researchers at the University of the Western Cape on the coloured housing crisis in the Peninsula.

The researchers found that one of the main causes of over-crowding in coloured houses was the fact that not enough three- and four-bedroomed houses were available.

"I am delighted that an independent and authoritative group has at last come to the same conclusion which all senior members of the housing department and the housing committee reached a long time ago," Mrs Stott said.

Mrs Stott, who succeeded in changing the council's policy of not building any three-bedroomed sub-economic houses some years ago, said the problem had been aggravated by the

government's insistence that 25 percent of the houses built in Mitchells Plain be two-bedroomed.

"There are 15 000 families on our waiting list for transfers to bigger houses — that is more than a third of our total housing stock," she said.

"It makes sense to transfer people from over-crowded houses to bigger ones, and give the smaller houses to people who have no houses of their own at all."

Responding to the UWC report's finding that there was a drastic shortage of housing for coloured people in the Peninsula, Mrs Stott said there were 37 000 families on the waiting list for houses.

"At the moment we are only building 4 000 and we only have land for six to eight thousand more — depending on the size of the plots."

Mrs Stott described the government housing subsidy as "wholly inadequate".

She said the sub-economic income limit had not been adjusted since 1977.

CAPL Times

7/5/85

Slide
still for
'whites
only'

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is continuing to allow the owners of the Muizenberg water slide to operate the business on a "whites only" basis, despite its own policy on open amenities.

The original owner of the slide — which stands on council-owned land — Mr R Clayton, was recently granted permission to transfer the lease of the land to a company, of which he is managing director and one of three equal shareholders.

According to the council, which granted the original lease without knowing that entrance to the slide would be restricted to whites, it investigated the possibility of including a clause in the transferred lease requiring the lessee to open the slide to all races.

The idea was abandoned when the council was legally advised that it would not be possible to force the lessee to break the law.

This appears to conflict with the legal advice on which it based its own policy on open amenities.

Advised

The council decided not to enforce the government's Separate Amenities Act when it was advised that the owner or controller of an amenity could not be prosecuted for allowing "disqualified persons" to use it.

According to Mr Clayton, he was advised that he could be prosecuted if he did not restrict entrance to whites.

"I will open the slide as soon as the government repeals the Separate Amenities Act, but not before," he said.

The chairman of the council's amenities and health committee, Mr Peter Muller, confirmed that the Executive Committee had been told the lease would be made null and void if it contained an *ultra vires* clause.

He said Mr Clayton had made "the impossible request" to the council for an indemnity that he would not be prosecuted if he opened the slide.

- (2) whether it will submit or has submitted a report, if so, when;
- (3) whether the report will be released; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) to whom will it be made available?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes, the Committee has already submitted its report.
- (3) No, not at this stage. I am in the process of obtaining the comments of the parties concerned on a confidential basis and will thereafter decide on the possible publication of the report.

Verwoerdburg: new business centre

*4 Mrs E M SCHIOLTZ asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether his Department has been notified of a new business centre which is being erected in Verwoerdburg; if so,
- (2) whether this business centre is going to be a free trade zone for all racial groups in terms of section 19 of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966; if so, why;
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) No.
- (2) Falls away.
- (3) No.

Verwoerdburg: land/houses for members of Ministers' Councils

*5 Mrs E M SCHIOLTZ asked the Minister of Public Works:

- (1) Whether his Department intends pur-

chasing any (a) land and (b) houses for members of the Ministers' Councils of the (i) Administration; House of Representatives and (ii) Administration; House of Delegates in the (aa) Swartkops and (bb) Irene residential area in the municipal area of Verwoerdburg; if so,

- (2) (a) why, (b)(i) where and (ii) when in each case and (c) what is the estimated total cost of these purchases?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING (for the Minister of Public Works):

- (1) No.
- (2) Falls away.

House of Delegates Group Areas Act 7/1/85
(81) Q. 1404

*6 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether his Department has been approached to grant exemption from the application of the Group Areas Act to university residences; if so, (a) by which bodies or persons and (b) what was his reaction in each case;
- (2) whether the bodies or persons concerned requested blanket exemption in respect of such residences; if not, what type of exemption was requested;
- (3) whether any restrictions in this regard apply to such residences at present; if so, what restrictions;
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) Yes,
- (a) the University of Cape Town;
- (b) the application is still under consideration.

- (2) Yes.
- (3) Yes, restrictions contained in the Group Areas Act pertaining to residential occupation by disqualified persons are also applicable to university hostels.
- (4) No.

House of Delegates
National Senior Certificate Examination
Q. 1405 7/5/85

*7 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 26 on 12 February 1985, the investigations by the Department of Education and Training into irregularities regarding the writing of the National Senior Certificate examination have been completed; if not, when is it anticipated that they will be completed; if so, (a) when and (b) what were the findings;
- (2) Whether any further action is to be taken as a result; if so, what action?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CO-OPERATION:

- (1) Yes.
- (a) 11 March 1985.
- (b) Where it could be ascertained beyond any reasonable doubt that candidates were guilty of irregularities, their examinations were cancelled. All other results were released.
- (2) Yes. Further investigations into measures to prevent irregularities in examination rooms.

Mr R M BURROWS. Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, can he give us the assurance that these candidates will be given the opportunity to write the examinations the following year?

The DEPUTY MINISTER: Yes.

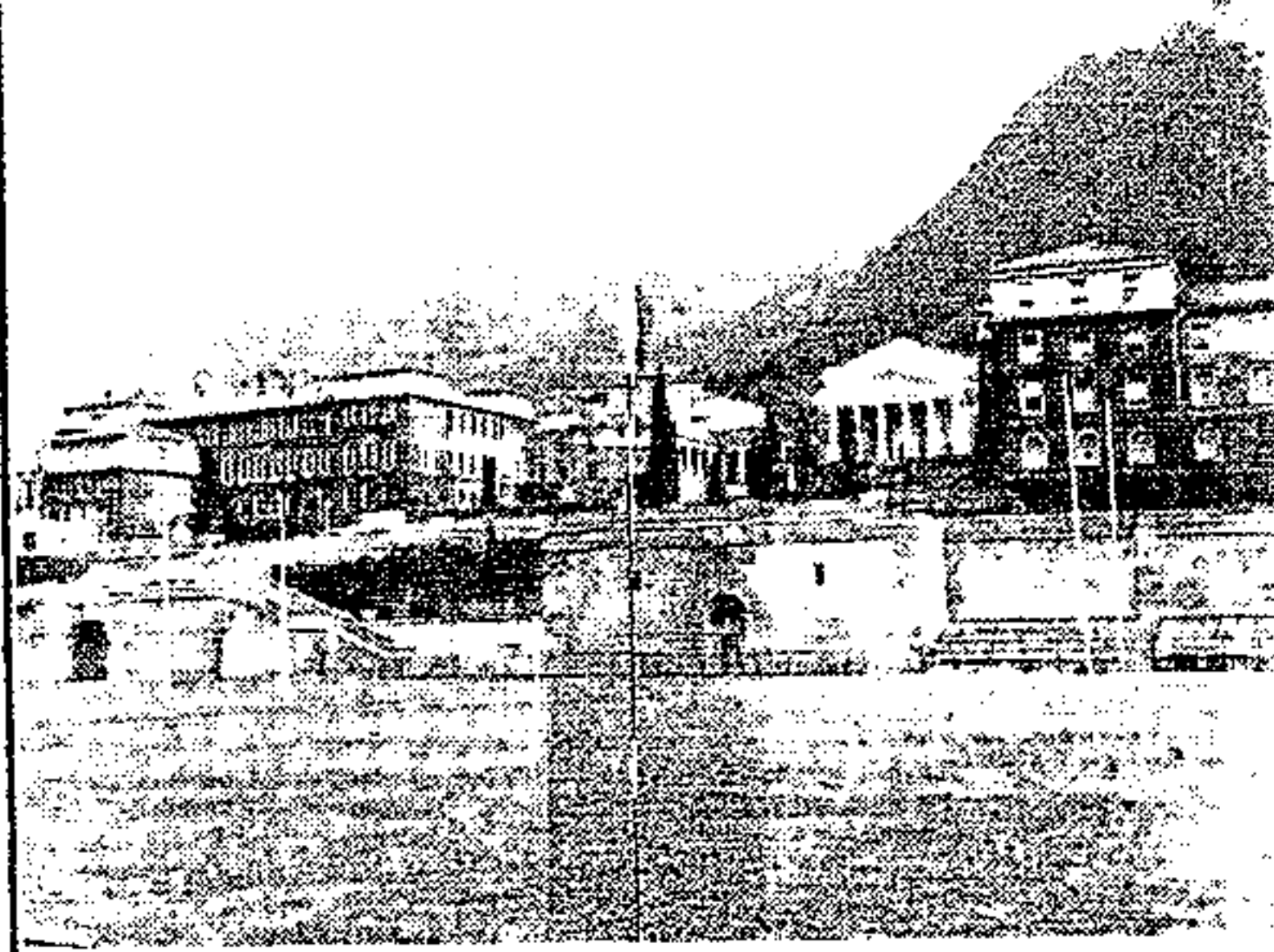
De Hoop missile testing range

*8 Mr P A NYBURGH asked the Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism.

- (1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the then Minister of Environment Affairs and Fisheries to Question No 6 on 7 March 1984, any steps have been taken in regard to the monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations of the Hey Committee on the missile testing range on the Southern Cape Coast; if so, (a) what steps, (b) when and (c) what are the names of the persons in charge of the monitoring; if not, why not;
- (2) whether he intends taking any steps in this regard; if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps, (b) when and (c) who will be in charge of taking these steps;
- (3) whether he has received any representations from any persons or organizations regarding this area since surveying and construction were commenced by Armscor; if so, (a) from whom, (b) when and (c) what was (i) the nature of the representations and (ii) his response thereto;
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS AND TOURISM:

- (1) Yes, but not for the purposes of direct monitoring as such.
- (a) A committee of the Council for the Environment has been appointed as a Review Committee with the terms of reference of a continuous reviewing of the developments in the area against the background of the recommendations of the Hey Committee.
- (b) 5 October 1984.



UCT applies for open residences

Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — The University of Cape Town has applied to the government for its residences to be opened to students of all races.

But no decision has been taken yet and the application was still under consideration, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday.

Mr Heunis said only UCT had applied for an exemption from the application of the Group Areas Act for its residences.

Replying to a question tabled by Mr Roger Burrows (PFP Pinetown), Mr Heunis said UCT had applied for a blanket exemption from the provisions of the Group Areas Act.

Mr Heunis confirmed that the restrictions in the Group Areas Act governing residential occupation by "disqualified person" were applicable to university residences.

He refused to make a statement.

With an increasing number of coloured, Indian and black students registering at white universities, the problem of accommodation for these students has become serious and it is clear that the universities concerned will take a close interest in the government's decision on the UCT application.

ONE YEAR LATER

ARGUS 12/5/85 (81) (8)

The night of the storm: Suurbraak remembers

Historic Suurbraak, the mission hamlet in the mountains above Swellendam partially devastated during the infamous May 15 storm last year, was visited by ADA STUIJT of The Argus Tygerberg Bureau..

THE oak trees which crashed down on cottage roofs and littered Suurbraak's roads during a storm a year ago have long since been cleared away.

The hamlet's picturesque oak-lined lane, which years ago forced then-Administrator of the Cape Dr LAPA Munnik to reroute a provincial road, no longer exists.

Many of the village's cottage roofs have been replaced with corrugated iron sheets which glitter in the cool light of the Overberg autumn.

But while evidence of that wild night a year ago has mostly been cleared away, its memory remains strong among Suurbraak residents.

Mrs Mina Williams, 73, remembers. The morning after the storm an Argus team found her and her frail husband, "Oupa" Williams, and four small grandchildren huddled in the ruins of their wooden house.

This week she recalled that night: "That storm had been so evil, howling down the gorge, that the children hid beneath the beds long before it struck the village.

"The corrugated-iron sheets from our neighbour's roof, rolled up like huge pipes, hit our house with such loud thuds that my head still hurt weeks later."

Mrs Sophia Sebastiaans, 85, who today lives in a temporary corrugated-iron single-roomed shanty erected by the Department of Internal Affairs next to her destroyed mud-brick cottage, still cries feebly when remembering the storm night.

She and her paraplegic son Isaac, 56, were pulled from beneath the rubble that wet night by neighbours. The filthy ruin next door is now a stable for their donkeys and chickens.

But most Suurbraak residents, still shocked, rolled up their sleeves to start anew soon after the storm.

It became a concerted community effort because Suurbraak received very little outside help.

Soup kitchens set up by the Red Cross at the schools were run for

months by well-organised, determined Suurbraak mothers.

Churches and neighbours threw open their doors to give 500 shocked, homeless people shelter and food. Some government tents also arrived but they provided little shelter in the chilly winter months which followed.

Several months after the tragedy 13 single-roomed tin shacks were sent by the Government. They are still occupied today.

An aid fund through the South African Red Cross collected only R32 381.

Most of the money has been meticulously dispensed to repair homes — but some is being held back to finance the future move into 40 new government homes to be built this year.

Many damaged cottages, such as Mrs Williams's pine "Wendy" house, were salvaged by men on the management committee who turned it into a two-bedroomed shack.

Relief fund

The family, like many others, has been given R1 200 from the Suurbraak Relief Fund for rebuilding.

As soon as "Oupa" — a skilled carpenter — is out of hospital the couple want to build themselves a "solid stone house" for which Mrs Williams has already ordered the bricks.

"Wooden bungalows don't hold up in Suurbraak with that wind," she says.

Many residents did not ask for official aid and repaired their homes as well as they could as money became available, often from their pensions.

Today many patched-up houses are visible in the impoverished community — mainly pensioners and their grandchildren from overcrowded town communities.

Said a proud Mr Japhta February, an 82-year-old World War 2 warrior:

"My son and six grandchildren all pitched in and repaired the windows, the front door and the roof. We don't need help from any-

one. After all, I've got my pension."

However, Mrs Sophia Philander, a 54-year-old widow with two children, said she "doesn't have a man to repair her house" and still lives in her damaged mud cottage.

"When the water pours down the chimney and onto the beds, we have to sleep with neighbours," she said. "Nobody seems to want to help me."

Shopkeeper Mr Henry Titus, chairman of the relief fund and deputy chairman of the management committee, said about 30 of the 83 original storm-damaged cottages would not be repaired.

The committee is still negotiating with government officials to build 40 new homes but there is a "bit of a hassle", he said.

"We had hoped that the department would give the tender to local unemployed artisans for a much-needed cash injection to our community.

"However after extensive meetings and negotiations the department advised this week that an outside contractor would build the new homes and tear down the un-repairable cottages.

"The new homes will be the usual models built by the department and will not match the charming cottage character Suurbraak was so famous for before the storm.

"How can we reply except to say that we need the new homes urgently? Many people are still living in temporary tin shacks, in partially repaired homes, or with neighbours," he said.

Mr Titus maintains that some of the destroyed cottages could be repaired for less than the cost of a new home.

His example is a "model" cottage on Main Road, restored under the direction of the Swellendam Museum and sponsored by the relief fund and the Plate Glass Foundation of Cape Town.

"It cost only R5 000 and a bit to repair with local help — yet this cottage today, occupied by Suurbraak widow Mrs A Louw and her family, now is a valuable historic monument and a perfect example of Suurbraak architecture," Mr Titus said.

Post Reporters

IN the crowds that flock to Greenacres shopping centre, Port Elizabeth, whites and blacks jostle shoulder to shoulder in what has proved to be one of the most profitable complexes in the country.

And to all appearances the multiracial mix is one of harmony.

But there are doors at Greenacres which do not open to blacks, and in view of the multiracial nature of the complex many are asking why.

A number of blacks rang the Evening Post last week to ask if the new cinemas, which opened last Thursday, would be open to blacks.

They are not.

Not because Ster-Kinekor is reluctant to admit blacks. It has stressed repeatedly that all-race cinema audiences are essential if the chain is to run economically.

But the group's applications for permits have been turned down so consistently that this time it didn't even apply.

For nine years there has been a blanket refusal

by the Government to grant multiracial permits to four-walled cinemas.

Ster-Kinekor also took into account that in some suburbs, whites feared the "overwhelming influx of blacks" into their residential area.

So far Ster-Kinekor has succeeded in securing permission to open only a handful of drive-in movie parks to everyone.

Mr Jos Joubert, general manager for the group in the Eastern Cape, said he had informed his head office that the new complex should be included in the applications for a multiracial permit.

Mr Bill Sharp, the group's public relations

manager, said the application had not been made because the complex was still under construction when other applications were sent in.

He said the company was opposed to "whites only" cinemas on principle and because it restricted the company's commercial base.

"We are anxious to have those cinemas for which we have made representations open to all races."

Another door closed to blacks at Greenacres is that of a new gymnasium — although three of the city's seven gyms are multiracial.

The problem here

seems to be the plunge pool.

According to one of the owners of the gym, Mr Christo Cawood, discussions are still being held about the feasibility of integrating the gym.

He said today: "Our problem is with the plunge pool. As yet no swimming pools in Port Elizabeth are multiracial so this does not make it easy for us to reach a decision."

The owner of one of the multiracial gyms, Mr Stan Robson, saw no reason why gymnasiums should not be multiracial.

The owner of a segregated gym, Mr George

Loots, he had tried going multiracial in the past but that is had not worked.

He said: "Throwing it open caused chaos, especially as far as using the sauna and the showers were concerned."

Another gym owner, who preferred not to be named, said he kept his gym segregated because his classes were for both sexes.

Mr J J Botha, acting regional representative for the Department of Constitutional Planning and Development, said any gymnasium in the city's white group areas could go multiracial by simply applying for a permit.

Closed doors at complex

Councillors turn down cut in pay



Mr Tom Walters

Mixed trading will 'disprove friction myth'

Municipal Reporter

FREE trading by all races throughout Cape Town will prove to racial bigots that "life will go on, the walls will not fall down and there will be no such thing as this imagined friction", Mr Tom Walters has told city councillors.

Mr Walters was backing the council's representations to the Government to allow businessmen of any race to trade at any business-zoned property in the city — a reaffirmation of established policy.

He said the "post-apartheid era" had dawned and the "whole edifice is breaking up".

The report to the Government recommends areas for proclamation in order of importance. The city centre, Claremont, Mitchell's Plain, Athlone, Wynberg, Sea Point and Tokai top the list.

Mr Joseph Rabinowitz suggested ratepayers' associations be consulted on open business areas.

The decision rests with Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

Municipal Reporter
CITY councillors have fought off another attempt to get them to take a 10 per cent cut in their allowances, a move criticised as "a self-indulgent exercise in moral tokenism".

Mr Sam Gross succeeded yesterday in getting councillors to debate his motion for an allowance cut — which councillors voted not to do at the last meeting — but he came under fire for promoting what Mr Clive Keegan called "an orgy of self-flagellation".

He said it was the council's duty to run the city and finances properly.

"Moral obligation"

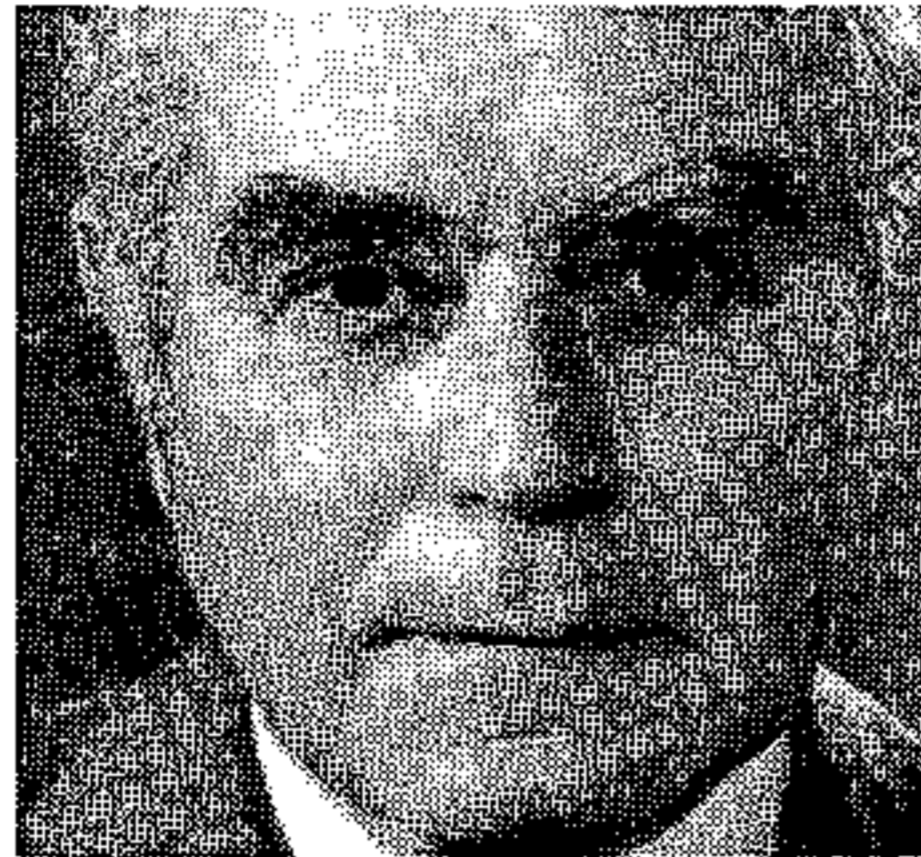
"But it is not our duty to make bloody fools of ourselves by entering into self-indulgent exercises of moral tokenism."

He said city councillors were paid a "pittance" for accepting responsibility for a budget of more than R700-million and an organisation with a staff of more than 16 000.

"And I find it offensive that we are told we have a moral obligation to reduce our allowance to lower than the level of a boy scout's pocket money.

"We are not running a chicken farm.

"The modern city is a complex, sophisticated and multi-faceted place and there is no longer place for amateur youths with a few hours to spare and a desire to see justice done.



Mr Sam Gross . . .debated his motion.



Mr Clive Keegan . . .no chicken farm.

"But for doing the job we do, we have been earning a pitiful, miserable pittance," Mr Keegan said.

Mr Gordon Oliver disagreed. "We need to show the public that we are attempting to draw alongside them in their plight," he said.

Mr Arthur Wienburg said he could not expect executive committee members or the Mayor to take a cut in view of their workload for the city.

Mrs Eulalie Stott said she was concerned that because allowances were low, prospec-

tive councillors had to have a good income in order to pursue a civic career.

"It is not desirable that this council should be seen to be available only to people who are seen to be 'fat cats'."

The recommendation to ask the executive committee to consider the motion was defeated by 14 votes to 12.

● Provincial councillors who took a three per cent cut in their allowances had received a car allowance which more than made up for the loss, Mr Frank van der Velde MPC, told councillors.

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Service part of plan to 'open' District 6

Municipal Reporter

FORMER residents of District Six are being invited to a commemorative service on Sunday at the Buitenkant Street Methodist Church, to mark the 19th anniversary of the proclamation of the area as a white group area.

The "service of petition" has been planned also to further the campaign to declare District Six an open residential area.

After the service, former residents will be asked to stand for a few minutes "in silent memory" on the vacant plots where their homes once stood.

The Rev Basil van Rensburg, one of the campaign organisers, said a letter asking for the repeal of the Group Areas Act and the opening of District Six to all people had been sent to the State President, Mr P W Botha.

"He has written back to us saying our request has been handed to Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning," he said.

Adam Small's poem on District Six, Proud Ou Gebou, will be read at the service — starting at 3pm — by Ivan Sylvester and Peter Braaf of the Cape Flats Players. An address will be given by Professor Charles Villa-Vicencio.

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Traders incensed by rezoning application

CAT 10/5 21/5/88 Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape Traders Association (WCTA) is incensed over Cape Town City Council moves to rezone a 2,5-hectare public field in Epping for industrial and commercial use, claiming this could lose its members up to 50 percent in business.

The traders said an "unprecedented" successful application by the City Council to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, would result either in the immediate expansion of a major supermarket branch at present adjoining the land, or the erection of another supermarket.

"This move is motivated by naked greed to siphon trade from black residential areas," Mr Adams Jaffer, chairman of the press liaison committee of the WCTA, said.

Mr Jaffer said copies of WCTA letters protesting against the rezoning of the land, which is on the corner of Bofors Circle and Packer Avenue, had been sent to the Administrator.

Open District Six to the poor, govt urged

CAPE TOWN 20/5/85 (81)

Staff Reporter

THE government was yesterday urged to scrap the Group Areas Act, reverse its decision on District Six and declare it an open area specifically for the poor.

The plea was made by ministers preaching at an inter-denominational service to commemorate the 19th anniversary of the declaration of District Six as a white group area. The service was held at the Methodist Church in Buitenkant Street.

The Rev Alan Brews, resident minister of the church, called on the government to repeal the Group Areas Act and acknowledge the misery caused by their ideological impositions.

He said the land where District Six once stood was an open wound on the face of Cape Town. "The ground cannot be sold, it is cursed, it is blood ground — taken

from the people because of the accident of their skin pigmentation.

"District Six will never again be what it was ... We do however call for it to be opened to all people and that plans be made there for the housing of people in lower-income groups," he said.

The Rev C Villa Vicencio, former resident minister of the church and now Professor of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Cape Town, said District Six had to be understood in the context of other areas in South Africa, such as Mogopa, Hershel, Glenmore, Mgwali, Walmer and Duncan Village, where people had been forcibly removed from their ancestral homes.

"We as friends, churches and former residents of District Six do not beg or plead to receive District Six back. We rather invite those

who have taken it from us to repent ... to reverse their previous ways."

He called on the authorities to declare District Six an open area for low-income people who could not afford to commute into the City or buy their own homes.

Mr Vicencio said people were theological-ly compelled to call for the scrapping of the Group Areas Act not only in District Six but throughout the country.

"Without an imaginative declaration of change in actions from the government, the future will fold in on us with frightening consequences.

"If that happens the barren scar which is District Six today could be but an anticipation of the barrenness that could stretch throughout the entire land, torn apart in violence and destruction," he said.

Call for hospital in Mitchells

Plain ^{Cape Town} 21/5/85

(81) Political Reporter

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. — An urgent appeal for a hospital in Mitchells Plain was made yesterday by Mr Luwelyn Landers (LP Mitchells Plain).

He was speaking during the health and welfare (general affairs) budget vote in the House of Representatives.

The government's policy of separate development, which brought about the sprawling townships in the Cape Flats, did not provide for adequate health facilities in these areas, he said.

Mitchells Plain, with a population of 250 000 people, had no hospital. People had to travel long distances to hospitals from the townships, Mr Landers said. The area qualified for an 800-bed hospital or two small-sized ones.

He also called for the development of a medical faculty at the University of the Western Cape to provide essential health services in the Western Cape.

Dr L A P A Munnik, acting Minister of Health, said that his department preferred day hospitals — they were cheaper and provided better services. Hospitals would be built only if there was a need for them, he added.

Shock secret (22) 81 report on rents

CAPE TIMES 24/5/85

By EBRAHIM MOOSA

A CONFIDENTIAL Cape Town City Council report has disclosed that high rentals — in contrast to tenants' income — are being paid in some of its housing estates.

Yesterday, shocked Labour Party MPs strongly condemned the rentals and vowed to fight for a rental system which was linked to income levels, particularly for the poor.

Among the LP MPs who criticized the current rental structure was Mr David Curry, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture.

"We cannot have socialism for whites or the 'haves' while the poor must dig up the money to pay for it," Mr Curry said.

The report disclosed that tenants occupying economic houses in the coloured areas of Parktown in Athlone paid rents of R150 a month for a three-bedroom home while they had an income of up to R250 a month. Those who had an income of between R451 and R650 a month had to

pay a rent of R232 a month in the same area.

In Bokmakierie, tenants of three-bedroom houses with an income of between R350 and R450 paid rentals of R208 a month.

However, in Albow Gardens — a white group area — tenants with an income between R651 and R800 a month paid rentals of R102 a month for a three-bedroom flat.

Mr Curry described the City Council as an "oppressive structure" and said it was "killing" the poor.

Civil servants

The City Council was aware of the high rentals, he said. "Why do they not show the differences in rentals to the public? Why is everything on green papers?"

"The government subsidizes everyone — from cabinet ministers, civil servants, university lecturers to teachers, but the most important sector of our society — the poor — have to pay."

A parliamentary select committee report tabled in the House of Repre-

sentatives this week suggested that rentals be linked to incomes.

Mr Peter Mopp (LP Border), a member of the select committee on rentals, said the LP had proposed a uniform pattern of rentals. A tenant with an income of R300 for example should pay a rental of 3 percent of his income which ranged between R31 and R39 a month.

The LP report suggested that the percentage of income to be spent on rentals should range between 3 and 11.25 percent.

It was now up to the Treasury to support the LP's proposals in terms of subsidies, Mr Mopp said.

"If the new deal was to give any meaning to the man in the street, the LP's initiative should be supported by the government," he said.

"The government will have to pay for the years of apartheid we had to endure in poverty. We want to get our people out of the sub-economic cult because we are tired of administering our own poverty."

By MATTHEW MOONIEYA

EAST LONDON — Three Border towns have already applied for free trading areas in view of the amendments to the Group Areas Act.

The town clerks of East London, King William's Town and Queenstown confirmed yesterday that applications had been made to the regional representative of the Department of Constitutional Development in Port Elizabeth.

It was reported yesterday that the government had taken a step closer towards opening trading

3 Border towns seek free tradings

areas to all races with the announcement by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, that the Group Areas Amendment Act passed earlier this year was now effective.

East London's town clerk, Mr Les Kumm,

said the city council had re-applied for the Central Business District here to be opened.

North Street. According to the list in a special government gazette yesterday of towns where areas will be deproclaimed into Section 19 areas, East London has two such areas.

"We have not heard anything further yet," he said.

The town's CBD is bounded by Buffalo Street, Cambridge Street, Fleet Street and

deproclaimed is the Kimberley Road area. It has to be deproclaimed and then reproclaimed in terms of the amendment.

Queenstown has one scheduled area which comprises the business areas off Cathcart Road. The town clerk, Mr Pe-

Inquiries showed that the second area to be

deproclaimed is the Kimberley Road area. It has to be deproclaimed and then reproclaimed in terms of the amendment.

King William's Town town clerk, Mr Henry Hutten, said the proposed open CBD was quite a vast area and they were still waiting for a reply to their application.

Grahamstown is also included in the list of towns scheduled for deproclamation in terms of the amendment but the town clerk, Mr A. Lofting, could not be contacted.

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Chinese decision 'sets pace'

By EBRAHIM MOOSA

SOUTH AFRICA'S 10 000-strong Chinese community is the first non-white group to straddle one of the major pillars of apartheid — the Group Areas Act — by being allowed full participation in white areas.

"It proves that reform can be taken a step further," said Mr Ken Winchii, a former Chinese member of the old President's Council. "It is setting the pace for the desegregation process in the country."

The government's announcement this week that Chinese will be able to own,

occupy and rent property in white group areas was widely welcomed by spokesmen for the community.

Mr Rodney Leong Man, chairman of the Chinese Association of South Africa (Casa), said the amendment to the Act put an end to the difficulties the community faced in terms of residential and business restrictions.

So far, Chinese had enjoyed an "honorary white" status. This allowed them access to segregated "whites only" facilities such as beaches, restaurants, cinemas, hotels, buses, trains and hospitals. This privilege was also ex-

tended to expatriate Japanese and Filipinos.

The only Chinese Group Area was Kabega Park in Port Elizabeth which was proclaimed white in July last year.

However, constitutionally Chinese remained disenfranchised, said Mr Winchii. He said "serious anomalies" now emerged following the amendment to the Group Areas Act.

"There is an absolute contradiction in legislation governing Chinese. We are in a constitutional limbo."

According to the Population Registration Act they are still classified as a coloured sub-

group, but are now allowed to live in white areas.

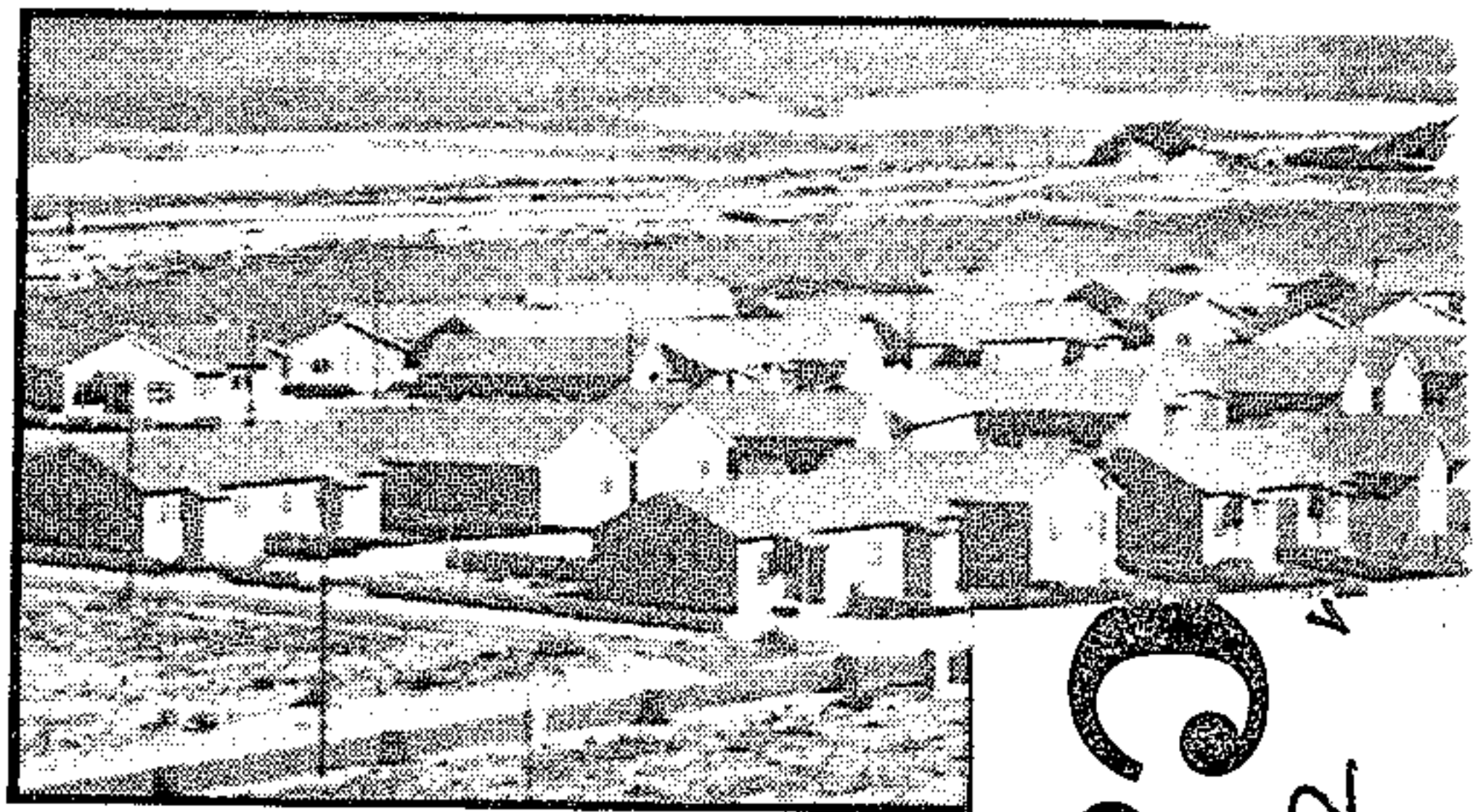
Indications are that Chinese may soon be absorbed into the white voters' role, said Mr Winchii.

Indian Members of Parliament who shared a common Oriental ancestry with Chinese said the changes brought about underlined the "absurdity" in the system.

Mr Pat Poovalingam, MP for Reservoir Hills, said he was "disappointed" by the limited scope of reform. "It underlines the absurdity of the use of race, colour and ethnicity in determining one's place under the sun."

Nobody ever

because not a soul lived there but the taximan



A TAXI driver was the first and last person to move into an R8-million housing project which has now become a ghost town.

Mr Cecil Lambert thought his fortune was assured when he moved with his two taxis into one of the many new houses in the Kleinkrantz project between George and Knysna.

But he waited . . . and waited . . . and waited. And after two lonely months with not a single customer from the eerie new empty town, he packed his family into his two taxis and headed for more fertile pickings.

Controversy

"I was told by the Cape Town agents who handled the deal that I would find a busy town with plenty of business between George and Kleinkrantz. So I sold my cartage business in Cape Town to move to a ghost town," Mr Lambert said.

"The two months I spent in Kleinkrantz — December and January — were terrible. It's no fun living with empty houses all round you. It's an eerie feeling.

"I was committed to paying R33 000 for a house which wasn't at all nice, but I was able to cancel the deal because of ownership transfer problems that hadn't been sorted out," he said. Mr Lambert is now living and working in Pacaltsdorp on the outskirts of George.

Kleinkrantz has 192 houses which have been ready for occupation for more than a year, but only one of them has been lived in — by Mr Lambert.

It's an expensive white elephant for the coloured community that has been surrounded by controversy from

its beginnings in early 1981. And it has been slammed by Professor Roelf Botha of the Council for the Habitat as "one of South Africa's most serious ecological blunders". Kleinkrantz, on the dunes overlooking the sea near the Wilderness, was originally

BRENDA HARTDEGEN reports on the R8m ghost village

planned as a sub-economic township to house 200 squatter families living in the area.

It is now being earmarked as a prestige beach resort for the affluent — a sort of embryo Plett for the President's Council.

More than two years after the Department of Community Development decided it should be upgraded to an economic development, the State is still unable to give transfer of the houses or plots. The town's erf register has still not been completed.

Starting at the beginning of 1981, millions of tons of dune sand was bulldozed to level the 70ha site and all the indigenous dune scrub was removed.

Many thousands of rands were then spent re-establishing the area.

Complicated

The R6-million contract to provide essential services and build 192 low-cost houses was awarded by the Department of Community Development in September 1981. The houses have one, two and three bedrooms. Some are semi-detached.

The village also has a park, tarred roads, stormwater drains, gravelled pavements and street lighting. It has its own water reservoir and sewerage works with standby electricity generators.

In March 1983, after work on the houses had been in progress for 18 months, the Department of Community Development realised the project was too expensive for

a sub-economic township. So it was decided to upgrade the houses to economic level.

This involved tiled instead of asbestos roofs, hot-water geysers, low ceilings instead of ceilings right against the rafters and two electricity plug points in each house.

But there are no gutters, no built-in cupboards and no hand-basins in the bathrooms. There are no overhead light fittings.

Instead, cheap, plastic, conical lightshades have been attached sideways to the walls straight on to the black conduit piping, which is

not chased into the walls.

The upgrading was made public on August 19 1983 by the then Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, at a Press conference at the site.

In a statement released that day, Mr Kotze said the

houses would be offered for sale and would be available for occupation at the end of December 1983.

He also revealed that 60 undeveloped plots would be put up for sale and that the village would have community facilities "like schools,

businesses, churches, parks, etc".

The contractors finally left the site in April last year. Since then it has been a desolate ghost town.

Most of the trees planted alongside the roads have died and weeds have started to

take over the gravelled pavements. Circular washing lines in the yards have started to rust. The wind howls and the sand blows, with not a tree in sight.

At first the State tried to market the houses and plots. But at the end of last year the

marketing was handed over to private enterprise.

Sales campaigns have been complicated because prospective owners cannot take transfer. The houses are priced from R29 320 to R36 600 and the plots from R8 000 to R21 000.

Kleinkrantz . . . spanking new and already a ghost town

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Silvertree Creche

out of District 6

Staff Reporter
SILVERTREE Creche in District Six, the centre of ongoing controversy, was yesterday officially closed and the pupils moved to the creche's new premises in Queens Road, Woodstock.

A spokesperson for the National War Memorial Health Foundation (NWMHF) said the Silvertree Creche in Queens Road had been registered with all government departments. The creche's District Six premises would be closed for renovations and then reopened to house another creche.

Condemned

A statement condemning the closure has been issued by the Salt River, Woodstock, Walmer Estate Residents' Association. It said they were opposed to the closure and move to Queens Road for two reasons:

● They themselves had been forcibly thrown out of District Six under the Group Areas Act which provided the pretext for the removal of their children from the Silvertree Creche.

● The children were now being used to justify the demolition of old, well-established homes in the Pine, Steyning, Queens and Beyers roads area in Woodstock to make way for the new creche premises.

The national vice-president of the NWMHF, Mrs Lucy Bean, said in a prepared statement the District Six building had been saved from demolition through protests. It had been offered to the NWMHF for a creche provided it was suitably restored and this would be done if the State granted them a loan.

Reply over deaths at Tygerbergs

Staff Reporter

THE MEC in charge of hospital services, Mr J W Theron, yesterday issued a statement in reply to publicly expressed concern at the death of two patients at Tygerberg Hospital after open-heart surgery.

Mr Theron said in his statement that he wished to allay public fears that might have arisen by issuing a factual declaration concerning the deaths.

"During the period 18 to 28 June 1984 four patients showed unexpected neurological symptoms. In this respect I would like to accentuate that it was stated incorrectly earlier that six patients were involved," he said.

"Two of these four patients recovered completely while the other two died. Post-mortem examinations and inquests carried out on these two patients showed that they had died as a result of bleeding on the brain and air embolisms.

"It must be noted that during the same period various other patients underwent open-heart surgery involving the same techniques but without any adverse effects."

Mr Theron said that as a result of the complications developed by the four patients, operation lists were suspended for a week-and-a-half and biochemical and animal experiments conducted. These showed that potassium phosphate was probably not the cause of the unusual reaction, he said.

"It is accepted that the patients operated on at the training hospital are usually high-risk cases and therefore have a higher mortality rate," he said.

"I would like to point out that during the 1984 calendar year a total of 365 patients underwent open-heart surgery, of whom only 23 died. Between January and April this year 204 patients had open-heart surgery of whom seven died. Of the 50 patients who underwent bypass surgery only one died.

"It is my sincere belief that these facts will remove any public fears concerning the hospital," Mr Theron said.

Mrs Audrey Brooke, 88, dies

Staff Reporter

MRS Audrey Mary Brooke, the widow of Canon J C H Brooke, former Dean of Cape Town, died on Saturday after a long illness in the Vincent Pallotti Hospital. She was 88 years old.

A Requiem Mass and funeral service will be held at St Paul's Church, Rondebosch, tomorrow at 3pm. There will be a private cremation. Mr Basil Kellell Long, wrote a foreword to a small volume of verse which she published. She leaves two daughters, Mrs Molly McGregor, Mrs Phillida Simons, and Mrs Phyllida Simons, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

'Miracles' saved City pianist

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — After most five months after a plane crash which left him all but dead, the international award-winning Cape Town pianist Steven de Groot is "playing better than before".

Steven de Groot

"My playing is sounding just the way I want it to sound. Perhaps because of the concentration, I think I'm playing better than before," he said last night in an interview en route to a concert date in Grahamstown tonight.

The 32-year-old winner of the Van Cliburn International Competition has had five operations and needs more to fuse three vertebrae in his back. He walks leaning heavily on a stick.

He says he remembers nothing of the crash. However, the doctor who received him in the trauma unit of St Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, where he is Professor of Piano at Arizona State University, described his survival as a miracle.

The crash occurred when the 1946 Aerona Champ which he co-owns and was flying with his instructor broke up in a violent downward as it was coming in to land on a desert strip about 70km south of Phoenix.

Govt silent on spy swop deal report

**By ROGER WILLIAMS
Chief Reporter**

THE Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, yesterday declined to comment on a weekend report that a top-level international spy swop was being negotiated involving Dieter and Ruth Gerhardt, both convicted in the Cape Town Supreme Court in December 1983 of treason.

Gerhardt, who at the time of his arrest was officer commanding the SA Naval Dockyard at Simon's Town, with the rank of commodore, was given a life sentence. His wife was jailed for 10 years.

The weekend report, and Cape Times sources, said the Gerhardts could be swapped for Western agents held in Eastern Bloc countries, and Soviet dissidents including the noted Anatoly Shcharansky.

Shcharansky, a Soviet Jew, was sentenced in 1978 to 13 years hard labour for treason, espionage and anti-Soviet agitation.

A New York rabbi, Mr Ronald Greenwald, who returned to the United States from Europe last week after reportedly taking part in talks with East Bloc representatives, has been referred to as the West's spy-swop negotiator.

Rabbi Greenwald is said to have made an undercover trip to South Africa in 1981 to arrange a swop involving Major Alexei Kozlov, a KGB agent caught in South Africa, and Anatoly Shcharansky.

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Still as stunned yesterday as they were when they heard that triplets were on the way seven months ago, Mrs Angela van der Merwe and her husband John show off their new-born babies at Kingsbury Hospital in Kenilworth. The babies (from left) Kim, Teri and Tracey were born early on Sunday morning. Picture: Anne Laine

Freedom is actor's gift

Own Correspondent

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Nuclear arms: Veteran battles taxman

Own Correspondent

LONDON — Old soldier Mr Richard Hayler goes into battle in the Appeal Court today with Britain's Inland Revenue Department over his R66 income tax contribution to Britain's nuclear arsenal.

Govt silent on spy swop deal report

**By ROGER WILLIAMS
Chief Reporter**

THE Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, yesterday declined to comment on a weekend report that a top-level international spy swop was being negotiated involving Dieter and Ruth Gerhardt, both convicted in the Cape Town Supreme Court in December 1983 of treason.

Gerhardt, who at the time of his arrest was officer commanding the SA Naval Dockyard at Simon's Town, with the rank of commodore, was given a life sentence. His wife was jailed for 10 years.

The weekend report, and Cape Times sources, said the Gerhardts could be swapped for Western agents held in Eastern Bloc countries, and Soviet dissidents including the noted Anatoly Shcharansky.

Shcharansky, a Soviet Jew, was sentenced in 1978 to 13 years hard labour for treason, espionage and anti-Soviet agitation.

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taxman that the money won't be spent on "mass-destruction nuclear weaponry". He has already become the first private citizen successfully to contest through the County Court his legal right not to pay the tax into the defence coffers.

from planning the destruction of a race. Mr Hayler says using, or threatening to use, nuclear weapons contravenes English and international law. Launching nuclear weapons against a civilian target is a war crime against humanity, he says.

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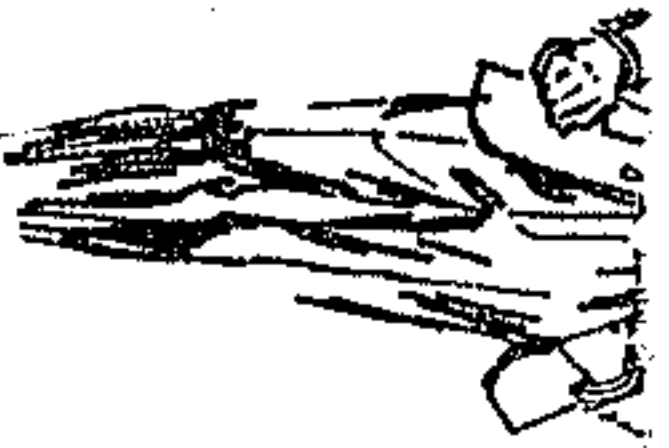
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smuggling.

Keach, who plays a tough-guy detective in the American television series "Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer", has announced that he plans to marry 28-year-old Miss Tomassi after his divorce from actress Jill Donohue is final.

"He has had some presents but his greatest gift will be his freedom this week," Miss Tomassi said after her two-hour visit on Sunday.

Keach was sentenced to nine months in prison on December 7 after he was arrested at London's Heathrow Airport with 367 grams of cocaine. He is being released early for good behaviour. — Sapa AP

Zimbabwean polling dates

HARARE. — White voters in Zimbabwe will go to the polls on June 27 and the estimated 2.9 million black voters on July 1 and 2 in the country's first post-independence general election.

Candidates will be nominated on June 10 following the adoption without amendment of the Delimitation Commission's report demarcating the 100 constituencies for 80 black seats and 20 still reserved for whites under the Lancaster House constitution.

Voters' rolls will be distributed to all areas this week, the Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, Dr Eddison Zvobgo, told a news conference here yesterday evening. — Sapa

Soldier has meningitis

Medical Reporter
AN 18-year-old national serviceman, Private H Jeppie, who was flown to Cape Town from George on Sunday night, has been diagnosed in Tygerberg Hospital as suffering from meningitis.

A hospital spokeswoman described Mr Jeppie's condition as "not critical but still unsatisfactory". He was being treated in the hospital's isolation ward established after the outbreak of Congo fever last year.

It was possible that his mother had also contracted meningitis and she was being kept under observation in the same ward, the spokeswoman said.

Mr Hayter has witnessed the token payment until he receives an assurance from the

he will base his argument on the 1969 Genocide Act which prohibits a State or individual

the 69-year-old widower who farms at Chagford on Dartmoor, Devon, said: "We didn't

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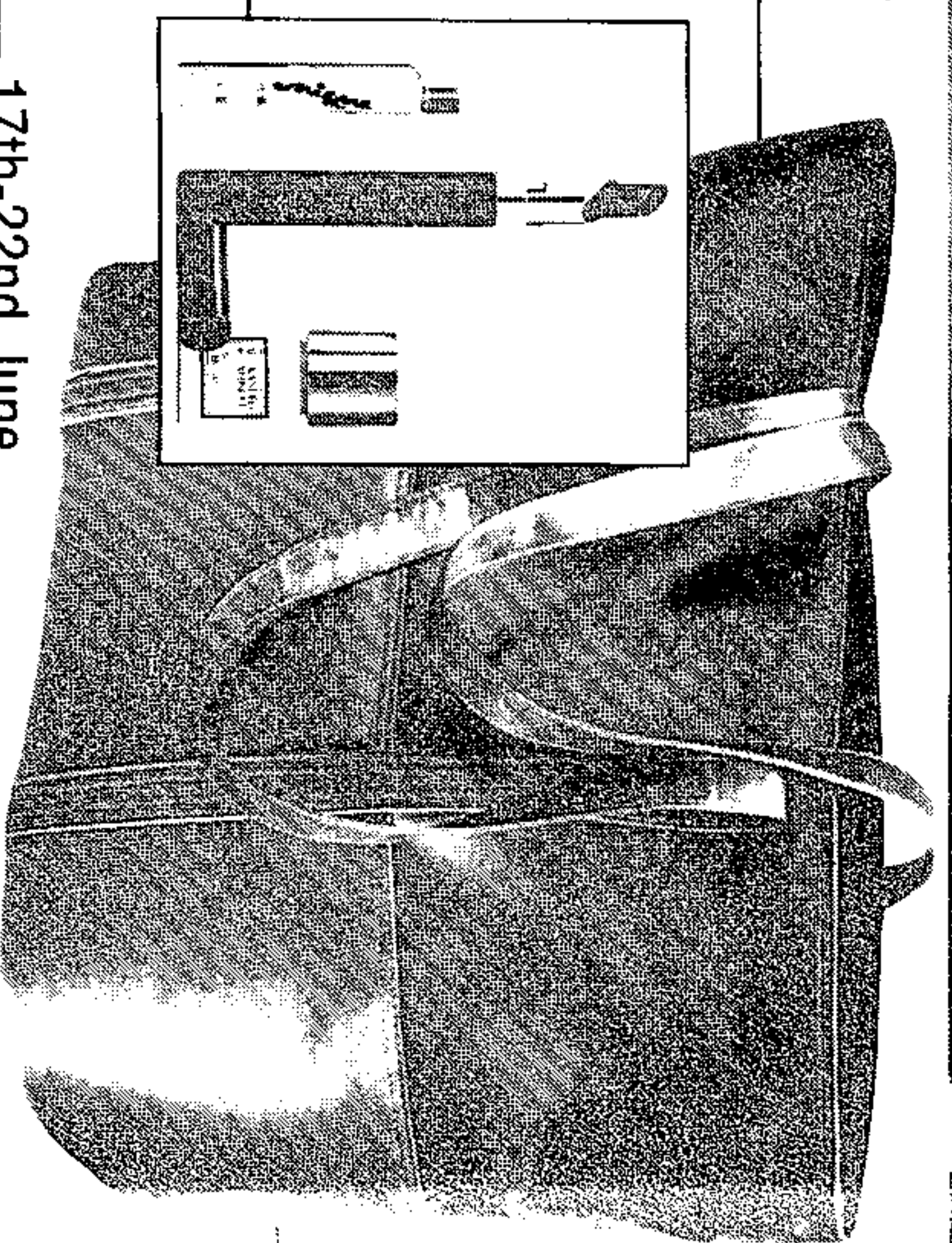
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Beirut clashes end ceasefire

BEIRUT. — Fresh fighting flared in the embattled Palestinian refugee camps here yesterday as Damascus pressed for speedy implementation of security decisions taken at a Lebanese-Syrian summit last week.

Residents and Beirut radio stations said rocket explosions and tank and machine-gun fire echoed from the Shatila and Bouj al-Baratneh camps for several hours. The fighting broke a shaky weekend ceasefire which enabled the Red Cross to evacuate 61 wounded from Bouj al-Baratneh, the largest of three Palestinian camps under a 15-day-old siege by Shiite Muslim forces. Details of the summit have not been made public, but President Amin Gemayel said Syrian troops in northern and eastern Lebanon since 1976 could help implement a programme of political and security reforms. — Sapa-Reuter

8 convicts shot dead

Own Correspondent
SAO PAULO. — Brazilian police at the weekend shot dead eight prisoners escaping from overcrowded cells where another man was killed by inmates practising a "lottery of death" protest that has now claimed 16 lives.

In the city of Belo Horizonte, condemned prisoners who since March have been protesting against overcrowded conditions by choosing one of their number to die each week, on Friday night killed another inmate.

State authorities have tried in vain to stamp out the lottery by promising transfers from overcrowded police stations to safer state jails. Prison guards at Campinas near Sao Paulo on Saturday night shot dead eight prisoners and badly wounded seven others in an escape attempt. The jail, built for 280 men, now holds over 650.

France steps up pressure on SA

Own Correspondent

PARIS. — France would stop all investment in South Africa if real efforts were not made to dismantle apartheid "within 18 months or two years", the French Prime Minister Mr Laurent Fabius, said at the weekend.



Mr Fabius

Addressing Parliament at the end of the Human Rights Conference in Paris, Mr Fabius announced a number of measures to aid liberation movements in Southern Africa and step up pressure on the South African Government.

Mr Fabius's conditional threat of disinvestment dovetails with Bishop Desmond Tutu's personal commitment to advocate international sanctions if apartheid is not dismantled within two years.

Bishop Tutu was a major speaker at the conference. In spite of its socialist government, France's foreign policy towards South Africa has continued to be ambivalent.

'Hopes'

Papandreou wins with fewer seats

ATHENS. — The Greek Prime Minister, Mr Andreas Papandreou, emerged triumphant from general elections yesterday, winning a new four-year term for his socialist government.

With results in from all but 88 of the 14 738 polling stations, his Pasok (Panhellenic Socialist Movement) Party had 45.82 percent of the vote, the conservative New Democracy Party 40.84 percent, the pro-Moscow communists 9.89 percent and the Eurocommunists 1.84 percent.

Papandreou secured 161 seats in the 300-member Parliament — 10 seats less than his 1981 victory — against 125 for the New Democracy Party, 13 for the pro-Moscow communists and one Eurocommunist seat. — Sapa-Reuter

Chinese leader visits UK

LONDON. — The British Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, anxious to boost Britain's share of the growing Chinese market, rolled out the red carpet yesterday for the Chinese Premier, Mr Zhao Ziyang.

Mrs Thatcher greeted Mr Zhao with a military band and a full guard of

with strong anti-apartheid rhetoric accompanied by profligate trade and even military collaboration with South Africa.

Strong differences of opinion between the pragmatists and ideologists in President Francois Mitterrand's government have ensured that the ambivalence has continued.

Mr Fabius insisted in his speech that if France was not satisfied with the South African Government's efforts to dismantle apartheid "within 18 months or two years", all French investment there would be stopped.

In the meantime, he said, the ANC and Swapo would be given facilities in Paris "in line with the hopes that they represent".

Both the ANC and Swapo already operate "diplomatic" offices in Paris.

In a two-page article entitled "Fabius declares War on Apartheid", the Paris daily Le Matin explained that although these organizations would not have embassies in Paris, they would in future have access to offices, better communications, a legal status, protection and the official ear of the government.

States, is eager to boost economic and technological co-operation with Western Europe. Britain wants to capitalize on the goodwill created by its agreement to return the colony of Hong Kong to China in 1997 to boost its tiny one percent share of the Chinese market. — Sapa-Reuter



Epidemic feared

DHAKA. — Medical teams are investigating reports of a possible epidemic among survivors of a cyclone that killed thousands and left 250 000 homeless in southern Bangladesh. Local officials said that about 50 people had died so far, mainly from cholera.

Blast kills woman

NAPLES. — Mrs Francesca Pandico, 65, the mother of a gangster who has turned state's evidence at a massive trial of 640 members of the Camorra, or Naples Mafia, was killed by a bomb explosion early yesterday, police said.

'400 rebels killed'

LISBON. — Angolan troops have killed more than 400 rebels and captured 100 in clashes in the central provinces of Huambo and Bie during the first five months of this year, Angola's official news agency, Angop, said.

SA boycott

GENEVA. — Swiss anti-apartheid and other groups yesterday announced plans for a South Africa Boycott Week from June 8 to 15 and a call for a consumer boycott of South African fruit exports and of Swiss banks engaged in loans to South Africa.

Holy city calm

AMRITSAR, India. — Tension in this Sikh holy city eased yesterday, the third day of "Genocide Week" marking the killing of 1 000 militants when troops stormed the Golden Temple a year ago. Police said there had been no violent incidents. — Sapa-Reuter/AP and UPI

Parliament and Politics

Govt house subsidies rocket

Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — Government spending on housing subsidies for civil servants has rocketed by more than 250 percent over the past four years.

The Minister of Finance, Mr Barand du Plessis, has disclosed in Parliament that the spending on the housing subsidies in government departments rose from R38.4-million in the

1982/3 financial year to R134.5-million in the current financial year. Mr Du Plessis's figures do not include the housing subsidies paid out by the provincial administrations, the homelands, the universities, the South African Transport Services and the Post Office.

Mr Du Plessis, who was replying to a question tabled by Mr Roger Burrows (PFP Pinetown), said R35.8-million of the subsidies had been allocated to the Department of Defence, R18.3-million to the Department of National Education, R12.6 million to the House of Delegates administration and R10.6 million to the House of Assembly administration.

He also said the subsidies payments totalled R38.4 million in the 1982/3 financial year, R45.9 million in 1983/4 and R101.6 million in the 1984/5 year.

Mr Burrows said yesterday that his party was not unhappy with the scheme, but it had to be brought under control. He said the increase was linked to the rate of interest which the State had fixed for individual civil servants — an average of about 4.5 percent — and the rising interest rates the State had to pay.

LP dissidents toe party line

Political Staff

LABOUR Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse whipped dissident LP MPs into line yesterday, quickly killing any suggestion of a split in party ranks.

And as all roads pointed to unity, the party vice-chairman and MP for Schanderville, Mr Charles Redcliffe, withdrew his resignation, tendered at the weekend.

Further, it is understood that there was virtually complete silence from those who had originally considered breaking away. The possibility of a splinter group breaking off arose in the wake of dissatisfaction with the appointment of Mr Luwellyn Landers as Deputy Minister of Population Development on Friday.



Mr Redcliffe resigned stating that neither he nor other senior members of the party had been consulted and there were suggestions that a motion of no confidence in the leadership might be introduced.

After a brief caucus meeting yesterday morning, the caucus chairman and MP for Rieger Park, Mr Jac Rabie, told a press conference that the question of dissatisfaction among certain caucus members had been discussed and misunderstandings clarified.

He said a motion of full confidence in the LP leader had been passed unanimously. Clarifying the appointment procedure, Mr Hendrickse said the national congress had approved the procedure whereby it was the prerogative of the leader of the party to make appointments.

Explaining his decision to withdraw his resignation as vice-chairman, Mr Redcliffe said he had done so "to retain the unity of the Labour Party which is paramount to me".



The State President, Mr P W Botha, presented Mr Mike Gardner with the Woltemade decoration for bravery (Silver class) at Tuynhuys yesterday. Mr Gardner co-piloted the helicopter which picked up a crewman from the burning oil tanker Castillo de Belver.



Mr J E Cooke received the same decoration for risking his life with fellow diver Mr Coen de Beer to place an explosive charge on the oil-filled bow section of the tanker when the initial charge failed to explode.



Mr Botha presented the decoration to the helicopter flight engineer, Mr Alan Winson, who spotted the crewman on the burning ship. The award was also presented to the helicopter pilot, Captain C J Labuschagne.

MP raps minister on 'hurried' finance bill

Royal call for reconciliation

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and called for reconciliation in an address to the President's Council in Cape Town.

Speaking as the head of a "disfranchised people", he said that wherever he went in South Africa he saw a vast network of human interaction and co-operation in the industrial field.

"I wonder why we have the same difficulty in producing the same laby-rinth of coinciding concerns in our politics and social life.

"Our bridges would collapse and our roads would disintegrate and our industries would fall apart if we ran them in the idiom that we run our politics." — Sapa

Finance, Mr Barond du Plessis, was "buildozing" a bill through parliament despite a resolution of the Joint Standing Committee on Finance that it be allowed more time to consider the legislation. Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens) said yesterday.

He also accused the government of taking advantage of the inexperience of MPs unfamiliar with parliamentary procedure, and of "sowing the seeds of mistrust within Parliament itself."

Mr Andrew was speaking against a motion by Mr Du Plessis that the Amendment Bill be placed on the order paper for its second reading, and that the report of the House of Assembly's Standing Select Committee on Finance on the bill be considered as having been dealt with.

Under parliamentary rules, a money bill — which the Customs Bill, a highly technical measure, is — has to be considered and dealt with by the Standing Committee on Finance within two days of the minister's speech introducing the bill.

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Boost for TV manufacture

Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — The government will introduce new measures to boost the flagging local manufacture of television sets, the Minister of Trade and Industries, Dr Dawie de Villiers, announced during his budget debate in the House yesterday.

Restrictions on entry into the local industry will be abolished at the end of next year, and applications from potential manufacturers are already being considered.

New standards of manufacture will be negotiated between the Bureau of Standards and manufacturers.

Dr De Villiers said a Board of Trade investigation into the TV manufacturing industry had found that little progress had been made with the local production of components.

Political Correspondent

Coalcor payout 'inexplicable'

THE decision by SATS to fork out almost R1 million in taxpayers' money to improve a Somerset West Coalcor site after the coal company had been refused a trading licence to use the facility was criticized as "inexplicable" by the PFP yesterday.

The Minister of Transport, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, disclosed last week that Coalcor was paid R950 000 by SATS for improvements to a site near Fingrove near Somerset West after it was refused a trading licence by the Divisional Council of Stellenbosch.

The PFP's chief spokesman on

might have to pay a fee for books. Mrs Bishop said: "This is a reversal of the very central principle of our free library service."

She criticized the fact that this was being considered without consulting librarians who, she said, had "quite rightly unleashed their justified misgivings", and called for an "in-depth investigation" before such a step was taken.

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CBD opening now possible

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By KIN BENTLEY

OPENING of central city areas throughout South Africa to all-race trading is now legally possible.

This is the result of the Group Areas Amendment Act 1984, proclaimed last week.

A spokesman for the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning said today that to facilitate implementation of the new Group Areas Amendment Act, 1984, all Section 19 or "free-trade" areas under the old Group Areas Act in PE, Uitenhage, East London and Grahamstown were deproclaimed in a special Government Gazette last Wednesday.

The next day the new law governing land allocation in South Africa, the Group Areas Amendment Act, 1984, was implement-

ed, he said.

Two areas in PE and one in Uitenhage, which were "open" in terms of Section 19 of the old law, had to be deproclaimed to facilitate the new Section 19 proclamations.

These areas were the old "free trade" part of Korsten bounded by Wells Crescent, Lange Street, Caseley Street and Kempston Road; the SA Associated Newspapers parking garage area bounded by Horton Street, Dodds Lane, Produce Street and Baakens Street; and an area in Uitenhage bounded by Cuyler Street, Van der Riet Street and Dolley Street.

This meant, he said, that at the moment there were no free trade areas in PE and Uitenhage. However, this was merely a mechanism clearing the way for new proclama-

tions in terms of the new Act.

He believed the various local authorities had submitted proposals for new Section 19 areas, which could incorporate their entire CBDs.

The chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee of the Port Elizabeth City Council, Mr Alan Ward Able, said although proposals had been made in the past in terms of the old Group Areas Act, the issue of opening PE's CBD to all races had not been discussed by council for some months.

He expected the issue to be raised at the next Policy and Resources committee meeting later this month.

He said he "imagined" there would be consultation with representatives

of other race groups on the proposals, unless the committee decided to request the opening of "the whole lot".

He did not expect there would be much opposition from councillors to this proposal, although there might be a few individuals who objected.

The director of the PE Chamber of Commerce, Mr Tony Gilson, said the matter had been under review by the chamber for some time and it would be making the "appropriate representations". He would not say when.

He said the chamber's attitude was that the area finally defined by the Group Areas Board should be "as wide as possible and should include traditionally white business areas, such as Greenacres".

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Mitchells Plain row brewing

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Municipal Reporter
A POLITICAL row appears to be brewing between two rival residents' organizations in Mitchells Plain.

The Mitchells Plain Co-ordinating Committee (MPCC) has attacked the recently formed Mitchells Plain Ratepayer's Association (MPRA) for being a "front for the Labour Party", accusing it of trying to foist a management committee on the area.

The MPCC, which grew out of the Electricity Petition Campaign in 1980 and represents six civic associations in the area, says the MPRA is involved in "racist politics" because of its links with the Labour Party.

A UDF affiliate, the MPCC has attracted a considerable following in Mitchells Plain, having recently held two mass meetings — both attended by about 1000 residents — around the issue of a hospital for the area.

"The people of Mitchells Plain have already spoken clearly as to their attitude towards to their attitude towards racist politics — their almost 100 percent boycott

of the recent tricameral election bears adequate testimony," the MPCC secretary, Ms Theresa Solomons, said this week.

"Our fight is and always will be for a free, non-racial, democratic South Africa in which all forms of economic exploitation are eliminated."

The new ratepayers' association, on the other hand, makes no bones about its intention to work through the new system.

The MPRA was formed on March 31 at a meeting attended by 100 people.

The MPRA chairman, Mr Stanley Fisher, is a member of the Labour Party, and meetings of the organization have been addressed by the Labour MP for the area, Mr Luwellyn Landers.

However, Mr Fisher last night denied that his organization was a "front" for the Labour Party, although it worked closely with the party.

"I am waiting for these other organizations to prove to me what they will achieve if they refuse to work through the right channels," he said.

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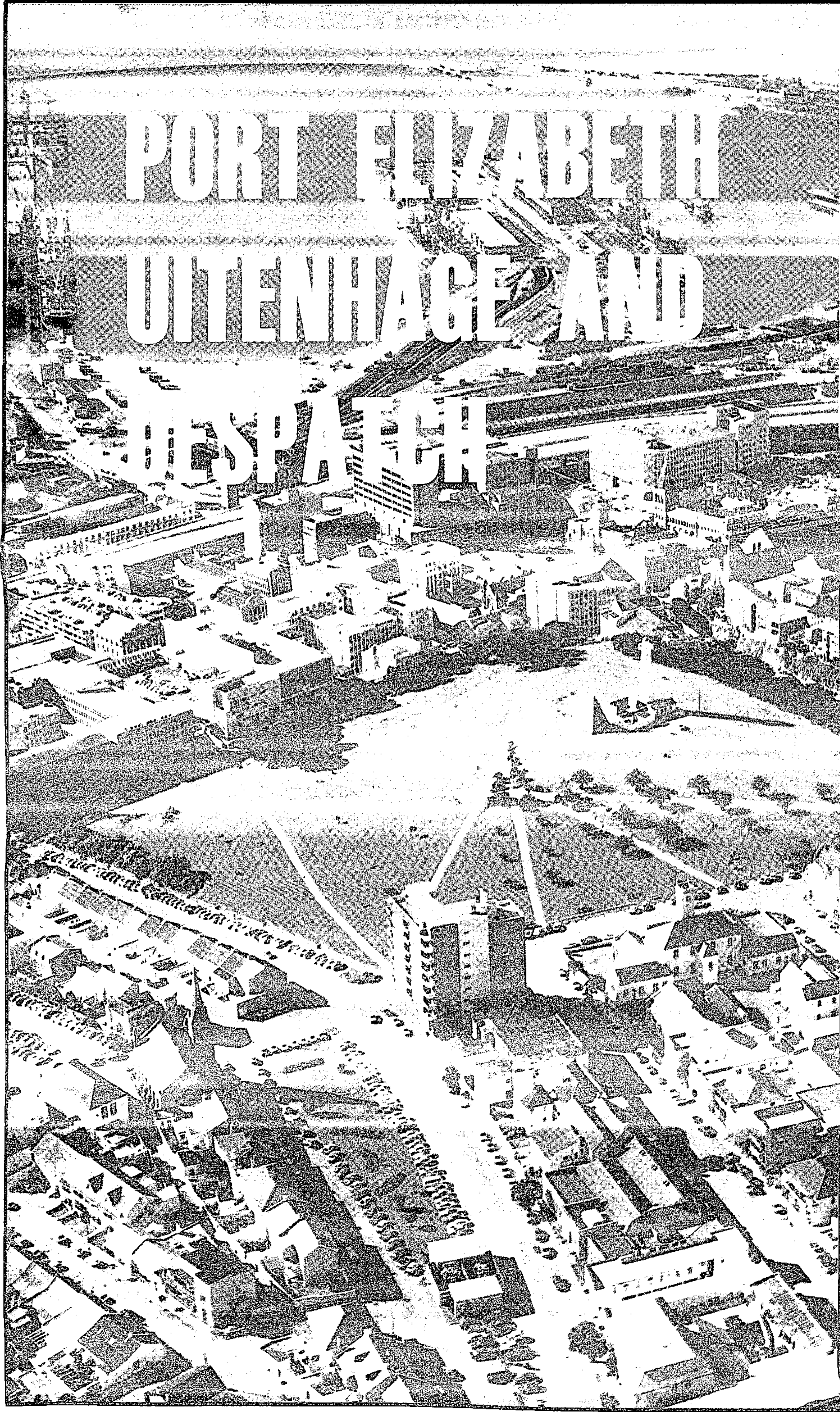
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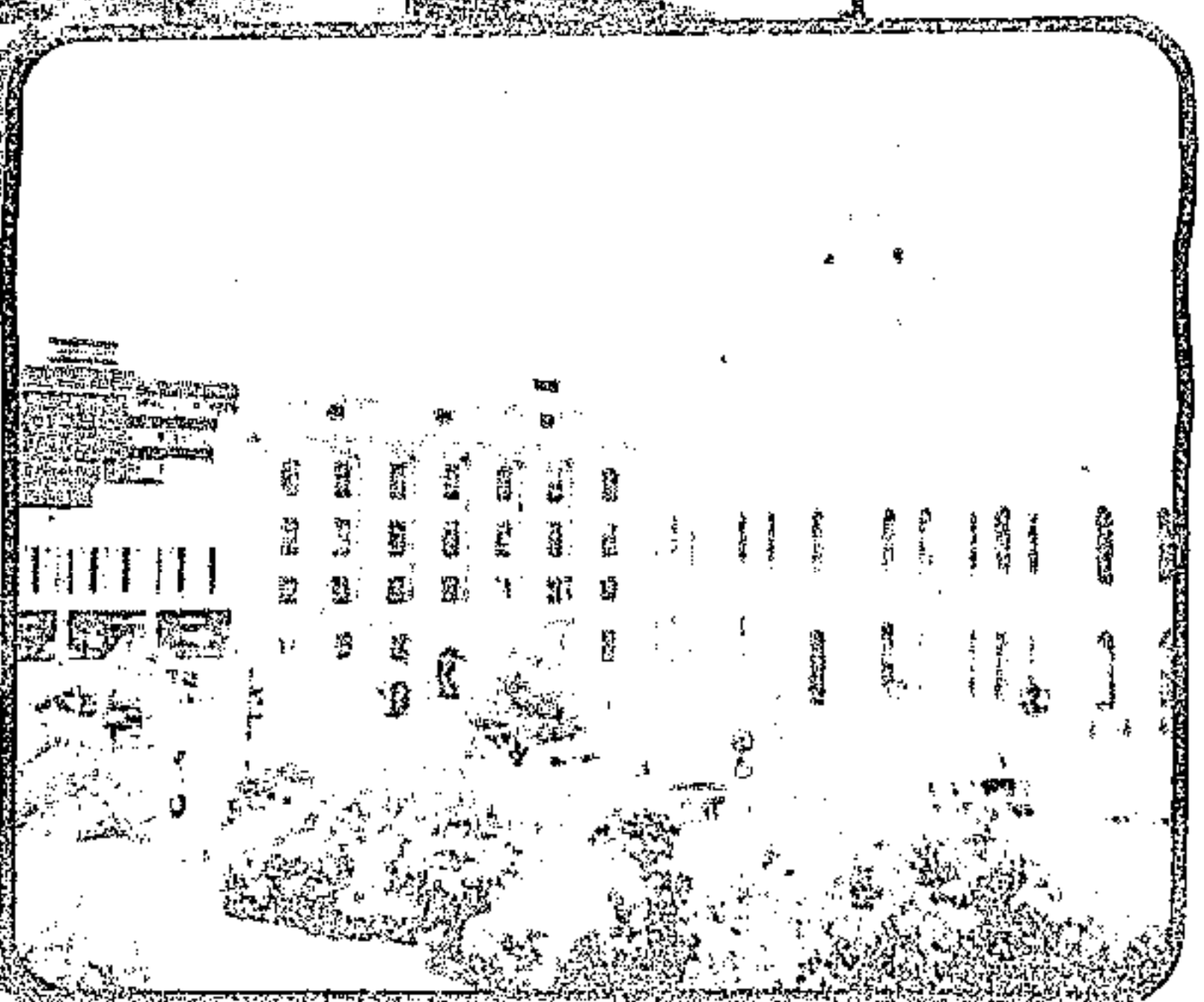
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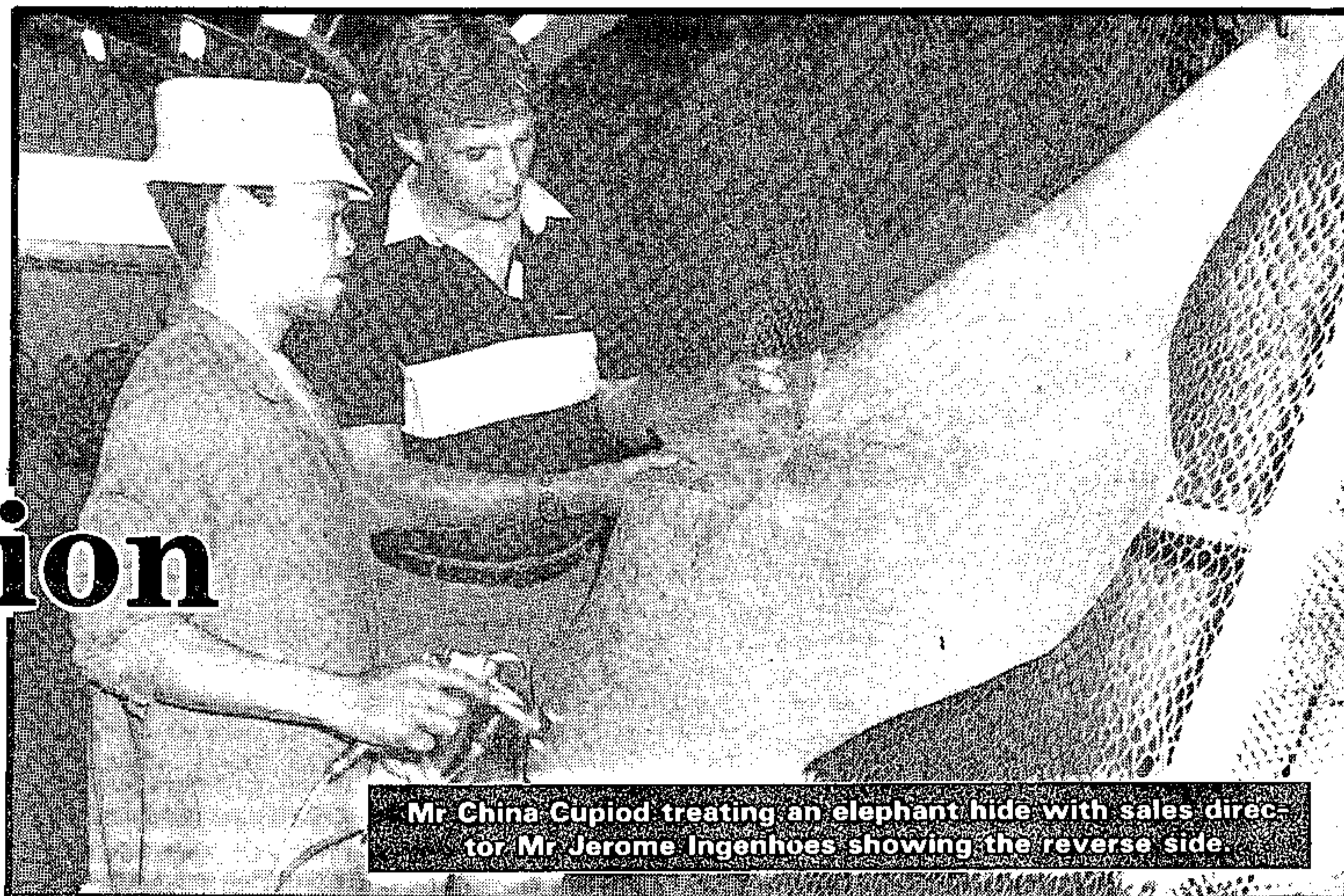
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Exotic skins used for high fashion



By ELIZABETH FOSTER

NO pink panthers but lots of pink pythons among the exotic skins seen in Markman Township, Port Elizabeth, where Exotan, a remarkable tannery, operates.

The python skins are imported mainly from the Far East and are dyed and finished here to be made into high fashion articles.

On being conducted round Exotan by sales director Mr Jerome Ingenhofs, you learn that elephant leather constitutes the bulk of the firm's export.

Actually to feel an elephant hide makes you realise just what it means to have a thick skin.

Through special processes an elephant skin is reduced from a mushy rubbery thickness of 50mm to 2,5mm by the time it is finished.

The elephant skins are supplied in the main by the National Parks Board.

The culling is officially supervised and the leather legally exported according to the rules of the Convention in Trade of Endangered Species known as the Washington Convention.

Proceeds from the sale of hides and ivory flow back to the game parks. In this way ecological reduction actually helps protect the species.

There is a danger of self-destruction. Oversized herds endanger not only their own environment but also that of other species.

Not only hides and ivory but meat too is recovered and the major part of the meat is processed for human consumption.

But back to the hides. Culled elephants are skinned and the skin is salted and kept for a period to ensure that it is free of foot and mouth disease.

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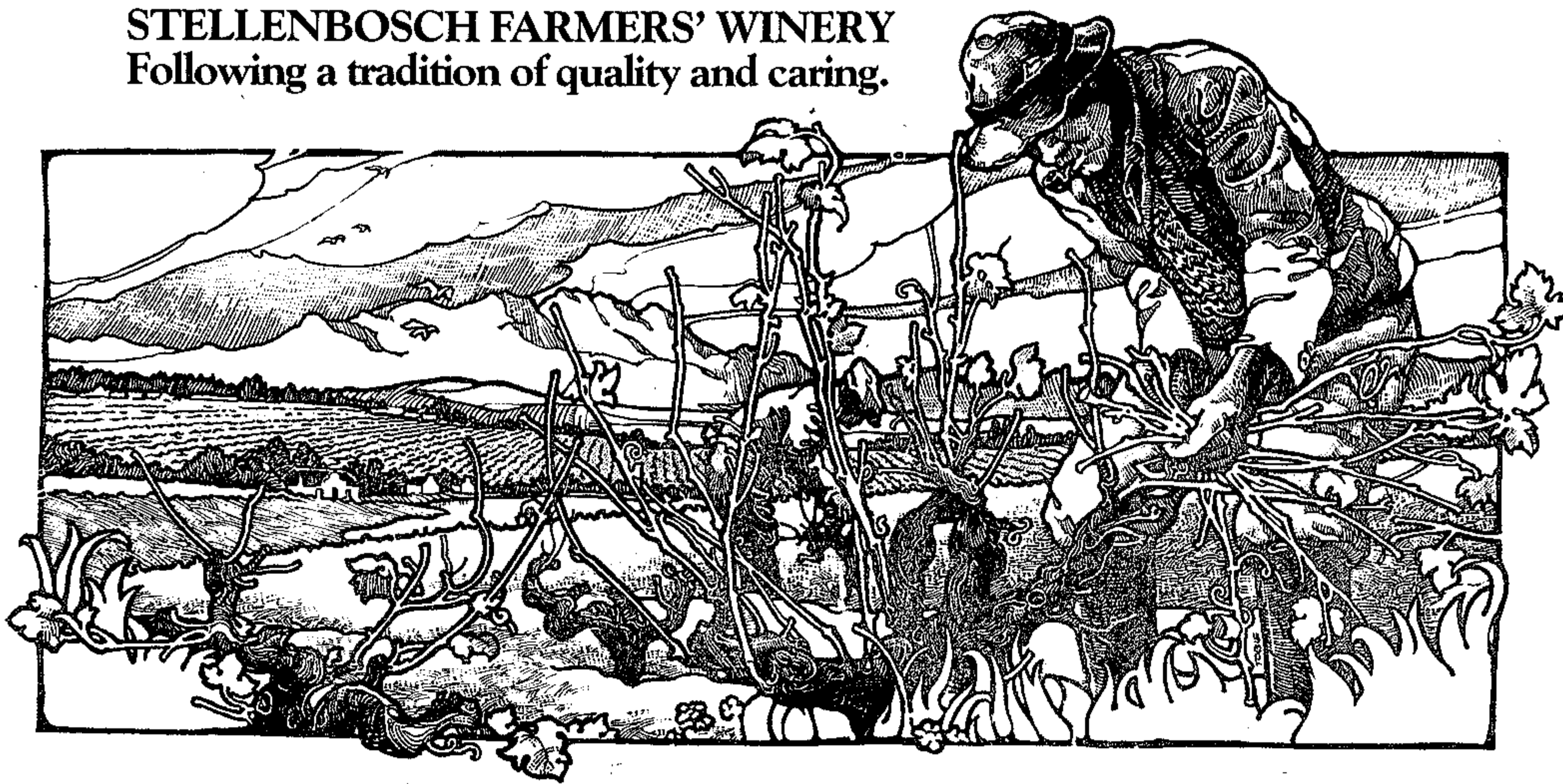
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Dr Dawie de Villiers, Minister of Trade and Industry

Reward to all those taking part

THE top-level "Focus on Opportunity" symposium, to be held in Port Elizabeth on Thursday, has been organised because of an urgent need to take a vital, fresh look at the potential of the Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage-Despatch metropolitan region with a view to stimulating growth as quickly as possible under existing conditions and incentives.

More than a quarter of the Republic's population lives in the Eastern Cape, yet it remains the most under-exploited and, in some regards, depressed South African area as far as industry

and labour are concerned.

To an extent, the unrest the region has experienced is symptomatic of that.

Dynamic improvements must be made soon if the situation is not to dissipate even further, and it is against this background that the symposium came into being.

It has been organised by the Development Advisory Committee for Region D and is sponsored by the Eastern Province Herald in conjunction with major civic, business and industrial interests in the area.

Region poised for developing

WITH the South African economy poised on the threshold of recovery, the "Focus on Opportunity" symposium was perfectly timed, and those businessmen and developers who became involved now in the Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage-Despatch region would be handsomely rewarded, according to Mr Louis Koch, chairman of the Regional Development Advisory Committee for Region D and a prime mover in the symposium.

"This region is on the brink of a new and exciting era of development and, with the constitutional changes now taking place, it is vital that the private sector and industry in this region do not lag behind.

"We must be in the forefront of change and make sure the area capitalises on the development that is undoubtedly going to take place in this part of the Cape."

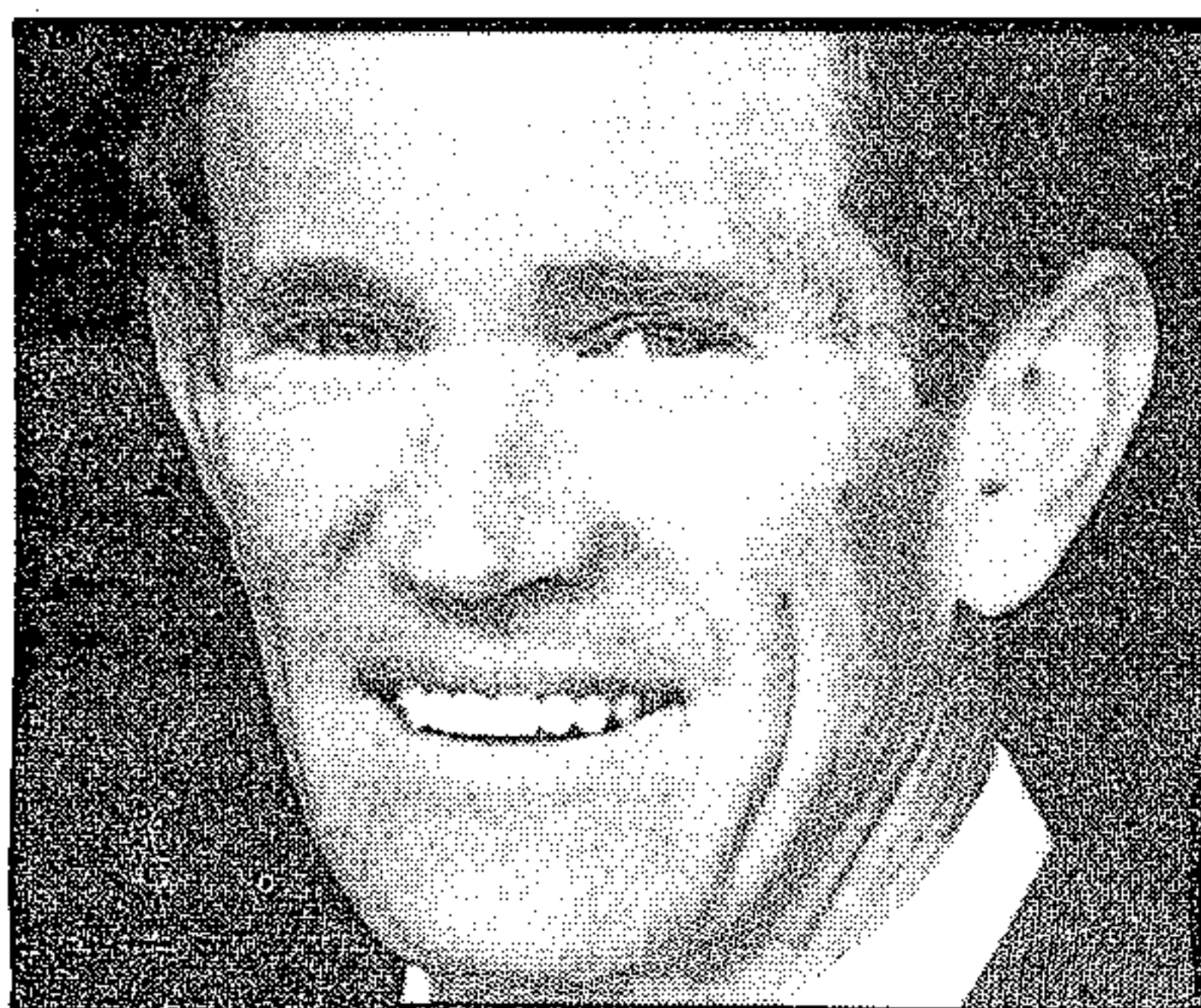
Mr Koch said the symposium would give those who had shown an interest in the area's development the chance of being in the starting line when the economy begins to recover.

"I believe the rewards they will find, particularly with the highly skilled labour force supporting our initiatives for the region, will be immense, but this will mean a total commitment by the private sector as well as by the work force."

He says that discussions with knowledgeable people in financial circles indicated that South Africa was at the stage where there were positive signs that the economy would revive towards the end of this year and the beginning of 1986.

The symposium came about because of concern by Mr Koch at the negative image the region had gained and, when the Government's November, 1984, incentives were announced, he realised something needed to be done to convince not only those in State circles, but businessmen in the PWV area with operations here, that the area was strong.

It was also vital that local businessmen were given sufficient support,



Mr Louis Koch

seemed to Mr Koch to be the most effective way of getting such a campaign going, he approached the Editor of the Eastern Province Herald, Mr JC Viviers, who agreed that his paper could play a vital role in the region's development by making the community aware of its own strength and responsibilities in helping restore confidence in the region.

Mr Koch then sounded out the private sector, local authorities and Gabdec, and was heartened by an immediate, positive response to his proposals.

An ad hoc committee of leading businessmen and educationists was formed and has worked tirelessly since the beginning of April to arrange the symposium.

Main speaker will be Dr Dawie de Villiers, Minister of Trade and Industry.

Mr Spencer Stirling, managing director of Samcor, is another major speaker and Dr Frans Cronje, chancellor of UPE, will chair the symposium which will feature seven workshops, each with a guest speaker and each presided over by a discussion leader.

The topics are small business, specific opportunities, tourism, infrastructure, the local market and export.

Prof Roux van der Merwe, head of the industrial relations unit at UPE, will speak on labour and Mr WP Venter, one of the Republic's leading businessmen, will also address the gathering.



Dr Frans Cronje

Reports by TERRY HERBST of the Eastern Province Herald

and encouragement, to become more competitive.

He felt it was obvious that local businessmen were asking for Government support to accommodate "locality problems" — not simply for subsidies for incompetence.

Effectively to mount a "positive attitude" campaign, it was important that ways be found of informing businessmen of the advantages of the incentives, and to take an honest look at those negative areas which could not be satisfactorily sorted out by "our initiatives" only.

"This would help create the right sort of developmental and investment climate and put the region back in the race again."

Another element that

needed to be addressed was the role trade unions could play in finding solutions to the region's problems.

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Two mayors with one optimistic view of the future

Symposium focuses on opportunity



Mr Ivan Krige

IT was vitally necessary now for positive thinking, as there were "tremendously exciting" possibilities for the Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage-Despatch metropolitan area, and the proposed "Focus on Opportunity" symposium would provide discerning investors with an excellent opportunity to judge the region's potential personally.

This is the opinion of the Mayors of Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage, Mr Ivan Krige and Mr Joe Kitching, who are urging entrepreneurial investors — looking for opportunities to expand their own potential — to attend the symposium, which is being organised by the Eastern Province Herald and Region D's Development Advisory Committee.

In a joint statement, the mayors said: "There is a misconceived conception circulating in what should be better-informed quarters that the Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage-Despatch industrial complex, due mainly to recent developments in the motor manufacturing industry, has become a 'Ghost on the Coast'.

"It appears to be accepted in some

centres that, sooner or later, the complex will be written off as a significant factor on the South African economic scene.

"We can state, with complete conviction, that these conceptions are devoid of any foundation.

"The Republic is going through a cyclical economic downturn, and this area is simply following suit. Admittedly, the rate of unemployment here is appallingly high and the poverty resulting from this has been a significant reason for the unfortunate black unrest from which the area has suffered.

"But we can assure our detractors — and supporters — that the area is as sound as it ever has been and, when the next economic upswing comes, the rest of the Republic will not see us for dust."

A possible oil strike near the area, together with the "vastly improved" new investment incentives the area has been granted, and its impressive, under-used infrastructure, would soon act as a catalyst to "turn our hopes into hard economic advantageous realities".



Mr Joe Kitching

Vital complex set to expand

UITENHAGE, with its more than 130 light and heavy industries, has become a vital part of the greater Algoa Bay metropolitan area.

With its population of 29 500 whites, 30 000 coloureds, 500 Asians, and 85 000 Africans, its growth is mainly due to the automotive and associated industries.

Apart from Volkswagen, which offers employment to 8 000 people, Uitenhage houses industries concerned with the manufacture of tyres, hoses, belting for the mining industry, body pressings, bearings, driving axles, auto electrical systems, piping and exhaust systems, and a wide range of other automotive parts. The textile industry is also well represented.

Industrial expansion is being planned in two areas — Jagtvlakte (heavy industry, requiring rail siding facilities,) and Cape Road, for light industries. In both areas, land is fully serviced, and rates are extremely low. Land is subdivided according to individual requirements, and is out of the rust belt.

The Uitenhage council has a policy of not making profits from land sales, and land is available at virtually the cost of servicing.

An indication of the centre's growth can be assessed from the value of building plans passed. In 1982, plans passed totalled R16-million. Last year, the total

topped R23-million.

Uitenhage is well situated on direct road and rail links and is only 37 kilometres from Port Elizabeth's outstanding harbour facilities.

Additional transformers have been installed to meet increasing demands for electricity, and the council recently ensured that the town would have an adequate water supply, until at least the

year 2000, by constructing a second pipeline at a cost of R3,5-million.

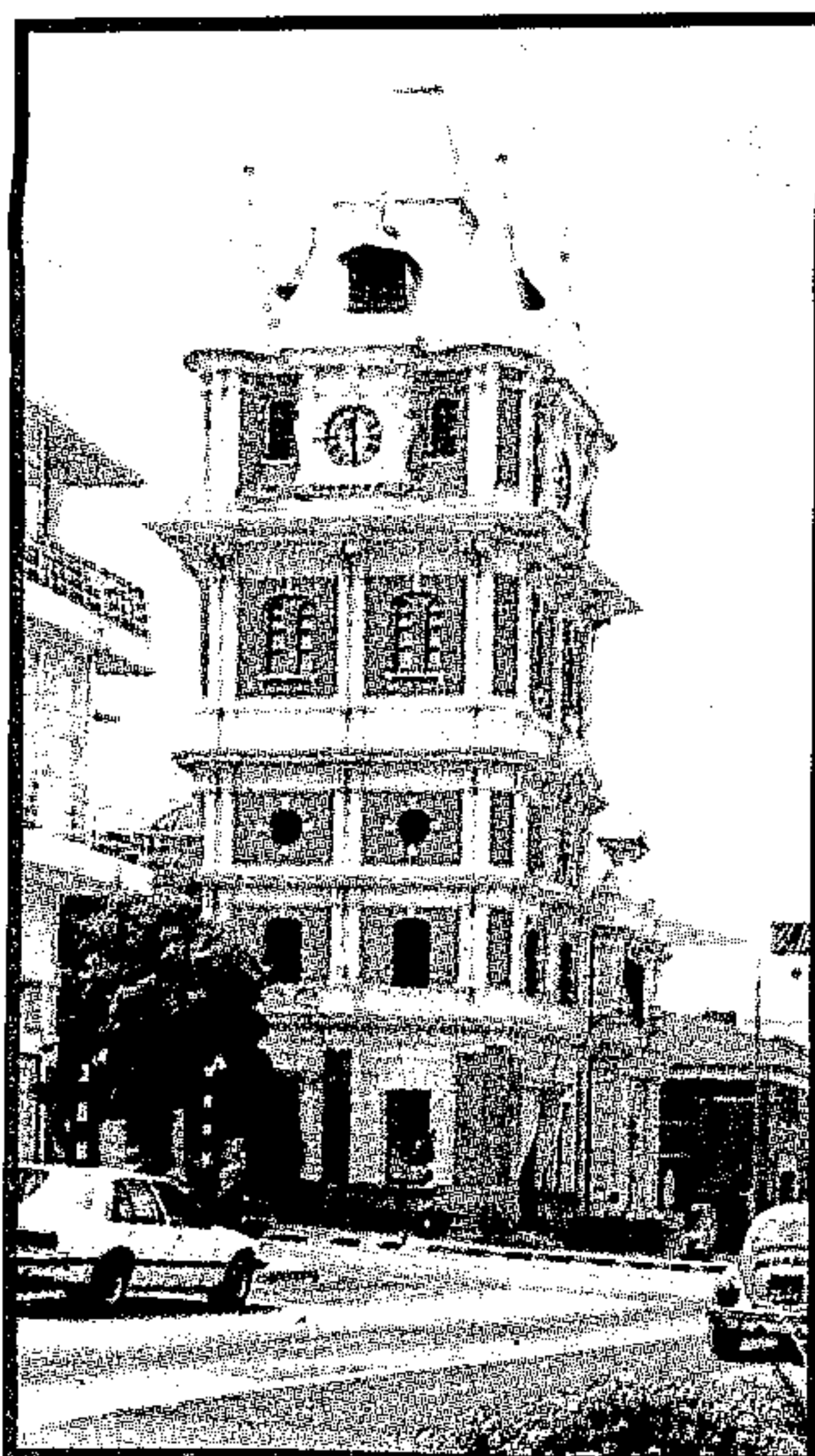
The Uitenhage Council makes land available for housing virtually at cost price. Farms surrounding the town have been purchased and expansion is unimpeded — depending only on demand, and the council's capacity to plan and service.

Uitenhage's labour force has traditionally been of good quality and labour has always been plentiful.

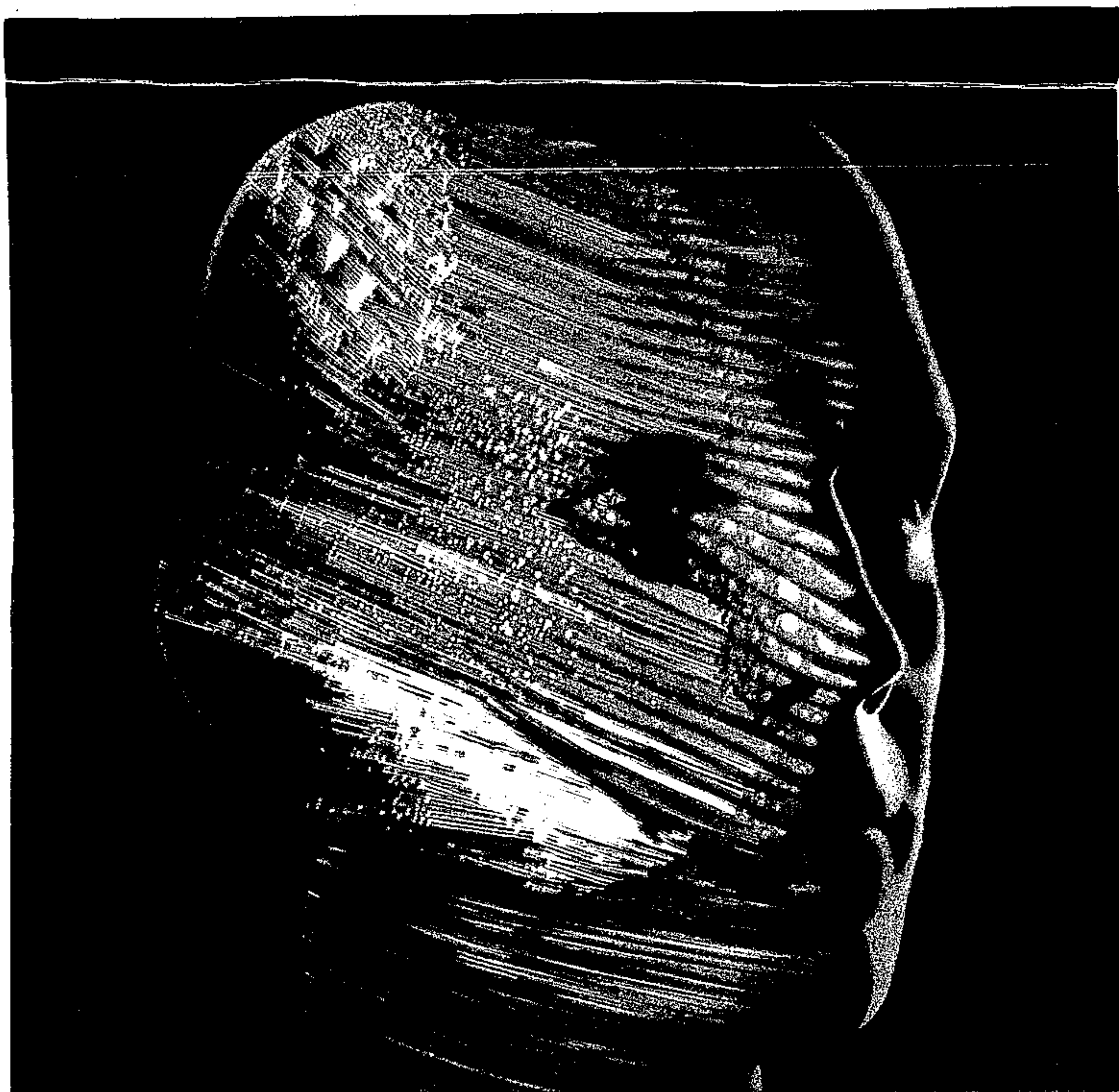
Uitenhage offers extensive training facilities, and excellent schooling is provided for all groups.

All sports are well provided for, and the town's beautiful botanical gardens, dramatic societies, museums, and national monuments, as well as the famous Springs resort, provide ample opportunities for leisure-time activities.

Apart from January and February, when temperatures rise, the climate is moderate. March, April, September, and October, are the rainfall months.



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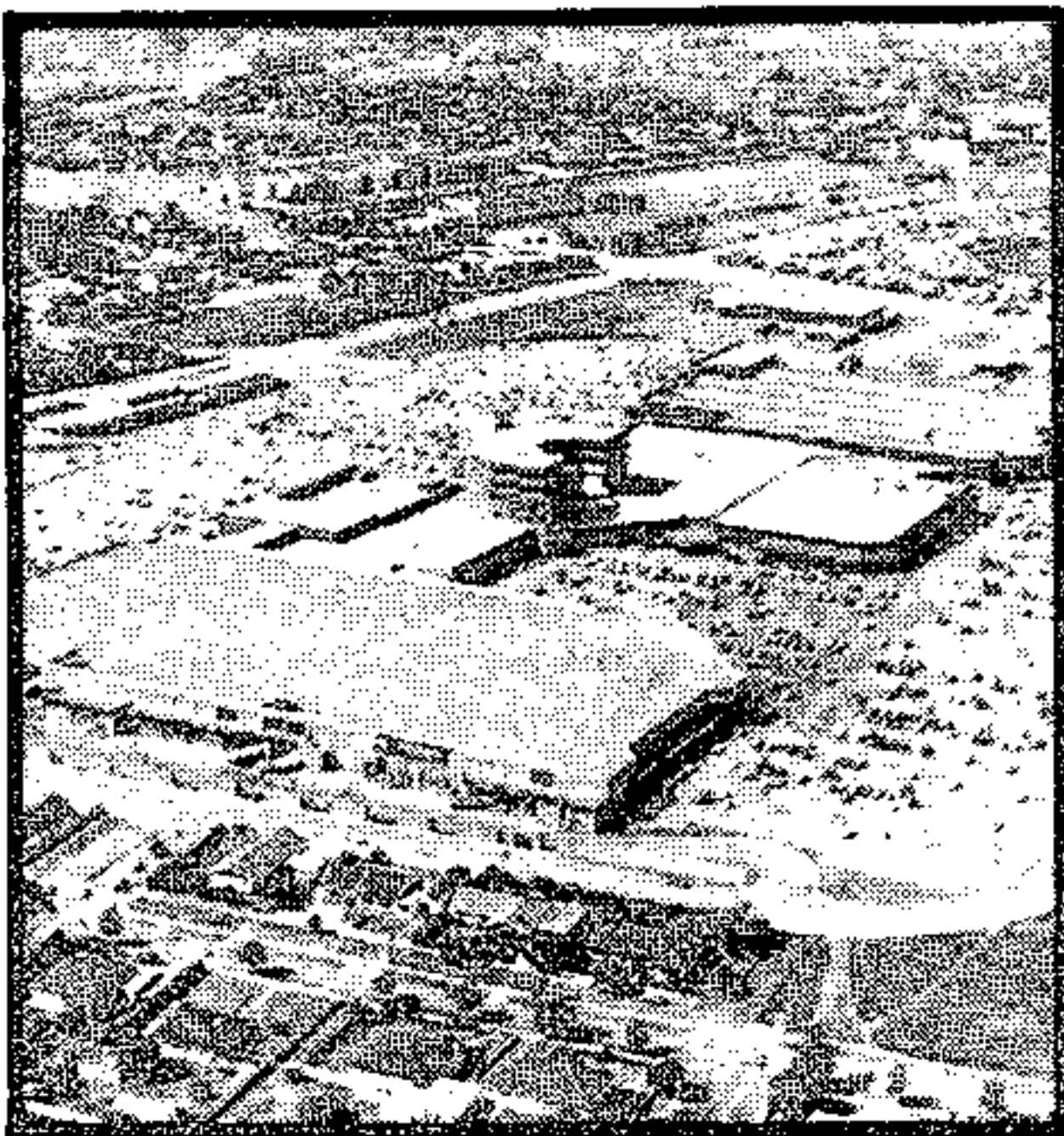
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Five-year history of success

GREENACRES in Port Elizabeth is something new in the way of tourist attractions and a classic example of what business imagination, enterprising judgment and confident organisation can do for a city.

Just five years ago, the former racecourse contained only two stores. Checkers Hypermarket and OK Superstore were a phenomenon in their size and in

that these arch-competitors directly faced each other in an all-out battle for trade. Such high-powered competitors are, usually, planned as far apart as possible. But the property company that owned the land was forced to abandon its plans to create an up-market township and Rapp and Maister, a fast-rising Johannesburg-based real estate company,



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was quick to grasp the potential and bought two-thirds of the old course.

It began organising, and the results show how profitable imaginative and dynamic planning can be.

After less than five years, Greenacres is today a modern wonder of business acumen and shopping architecture.

A neighbouring complex of townhouses — Greenacres Village — has been developed by a Port Elizabeth company, complementing the retail complex and constituting a bonus for the owners of the main area, who have become the property arm of Liberty Life.

In the four years since the first two "major" shops were completed, three more, plus 85 sub-majors and "satellite" shops, have opened their doors to the public at Greenacres.

The tenants were canvassed mainly on a national basis, which was a sore point with established Port Elizabeth businesses, and a cosy "climate-controlled"

mall was planned to link conveniently the majors with the minors.

With nowhere to go but up, Rapp and Maister developed a multi-storey extension of 2 000 square metres of office space, bringing the total area in the shopping complex to 54 000 square metres. The new block houses two cinemas, a restaurant, a bank, a travel agency, an optometrist and the Greenacres management.

The building of the shopping centre and the village has been the catalyst for spectacular developments around the perimeter.

The biggest development, still under construction, is a polyclinic. Others are a large garage, a 10-pin bowling centre, a gymnasium and two substantial blocks of offices, one of which includes a post office.

New premises for the Automobile Association will soon be built.

Greenacres's "big is beautiful" concept is an American idea adopted in South Africa over the past 15 years.

It involves planning for the motorcar and, consequently, coming to grips with the importance of parking space.

There are 3 500 parking bays on the Greenacres site — unusual on a site so centrally situated.

According to Mr Terry Kelman, the centre's popular manager, turnover at the centre topped R200-million last year.

Businesses in the centre are obliged to report their monthly turnover to the management.

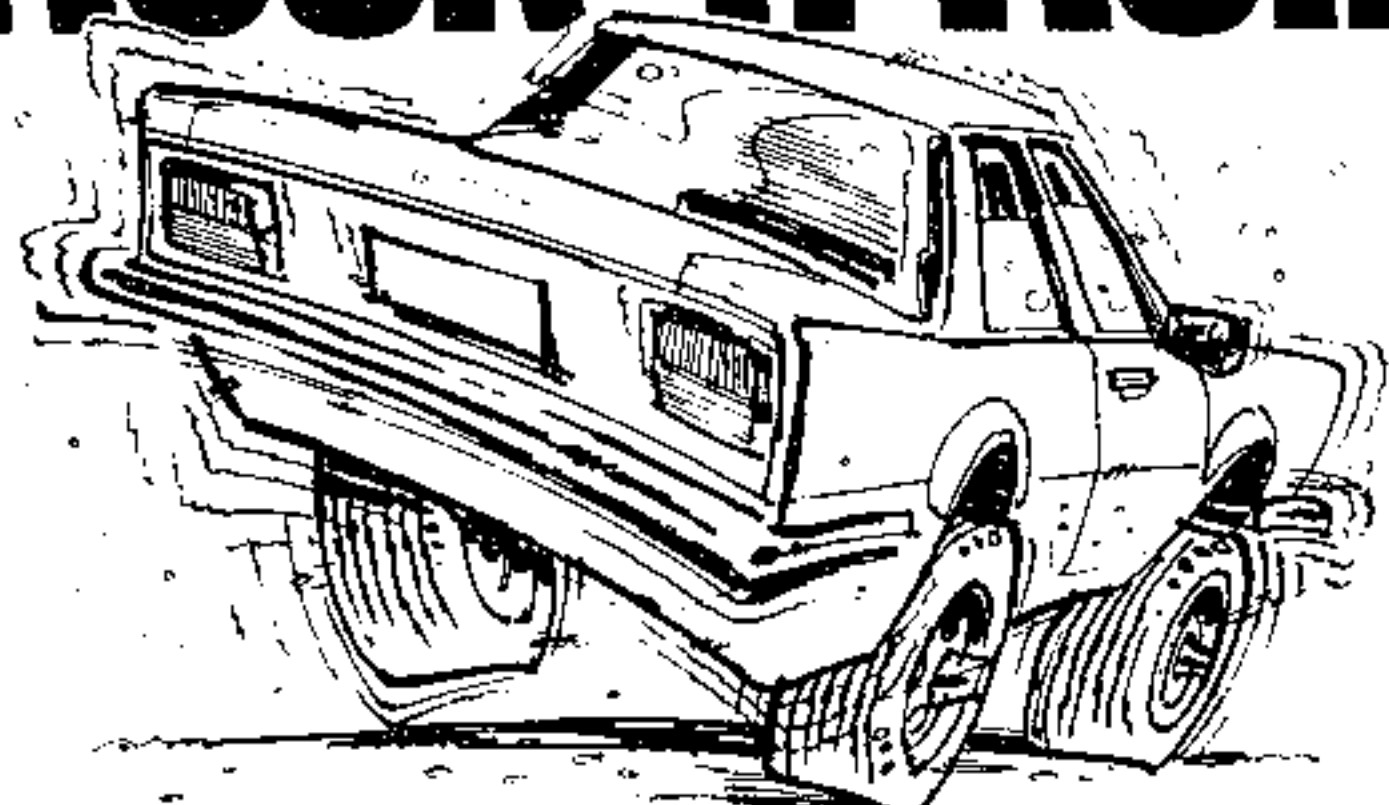
Fifteen thousand people visited the centre each day last December, when some of the majors took more than R1-million in a single day.

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Aerial view of Port Elizabeth's Hill area with St George's Park at centre.

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Mild climate attracts

HOLIDAY-MAKERS visit Port Elizabeth for a variety of reasons.

Some are obvious — the city's relative closeness to other centres in the Eastern Cape; its safe, clean and spacious beaches; its historical status as the origin of many families long resident in the Transvaal, and its situation as the eastern gateway to the Garden Route, South Africa's most popular tourist attraction.

But there is another, more subtle, reason. Port Elizabeth offers what is probably the mildest climate in the Republic.

In the summer, escape routes lead to Port Elizabeth from the heat of Johannesburg, Pretoria, Kimberley, Bloemfontein and Windhoek and, of course, the humidity of Durban.

With the exception of Natal, the same routes operate during the grip of winter.

Port Elizabeth's winter months are warm, windless and balmy, perfect

for the visitor looking for peaceful relaxation.

This situation is written clearly between the lines of statistics of visitors who call at Port Elizabeth's Publicity Association's tourist bureau, and whose places of origin are recorded for study purposes.

The height of the season — December — is the bureau's busiest month, because of the closing of schools, universities and factories.

There is usually a falling off in mid-January, mainly because industries start up again after the Christmas break.

The figures rise again in February, as the need to escape up-country heat again takes effect.

The flow continues through March, because of Port Elizabeth's reputation for truly delightful autumn weather, and builds up towards the April peak, the second best month of the year.

Into winter, the eastwards inflow of visitors coming off the Garden

Route during December, January and February through to April is kept up by the addition of holiday-making older folk escaping the notorious Cape

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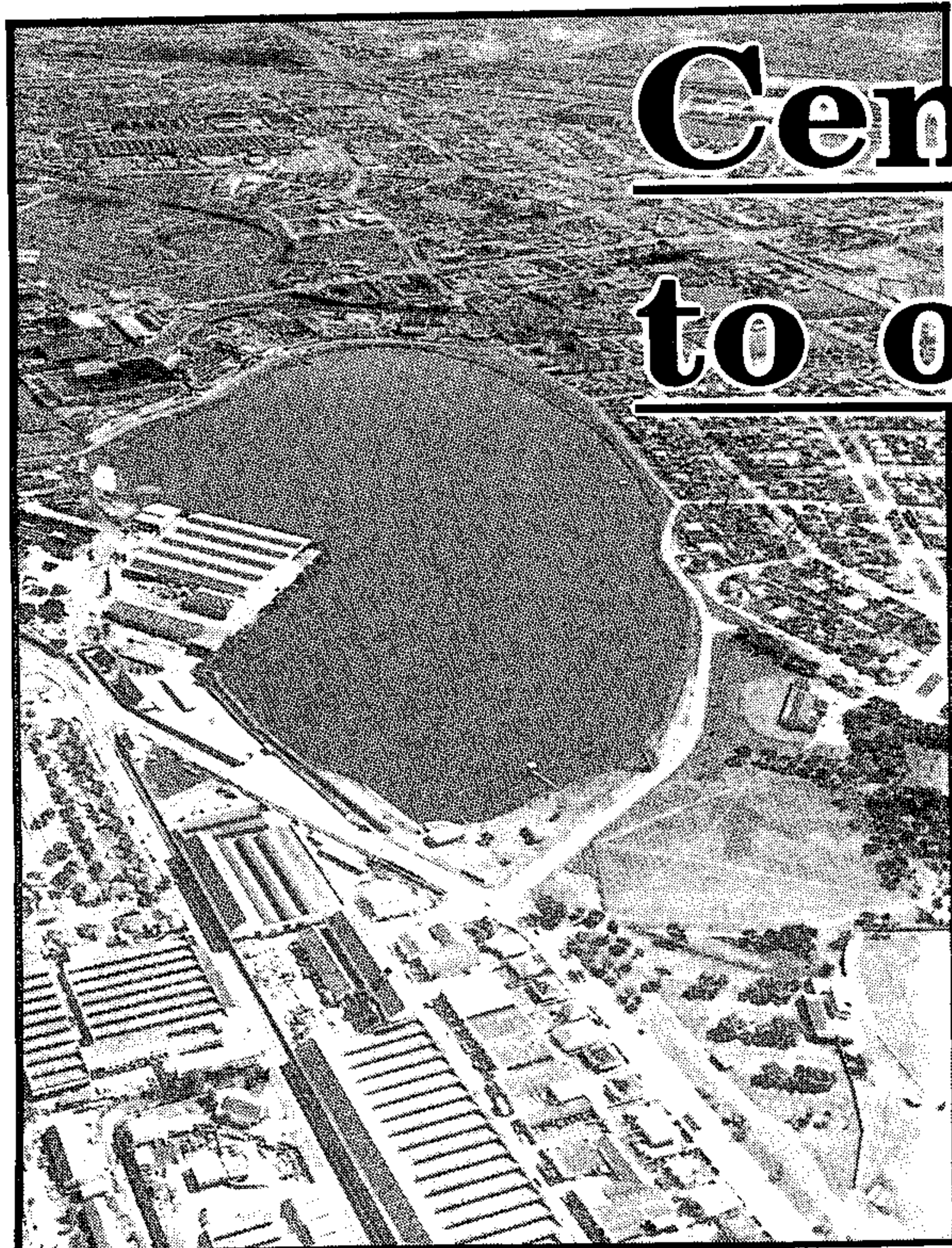
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These are some of the advantages Port Elizabeth — the South African centre with the greatest capacity for growth — is able to offer potential investors who, says Mr Andre Crouse, the city's Development Officer, should take careful note of the Republic's anticipated industrial development pattern, "as a timeous move to Port Elizabeth will pay handsome dividends".

Referring to Port Elizabeth's well-deserved reputation for friendliness and beauty as a "city of opportunity", he says that, as the only major seaport between Cape Town and Durban, the city combines the quality of life of a prime tourist resort with the economic opportunities of manufacture and trade.

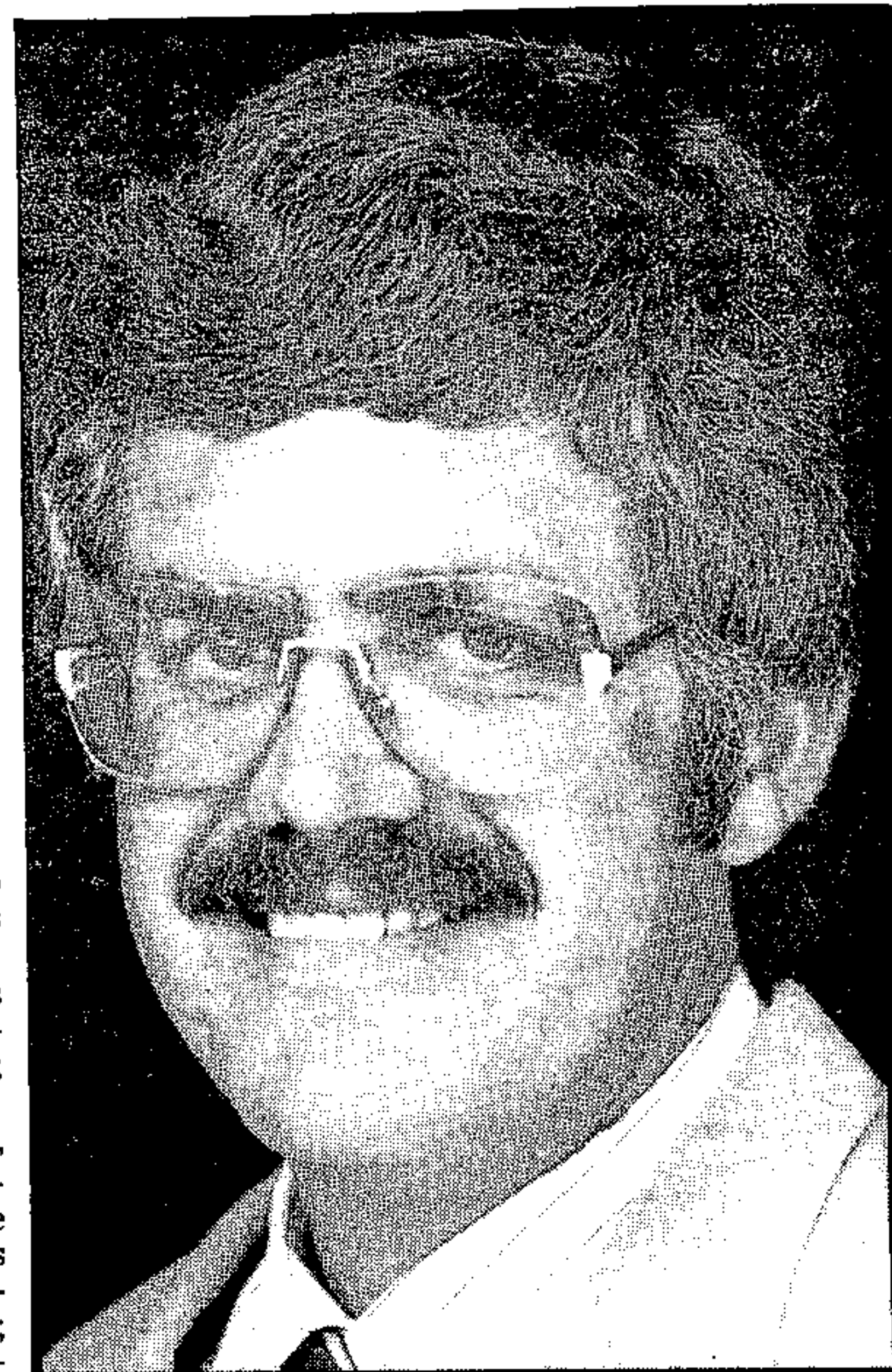
Investors favoured Port Elizabeth long before the turn of the century and the introduction of the car to Southern Africa took place from manufacturing plants in the city.

In order of importance, the main economic activities are manufacturing; commerce, catering and accommodation services; transport, storage and communication; and Government services.

Manufacturing is by far the most important sector, accounting for at least one-third of the region's income.

Within this sector, the most dominant activities are motor vehicle manufacture; rubber products; motor components; electrical machinery and components; foodstuffs; spinning, weaving and clothing; glass; footwear and leather goods; and chemicals — including pharmaceuticals and paint.

Most Government departments are strongly represented in Port Elizabeth which, as an important regional capital, is the Republic's fourth largest metropolitan area.



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Ample power, water

PORT Elizabeth is fortunate to have, apart from its link-up with Escom, a local source of electrical energy. At the Swartkops power station, a 240 mW installation provides approximately 45 per cent of the city's electricity needs.

A town-gas plant, one of three similar installations operated by municipalities in the country, provides industrialists with an alternative source of energy.

Port Elizabeth's supply of water is able to meet current demands. Water is supplied from six dams, five of which are owned and maintained by the city.

"When the Elandsjacht scheme comes on-stream soon, Port Elizabeth will be self-sufficient, as far as water is concerned, well into the next century."

Mr Crouse pointed out that an excellent rail network connected the city to the rest of the Republic. The main station is close to the central business district; three other stations also serve the city.

Markman and Perseverance industrial estates are both equipped with rail links to the national network.

Referring to roads, he said Port Elizabeth was a major link in the national road network, while an excellent urban freeway system had resulted in Port Elizabeth being described as the "Ten Minute City", as most urban journeys took no longer than that.

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Versatile workers

"THE population of 600 000 consists of 25 per cent white, 25 per cent coloured and Asian, and the remainder African — representing the most versatile work force in the country," says Mr Crouse.

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"Our labour force has been exposed to industrial activity since the turn of the century. Every conceivable industrial skill is, therefore, freely available."

The workforce is stable and statistics show a lower proportion of labour unrest than other centres.

The first moves towards the organisation of labour in South Africa took place in this area and the industrial relations department of the University of Port Elizabeth came into being at the same time.

"As a result, local labour management practice is of a high standard and labour unrest is usually handled with considerable expertise."

Fine quality of life

ACCORDING to Mr Crouse one of the most important aspects of settling in Port Elizabeth is the extremely favourable quality of life enjoyed by its inhabitants.

"Because of this, labour turnover seems to be lower, as the population is, generally, reluctant to relocate to other industrial centres. Aberdare Cables recently moved its entire operation to Port Elizabeth. One of the reasons was low turnover of white-collar workers."

Port Elizabeth is a major tourist centre and residents can enjoy the challenges of an industrial centre during working hours and escape to the pleasures of a holiday atmosphere in leisure time.

"South Africa has relied heavily on her mineral resources as a primary source of income. The growing South African population, with its concomitant need for additional labour opportunities, and the growing expectations of a more civilised labour force, will force the country to pay closer attention to industrialisation.

"As the South African market is too small to support the economies of scale required to compete with the prices of consumer goods from other countries, we will have to concentrate on the export market."



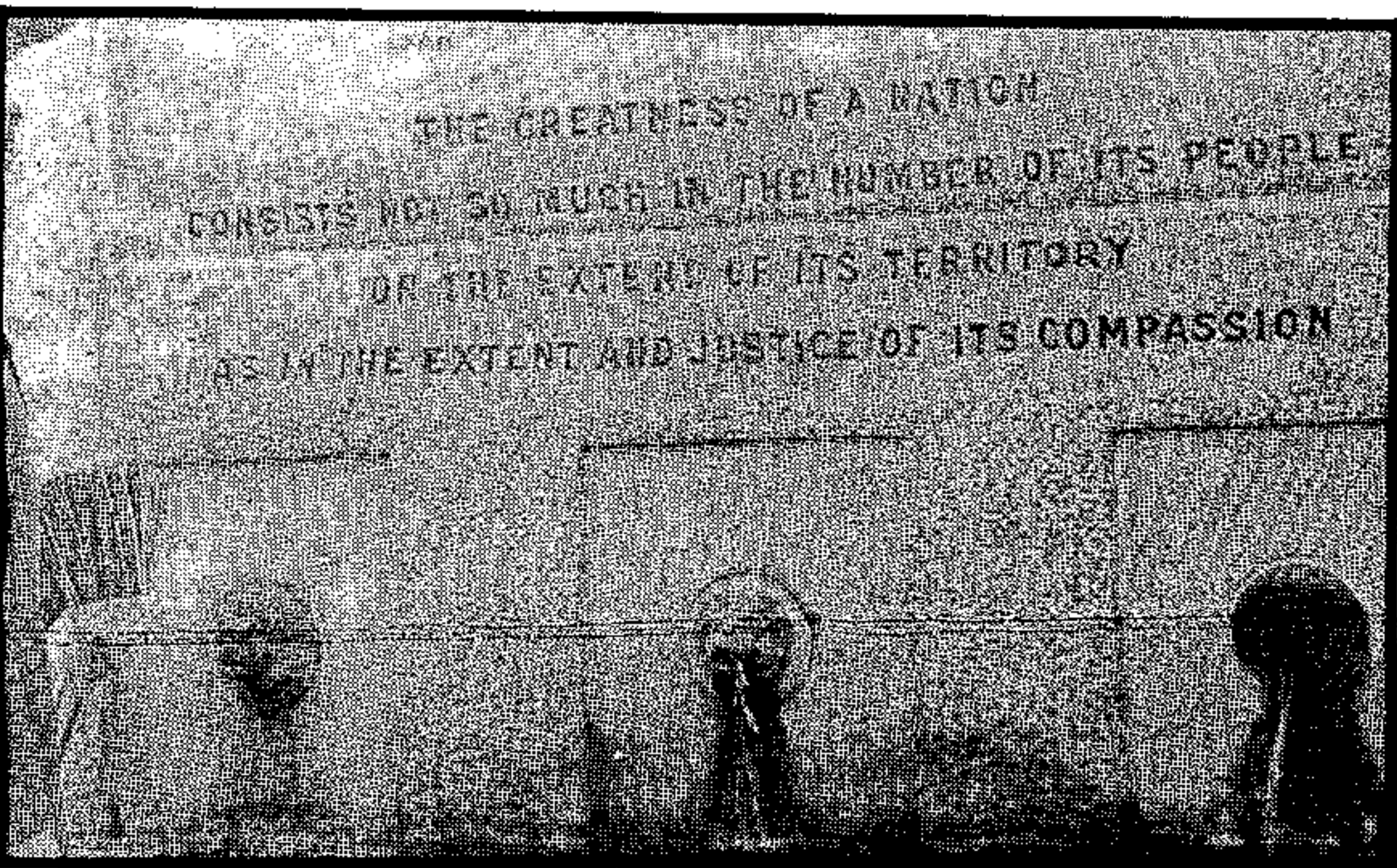
Tendency to honour an idea rather than hero

WHILE other South African cities build memorials to wars and heroes, Port Elizabeth's citizens have shown a propensity for honouring abstract ideas.

One of the city's most famous monuments — known throughout the world, and a unique feature in the Friendly City — is the Horse Memorial, erected in 1905 to honour the memory of the horses which perished during the Anglo-Boer War.

It also serves as a water trough.

A kneeling British soldier, left, gives a weary horse a drink of water. Below: The inscription on the Horse Memorial.



The inscription reads: "The greatness of a nation lies not so much in the number of its people, or the extent of its territory, as in the extent and justice of its compassion."

Unlike most war memorials — usually a victorious general astride a magnificent steed — the people of Port Elizabeth chose to have a kneeling soldier giving a weary horse a drink of water.

The tradition of building monuments to ideas continues to this day.

Later this year, a monument of Prester John, the mythical Christian king, will be unveiled in the city.

The legend of a Christian kingdom in the Near East, or Africa, circulated through Europe for a number of centuries, and the dream of finding the kingdom and forming an alliance with it against Islam was one of the motivations for the 15th century Portuguese voyages of exploration.

So real was the belief in Prester John's existence that the Portuguese explorers carried letters of introduction to him.

The bronze sculpture will be erected near the City Hall.

The easternmost of the crosses set up by Bartholomew Dias along the South African shore in 1488 was erected at Kwaihoek, just east of Algoa Bay.

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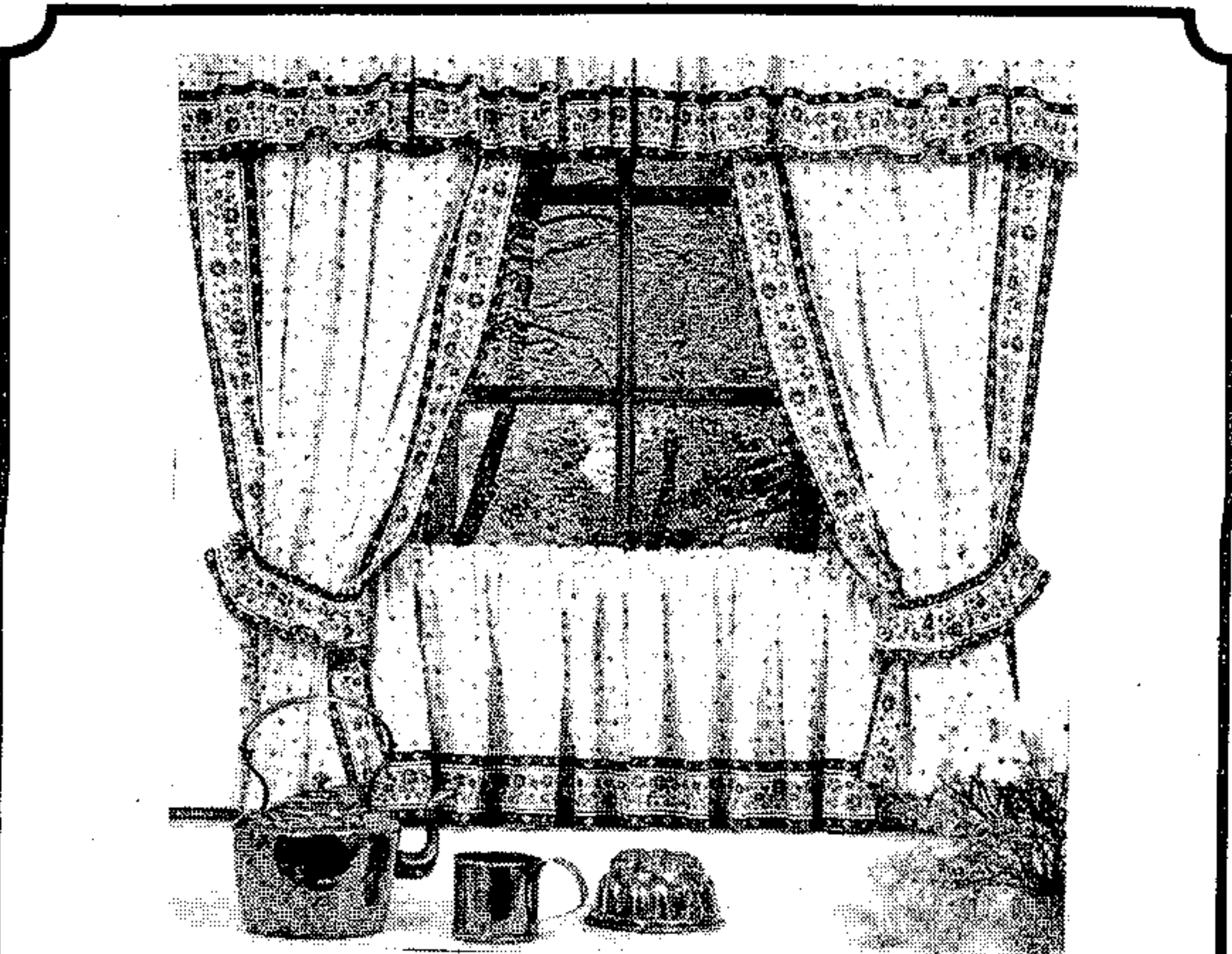
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Tourism opportunities



WITH tourism now regarded as the second most important industry in South Africa, the Eastern Cape — and Port Elizabeth in particular — offers an exciting tourist potential for imaginative entrepreneurs.

In 1799, when a garrison was established at Fort Frederick, and ships came to Algoa Bay searching for water, Frederick Korsten was one of the first to appreciate this potential.

He began salting beef and was soon wealthy.

What was then a seaside village became a place of opportunity for many of the 1820 British settlers seeking to escape from a harsh and dangerous frontier life.

With courage and foresight, they grasped these opportunities and founded the city that was to become a major port and part of an industrial metropole.

As the city developed, new opportunities were created and these were taken up by shrewd, confident industrial and financial investors.

Port Elizabeth being the export point for hides and skins led to the founding of the footwear industry — helped by shortages created by the First World War.

At the same time, the development of the motor industry created exciting prospects for thousands of people.

The same thing happened on a much larger scale during and after the Second World War — leading, unfortunately, to a somewhat unhealthy preponderance of related industries and the call for diversification.

Then came the present depression, widespread unemployment and unrest.

Development had simply not kept pace with the demand for new jobs for the fast-rising black population.

Political and material plans are now being made to improve the quality of life in black townships in the region, as well as in the rural areas.

If these are tackled with sufficient determination, there must be opportunities not only for job creation in general, but also for entrepreneurship.

In today's climate, tourism is seen as a promising field for development — and this has become an urgent need.

It so happens that this need has arisen just when

Eastern Cape offers finest waters for sport

the real attractions of Port Elizabeth as a holiday resort look more appealing than they have ever looked before.

The "uniqueness" that all areas need to interest and excite potential visitors sticks out like an antenna.

This consists of a combination of the sea — safe, convenient and versatile — and seasports, easily accessible and endlessly challenging, together with a natural local beauty and a quality of life that would be difficult to equal, or better, anywhere in the Republic.

Perhaps the finest opportunities for development in Port Elizabeth today are offered in the field of seasports.

Efforts are being made to provide the city with a small-craft harbour and there are plans, albeit on a smaller scale, to create sea-launching facilities for monohull yachts in the Humewood area.

Algoa Bay is regarded as having the Republic's finest sailing waters, particularly in winter — a convenient season for racing — and probably the best time of the year for warm, windless weather.

Besides boosting international tourism, a small-boat harbour of the sort being planned would not only provide facilities for cruising and racing yachtsmen. It would expand existing seaward industries and create many new job opportunities.

Today, seasports include everything from marathon canoeing to board-sailing, to skiboat angling, to deepsea yachting.

Seasports have made Algoa Bay a distinctly saleable commodity — with a freely available coastal breeze.

The modern forms of

seasports have already created a fair-sized business in the region, but the manufacturing side of the picture has not been expanded fully in Port Elizabeth — presumably, lost opportunities for the Friendly City.

The accommodation industry in the area, and more particularly in Port Elizabeth, is another obvious area for expansion and opportunity.

Hotels and caravan sites are booked up long before peak holiday

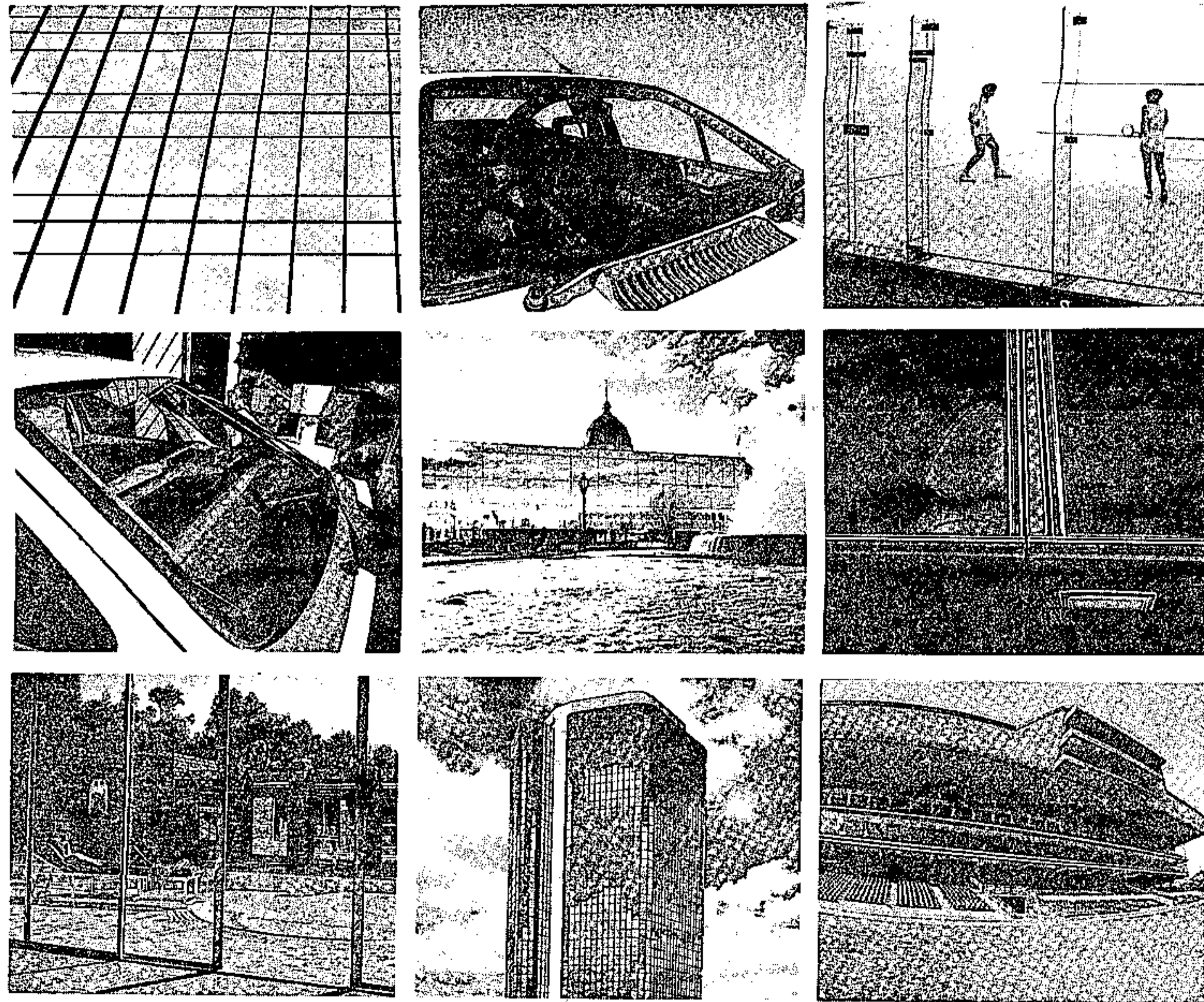
periods, and bed occupancy figures in Port Elizabeth are regularly higher than in any other South African centre.

Port Elizabeth needs more hotels, and developers are taking a fresh look at the city as an area with

promising investment potential for hotels, caravan parks and chalets.

The news that the State is to proceed more vigorously with the East Cape end of the massive Orange River scheme has been widely welcomed.

Hobie Cats, seen here at Humewood, have brought the fun of sailing within reach of many people. Algoa Bay is ideal for this popular seasport.



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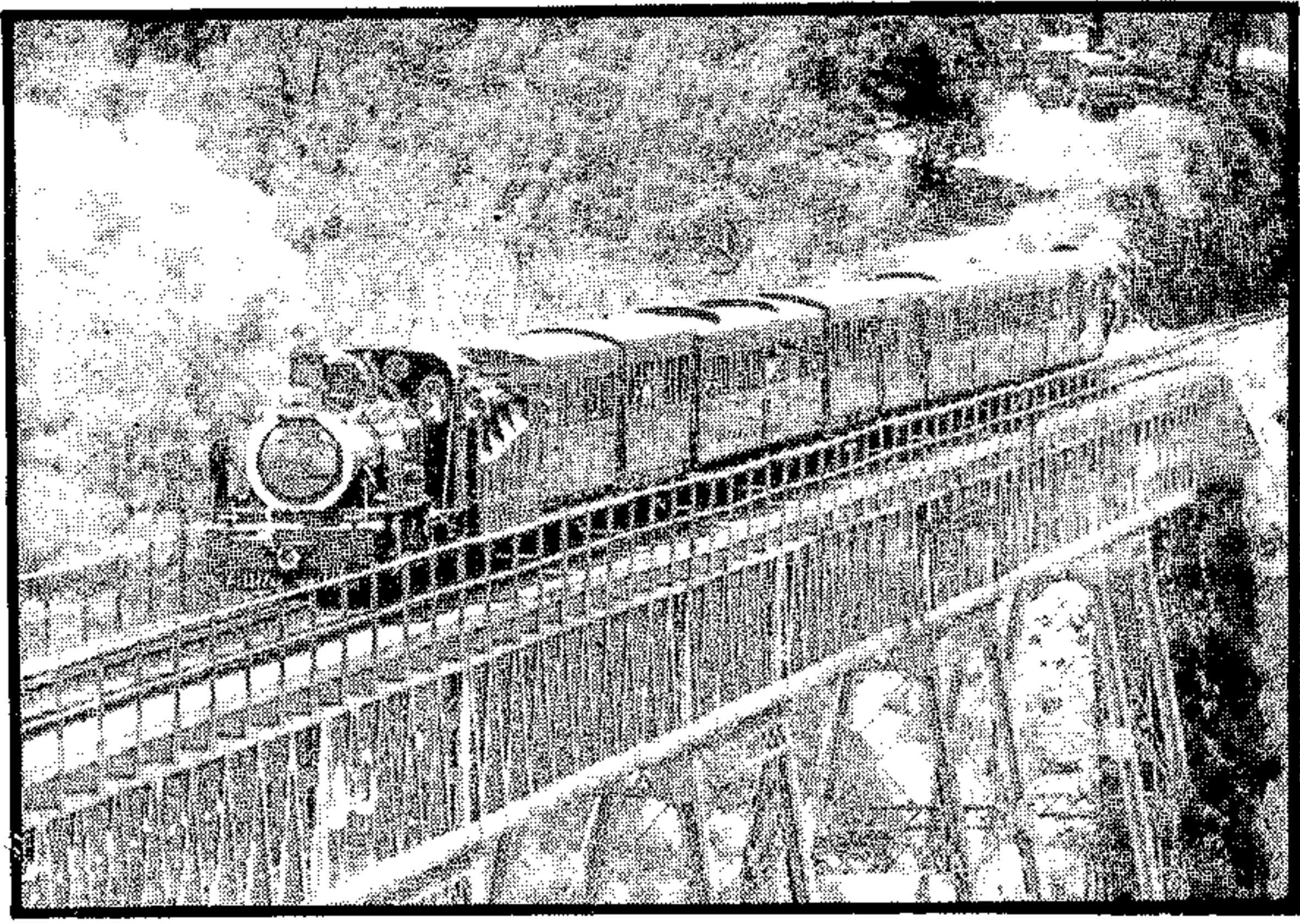
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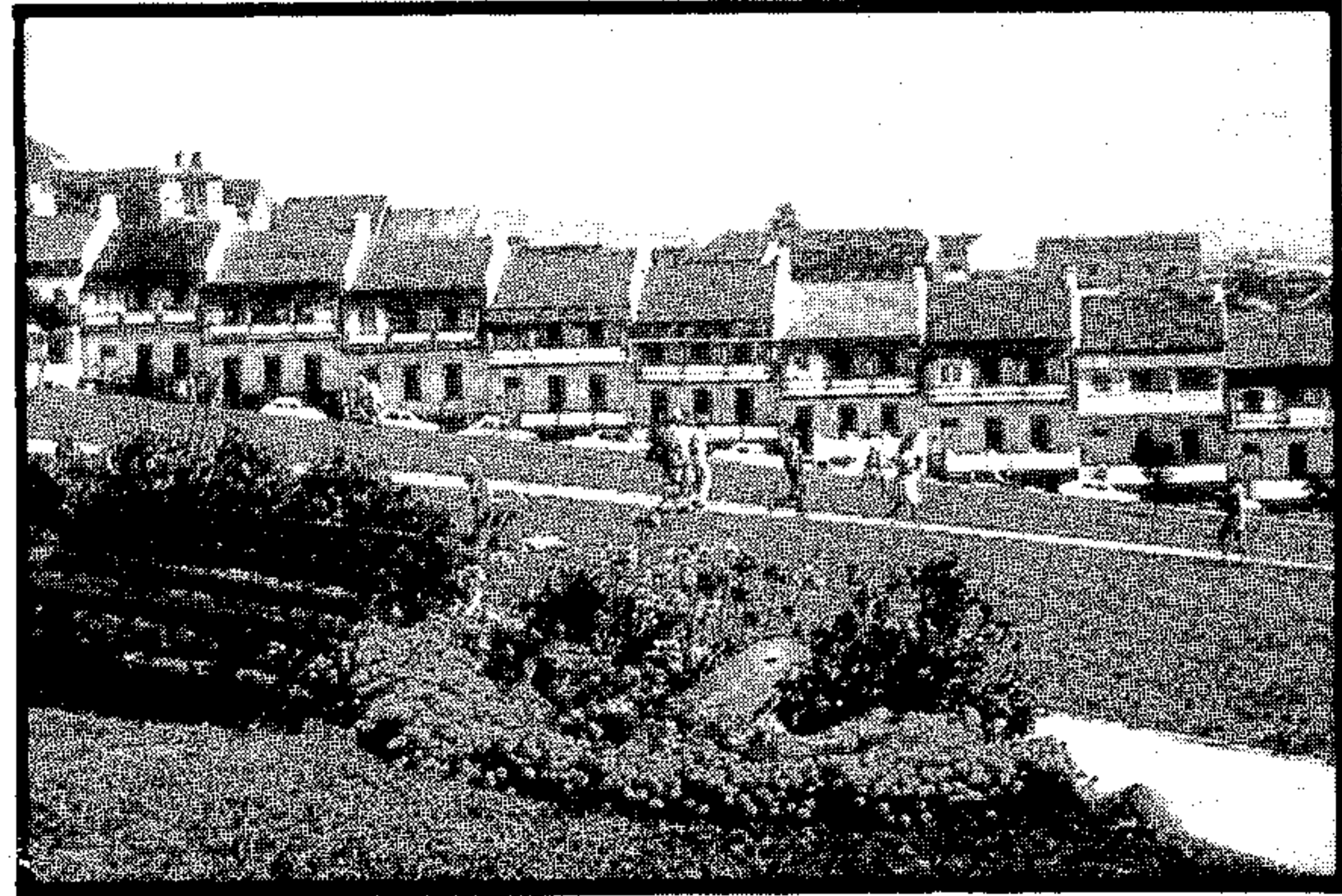


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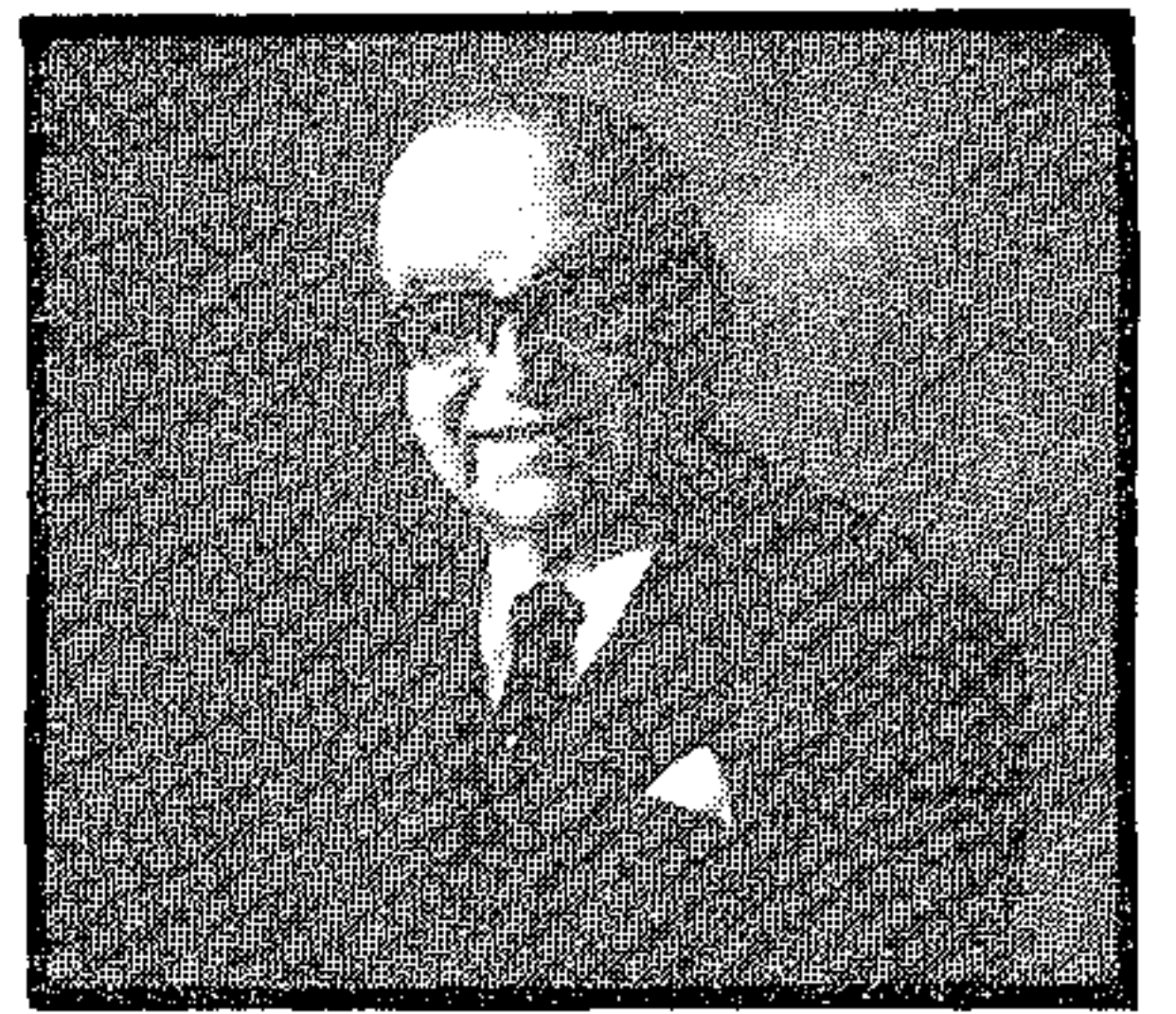
The Apple Express puffs its way across the Van Stadens gorge.



The historic Donkin Street houses, now declared a national monument.

Company has been pioneer of safety and security

Mr Harry Brodie, right, whose father, Adolph, established the glass industry in South Africa in Cape Town in 1909, started the Port Elizabeth operation. Harry's brother, Emmanuel, and Morris Lubner were in charge of operations in Cape Town and Johannesburg. Now well into his eighties, Harry still visits the company's head office in Port Elizabeth daily.



50 years in glass

IT is hardly possible to picture the motor industry in the Eastern Cape without thinking of Pilkington Shatterprufe, which has been manufacturing safety glass in Port Elizabeth for half a century.

South African pioneers in the processing of safety and security glass, the company supplies safety glass for a large variety of purposes other than the motor industry — facades of high-rise buildings, patio doors, sports complexes, shower cubicles and security applications.

In November, 1935, because of an increasing demand for safety glass by the then well-established motor industry in Port Elizabeth, production of laminated windscreens started in Shatterprufe's new factory.

Mr Harry Brodie, whose father, Adolph, established the glass industry in South Africa in Cape Town in 1909, started the Port Elizabeth operation, while his brother, Emmanuel, and Morris Lubner, were in

charge of the Cape Town and Johannesburg operations.

Today, Harry Brodie, now well into his 80s, still visits the company's head office on a daily basis.

To cater for increasing demand, a modern factory was erected in 1947, complete with a well-equipped research and development laboratory.

The manufacture of bent windscreens from 1952 and the introduction of laminated architectural glass has necessitated almost continuous expansion of buildings, plant and equipment.

Pilkington's established their Armourplate factory in 1937, to manufacture toughened safety glass.

Consolidation of safety-glass expertise led to a merger between these two companies and Pilkington Shatterprufe now employs more than 1 000 workers in Port Elizabeth alone.

The company is recognised as a world authority on safety and

security glazing and is involved actively in exporting. Prestige buildings in far-off Singapore and Sydney contain glass processed in Port Elizabeth to exacting international standards.

Mr Cris Tinley, managing director of the group, says that, while the head office is in Port Elizabeth, it has widespread interests throughout the Republic.

"Because of our long acquaintance with this area, however, we sincerely and strongly support the initiative by the Eastern Province Herald and the Regional Development Advisory Committee to launch the campaign for local opportunities.

"We have always been close to Port Elizabeth and its people, and have been a major factor in its growth. We are pleased to be part of this campaign.

"We believe there are ample opportunities in the Eastern Cape but they need to be grasped and exploited."

Hour's drive from Friendly City

PORT Elizabeth's immediate surroundings have much to offer the visitor and holiday-maker — from surfing to steam trains, and it is all only an hour's drive from the Friendly City.

With its wide range of

attractions, the city has a number of fascinating centres and resorts within easy reach.

Some of the finest surfing in the world can be found at Jeffreys Bay, 78km west of Port Elizabeth.

The sheltered bay offers great waves, and its kilometres of unspoilt beaches are a source of a vast variety of shells, some unique in the world.

On the way to Jeffreys is one of the area's numerous nature reserves, the

Van Stadens Wild Flower Reserve.

The Van Stadens area offers a great deal to the tourist — including the narrow gauge railway bridge which crosses the Van Stadens River gorge, the highest of its kind in the world and a major viewing site for travellers on the world famous Apple Express.

This little steam train, with its distinct green livery, undertakes weekly tourist excursions from Port Elizabeth to Loerie.

After winding its way through Port Elizabeth's western suburbs, it travels through lush, forested countryside with stunning views of the great Winterhoek mountains.

Port Elizabeth's environs have more than just the Apple Express to offer steam train enthusiasts.

In Uitenhage, the town's first station, built in 1875, is preserved almost intact.

The little building, with its "broekie-lace" decora-

tions and steep-pitched roof, houses an extensive collection of items relating to travel and communication in the late 19th century.

More of Uitenhage's interesting and colourful history can be traced at its Cuyler Manor and Drostdy museums.

Another world-famous attraction, the Addo Elephant National Park, is north-west of Uitenhage and 72km from Port Elizabeth.

Apart from the herd of elephants, which differ markedly from other African elephants, the park — due to be extended considerably this year — provides a sanctuary for buffalo, black rhino, kudu, bushbuck, bush pig and ostriches. The park has overnight facilities.

To the east of Port Elizabeth, the road winds to Grahamstown (120km away) with turnoffs to quaint places like Sidbury and Salem with strong Settler associations.

Grahamstown's city

centre, dominated by the Cathedral of St Michael and St George, is virtually as it was 100 years ago, with the High Street lined by merchants' buildings erected in the late 19th century.

The large number of historical buildings, including its schools and Rhodes University, combine to give the city a unique character.

Among the many fascinating buildings open to the public in Grahamstown are the Observatory Museum, which includes the country's only working camera obscura, and the Provost.

Grahamstown is also the site of the 1820 Settlers National Monument, the centre of the annual Grahamstown Festival of the Arts, and many educational and cultural events.

Grahamstown can be

used as a starting point for a tour of settler country, including the picturesque village of Salem, and the site of the dramatic confrontation between Richard Gush and a group of marauding Xhosas.

From there the road leads to Port Alfred and then north to Bathurst, a beautiful village housing an important agricultural museum.

The road between Port Alfred and Port Elizabeth winds through a rich, agricultural valley and gives access to beautiful resorts such as Kenton-on-Sea and Bushmans River Mouth.

Near Alexandria the road winds down to the sea and the site at Kwaihoek where Bartholomew Dias plighted his eastern-most cross of his journey in 1488.

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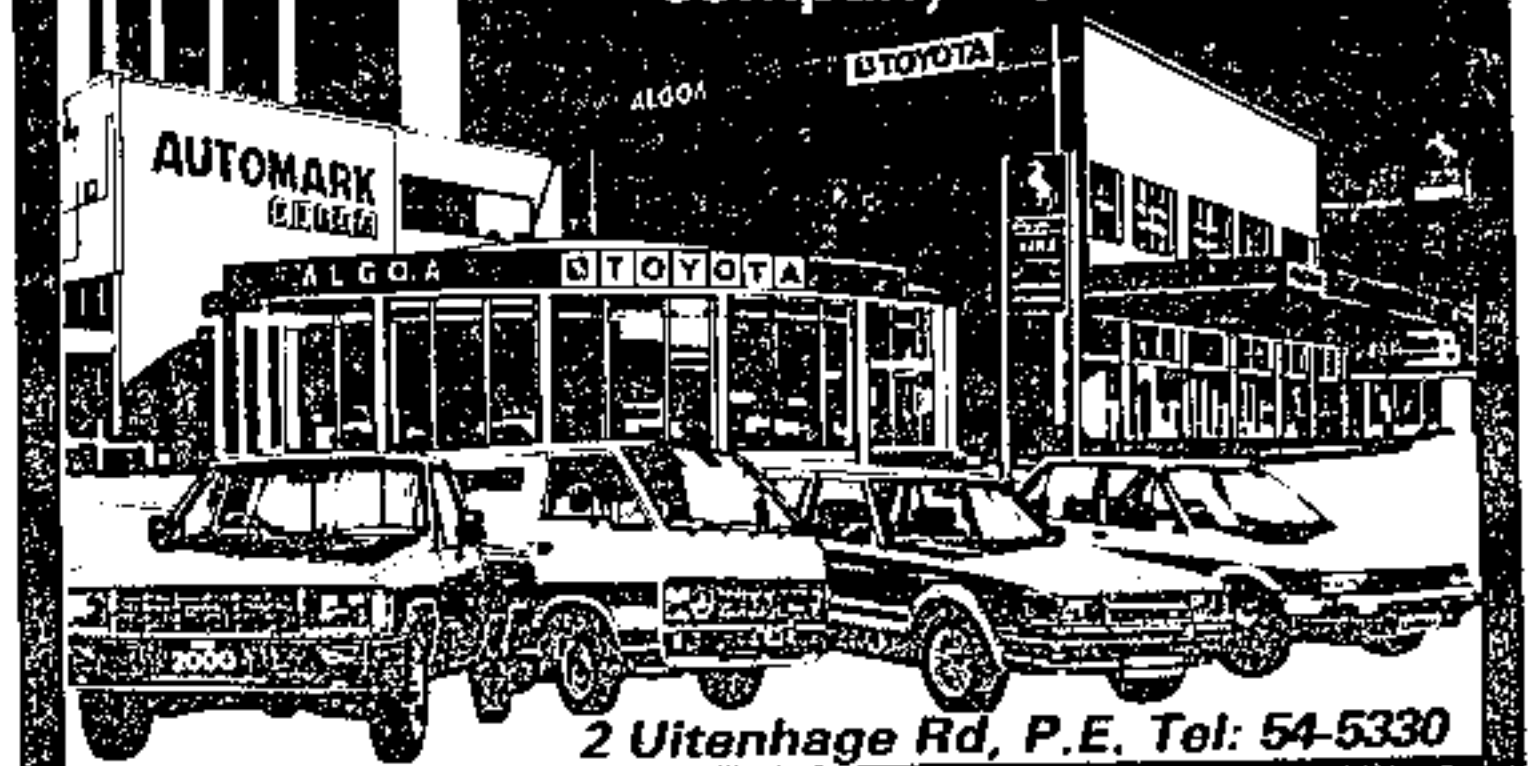


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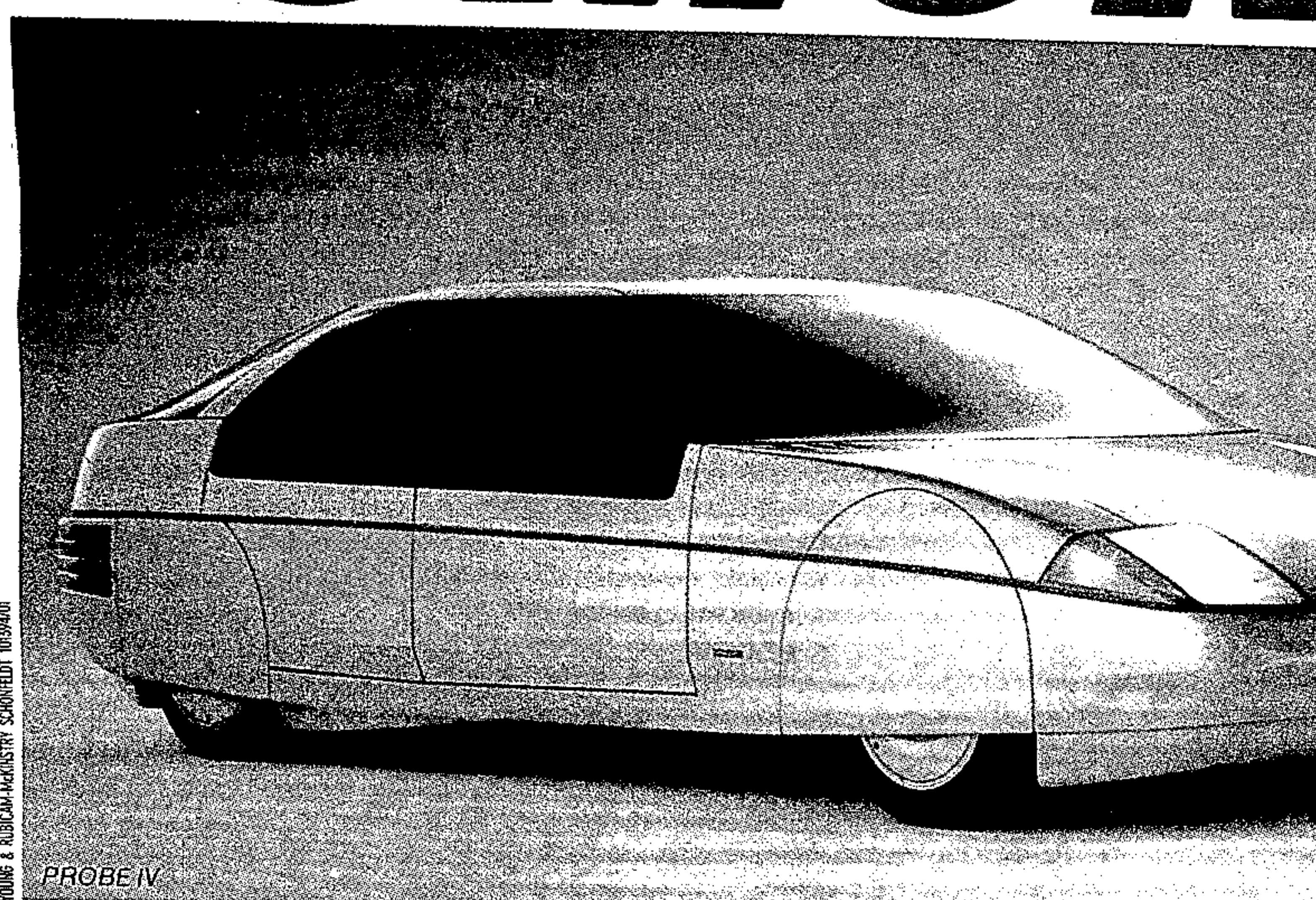
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And what does this mean to you, the motorist? Simply this. Better Fords, through our strengthened technology. Better sales, service and parts availability, through streamlined operations and more efficient Ford dealerships. And even greater commitment to establishing a better quality of life for people in this country.

THERE IS A FORD IN YOUR FUTURE



East Cape gets own radio

LESLIE LIGHTFOOT hails the start of a 'people' service next month as the best radio news in 35 years

AT 6.30pm on July 1, the Eastern Cape becomes the home of what promises to be the freshest breath of air to waft through the South African radio waves since Springbok Radio was founded 35 years ago.

Those are the time and date for the start of the dry run of Radio Algoa, the "people" radio service which aims to serve something like half a million people in the Eastern Cape and Border.

The arrival of community radio is a development of the principle of regional broadcasting which started with Radio Highveld in 1964 and was extended in the following years to Radio Good Hope and Radio Port Natal.

The huge size of South Africa meant, however, that these services were merely quasi-national extensions of the existing services and not regional in the full sense of the word.

The new service, with its headquarters in Port Elizabeth, will serve an area stretching from the Knysna-Plettenberg Bay region in the south to the Transkei border in the north and from the coast in the east to a westerly line stretching from Aliwal North, Richmond and Noupoot down to Uniondale and the Langkloof.

Just over half its population of nearly half a million lives in cities and towns, but the aim of the station is to represent the rural areas as well as the urban concentrations in its programmes.

The wide-ranging interests of the entire Eastern Cape and Border area will be fully represented:

- Weather forecasts will concentrate on the entire region.

- Reports on road and traffic conditions won't be confined to the cities.

- "Coastline" will report on conditions for anglers, surfers, swimmers, boardsailors and holidaymakers along the entire coast.

- There will be regular reports on sporting activities right down to club and even school level in platteland and town throughout the region.

- Agriculture will play as great a part in economic programmes as does industry.

- Consumerism will have its part in the schedule. So will the civic affairs of all the different towns.

Above all, the new service is aiming to be people-orientated in its community through its extended coverage of regional events and the widest possible participation of listeners in as many programmes as possible.

- Competitions, request programmes, a swap column, Ride Safe information, panel discussions, professional advice broadcasts, the daily diary of local events and quizzes will encourage listeners to take part in the broadcasting.

The service aims to keep its broadcasts short and snappy, to hold its listeners' attention from

6am to midnight every day.

- A majority of listeners being in the age group 25 to 50 years, the music will be "middle of the road", but leavened with a dose of new and upbeat pop.

The new service starts its dry run on July 1, broadcasting on the Eastern Cape and Border transmitters of Radio Good Hope with two permanent announcers and as many freelances as are required for its initial 5½ hours every day.

By January next year, when Radio Algoa becomes a true reality with 18 hours of airtime a day, there should be four per-

manent announcers to back the freelances.

Auditions continue apace as the search for freelances continues.

- Every district and area will have its chance to contribute to the schedule on all occasions, sometimes through an extended network of correspondents, sometimes through the phone calls of interested people.

- Radio Algoa's vehicles will become a familiar sight on the region's roads as they take the microphone wherever there is an occasion that stimulates regional interest.

Being a commercial service, Radio Algoa also offers the region some-

thing entirely new in South African broadcasting, a chance for the small and independent business undertaking in any part of the region to advertise on the air.

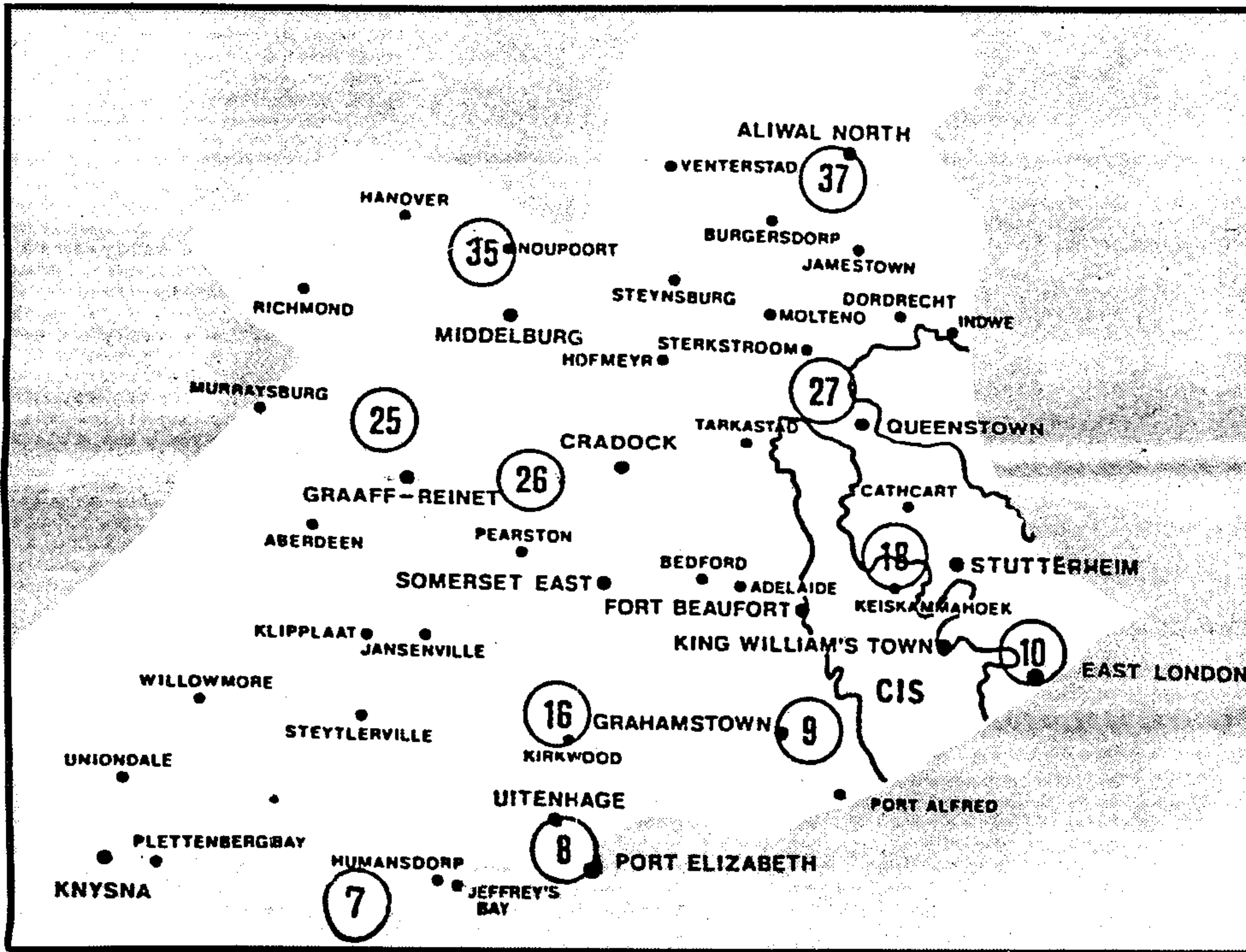
Until now, it was quite a performance for any businessman far from Cape Town to make arrangements to advertise on Good Hope.

All sorts of business undertakings, ranging from garages to hotels and restaurants in different parts of the region, have already shown an interest in the new station.

Interested people can phone Ferdy de Wit, Radio Algoa's advertising manager, at Port Elizabeth (041) 33 7971.



Gordon Hoffmann, a Radio Algoa announcer.



The borders of Radio Algoa's transmissions cover an enormous geographic area, ranging from the coastal towns and cities in the east and south to the rugged mountain country in the north and the flat Karoo plains in the west. Numerals indicate the sites of the transmitters which will carry the new service's programmes.



On hand to see their new temporary offices as they arrived by road from Durban were the members of Radio Algoa's management, Roy Williams (programme manager), Tony Elliott (head of service) and Ferdy De Wit (advertising manager).



RADIO GOOD HOPE
Jingles and logo confirm identity

AMONG the many preparations under way for the arrival of Radio Algoa next year, are the devising of an own logo, and composing and recording station jingles with which to identify the service during broadcasting hours.

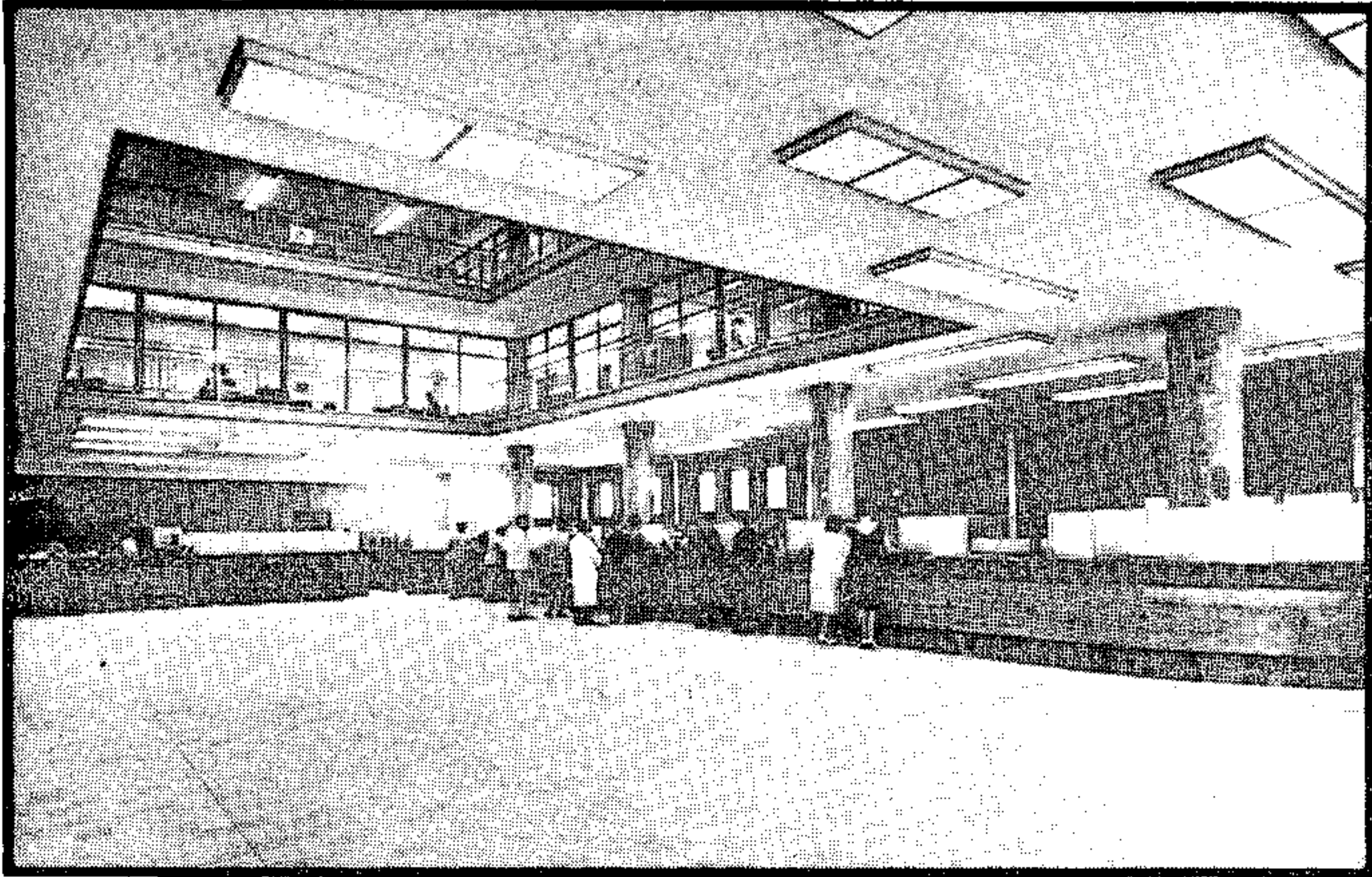
As much of this work as possible is being done by local artists and companies, indicating Radio Algoa's intention of being a "community" service and not just a station broadcasting locally in the Eastern Cape and Border.

Up to now, the Eastern Cape and Border have been part of the Radio Good Hope region — logo above — with the occasional request or chat programme presented from Port Elizabeth.

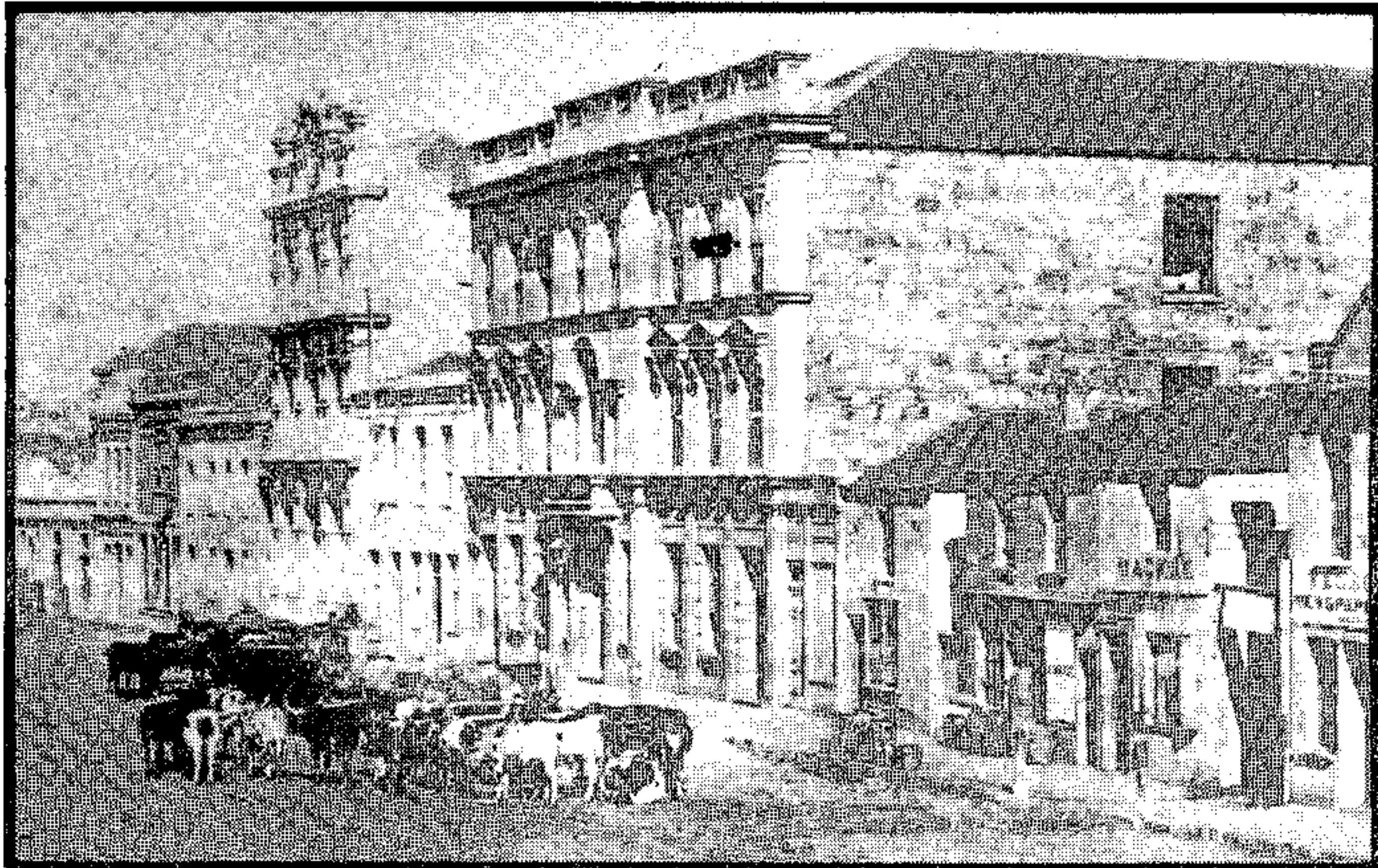
The management and first staff members of the new service are finalising preparations to go on the air as the Eastern Cape division of Radio Good Hope on July 1, their "dry run" for the introduction of Radio Algoa's full service in January next year.

The introduction of what will become Radio Algoa's evening programmes coincides with the closing down of Springbok Radio's evening broadcasts at 6.30pm on July 1.

Not only are the Radio Algoa personnel preparing their programming material, they are getting ready to move into the temporary office building which has been transported from the building site in Pinetown, Natal, to the grounds of the SABC complex in Conyngham Street, in Port Elizabeth.



The present-day banking hall of the Standard Bank's Main Street branch, Port Elizabeth.



Standard Bank in Main Street, Port Elizabeth, around 1876 — with parking for wagons.

PORT Elizabeth is where things really got started for the Standard Bank — the oldest name in commercial banking in South Africa.

The 1850s saw the emergence of numerous local banks in South Africa, but each had a limited range of influence. As the commercial hub of the Cape Colony, Port Elizabeth had two banks by 1857, but locals felt the rapidly-growing town needed another.

In June of that year a group of prominent businessmen got together to talk about the formation of the "Standard Bank of Port Elizabeth". The capital was to be R500 000 and a draft prospectus was produced.

Sufficient capital could not be found locally and, despite intense enthusiasm, the project had to hang fire.

Two years later the provisional committee decided that overseas investors were needed and John Paterson, a prime mover in the venture, sailed for London where he found encouraging support, but not for merely another local bank.

What was wanted was a large-scale institution with branches throughout what was then British South Africa.

A vigorous policy of expansion over the next decade resulted in 15 Standard Bank offices opening in the country.

Oldest bank spread from PE foundation

Age of computerisation and automation after era of ox-wagon

The prospectus for "The Standard Bank of British South Africa" was published in 1860, but it was only on October 13, 1862, that the bank came into being with the signing of the Memorandum of Association in London. The first, and main, office of the new bank was to be in Port Elizabeth.

The exact date business started is not clear, but the earliest notice placed by the bank, advertising its services, appeared in the Eastern Province Herald on January 16, 1863.

Business was conducted from temporary premises in the Guardian Building in Main Street.

Because of unprecedented expansion, these premises soon became inadequate, but no suitable site could be found for new premises.

In June, 1874, the bank bought a Main Street property. The site and the buildings on it cost the bank R10 000.

The bank decided to erect a building more in

keeping with its growing needs and image and commissioned George Dix Peek to design it.

The new building with its 14 offices and two underground vaults was ready for occupation in 1876, the year the Standard became the Cape Government's banker.

Business increased daily and, two years later, the bank paid R15 000 for a piece of ground between it and the Guardian Building. The site contained a store, offices and a cottage, all of which were leased.

Extension plans were finalised by Mr Peek, who designed a duplicate of the existing building to be attached to it.

The original building was found to have been erected at a slight angle, encroaching on the pavement by as much as a foot (30cm).

The error had to be duplicated in the opposite direction, and the handsome, imposing building became known as "the bank with the bulge".

After Union in 1910 there was great optimism

in the future of Port Elizabeth.

Port activities increased and the produce trade, particularly the wool market, became more active.

In 1913 the half-yearly profit return for the Standard in Port Elizabeth was a record.

The branch's first women employees began work in 1916 and, a year later, there were six in a staff of 46.

Port Elizabeth progressed happily and, as areas developed, more banking needs were cre-

ated and the Standard established branches at Newton Park, Rink

Street, Queen Street, Deal Party Estate, Eastbourne Road, St Mary's, Strand Street, Markham, Westbourne Road and Albany Road.

A few years ago the bank commenced an extensive computerisation and automation programme, a far cry from those pioneering days when customers always found parking for their ox-wagons in Main Street, Port Elizabeth.

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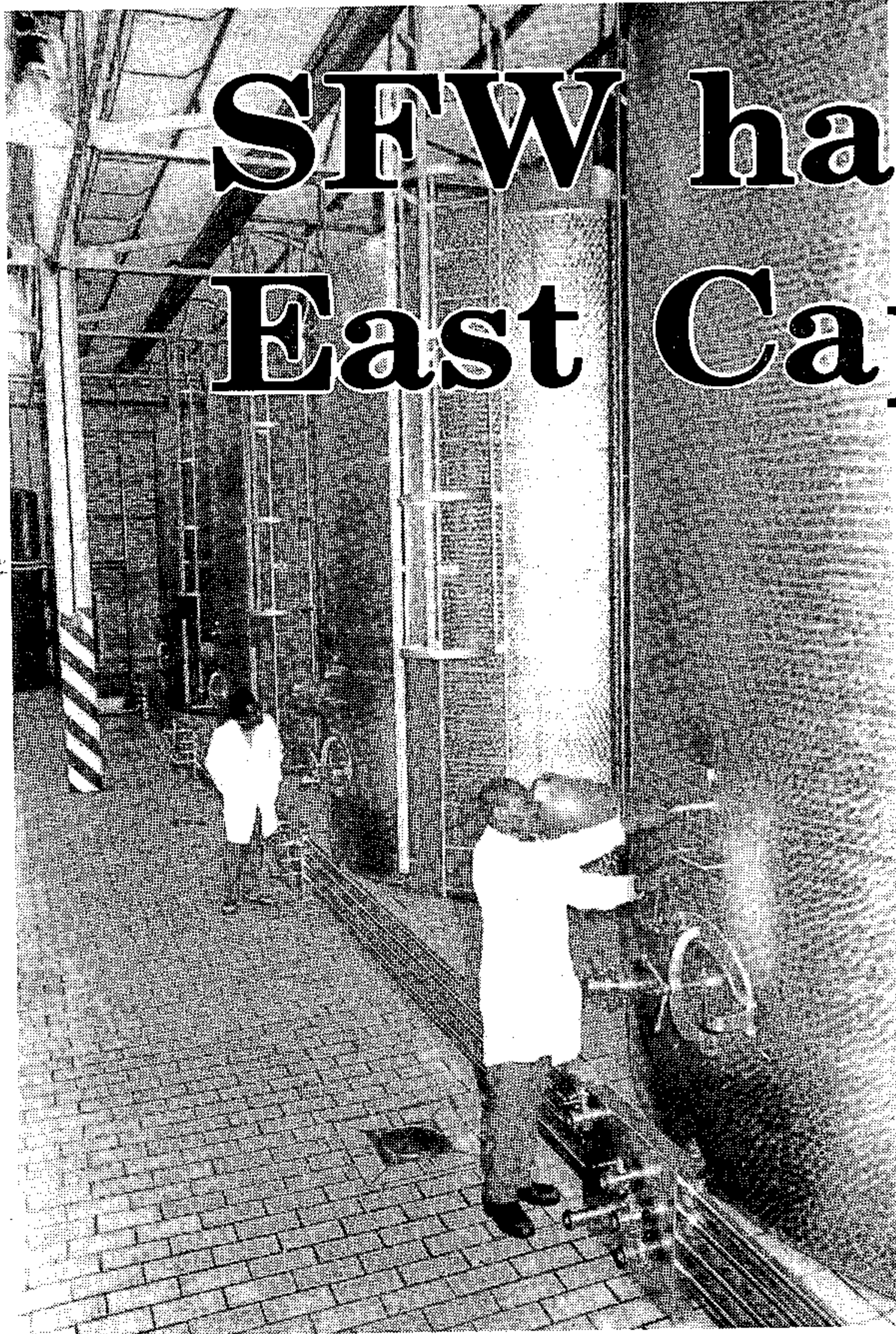
THE EAST CAPE STUDIOS
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Metal Box have been in Port Elizabeth supplying cans and containers to numerous industries since 1948 and intend to continue long into the future

SFW has story of East Cape success



Highly automated and hygienic wine and spirit blending and storage facilities for Stellenbosch Farmers' Winery in the Eastern Cape.

SINCE May, 1951, when Stellenbosch Farmers' Winery established itself with a staff of four in the Eastern Cape in premises in High Street, Port Elizabeth, the company has grown from strength to strength and is today an important and respected part of the local business scene.

Willie du Toit, who succeeded Ronnie Nienaber as regional director for the Eastern Cape in 1980, is at the helm of an organisation which is as well known for its efficient staff as it is for its heady and delicious products.

Annual sales in the region, where 650 locals are employed, are in excess of R75-million.

Mr Du Toit, who appears to be everybody's idea of the ideal boss, says his company's social responsibilities are directed at its customers as well as to the community "through our numerous sponsorships, in conjunction with the local media and charity organisations, or on our own through corporate or product-orientated campaigns".



Mr Willie du Toit

SFW tried, at all times, to promote the Eastern Cape as an area with a sound infrastructure and vast opportunities that have still to be tapped and fully exploited.

Referring to the group's management style and philosophy, Mr Du Toit said an independent spirit was drawn from a carefully-nurtured awareness of history and tradition.

"Because of the nature of our product, our personnel relations, at all levels of the company's workers, generate a fairly high degree of conviviality which appears to be more democratic than in most conservatively-operated companies.

"The success of SFW can be traced to the founder of the company who regarded as top priority the quality of its products, who also attached tremendous importance to brand names and trade marks and who fought consistently against anyone who attempted to steal his success by copying SFW's labels and brand names. We still subscribe to those philosophies."

Mr Du Toit said his company believed the customer was king and should be treated accordingly.

"We place great emphasis on training to give our employees strong and positive attitudes towards the high standards set for the production of our valuable trade-marked products, as well as to the professional service our customers are entitled to."

SFW has always been seen as a leader in developing and implementing programmes to improve conditions for blacks in the Republic, and has aggressively pursued the objectives of equal employment opportunities.

"Our personnel employment policy operates on the basis of no discrimination on the grounds of sex, colour or creed. The standard of qualification required for the job is what counts.

"It has been our company's philosophy for years

"Our philosophy is that this alone is insufficient, since the higher the level, the fewer the opportunities available and, therefore, fewer individuals benefit."

At the same time, the company actively pursued lateral advancement, whereby the proportion of blacks at first-line supervisory and junior management levels was increased.

"We have a successful working relationship with a national multiracial trade union with a predominantly black membership and, at plant level, blacks participate on both sides of the negotiation table, representing management as well as trade union.

"In the areas of education and training, the company offers bursaries for children of all employees, as well as bursaries for blacks who have no link to the company - currently R30 000 a year.

"For the staff, we actively promote self-development by means of a pre-paid study loan scheme and we currently assist large numbers of black employees to follow the study direction which benefits their career path.

"We believe we have successfully made the transition to a multiracial, integrated company, and a visit to any of our complexes, where we actively pursue a non-discriminatory policy embracing all workers, will satisfy any scepticism."

Mr Du Toit added: "We look forward to the future, where people may advance as far as their talents and merit will carry them, with enthusiasm."



Mr S P Jacobson

Fashion clothing exported

THE Mentone group of companies, which operates from ultramodern, comfortable headquarters in Struanway industrial complex, employs more than 550 Port Elizabethans.

The manufacturing of high fashion merchandise has been concentrated in Port Elizabeth for four decades and many trading companies were acquired and incorporated as part of the Mentone group, which today has a network of showrooms and depots in the major centres of the Republic and South West Africa.

The group also has distribution centres in Los Angeles and Norfolk, West Virginia.

Among its products are men's suits, jackets and slacks, under the trade marks of Christian Dior, Vichenzo and Mentone, and a tailored range of women's clothing, under the trade mark, Donna Vichenzo.

According to Mr S P Jacobson, one of the group's directors, technical and design developments have been a key factor in the group's continued success.

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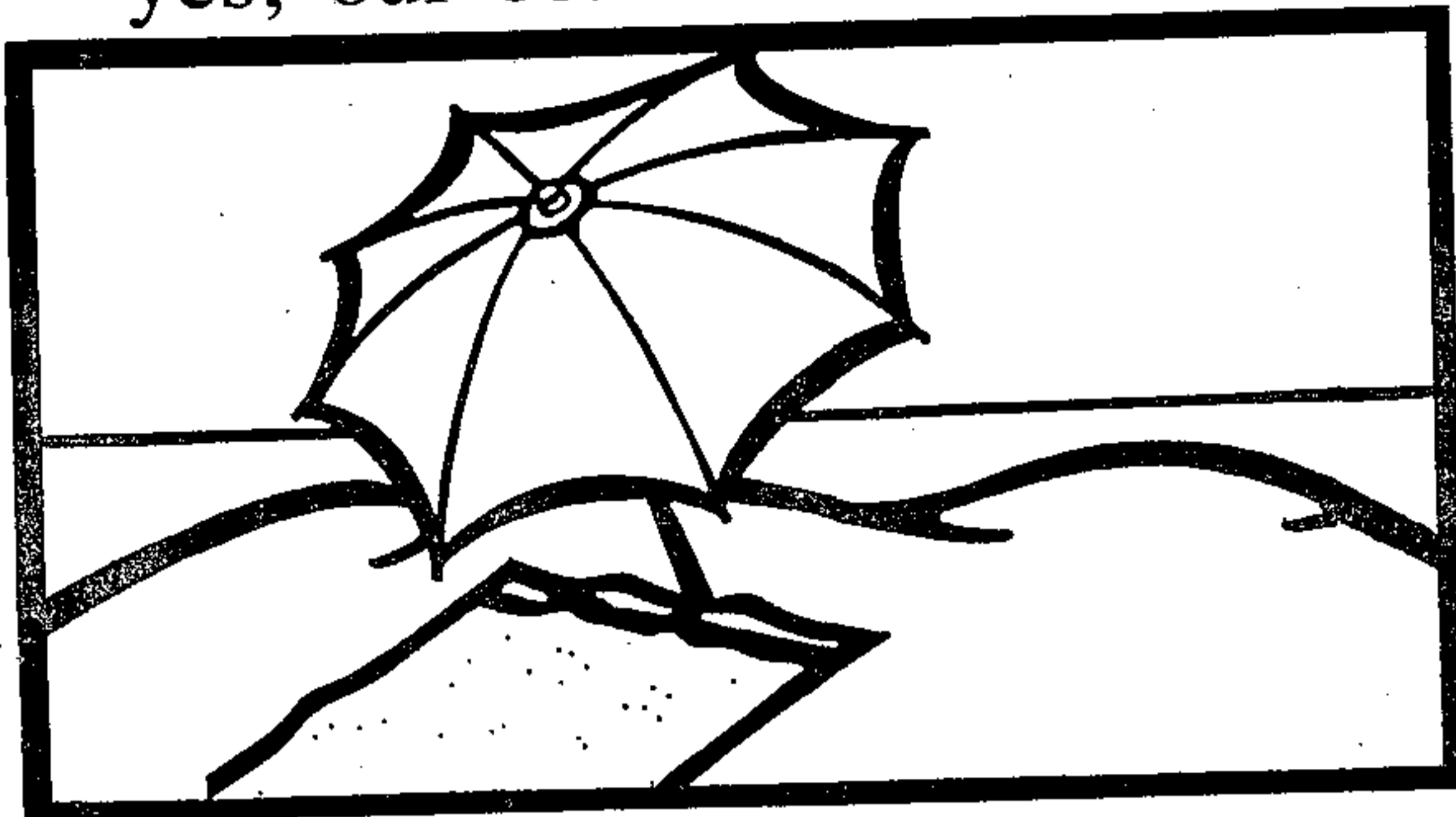
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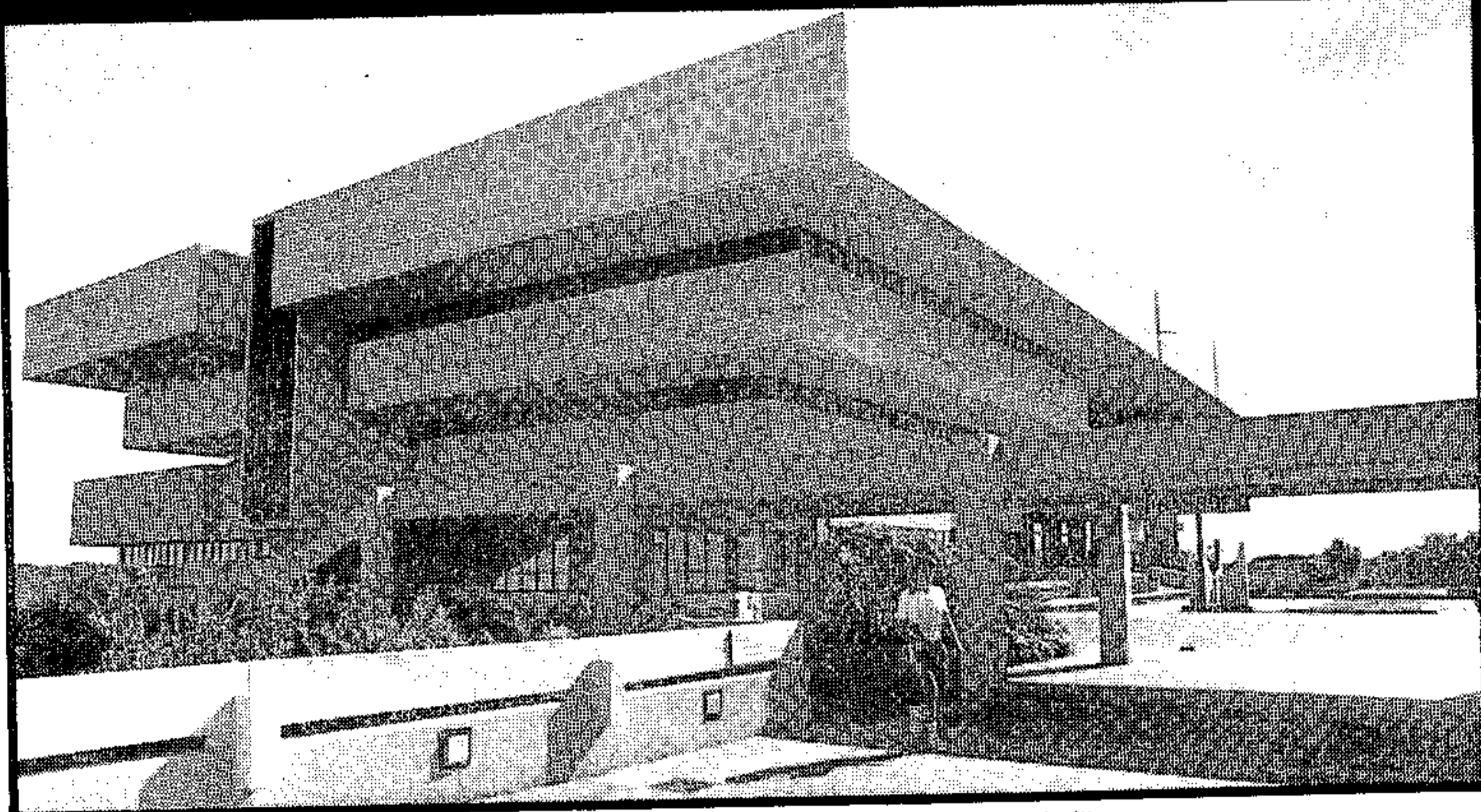


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Local purchases of about R4,25-million are made by the university, while R750 000 is spent annually on municipal services.

The R21,9-million that UPE, its members of staff and students, plough into local businesses each year helps provide a livelihood for thousands of families in the city.

Impact will be felt as East Cape grows

IN all areas, the University of Port Elizabeth's influence has resulted in new life and its efficient leadership and support will continue to be felt as the Eastern Cape develops and grows.

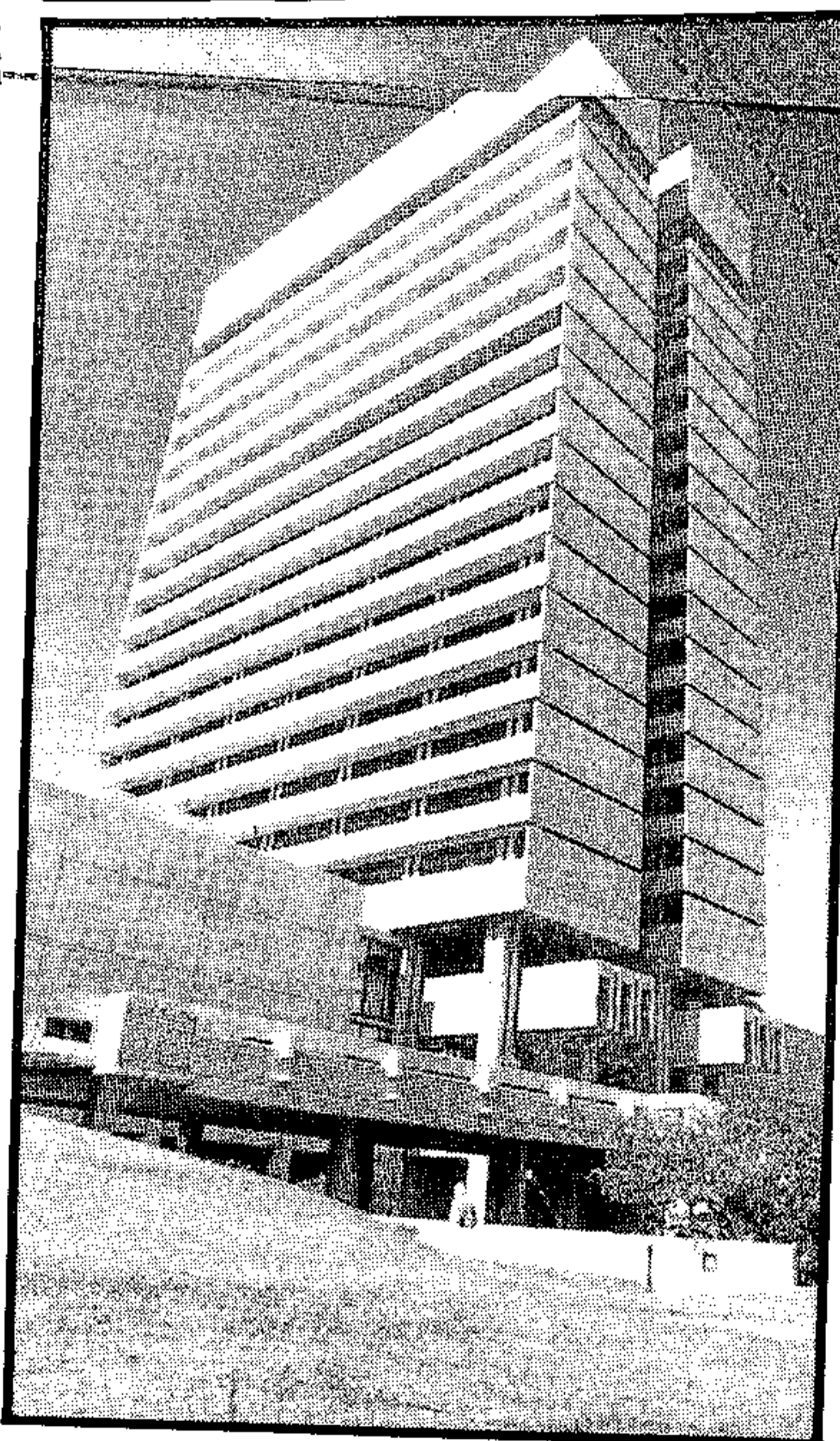
UPE is established firmly on the solid foundations laid by the late Professor Ernst Marais, and by the university's principal, Professor S J Schoeman.

Rector-elect Professor Hein Redelinghuys, Professor of Accounting, faces a challenging role to lead this academic institution to greater heights.

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A formidable force, UPE has been built on strength and quality and is a major contributor to the prosperity of the community it serves.

Its formula for success includes the personal attention it gives to students, and the close contact it maintains with them.

These characteristics have helped the institution to develop from its modest beginning in Bird Street, Port Elizabeth, 20 years ago, to the young giant it has become on its ultra-modern seaside campus — believed to be one of the biggest in the world.

Its students have proved themselves in the professional world for which the university prepared them, and they have earned respect and gratitude from employers whose requirements and expectations they have met — and surpassed.

The Eastern Cape without the University of Port Elizabeth is inconceivable.

Its solid research contributions, its role in cultural activities, and its economic propelling force, continue to underwrite its importance but, above all, it remains an educational institution.

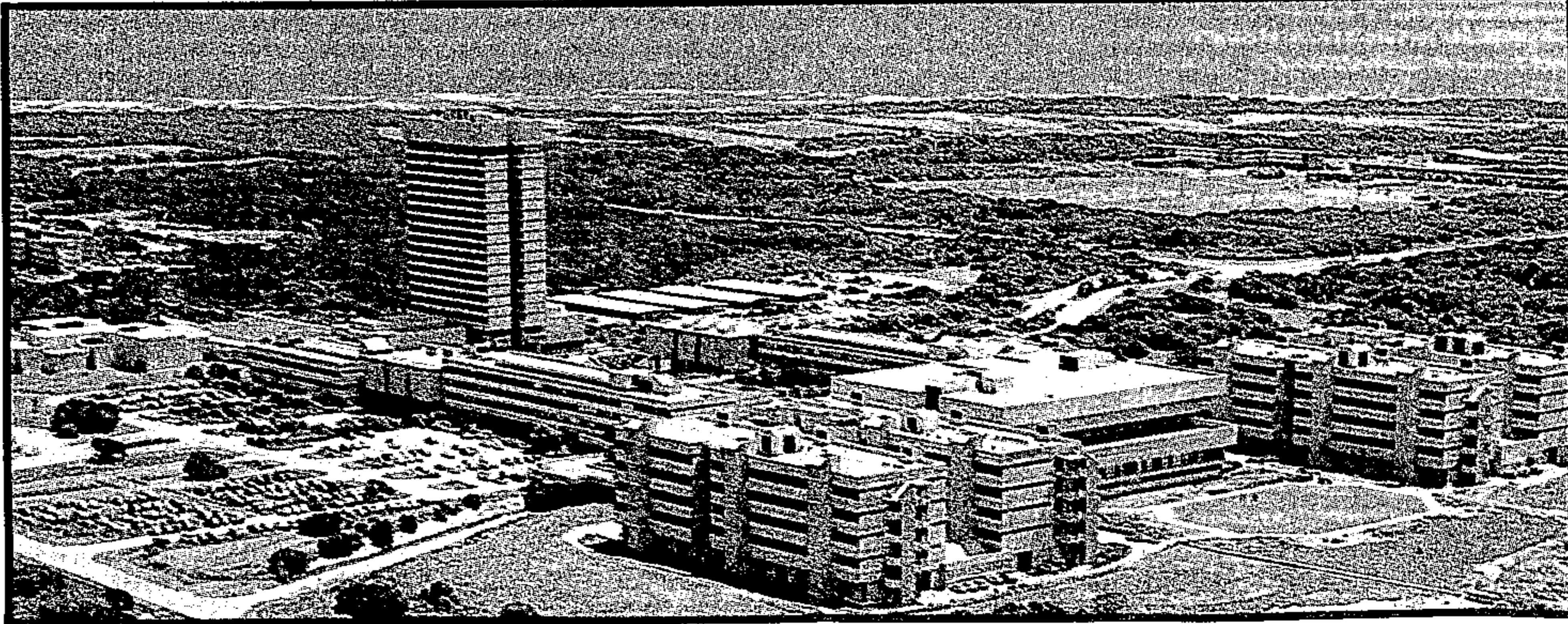
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UPE has become formidable force



Prof S J Schoeman, principal



An aerial view of the huge University of Port Elizabeth campus.

turer are able to develop a close relationship.

Students do not become faceless numbers and the university is a fine example of an institution where the individual and his needs still enjoy top priority, whether in the lecture halls or in residence.

Open channels of communication between student and lecturer promote mutual identification of problem areas and lead to solu-

tions being found.

Responsible training and tuition prepare students for the challenges they will have to meet in their chosen professions.

The university's dual-medium character allows students to soon become fully bilingual, thus fulfilling a prerequisite for any work opportunity — a factor which has contributed to the popularity of UPE students with employers.

The university's educational influence is not restricted to its lecture halls. Constructive interaction between the university and the community has resulted in an ever-widening circle of benefits to the region.

The presence of UPE facilitates improved and more efficient leadership by assisting community leaders to expand their knowledge and expertise.

Because the institution is familiar with, and

closely involved in, the economic situation of the region, it has become a valued and respected partner of business and professional men.

Local businessmen and industrialists have access to its knowledge and experience which results in more meaningful decision-making, a factor which is forging ever-closer bonds between the university and the business community.

Such interaction has

made the university an integral part of the economic development of the Eastern Cape.

According to researchers, the role of the university is to enrich the world with new knowledge.

Publications and lectures by members of the UPE staff are distributed to the far corners of the world.

Projects close to the heart of UPE are those which relate to its own

region and research projects of this kind render an excellent service.

Young, progressive researchers are responsible for the university's vitality and many exceptionally talented students from elsewhere elect to continue their studies at the University of Port Elizabeth.

More than R3-million is currently spent each year on research.

Apart from work undertaken for the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), the university often receives large grants from other concerns requiring research in specific fields.

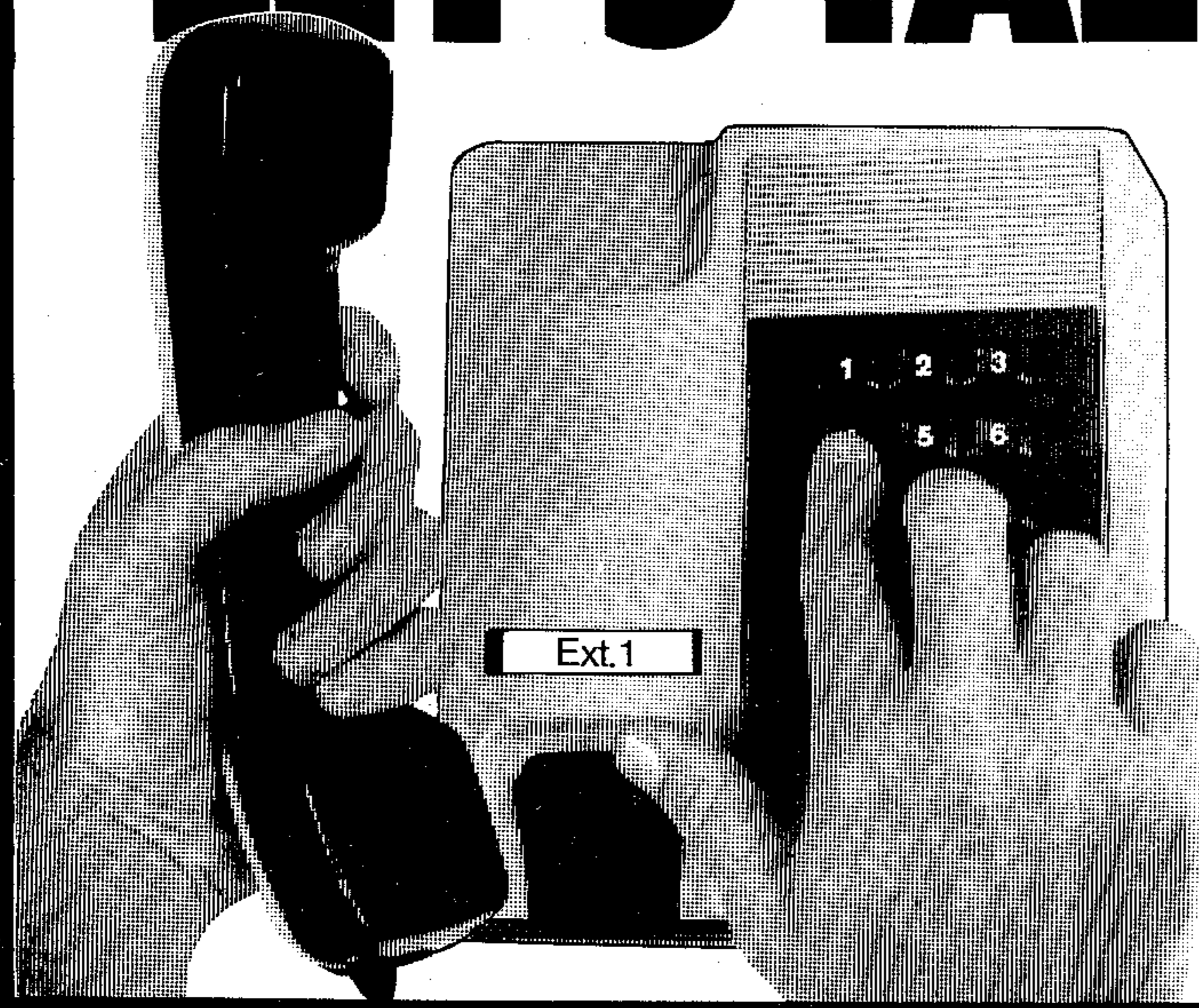
Its unique fields of specialisation are popular among post-graduate students, many of whom take up permanent residence in the Eastern Cape.

The main aims of the Industrial Relations Unit are the updating of knowledge and skills of industrial relations practitioners and senior managers, as well as enabling graduates in a number of disciplines to obtain higher academic qualifications in industrial relations.

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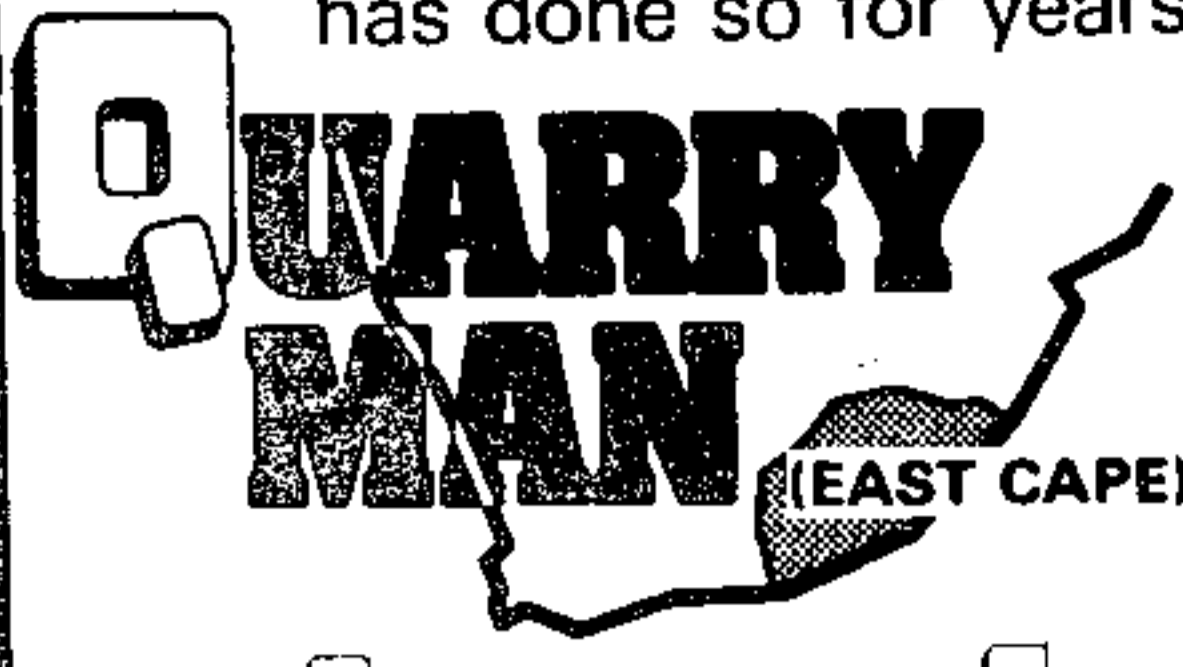
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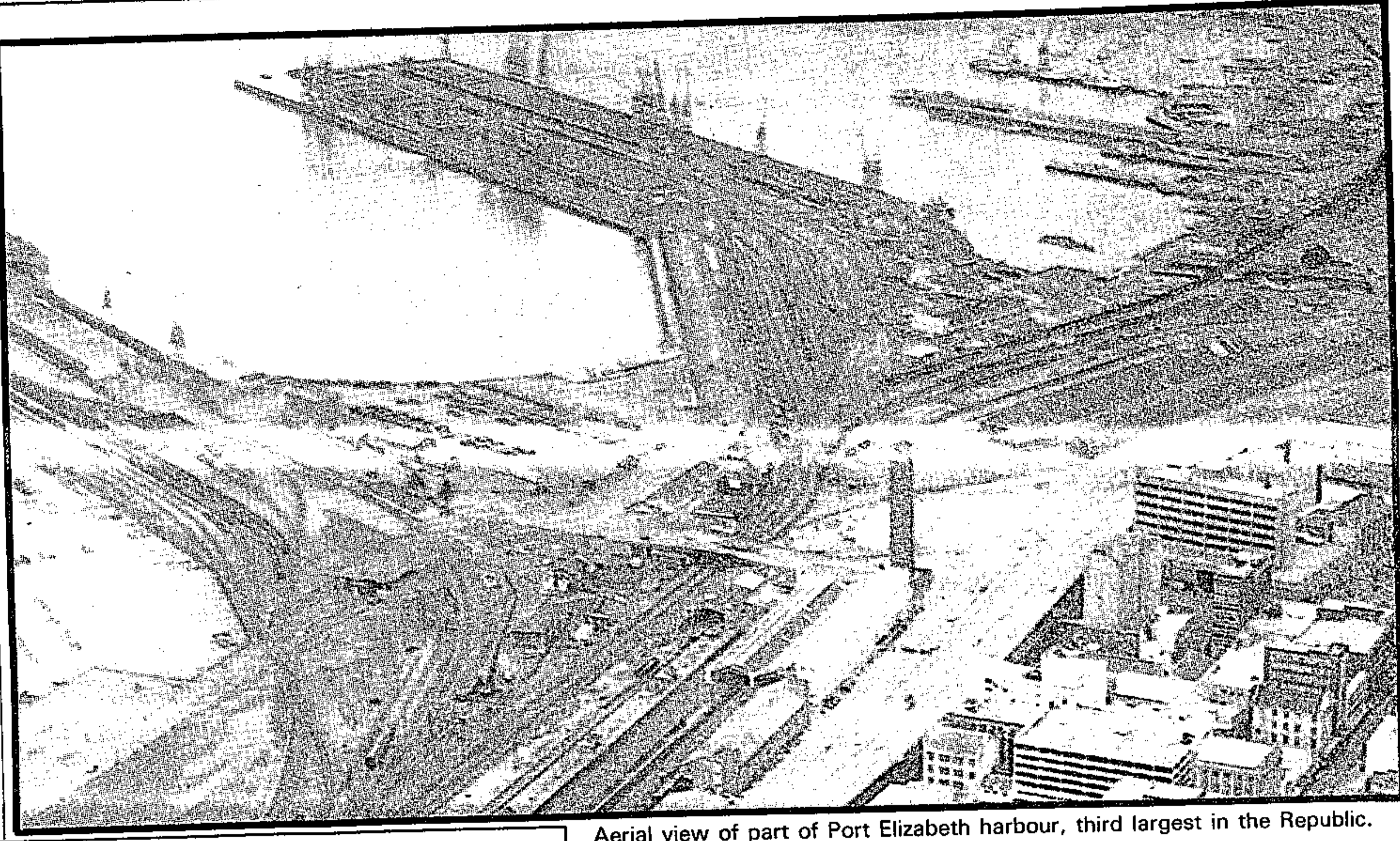


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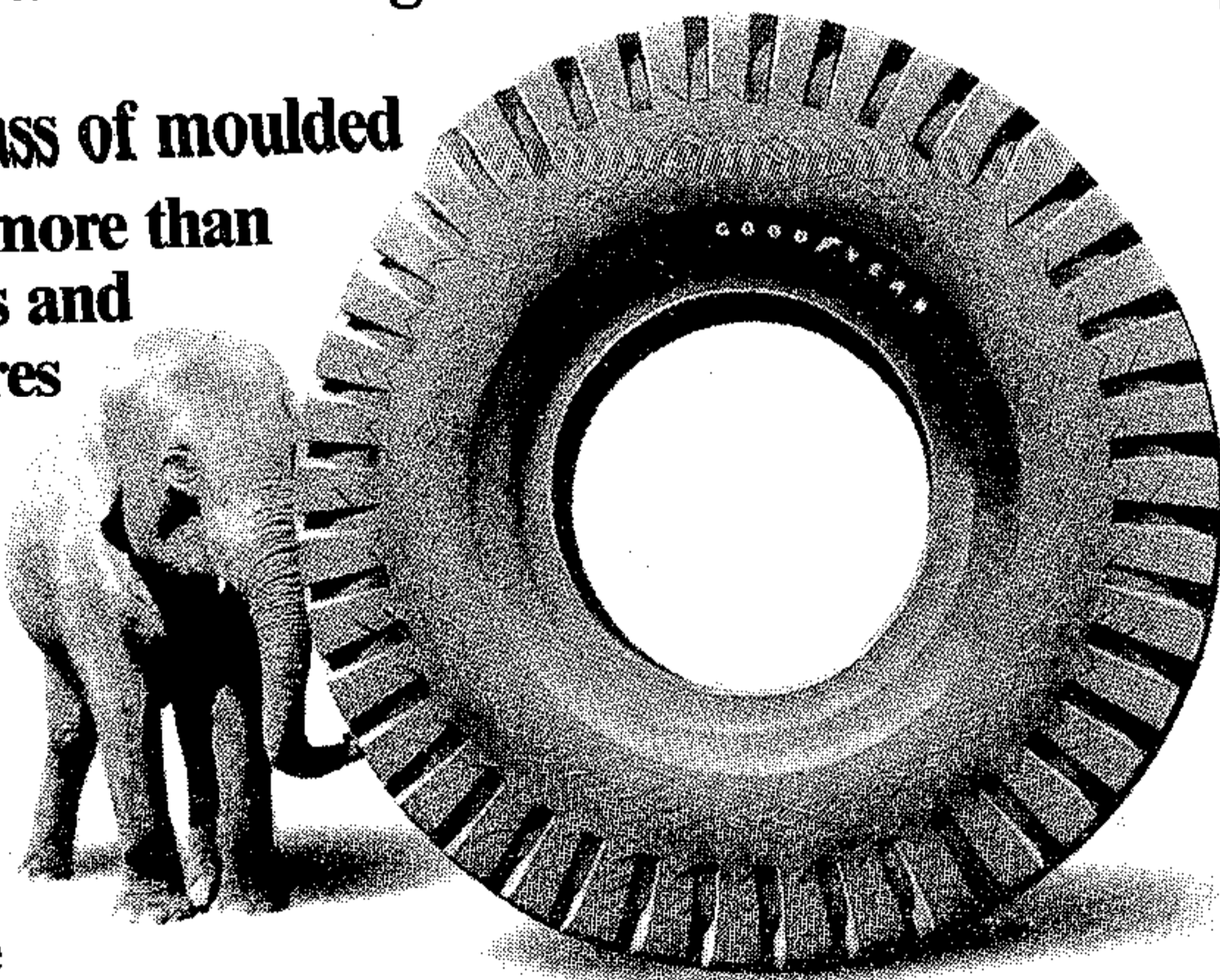
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“Let us forget the impact of the buying power of its workers and concentrate on the facets of services rendered by SATS.

“The real market of the majority of local manufacturers — the PWV area — is 1 100km from Port Elizabeth. A sound transport link is vitally important, as many raw materials, particularly steel, have to be brought from the Reef to Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage.

“A dependable train service is essential and the SATS offers a wide scope of services in this regard,” he says.

In the early Fifties, a beginning was made to containerise, to minimise handling and provide a door-to-door service.

Today, the SATS operates a fleet of thousands of containers which can be sent to all corners of the Republic — at special container rates.

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An overnight service has now been introduced to some centres in the Cape

Midland region so that inland consumers can take delivery of orders placed only the day before.

Mr Engelbrecht says that although Port Elizabeth's harbour — the third largest in the Republic — is a long distance from its most important markets, it is known for efficient handling of imported traffic.

Because of its distance from the main markets, Port Elizabeth's harbour has become, mainly, an export harbour with manganese ore, concentrates and steel the most important export commodities.

“There is, however, no reason why this harbour should not again become a major importing harbour for the Reef area, and

the shipping fraternity of Port Elizabeth should influence Reef importers to nominate Port Elizabeth as their port of discharge.”

The SATS also operates a fleet of road transport vehicles, which are stationed throughout the region with trained technicians and other staff available on a 24-hour standby basis, to ensure an efficient and effective service to the public.

There are trains to all major centres from Port Elizabeth and world-famous trains like the “Apple Express” and “Tootsie” take tourists on unforgettable trips through some of South Africa's most picturesque countryside.

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She'll battle bulldozers

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By DOUGIE OAKES

WOODSTOCK mum Galiema Mendall is bracing herself for a last-ditch stand to hold onto her house in doomed Pine Road.

As the majority of the remaining dozen families in the street, which once housed 50, gloomily accepted that they would have to move, Mrs Mendall said: "Not me. They'll have to carry me out first."

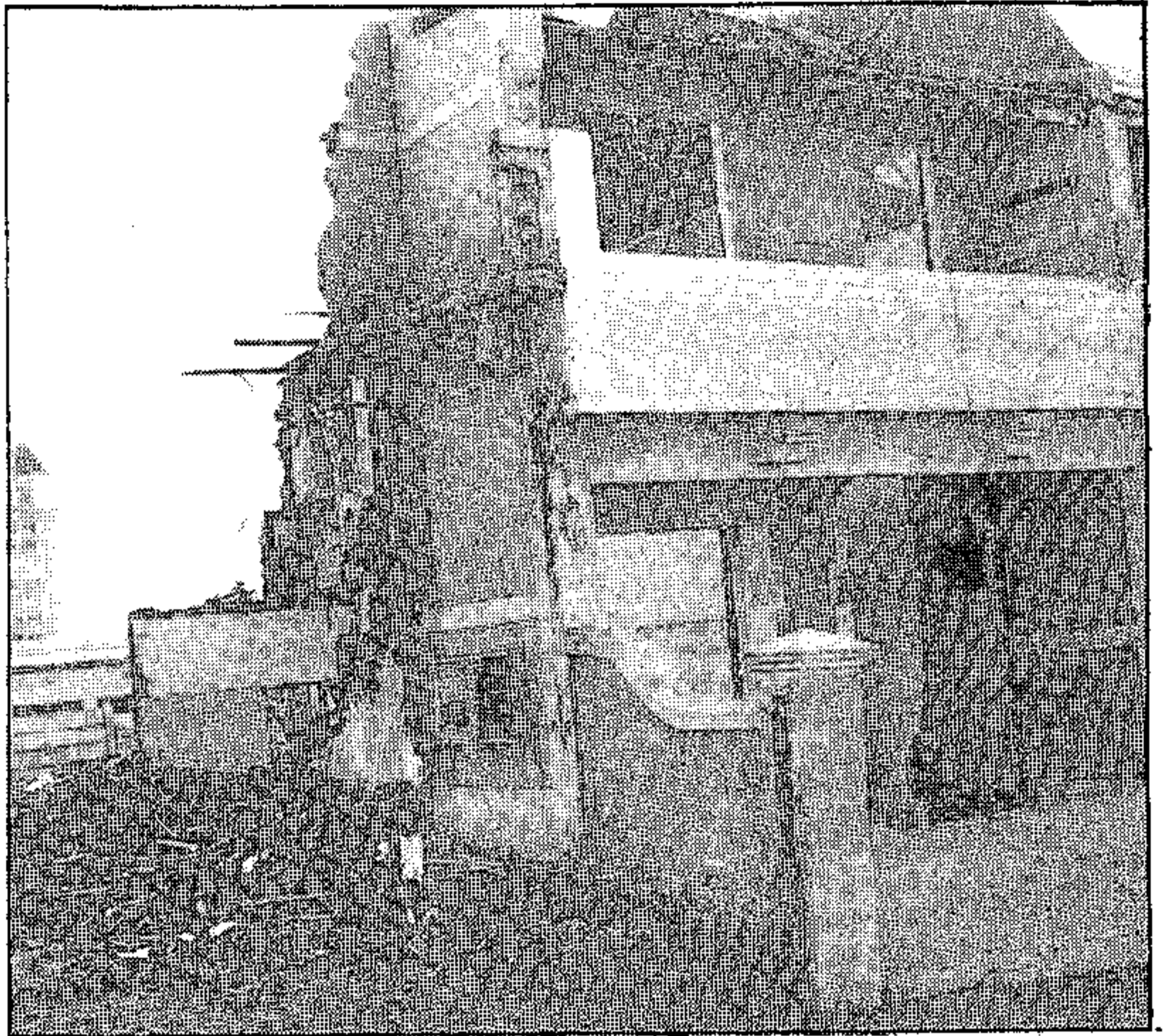
"I was the last person to move from District Six and I'll be the last to get out of here," said the woman who claims to have spent a large sum of money on improvements to her home.

But indications are that sooner, rather than later, the remaining double storey dwellings in the street will be flattened by the bulldozers. And for what — nobody knows.

Even as families are moving out — and many of them have over the past few months — the front-end loaders are moving in to knock down vacant sections of the buildings.

In some cases, adjoining sections of structures have been bulldozed — leaving just single occupied double-storeyed units without support.

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● ANOTHER house in Pine Road set to crumble under the onslaught of the bulldozer.

Trafalgar's future still uncertain

By DOUGIE DAKES

A QUESTION mark is still hanging over the future of one of the country's most famous high schools — Trafalgar Senior Secondary in District Six.

Last week, the member of the executive committee responsible for Education in the Provincial Council, Mr. Willem Bower, repeated that it was still planned to turn the school into a white primary school.

He was replying to a question from Mrs. Di Bishop, MPC for Gardens.

Two other schools in the area, George Golding Primary and Upper Ashley Street Primary have already been leased to the white Technikon which is to be built nearby.

DISGRACE

Mrs. Bishop described the plan to eventually close Trafalgar as a "rotten disgrace".

She told me this week: "There's not even a need for another white school in the area. There are 1 035 vacancies at the white schools already established in the area. It is a figure which is growing every year because not many families with young children are moving into the area."

Mrs. Bishop said she fully expected Mr. Bower to announce that plans to reclassify the school had been shelved.

"Especially, since Tiaan van der Merwe, the PFP MP for Green Point, had been told in Parliament that there were no plans to close the school."

A spokesman for the school said that as far as he was concerned "nothing had changed".

"The school will continue to operate as before."

"In fact, numbers are increasing all the time. We have almost 1 000 pupils here now. Of course, most of them live in the Bo-Kaap or on the Cape Flats."

Mr. William Hendricks, liaison officer for the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives said his department had heard nothing new about Trafalgar.

"I'm sure that if the position changed, we'd be the first to know."

Pine Road's people

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Homes unsafe after bulldozers moved in

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"And they are death-traps," say residents, pointing out that a workman, involved with demolition work, was killed recently, when part of one of the buildings collapsed on him.

"Poor Mrs Waja," said a neighbour this week. "She's moving — she didn't have a choice. You should have seen what her home looked like after the bulldozers had been there. There were large holes in the walls. It became unsafe to live there."

Mrs Mendall said: "Every time someone moves out and they knock down a piece of building, officials of the Department of Community Development pay visits to the remaining tenants in the block."

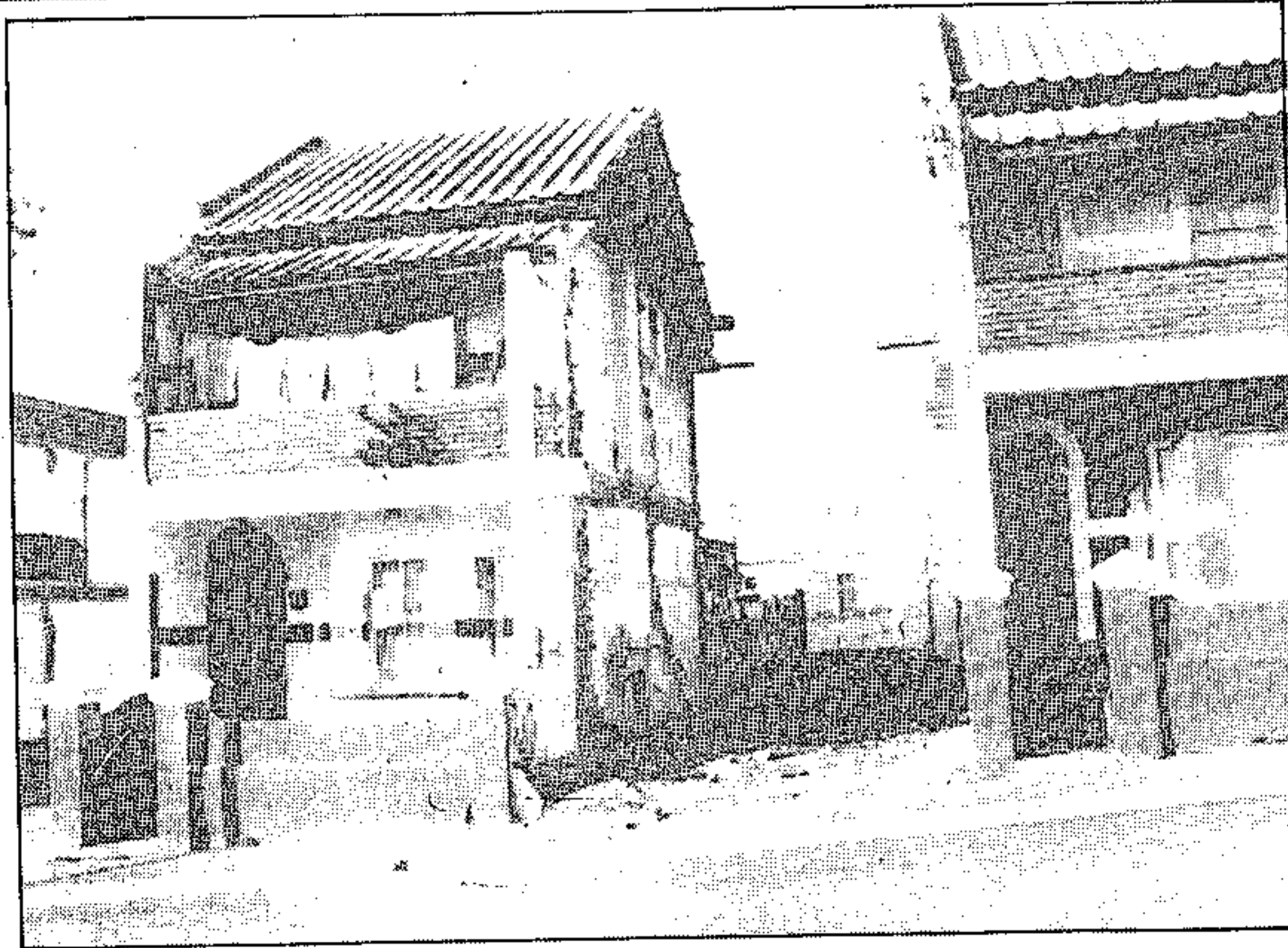
"We've got a nice house for you in Newfields Estate" they say.

"In the end people felt they were being pressurised and many did move out to the Cape Flats.

"But everyone — if they had a chance — would have chosen to stay in the Cape Town area. Those who have moved to Newfields, have had to pay a deposit of R400 and rent of R161 a month. This is much more than what we are paying here.

Another resident, who asked not to be named, said she had packed all her things and was just waiting for the Department to give her a house in Walmer House.

"I told them I did not want to move to any township. It was to be either Walmer Estate or no where. I'm sure they'll see me right," she said.



● ABOVE: When her neighbours moved out and the bulldozers moved in, Mrs Jane Abrahams, who lives at No 19, decided she'd had enough. "I'm leaving," she said. Residents say the Department's action in knocking down parts of dwellings as soon as people move out, was intimidating many. LEFT: Some houses have become death-traps, residents claim. In some cases, adjoining houses have been removed, leaving a single, occupied double-story unit without support.

All will be coming down

ALL the houses in Pine Road will be demolished, a top official in the coloured Own Affairs Housing and Agriculture Department said last week.

Mr R B Meiring, assistant-director of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture for the House of Representatives said: "Because of the present condition of those houses, we do not intend spending money on renovating them."

"Instead, we'll demolish them and put up new houses. When this will be, I cannot say, but definitely not this year."

He said other houses in Walmer Estate were also earmarked for

demolition but these were scattered throughout the area and not concentrated in a particular road as were the Pine Road houses.

He could not say when these would be demolished.

"It is part of a long-term plan," he said.

● Jeff Jawitz, of the Woodstock Advice Office, claims that for many years, the Department of Community Development did no maintenance to the buildings in the road.

"It seems they tried to reduce the area to a slum."

"The majority of the houses were in good condition and simply needed basic maintenance," he said.

Council 'disturbed'

THE City Council appears to have been caught by surprise over developments in Pine Road.

And, certainly, some officials are none too pleased that the council has been dragged into, and associated with, allegations of forced removal.

An official in the Town Clerk's department told Cape Herald last week that a letter had been received from the Woodstock Advice Office.

"And I'm giving it my urgent attention," he said.

He would call for an urgent investigation into events in Pine Road, he said. "We will probably call in the Advice Office people to discuss the matter with them and try to work out a solution to the problem."

"Obviously it disturbs us to be associated with forced removals."

The official added that a statement would be released as soon as the matter had been satisfactorily dealt with.

● Despite Council promises of prompt action, there doesn't seem much that can be done now. The majority of residents have already been moved and rehoused. In addition, their former homes have also been bulldozed. Even if new houses were to be built, it is unlikely that these people would be able to afford the higher rents which would almost certainly be asked.

City Council "dumped" them

THE Woodstock Advice Office has accused the City Council of being party to forced removals in Pine Road, Woodstock.

This is the latest development in what has become an increasingly bitter struggle between the Department of Community Development on the one hand and the remaining residents and their supporters on the other.

In an open letter to the Council, Advice Office worker Jeff Javitz points out: "In February 1983, the Council passed the Redevelopment Plan for Walmer Estate, after years of negotiation with the Department of Community Development.

"They agreed that 'arrangements could and would be made to re-house residents on a temporary basis within Walmer Estate and they would be given the opportunity to move back to their original houses, where this was at all possible. Some residents would be relocated outside the area, but only by their own choice.'"

Mr Javitz claimed that when it became clear that Pine Road was to be "redeveloped" the more than 50 families living there said they would not move.

But during 1983, he said, officials of the Department of Community Development offered people houses in Mitchells Plain and elsewhere,

warning them that if they did not move, they would be evicted.

"The insecurity caused by more than 18 months of harassment, forced many of the families to accept housing in Parktown, Athlone, despite increased travelling costs and, in some cases, rent increases of more than 200 percent.

"As soon as people moved out, their houses were bulldozed. Not a single house was renovated," Mr Javitz said.

The dozen families

who remain face continual harassment by officials," he claimed.

"Their houses are being cracked, water-supplies interrupted and lives endangered by the ongoing demolition work.

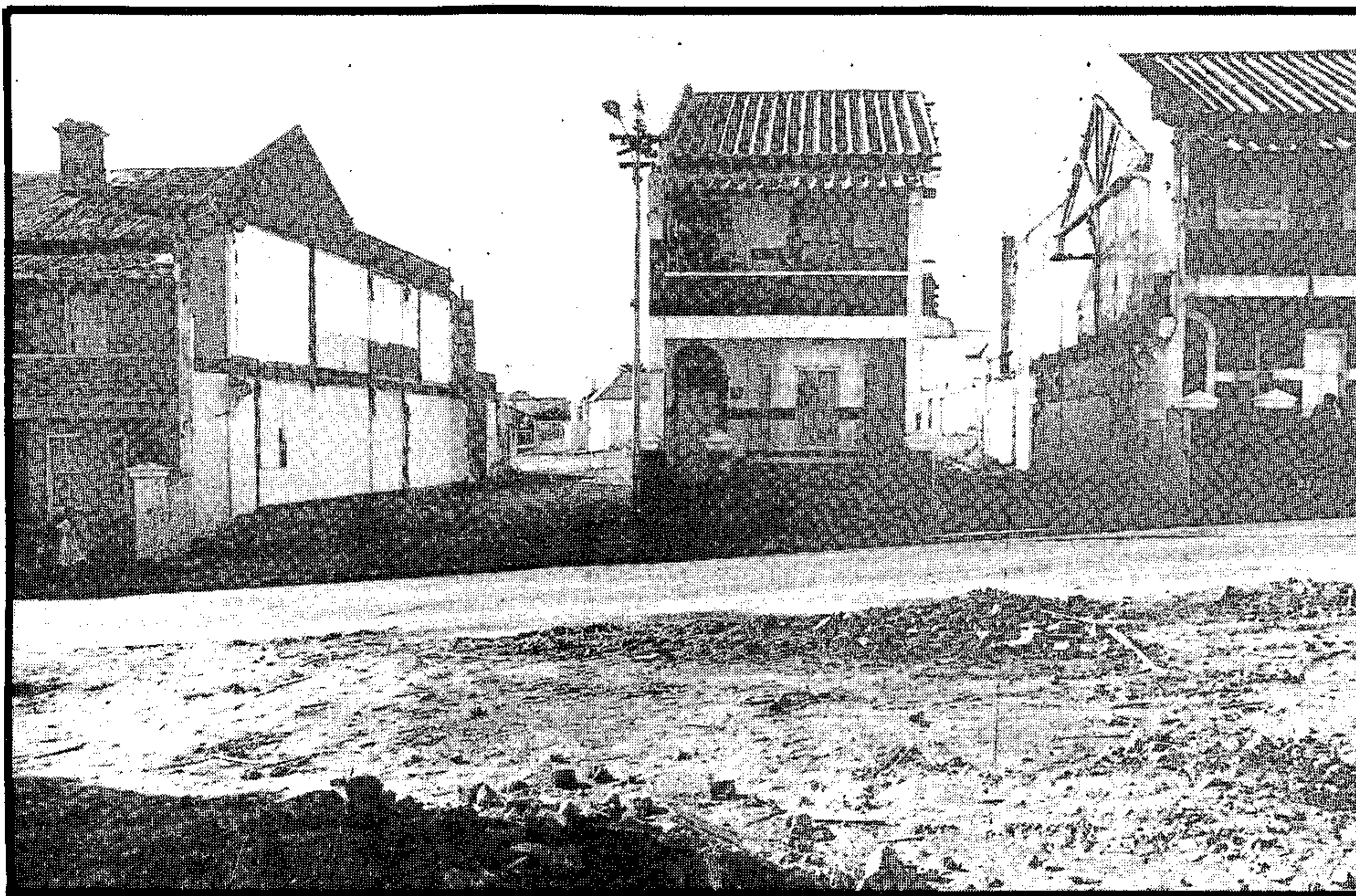
"We accuse the Department of Community Development, and the City Council of being party to the forced removal of families from Pine Road. Fancy agreements — words in City Council minutes — have meant nothing to the people of Pine Road."

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'Skeleton of a neighbourhood'

Residents of Pine Road, Woodstock, say slum conditions have been created to force families to leave. The authorities deny the allegations. By Staff Reporter TRISHA BAM



Pictures: JIM McLAGAN, The Argus

As soon as a house is declared a slum and immediately after the occupants move to another area, the bulldozers arrive in Pine Road and demolish anything left vacant. The result is a skeleton of a neighbourhood where maintaining good health and a sense of pride is impossible.

CIVIC bodies and residents allege that the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture has created slum conditions in Pine Road, Walmer Estate — earmarked for "renewal" — to force families to leave the area against their will.

The Woodstock Advice Office, the Salt River Residents' Association and the residents themselves say they believed redevelopment of Pine Road to mean renovation of their homes — not the flattening of the neighbourhood by bulldozers.

About 50 families have been affected so far and the remaining few who refuse to budge are living in a skeleton of a neighbourhood where, they say, maintenance of good health and a sense of pride is almost impossible.

The department denies the allegations and says forced removals are not their policy, nor is wholesale destruction of property.

A spokesman said the houses were in such a poor state that demolition and rebuilding from scratch was the only way to redevelop the area.

Residents allege that the department is:

- Harassing families by repeatedly threatening them with eviction if they do not move voluntarily.

- Intimidating them by bulldozing houses as soon as they become vacant, regardless of the effect on neighbouring homes.

In most cases only halves of pairs of double storey semis remain and, in most cases, demolition of one house has caused

cracks, lifted floors and collapsed ceilings in those next door.

- Creating a slum by leaving the properties uncared for for years and bulldozing others leaving those remaining uninhabitable.

- Making families who move sign letters stating that they moved voluntarily.

Mr R B Meiring, assistant director of the department, said no one was being intimidated or harassed "because this is not the department's policy.

"We are not forcing anyone to move. If they don't want to move, we leave them. That is why there are still people there."

The spokesman added, however, that all the houses were to be demolished.

He denied that anyone was asked to sign that they were leaving voluntarily.

The civic bodies have also accused the city council of being party to the removals because at the time of passing the department's redevelopment plan for Pine Road it had undertaken to ensure that the residents would be returned to their original homes.

Now most of the original homes no longer exist.

They claim that many of the original families — many of whom were resettled in Pine Road when District Six was flattened — who have already been moved out have not been protected by the council's undertaking and stand no chance of returning to Woodstock.

Mr Tom Walters, a member of the council's housing committee said the civic bodies' accusations against the council were unfounded because the council had no idea that the area was to be flattened.

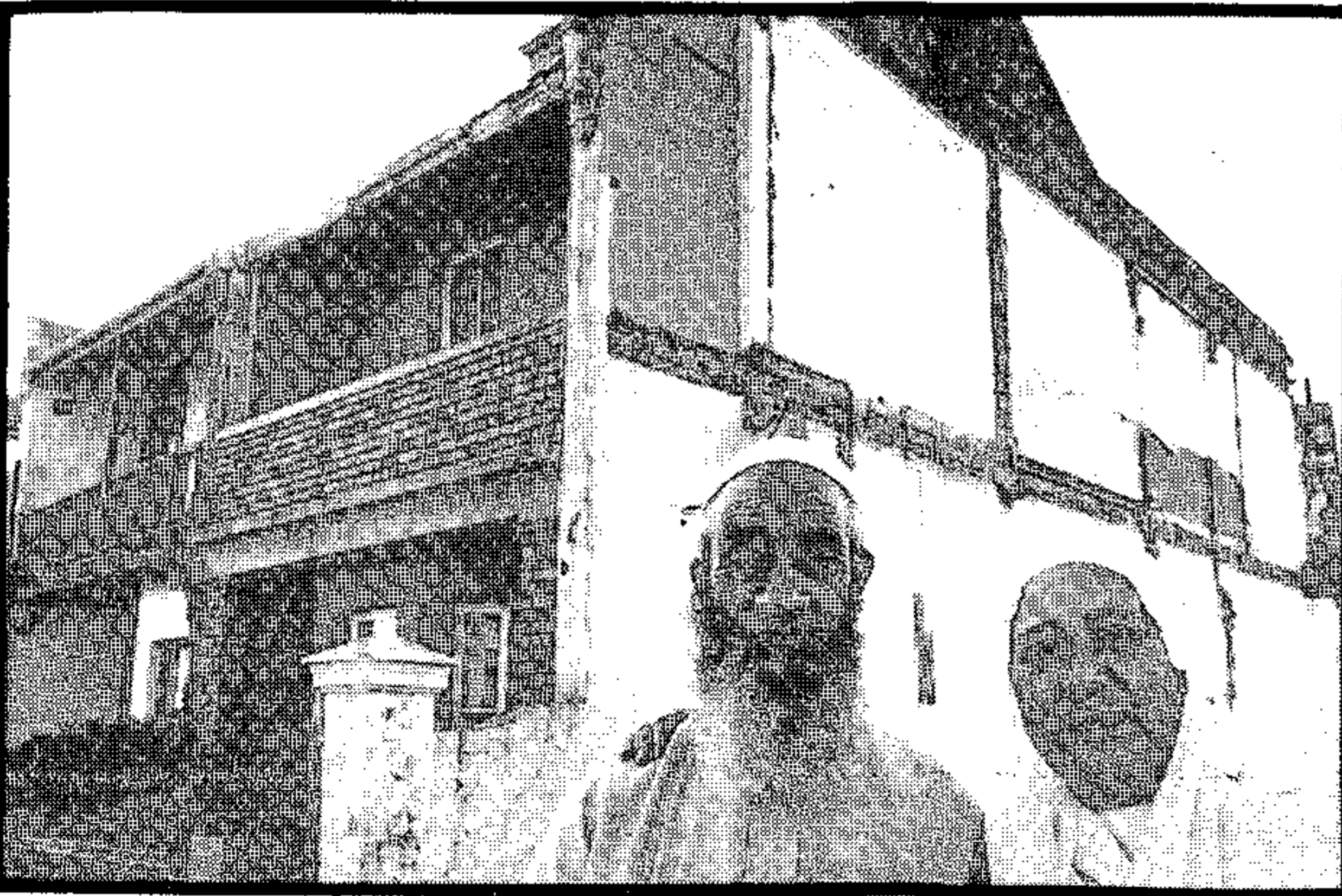
He said he strongly condemned the actions of the department.

Mr Walters said, however, that the Pine Road story was not as simple as it seemed. He had received complaints from residents and as a result had set up a meeting between them and department officials on May 3.

"But when it came to the face to face meeting with officials the residents declined to state what their problems were and went as far as telling officials they were happy to move.

"How am I and the council supposed to do anything when the people themselves refused — or were too scared — to cooperate?"

"All the council can do now is to try to ensure that when the new houses are built the original tenants get a first option on moving back."



Mr and Mrs Abduraghiema and Galima Mendool, the last couple to be moved from District Six who swear they will be the last to be moved from Woodstock's Pine Road.



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Partly demolished houses in Pine Road. Until a week ago a 60 year-old woman lived in the right hand house.

Tygerberg municipalities divided over open CBDs

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councils voted against the idea.

FIVE Tygerberg municipalities have voted for open central business districts and two are against.

Kuils River, Bellville, Parow and Durbanville are in favour of their CBDs being open for trading by all races.

Kraaifontein, which was in favour of the concept, has decided that individual applications will be decided on merit.

The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has also asked local authorities to identify "open" areas if the basic concept was approved.

Goodwood and Brackenfell

Mr Johan Bräsler, chairman of the Tygerberg Chamber of Commerce, said local authorities had approached the chamber to identify free trade areas in the Tygerberg.

"I support the concept of free trade areas as one of the basic premises of a free market system," Mr Bräsler said.

"The chamber is in favour of every businessman in Tygerberg trading areas having the right to invest in business or property."

He believed that each local authority should decide whether the owner of a business should be allowed to live on the premises or not.

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**Axe to fall on
Duncan Village**

EAST LONDON — The Duncan Village area would be cleared by the end of July with families completely resettled in the new Buffalo Flats extensions by August.

This emerged yesterday at a Coloured Management Committee meeting where it was resolved the municipal housing and estates department would attend to the "smooth resettlement" of Duncan Village tenants and that it would be treated as a matter of urgency.

Previously the CMC had not supported the city council's decision to utilise the Buffalo Flats extensions only for resettled families.

A decision was made that families already registered on a waiting list would also be allocated dwellings there in the order of urgency and that the remainder would be allocated by the CMC.

To date 549 of the 763 families in Duncan Village have been resettled, leaving 211 families (111 tenants and 100 sub-tenants) still to be resettled. —
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R50-million scheme for Mitchell's Plain

Municipal Reporter

A R50-MILLION business and residential development in Mitchell's Plain has been announced.

It will include a shopping centre, gymnasium, cinemas, departmental store, banks and a discotheque.

Two hundred houses are planned in the first phase with another 400 later. The shopping complex will be about the size of Tokai's Blue Route Centre.

The shopping centre and first 200 houses, in the Divisional Council area, could be completed by the end of 1986.

Welcomed

Called Westgate, the development has been welcomed by city engineer Mr Jan Brand and Professor David Dewar of the urban planning department at UCT. They believe it will encourage other developers to build in the area and help meet the demand for houses.

Mr Brand, however, believes the shopping centre should be

Shopping centre, cinemas and gymnasium planned

cut from 27 000 square metres to 10 000 square metres as a smaller centre would be more "desirable".

The project could open up development of the whole Weltevreden Valley, which planners say can accommodate about 4 000 houses.

The two-storey shopping centre will provide "enclosed sheltered shopping for all seasons" and generate annual sales of about R50-million.

High density

Installation of trunk service mains to the area will cost about R1.5-million but will enable future development of about 4 000 erven.

Of the first 200 houses, 150 will be in a high-density devel-

opment, while 50 will be individual three-bedroomed houses on plots ranging from 200 to 320 square metres.

The second phase will comprise 400 single houses.

A "village atmosphere will be created with paved cul-de-sacs and crescents, together with a linear system of public open spaces linking the houses to playgrounds and a primary school".

Concern

Professor Dewar said he was concerned about the impact of the proposal on small traders, but suggested creating as many opportunities as possible for them.

Mr Brand's report will be forwarded to the executive committee.

Mitchell's Plain shops are generating about R107-million a year, according to a market survey by Retail Information and Management Services in the City Council report.

It says that in two years total income from shops in the huge dormitory town will be about R167-million a year.

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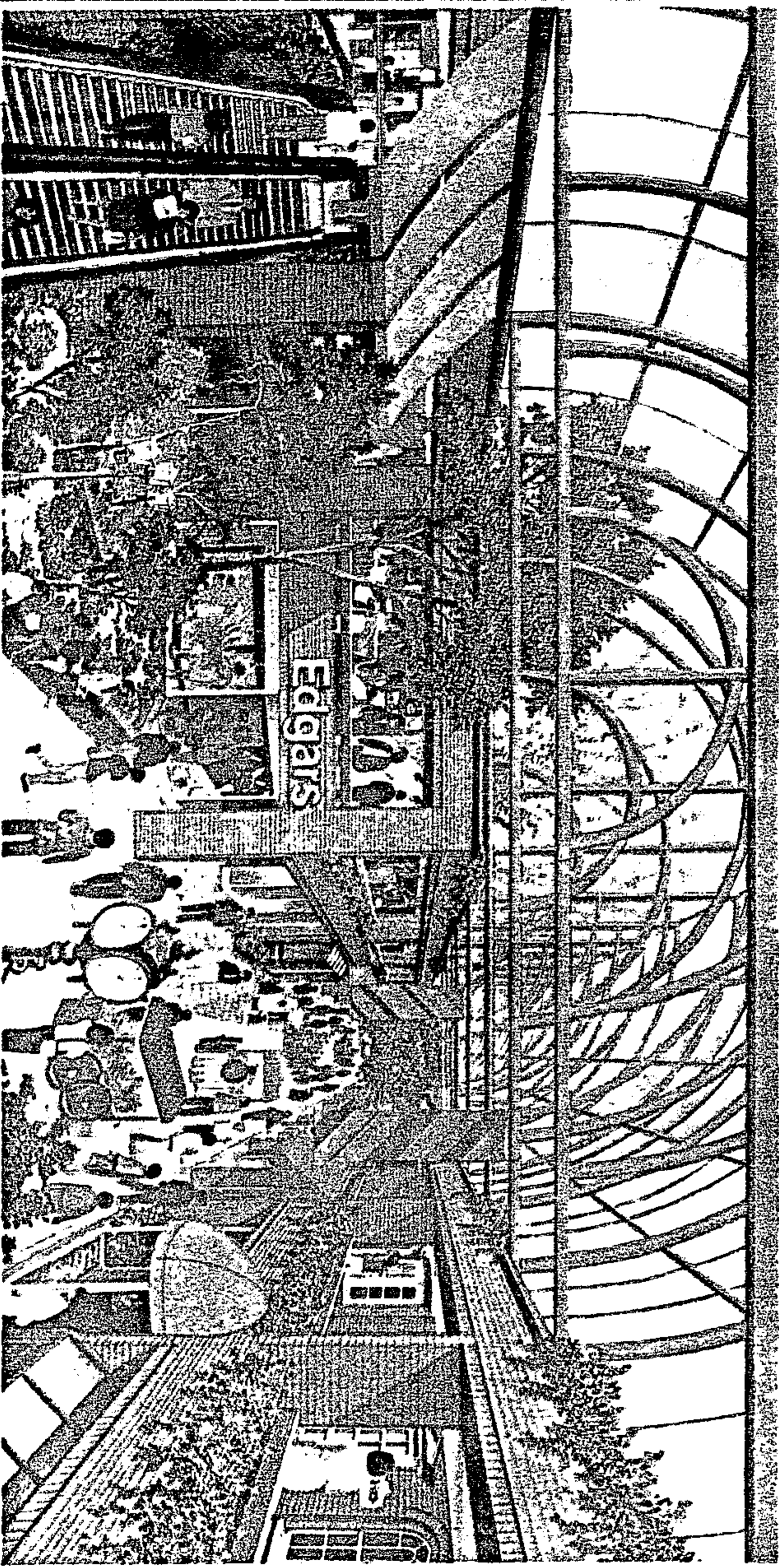
MITCHELL'S PLAIN DEVELOPMENT

Warnings on Plain complex

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The group planning to build a shopping centre and housing complex at Mitchell's Plain say they will withdraw if the council halves the size of the project. By Municipal Reporter MICHAEL MORRIS.

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An interior mall perspective of the proposed "upmarket" shopping complex planned for Mitchell's Plain.

PLANS for a multimillion-rand shopping complex and housing development in Mitchell's Plain will be scrapped, the developers warn, if the City Council sticks to a recommendation that the complex be more than halved in size.

Controversy is brewing over plans for this R75-million venture in Weltevreden Valley with disagreement between the developers and city engineer Mr Jan Brand on its size.

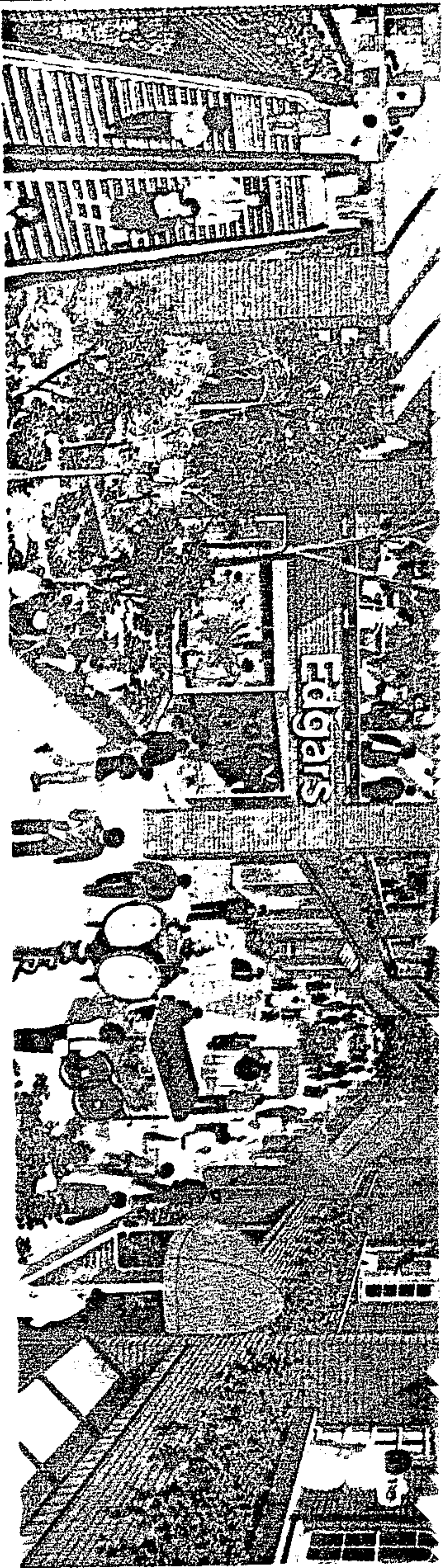
Mr Brand comments the developers for taking an initiative that will encourage construction of more houses but says the gross leasable area of the complex should be cut from 27 000 to 10 000sq m.

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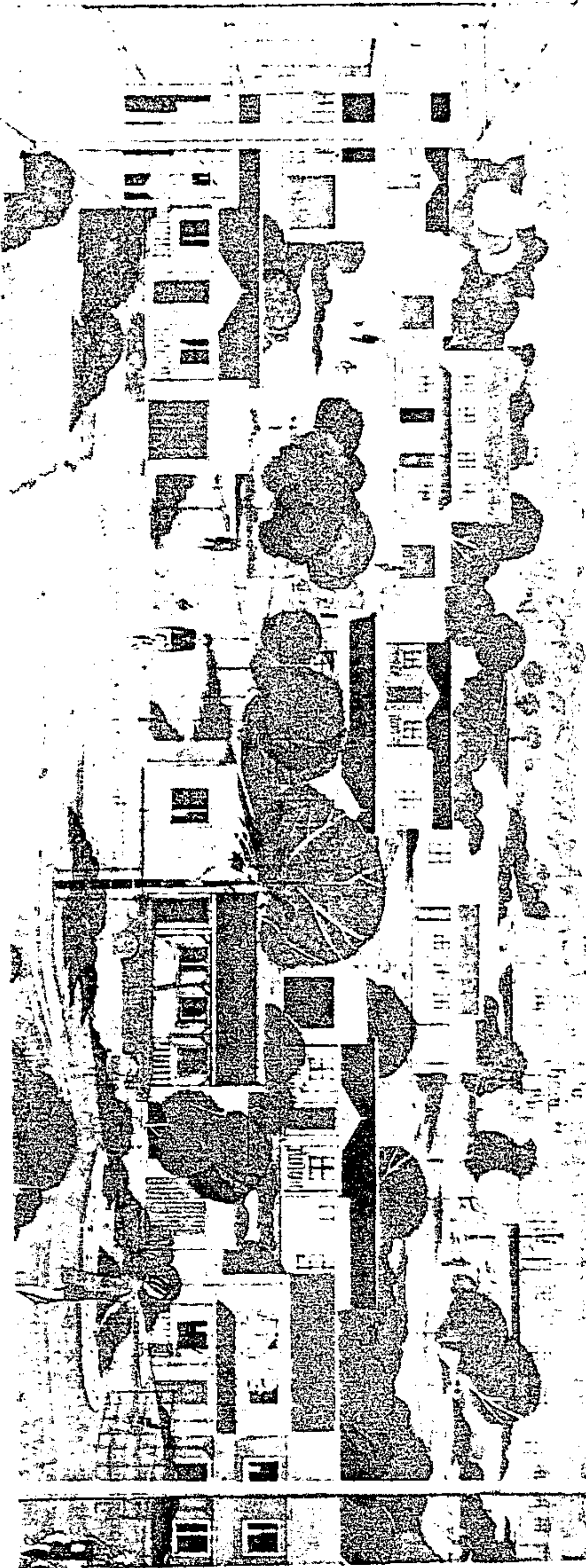
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The complex is to have a department store and supermarket, about 60 line shops and cinemas, a gymnasium, a discotheque, banks, doctor's rooms, a creche and community room.

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An artist's impression of new housing development planned to accompany the new complex.

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Developers will also bring in services for R15-m to open up the area for new projects that could total more than 4 000 houses in future.

But conflict has arisen over the size of the shopping complex.

While developers say there is scope for 27 000sq m Mr Brand suggests it should be limited to only 10 000sq m.

Executive director of Kirsh Property Projects Mr Eddie Magidsaid: "I am not happy with the report from the city engineer. If the Cape Town City Council accepts his recommendation on cutting floor space we will not come to Cape Town.

Mr Magid said the project would boost employment and housing needs and a scheme was being "worked on" to give Mitchell's Plain residents a "financial stake" in the venture.

However, in an extensive analysis of the commercial scope of Mitchell's Plain, Mr Brand says 31 000sq m of additional shopping development is planned over the next two years and it is possible the Westgate complex will adversely affect these projects and existing shopping centres.

Bus service trying

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Now, finally, Mitchells Plain commuters can go directly to a few more destinations

MITCHELLS Plain bus services have recently undergone a significant change with the addition of several direct trips to destinations like Athlone, Wynberg, Bellville, Cape Town, Claremont, Lansdowne and Kenilworth.

Previously all bus-users had had to travel to Hanover Park and change buses there, before going on to their eventual destinations.

Buses were first introduced into Mitchells Plain about 10 years ago and for most of that time, the show was run by Associated Bus Holdings (ABH), a company formed by an amalgamation between Tollgate Holdings and the then Coloured Development Corporation.

Fifty percent of the shares were held by the Mitchells Plain community and businessmen and the other half by Tollgate Holdings. Four directors

served each group of shareholders. The service in Mitchells Plain arm of ABH was known as Mitchells Plain Bus Company (MPBC).

Tollgate Holdings, however, assumed full control of ABH at the end of last year, when it was perceived that because of various restraints and restrictions, Mitchells Plain passengers were not deriving maximum benefits from the existing service.

For example, the law prohibited buses from running straight into Cape Town from Mitchells Plain.

The need for some direct routes had become obvious.

"Interchanges, like the Hanover Park one, are necessary, though," says Mr Bob Krause, public relations manager for City Tramways, a major part of the Tollgate Holdings group.

"If we didn't have them, we would have to operate two-and-a-half times as many buses as we do now."

City Tramways presently has a fleet of 800 buses.

"Buses would then run half-full and that is not effective use of a bus."

Mr Krause said another reason for maximum

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Bus drivers can be disciplined

But report complaints to City Tramways as soon as possible

COMPLAINTS about bus drivers are legend.

They leave you standing at a stop as they drive past with a half-empty bus, they stop beyond the bus stop itself, or they drive negligently.

But the public relations department of the City Tramways has assured Cape Herald that if guilty drivers can be caught red-handed, they will certainly be brought to book.

If an inspector witnesses such negligent driving, he can give the driver a "ticket". As with a traffic ticket, a copy goes to City Tramways' headquarters and the driver will have to go through the company's disciplinary procedure.

However, it is difficult to prove anything unless the driver is caught in the act.

If guilty, a driver will be sent back to the company's training school for a while. And if it is proved that a driver has offended three times and the problem persists, he will be asked to leave City Tramways.

Anybody who applies to the company must at least be in possession of a light motor vehicle licence.

TRAINING

Driver candidates are put through a training course which last from six to 11 weeks, at the end of which they will have obtained their Code 11 or extra heavy duty licence.

Apart from the licence, a driver must also annually renew his South African Police public driving permit, which is a clearance stating he is not a criminal.

All drivers are required to do refresher courses at the training school from time to time.

A little-appreciated fact is that bus-drivers work shifts. Some of them start at 4.30 am, while others finish at 12.30 am.

CONDITIONS

Sometimes, with overtime, they work seven days a week, and on public holidays — whatever the weather conditions.

Then too, drivers run the risk of being verbally abused, mugged or becoming a victim of armed robbery.



Flood them with gripes

A BUS-operator's life consists of problems and City Tramways go on their knees for complaints from users.

So says their public relations department.

But — and a big but — disgruntled passengers must provide exact details of time and place of the incident, as well as the bus number, and as soon as possible after it occurs.

Generalised complaints are described as being "worse than useless".

If an under-bussing complaint recurs about three times, field staff will be sent out to investigate.

They travel on the buses and count the number of people left behind and other details. And if there is a definite demand for another bus, it will be laid on, but not necessarily immediately.

According to staff, all complaints are treated fairly and recorded.

However, it often takes a fair amount of time to work out a solution to the problem.

A graphic monthly record of complaints for each area of operations is kept, so that emerging patterns of problems can be detected.

In Cape Town, there are more than 10 000 bus movements each day.

City Tramways believes more adequate passenger facilities at the 40 local inter-change points should be provided.

Shelters which are well-lit and completely under cover, must be provided and good security is of paramount importance.

These shelters, like the ones at the Mitchells Plain Town Centre and Grand Parade, are provided by the Metropolitan Transport Advisory Board.

● The all-hours complaints number for the City Tramways is 45 5450.

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transport service in Mitchells Plain by buses. These often as the area mushroomed, people needed to get to work, inadequate services and were not easily forgiven by the sole purpose of a morning get to their destination safely. Cape Herald staff writer looks at the 10-year history of Mitchells Plain in the third in our series to mark the 10th year of the town's existence.

existing bus stock was rocketing and the cost has risen in cost by 30 percent in the last year from R100 000 to R130 000. Doubtless 25 percent more. The existing bussing problems in the early days of Mitchells Plain. Authorities may tell you 50 families can't get a bus, but 100 do and the first time

you know about about the problem is when you see a queue of people standing at the bus stop.

"When this happens, you can call for an extra bus provided you have one, but in the early days, the MPBC had only 80 buses, and couldn't.

"Before the rail services to Mitchells Plain were introduced, the MPBC was the only public transport service in the area.

"When the trains came, most of its buses were put on blocks because they had no passengers.

"The railways had heavily subsidised fares and it was only as the area grew that the buses were pulled out of mothballs again."

A problem which has Mitchells Plain residents scurrying around in desperation is the Monday morning blues.

"Kombi taxis don't work then and our drivers stay absent too, so there just aren't enough buses to go round.

"People are unpredictable. You have to observe them over a period of time to establish patterns."

The prevailing road management system in Cape Town is described by Mr Krause as another major headache for bus-controllers.

"Buses have to sit in the same traffic jams as every other road user.

"In most other parts of the world — including Johannesburg — the traffic management system gives preference to multi-passenger vehicles.

"They have special bus-lanes and synchronised traffic lights which allow you a straight run if you keep a constant speed.

"And the single most prevalent traffic-congester, the right turn by a vehicle across a bus route, should be banned outright.

"This practice blocks the people behind the turning vehicle and those wishing to turn right should progress past their turn, take the next left, turn and turn left all the time until it crosses the road they originally wished to turn right out of."

Locally, any changes such as these, involve speaking to four local authorities and the Metropolitan Transport Advisory Board and any progress would be slow.

The people are asking for more buses

THE bus service to Mitchells Plain is inadequate and more buses are needed inside the sprawling area to satisfy all its people.

This is the gist of written complaints received by the Mitchells Plain Ratepayers' Association (MPRA).

MPRA chairman Mr Stan Fisher, said he was negotiating improvements with City Tramways and the bus company had agreed to send representatives to the organisation's next general meeting in July.

"Many people have asked for buses inside Mitchells Plain to be re-routed, because they still have to walk quite a distance to the nearest bus stop."

Mr Fisher added that while fares for internal bus trips were accepted, but many residents found the cost of travelling the direct route to Cape Town a bit expensive.

At present a 10-trip clipcard for the Mitchells Plain Town Centre to Cape Town route costs R10, which compares favourably with the trainfare for a similar journey.

The busfare for a one-way journey is R1,75.

Mr Willie Simmers, a spokesman for the Mitchells Plain Co-ordinating Council, was not prepared to comment on the matter.



● MITCHELLS Plain commuters at the Town Centre terminus — are they getting the service they want?

'We're not antagonistic toward legal operators'

TAXIS are an extremely useful part of the overall transport system.

This remark comes from City Tramways public relations head Bob Krause.

"We have complained about taxis on occasion, but that is as far as our interest goes," he says.

"We are not antagonistic toward any taxi operating within the limitations of its permit. Illegal taxis in fact do more harm to legal taxis than to us."

"Their job is really simple: they have to pick up people at their homes and take them to the public transport interchange."

Laws needed to limit sales

Social workers put spotlight on the availability of solvents that children use for 'kicks'

By TYRONE SEALE

Cape Herald staff writer

TWO social workers who have been researching glue-sniffing among children in Clarke's Estate, have issued a call for legislation to control the sale of glues, thinners, benzine and other intoxicating solvents to youngsters.

In addition, they have called on shopowners to sell these potentially fatal substances "with discretion".

"The legislators should start thinking in terms of laying down laws with regard to the sale of glue and other, readily available, intoxicating substances. That would be a starting point as far as solving the problem is concerned," Miss Rehana Hoosain and Mr. George Uithaler said at the weekend.

Miss Hoosain is studying for her honours degree in social work at the University of Cape Town. Mr. George Uithaler is a final year social

work student at the University of the Western Cape.

They hosted an open day on the abuse of solvents at the St John's Ambulance Centre in Clarke's Estate at the weekend. Several glue-sniffers and parents from the area attended to familiarise themselves with the nature and hazards of the problem.

About a year ago, the St John's Ambulance organisation in Clarke's Estate and the social workers launched a pilot scheme to rehabilitate young sniffers.

At the moment, there are 15 habitual and 30 experimental sniffers between the ages of four and 14 in Clarke's Estate, Mr Uithaler and Miss Rehana revealed in an interview shortly before they addressed parents on the subject.

The majority of these children pursue their risky pastime by buying glue, thinners and benzine from local hardware stores and other outlets.

Many use their pocket-money to obtain their "kicks", while others would steal or rob for theirs.

The social workers cited an incident in 1983 when six children — whose average age was 10 — were arrested after breaking into a glue factory near the Langa railway station.

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5 000-home garden city planned for Blackheath

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Property Editor

A NEW garden city to house 5 000 coloured people is to be built near Blackheath by Garden Cities, the Pinelands-based non-profit development organisation.

About R33-million will be spent on the project, sited on 72 hectares between Gaylee and Kleinvlei.

Size of houses will range from 70sq m to 100sq m, depending on design and the number of rooms. Plots will vary from 200sq m to 500sq m.

Prices will be between R24 000 and R33 000, estimated at present-day costs, and include land.

Houses will be sold mainly to first-time home buyers and the first group will be ready for sale early next year, says Mr A.R. Donovan, general manager of Garden Cities.

The company will arrange for 90-percent bonds.

Brand calls for land rights for city blacks

MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

THE city engineer, Mr Jan Brand, has called for the repeal of the Group Areas Act and priority consideration of freehold rights for all blacks to cope with urbanisation in greater Cape Town.

The call is part of a list of recommendations in a report on urbanisation which is the City Council's official contribution to the President's Council committee investigating the movement of people to the cities.

While Mr Brand believes the process of urbanisation is the counterpart of economic development and of rising per capita income, he emphasises the need for development and job creation in rural and urban areas as a balanced plan for orderly urbanisation.

His picture of Cape Town shows a city — the fastest growing metropolitan area in South Africa — where, among various factors, demand for land is increasing at an "alarming rate". Conventional water sources could run out by the end of the century and most available industrial land is far from the homes of workers.

To meet the challenge, he says, greater Cape Town needs:

- More coloured housing land and the repeal of the Group Areas Act to "alleviate congestion of residential land".
- Priority consideration of freehold for all blacks in the Western Cape, acceptance of controlled squatting and promotion of site-and-service schemes.
- Establishment of a development corporation and credit and saving unions for housing provision and stimulation of self-help.
- Better rail links with major housing developments.
- Proclamation of more industrial land near Mitchell's Plain, Khayelitsha and Kuils River.
- Economic and planning freedom for food retailers in low-income areas with loan programmes for small-scale entrepreneurs.
- Recycling of water, cuts in household consumption, punitive tariffs for over-consumption and research into better waste disposal.
- Encouragement of cultural, sporting and "talk" contact at primary school level.
- Promotion of adult education and job training.

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'80 000 City gang members'
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By BARRY STREEK
AN estimated 80 000 people in Cape Town — five percent of the population — belong to gangs, a Rhodes University lecturer, Mr Don Pinnock, has found.

"Even if this figure is a wide, over-estimate, half would be enough to raise serious questions about a city which is becoming better known for its violence than its beauty," Mr Pinnock wrote in a book, "Crime and Power in South Africa", published this week.

The massive removal of people in terms of the Group Areas Act was one of the reasons for the growth of gangs in Cape Town, he said.

Most gang members were "youths defined by the South African Government as coloured", and most live in the racial ghettos of the Cape Flats.

"Too often, too easily, the City's gang pheno-

menon is hidden away behind comfortable racial stereotypes of the proneness of coloured communities to violence and alcohol-abuse," Mr Pinnock said. "Clearly, we must look beyond this convenient smoke-screen."

It was undeniable that the members of these gangs were the products of poor schooling and poverty. A wide survey of gang members had found the average educational level to be Standard Two.

But attention also had to be given to the changing family structure which had resulted from population relocations.

"Strong indications exist that the massive removals from the inner city to the satellite townships of the Cape Flats dramatically increased poverty and social disintegration.

"And they did this by

destroying the social unit which had broadened earning potential and facilitated child-care: The communal family," he said.

"At one blow, this bureaucratic exercise in social engineering increased unemployment and loosened the working-class community's control over its children."

Between 1950 and 1982 nearly 700 000 people were evicted from their homes under the Group Areas Act.

The tragedy of the removals could not be gauged from numbers alone as "community structures simply fell apart". For this reason Group Areas relocations were not peripheral to the study of gangs, but "lie at its very centre".

Stresses

The cement which held working-class communities was broken up and the social control over the youth collapsed. The stresses resulting from these changes "brought with them psychological difficulties and behaviour.

"Marital relations were upset, and the divorce and desertion rate rose. Parent-child relationships also become problematic — often because of the father's sense of inadequacy in his new environment.

"There was a rise in promiscuity, in alcohol abuse and drug trafficking. More children found themselves on the streets with nothing to do," Mr Pinnock said.

"The main product of this was fear — fear of neighbours, fear of unknown people, fear of gangs, and fear of the new environment.

'Harder kids'

"In the ghettos, a new generation of youth began to grow up — harder kids with less parental control — in a bleak sand-swept and treeless environment. Amenities were few or non-existent.

"Police patrols were less frequent and, with the use of police vans, more impersonal.

"Poverty and unemployment swelled the ranks of the young. For many, joining gangs became a way to make friends, a source of income, and a means of survival in the wasteland.

"With the breaking of the web by State coercion, the only defence the youths had was to build something coherent out of the one thing they had left — each other." Mr Pinnock said.

Use statistics 'with caution'

Political Staff

OFFICIAL crime statistics in South Africa have to be used with great caution, says Mrs Mana Slabbert, a senior lecturer at the University of Cape Town's Institute of Criminology.

Problems with official crime figures, the restrictions imposed by the Police and Prisons Acts and academic isolation complicate research efforts into the criminal justice system in South Africa, she says in a book released this week.

'Increase'

"If there is to be an increase in future in the degree of control over, and in limiting, access to institutions and information, it will become more and more difficult to develop responsible, scientific criticism of the criminal justice system within South Africa," she writes.

The book, "Crime and Power in South Africa", is a collection of essays aimed at stimulating a new approach to the study of criminology.

Mrs Slabbert says the standard explanation of differences in crime-rates between different communities in South

Africa ignores or obscures political realities and practices which directly affect crime rates, such as different procedures of law enforcement and arrest for various racial groups.

Statistics in the annual police and justice reports were limited "and over a number of years the categories have become more and more condensed".

"Research work that deals in this regard with trends, patterns and projections over several years is severely hampered by these alterations."

Moreover, many victims do not report offences. Ambulance and hospital statistics of stabbing incidents at weekends showed that many victims were taken straight to hospital and seldom reported incidents afterwards.

Rape

Among other reasons for not reporting offences, according to research, were that victims lacked faith in the justice system and its impartiality, or earned so little that they could not afford to take time off work.

Sensitive cases, such as rape and psychological effect of rape, are also often not reported, Mrs Slabbert says.

"As a result, researchers have to use statistics with great caution, and must remind themselves continually of the relativity of crime definitions."

WCTA rejects open-CBD plan

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Staff Reporter

THE 2 000-strong Western Cape Traders' Association has rejected the government's plan to open defined Central Business Districts of cities and towns to "multi-racial trade".

The government's intention in opening the CBDs was to allow "giant white businesses" into the black trading areas, the association said in a press statement.

"This would economically strangle small traders, and put them out of business," the statement said.

"Whilst we stand diametrically opposed to the Group Areas Act, we are nevertheless of the opinion that businessmen in the black areas should be protected from what can be referred to as monopolies.

"Until black businessmen are freed of all restrictions they must now operate under, white businessmen should not be allowed to enter the

black areas of our country."

The statement said the Group Areas Act had proved counter-productive to "white vested interests" because of black population shift. The fact that black business now had an economic advantage was no reason to protect white business, which had had "the lion's share" in the past.

The association called on the government to repeal the Group Areas Act entirely, and added that without it, "there would be no need for the introduction of the CBDs".

"How can blacks be absorbed into the free-enterprise system if they are not only restricted but also faced with unfair trade competition from big white chain stores, who already have a strong foothold in the black townships of the Western Cape?" the traders asked in the statement.

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Malay Quarter to get 106 'period' houses

Municipal Reporter

CONSTRUCTION of 106 period-style houses in Cape Town's historic Malay Quarter — which came close to being cancelled when State funds were turned down — will now be funded from city council coffers.

A stipulation that the houses be built in period style in keeping with the architectural character of the area has pushed up construction costs to about R50 000 a unit.

This put the scheme beyond National Housing Commission limits, but, the council has agreed to raise a R5-million loan from its consolidated capital development and loans fund to finance construction.

The houses will be sold "in the first instance" to buyers who can provide their own finance through building society loans.

Bid to make PE a free trade area

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By **BESSIE BOUWER**
Municipal Reporter

A RECOMMENDATION that the whole of the Port Elizabeth municipal area should be zoned a "free trade area" open to traders of all races comes before the Land Usage Committee at its monthly meeting today.

If approved by the committee, the issue will be considered by the full council at its meeting later this month.

In May this year the free trade areas under the old Group Areas Act in Port Elizabeth were deproclaimed.

The Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, reports that the new law controlling land allocation — the Group Areas Amendment Act 1984 — is now in operation, opening the way for free trade proclamations under Section 19.

The proclamation of the trading areas will be investigated by the Group Area Board, which will submit certain recommendations to the Department of Constitutional Development.

Mr Botha, who is putting forward today's recom-



Mr P K BOTHA

mendation, says that although any person or institution may request an investigation into the proclamation of a free trading area, this request should be forwarded through a local authority to the relevant regional office of the Department of Constitutional Development.

This means that responsibility has been placed on local authorities to instigate investigations into the possible declaration of the free trade areas, he adds.

Mr Botha says that at today's meeting the committee should also take into consideration the fact that the Northern Areas Management Committee (NAMC) and the Indian Management Committee (IMC) have asked for all areas of the city to be opened for trading.

At a City Council meeting in December, 1979, it was resolved that the Central and North End business areas be declared "free trade areas". No legislation existed at the time and no further action was taken regarding this matter.

The council then applied to the Department of Community Development for the proclamation of Section 19 areas in Main Street between Market Square and Embassy Sreef and a section of Commercial Road, Sidwell.

In Decemeber, 1982, a letter from the regional representative said that this matter was being held in abeyance until the findings of the Strydom Committee had been made completed.

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Open trading in PE backed

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By BESSIE BOUWER

PORT Elizabeth's Indian Management Committee (IMC) and the Northern Areas Management Committee (NAMC) have welcomed recommendations by the Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, that the whole of Port Elizabeth be opened as a free trade area and have called on the City Council to take a positive stand on the matter.

At a meeting of the council's Land Usage Committee yesterday it was decided that the matter would be discussed at an open council meeting this month.

The deputy chairman of the IMC, Mr Jay Kathan, said today his committee had earlier requested that all areas of the city be opened for trade to all races.

The object of the new Group Areas Amendment Act of 1984 (Section 19) was to establish free trade areas and emphasis was placed on the local authorities to instigate investigations into the possible declaration of free trade areas, he said.

A positive decision by councillors on this issue could only benefit the city and stabilise the business sector which was suffering from the economic downswing, said Mr Kathan.

A negative decision on this matter would show PE up in a poor light to the outside world and decrease businessmen's confidence to invest money in the city, he added.

The deputy chairman of the NAMC, Mr Martin Jansen, said both Indian and coloured businessmen wanted to invest money in the city and the elimination of restrictions or racial connotations would encourage this.

Free trade areas would help to establish employment for a large number of people in the city which in these financially insecure times would be a welcome move for the city's business sector.

- At the committee meeting, Mr Botha was asked to investigate why Roodepoort in the Transvaal was given preference to establish a State botanical garden rather than PE.

- The Port Elizabeth Institute of Architects may still be allowed to establish an "educational institution" at 21 Alfred Terrace, Central, despite objections about aggravating parking congestion.

The matter will now go to open council.

- Several municipal erven will be sold by public auction in the near future.

Most of the erven are in the Summerstrand and Kabega Park area and proposed upset prices range from R10 000 to R45 000.

Mr Botha said because there were several erven to be sold an auction should be held.

- The Humewood Caravan Park will be leased to a private developer subject to certain conditions.

- The revised and extended layout of the Lovemore Heights Extension 1 township was also approved subject to certain conditions.

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28 families evicted from Atlantis

Municipal Reporter

ABOUT 28 families have been evicted from their Atlantis homes this week and there are rumours in the hard-pressed community that more evictions will take place soon.

Families have been evicted by the Divisional Council for not paying rent and instalments on homes.

Community leaders say, however, that most of them are jobless and have little or no money. They believe the Divisional Council should be more lenient.

Chairman of the Atlantis Residents Association Mr Noel Williams said that according to an informed source, about 120 more families were to be evicted soon.

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He said people owed in the region of between R600 and R700 and the council was insisting that evicted tenants pay a months' rent in advance and an additional R150 before being allowed to re-occupy their houses.

Another association spokesman Mrs Sybil McKenna: "Most of these people are jobless.

"The council knows that, but they sent out their team of men to force people out."

She said: "These people have nowhere to go and they will have to rely on neighbours taking them in. One woman has a two-month-old baby and there are several young children involved."

"INSENSITIVITY"

Belongings were taken out and dumped on the pavement.

The UDF has condemned the evictions.

In a statement yesterday UDF spokesman Mr E Rasool said: "The insensitivity with which the Divisional Council is approaching the problems which Atlantis residents face is appalling.

"They are victims of economic problems not of their making. It is the making the apartheid system.

When an Argus reporter asked for comment from the Divisional Council earlier this week, he was told that the secretary, Mr W Vivier, would only reply to questions sent by telex. The telex was sent immediately and followed up with another but no response has been received."



Port Elizabeth Indian traders told the Evening Post they would not like to trade in the city's Central Business District, part of which is shown in the picture, but would like to see the whole of the municipal area declared a free trade area.

Indian traders not interested in CBD

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Business Reporter
INDIAN traders interviewed in a random opinion poll all support a recommendation by the City Council's Land Usage Committee that the whole of Port Elizabeth be declared a free trade area in terms of the amended Group Areas Act.

Most of them dubbed the move as "long overdue" and said they hoped it would be approved by the City Council.

One said bluntly that he hoped it was not another "red herring" designed "for overseas consumption."

A factor which emerged from the survey is that there is little interest in the CBD as a potential trading area.

One trader said the "CBD is dying" and he could not see any trader move an established business from North End to the CBD, especially in these depressed times, when businesses were folding one after the other.

Mr J Kathan, deputy chairman of the Indian Management Committee, said: "We definitely welcome this move. It should be a democratic right of

everybody to do business on a basis of equality."

He said a decision to make the entire city a free trade area could help to stabilise the unrest and would open many avenues for new business which in turn would create employment opportunities.

Mr Kathan said he hoped the City Council would look at the merits of the situation, particularly in the light of the fact that South Africa was working towards reform.

Mr R Ranshod, who has a men's and boys' retail outfitting store in Cottrell Street, said: "I think they should open up everything. Cottrell Street is overtraded and rentals are exorbitant because traders don't have freedom of choice where to operate their businesses".

Mr Ranshod said more attention should be paid to the plight of the small businessman who was the backbone of the economy and was being squeezed out by "big business" and by cartels.

He said people were numbers when they shopped at hypermarkets and did not receive the personal attention of the small shopkeeper.

Another businessman, Mr J Bhana, whose business is in Stanford Road, said the move was "long overdue".

He criticised the City Council for taking such "negative" decisions such as on the Walmer hawkers and the Buffalo Rally which could have brought a lot of business to the depressed city.

Mr C Navsaria of Craft Cleaners predicted that opening the trade areas to all would benefit the consumer because prices would drop because of greater competition.

He said there were a lot of people with the financial resources and the ability who would be able to make a real contribution to the growth and prosperity of the city if there were no trade restrictions.

Mr Navsaria has been in business since 1943 when the family business was in Russell Road opposite the cemetery. It moved to the northern areas because of town planning regulations and complaints of pollution from the coal-fired boilers.

Mr Navsaria said opening the trade areas to all would "open a lot of opportunities".

City centre cinemas open to all soon

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Weekend Argus Reporter

CITY centre cinemas are almost certain to be opened to all races within the next few months.

The go-ahead is still being awaited but all signs point to a favourable response to the application by Ster-Kinekor and UIP-Warner.

This emerged from a meeting between the two major distributors and the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr P J Badenhorst, in Cape Town this month.

It is now intended to combine the concession to cinemas with more general legislation governing trading within central business districts. This has been promised for August or September.

Multiracial

If approved as expected, it will open to all races more cinemas than specified in the original application.

Ster-Kinekor, for example, sought multiracial approval for about 20 theatres (25 screens).

"It is only the recess of Parliament that is causing the delay," said Mr Etienne de Villiers, managing director of Ster-Kinekor's controlling company, Satbel.

"Since the original announcement about opening the central business districts, we have had very fruitful talks with Mr Badenhorst and he is very sympathetic to our case.

White patrons

"One of the problems in a parallel application by the Three Arts in Cape Town was the objection of local coloured and Indian exhibitors. Now we hope their thinking will have changed and that case, too, is being reconsidered."

Ster-Kinekor says there are no fears of losing white patrons should the city cinemas be opened up.

"I'm sure our audiences can only benefit," a spokesman said. "Look at sport, which is a far more emotional situation and which people of different races watch quite happily together."

A spokesman at the Deputy Minister's office confirmed today that discussions had taken place. Mr Badenhorst was not available for comment as he is on holiday.

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Plea for low-income housing

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council is going to the Government to discuss cutting rents for low-income tenants and to get approval for low-cost housing in District Six.

The council is alarmed at the possible effect on low income tenants' rents of a Government decision to reduce housing loan interest rates from 3.5 to three percent and the loan period from 40 to 30 years.

EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

A report says this will severely affect tenants in the R150-to-R300-a-month income group.

The rental formula is being re-examined, but could take some time.

The Executive Committee believes "everything possible should be done to

alleviate the position of the tenants in the lower-income group".

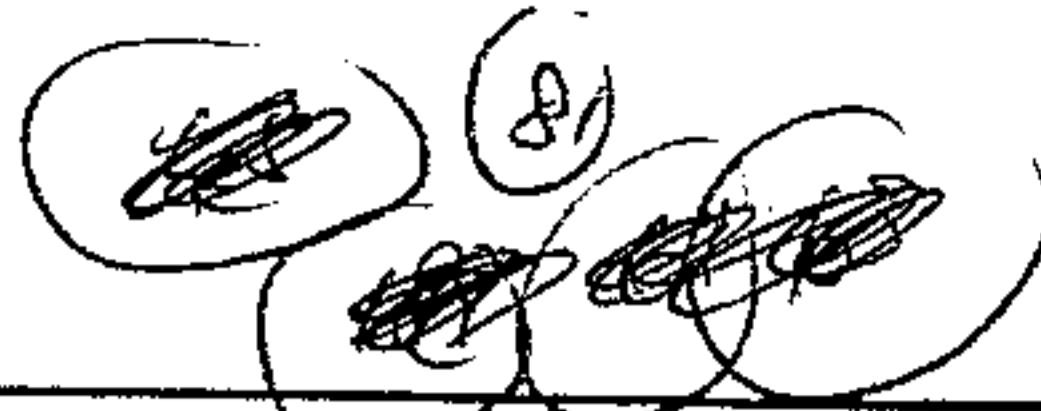
Representations will also be made in response to a report from Government officials that no land in District Six may be used for low-cost housing.

The council proposed building about 230 low-cost units there, but Government officials gave a "verbal indication" that land would not be sold to the council for that purpose.

District Six has been frequently singled out as ideal or low-cost housing for low and middle-income groups because of its proximity to employment opportunities.

Community groups campaigning to have District Six opened as a mixed residential area say tenants there would not have to bear high transport costs.

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R560 million foreign exchange saving for ADE

By TOM HOOD

MORE than R560 million in foreign exchange has been saved by the local production of 69 000 engines since Atlantis Diesel Engines started in 1981, says Mr Otto Scholtz, director of finance and management services.

Total investment in fixed assets is R290 million, priced at a time when dollar was \$1,36 to the rand.

The same development today would cost upwards of R700 million, he estimated this week.

"The project has become more and more justified with the devaluation of the rand."

Criticism had been levelled at ADE for its price increases but Mr Scholtz claimed the increase in prices of petrol engines manufactured elsewhere and ADE's increases were practically in a straight line.

However, the recession had hit ADE's plans for six.

The country's total diesel engine market was 25 000 engines a year when it started but this had dropped to about 8 000 this year. The normal market would average

14 000 to 15 000 a year.

The plant was designed for double shift operation. But it was working only one shift a day and at about 50 percent of capacity and so could meet South African demand for some time to come.

There could, however, be a sudden increase in demand, especially if agriculture recovered.

In its planning ADE expected the replacement market to drop because its engines were likely to have a longer life span than many currently available.

One of the long-term benefits to ADE was that practically every garage would be trained to work on its engines so there would be considerably less down-time for users, said Mr Scholtz.

Standardisation would bring tremendous benefits. There could be three or four spares dealers in any town competing.

A major development would be the production of components for petrol engines.

The Mercedes-Benz organisation had placed orders for petrol-engine blocks and crankshafts and more components could be produced without increasing costs.

Plain may get 600 houses all at once

CAT Tink 17/7/85 Municipal Reporter (81)

THE developers of the R75-million shopping centre proposed for Mitchells Plain may have to include 600 houses in the initial phase of their scheme to receive the go-ahead for the development from the City Council.

The Executive Committee yesterday recommended that the developers, Kirsch Property Projects, be allowed to build a 23 000 sq m retail centre adjoining Westridge, subject to this condition.

The limit on the size of the complex, to be called Westgate, is a compromise between the 31 000 sq m area originally requested by the developers and the recommendation from the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, that the centre be restricted 10 000 sq m.

The developers also originally planned to build 200 houses as part of the initial development, with a further 400 houses to follow at a later stage.

The Executive Committee, however, has insisted that all 600 houses be built during the first phase.

The residential component of the scheme is not included in the 23 000 sq m limit.

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Atlantis shows we don't care for our unemployed

From the Rev A M LINDHORST (All
Saints Rectory, Atlantis):

THE plight of many people in Atlantis, suffering eviction from their homes or cutting off of water and electricity because they are unable to pay overdue accounts, reveals a serious shortcoming in our society: we are not caring for our unemployed.

Apart from the odd layabout, most people want to work. Unemployment results in loss of self-worth and despondency. It is a fault of recession/depression in the economic cycle, not the individual worker.

Between the state and private sector we cater for the elderly and disabled but employment benefits are limited and inadequate. The abuse of the dole in Britain should not prevent us from introducing adequate social security for all.

Certainly, such benefits should not become a disincentive to work but at least provide helpless people with enough to keep a roof over their heads, water in their taps and food in their stomachs.

The Atlantis situation is aggravated by the fact that people were "pushed" by housing shortages and group areas pressure in Cape Town and "pulled" by the promise of work in this new industrial city. Now many have resorted to commuting to Cape Town to work — at quite a cost. And the rest?

Unemployment is a problem to be tackled at a national level but meanwhile there are concerned local bodies which have formulated a viable plan of action and are anxious to meet the divisional council to work out a strategy for relief.

Residents fight sub-economic house scheme on banks of vlei

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Environment Reporter

RESIDENTS are fighting plans for a 220-unit sub-economic housing scheme for Indians on the eastern bank of Zeekoevlei.

It forms part of the planned 600ha Pelican Park Indian residential area proclaimed in 1981.

About 250 people packed a lively special meeting of the Zeekoevlei Civic Association last night and voted overwhelmingly in favour of a motion rejecting the plan.

WHISTLES

The meeting — called to discuss development of the Zeekoevlei residential area — was addressed by senior city and divisional council officials.

There were whistles and laughs from the audience when Mr P N Tomalin, Divisional Council director of planning, said the total population of Pelican Park would be about 32 000 by the year 2010.

Mr John Wiley, Minister of

Environment Affairs and Tourism, drew loud applause when he said he believed it was wrong to introduce sub-economic housing to the area.

"I don't think you want to bring sub-economic housing to a prime residential and conservation area," he said.

"Those people are least likely to pay attention to preserving the standards of the environment around the vlei and it changes the character of the residential quality of the vlei."

At one point there was a sharp altercation between Mr Wiley and city councillor Mr Clive Keegan.

Mr Wiley noted that Mr Keegan and Mr Peter Muller, both members of the city council's Executive Committee, were present and he asked them to "go back to Exco" and have the decision on sub-economic housing in Pelican Park reversed.

Mr Keegan replied that the city council and Exco had not

"laid down" the Group Areas Act and they were not responsible for the overcrowding which had resulted in Indian areas.

● The proclaimed area of Pelican Park stretches from 8th Avenue in Grassy Park to Baden Powell Drive on the False Bay coast.

SET BACK

● It incorporates an area originally planned as a coastal fynbos reserve, although no alternative reserve has been suggested.

● Pelican Park housing on the the eastern bank of Zeekoevlei is being set back from the vlei south of 14th Avenue in Grassy Park and the open area on the bank will be for public use.

● The city council is establishing a major domestic refuse site south of Zeekoevlei but only three hectares will be used at a time and it will be covered at the end of each day.

Strand beach apartheid stays

By **ROGER WILLIAMS**
Chief Reporter

RESIDENTS of the Strand have drawn the Cape Times' attention to what one of them referred to last week as "possibly the most blatant and most photographed advertisements of petty apartheid you will find anywhere in South Africa".

The "advertisements" referred to are notices, prominently situated on the beach at the Strand, which in black letters on a bright orange background proclaim: "Beach and Sea — Whites Only. Strand en See — Net Blankes."

The signs are more prominent than other official notices including those prohibiting dogs on the beach.

And the observation made by all the concerned residents was that large numbers of

American and other foreign visitors have been calling at the Strand on coach and other tours and that many of them have obviously been fascinated by the apartheid signs — and have photographed them.

"It has become quite common here," said a widely travelled businessman, "to see foreigners taking pictures of our beach signs, to show the folks back home. It's usually a case of hubby taking the picture, with wifey posing beneath the sign."

"It just makes nonsense of all this talk about reform, and about moves away from petty apartheid, when we advertise to our visitors and to the world that certain of our beaches, and even the seas lapping them, are reserved

for certain ethnic groups.

"With other South Africans who travel a lot, I do my best when abroad to project a positive image of this country. I tell people that things are changing for the better here — but what does one say when these people respond by

producing pictures of apartheid signs on our beaches?"

"The irony of our particular situation here is that the Strand is in the constituency of the very man who has been charged with producing a blueprint for reform — Mr Chris Heunis."

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Council votes to open PE trade to all races

By BESSIE BOUWER, Municipal Reporter
THE Port Elizabeth City Council last night voted in favour of opening the whole Port Elizabeth municipal area to traders of all races.

Nineteen councillors voted in favour of the decision. Five councillors voted against the recommendation by the Land Usage Committee.

The contentious issue aroused lively debate.

Mr Cornelius Meyer said the council would be shirking its responsibility if it accepted this "irresponsible recommendation". He added that it would invite sabotage throughout the city.

Mr Danie Dorfling said even the leaders of the black community were pleading for order. If there was no order in black communities then the council was inviting disorder by opening the CBD to all races. Other race groups should be left to develop their own areas.

He added that traffic congestion in the CBD would be increased by declaring it a free trade area.

Mr Gert van Wyk asked if the amendment referred only to trading matters or if members of any race would now be allowed to open a school or church in any suburb. If that was the case he disagreed with the recommendation, he added.

Mr Lomo du Plessis said if the matter was supported, it would bring goodwill to PE.

Mr Aubrey Braude said that in the past members of other races who wanted to carry on trade had needed permits. The amendment had eliminated the permit system.

"To go against the recommendation is to defy Government direction and for PE to take any other decision would be to take a step backwards," he added.

Mr Hendrik van Zyl Cillie said he was disappointed that objections to the matter had been raised at this stage because it was time to introduce change.

Mr Graham Young said many consumers were either black or Indian and it was only fair that they be allowed to trade in all areas.

Mr Alan Ward Able said those who read history books would know that brontosaurus in ancient times were not able to adapt to change and "they don't exist any more".

The chairman of the Land Usage Committee, Mr Charles Garai, said the economic situation would determine who would trade in certain areas.

Referring to Section 16 of the Immorality Act, Mr Garai said that when it was repealed "the heavens didn't open and the ground didn't swallow us, and life went on as usual". The same would happen in this case.

He emphasised that not a single councillor speaking against the recommendation had been present at the meeting of the Land Usage Committee.

"The decision to refer the recommendation to the council was a unanimous one," he said.

A division was called for.

Voting in favour of the recommendation were A Braude, B Brooks, H van Zyl Cillie, H du Plessis, C Garai, F Kotze, I Krige, J McGillivray, R McKiever, B Nagle, J Nel, B Olivier, S Rubin, Prof L Simpson, P Sullivan, Dr H van der Merwe, J Vieira, A Ward Able and J Young.

Voting against the recommendation were D Dorfling, C Meyer, H Millard, C Snyman and G van Wyk.

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Atlantis: 2 000 facing eviction

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

EVICTED tenants in Atlantis are defying the Divisional Council by moving their household goods back into their flats and houses as soon as they can.

Tenants who have not paid their rents are being evicted daily, in spite of a council promise that it would stay evictions until September.

Mr Chris Anthony, who was retrenched from a building firm four months ago and has been unable to find work since, said council workers had moved all his possessions out of his flat in Babblers Way yesterday morning.

Can't sleep

Many of the flats in Atlantis have identical keys, and it is only a matter of time before evicted tenants' flats are opened by neighbours.

Mrs Desiree Ghoso, who was also evicted

yesterday morning, was back in her flat with her two children and all her possessions yesterday afternoon.

Tenants say they can't sleep at night because they fear the council will return and evict them again.

Some tenants have not been able to regain access to their flats and have spent the cold West Coast nights amongst belongings dumped in courtyards or on pavements.

While scores of people are left without shelter, or crowd into the homes of friends, their former homes stand empty.

All the people interviewed said they had made numerous approaches to the council, the council social worker and government departments to explain their inability to pay their rents — which average R80 a month — and to appeal for relief.

The chairman of the

Atlantis Residents' Association, Mr Noel Williams, was warned by the police after helping to carry tenants' belongings back into their homes, and blocking a stairway with furniture to prevent council workers carrying more goods out.

He estimated that about 2 000 people were under threat of eviction following notices sent out by the Divisional Council.

6 months

"The council agreed to give the people six months' grace in which to pay their rents.

"That period expires only in September, so we can't understand why they are evicting people now," he said.

● A telex requesting an explanation for the evictions was sent to the Divisional Council secretary, Mr W R Vivier, yesterday morning. It had not been answered by last night.

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Mayor is silent on signs

By ROGER WILLIAMS
Chief Reporter

THE mayor of Strand, Mr Laurie Claassen, has refused to discuss the town's beach apartheid unless the man who told the Cape Times about foreign tourists photographing "Whites Only" signs is named.

Mr Claassen was unimpressed when it was pointed out that his town's image, not personalities, was the issue.

"I'm prepared to make a statement if that 'widely-travelled' businessman you have quoted is prepared to identify himself, otherwise I have nothing to say. Why should I put my name to a statement if he is not prepared to give his name?"

In a Cape Times report on Wednesday the businessman, echoing complaints of other Strand citizens, was quoted as saying it had become common to see foreigners photographing apartheid signs on the beach, making nonsense of talk of reform and movement away from petty-apartheid.

'Worst example'

The complainant, who wanted to be anonymous for business reasons, said it was difficult to project a positive image of South Africa abroad, as he tried to do, when signs offensive to visitors and locals remained on beaches and public amenities.

Mr Jan van Eck, MPC for Groote Schuur and opposition spokesman on amenities in the Provincial Council, said yesterday that Strand "sets the worst example in the country" for racist signposting.

"It's an absolute disgrace and I have said as much on a number of occasions in the Provincial Council. At the recently opened bumper-boat pool at Strand, two very prominent 'Whites Only' signs had been erected, a gross insult to people of colour."

"I am less concerned about foreign tourists photographing such signs than I am about the effect they have on local coloured folk."

● In Wednesday's report the businessman said it was ironic that Strand was in the constituency of Mr Chris Heunis, the minister charged with producing a blueprint for reform.

Strand falls within the False Bay constituency, which adjoins Mr Heunis's Helderberg constituency.

Medical help for Grassy Park

Medical Reporter

THREE "neighbourhood medical centres" with sectional title consulting rooms attached to a small hospital owned by doctors are planned for Grassy Park, where there are no hospital beds for private patients.

A private health-care company in Cape Town is convinced of the need for the clinics.

"More than 900 hospital beds are needed across the Peninsula," said managing director Mr David Hoffman.

"General practitioners and dentists are decentralising their practices and have rooms in the suburbs, where they are doing more curative work than before.

"But there are no hospital beds available for their patients in Government institutions or private hospitals.

"I have had doctors with patients needing emergency surgery telephoning me because there are no beds for them," he said.

"These neighbourhood centres will enable doctors and dentists to treat patients in an established hospital near their consultancies, not far from the patient's home, at medical-aid tariffs."

The general manager of the company, Mr Peter Stevens, said patients with medical aid using provincial hospitals were depriving people without aid.

The hospitals would have between 35 and 50 beds each, with 15 to 20 general practitioners operating from each.

The company will establish the buildings, equip, train and employ staff and manage the operation.

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Belhar health-care 'totally inadequate'

Staff Reporter

HEALTH-CARE facilities in Belhar are "totally inadequate" but the Provincial Administration has no funds to establish the community health centre necessary in the area.

Among the major problems are malnutrition, tuberculosis, a high birth-rate among teenagers, sexually-transmitted diseases and many elderly people requiring attention, according to Divisional Council medical officer of health Dr L R Tibbit.

"There are at present no curative or dental services available in Belhar," he said.

However, at a meeting yesterday, the council stood by its policy of providing preventive and promotive health-care services and rejected a proposal that it become involved in establishing a primary health-care centre in Belhar.

Dr Tibbit said the council was already providing preventive and promotive health care at "inadequate" clinics in Belhar I and II. New facilities were to be built with a grant

Meetings: A question of timing

Staff Reporter

A PROPOSAL by Mr Arthur Wienburg that Cape Town City Council Executive Committee consider starting monthly council meetings after lunch instead of 10am sparked a lively debate.

"The public do not really have the opportunity of seeing us," Mr Wienburg said.

Mrs Joan Kantey felt council procedures had been "tested and tried" over a long period.

Mr Norman Osburn said the average age of the council had been reduced drastically in the past 10 years.

"In the old days council was a much older group of people who had the luxury of time," he added.

Mrs Eulalie Stott said there were those who felt "more working-class people" would be interested in council affairs if it did not sit through working hours.

The motion was approved.

from the Department of Health and Welfare, he said.

"The inhabitants (of Belhar) were drawn from overcrowded and depressed areas. These people require a tremendous amount of social upliftment"

In liaison with provincial department of hospital services, it had been agreed that the council's health services be incorporated with a curative centre in one community health

complex.

Subsequently, the director of hospital services had told the council that while his department wanted a joint health complex in Belhar, the province had "no funds" available.

He proposed that the council obtain additional funds from the National Housing Commission.

This was outside the council's sphere, said Dr Tibbit.





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Tenants forced out face a leap in rents

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Municipal Reporter

THE last coloured tenants being prised out of Harfield Village by the Group Areas Act face rents four times higher in the new homes they are obliged to accept.

This emerges from a City Council report on the remaining 35 coloured families forced to leave Harfield because the neighbourhood is a declared white area.

Tenants have been paying about R48 a month but face paying as much as R227 in their new houses.

However, the council will ask the Government for subsidised rents of R66 a month.

A report says the Government-proposed rents for homes provided for people forced to move because of the Group Areas Act are too high.

During debate yesterday Mrs Eulalie Stott said she had received a letter from Mr Pen Kotze, former Minister of Community Development, saying the question of rents was receiving "serious consideration".

She said most tenants were aged between 50 and 70.

She told the council of one tenant, aged about 50, who had recently been promoted and had hoped to "live well" on his new salary.

"He has children in high school. For him suddenly to find his rent is going up from R48 to R227 a month is just not good enough."

Mr Jan van Eck, MPC, said the human cost of apartheid was "hate and anger" and financial costs were being borne by the taxpayers.

"How long can we afford this?" he asked.

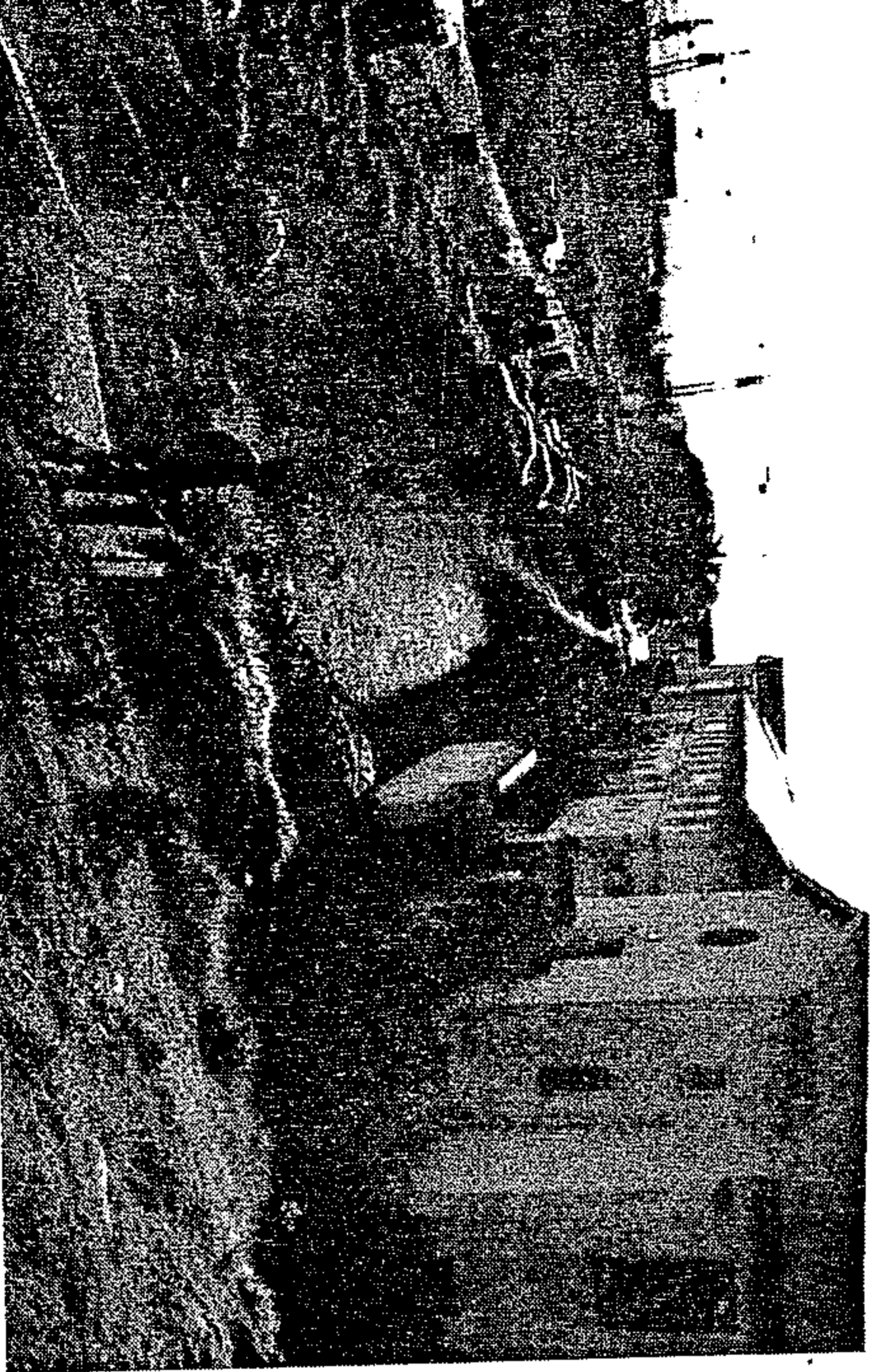
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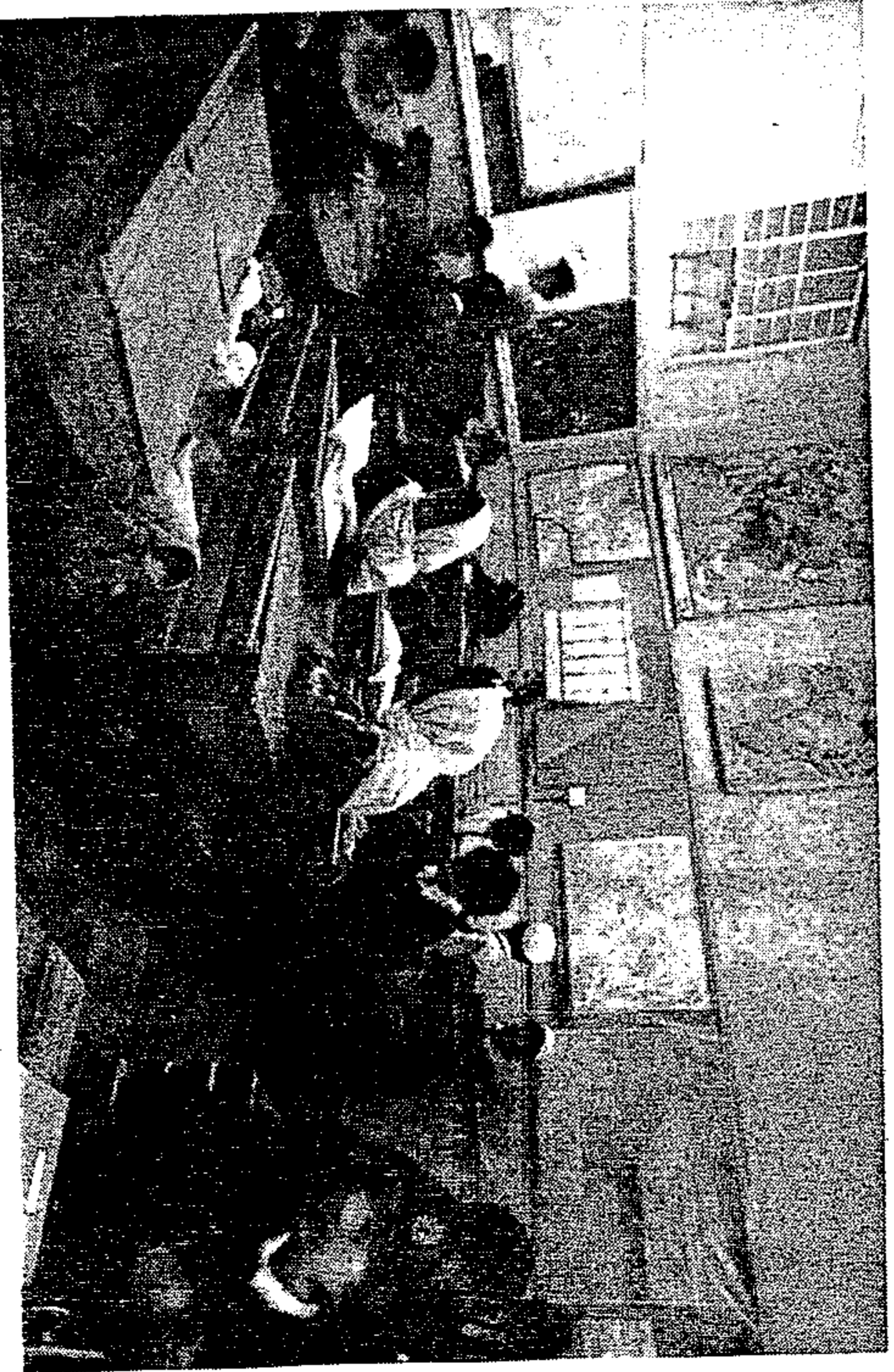
BACKGROUND

How pride and tradition still live on in a dilapidated District Six school

Battle of Trafalgar, 1985



Threatened by the development of "white" District Six and the Cape Education Department, every aspect of the day-to-day running of the school is affected by uncertainty in the future.



Inside, the building is damp and paint is peeling off the walls, but teachers attempt to remedy the situation by putting up cheerful curtains and posters to brighten the classrooms.

PHOTOGRAPH BY A. J. B. SMITH

How pride and tradition

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It has been impossible to reassure parents that the school will still be standing when their children matriculate.

'Our first high is being throttled to death by the Group Areas system'

PAINT is peeling off the walls and the classrooms are damp — but at Trafalgar High School in District Six an atmosphere of pride and tradition is not dampened by an uncertain future or the ramshackle building.

The school was being "throttled to death" by the system of group areas, said former pupil Dr Edgar Maurice.

After almost 75 years of service to the community by Trafalgar High, the Cape Education Department has its eyes on the school — one of the last institutions in old District Six — for a white primary school.

During the recent Provincial Council session Mr Willem Bouver (MEC Education) said a recommendation by the Cape School Board that the premises were suitable for their use still applied, and negotiations would begin again "in due course".

The school would not be closed "as long as a need exists", he said.

Continue

The Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr C H Ebrahim, said he was "not aware of any negotiations" between his department and the Cape Education Department with regard to the school. (Negotiations were between the Cape Education Department and the former Department of Community Development).

He emphasised that the

KAREN STANDER
Staff Reporter

Many former pupils have deplored the possible closure.

Dr Maurice, educationist and ex-principal of Harold Cressy, said the school was founded in the pursuance of a policy of segregation of education.

"Inevitably, as educated persons classed as 'coloureds', discriminated against and oppressed in many ways, pupils' sensitivity to politics was increased. They were well-equipped to participate in the political struggle."

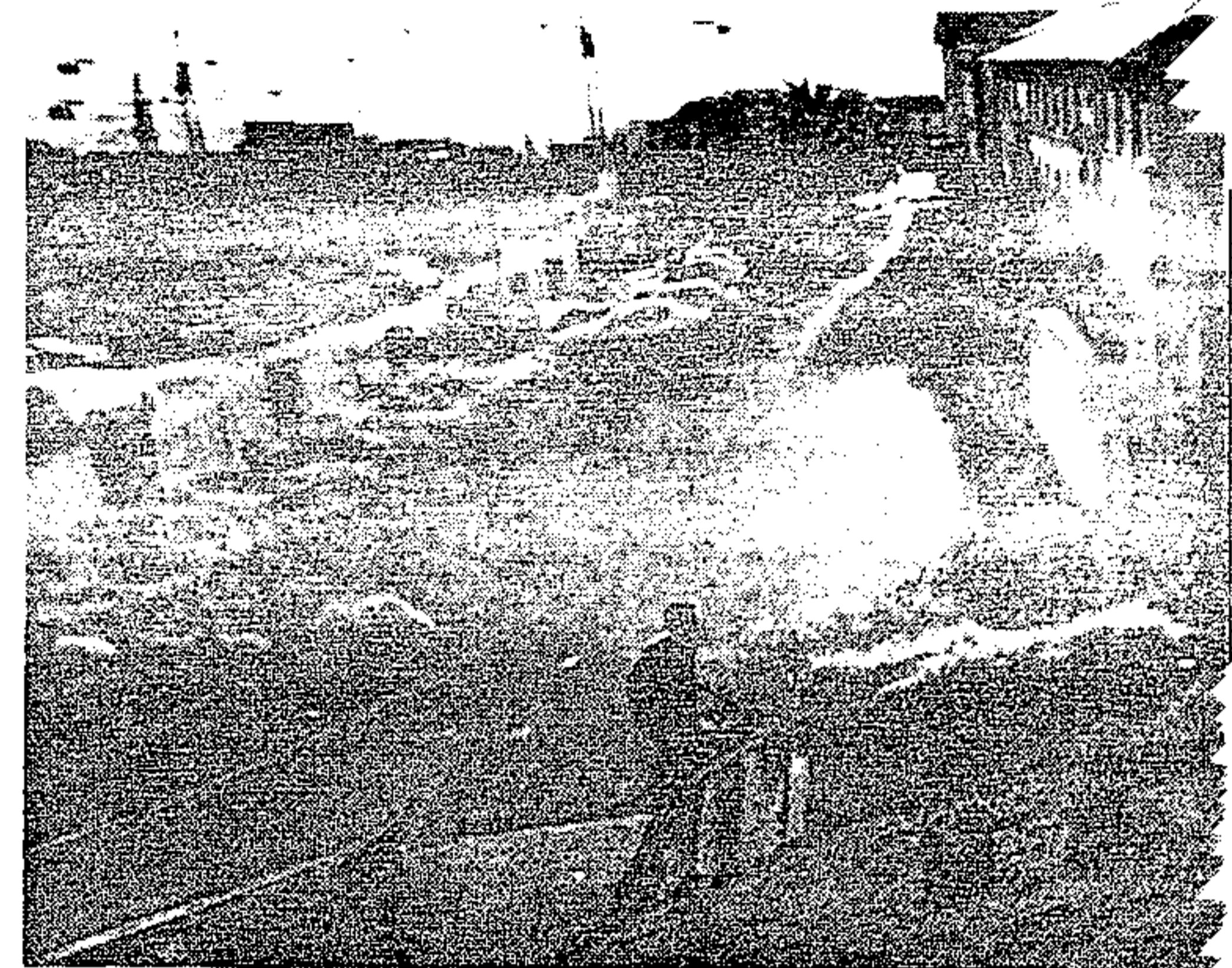
In 1961, 50 pupils were arrested for taking part in a placard demonstration in Adderley Street against the banning of two teachers, one from Trafalgar.

Professor Richard van der Ross, Rector of the University of the Western Cape, said in his day Trafalgar was the "premier high school" and "measured up to the best in other communities".

"People set their caps at being a student there. It has produced people in responsible and senior positions in this country and overseas."

Mr Sydney Petersen, poet and founder of Athlone High, matriculated top of his class at Trafalgar in 1931.

"There were 10 in matric. My friend, who was last in the



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him, said he was "not aware of any negotiations" between his department and the Cape Education Department with regard to the school. (Negotiations were between the Cape Education Department and the former Department of Community Development).

He emphasised that the school would "continue to function in its present buildings for as long as the need for the school exists".

But, in spite of these assurances, pupils and teachers know that Trafalgar is situated in the "wrong" area — a "coloured" school in an area now proclaimed "white".

Built in 1911, Trafalgar was the first high school in the Peninsula for coloured pupils.

The first principal was Harold Cressy, after whom another school was named later. He was the first coloured person to graduate from the University of Cape Town.

'Terminal'

The school started with 60 pupils and a staff of five.

District Six's proclamation as a white group area in 1966 was "terminal" to the school, said Dr Maurice.

In Chapel Street on the slopes of Table Mountain, the neglected double-storey building needs a coat of paint and the grounds are small. Inside, the building is damp and cold and paint peels off the walls.

Teachers have tried to remedy the situation by putting up cheerful curtains in some of the classrooms.

In spite of limitations, the school overflows with vitality. Built to accommodate 450, it now has 596 pupils.

And despite reassurances to the contrary, every aspect of its day-to-day running is affected by uncertainty about the future. Parents and teachers worry about spending money on the building and some pupils felt that they could not contribute towards the cost of a tuckshop, recently built at a cost of R1 000.

The motto

It has been impossible to tell parents that the school will definitely still be standing when their children matriculate.

Ex-pupil and chairman of the school committee Mr T Nacerodien said the people to whom the school had been "a beacon of hope" would not allow it to become a school for whites only.

"The motto of the school is 'Through adversity to success'.

"Ironically the school is now earmarked for a facelift after all these years — now that it is intended to become a white school.

"To the multitude of ex-pupils pressing for the rights of the oppressed, this will be yet another humiliating blow. Undoubtedly they will, as before, rally."

duced people in responsible and senior positions in this country and overseas."

Mr Sydney Petersen, poet and founder of Athlone High, matriculated top of his class at Trafalgar in 1931.

"There were 10 in matric. My friend, who was last in the class and passed, proved a point to me. That was — if you want to succeed, you are going to succeed. That was the spirit of Trafalgar High.

"Traditionally people came from far and wide to Trafalgar. Adam Small's father, John Small, a contemporary of mine, used to travel by train from Wellington every day."

Dr Frank Quint, educationist, member of the President's Council: "We were encouraged to think. Our teachers were leaders in the community and involved in many things, such as civic matters.

Tradition

"We lived the tradition of Trafalgar. It was one of the few things we had that had made a mark. We felt we also had to make a mark, to produce excellence. It was an honour to be admitted."

Present pupils approached for comment were bitter, and several said they would fight to keep the school open.

Omdora Andre Booysen, 15, in Std 8: "They can't close our school. It's a good place and they treat us well. Don't you agree?" he said to a crowd gathered around.

Everyone agreed.

"Where will we go?"

Another pupil who had been listening in silence butted in.

"They will close the school," she said.

"The whites want this school for their children. And what the whites want, they get," she said, walking off angrily.

Journalist

Some of the other distinguished ex-pupils were the late George Manuel, former Cape Town journalist and author of several books on District Six; Mrs Nora Chase, the Director of Education of the SWA/Namibia Council of Churches; Speaker of the House of Assembly in Zimbabwe Mr Didymus Mutasa; Mr Ben Kies, late Cape Town advocate; Mr Walter Parry, teacher and brilliant scholar; musician Mr Dan Ulster, the first coloured person to obtain the degree of B Mus at UCT; Miss Rosie Abdurahman, daughter of the Dr Abullah Abdurahman, one of the only two black Provincial Council members and President of the African Political Organisation.

Ex-Trafalgarian Professor Ronald Forgas, son of boxer Willie ("Buss-Saw") Forgas, became a professor of psychology at Harvard University and Dr M Allie Hassan became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

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Rent relief

Municipal Reporter

TENANTS who are forced by the Group Areas Act to move out of their homes in Harfield Village to more expensive accommodation are to be given rent relief by the City Council.

The council has decided to charge former Harfield Village residents a rental of R66 a month, including rates, unless their rentals are below this amount.

According to the chairwoman of the council's housing committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott, tenants who were paying R48 a month in Harfield are paying up to R227 a month for accommodation in other housing estates.

The council, which opposed the forced remov-

al of people from Harfield, has repeatedly approached the government about granting subsidies to the 35 affected households, "without satisfactory conclusion".

It will continue to offer special rentals until it has negotiated a subsidy with the government.

● The City Council is to consider holding its monthly meetings during the afternoon and evening so that members of the public can attend.

The council yesterday approved a private member's motion from Mr Arthur Wienburg, calling on the executive committee to investigate the implication of changing the time of meetings, which begin traditionally at 10am.

Forced to move — and to pay higher rent

AFTER forcing families to move out of their homes under Group Area legislation, one would imagine the least the government could do would be to ensure that the victims of its iniquitous law would not be faced with increased rentals.

However, the people who are being forcibly removed from their council-owned cottages in Harfield Village are having to be accommodated in new houses in the council's housing estates — where rentals are in some cases four times higher than those in Claremont.

The council, which is forced to charge high rentals as a result of the government's outdated subsidy formula, has repeatedly approached the authorities in an attempt to secure some sort of rental relief for these families.

No success

So far, their attempts have met with no success.

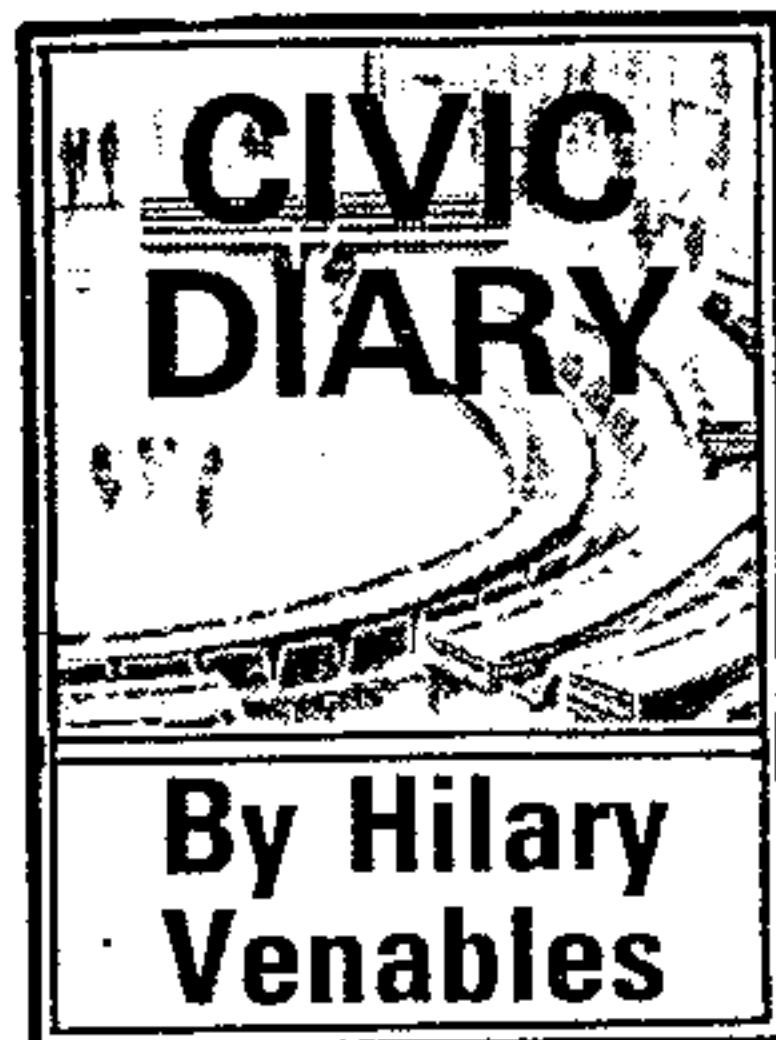
As an interim measure, pending the outcome of its negotiations with the government, the council last week approved a recommendation from the housing committee that rentals for former Harfield Village tenants be set at a maximum of R66 a month.

This is still higher than the R48 most tenants were paying for houses in Harfield, but it is a considerable improvement on the R227 many would have had to pay without this relief.

Ratepayer's pocket

The money which will be used to finance this rental subsidy will have to come out of the City's own coffers, and ultimately out of the ratepayer's pocket.

Although ratepayers in Cape Town are al-



ready chafing under the latest rates increase, there can be few people who would resent assisting former Harfield tenants in this way.

What is unfair, however, is that Cape Town should have to spend money alleviating suffering caused entirely by the government's short-sighted and inhumane apartheid policies.

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THE Divisional Council, having failed to persuade squatters at Disa River, Hout Bay, to move to its new squatter camp in Philippi, has passed the buck for removing the families to local property owners, who now face prosecution if they do not force squatters off their land.

'No alternative'

According to a statement from Divco chairman Mr G M Basson, the council has had "no alternative but to serve formal notice in terms of the Illegal Squatting Act on the owners of this property to remove the squatters".

"The said owners are therefore now responsible for the removal of these squatter families from the site and for the demolition of their unauthorized structures."

This move comes as a blow to the squatters who have repeatedly called for the provision of proper housing in the

area, and who fear that once they have been moved to a "temporary" camp, out of the way of white Divco constituents, they will be forgotten, and their housing problem will never be solved.

Not a solution

The chairman of the Hout Bay Action Committee, Mr Dick Meter, voiced the squatters' fears earlier this year when he said: "Moving people to Philippi is not a solution. It only solves the problem for the white ratepayers. It takes the squatters out of their sight but it doesn't solve anything for the squatters."

The refusal of the council to meet a squatter delegation at its offices in Wale Street last month has added to the mounting anger among these people who have repeatedly accused Divco of failing to consult them on its plans for their future.

Out-of-the-way

The councillor for the area, Mr Len Pothier, has justified the council's stance by saying there would be no point in talking to the squatters as there is "no other solution to the problem".

Other than depriving them of all shelter by having property owners throw them off their land, it seems.

The squatters argue that the only solution is the provision of housing.

And although many of them would be prepared to acknowledge that this will take time, money and land, they do not accept that they must be moved — for an indefinite period they fear — to an out-of-the-way camp, far from their places of work, until the white authorities decide to get their act together and build proper accommodation for them.

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**82 houses
for Belhar**

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Staff Reporter

THE Housing League is to build 82 new houses in Belhar.

The league has bought land off Symphony Way and hopes to start construction in September with the first homes ready for occupation early next year.

The 82 new homes will sell from R39 200 to R46 650 and have been architect-designed in a variety of styles. They will be three-bedroomed and mostly free standing with a few semi-detached dwellings.

Mr Johan Nel, deputy general manager, said yesterday that the new houses were aimed at the slightly upper income group where the monthly income was over R1 300 a month or where government assistance for home loans was available.

Mr Steve Zimri of the Housing League, ☎ 24-4061, is responsible for marketing the houses.

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**Many hit
in rent
error**

Staff Reporter

UNEMPLOYED people in Mitchells Plain should inform their local housing office of their joblessness so that their rent could be reduced, Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the City Council's housing committee, said yesterday.

Mrs Stott's comments follow a march on the Beacon Valley, East-ridge and Tafelsig housing office on Thursday by 70 people protesting against eviction notices and requesting reductions in their rent.

"There has been a computer error affecting possibly as many as 1 000 people whose rent may not show the proper reductions on their accounts," Mrs Stott said.

She apologized to those affected.

Mrs Stott emphasized that no eviction notice would ever be sent the first time someone did not pay their rent, or to someone who had contacted the council and told them they were out of work.

"The requirement is that rent is to be paid on the first day of the month, although there is a seven-day grace period. The council cannot be expected by telepathy to know when people have a problem.

"They must make it their business to get in touch with us in the first seven days of the month, or as soon as they know they are unemployed," she said.

Contract for 99 houses

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city council last night awarded a R2,5 million contract to build 99 houses in Morningside and Stoneydrift for the white lower-income group.

This was confirmed last night by the leader of the housing portfolio, Mrs Elsabe Kemp.

She said 67 houses would be built in Morningside and 32 in Stoneydrift. Work would start on the houses immediately and the contract time was just over a year.

"These attractive

houses will go a long way to easing the shortage of houses for whites in the lower income group," Mrs Kemp said and said there were 360 families on the waiting list for the houses.

● The council will absorb the over R4 000 costs to close the streets around the city hall during the carnival.

This was confirmed by the acting chairman of the action committee, Mr Ivan Zulman.

Mr Zulman said R545,88 for the hire of buses to transport workers at night and for the hire of plant equipment

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to drill holes had to be paid by the Greater East London Publicity Association.

The other R3 552,47 were departmental costs relating to wages, transport and overheads.

The publicity association could not meet the costs and it was decided to absorb the costs, Mr Zulman said.

It was also decided to increase the grant-in-aid to the association from next year because the carnival and the fireworks display were annual events.

Rentals for the stalls are to be increased.

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Blow for polyclinic

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Municipal Reporter

THE government has slashed spending on a polyclinic to be built at Beacon Valley in Mitchells Plain by more than R90 000.

The Cape Town City Council, which is to build the clinic, calculated that it would cost R616 500 if construction was started on June 1.

The funds were to come from loans from the National Housing Fund and the Department of Health.

The Department of Health agreed to contribute 87,5 percent of the costs, to be repaid over three years.

The National Housing Fund, however, has insisted that spending be limited to R525 046 and that it be provided with full plans and details of the project.

According to the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, it will be impossible to build the clinic for that amount.

He says delays in beginning the work have already resulted in the cost escalating to almost R640 000 and that this would increase by R7 500 every month the project was postponed.

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Loan refusal delays start to Plain clinic

Municipal Reporter

CONSTRUCTION of the new Beacon Valley polyclinic in Mitchell's Plain has been delayed following the refusal of a R77 070 loan from the National Housing Fund.

The city engineer reported that construction of the clinic — planned to coincide with the building of the day hospital, which is already at an "advanced stage" — would cost R616 550, provided that a start was made by June 1.

The Department of Health approved the project and agreed to provide 87,5 percent of the cost, to be refunded over three years.

NEGOTIATIONS

The balance of R77 070 was sought from the National Housing Fund, but after "lengthy negotiations" the National Housing Commission resolved that only R525 046 could be approved for the project, subject to a number of conditions relating to tender.

The city engineer said it was impossible to build the clinic for this sum and if all the conditions were met the project would be delayed by at least six months. The cost has already escalated by R23 000 since June and will increase by a further R7 500 each month it is delayed.

The executive committee will now recommend to the council that the city engineer's department begin work on the new clinic "without delay".

Race curbs lifted at most halls in city

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Municipal Reporter

THE Government has withdrawn restrictions on racially mixed dancing, mixed roller-skating and ice-skating, mixing on stage and at gatherings where liquor is served at most civic halls in the Cape Town municipal area.

However, open concessions for the Muizenberg and Sea Point civic halls have been refused.

The former Department of Community Development had granted general permission for multiracial attendance — with the restrictions — at the following civic halls:

Cape Town City Hall, Cape Town Civic Centre, Good Hope Centre, Salt River Town Hall, Mowbray Town Hall, Rondebosch Town Hall, Claremont Civic Centre, Wynberg Town Hall, Lansdowne Civic Centre, Southfield Civic Centre, Heathfield Civic Centre and Wittebome Civic Centre.

TRY-AGAIN DECISION

The council's Executive Committee asked the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning in June to grant open concessions for the Muizenberg and Sea Point civic halls.

The council has been told that the restrictions have been lifted but that the position at Muizenberg and Sea Point halls remains unchanged.

The Executive Committee has resolved to keep pressing for the "opening" of the two halls.

PRETORIA — The 99-year leasehold system has been extended to 34 more townships in various parts of the Cape, allowing an estimated 152 000 black residents to own property in what were previously coloured labour preference areas, the Government announced today.

Nineteen of the townships fall under the jurisdiction of the East Cape Administration Board.

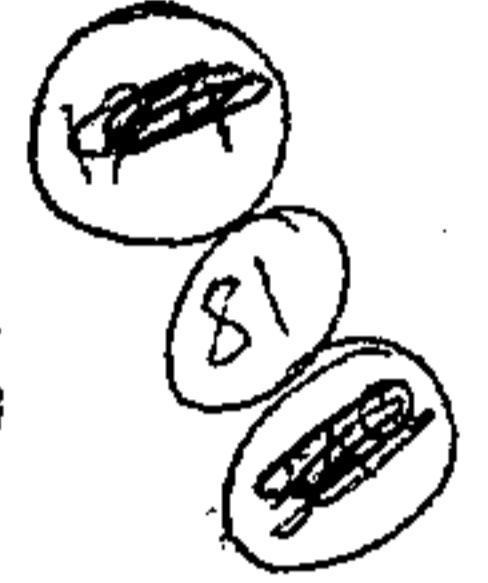
Mr Sam de Beer, Deputy Minister of Education and Co-operation, said in a statement issued in Pretoria that the towns were situated south-west of the so-called "Eiselen Line" and inside "what was formerly known as the Western Cape coloured labour preference area".

The Government earlier this year said 99-year leasehold would be extended to the Cape Town townships of Khayelitsha, Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu, all situated in areas where the policy of favouring coloured labour previously applied.

Mr De Beer said the 34 townships, which lie alongside towns such as

Leasehold extended to 34 towns

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Graaff-Reinet, Humansdorp, Middelburg and George, housed about 152 000 people.

"With this decision, the 99-year leasehold system will apply throughout the country with the exception of a few towns," he said.

The 34 townships are:

In the area falling under the East Cape Development Board — Thembalesizwe (Aberdeen), Sidesaviwa (Beaufort West), Kuyasa (Colesburg), George, Umasi-

zakhe (Graaff-Reinet), Hankey, Nompumelelo (Hanover), Kwanonzamo (Humansdorp), Kwazamukuoinga (Jansenville), Wongalethu (Klipplaat), Msobomvu (Knysna), Kwanonzame (Middelburg), Kwanonqaba (Mosel Bay), Kwazamuxolo (Noupoort), Bongolethu (Oudtshoorn), Khanyiso (Pearston), Sabelo (Richmond), Vuyolwethu (Steytlerville) and Masinyusane (Victoria West).

In the area under the Northern Cape Development Board — Paballelo

(Upington), E'Thembeni (Prieska), Thembinkosi (Petrusville), Lukhanyisweni (Philipstown), Nonzwakazi (De Aar), Mziwabantu (Britstown) and Matlhomola (Griekwa-stad).

In the area under the Western Cape Development Board — Zolani (Ashton), Nkqubelo (Robertson), Zwelihle (Hermanus), Nduli (Ceres), Lwandle (Strand), Zwelethemba (Worcester), Mbekweni (Paarl) and Kaya Mandi (Stellenbosch). — Sapa

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Black transport crisis

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By a Special Correspondent

IN spite of massive subsidisation over the years — the total cost to the South African taxpayer now approaches R1 billion — there are disturbing signs that black passenger transport has reached a crisis.

Subsidies have distorted prices and contributed to inflation; bus operators are fearful of mounting hostility towards them; entrepreneurs are bemused and angered by what they see as discriminatory regulations and lack of access to the market, and black transport users decry the system as inadequate both in quality and quantity.

And the whole question has been exacerbated by the unrest which is preventing buses from entering the townships and forcing many residents to use taxis — both legal and illegal.

Not surprisingly the issue is highly politicised and dangerously emotive. Transport's political significance to blacks stems directly from their great dependence on it — a dependence largely created by segregation.

About 80% of blacks commuting from Port Elizabeth black town-

Endless queues for commuters

have fallen on deaf ears. Commuters, some times old people who can not afford the 80 cents taxi fare, often have to walk two hours or more to the buses or the train stations.

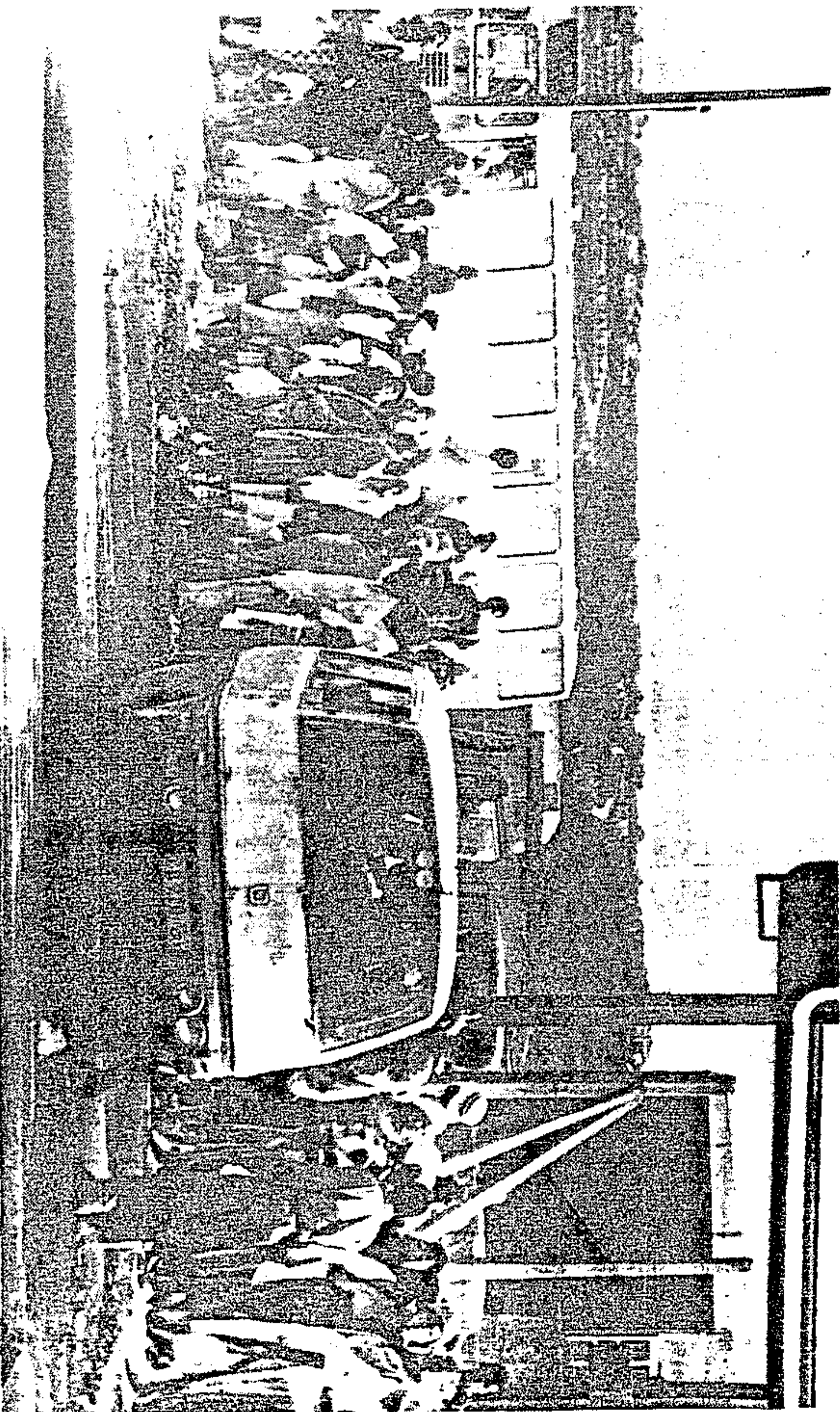
Then commuters complain that buses and rail services are overcrowded and uncomfortable, that facilities are inadequate on long journeys and that services cannot cope with passenger numbers. Journeys are often unsafe, and crime, frequently theft, is rife.

The prevalence of the kombi taxis illustrates the unhappy relationship between the black commuter and the orthodox transport.

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Many taxi operators are prepared to risk the severe penalties for operating without a permit.

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About 80% of blacks commuting from Port Elizabeth black townships to the city and some suburbs travel for more than half an hour, while 50% travel 30 minutes. Some 35% have to make a single transfer and 22% make two or more transfers.

Complicating the issue, are the separate commuter market segments:

- Daily long-distance commuting trips, often across homeland borders;

- Shorter commuting trips, usually between black residential areas and commercial and industrial sites in white areas; and

- Services to schools, shops and other community centres.

Conditions faced by Port Elizabeth's black commuters to and from the city today are intolerable.

Pleas to the taxi and pirate taxi owners to reduce the fares for the workers moving in and out of the city and to the National Transport Commission (NTC) to increase the minibus taxi capacity

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In April this year, many pirate taxi drivers were trapped and charged with conveying people illegally. Penalties throughout the country included fines of up to R10 000 or up to five years' imprisonment.

In some cases, main charges were withdrawn and taxi owners were charged with lesser offences and paid fines ranging from R10 to R20 for mechanical faults and other vehicle defects.

These "legal" taximen were stopped while ferrying people to their jobs in Port Elizabeth. On the same day a police spokesman interviewed in Cape Town suggested that pirate taximen might be involved in attacks on buses.

Both the Road Transportation Board and the municipal Traffic Department had a hand in stopping the taxis.

After the Welgemoed Commission in May, even permitted taxi operators are constantly interferred with because they are regarded as a threat to the subsidised bus companies.

Road transport is regulated by the National Transport Commission (NTC) through the



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National Transport Act of 1977 with the assistance of regional boards known as Local Road Transport Boards (LRBs).

Aspirant taxi operators must apply for permits from the LRBs, which have various criteria by which they judge applications.

If a permit is refused by the LRB, the operator has a right to appeal to the NTC. But apart from the enormous legal costs involved, the operator knows he is appealing to government officials who are seeking to phase out taxis — as proposed by the Welgemoed Commission.

The National Transport Policy Study (NTPS), appointed and funded by the Government two years ago, appears to hold out the best hope for the black transport entrepreneur and consumer alike. In a report recently, the NTPS said that the real objective of a subsidy was to assist commuters who cannot pay an economic fare.

This subsidy has also been politicised: blacks believe that as long as the Group Areas Act and influx control exist, transport should be subsidised as they have no choice over where they can live.

The NTPS noted that Government intervention distorts market prices and leads to the demand for further intervention in the form of protective legislation.

Private initiative is constrained and it is difficult to enter important sectors of the transport market.

In fact, it has been stated that the regulation of competition, in terms of the Transport Act, "is based upon non-competition". The NTPS favours new legislation based on free competition and also recommends the phasing out of part of the road transport permit system and the rationalisation of road traffic legislation.

After the pirate taxis clamor. PE Tramways managing director Mr Carl Coetzer said that his company was prepared to compete with anyone as long as those in the competition were subject to the same restraints.

He also quoted a report to the effect that the underground economy of which pirate taxis are a big part, defrauds the exchequer of R10.8 billion a year. Mr Coetzer also said that pirate taxis were subsidised by the taxpayer to the tune of 30%.

However, blacks feel that their interests were not considered when current transport legislation was drawn up and that they will not be properly taken into account while it remains in the statutes.

Call for unrestricted trading in North End

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Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The North End Traders' Association has called for blacks to be allowed to trade freely in the area.

A memorandum released yesterday by the association's chairman, Mr Dennis Meyer, said the North End was in a unique position in that, being a "Section 19 area" in terms of the Group Areas Act, all race groups except blacks were allowed to trade there. However the majority of consumers were black.

The memorandum, which the association handed to the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, said the boycott by black consumers of businesses in the central business district highlighted the need for urgent action to speed up reform. It called for recognition of the black community's social and political grievances and said racial discrimination could no longer be tolerated.

"All South Africans are inter-dependent. The boycott proves that," the association said, adding that it believed that South Africans as individuals were coming to terms with the realities of the problems facing the country and accepted that answers lay in peaceful negotiation.

"It is time for these issues to be faced honestly and the citizens of East London must stand up and be counted on these matters.

"To recreate the atmosphere of trust between business and the consumer established after many years of catering to consumers of all race groups, we are prepared to become involved in working towards the upliftment and development of the community and the establishment of a so-

ciety where there is equal opportunity and equal freedom to work and trade anywhere," the traders said.

The association said that for years the North End trading area had been hampered because the government had frozen any activity in the "Section 19" area. It

called for the area to be opened to traders of all races and for control of the area to be handed over to the East London municipality for development.

The association also welcomed government statements about the lifting of influx control and the restoration of

black citizenship rights and urged that these reforms be implemented as soon as possible. It supported a call by Asso-com and other business leaders for a speedy end to discrimination and also welcomed the decision to upgrade Duncan Village and end forced removals from there, Mr Meyer said.

Uitenhage is now free trade area

By BESSIE BOUWER

17/09/85

UITENHAGE's central business district has been zoned a free trade area open to businessmen of all races.

This was decided at the monthly meeting of the Uitenhage Town Council last night. The town's suburban business areas will, however, not be included in the free trading areas.

The move follows a similar decision taken by the Port Elizabeth City Council recently, in view of the new law governing land allocations — the Group Areas Amendment Act 1984, Section 19, which provides for free trade areas.

At the same meeting it was decided to allow 70 African taxis to operate in the town.

The Town Clerk, Mr Robyn Williams, said at present there were only 29 licensed African taxis in Uitenhage.

At a meeting of senior officials this month, it was accepted that there was a need for additional African taxis and that the council should not restrict the number of vehicles owned by one person.

● It was also decided to extend the payment dates for sewerage tariffs. Ratepayers who were unable to meet payments on increased sewerage tariffs now have until March, 1986, to meet their payments.

Mr A Boliter, the Town Treasurer, said he would be investigating and reporting on alternative tariff structures before next year's budget meeting.

Other recommendations accepted by the council included:

● That the *status quo* remain and both doctors and dentists be exempted from parking fees in the city.

● A grave closing fee of R10 would be charged for any burials after 4:30pm.

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By BENITO PHILLIPS

EAST London's all-white North End Traders' Association wants black traders to trade freely in the area.

Their call comes after shops in the North End were dealt a crippling blow by the consumer boycott, which caused 16 of the 18 shops to close their doors.

In a strongly-worded memorandum, association chairman Dennis Meyer said the North End was in a unique position because it was a Section 19 area, which meant that all race groups with the exception of black people, could trade there.

A copy of the memorandum was also handed to East London City National Party MP, Peet de Pontes.

The association said the boycott by black consumers in the Central Business District highlighted the need for urgent action to step up reform.

The traders also said racial discrimination and other inequalities could no longer be tolerated.

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Apartheid on 2 Cape Point beaches to go

Municipal Reporter

RACIAL segregation is to be scrapped on two beaches in the Cape Point Nature Reserve.

The Divisional Council, which controls the area, agreed in principle yesterday to remove the apartheid signs from Buffelsbaai and Bordjiesrif beaches.

The matter will, however, be referred to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Advisory Board to investigate how to implement the decision without causing "overcrowding".

Mr Neil Ross, who proposed the motion calling for the beaches to be opened, said it was "doubtful" whether the racial regulations applying to the beaches could be enforced as the area had never been properly demarcated.

"Reform is the watchword of the country now and it is meaningless for us to continue with this unnecessary example of apartheid," he said.

Mr Louwtjie Rothman said the removal of the signs could lead to "overcrowding" and urged the council to delay making a decision before this had been "properly investigated".

The council decided, however, to take a decision in principle and then to consider how to implement the proposal.

Housing plan for coloureds outlined

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EAST LONDON — Private enterprise would be invited to participate in massive housing schemes to overcome the coloured housing backlog, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, said here yesterday.

Addressing the 12th annual congress of the Association of Management Committees, Mr Curry outlined the problems, progress and goals of his department.

His goal was to build homes to create a stable, contented and happy family life in secure and confident communities.

"Our challenge is to break out of the seemingly endless cycle of poverty our people find themselves in and to provide the basis of a family life — a home."

The major problems were cost and financing. The major frustration was that it had not yet been possible for practical reasons of book-keeping to divide the housing fund at this stage.

Another problem was that he still had to operate under the National Housing Commission which served all three

administrations. Housing could not be an "own affair" as long as a body appointed by another minister had to handle approvals of housing projects and the formulation of policy.

To rectify the situation, legislation was being prepared to create an own statutory body with powers, duties and functions similar to those of the National Housing Commission.

Mr Curry said an ironic situation existed with the housing situation. There was vast unemployment, bricks and cement were plentiful and the companies wanted to sell their products.

"This sounds to me like a great opportunity. We are going to launch massive housing schemes in the future. We are going to need people to build these houses. The brick and cement companies want to sell their products."

"I want to involve private enterprise to participate in our schemes and I want to invite private companies to come and talk to me about training and re-training and preparing the way for our housing schemes," Mr Curry said.

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24-hour Plain police caravan

Staff Reporter 23/9/60

A MOBILE police station has been set up in Spine Road, Mitchells Plain and will be at the disposal of residents in Rocklands, Westridge, Woodlands and Lentegour around the clock.

A police liaison officer for the Western Cape.

Laubscher, said yesterday that the caravan would be staffed 24 hours a day. Complaints could be made at the caravan and at the Mitchells Plain police station.

He said the army had nothing to do with the police caravan.

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PW in hardline stance on Act

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By DIRK VAN ZYL
Political Correspondent
THE State President, Mr P W Botha, today strongly supported a resolution at the Cape National Party Congress that the Group Areas Act remain unchanged.

In the process he slapped down two verligte delegates — including Mr Jannie Momborg of Stellenbosch, who is a mentor and friend of SA-born British athlete Zola Budd — who had asked for a firm Government declaration on scrapping apartheid and for a repeal of the Group Areas Act.

President Botha was given standing applause by a majority of delegates after he had replied.

His hardline stance caught a number of observers by surprise.

The motion, proposed by four NP branches, supported the repeal this year of the coalition of Mixed Marriages Act and Section 16 of the Immorality Act, but requested:

● Their implementation should not change “the continued social, educational and constitutional structuring of own com-

munities”.

● The House of Assembly, white residential areas and schools remain white.

● The Group Areas Act remain unchanged.

Mr Momborg, head of the Western Province Athletic Union, said he had for weeks wrestled with his conscience as to whether he should today say what he intended.

He said he had often been overseas and found an image of a “bad, racist Afrikaner” there.

Mr Momborg said he wished to plead for a signal to be sent to the world about the South African Government’s “determination to break down apartheid” and about its willingness to work out a system of co-operation with blacks “with the retention of minority rights”.

Another delegate, Mr J Carstens, of Durbanville, said group areas should be scrapped as they were “inconsistent” with present Government policy.

He proposed an amendment to this effect, or alternatively, stating that



Mr P W BOTHA
... digging in heels

the resolution should be held back in the light of President Botha’s willingness to talk to leaders of other population groups.

A conservative delegate from Oudshoorn, Mr Koos Terblanche, expressed the fear that the scrapping of group areas would have a snowball effect leading to other moves, including open schools.

Replying to the debate, President Botha said he respected the views of the two verligte delegates

who had spoken, but people who thought South Africa could do justice to the other population groups and at the same time please the world were “busy with day-dreams”.

Mr Botha said all population groups had the right to human dignity and it was not discriminatory to give protection to Indian, coloured and black groups in their own areas.

“I reject the accusation that the principle of group areas is discriminatory,” Mr Botha said.

The Government was prepared to submit the Group Areas Act to an impartial body for its consideration and had referred it to the President’s Council for investigation “without giving up the principle of own residential areas”.

Mr Botha added: “I associate myself wholeheartedly with this resolution.”

He concluded: “If you expect the impossible of me, then I will dig my heels in and I dig my heels in today.”

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Botha defends Group Areas

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From BARRY STREEK
 PORT ELIZABETH. — A
 verligte Nationalist
 challenge to the Group
 Areas Act was firmly
 snuffed out yesterday by
 President P. W. Botha
 who strongly defended
 the controversial race
 law and argued that it
 was not discriminatory.
 President Botha told
 the Cape congress of the
 National Party, who gave
 him a standing ovation,
 that each racial group
 was entitled to its own
 area and that white chil-
 dren were entitled to
 education in their cul-
 tural milieu.
 "I reject the charge
 that the principle of own
 residential areas is dis-
 criminatory," he said.
 He intervened after
 two speakers — Mr Jan-
 nie Momberg of Stellen-
 bosch, one of Zola
 Budd's sponsors, and Mr
 Jackie Carstens of Dur-
 banville — called for the
 scrapping of the Group
 Areas Act.
 His firm stand in sup-
 port of the Group Areas
 has destroyed specula-
 tion that the law will be

scrapped soon or signifi-
 cantly changed, includ-
 ing the speculation that
 the government would
 permit racially mixed,
 so-called "grey", re-
 sidential areas.

President Botha said
 he fully supported a res-
 olution which backed
 the repeal of the Mixed
 Marriages Act and Sec-
 tion 16 of the Immorality
 Act, but stated that
 "their implementation
 should not change the
 continued social, educa-
 tional and constitutional
 structuring of own com-
 munities".

The resolution also
 said the "House of As-
 sembly, white residen-
 tial areas and schools re-
 main white" and that
 "the Group Areas Act re-
 main unchanged".

President Botha said:
 "It is not discriminatory
 to protect coloureds and
 Indians and the black
 communities in their
 own areas.

"It is not discrimina-
 tory to give them prop-
 erty rights which before
 the Group Areas Act
 they never had.

"Middle classes in the
 coloured and Indian
 population have come
 into existence and are
 busy doing so in the
 black communities and
 this would not have hap-
 pened if the principle of
 own residential areas
 was not created for
 them," he said.

"It is not a disgrace to
 have a law which says I
 protect the right of black
 people, of brown people
 and of Indians to live in
 their own communities."

The recent unrest in
 Durban had not oc-
 curred in Indian re-
 sidential areas but in
 mixed areas.

Charges about certain
 administrative aspects
 of the law had been
 made and these had
 been referred to the
 President's Council for a
 thorough investigation.

The culture of white
 people and the educa-
 tion of their children de-
 pended on the principle
 of own residential areas.

'Sacrifices'

"Although I stand for
 equal education for
 coloureds, Indians and
 black people, I say that
 the white child is enti-
 tled to be educated in
 the milieu of his own
 white culture," Presi-
 dent Botha said to ap-
 plause.

"I have gone far in
 South Africa. I have
 made many sacrifices in
 my life on behalf of
 other people in this
 country.

"But if you expect the
 impossible from me, I
 will stand fast and I
 stand fast today," Presi-
 dent Botha said.

Earlier Mr Momberg,
 an executive member of
 the South African Ama-
 teur Athletics Union,
 said he could not sup-
 port the resolution.

Mr. Momberg said
 apartheid had to be to-
 tally scrapped and he re-
 garded the Act as an
 apartheid measure.

Political rights

Mr Carstens argued
 that the Group Areas Act
 was not a cornerstone of
 Nationalist policy but
 group identity was a cor-
 nerstone.

He said political rights
 would not be affected by
 the scrapping of the law.

Later, the Deputy Min-
 ister of Constitutional
 Development, Mr Piet
 Badenhorst, denied that
 there were any delays in
 the implementation of
 open trading areas.

In terms of the law, the
 Group Areas Board had
 to investigate applica-
 tions by local authorities
 for open trading areas
 and these applications
 were being processed as
 quickly as possible.

PW: Group Areas stay

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By ROY DOWLING

PORT ELIZABETH — The Group Areas Act would be reviewed and possibly amended, but it would not be scrapped, the State President, Mr P.W. Botha, said here yesterday.

Speaking at the Cape Congress of the National Party, he denied the act was discriminatory. "It is not shameful to have laws which protect the rights of coloureds, Indians and blacks in their town areas."

Rejecting two draft resolutions calling for the scrapping of the act, Mr Botha said a middle class had developed in the coloured and Indian communities and that could not have come about without the protection of property rights under the provision of the act. A black middle class was also growing in areas reserved for blacks.

While the negative aspects of the act would be reviewed, and referred to the President's Council for investigation, "own residential rights would remain."

Mr Botha said schools would also continue to be reserved for the various race groups. "White children have the right to be educated in their own cultural milieu." He said he stood for separate but equal facilities for all the groups.



Jannie Momberg . . . racist image.

Turning to outside pressure on the government, he said the West wanted whites to abdicate and to live in a state with no protective structures for minority groups.

One of the motions calling for an end to the act was proposed by Mr Jannie Momberg of Stellenbosch, who has close links with the South African born British athlete, Zola Budd.

He said while overseas he had encountered the image of a "bad racist Afrikaner". He wanted a signal to be sent to the world that the government was determined to break down apartheid.

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Areas?

Political Correspondent

THE Labour Party is to hold a regional conference in Uitenhage tomorrow at which all four of its House of Representatives' Ministers are to speak.

The party's Leader and chairman of the Ministers' Council, Mr Allan Hendrickse, is to address a public rally at 2.30pm on Sunday.

He is expected to deal strongly with the support expressed this week by the State President, Mr P W Botha, for the retention of the Group Areas Act, to which the LP is intractably opposed.

Both the conference and the rally will take place in the Allanridge Centre, Uitenhage.

CAPE TOWN 4/10/88
Water cut to 'trickle'

Municipal Reporter

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

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

"Council recently, after rendering accounts and final demands, despatched a registered letter of warning to approximately 437 consumers in Atlantis whose water accounts have

been in arrears for some considerable time."

Only 107 consumers responded by making arrangements to pay.

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

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

Group Areas Act must go, says LP

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Weekend Post Reporter
THE deputy leader of the Labour Party, Mr Miley Richards, MP for Toekomsrust, today described the Group Areas Act as a luxury that must go.

He was delivering the opening address at the LP's Eastern Cape Regional Congress in the Allanridge Community Centre in Uitenhage.

More than 100 delegates

from about 45 LP branches attended the event, including LP leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, and House of Representatives' Ministers and MPs.

Mr Richards said he had no doubt in his mind that State President P W Botha was serious when he talked about reform.

"We cannot afford the luxury of Group Areas anymore," he said.

"All apartheid legislation must go if we want to justify our participation in the new dispensation."

He referred to the "shanties that are around us" and said they must go, as they are a monument to oppression.

Mr Richards referred to certain clergymen and imans — Muslim priests — whom he said should be exposed.

"The Boesaks have no further role in politics," he said.

Some imans, he said, had said oppression was violent and therefore should be violently destroyed.

Mr Richards said a violent action in a "no win situation" was a sin.

Such clergymen and imans could not be allowed to lead "our people" to self-destruction.

"We have a role to play to expose these people," he said.

Mr Richards referred to leaders who were "in love with violence" and said their children were comfortably in white schools while telling "our children" to boycott.

"Education is going to be the key to the success of the future of South Africa," he said.

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'Subsidize water' call

Municipal Reporter

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

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

He called for the council to subsidize the price

of water to the community instead of making a profit from the service.

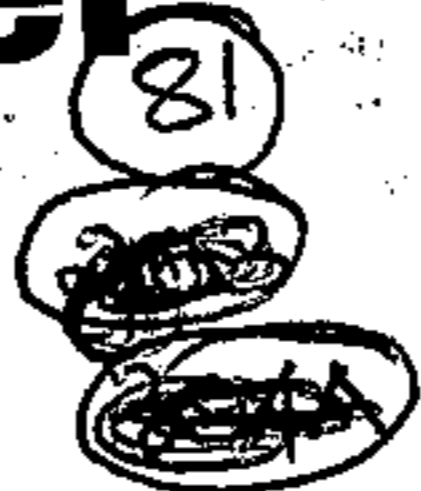
"The council made a profit of R487 000 from water over the past financial year," he said.

Mr Williams said that because of massive unemployment and threats of retrenchment or short time, people could not afford to pay for basic necessities.

"The people's anger is heightened by such ghastly acts against them by the Divisional Council and the State."

"Both these authorities will have to carry the responsibility of their actions," he said.

LP leader hits out at Group Areas Act



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Post Reporter

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr Hendricks referred to the removal of coloured families from

South End, Port Elizabeth, and District Six in Cape Town.

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

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

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

He also criticised the Progressive Federal Party.

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

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

Mr Hendrickse said the future lay in "one man one vote".

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

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



Some city cinemas will be open to all

Staff Reporter

STEPS are under way to open the doors of Ster-Kinekor cinemas in the city centre to all races following a Government move to lift apartheid restrictions on certain cinemas.

The Deputy-Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Piet Badenhorst, announced yesterday that cinemas in specified central business districts (CBDs) and drive-in cinemas would, by individual application, be allowed to admit patrons of all races.

Mr Mike Goodall, general manager of Ster-Kinekor, Cape Town, said last night the announcement was "about time" and "long overdue".

YEARS AGO

He said applications had already been made in respect of the group's three Golden Acre cinemas and two Monte Carlo cinemas on the Foreshore. The first applications were made a few years ago when the Golden Acre complex was opened.

Mr Badenhorst disclosed in Parliament earlier this year that representations were being considered on behalf of

Ster-Kinekor and UIP-Warner to open cinemas in the CBDs of Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg and Maritzburg.

"Since then further representations were received from UIP-Warner asking that drive-in cinemas also be opened to all races," he said in a brief statement yesterday.

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"In regard to the representations of Ster-Kinekor and UIP-Warner, the Cabinet decided that authority be granted to open cinemas in specified central business complexes by way of individual applications.

"In respect of drive-in cinemas I have decided that individual owners are at liberty to submit applications for the opening of their cinemas. Applicants may rest assured that each application will be considered on merit.

Mr Goodall said the lifting of restrictions on drive-in cinemas did not apply to Cape Town as they had been opened to all races about six years ago. He said he believed this step applied mainly to the Transvaal and elsewhere.

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'Slavery' in Prince Alfred

Staff Reporter

THE coloured community of Prince Alfred Hamlet near Tulbagh is living in semi-feudal circumstances and it is time for drastic steps to be taken to rectify this, according to the Afrikaans Sunday newspaper Rapport.

In an editorial yesterday commenting on an investigation into housing conditions in the

area done by the newspaper's political correspondent, Rapport said: "The situation comes down to a system of leasing which makes people feel they are enslaved, and where they in truth have to bend down on their knees for the sake of the maintenance of a roof over their heads."

The investigation showed that coloureds in

the area of Prince Alfred Hamlet known as Kli-prug may not own houses but have to lease them from white landowners.

One of the main conditions for obtaining a house is that at least one of the occupiers must work for the white landlord, Rapport said.

If a worker becomes too sick or too old to work, one of the mem-

bers of his or her household has to work for the landlord. If this cannot be done, they lose the house, Rapport said, describing it as a "master-and-slave" system.

The newspaper called for "something drastic" to be done by government and local authorities, saying it was "no excuse that this situation has continued for generations".

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Decision on CBDs before December?

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — It was hoped that a final decision on opening East London's central business district (CBD) to traders of all races would be reached before the end of November, the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, said yesterday.

He said all the relevant information on the city council's application for areas to be opened had been submitted to the authorities and the stage had now been reached when the proposals would be advertised for public reaction.

Outlining the procedure involved, Mr De Pontes said the Group Areas Act had been amended to make provision for the opening of central business districts.

Local authorities had been requested to make proposals to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning on areas they wanted opened. Once all the relevant information had been obtained, the local offices of the department (in this case the Port Elizabeth office) would submit memorandums to their head office who would

give approval for the proposals to be advertised in the local media.

Should no representations be received, the proposals would be forwarded for approval or, depending on the representations received, the Group Areas Board could send a team to ascertain the position and draw up a report so that a final decision could be taken by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

"I have been in close contact with the department in finalising this matter. The local offices have been given strict instructions to process all applications as soon as possible. I hope that a final decision will be obtained before the end of November," Mr De Pontes said.

He said he did not foresee the opening up of trading areas which were used primarily by the residents of those areas.

"My own view is that the CBD as such will be opened to provide for a free economic flow. It would fit in well with the proposed regional services councils (RSCs) which will be spending money on development in all areas and will draw some of their funds from the CBDs."

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CAPE TIMES 16/10/81 Atlantis people 'too scared'

Municipal Reporter
ATLANTIS residents say they are "too scared to sleep at home at night", because they fear police harassment and detention.

office last Wednesday. The people being sought by the police were advice office volunteers, members of the Atlantis Residents' Association and members of the Atlantis Youth Congress (AYCO), she said.

A spokesperson for the newly-established Atlantis Advice Office said police were making nightly house-to-house searches after taking the names of "between 50 and 60 residents" at a meeting in the advice

The police liaison division in Pretoria said the taking of names and house-to-house searches were routine police work during investigations.



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Urgent need to open trading areas to all

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — The Government's delay in replying to an application to open East London's trading areas to all races was "bureaucracy at its worst", according to the Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek.

"The opening of these areas is a trump card we must play and play quickly if we wish to ease the consumer boycott."

"We need action to encourage the boycott leaders to talk to us."

Mr Yazbek said somebody was dragging his feet over the issue, which he regarded as most important.

"We were the first city to apply for all trading areas to be opened but there seems to have been an unnecessary delay," he said.

"Our application and all the necessary documents were submitted months ago but they have got no further than Port Elizabeth."

"We have been in touch with the relative departments there and have now been given the assurance that the application will go to Pretoria by the end of this month."

"Pretoria might be trying to get everything together to consider this on a national level. But the delay seems grossly unfair to us."

Mr Yazbek said East London had been roundly



MR JOE YAZBEK

praised from all quarters for his decision to give hawkers open trading rights.

"But we now want to press ahead with more important issues," he said.

"At times like this it should be more vital than ever to have no restraints on free enterprise.
"We must get rid of the

regulations and poppycock that get in its way."

Mr Yazbek called for an end to unnecessary red tape at all levels of government.

"We have too much red tape in our own municipal departments and delays can cost us dearly."

"For instance, a businessman is interested in building a large restaurant on top of the East London Aquarium but red tape has delayed his plans for a year now."

"He recently called us to say he was now going to establish in Durban and we had to do some fast talking to assure him that we were still interested."

Mr Yazbek said East London could not afford to lose such projects at a time when development was needed to restore confidence.

"Last week a Johannesburg developer approached us about a large building project near the city centre."

"We must move on this issue or we will be in danger of losing out," he said.

Shades of Dallas as R17-m residential suburb starts up

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TOM HOOD
Property Editor

THE Cape's most expensive residential suburb for coloured people is being launched this weekend — a R17 million project in a white area of the Strand.

Houses in the suburb, called Southfork, will cost up to R200 000. Plots are from 540 to 1 000 sq m.

Named after the Ewing ranch in the TV soap opera, the township of 300 houses on 24 hectares will have two entrances, will be fully fenced off from its neighbours and will have its own security force.

Streets are named after prominent Dallas characters.

Southfork's developer, Mr Doug Harrowsmith, says he aims to create the most prestigious residential suburb possible for the so-called coloured market. Total development costs are estimated at between R17 million and R18 million.

Research showed a strong demand from wealthy coloured people for such property.

"I chose the site at the Strand

because it was so near the beach," he said. "It is in a white area but the Department of Constitutional Development has given me the go-ahead to sell to so-called coloured people."

Earlier this year a meeting of ratepayers was called to object to coloured families being allowed to buy at Southfork. Nearby property owners said they feared housing would not be the same standard as their own and values would drop.

GROUP AREAS ACT

But the chairman of the local coloured management committee, Mr Nadeen Daniels, said the reverse was more probable.

The township went ahead.

"The section of Southfork with the highest status will probably be at one end of Farlow Close," said Mr Harrowsmith.

"Plots there are particularly large and we have already sold land to prominent businessmen. House prices in that section will probably average more than R200 000.

"The only reason this is a coloured township is because we had to make a choice. Without the Group Areas Act, this would be a non-racial upmarket suburb."

The beach nearby — Harmony Beach — is already non-racial, added Mr Harrowsmith.

He expected most of his buyers to be business and professional men — teachers and public servants — from Macassar to the Hottentots Holland mountains who already owned homes.

Many people wanted to upgrade their homes and, because houses prices in coloured areas had risen substantially in the last year, they had built up large amounts of equity to use as deposits on new properties.

A home in Macassar that cost R18 000 in 1983 could probably fetch twice that today, giving the seller capital of about R25 000, he said. That could buy a R100 000 home.

● Building societies in Cape Town today reported no drop-off in bond applications from home buyers in spite of the unrest.

If anything, home loans to coloured families were increasing. This greater demand was influenced by lower bond rates, home loans freely available, more State-subsidised house buyers in the market and more building companies switching into the coloured market.

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Cost of houses blamed on law

81 Municipal Reporter

THE Group Areas Act has caused house prices in coloured areas to rocket while the slump in the property market continues to force down prices in white areas, a City estate agent has claimed.

Managing director of a local estate agency, Mr Harry Lee Pan, was reacting to the results of a survey by UCT's Real Estate Research Project, which found that the prices of some homes in coloured areas had doubled during the past two years — the time of South Africa's "deepest slump".

The head of the research project, Dr Trevor Thomson, writes in the latest issue of the South African Journal of Property that "while people in many white areas have made sobering losses, home owners in coloured areas have made intoxicating profits".

The biggest percentage change was in Rylands Estate where the average price of houses jumped 145 percent from August 1983 to August this year.

Mr Lee Pan described the inflated prices as "artificial".

"The government proclaimed certain areas for coloureds and there are more people wanting good houses in those areas than there are houses available," he said.

"Only a very few of these areas — for instance Ryland's Estate — have been proclaimed for Indians as well. So the relative demand is even higher."

Housing demand will 'smash' group areas — agents

W Cape boom/slump

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TOM HOOD, Property Editor

A PROPERTY boom in coloured areas and a simultaneous slump in white property sales is one of the strongest reasons for the abolition of the Group Areas Act, say estate agents operating in coloured suburbs.

The belief in property circles is that reform commitments and political pressure will force the opening of residential districts in some metropolitan areas as a result of the boom-slump anomaly prevailing in the Western Cape.

"The question is when — it's no longer if," said a property developer.

Many coloured home-owners could easily afford to buy houses in better areas if they were allowed to, and supply and demand would lead to higher prices, says Mr Quentin Pavitt, a leading agent in the Grassy Park area.

"It wouldn't just benefit us or help to appease the radicals. It would stimulate the economy."

Demand high

Mr Pavitt, an office-bearer of the Institute of Estate Agents in Cape Town, said the unrest had not led to a fall-off in demand for property in coloured suburbs.

Other agents and building societies confirmed that the coloured property market was booming as more families were able to afford home loans and buy houses — most of them helped by subsidies — and this had brought an increase in developments.

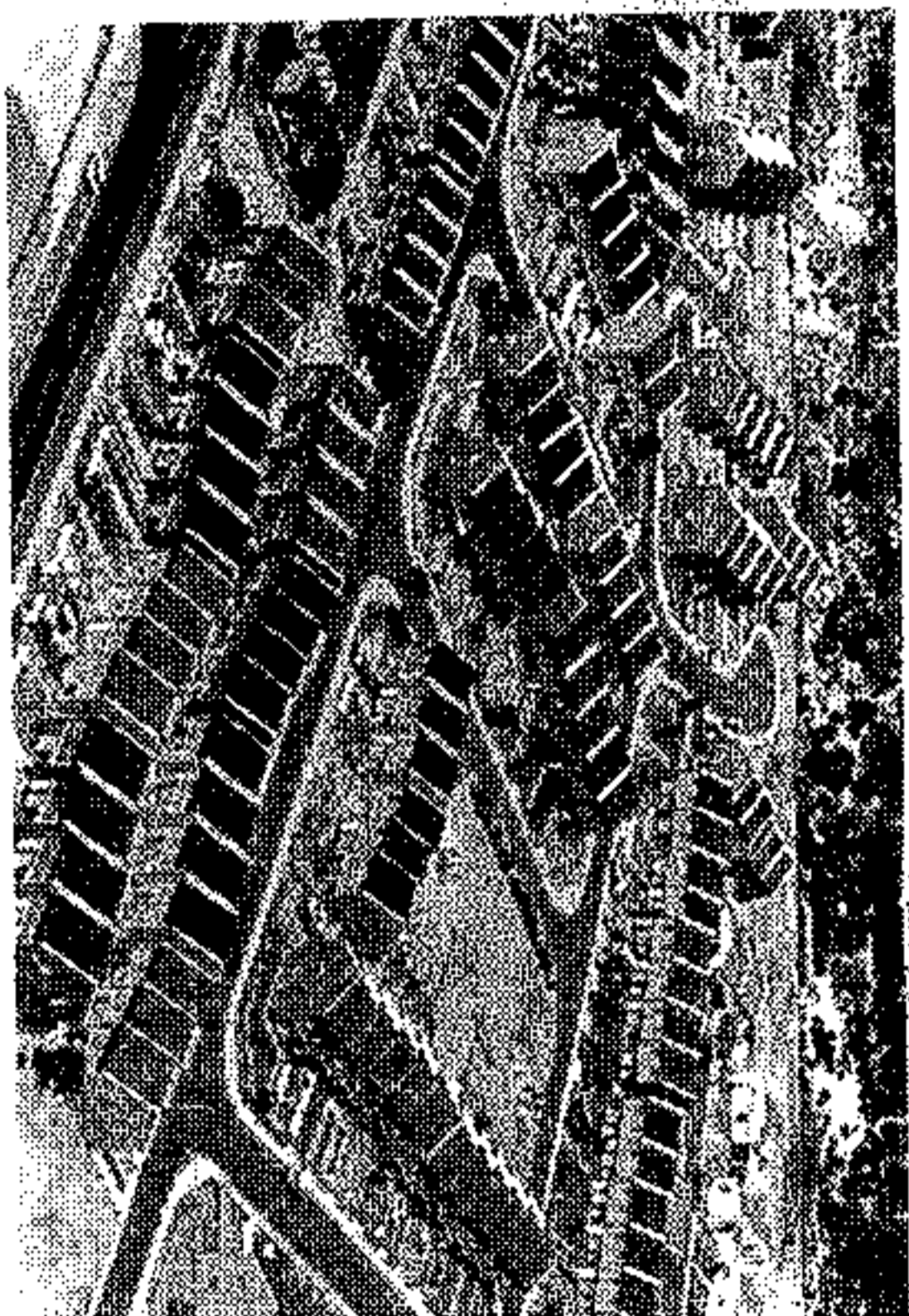
In Mitchell's Plain the end of the pre-emptive period allowed people to sell their properties and scores were changing hands each month.

Mr Harry Lee Pan, managing director of another large estate agency, said rising prices in coloured suburbs were entirely due to the Group Areas Act.

But the prices were artificial. The Government proclaimed certain areas for coloured people and there were more people wanting good houses in those areas than there were houses available.

Recession and unrest had a minor influence.

The boom has encouraged major house builders such as Bellandia and Disa Homes to switch most of their plot-and-plan work to Mitchell's Plain, Elsies River, Belhar, Southdene and other coloured areas.



Mitchell's Plain . . . 'ridiculous that someone who wants to live in town has to buy there'.

Lawyers seek Group Areas exemption

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Staff Reporter

THE Law Society of the Cape of Good Hope yesterday called for a blanket exemption for all attorneys from the Group Areas Act to enable them to occupy premises in any area zoned for business or professional use.

Addressing the society's 102nd annual meeting in Cape Town yesterday, the president of the society, Mr Angus McLellan, said the reason black attorneys did not regard themselves as having the same status and facilities as their white colleagues was mainly that the government had taken away their right to practise in the area most suitable for them.

Mr McLellan also called for a new look at the Legal Aid system.

Only eight branch offices existed in Cape Town, Athlone, Bloemfontein, Pretoria, Johannesburg, Germiston, Durban and Port Elizabeth. It was hoped that another branch would be established in Mitchells Plain in the near future.

In other centres the applicant was expected to apply for legal aid at the Magistrate's Courts, the same centre where he would be tried and it was to be expected that the majority of the black community would be suspicious of such a legal system.

He said that although these points had been made by the Hoexter Commission there had been no sign of any reaction to date.

Council says no to mixed suburbs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MR SPRING... opening of residential areas inevitable.



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

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

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

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

The motion was rejected by 10 votes to six.

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

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

Mr Spring, who re-submitted the motion for consideration, said an editorial in the Daily Dispatch of October 24, in which the councillors were said to have a politically racist attitude and were insensitive to people's needs after re-

jecting the motion last week, was unfairly being cast upon the whole council.

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

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

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

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

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CMC
concern
over city
council
decision

30/10/85
DISPATCH
Dispatch Reporter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amalinda to fight zoning

DISPATCH

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Amalinda residents have rejected the rezoning of sections of the area to Indian and coloured housing as well as the proposed expansion of Duncan Village.

At a Ward 7 Ratepayers' Association meeting last night, residents signed a petition requesting that the highest authority of the country give consideration to their plea for protection and assistance.

The petition also said Amalinda was the only suburb which had to tolerate the settlement of pockets of other race groups on its boundaries resulting in property devaluation, fear and instability in the area.

Alternative proposals were included in the petition.

In an election of the Association's office bearers, the chairman, Mr Fanie Strydom, was defeated by Mr Nathan Smith.

Mr Rob Hart was

elected vice-chairman, replacing Mr D. E. Blignaut.

Mr Strydom said Amalinda was not the only area with spare residential land, and asked why the other areas couldn't be considered for the allocation of land to other race groups.

"Amalinda has become a swear-word to the city council of East London, maybe changing the name would assist us in our fight," he said.

This comment was met with wild applause from the meeting.

He added that Ward 7 ratepayers had to fight to retain the area as it is and that the authorities should look at land in Greenfields, Beacon Bay and Gonubie.

Mr Nathan Smith said the fight for Amalinda had not been strong enough. He went on to explain the government's proposals on the rezoning of land, as well as his own alternative proposals.

He said overcrowding

was a problem in Duncan Village and once influx control stopped, the present total of 55 000 residents "in that small place" would double.

A sum would be created with more violence erupting and spreading to the surrounding area, he said.

Mr Smith said the alternative proposals were: that Duncan Village remain beyond the Douglas Smit Highway and that the area be upgraded and that all those who could not be accommodated in Duncan Village be settled within South Africa, in Reeston.

This area is immediately beyond the industrial area of Wilsonia. He added that black people should be allowed to purchase land there on a freehold basis.

He proposed that the existing coloured township of Buffalo Flats be extended across the Buffalo Pass Road into Scenery Park, or that they be settled on

the other side of the Buffalo River in the vicinity of the airport.

An Indian township should be established beyond Beacon Bay in the Quinera area, Mr Smith said, as Indians did not want to move into Lombardy and be used as a buffer strip.

A further proposal which was unanimously accepted by the meeting was that the vacant land between Amalinda and the Douglas Smit Highway, from the Wilsonia industrial area through to the Braelynn industrial area, be rezoned for light industry.

Mr Smith said this would form a natural buffer strip and would provide job opportunities and alleviate East London's critical shortage of industrial land.

The councillor for Ward 7, Mr Donald Card, said he would support the ratepayers association in their alternative proposals.

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NATAL MERCURY

More objections to mixed beaches

02/11/85

Mercury Reporter

A FURTHER 29 objections to the Durban Management Committee's proposal to open four more white beaches and other amenities to all races were received at City Hall yesterday, technically the closing date for objections.

But any more objections sent in before the special combined meeting of Manco and the Amenities Committee on November 7 would also be considered, said the

Town Clerk, Mr Gordon Haygarth.

Yesterday was merely an 'administrative' closing date, he said.

The total number of objections stood yesterday at 357, including 309 signatures on a single petition.

If, after considering the objections, the combined meeting approves the beach bylaw changes, the proposal will go before a special full council meeting on November 11.

Natists in Council On beaches

By BESSIE BOWLER, Municipal Reporter

F. E. Post
06/11/85



TWO of Port Elizabeth's National Party MPs today called for a full investigation into the possibility of opening one of the city's beaches to all races.

And one — Mr Sakkie Louw, MP for Newton Park — said he was “against all forms of apartheid”.

He said: “I believe beaches are for all people. I am for open beaches, provided there is good order.”

But the beach should be open on a controlled basis, he said.

Mr James Kleynhans, MP for Algoa, also supported the move for an investigation.

“We can only gain by such an investigation,” he said.

Government policy was that equal facilities should be available for all



MR SAKKIE LOUW

races, he said, and when this was not possible, the existing facilities should be shared.

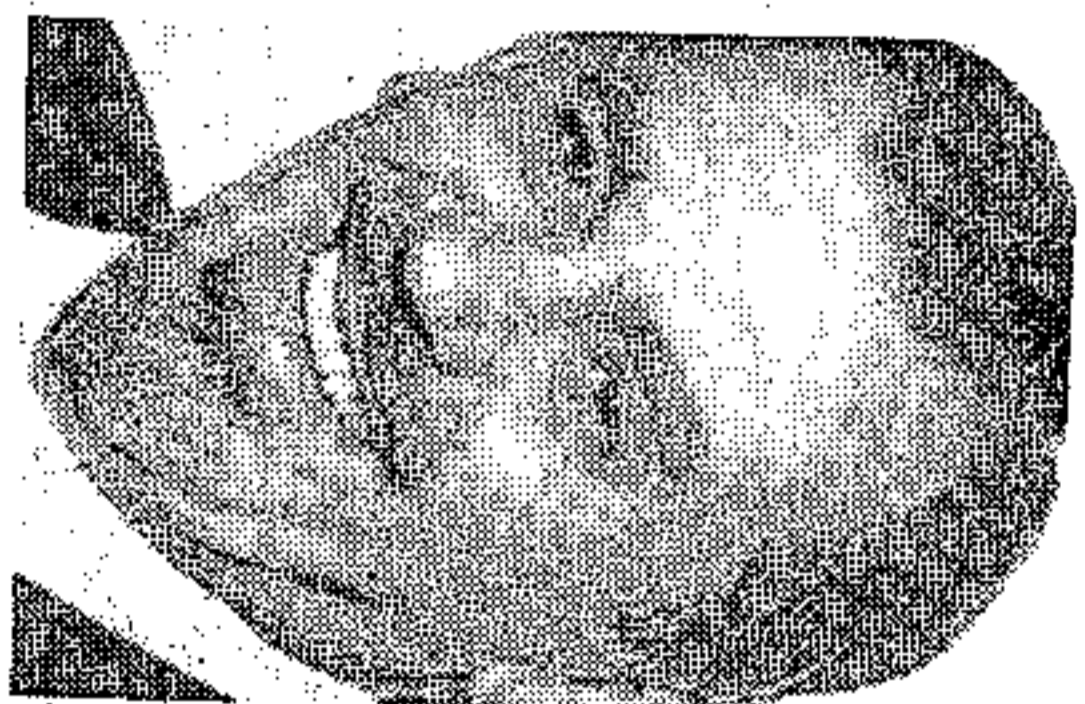
In April, debate on the

issue was stifled at a city council meeting when an order motion was introduced by Mr Danie Dorling which forced a vote without discussion.

The negative decision was widely criticised and certain councillors were labelled as members of a “No-team”.

At yesterday's Policy and Resources Committee meeting it was decided to recommend for a second time to the city council that officials investigate and report on a beach which can be desegregated on a controlled basis.

Mr Louw said today he hoped the city council



MR JAMES KLEYNHANS

would “not stall the issue” at this month's meeting, but would give officials the go-ahead to investi-

gate the possibility of opening one beach on a controlled basis.

“The city council must realise that the time is past for merely talking about these issues — if they want the co-operation of the management committees they must act in a positive manner.”

Mr Louw said he was against any form of apartheid on beaches. He realised, however, that good order on beaches was essential and the opening of only one beach on a controlled basis would ensure that order was maintained.

Mr Kleynhans, said he hoped the city council would be prepared to discuss this matter “in full” at its meeting.

“Unless the councillors are prepared to do this, they will hamper relationships with the management committees.”

He said he did not wish to prescribe what decisions the council should take, but they should face their responsibilities.

“We can only benefit from an investigation by officials,” he said.

The MP for Malabar, Mr Raman Bhana, said the “ball was now in the council's court”, and if peaceful change was to become a reality, the council should make a positive decision.

He said a positive attitude by the council on the beach issue would have a tremendous effect on the management committees and would be a deciding factor in future participation.

The chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Mr H Van Zyl Cillie, said yesterday he hoped the recommendation would be discussed and that an order motion — the device used to stifle debate on sensitive issues — would not be used.

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**New town
planned for
Kuils River**

By TOM HOOD
Property Editor

A NEW town of 40 000 houses for 200 000 coloured people in the lower Kuils River Valley has been given the green light by the Government.

The eventual cost could be around R1 600-million, the bulk of it borne by the private sector.

All houses are intended for home-ownership and no State-assisted homes are expected to be built.

An artificial lake similar to Sun City's is planned as part of a big regional recreational area around Kuils River Valley, said a spokesman for the Department of Local Government today.

Basic services — roads, water and sewerage will be provided — but all other costs will be met by private developers, who will be offered parcels of land.

RAILWAY LINE

A structural plan for the area has been approved in principle by the steering committee on the development of the Lower Kuils River Valley, the department's chief director, Mr C O du Preez, said today.

The plan's transport system includes a passenger railway line.

The new town is near the established industrial area of Blackheath, where more land is available for formal industrial development.

The department is completing an investigation into the handling of stormwater in the whole valley to prevent problems and to create a balance between development and conservation, said Mr du Preez.

Mixed areas: new debate?

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Dispatch Reporter

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

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

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

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

On both occasions the

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

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

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

The director of the municipal housing de-

partment, Mr Ken Martinsen, confirmed there were mixed couples living in residential areas reserved for other races.

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

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



MIR TEMMERS

Evening Post

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COMMENT

Somersault on the beaches

THE remarkable political somersault performed by two Port Elizabeth National Party MPs, Mr Sakkie Louw and Mr James Kleynhans, on the beach issue must be heartily welcomed even though such verbal gymnastics might be difficult to follow.

After years of dogged defence of beach segregation — in spite of the humiliation heaped on people of colour by such blatant racial discrimination — the two politicians have suddenly seen fit to come out publicly in favour of an investigation into the opening of at least one of the city's whites-only beaches to all races. Mr Louw, the MP for Newton Park, even went so far in an interview with the Evening Post municipal reporter yesterday to say he was "against all forms of apartheid". He said he was "for open beaches, provided there is good order". Mr Kleynhans pointed out that it was Government policy that equal facilities should be available for all races, but when this was not possible existing facilities should be shared.

On this basis, the superior southern beaches should have been opened to other race groups years ago. However, the important thing is that Nationalist MPs are at long last giving the kind of lead that the country so desperately needs. The City Council no longer has any excuse to hide behind Government vacillation over apartheid, which may have been the reason for its weak-kneed decision in April to shelve the beach issue without any discussion.

At its next meeting the council will have the opportunity to make redress. It is hoped that there has been a rethink and that a majority of councillors now realise that PE can no longer be seen to lag behind other cities in opening the beaches. It would be appropriate if the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, and the councillors who represent beach-front wards were in the forefront of what must be a more realistic approach.

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Objections to open beaches are rejected

Municipal Reporter

THE opening of four more Durban beaches to all races came a step nearer yesterday when the City Council's Management and Amenities committees unanimously approved the move.

The committees held a joint session at which they heard 29 objections, including a petition signed by 309 people, against the opening of Snake Park, Dairy, Bay of Plenty and Battery One, plus the Rachel Finlayson pool and the paddling pools.

Mrs Sybil Hotz, Management Committee chairman, said 65 percent of the objections were

that opening the beaches would cause overcrowding.

'We are aware that there needs to be more facilities at the beachfront and this is in hand. The paddling pools are being fenced to stop overcrowding.

'Only children under 12 years and adults supervising them will be allowed in the pools,' she said.

Mrs Hotz said the concern that opening beaches would adversely affect tourism was not well founded because Durban had one of its best years for tourism when Battery Two was opened.

She said other objec-

tions were that there would be disease and more litter.

'There is always litter on beaches no matter who is occupying them and the objection about disease is too ludicrous for words.

'There was also concern about an increase in crime, but you can't say it will happen just because you open the beaches,' she said.

Mrs Hotz said the objectors also said that surrounding residential areas were zoned as white group areas, but the committee pointed out that most of the local hotels were multiracial.

She said the proposal to

open the beaches would be discussed at a special City Council meeting on Monday.

If the council approves the proposal it will be submitted to the Natal Administrator who will decide whether or not to change the relevant by-laws.

'We want it to be done by Christmas to take a bit of pressure off the Parks Department whose job it is to turn people away from beaches.

'By then the paddling pools should be fenced off and the crowd control will make things easier for the department,' Mrs Hotz said.

THE Peninsula's favourite beaches will be transformed into restricted, fenced and turnstiled areas within the next two weeks, bringing to an end the days of unrestricted pleasure on the Cape coast.

The new experimental idea — mostly along the popular Atlantic seaboard — will soon be implemented.

Three popular beaches will institute entrance fees, while others will have fences and turnstiles to restrict numbers.

Temporary "eyesore"

The much-publicised Camps Bay fence, which has been termed "highly impractical" and an "environmental eyesore", will be erected before December 1 — the set date for the start of the holiday crowd onslaught.

The temporary "eyesore" — a steel fence about 2m high — is to be erected on the beach from the existing tidal pool fence to a point just past the toddlers' pool and then down to the sea.

Other pay beaches include a section of Milton Pool in Sea Point and Mnandi beach on the False Bay coast. The entrance fee will be R1 for adults and 40c for children.

Beaches controlled by turnstiles and people monitoring numbers will include St James on the False Bay coast and Rocklands, Saunders Rocks, Queens and Sunset Beach in Sea Point.

"Whites only" beaches

While other city centres argue over beach apartheid and restrictions, the Cape Town City Council seems to have settled the beach issue — for this season at least — with all beaches being multiracial and certain beaches having restricted access.

But not so with Divisional Council-owned beaches which have about half of their beaches still restricted to "whites only".

Melkbos, Blouberg, Llandudno, Hout Bay, from the Disa River to Chapman's Peak, Noordhoek, Kommetjie and Scarborough are "whites only" beaches. On the Atlantic side Oudekraal and the area between Llandudno and the Disa River is open. The rest of Divco beaches are termed either "coloured" or "open".

● In Port Elizabeth civic leaders are at loggerheads over the thorny issue of beach apartheid.

Their city council is set to debate the topic for the second time this year, with the council being asked to approve a recommendation that officials investigate and report back on desegregation of one beach to which access could be controlled.

Idea rejected

This proposal was turned down without discussion in April this year.

And while Cape Town locals and holidaymakers dig into their pockets at pay beaches, there seems little likelihood that Durban will follow suit.

Although the idea of pay-beaches was considered last week by the Durban City Council's mayoral sub-committee on beaches, it was rejected.

Cape Town's pay beaches will be in operation in December and January, while turnstiles and controlled entrances on the other specified beaches could continue until the end of February.

BEACHS ON THE BEACH

Unrestricted use of best Cape bathing spots ends soon

LINDA PIETERSEN
Weekend Argus Reporter

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By KIN BENTLEY

TRADERS in Port Elizabeth's North End are demanding that black businesses be allowed to occupy the area's empty shops and others that might become available later.

They are insisting the "free trade" decision taken by the City Council — and still awaiting approval by the President's Council — be speedily implemented.

North End, heavily dependent on custom from the nearby townships, has been hardest hit by the consumer boycott.

In another bid to safeguard livelihoods, the traders are urging an upgrading of amenities — particularly car parking — to lure white business from more modern centres.

The traders' desire for closer relations with their black counterparts became evident this week with the suspension for two weeks of the four-month boycott, which has left about 10 shops standing empty in Commercial Road and five in other parts of North End.

dent's Council?" he asked.

He said the PE Chamber of Commerce, acting on the traders' behalf, had made repeated calls for the opening of trading areas to traders of all races.

PE City Councillor for Ward 3, Mr Peter Sullivan, said he had recently been approached by Neta about the speeding-up of the "free trade concept".

He said a number of businesses had closed down due to the economic recession and the boycott. Remaining traders had indicated they would welcome "non-white" traders moving in.

"But red tape is far more severe and complicated for 'non-whites' than for whites."

Mr Sullivan said existing traders felt an injection of traders of other race groups would "make the area more viable" as it had lost a lot of custom since the development of Greenacres.

Mr Sullivan said he had contacted both Mr Sakkie Louw, MP for Newton Park, and Mr John Malcomms, MP for PE Central, and asked them to "see if they could investigate the speeding-up of abolishing permits and the streamlining of the free trade concept".

Mr Louw told Weekend Post that he would be reporting back to Mr Sullivan on his request "as soon as possible".

The MP said the whole principle of opening trading areas had been referred by the Department of Constitutional Development to the President's Council.

Mr Sullivan said another matter which the traders had raised was parking facilities.

They had identified four areas suitable for development

One was behind the New Law Courts. This was currently used for parking by pantechnicons, which would soon be using the new park near St George's Strand.

Another was the site of the Mount Road power station, currently being demolished.

Across the road, on the old jail site, an area used for occasional parking could be properly surfaced as a formal parking area.

An open space on the corner of Cawood and Middle streets had also been identified.

Limited funds was the stumbling block, said Mr Sullivan.

PE traders

demand

free zone

speed-up

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His members, he said, advocated free trade, believing competition to be healthy.

Another member of Neta, Mr Ken Roberts, who owns shoe stores, said he supported the area being opened to all.

"Cosmopolitan trading areas draw the people and are more alive."

He said improved transport, possibly a tramline from the outlying areas, was essential.

Commerce and industry should unite and lobby the City Council to put the tramway on the budget estimates for next year.

Mr Mike Beattie, another shoe-shop owner, said only by trading in competition with efficient businessmen would blacks acquire expertise.

The obvious starting point would be in North End/Commercial Road.

He said the flood of black shoppers to the city with the suspension of the boycott proved that city prices were better than in the township.

"All areas should be opened — white areas to blacks and vice versa."

Mr Beattie said the areas should never have been segregated in the first place — "the boycott proves that".

"Why do you think President P W Botha is now making moves to bring black people onto the Presi-

Mixed reaction to CBD plan

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Mercury Reporter

THE revised proposals for Umhlanga's central business district have met with a mixed reaction from traders and developers alike.

At a special meeting called by the steering committee formed after the plans were first made known, the proposal to close Chartwell Drive and convert it into a pedestrian mall by early next year was discussed.

The chairman of the borough's Town Planning Committee, Mr Henry Reynolds, emphasised that although town planners had been commissioned by the council to draw up the development plans, they were at a concept stage and still needed to be given the final go-ahead.

'But the major developers in the area have not turned the proposals down flat, and they will probably be approved early in January,' he said.

Although hailed by municipal officials and some traders as 'the plan that will prevent Umhlanga from stagnating', several traders have expressed reservations.

Most fear that the subsequent loss of about 146 parking bays will cause major problems.

Disjointed

Mr Stan Patterson, chairman of the local Commercial Association, has said he personally feels the idea is 'totally out of the question' and that it is possible to improve the look of Umhlanga without closing the entire road.

But the town planner, Mr Dawson Hyman, has said the existing shopping area is disjointed and the pedestrian mall would be the 'catalyst' to 'pull it all together'.

'We need to create a pleasant shopping environment for the citizens of the borough, and visitors. The only way to do it is through introducing a pedestrian mall.'

It was the only way to attract developers to the town, he said.

Mr Jeff Pullen, a representative of a major developer in the area, said his company had not approved of the closure and would prefer to see a partial closure instead.

Mr Vincent Leggo, whose company is responsible for the plan, told the meeting that the development was being designed to adhere to the 'village' concept.

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**New charges
'unlikely to
deter bathers'**

Municipal Reporter:

INCREASED tariffs at the Sea Point Pavilion this summer are unlikely to discourage patrons, the city's bathing manager, Mr. Jack Kloppers, says.

The new R1 admission charge for adults comes into effect on December 1 and will remain in force until the end of February when it will revert to R2. The charge for children under 16 remains 40c.

The new rates are part of the overall beach and bathing amenity control measures approved by the City Council.

HEATWAVE

Mr. Kloppers said he had not yet received attendance figures from the pavilion for the past few days while Cape Town experienced a heatwave but he predicted they would be up.

He also dismissed suggestions that bathers would stay away from the pavilion because of higher charges.

"When it gets hot there's no such thing as consumer resistance," he said.

Regulars to the pavilion and to Newlands and Muizenberg, the other pools affected by higher charges, can take advantage of the monthly card system.

Cards for adults cost R17 a month from March to November and R20 from December to March. Cards for children cost R7 a month throughout the year. Cards entitle holders to an unlimited number of visits to the pools.

Westgate boost for housing

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Municipal Reporter

THE DEVELOPERS of the R75-million Westgate shopping and community centre planned for Mitchells Plain, claim the complex will open up the Weltevreden Valley for 3 400 new houses.

This is in addition to the 600 houses the developers plan to build as part of the Westgate complex.

According to the development company, trunk services laid to Westgate will be able to serve a whole new township in the area.

The company yesterday released details of the Westgate project, which is currently awaiting Divisional Council approval.

According to a press statement, the developers hope to create a "village environment", with a variety of house designs set in quiet cul de sacs and crescents to limit through-traffic.

Workshops or studios will be included in 25 of the houses in a special "street of traders" leading off the village-centre, from which residents can run home industries.

High density housing and a retirement village may also be developed.

Playgrounds, parks, pedestrian ways, a church, creche and primary school are planned.

The shopping complex will incorporate free community facilities and a medical centre as well as a cinema and restaurant.

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Group Areas case postponed

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PORT ELIZABETH. — Uitenhage's first mixed-marriage couple since the scrapping of the Immorality Act, appeared in Uitenhage Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of contravening the Group Areas Act.

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U'hage couple in court

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Mixing it, slowly

A residential property development at the Strand (Cape), which will arise on white land re-proclaimed for coloured occupation, appears to be a significant softening of government's attitude towards providing areas for coloured housing and could be an indirect step towards non-racial suburbs.

Although speculation that the development, to be called Southfork, would get the official go-ahead to be an "open" area has been disproved, it is understood that this is more because of the critical shortage of land in the area for coloured housing than due to political disapproval.

Southfork is the first land provided for coloured housing in the Strand area for at least 15 years.

The developer, Doug Harrowsmith of Cape Town, believes government's willingness to re-proclaim white land for sale to other groups opens the way for similar moves in other, as yet undeveloped, white areas.

This would not only ease the shortage of land for coloured and Indian (and even black) housing, but also offer more wealthy people in those communities higher quality housing and a better environment than they have to put up with in many of the townships where they are now forced to live.

Perhaps significantly, the development is located within Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis's Helderberg constituency. Heunis, probably the most reform-minded man in the Cabinet, has the odious task of administering the Group Areas Act (GAA), but he is understood to be taking keen interest in its modification. Coloured Local Government, Housing and Agriculture Minister, David Curry, is believed to be watching the development with equal interest.

Southfork provides for about 300 plots. The development is aimed at buyers with R45 000 or more to spend. It is situated on the Gordons Bay side of the Strand in what is considered to be a good position close to the beach, shops and transport.

The land is zoned a white group area. Harrowsmith applied to sell to coloureds and

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was granted a permit to do so after a departmental hearing in August. Technically, until the land is re-proclaimed, nothing is stopping him selling to whites as well, but he says he will not, mainly because there is a chronic shortage of coloured housing in the area.

Obviously once the re-proclamation goes through, purchase and occupation at Southfork will be legally restricted to coloureds. But it is still a fairly significant reversal of the old policy of removing "coloured spots" (remember District Six?) from within white areas and locating new coloured suburbs relatively far away from white areas.

Harrowsmith believes "open" areas are the solution to the GAA dilemma. He says as long as the land for "open" areas is carefully chosen and certain political sensitivities are taken into account, relatively few problems will be experienced. In the western Cape in particular, he believes mixed areas populated by people who can afford the type of developments he has in mind could be a way of moving away slowly from legally enforced residential segregation.

Harrowsmith believes young professionals and other white collar workers, including teachers and civil servants who qualify for government housing subsidies, will be attracted to the scheme. He believes some of the up-market coloured residential areas available in the western Cape at the moment are often unattractive because they are situated too close to lower-class areas. ■

Clarity wanted on open CBD—Spring

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The city Chamber of Commerce was lukewarm in its reaction yesterday to the President's Council Economic Affairs Committee's recommendation that discriminatory laws against black, coloured and Asian businessmen be scrapped.

"While we support the committee's findings we were also under the impression the government had already agreed to it," the president of the chamber, Mr Nico Cloete, said.

"We were under the impression this had already been adopted as policy and was something that was already a fact.

"As a chamber we are anxious to get clarity on East London's application to open the central business district and if this means the process will be speeded up, we welcome the recommendation."

The vice-president of the chamber, Mr Errol Spring, said the recommendation was a "step

or two behind reality.

"The committee should have called for the repeal of the Group Areas Act. Anything short of that doesn't meet the requirements of the situation."

He said the business community had been waiting for three years for clarity on the lifting of restrictions on businessmen of other race groups.

"It has come at rather a late stage and has added confusion to the position of businessmen. The committee should have been addressing the realities of today and looking at the scrapping of the entire Group Areas Act. Anything less is too little, too late."

The chairman of the Economic Affairs Committee of the President's Council, Dr Francois Jacobs, said he expected Central Business Districts (CBDs) to be opened to all population groups early next year.

He said that the Council's proposals on free trading areas would probably be implemented as soon as

possible by the government once they had been submitted to the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.

● The president of the Free State African Chamber of Commerce, Mr Marks Mabitle, has welcomed the committee's recommendations. Speaking at Kroonstad, Mr Mabitle said equal treatment of businessmen, irrespective of race or colour, presented a challenge to black businessmen to develop their talents and to prove that they were worthy of the step.

He felt that economically South Africa was now on the right road and he expressed the hope that the President's Council would accept the proposals.

● The president of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, Mr Andrew Peile, says the chamber heartily endorses the recommendations by the President's Council that all racial restrictions on business, including the Group Areas Act, be scrapped.

Mr Peile said the present system for opening business districts was so hampered by administrative red tape that not one had been opened since the government announcement 18 months ago that business districts were to be opened.

Mr Peile said legislation to repeal the offending measures should be prepared now for the next session of Parliament. He also welcomed the recommendations to deregulate business.

● The Small Business Development Corporation yesterday welcomed the recommendations but warned that the setting up of further bureaucracy for the control of small business could be costly and impractical.

Mr Francois Baird, head of liaison for the SBDC, said that the corporation welcomed the support the report gave its Law Review Project recommending deregulation of business areas.

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From a report of the Economics Committee of the President's Council:

"The committee supports the principle of full and free participation in economic activities by all population groups.

"Section 19 of the Group Areas Act — which removes racial restrictions on businesses — should be applicable to all premises zoned for business purposes and to all industrial premises in terms of Section 49 A of the law.

"Access to markets is a fundamental precondition for participation in economic activity and any restriction on access would represent an overriding inhibition on the development of small business.

"For Asians, blacks and coloureds, the Group Areas Act, 1966, is a fundamental problem because it restricts their right to establish and operate business concerns in the economically dominant areas of the country. The Group Areas Act, as it affects the economic activities of Asian, black and coloured entrepreneurs, is in direct conflict with the objective of increasing the participation of economically less developed communities in the economy and of improving their perception of the merits of the free market system.

"Privileged access for white businessmen to economic activity cannot be reconciled with the true nature of the market, which recognises only the ability to pay and the ability to supply.

"In an economically integrated society the economy is indivisible and group restrictions on access to business can hardly be regarded as being in the best interests of society as a whole and of the developing communities in particular."

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Black couple asked to leave City hotel

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A BLACK couple was asked, in front of about 100 people, to leave the Kings Hotel in Sea Point by one of the managers, who later said that in terms of the Liquor Act the hotel could not admit blacks.

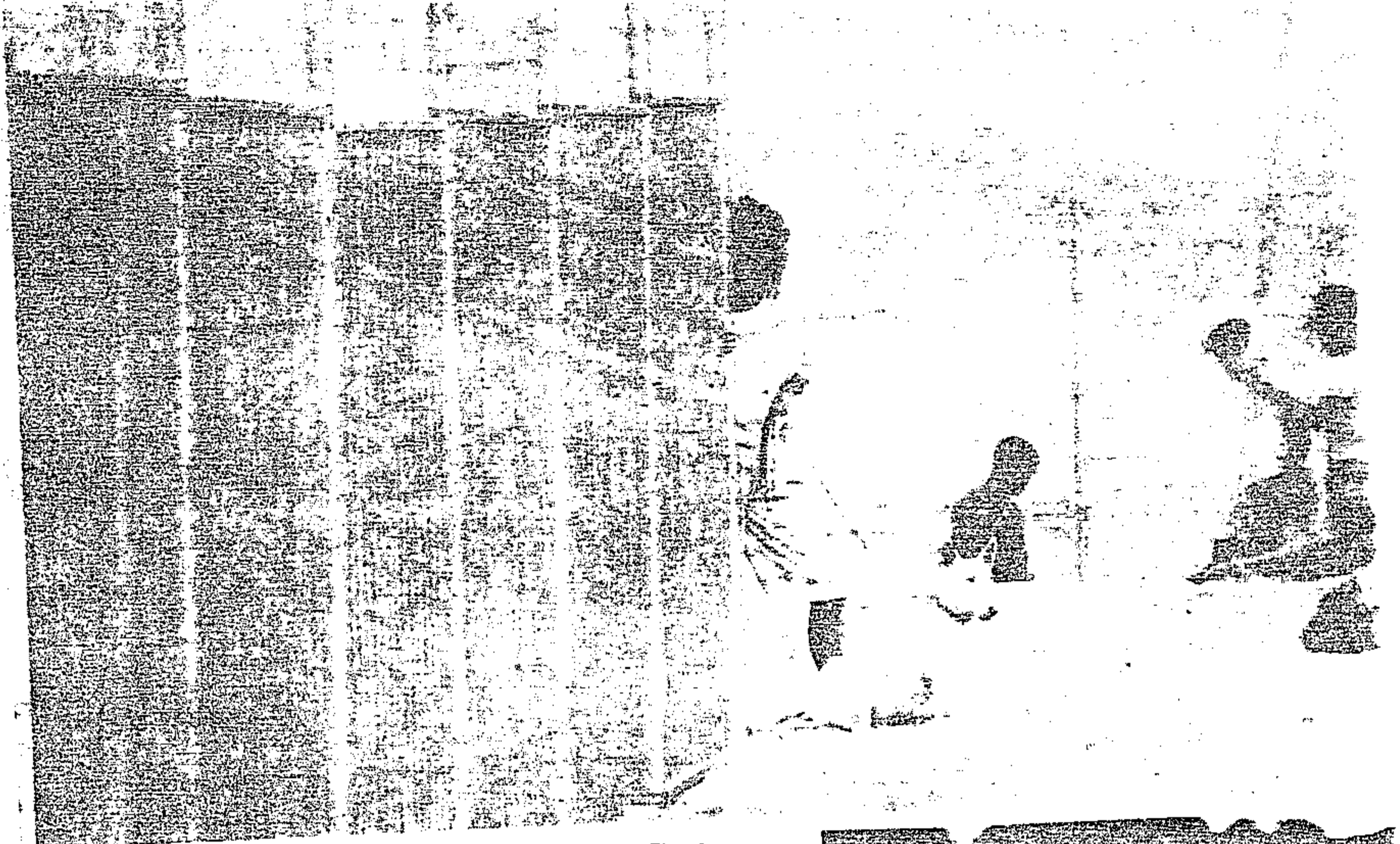
The couple, who prefer not to be identified, said they had accepted an invitation to have drinks at the hotel from one of three black members of the five-piece band playing at the hotel.

e. While they were sitting at the bar counter, a manager approached and told them the hotel was for "whites only".

w) "At first we thought he was pulling our legs," the couple said afterwards.

Mr George Garrick, one of the two managers at the hotel, said that as the hotel did not have a five-star rating (it has one star), it could not admit blacks.

His partner, Swiss citizen Mr Martin Gunert, said the hotel did not allow blacks in terms of government policy.



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Above: Camps Bay resident Mrs Marie Stewart, with Jane the bull terrier, watches workmen complete the final section of the fence at Camps Bay beach. Right: The steel fence stretches from the water's edge towards Table Mountain, slicing Camps Bay beach in two.

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Band-a-tan beaches

Staff Reporter

THE pay-beach turnstile system goes into operation at Camps Bay beach and Milton Pool in Sea Point this weekend.

The steel fence surrounding a section of Camps Bay beach, including the tidal and toddlers' pools, is expected to be completed today and from Sunday beachgoers who prefer this part of the beach will pay R1 for adults and 40c for children.

At Mnandi Beach on the False Bay coast, a similar pay system starts on December 11 when the sun-pool complex opens.

Mr Jack Kloppers, director of beach amenities, said the control of numbers could be decided only when the system was working.

Mr Kloppers said he would be at Camps Bay beach on Sunday to see that the system was implemented without hitches.

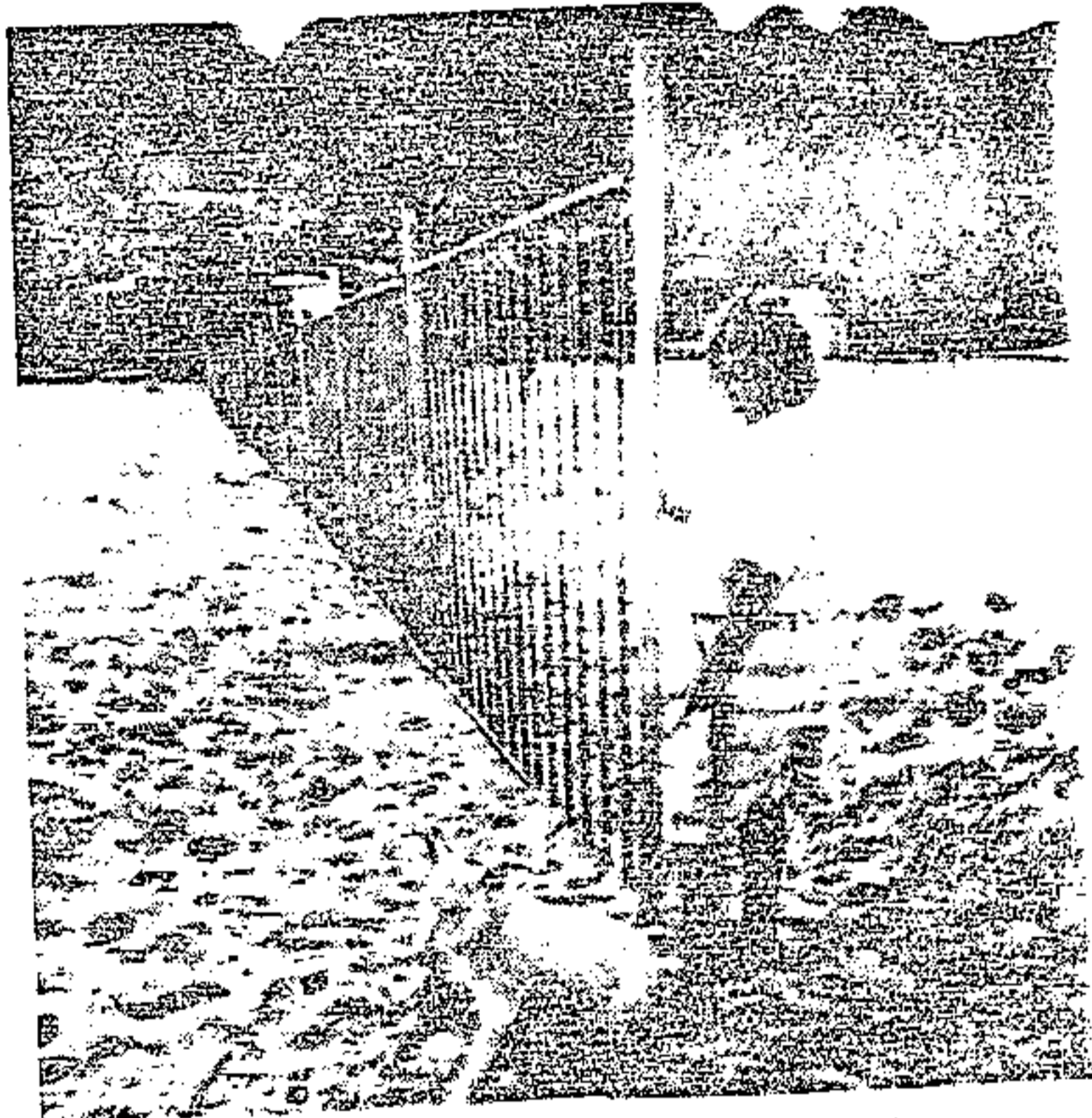
A seasonal R1 premium will be introduced at pools at Sea Point, Muizenberg and Newlands, pushing the price of a swim in December, January and February to R2.

Beaches have been a contentious issue since Cape Town City Council opened beaches and swimming-pools to all last summer.

Complaints of "overcrowding" and "unruly behaviour" followed when the beaches were shared by people of all races, including a bumper crowd of visitors.

The council sought ways to improve seaside facilities this season and in May approved pay-beaches as an experiment and increased pool tariffs in spite of strong opposition to what some councillors called "economic apartheid".

Reaction to the move included a petition against pay-beaches and increased pool fees and strong condemnation from community organisations.



City heatwave not seasonal

Staff Reporter

IT'S official: the sweltering heat that has melted the Peninsula this month is unseasonal.

According to weather records for the past 25 years the mean maximum temperature for November is 23.5 deg C — 2.5 deg C cooler than the average so far this month.

Temperatures have soared into the 30s on nine days since November 12.

In the same period last year the highest temperature recorded was 28 deg C and the daily maximum was usually in the mid-20s.

Cloudy conditions were expected to make the Peninsula a little cooler today but there was no real respite from the heatwave in sight.

Fine and hot weather is forecast for the weekend.

Work starts on second phase of Pelikan Park

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Municipal Reporter

THE second phase of development in Pelikan Park, the new Indian residential area east and south-east of Zeekoevlei, is underway.

The area has a potential housing capacity for about 30 000 people and development has been divided into three phases.

Development of the southern third (the first phase) is well underway. A contractor has been on site since the beginning of the year, providing 284 serviced sites and carrying out earthworks for an additional 300. This contract should be completed by June next year.

Work on the second phase, east of Zeekoevlei, began recently. Civil engineering services for the construction of 358 serviced erven should be completed by June next year.

Tenders will soon be called for construction of 220 houses. Building is expected to start in January and should be completed by the end of next year.

WILL BE KEPT

The city's town planning branch has made several environmental recommendations which have been incorporated into the layout and design of the second phase.

They include:

- Much of the existing belt of eucalyptus trees will be kept and its shrub and field layer cleared to prevent possible cover for vagrants;
- Trash screens will be incorporated in all stormwater drains where they enter Zeekoevlei;
- Public open spaces will be developed and landscaped during the development phase and
- Houses have been placed to ensure good surveillance of public open spaces.

Lifesavers oppose beach toll

Municipal Reporter

YESTERDAY was the beginning of a long, hot, expensive summer for Cape Town bathers as the City Council began charging an entrance fee to sections of two of the Peninsula's most popular beaches.

Few people had taken advantage of the pay-beaches at Camps Bay and Milton Pool by lunchtime yesterday, although a good crowd made use of the rest of Camps Bay Beach despite the overcast weather.

A number of people at the pay-beach at Camps Bay said they had paid only because they felt their children would be safer swimming in the children's pool, which is inside the enclosure, than in the open sea.

Meanwhile, the public relations officer for the Surf Lifesaving Association of South Africa, Mr David Hersch, said yesterday he was "totally opposed to pay-beaches or to fences on beaches".

'Make lifesaving difficult'

"Lifesavers are being denied free access to the whole stretch of beach. This makes their job much harder," Mr Hersch said.

"The fences on Camps Bay beach confine the people to the area of the pool and make lifesaving difficult. Fences are also aesthetically disgusting. They ruin a beach and clash with the environment."

The fenced enclosure at Mnandi Beach is not yet complete and the council will begin levying an entrance fee there only on December 11.

The pay-beaches, which have an entrance fee of R1 for adults and 40 cents for children, will remain in force until the end of January.

And, for the next three months, it will cost twice as much for adults to swim at Newlands, Muizenberg and Sea Point pools.

The fee at these pools has been increased from R1 to R2 for adults, but the charge of 40 cents for children remains the same.

Numbers at the pools, the pay-beaches and at Saunders Rocks, Queens Beach, Sunset Beach and Rocklands will be monitored during the holiday season and people may be prevented from entering if the beach constables on duty feel the beach is becoming "overcrowded".

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Pay beaches 'unfair'

Municipal Reporter

"UNFAIR" was the overwhelming response of beach-goers when the new "rand a tan" pay beach at Camps Bay went into operation yesterday.

Most people on both sides of the fence were opposed to the pay-beach system and felt it discriminated against children who could not afford to swim in the safety of the "kiddies' pool".

● Mr P Henry of Mitchells Plain said he had paid to enter the enclosure only because he wanted his children to be able to swim in the "kiddies' pool" where they were safe.

"That's the only reason. I think the whole thing is unfair. There was never any trouble on this beach when it was open. It should all be free," he said.

● Mrs Joan Graham of Gardens also described the entrance fee as "unfair".

"It doesn't seem right that these people are sitting here because they can afford it and those people on the other side



People who were prepared to pay a rand a head to pay beach at Camps Bay line up to buy tickets at the entrance. Few people were prepared to splash out for the pay beach. An overwhelming majority of beach-goers stayed on the other side of the fence. The entrance fee will apply until the end of January.

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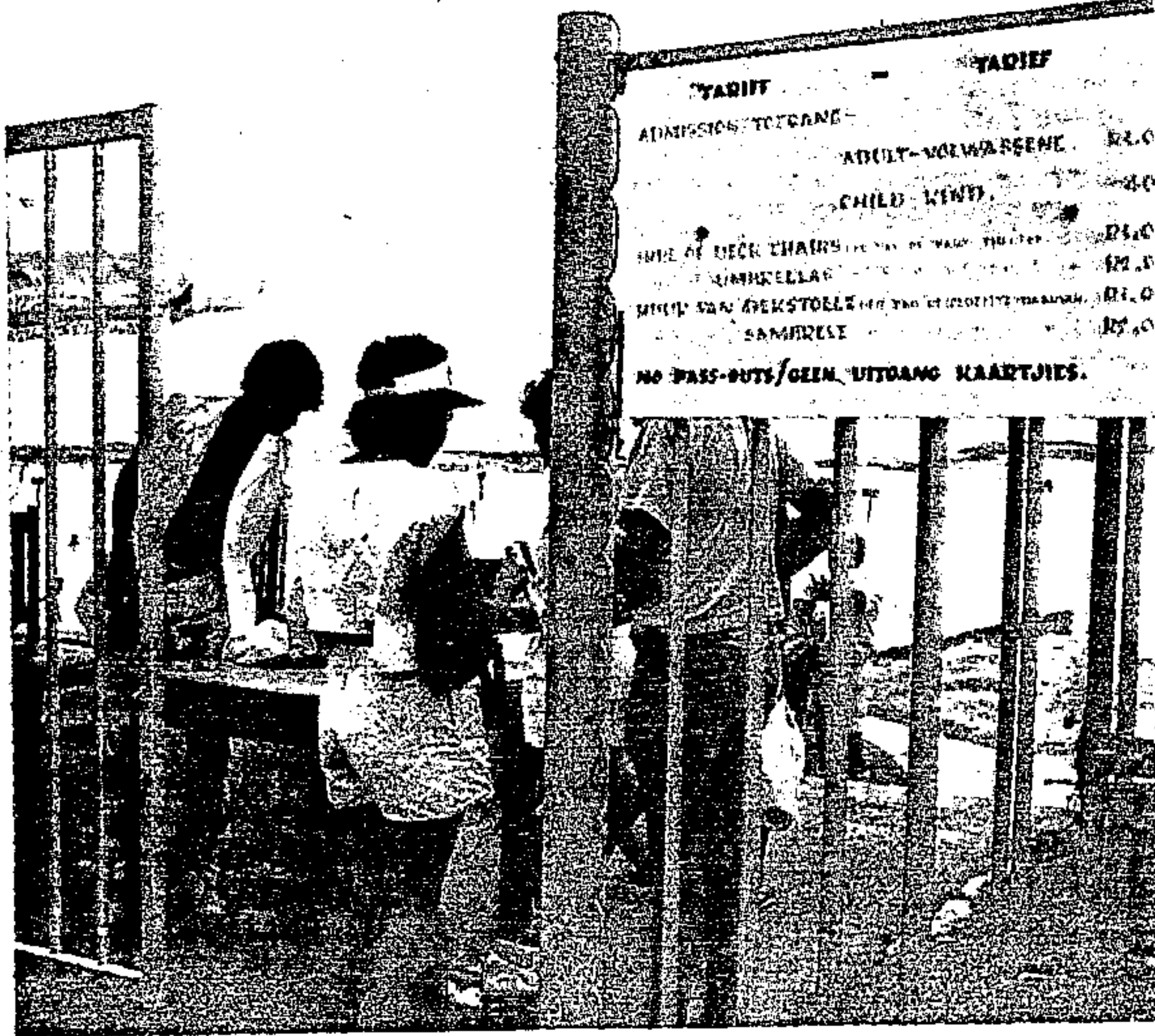


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beaches 'unfair', say most



People who were prepared to pay a rand a head to enter the new pay beach at Camps Bay line up to buy tickets at one of the gates. Few people were prepared to splash out for the privilege and the overwhelming majority of beach-goers stayed on the "free" side of the fence. The entrance fee will apply until the end of January.

have to stay there because they haven't got the money," she said.

"We're supposed to have open beaches now and we should just learn to adapt to that."

● Her daughter, Ms Jane Graham, disagreed. "If you don't want to pay, you don't have to. At least it keeps the riff-raff out," she said.

She conceded, however, that the fence did "spoil the beach".

● Mrs Claudia Williams of Belhar said she had been bringing her family to Camps Bay Beach for years because of the children's pool.

"Now we have to pay so our children can swim safely. It's not fair. I wouldn't come in here if there were facilities for the children on the other side," she said.

● Mrs Cynthia Nqweniso said she couldn't afford to pay the entrance fee although she would prefer her children to swim in the children's pool.

"It's not right. I don't have the money to go in there."

● Mrs Dorothy Varley of Camps Bay said she was sure the fence had been put up to "keep the Transvalers happy".

"It's a shame that young children can't swim in the little pool on the other side because they have to pay," she said.

"There is a tremendously strong backwash on this side and I think the pay-beach is unfair, just from a safety angle.

"The beach was fully integrated last year and people were very happy to mix with each other."

● Mr B Wallace of Athlone said the fence had been put up "for political reasons" to keep people apart.

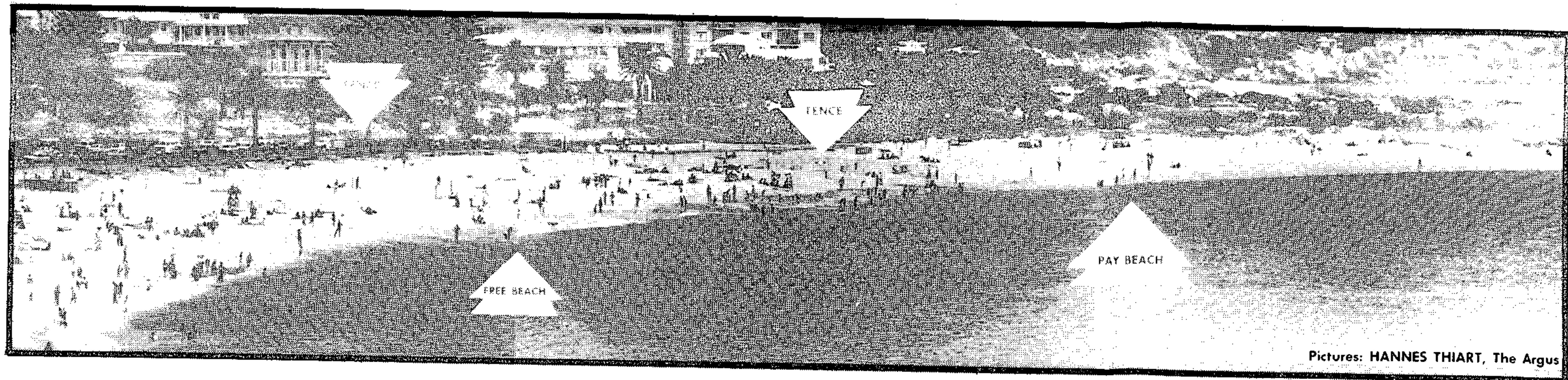
"Most of the people I know feel that the fence was politically inspired. They must keep the beaches free and open for all."

● "I think it's an excellent idea," said Mr Matteo Pepe of Cape Town.

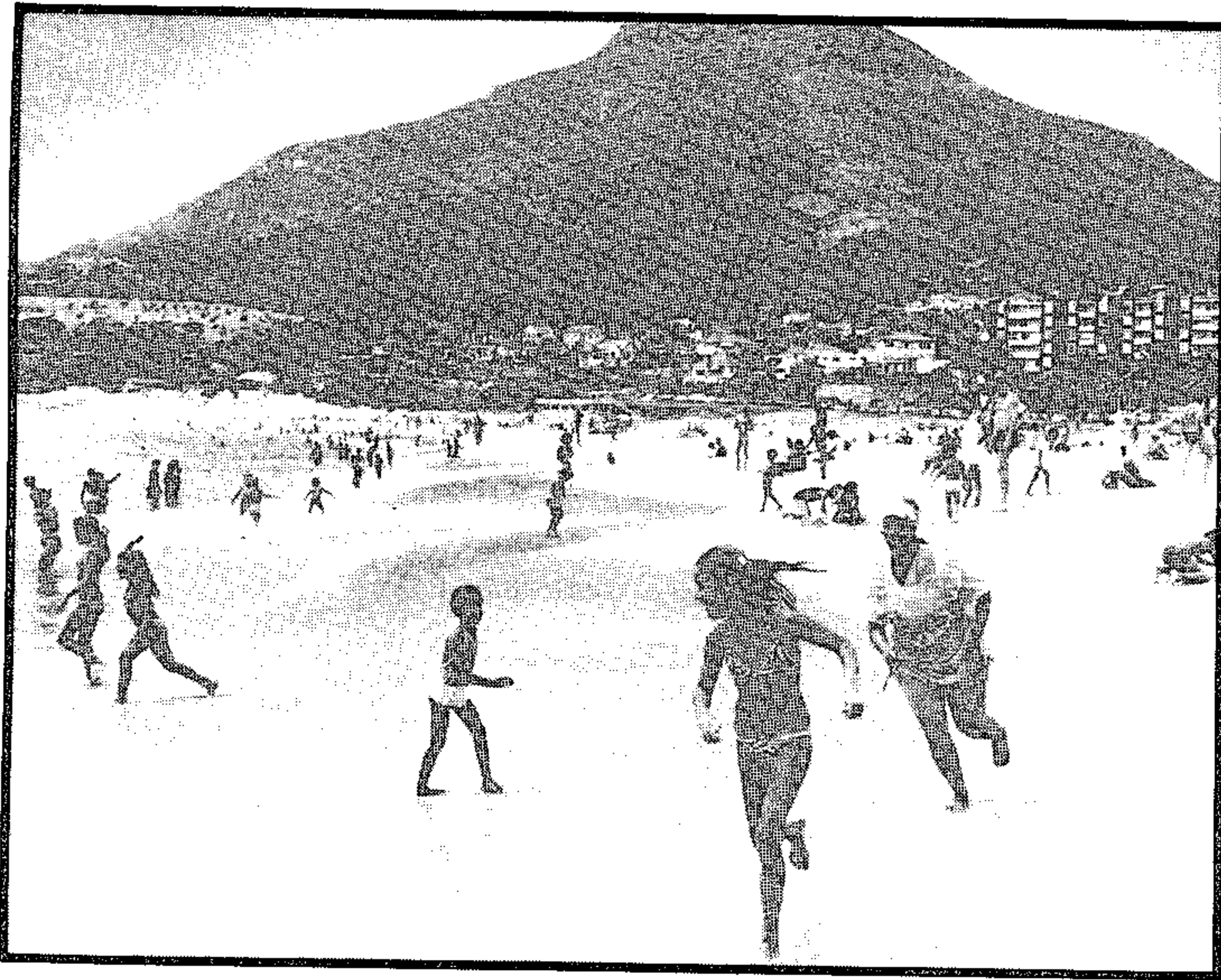
"My family feels safe here. They have fenced out the riff-raff and there are lots of patrol guards here."

Pay-beaches: Public hesitate

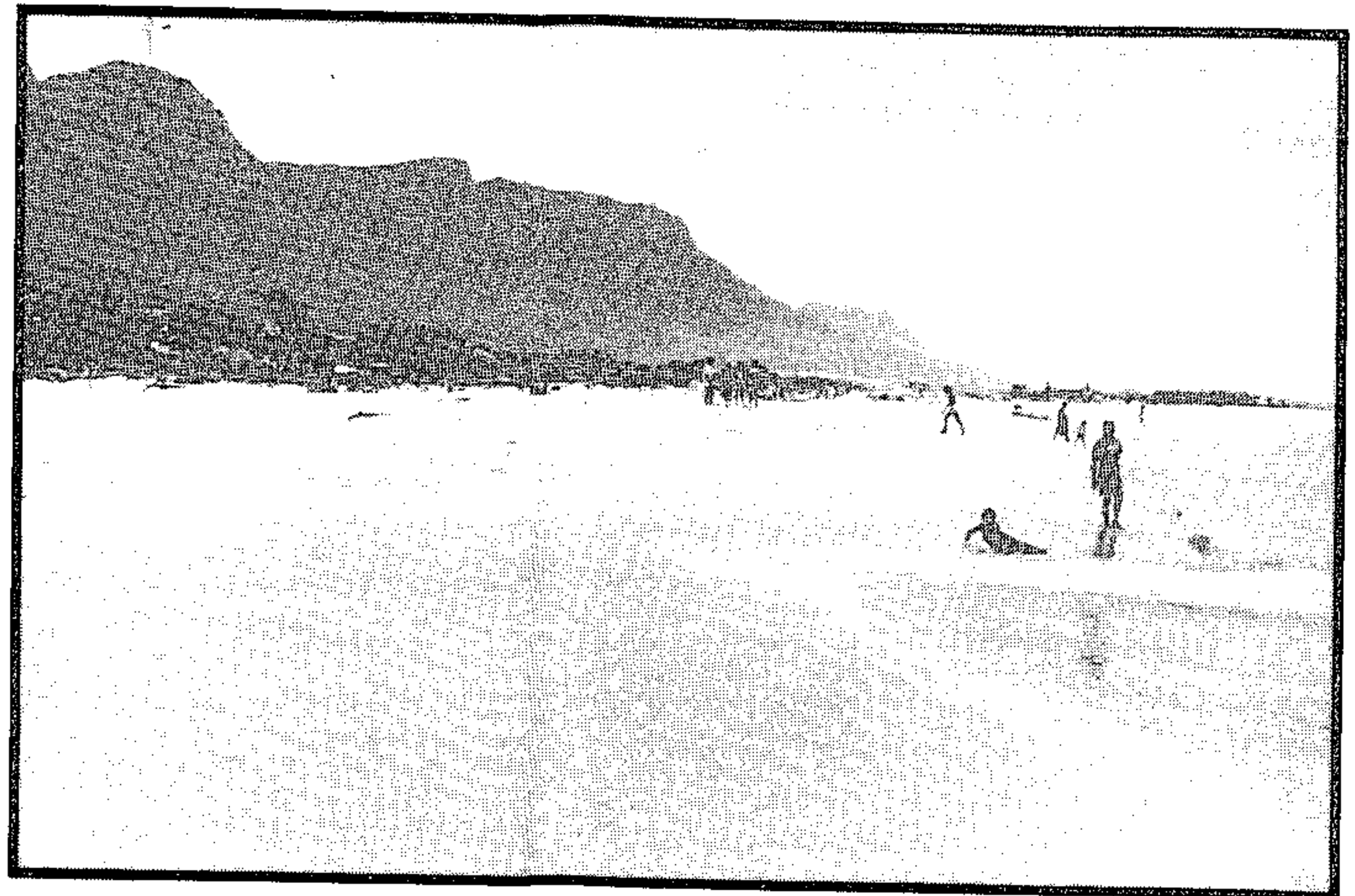
Staff Reporter SUE LUPTON visited the new Cape Town pay-beaches which came into force yesterday.



Pictures: HANNES THIART, The Argus



The crowded "no charge" section of Camps Bay beach (left above) contrasts with the almost-deserted stretch of "pay beach". The arrows show the position of the fence which divides the beach. The picture at left shows bathers on the "no-charge" side and the picture at right the "pay-beach"



DAY One of pay beaches and increased swimming-pool charges in the Peninsula indicated a public reluctance to pay more for seaside recreation.

Yesterday, December 1, saw the introduction of a fee of R1 for adults and 40c for children for access to Milton Pool beach and a fenced section of Camps Bay beach and higher fees at Sea Point, Muizenberg and Newlands municipal swimming pools — R2 for adults and 40c for children.

The new system seemed a deterrent at Camps Bay and Milton Pool beaches, where crowds on free stretches of beach adjacent to the fenced areas contrasted sharply with the almost-deserted pay beaches.

The pay beach at Camps Bay includes the children's and tidal pools and yesterday the area was patronised almost exclusively by families with toddlers.

Parents said they were forced to use this section of the

beach because it contained the only safe swimming facilities for children.

Mrs W Lewis of Wynberg said: "The entrance fees are high but I suppose we have to pay so that the little ones can play in the pools."

"One thing I really don't agree with is that once we have paid, if we want to leave the area, even just to go to the shop, we have to pay again to return."

Mr A Latief of Maitland said he supported the pay-beach

system because it "keeps the hooligans out".

"But I think the charges are too high — for myself, my wife and my three kids I paid R3,20. We come to Camps Bay every weekend, so the costs mount up."

Mr B de Villiers of Gardens, one of the few people on the pay-beach without young children, said the crowded conditions on the free beach had made him decide to pay the fee "for some peace and quiet".

"I don't think the charge is

very high, although I suppose that it becomes expensive for a large family."

Although cashiers at the Sea Point Pavilion said the steep rise in fees had prompted many complaints, it did not keep people out of the popular pool.

According to Mr A Talbot, senior superintendent of bathing amenities from Granger Bay to Bakoven, 789 people had entered the pavilion before 2pm.

Mrs E Daniels, a Salt River resident who visits the pool

regularly, said the new fees were expensive — "but what can we do? When you really want to come for a swim, you'll pay whatever they charge."

Dr G L Wainer of Sea Point said: "I don't think the entrance fees are too high if someone is going to spend a day at the pool. But I come every day for a quick dip. It is very expensive." He said he would consider buying a monthly ticket.

Mrs E Williams, also of Sea Point, said: "I think the fees could be even higher, and people would still pay."

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**Appeal
on fences
succeeds**

Municipal Reporter

ALL the fences at Camps Bay beach will be taken down at the end of January.

The City Council has persuaded the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, to review his previous directive that the fence around the tidal pool remain in position until the end of February.

Mr Louw claimed that the fence was necessary as overcrowding at the tidal pool could still be a problem in February.

After an appeal against his decision by the council last month, Mr Louw agreed to allow the fence to be taken down at the end of January, along with the temporary "pay-beach" fence.

He warned, however, that the fence must be re-erected on December 1 every year and that he might insist on the fence remaining in position until February in future.

Vehicle damage

MORE THAN R2 500 worth of damage has been caused to City ambulances during the recent unrest according to the Chief Officer of the West Cape Metropolitan Ambulance Rescue Service, Mr B W Warner.

A report tabled at yesterday's amenities and health committee meeting said 10 ambulances had been damaged since the start of October.

'Full house' plan for five Peninsula beaches

Municipal Reporter
ACCESS to five more Peninsula beaches is to be limited by the City Council this summer in an attempt to prevent seasonal overcrowding.

Entry to the "control beaches" will be free but they will be closed when they are full.

Introduction of the measures at the St James tidal pool, Saunders Rocks, Sunset Beach, Queen's Beach and Rocklands on Sunday passed largely unnoticed because of the attention attracted by the controversial pay beaches.

Mr Jack Kloppers, manager of bathing amenities, said the number of visitors to the control beaches would be monitored. Extra beach wardens would use clickers to count people entering and leaving.

"If these beaches become

full we will display signs and no one else will be admitted," he said.

The number allowed on each beach will be determined during the season.

"We don't yet know what the maximum numbers are. This will have to be worked out," Mr Kloppers said.

At St James a temporary fence has been put up on the Kalk Bay side to control access to the tidal pool area.

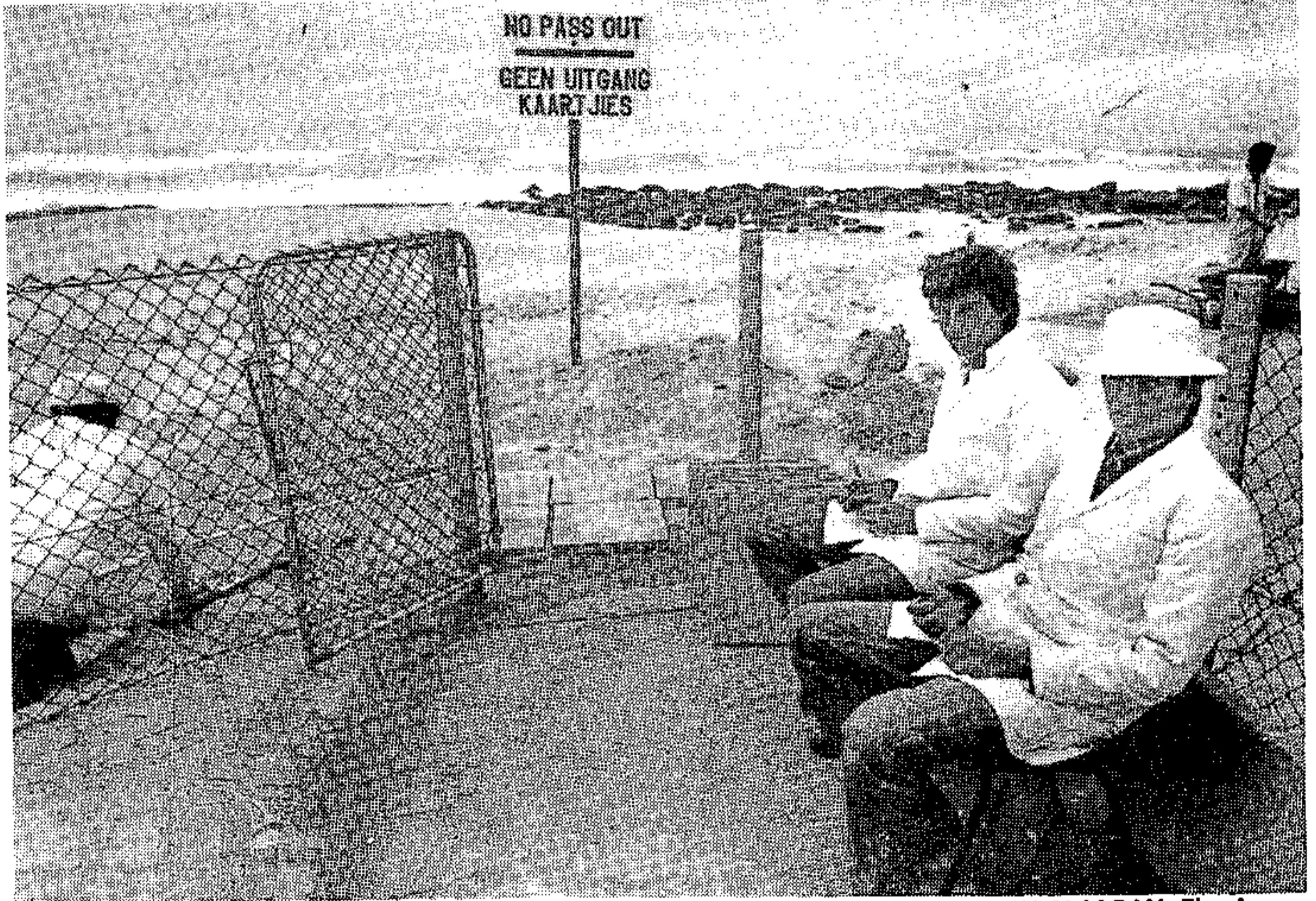
The other control beaches — all in the Sea Point area — are naturally demarcated. There is no charge for admission to these beaches.

As with the pay beaches, control beaches will be in oper-

ation only during December and January. The fence at St James will be removed in February.

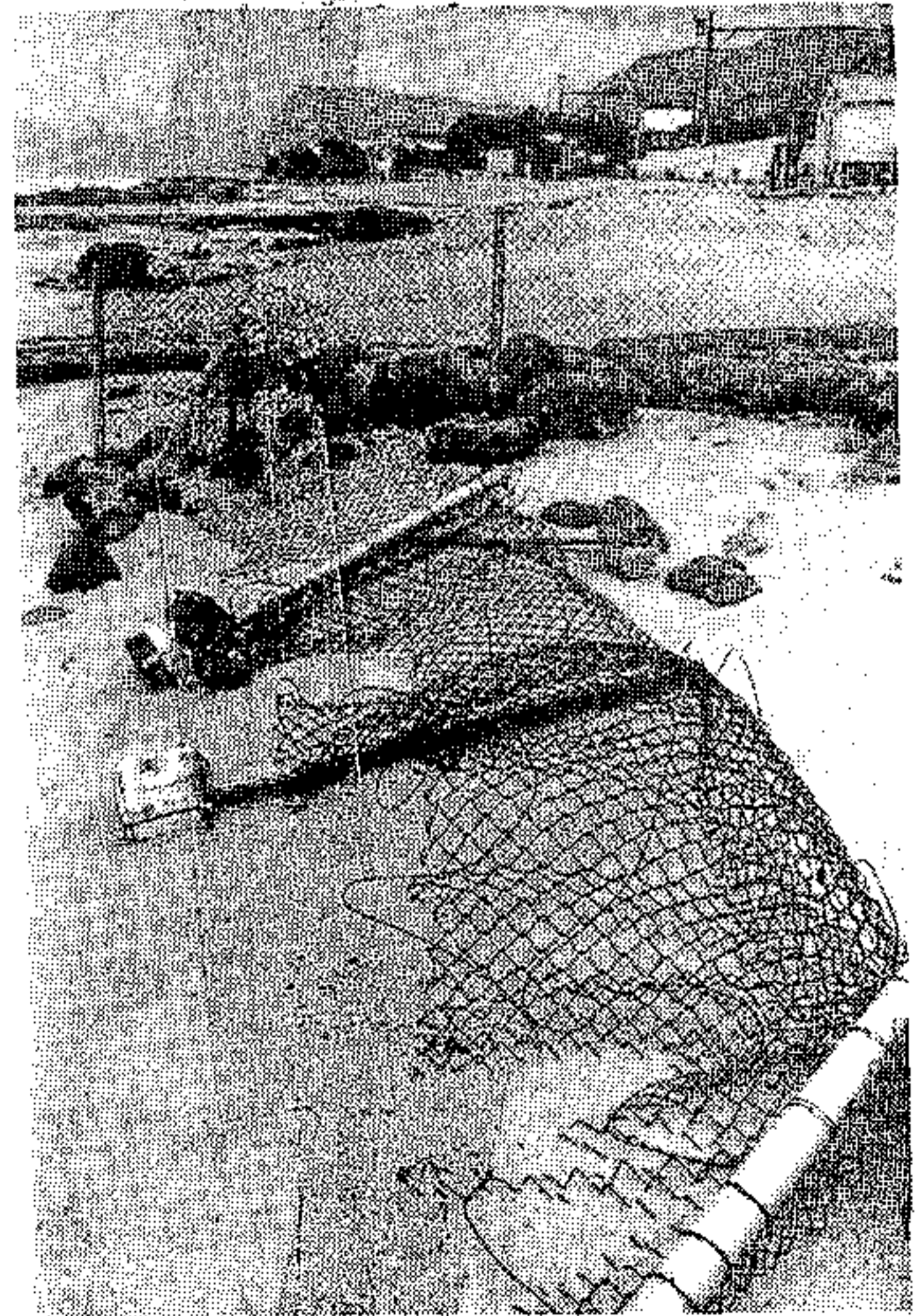
At St James yesterday there were six attendants on duty — and only six people on the beach.

A "head count" of about 370 was registered on Sunday, an attendant said.



Pictures: JIM McLAGAN, The Argus

Beach attendants Paul Smith, left, and Peter Bronkhorst on duty at St James, one of the new "control beaches" introduced by the City Council. When the beach is full the gate will be closed.



The high tide has no respect for the Cape Town City Council's attempts to control overcrowding at St James beach.



The changing face of the False Bay coast — St James beach, the change-huts and tidal pool through the temporary fence.

'Hardship': Rents may be cut

Municipal Reporter

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MITCHELLS Plain residents who have been hit by retrenchments or short-time may have their rent reduced by the City Council.

The council has applied to the government for permission to waive contributions for maintenance, the loss of rentals reserve fund and community facilities for families suffering "proven hardship".

People who earn more than R150 a month and do not benefit substantially from the government housing subsidy, may also have the council's administration charge deducted from their rents and charged instead to the rates account.

Permit problems for couple

PHETORIA. — A mixed race couple from Villiersdorp near Cape Town, who have been told to move to a coloured residential area within three months, can appeal against a government permit limiting their stay in a white suburb, according to a government spokesman.

Mr Pierre Ackermann, 55, and his 16-year-old wife Mirinda, who is classified coloured, have

been declared "unqualified" by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning to live in the white part of the Western Cape town. A permit was issued by the department which gave the couple three months to find alternative accommodation in a

coloured suburb.

Although the Prohibition of Mixed Marriages Act was repealed earlier this year, mixed-race couples are not entitled to reside in the residence of the white spouse.

The Group Areas Act

specifies that the white partner in a mixed marriage, whether husband or wife, always is reclassified the colour of the non-white partner, a department spokesman explained.

In marriages between non-whites of different races, the couple are

classified according to the husband, the spokesman said, adding: "Not only whites are protected by the legislation."

The spokesman, who asked not to be named, said that since marrying a coloured woman, Mr Ackermann, a senior storeman with the De-

partment of Water Affairs, had been living illegally in a white area.

The spokesman said Mr Ackermann could appeal to the Deputy Minister against the three-month permit and would have to supply reasons for his appeal. Although Mr Ackermann said he would oppose the permit and would consult an attorney to contest the order, the spokesman said no appeal had been received.

The spokesman said very few mixed couples had so far applied for permits from the department, and added that most mixed couples were aware of the legislation forbidding residence in white areas. — Sapa

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Row over land for housing

Municipal Reporter

THE question of whether scarce vacant land in Schotsche Kloof should be used for amenities or housing has become a source of friction between residents of the area and Cape Town City Council.

The council's decision to build 24 houses on a vacant site next to Schotsche Kloof Primary School has been slated by the local civic association, the school's trustees and Parent Teachers Association and "concerned architects and engineers".

'At all costs'

In a joint statement, the opponents of the scheme claim that the land, which is at present zoned public open space, is needed for a school playing field.

"Flat, even, defined public open space in the Bo-Kaap area is a valuable amenity that should be retained at all costs and the elimination of this asset will contribute to the paucity of public open space."

The organizations also accuse the council of failing to consult them before making a decision about the future of the site.

The council's housing committee chairperson, Mrs Eulalie Stott, yesterday assured the community that the plan would be advertised for objections today.

She said, however,

that the land was "desperately" needed to house families in dwellings which were in danger of collapsing.

These families were understandably reluctant to leave Schotsche Kloof, but would not be able to afford to rent their houses once they were restored unless they were entitled to "very substantial subsidies" from their employers.

Mrs Stott maintained that Schotsche Kloof was not short of open space "in the ordinary sense of the word" as it was so close to the mountain.

Earmarked

She also said it was not the responsibility of the council to provide playing fields for schools, but it was its responsibility to provide housing.

However, the primary school was currently using council land immediately above the site earmarked for housing as a playing field.

The other site was "overgrown with tall grass and was apparently not being used", she said.

Mrs Stott said the quarry site on Upper Strand Street would be developed as sports fields during the next six months and the council "would certainly endeavour to accommodate the school on these public playing fields".

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Schotsche Kloof residents object to siting of new houses

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council and the Schotsche Kloof community are at loggerheads over the siting of proposed terraced houses for residents whose homes need renovating and repairs.

The council wants to build the houses on the the lower of two terraces on open land adjoining the primary school.

"LAST RESORT"

The proposed rezoning was approved last week but the move is being fiercely opposed by a section of the Schotsche Kloof community which claims the school has a historic right to the ground.

A number of community organisations have issued a statement, saying the area should remain public open space and

have threatened court action as a "last resort".

The statement, signed by the Schotsche Kloof Primary School PTA, the Schotsche Kloof Civic Association, the trustees of the Schotsche Kloof Primary School and "concerned architects and engineers", accuses the council of "over-stepping" its own regulations by not advertising the proposed development and of acting in a "ham-handed manner".

The signatories acknowledge an urgent demand for housing in the area and say they object to the siting of the units, not to their construction.

Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairwoman of the council's housing committee, and Mr Neville Riley, deputy city engineer (housing), met Mr Mohamed Jamodien, secretary of the trustees

and vice-principal of the school, yesterday to discuss a compromise whereby the council would build the houses on the lower terrace and develop the upper terrace as an informal sports field.

NEGOTIABLE

"The promising part is that it is still negotiable," Mr Jamodien said.

Mrs Stott said that she could understand Mr Jamodien's feelings, but pointed out that even if both terraces were excavated the site would still not be large enough for a full-sized sports field.

"Unless we find a site on which we can build within Government monetary limits, we inevitably will have to find accommodation elsewhere for the people," Mrs Stott said.

'Resign' call as open beach row continues

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By BESSIE BOUWER, Municipal Reporter

BEACHVIEW and Seaview ratepayers last night called for the resignation of the Dias Divisional Council and its secretary, Mr Niegel Anderson, because of the handling of the beach issue.

The ratepayers also passed a motion of no confidence in the council by 28 votes to 10.

Mr Anderson told the meeting that it was a "logical step" to open Beachview to all races, although the council had recently deferred the beach issue after a "leak" concerning discussions between some councillors and management committee members.

This did not mean that Beachview would not be opened to all races at a later stage.

Mr Anderson said the resort was running at a loss and there would be a large increase in users if it became multiracial.

The resort was also within reasonable distance of PE and no additional outlay was needed because there was reasonable development.

It was also relatively easy to ensure proper control.

Mr Anderson said the matter had first been discussed by a Dias sub-committee and representatives of the Indian Management Committee and the Northern Areas Management Committee.

It was a confidential matter then because it had not yet been discussed at council level.

The ward councillor, Mr Danny Saks, had been unable to discuss the matter with his ratepayers before or after the issue was "leaked" to the Press.

It was now an open issue and "my door is always open to you for discussion", he said.

A motion by the chairman of the meeting, Mr Neville Shamley, that the Dias Council form a committee to investigate the viability of "multinational beaches and caravan parks in its entire area of jurisdiction" was passed unanimously.

'Plan Blue Downs an open town

Just another township unless challenge is met, says planner

Municipal Reporter

BLUE DOWNS, a proposed housing development near Kuils River, could be planned as a multiracial town and twin city for Cape Town instead of being just another "coloured township".

This possibility was the greatest challenge facing planners of the vast project, according to Professor Wolfgang Thomas, professor of economics at the University of the Western Cape.

He presented a paper on the project at a workshop on the Western Cape organised by the Centre for African Studies at the University of Cape Town this week.

Govt withdrew support

The initiative for developing Blue Downs was taken by the Cape Town City Council in 1983/84.

But early this year, when the council had prepared plans for low-cost shell housing and after an overseas loan had been obtained, the Government withdrew its financial support and transferred responsibility for planning and developing the area to the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture of the House of Representatives.

Professor Thomas said there had been unbalanced development in greater Cape Town and that little attention had been given to the future of the city centre as the only "major urban focus" of two million to three million people in the long term.

"If we accept current plans for the massive expansion of black settlements in the Mitchell's Plain-Blue Downs-Eerste River-Khayelitsha-Macassar direction, adding about 600 000 people to these areas in the next 15-20 years, it is absolutely essential that Cape Town's south-eastern extension develops a new employment focus as well as a major administration and commercial/services magnet," Professor Thomas said.

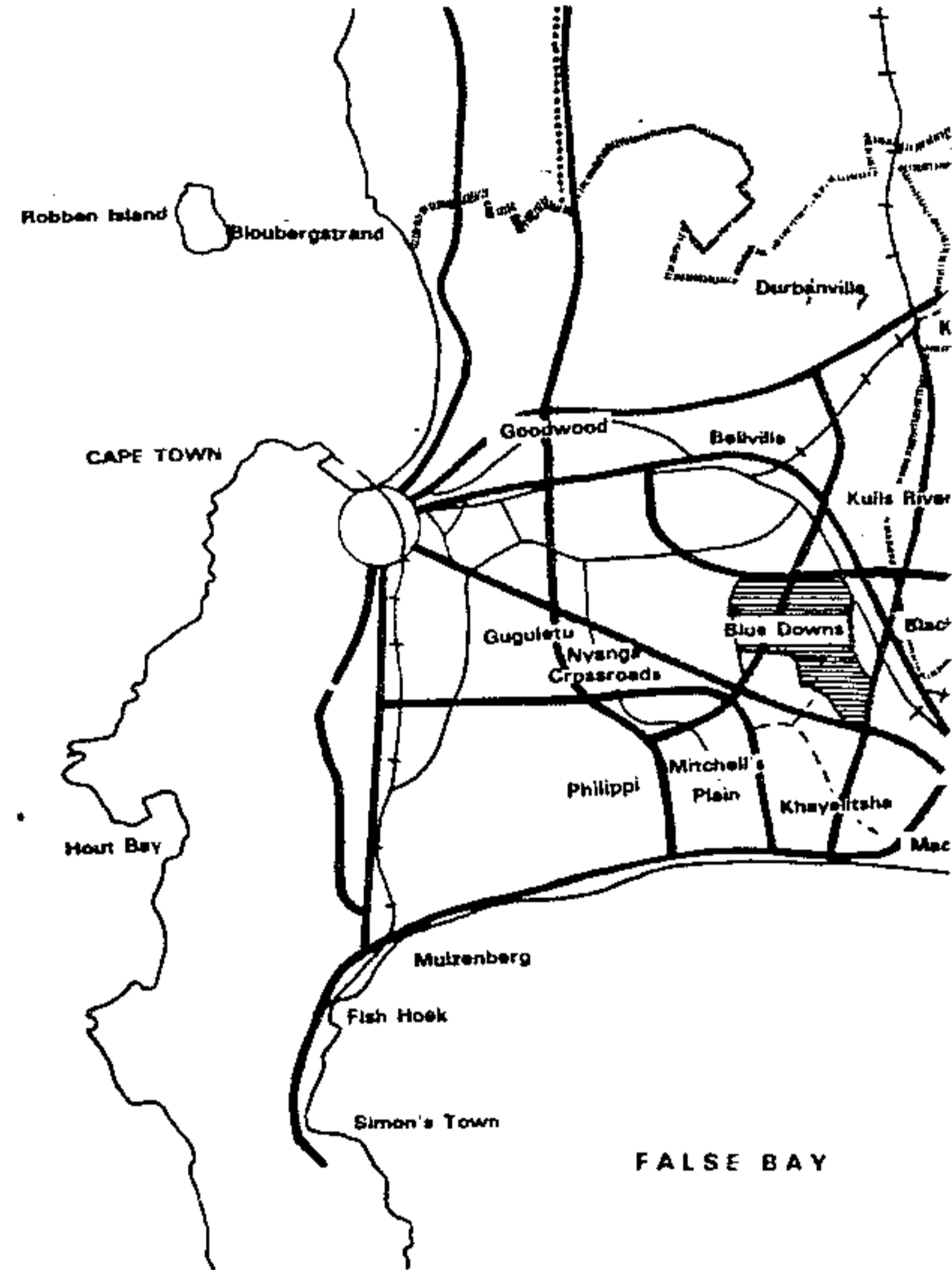
Open business districts

"And, most important of all with respect to future political developments and local self-government, such a new urban magnet should be developed on a non-racial or 'open' basis right from the beginning."

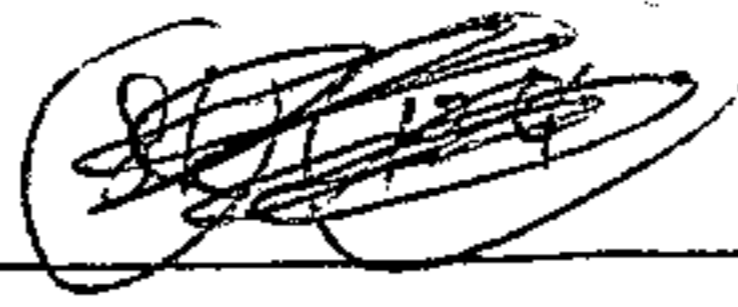
Professor Thomas said legislation had been finalised to open existing central business districts to all races and that "grey" residential areas had also been tentatively accepted.

He said a large white presence in Blue Downs would be unlikely and that opening the development for all races would not create racial or political conflict among likely residents.

"Unless some imagination feeds the planning of this area and its long-run potential is seen within the broader context of the south-eastern fringe of Cape Town - or a proper twin city - we may just witness another Mitchell's Plain, combined with an even more congested N2-axis westward in the mornings and south-eastwards in the afternoon."



A map showing the idea of a multiracial town in the southern Cape.



Blue Downs as 'open town'

Journal Reporter

proposed housing development on the Kuils River, could be a multiracial town and twin city instead of being a coloured township".

It is seen as the greatest challenge of the vast project, according to Professor Thomas, professor of Urban Planning at the University of the Western Cape.

He spoke on the project at a workshop organised by the Centre for Urban Planning at the University of Cape Town.

Local support

Developing Blue Downs was taken up by the City Council in 1983/84.

When the council had presented shell housing and after an application was obtained, the Government gave its support and transferred responsibility for developing the area to the local Government, Housing and Urban Development Committee of Representatives.

It is said there had been an unbalanced development of Cape Town and that little attention had been given to the future of the city as a "major urban focus" of two million people in the long term.

Plans for the massive extensions in the Mitchell's Plain-Khayelitsha-Macassar districts to accommodate 300 000 people to these areas

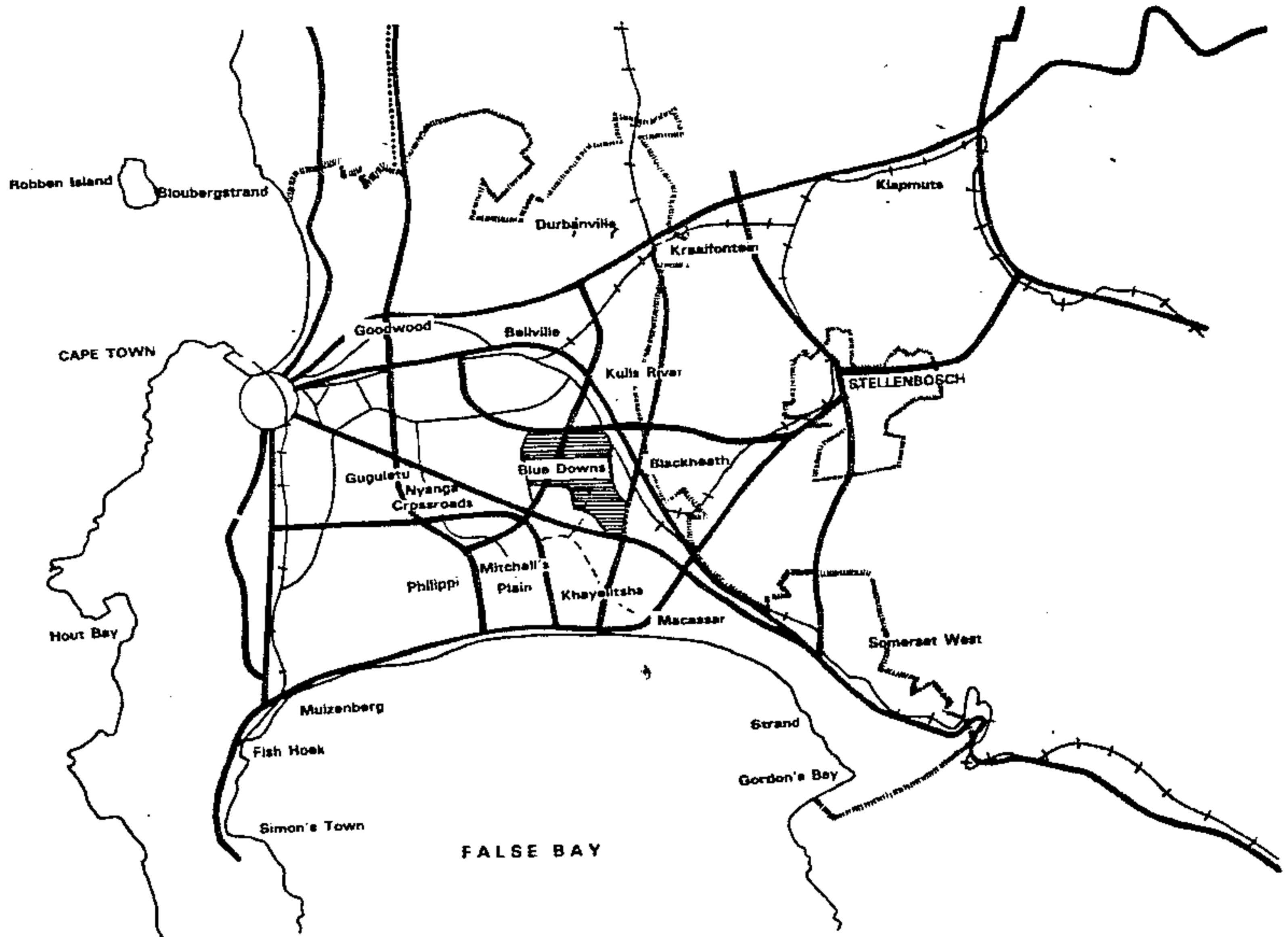
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Business districts

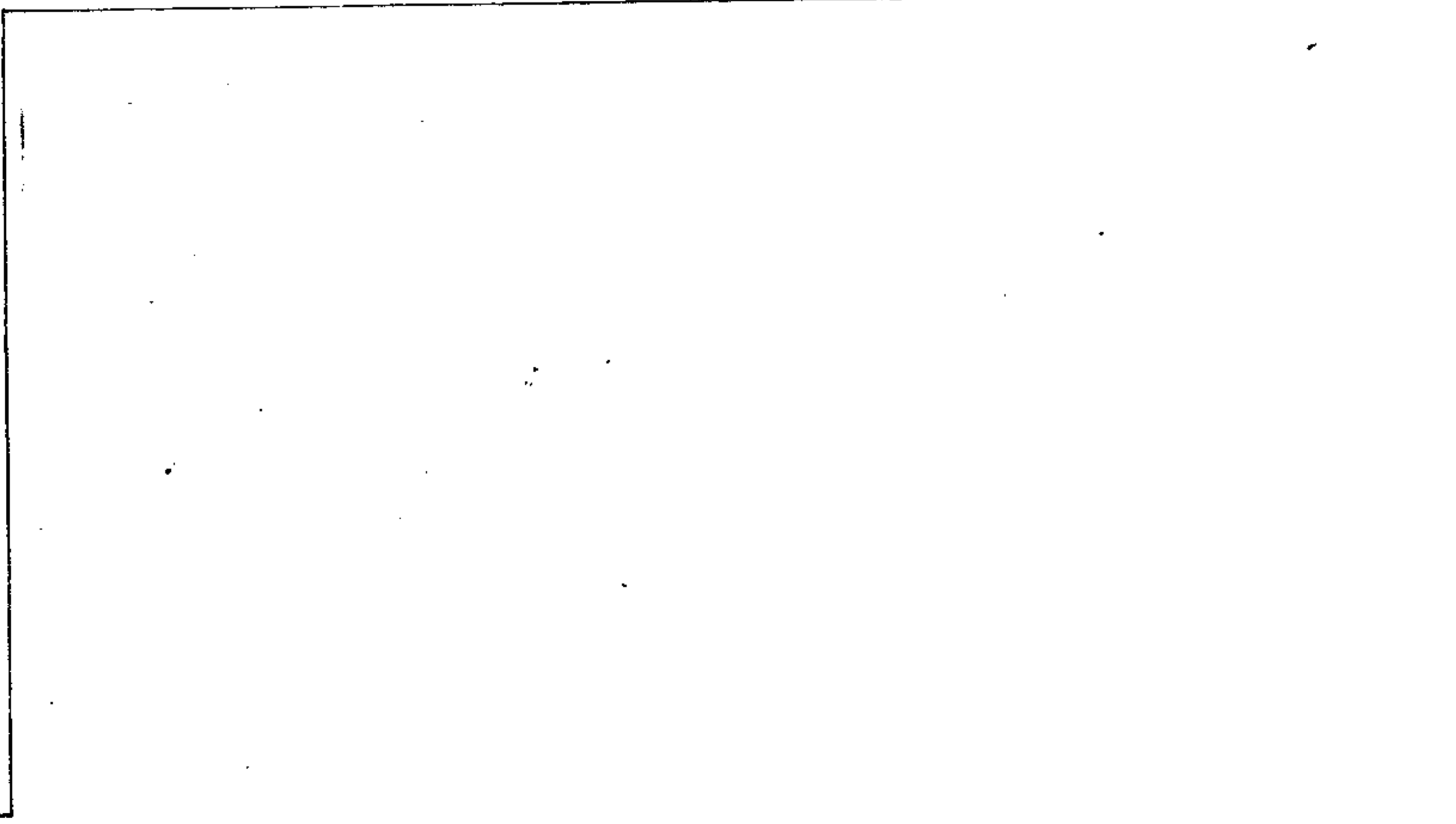
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The prime presence in Blue Downs is that opening the development will not create racial or political divisions among residents.

Urbanisation feeds the planning of a twin city - run potential is seen within the south-eastern fringe of the open twin city - we may just see Mitchell's Plain, combined with an extension westward in the morning and eastward in the afternoon."



A map showing the idea of a multiracial twin city to Cape Town in the Western Cape.



Move to open Eastern Beach

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — A motion to open East London's Eastern Beach to all races will be put to the City Council on Monday.

It will be proposed by the chairman of the Action Committee, Mr Donald Card.

He said this week the beach would have to be opened as a matter of urgency to avoid a "confrontation".

"Many blacks have been using the beach and the issue must be settled before the holiday season," he said.

"I have heard of plans to hire a large number of buses to carry blacks to the

beach over Christmas and New Year, and we do not want a confrontation in the present political climate.

"I hope commonsense will prevail and the council won't let politics decide this matter."

Mr Card said a motion calling for Eastern Beach to be opened to all races was put to a meeting last weekend which discussed the consumer boycott.

"The request was made by a moderate black man — the kind of person we should be listening to," he said.

"The black people have never asked to use the Orient and Nahoon beaches.

"They do want to use the Eastern Beach and it is time we were reasonable about it.

"They used to be allowed on Eastern Beach and now we must let them come back."

Mr Card hoped the city council would send an urgent application to the Administrator asking for the beach to be opened before Christmas.

"If the beach is opened, I want to appeal to all who use it to behave themselves," he said.

"If they do not, fingers will be pointed at those of us who are pressing for change."

Beach: De Lange wants signs back

Dispatch Reporter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"All these problems being raised are trivial in comparison with what

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we are doing here. This goodwill will really set off Christmas in East London.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

the Orient Beach which would still be for whites only.

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

Lawyers body: decision justified

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

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

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

Council bid to open city hall to all races

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The city council is to ask the government to change the permit governing the use of the city hall by all races.

At the council's monthly meeting last night, Mr Donald Card was supported when he asked that the recommendation from the action committee on the use of the city hall be changed.

The recommendation said:

a) That since no alternative accommodation is available at Duncan Village, the city council agrees to open the city hall to legitimate black organisation wishing to hold meetings from time to time, and that to this end an approach be made to the appropriate

state department for the amendment of the existing group areas permit applicable to the use of the city hall.

b) That all applications and agenda submitted by black organisations for the use of the city hall for meetings, be vetted by the Greater East London Planning Committee in the first instance, the council thereafter to consider the recommended applications and process them in the normal manner through the usual security channels.

c) That it be left in the hands of the Director of Finance and Administration and the property manager to take all necessary steps to ensure that the council is suitably protected against damage that might result when the

city hall is made available for the purposes envisaged in paragraph (a).

Mr Card moved that the words "legitimate black organisations" be changed to "all black organisations".

He also moved that the whole of section (b) be deleted.

"I don't see why we must go out of the city to have this approved. It can create problems and I feel these decisions should be left in the hands of the city council.

"I believe that it is in the interests of all the people, especially in view of the pressures on us," Mr Card said.

He was backed by Mr Errol Spring who said the city hall belonged to the city council which should say who could use it.

Move to open Eastern Beach

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Eastern Beach will be open to all races this festive season — if the Administration, Mr Gene Louw, agrees.

A telegram from the city council will be on his desk on Monday requesting the removal of the nearly 20-year ban on blacks.

The leader of the council's parks and amenities portfolio, Mr Robert de Lange (jnr), will convene an urgent meeting in the City Hall at 5.15 pm tomorrow to canvass the views of vested business interests.

The surprise move to ditch beach apartheid on the once popular beach with blacks came from a motion in the action committee meeting by the chairman, Mr Donald Card, that the Administrator be sent an urgent telegram to open the beach immediately.

Last night at the council's monthly meeting, Mr Card moved that the

matter be removed from pink paper and be discussed in open council. He was seconded by Mr Pat Kay and the move was carried.

The 15 councillors — Mr Len Cooper was absent — all seemed to accept the motion to open the beach but nine were reticent on dropping the race barriers without holding a meeting with vested interests to gauge the reaction.

Mr De Lange (jnr) moved an amendment that the telegram be sent only after the meeting but this was opposed by five councillors — Mr Joe Yazbek, Mr Ivan Zulman, Mr Card, Mr Errol Spring and Mr Brian Snell.

The amendment was supported by Mr Robbie de Lange (snr), Mr Neville Randall, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, Mrs El-sabe Kemp, Mr Willem Morris, Mr Eric Whitaker, Mr Kay and Mr Phillip Rohbart.

Mr Card made an urgent appeal that the mat-

ter should not be delayed by waiting for the meeting to be held first.

Outlining his motion, Mr Card said the matter of beach apartheid had been raised by the Afrikaanse Sakekamer in East London which requested that the signs demarcating the beaches be put up again.

The signs had been taken down for repair and to alter them as it had been signed by the former town clerk, Mr Jurie Human.

Mr Card said he had monitored the situation and that on Sunday, more than 400 people of all races were swimming at Eastern Beach and there had been no incidents.

"I foresee a problem if we continue to keep this beach closed to all races. I feel all beaches should be open but as a compromise, something could be done immediately at this particular time."

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EL beach move welcomed by Ciskei

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Ciskei Government yesterday welcomed the city council move to open the Eastern Beach to all races this festive season.

A number of incidents in recent years involving black Ciskeians and Transkeians, have taken place on the city's 'whites' only beaches.

The director-general of information in Ciskei, Mr Headman Somtunzi, said the development was "a step in the right direction.

"Even though this move to open facilities to all races is rather long overdue, the time has come to cement ties between different racial groups

in South Africa and to be practical and realistic about changes.

"Ciskei is of the opinion that apartheid should go immediately because it has done so much harm and has divided people who should be united. Ciskei therefore promotes the idea of good relations and should the bid succeed it would be most commendable. It will create a reservoir of goodwill that will spill over throughout South Africa.

"It will also promote the idea of goodwill and prosperity. Ciskei does not regard it as an isolated incident and we hope the good news will spread everywhere."

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Council vote again backs open beach

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EAST LONDON — The Cape Provincial Council Executive Committee (Exco) yesterday ruled out opening Eastern Beach to all races, but the city council voted last night to go ahead with requesting the move.

An urgent telex message from the MEC for Local Government, Mr Piet Loubser, to the MPC for East London City, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, said Exco could not consider putting the matter on their last agenda for the year today.

The message was sent following intense activity in municipal circles to try to get the matter on the agenda following last night's meeting of the council with vested interests.

On Tuesday, the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, telexed Cape Town informing Exco about last night's meeting where a decision would be taken on the motion to open the Eastern Beach.

Mr Kumm said he was told from Cape Town to send an urgent message this morning with the result of the decision so that Exco could discuss

the matter.

But during the open council meeting which followed the public meeting with vested interests last night, Mrs Kemp read the telex she had received late yesterday afternoon. She then moved that no decision be taken and that the Exco ruling, that the status quo remained, be respected.

Her counter-motion followed a motion by another councillor, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, that Eastern Beach be opened immediately.

After Mrs Kemp read the telex, Mr Errol Spring, asked that his motion be incorporated with that of Mr Bezuidenhout. Mr Spring's motion asked that a delegation be sent to Cape Town to present the city's case.

Councillors voted 6-5

for the Bezuidenhout-Spring motion.

The motion was backed by the deputy mayor who chaired the meeting after the mayor had to leave, Mr Ivan Zulman, Mr Brian Snell, Mr Pat Kay and Mr Eric Whitaker.

Mr Robert de Lange (jnr), Mr Phillip Rohtbart, Mr Willem Morris and Mr Neville Randall all supported Mrs Kemp's motion.

Mr Robbie de Lange (snr) and Mr Len Cooper were absent while the councillor who moved the original private motion to open the beach, Mr Donald Card, was away attending a funeral.

The open council meeting was preceded by the public meeting to gauge the opinion of vested interests.

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Province stalls on council's open beach bid

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Cape Provincial Council yesterday stalled the East London city council's bid to open the Eastern Beach here to all races.

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In a telex received by the city council from the Department of Local Government late yesterday afternoon, it was stated the Cape Provincial Council's executive committee (Exco) had resolved that, in the absence of sufficient information, they were not in a position to make a decision on the issue.

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East London's town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, said the telex stated the department would, at a more convenient time, make a submission incorporating the full particulars and summary of the legal position to the executive committee.

"It therefore follows that until the above mentioned requests are met, there is no real purpose served by the department in receiving a deputation from East London's city council," the telex read.

Mr Kumm added that Exco was in recess as from yesterday and that it would only reconvene early next year.

He said he would still have to inform the city council of the telex before a decision was taken on what council's next move would be.

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Pay-beach bad for shops

Staff Reporter

A PERMANENTLY locked gate in the middle of the fence at Camps Bay beach has raised the ire of local businessmen because it denies beach-goers easy access to their shops, according to a spokesman for the group.

The shops also suffered because people were not given pass-outs when they left the pay-beach, which meant that few people were willing to leave and then pay again to enter, said the spokesman.

The group had recently approached the town clerk and had been assured that pass-outs would soon be phased in at the beach.

The locked gate remains unresolved, however.

"We are thankful that people are now to get pass-outs, but this is not sufficient by a long way," said the spokesman.

People 'discouraged' from shops

"The two gates being used now are on either side of the fence and the gate near the middle is locked until 4.30pm. This certainly discourages people from using the businesses in Victoria Road near that middle gate."

Deputy Town Clerk Mr D de Villiers said a pass-out system could be introduced as early as today, but said there was no prospect in the near future of the gate being unlocked.

"We would have to hire someone to man the gate," he said. "But there are not enough people using the pay-beach to justify this expense."

"The beach constables patrolling the fence are not there to man the gate, and we see no prospect at the moment of hiring more staff."

"Our only concern is the fence, and we can't comment on its effect on businesses in the area. In any case, there is a kiosk on the pay-beach, and people obviously have the choice to use whichever shops they choose."

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New coloured area planned for W Cape

Staff Reporter

THE Government proposes to establish a new coloured group area 7km from Durbanville for the 15 000-strong community of Morningstar, an enclave surrounded by white suburbs.

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said in a statement today that a committee convened by his department had identified "a suitable area" and had decided to investigate it formally "with a view to the possible proclamation of the area as a group area for the coloured community".

The move was made in view of overcrowded conditions in Morningstar, to provide for its spacial needs because "limiting factors" meant it could not be extended further.

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The committee, comprising representatives of "all interested bodies", was convened after he discussed the Morningstar situation with Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government,

Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives; Mr L A P A Munnik, the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications; Mr Gene Louw, the Administrator; Mrs J Pilcher, MP for Kasselsvlei, and members of the Morningstar Management Committee and the Durbanville Relations Committee, Mr Heunis said.

The committee was formed this year with the department as convener.

"MOVED AS A WHOLE"

Mr Heunis said the community of Morningstar "preferred to be moved as a whole and settled within the influence sphere of Durbanville".

He said the committee was instructed to take into account the needs and requirements of the residents such as primary and secondary education.

According to local representatives of the committee, the area was acceptable to the community of Morningstar, Mr Heunis said.

The Group Areas Board would investigate before a final decision was made.

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Municipal Reporter

THE government is planning to establish a new coloured residential area 7km from Durbanville to ease overcrowding in the Morningstar township.

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced this week that the government intended proclaiming a portion of the farm Goedverwacht, near Durbanville, as a coloured Group Area.

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Vandals strike at Camps Bay beach fences

Staff Reporter

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It was repaired shortly afterwards. He said no one had claimed responsibility for the action.

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Staff Reporter

BATHERS at Camps Bay beach yesterday said the pay-beach was too big for the number of people using it and forced non-paying bathers to cram together in the area left for them.

Large stretches of the city council's experimental pay-beach were unoccupied while the unfenced beach had little extra room.

Bathers on the pay-beach were satisfied with the fence.

"I'm happy to pay for my whole family to sit here," said Mr Louis Fortuin, of Athlone. "It's safe, there's lots of space and we can stretch out.

"I can also see exactly what my kids are doing all the time. They can't get lost in the crowds."

Ms Freda Labuschagne, of Parow, said: "Many people predicted that the pay-beach would be a form of economic apartheid, but this is obviously not so. "People of all races

are using the beach because it isn't overcrowded, it's safe and it keeps out the rough elements."

Mr Colin de Villiers, of Bellville, said the pay beach was "a necessary evil". He said those who could afford it should be allowed "to remain comfortably apart from the mass of people on the other beach".

Mr Henry Louw, of Pretoria, said he refused to use the pay-beach. "I would feel like I'm lying in a cage. It's ugly and unnatural."

Ms E van Wyk, of Johannesburg, said: "The pay-beach is just too big. It's two-thirds empty and the non-paying beach is packed.

"Beach-goers who don't want to pay are forced to lie almost on top of one another."

Ms Janet Marais, of Sea Point, said: "I think many bathers are now being forced to pay because of the overcrowding on the unfenced beach."

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Cautious driver killed

LOS ANGELES. — A man who told friends he was too drunk to drive and would walk home, was killed by a hit-and-run driver on Christmas Eve, police said.

Mr Manuel S Juares, 43, was walking across a street on Tuesday evening when he was run down, police said.

Mr Juares was taken to a hospital with massive head injuries and died a short time later.

He had parked his car and stopped in at a friend's home to say he was too drunk to drive and that he was leaving his car nearby. He lived about three blocks from where he was run down. — UPI

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Mixing on the beach



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No 'incidents' as all races bathe together in EL

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — The orderly and incident-free presence of thousands of blacks on Eastern Beach over the Christmas period proved that beaches should be legally opened to all races, two city councillors — one the Mayor — said this week.

The chairman of East London's Action Committee, Mr Donald Card, said he would propose to the City Council early in the New Year that all beaches be opened.

The Mayor of East London, Mr Joe Yazbek, said he had received only one complaint about the black bathers' presence.

"It came from a woman who would not give her name, and I resent anonymous complaints," he said.

"As far as I am concerned the friendly turnout at Eastern Beach was a highlight of the week.

"It was an outstanding success and I have not heard of a single nasty incident.

"It proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that all our beaches should be opened to all races."

Mr Card said people of all races had enjoyed themselves on Eastern Beach this week without any friction.

"I went down there and saw about 2,000 people in



Mr JOE YAZBEK
... we are right

the surf," he said.

"They were mostly blacks but there were also many whites. There was no ill feeling.

"The only unpleasantness was the fact that the blacks had to go there in defiance of the law.

"The beach should have been legally opened to all."

Mr Card said, however, that he was expecting a few complaints about blacks undressing in the open.

"But I saw a white man doing exactly the same thing — in the middle of the road," he added.

Mr Card said if ratepayers wanted a beach of their own "we must consider it."

"After all, the ratepayers do spend more than £300,000 a year on the upkeep of beaches.

"But if they have their own beach, then ratepayers of all races must be admitted to it."

● The East London City Council last week decided not to send a delegation to Cape Town to plead with the Provincial administration to lift restrictions on the city's beaches.

This was after the council received a telex from the Administrator, Mr Eugene Louw, in reply to the council's request to open the beaches, stating that the provincial executive had not had time to consider the issue and the beaches had to remain "white" for the present.

The council decided, however, not to replace "whites only" signs recently removed from beaches.

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Peace
in the
sun at
beaches

Staff Reporter

BEAUTIFUL weather brought thousands of people to Cape Peninsula beaches and pools over New Year.

There were no reports of drownings, unlike in the 1984/1985 New Year period, when 19 people drowned.

Mr David Hersch, national public relations officer for South African Lifesaving, said last night that beaches had been crowded but not uncomfortable.

Peacefulness on the beaches had been "a credit to the people of Cape Town", he said.

Mr Hersch said sharks were spotted among bathers at the Strand yesterday.

The Strand Surf Lifesaving Club cleared the water about 3.30pm and after about 45 minutes people were allowed to swim again.

A law-enforcement spokesman at Strandfontein estimated there were 100 000 people from the Strandfontein tidal pool to Mnandi Beach on New Year's Day and 60 000 people yesterday, although Mr Hersch said there had not been so many.

A spokesman at the Mnandi Beach complex said there were 3 500 people there on New Year's Day and by yesterday afternoon 1 800 people had flocked to the complex.

A spokesman for the Muizenberg beach office said there were about 8 000 people on the beach between Muizenberg station and Sunrise beach yesterday and about 12 000 to 15 000 on New Year's Day.

A spokesman for the D F Malan weather office said today's weather would initially be cloudy and cooler than the past two days, but that conditions should clear later.

Holidaymakers leave EL early

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Some holidaymakers are reported to have left East London early after an estimated 25 000 blacks crowded the Eastern Beach on New Year's Day.

The manager of a nearby caravan park, Mr Charl Maré, said the general feeling at the park had been that the campers' safety was being threatened.

Mr Maré said he had appealed to the campers to keep a low profile on the beach.

But several campers who had paid for the period until mid-January had left immediately, he said.

"I agree that these people must also have their rights, but then they must behave themselves. Then they will receive equal treatment."

His opinion was generally a provocative attitude among the crowds parking around the camping site. "They obviously aimed to make things uncomfortable for everyone else."

"Many of them were undressing and relieving themselves right next to the road."

Mr Maré expected at least half of the camp to run empty by the weekend, with at least 90 per cent of the campers never returning to East London.

The owner of a food

outlet at Marina Glen, Mr Bruce Goddard, said his business was "chaotic" on New Year's Day.

He had not expected so many customers and had been obliged to close his business three hours early.

"It was the largest single black group I've seen in my life."

The group was well behaved, he added, with minimal unpleasantness on his premises.

"However, the opening of all beaches could diffuse the turn-out of such numbers at the Eastern Beach and we could then go to the beach of their own choice," Mr Goddard said.

"The city council has made a stand, and it has to see it through now by providing facilities, as those existing were grossly inadequate"

In an unsigned letter to the Editor of the Daily Dispatch which bears the name of Mr C. van Aardt on holiday here from Krugersdorp, the writer said it appeared to him that the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, and councillor Donald Card saw "only what they want to see."



Part of the crowd on the Eastern Beach on New Year's Day.

"I have some very good black friends. The difference, however, is that they know how to behave and do not indulge in the manner of those I have seen on the Eastern Beach."

"I sincerely hope that both Mr Yazbek and Mr Card visited the beach on New Year's Day. If they did they would have seen a complete takeover of the beach, as well as utter disregard for other beach users."

In reaction to the complaints Mr Yazbek said he could not believe that people still took an attitude depriving so many people of their privileges.

The few incidents reported to have happened on the beach on New Year's Day could have happened in any crowded place.

"Every time I went

down there the crowds were in a good frame of mind."

He added that he could not understand how anyone could be so insensitive and insensitive to the gravity of the situation.

"We've reached the stage that we have to learn to live together; there is no other way."

Mr Donald Card said he had expected the large crowd at Eastern Beach as the buses had been hired months ago. "That is why I made an urgent move to open the beach to all races in order to prevent conflict."

At the same time as the application for the opening of the beach had been turned down, Mr Card said, the administrator had warned the council to treat the situation delicately.

"If the application had

had a positive result we would have been able to prepare for the situation and to control it. And there would have been goodwill on both sides."

A city councillor, Mr Eric Whitaker, said it was a tragedy that a certain section of the population had seen fit to wreck what could have been a peaceful transition to open beaches.

He said he believed in the eventual sharing of amenities subject to proper controls being exercised and proper facilities being provided.

"However we cannot and will not tolerate the liberal type of handover of amenities to mob rule, which was witnessed on New Year's Day."

Everyone who visited the Eastern Beach would be equally shocked at the behaviour of those who saw fit to rob, stab, kidnap and

harass innocent bathers and bystanders, he said.

The damage to vegetation destroyed to provide firewood to the masses, and the subsequent fire damage to plant life, would take years to correct, Mr Whitaker said.

"The council must now sum up the damage done to the city's tourist trade, and take immediate action to avoid a similar occurrence."

The MPC for East London City and also a city councillor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, said she visited the beach at 2 pm on New Year's Day, and found the situation to be unmanageable.

"In a survey done of beaches here, the capacity of the Eastern Beach proved able to take a maximum of 1 500 in the water at one time, while there were at least 5 000 people in the water

there at one time on January 1."

Mrs Kemp said she had received scores of calls from campers who approached her as MPC and as a councillor. "They are obviously most unhappy and will never return to the city if the situation repeated itself."

"I am convinced the move to the beach was organised. Leaches Bay has always been patronised, but there was hardly a soul there that day."

No amenity could take that sort of strain, she said, and a similar situation could lead only to confrontation.

Mr Whitaker and Mrs Kemp both paid tribute to the SA Police, municipal police and traffic police, who had shown a "level-headed approach in a sensitive situation."

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Abuse Over Open beach

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — Scores of abusive and threatening phone calls have been received this week by East London city councillors who were in favour of opening Eastern Beach to all races.

The abusive calls followed the "invasion" of the beach and its surroundings by an estimated 25,000 blacks on New Year's Day.

Many calls were to the Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, who has been an outspoken supporter of open beaches.

Mr Yazbek said he had been amazed at the hatred expressed by some callers.

Mr Donald Card, chairman of the city's Action Commi-

tee, said he had also been bombarded with abusive telephone calls.

"I've had three days of people shouting and screaming at me," he said. "My phone has not stopped ringing."

Mr Card believed most of his detractors did not understand the circumstances of the Eastern Beach "invasion".

He told Saps:

"The fact is that about six weeks ago I discovered that 50 buses had been hired to ferry blacks to the Eastern Beach over the Christmas period in defiance of all laws.

"I decided that the best way to sort it out was to move to have the beach opened to all races. The late hour at which the application was submitted to the Government for approval was due to this," Mr Card said.

He said he was extremely happy about the council's move to have the beach opened to all races but added that because of the last-minute application to the Government and its subsequent delay, the issue had become confused.

Mr Card said the situation at Eastern Beach would be sorted out as soon as possible.

"Ultimately we can talk to the people causing the trouble and unpleasant incidents," he said.

Mr Card said it was a minority of the black beach users who were making the situation unpleasant for others.

He said he had always foreseen problems of overcrowding if beaches were opened to all races, and had hoped a solution would have been found to avoid it.

"The main problem at Eastern Beach now is overcrowding. From this stems the other unpleasant incidents.

"I saw a group of blacks drinking on the beach at about 7pm yesterday. That side of it is wrong and should be stopped. Lawlessness can't be allowed to take over and where a criminal offence is being committed the police should take action."

Mr Card said a statement by the SAP that the beach situation was solely the responsibility of the municipality was the wrong attitude to adopt.

"Everybody must stand up and be counted, but the police

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Mrs Kemp wanted an urgent meeting of all officials involved at Eastern Beach on New Year's Day. "I am worried because an amenity like Eastern Beach can take only so much strain and to crowd it like it was on New Year's Day must lead to confrontation," she said. "And the people of East London are demanding that something be done. They are very bitter indeed. Many people are calling for a referendum on the beach issue. Mrs Kemp had no doubt that the invasion was organised but she did not know the motive behind the move. "But the result was that all other race groups were forced off the beach," she said. Another city councillor, Mr Eric Whitaker, said the people of East London were prepared to share amenities. "But we are not prepared to hand over to the kind of mob rule that existed on Eastern Beach," he said. "I wish some of our city councillors would get their heads out of the sand long enough to see what happened there. It was a sad day for East London and South Africa." Mr Whitaker said some people there had obviously used the occasion for political purposes. "They were chanting political slogans and giving black power salutes." He also spoke of criminal behaviour with whites being robbed at knife-point.

Mr Card said he did not believe the problems at the Eastern Beach would continue for much longer. "The beach situation is still something new. It will settle down and sort itself out," Mr Card said. "Other city councillors called for action to ensure that the 'orchestrated invasion' of Eastern Beach was not repeated. The councillors implied that the invasion and the resulting 'chaos' had been organised for political reasons. They spoke of widespread indecency and provocative behaviour. "There is no way we can allow this situation to arise again on Eastern Beach — or on any other beach," said Mrs Elzabe Kemp, a city councillor and MPC for East London Central. "I cannot repeat what people told me they had seen on Eastern Beach." Mrs Kemp went to the caravan park near Eastern Beach on New Year's Day in response to calls from anxious residents. "I then tried to organise an emergency council meeting but none of the senior councillors was available," she said. "I had no New Year holiday. My phone never stopped ringing. Not only visitors complained, I had calls from all parts of the city. Something drastic must be done early this year to plan for the future."

Open-beach councillors harassed by abusive phone calls

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War in the townships, peace on the beaches

CAPE TOWN was a strange mixture of war and peace over Christmas and New Year as New Crossroads erupted into violence while the Peninsula's beaches — considered a potential flashpoint for aggression — remained a picture of cheerful harmony.

At the same time, white East Londoners were outraged when an estimated 25 000 blacks arrived on the town's first non-racial beach on New Year's Day.

One commentator dismissed complaints about the behaviour of the crowd and said the opening of all beaches in the town would "diffuse the turn-out of such numbers" as everyone could

then go to the beach of their own choice.

In Durban, where the three prime bathing spots are reserved for whites, violence erupted between black and Indian bathers on the over-crowded Indian beach.

Police denied that the attacks were racially-inspired and attributed the violence to the lack of facilities and the over-crowding.

There was no violence on the five desegregated beaches.

These two instances, in towns which are still tip-toeing around the issue of open amenities, seem to indicate that the piecemeal opening of beaches, particularly

when the majority of the coast is reserved for a minority of the population, is not the answer.

By opening its entire coastline to all, Cape Town seems to have avoided the kind of racial tension experienced by these two cities.

Complaints from a certain section of Cape Town's white population last year about "over-crowding", "anti-social behaviour" and "improper dress" seem ludicrous compared to Durban's full-scale beach war and East London's mass invasion.

There is no doubt that the council's decision to provide more amenities (such as the Mzandi pool complex) reduced pres-



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By Hilary Venables

sure on coastal resorts. The closure of the Sea Point Pavilion when it was considered "full" could also have contributed to the lack of friction among bathers.

The expensive and controversial pay-beach, however, seem to have had little or no effect on the behaviour of

the crowds.

For one thing, the behaviour of bathers on the pay beaches was no better or worse than that of the people on the other side of the fence, although the "free beach" was much more densely populated.

The closure of the pay beach on three occa-

The prevailing unrest and increased transport costs were also cited as possible factors.

Whatever the reasons, the people present (and there were many) behaved as if they had been enjoying each other's company on open beaches all their lives.

And before everyone jumps up and concludes that fences, turnstiles and increased fees are the answer to controlling crowds, it is important to remember that none of these controls existed. Cape Town had none of the problems experienced in Durban and East London.

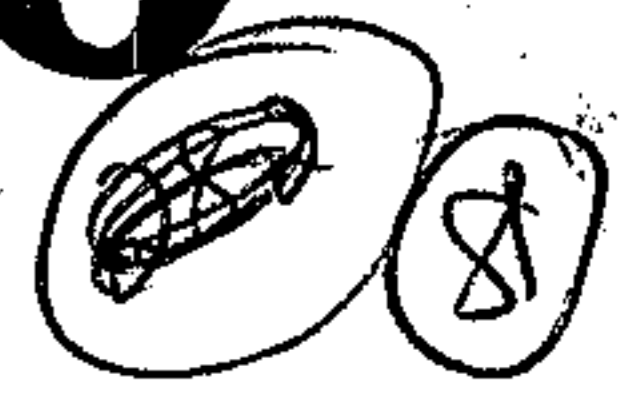
More and free amenities, and general familiarity with the perfectly normal idea of sharing the City with all his people, will do more to facilitate easy social interaction than any number of controls.

As one councillor said: "People have just got used to sharing. Open beaches are no longer an issue and people have become more tolerant and more considerate of each other."

One can only hope Durban and East London will reach the same conclusion and open all their beaches instead of backtracking by restoring apartheid to their few open amenities and facing an even worse problem in the years to come.

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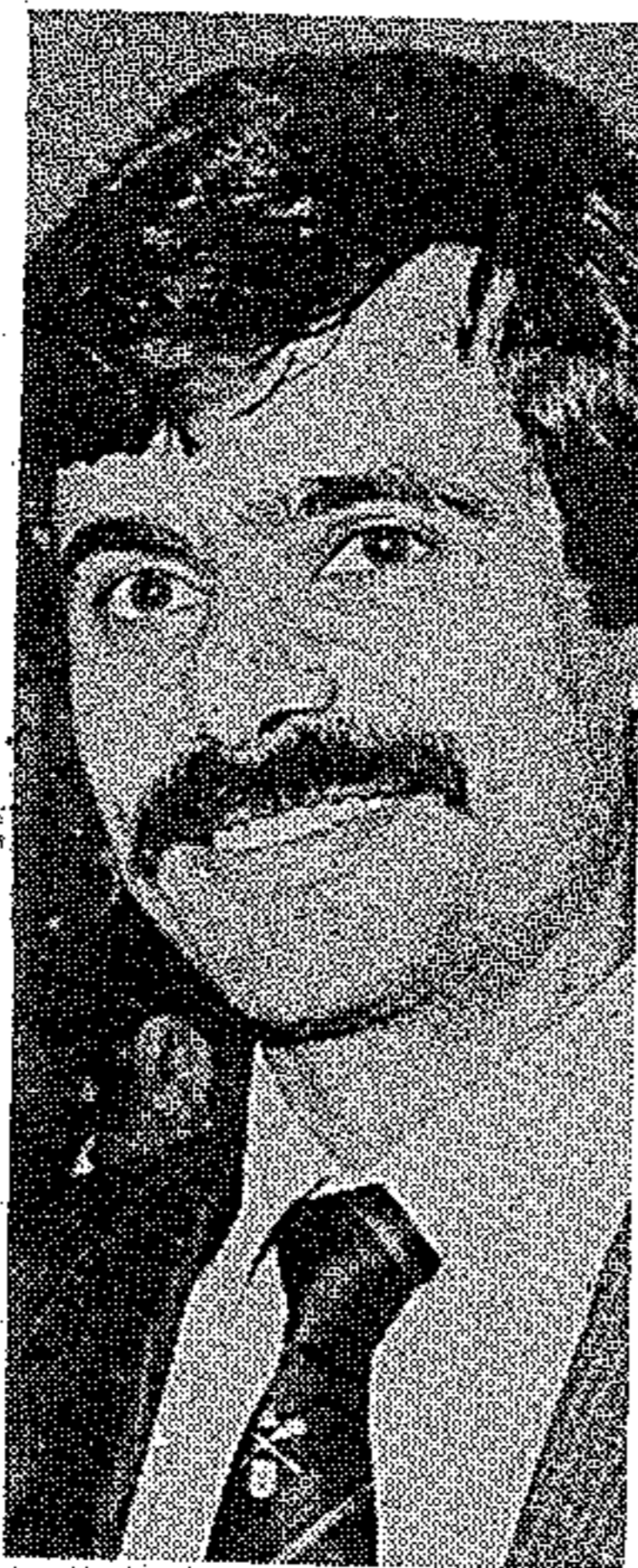
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Beach crisis: Card lays the blame

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EAST LONDON — Councillors who had voted against the opening of Eastern Beach were responsible for the situation which had arisen, and not the eight councillors singled out by Mrs Elsabe Kemp and Mr Peet de Pontes, Councillor Donald Card said last night.

"We wanted to organise the necessary precautions. In fact a meeting was held by the councillors with the parks portfolio and the heads of the municipal departments to discuss the expected influx of people to the Eastern Beach.

"This meeting was chaired by Councillor Robbie de Lange (jr)," Mr Card said.

Mr Card was not present at the meeting held on December 27. Other councillors present were the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, Mr J. H. Bezuidenhout and Mr P. M. Rohrtbart.

Commenting on Mrs Kemp's planned meeting this week with the administrator, Mr Card said that too much was being done by individuals and that she should go on instruction of the city council.

Reacting to the allegation that he, Mr Yazbek

and Mr Errol Spring had spearheaded the council's beach decisions. Mr Card said they had made the original proposal to open the beach, but it was not passed by the council.

"A committee was established by Councillor De Lange (jr) to investigate the matter."

A public meeting was held on December 11 to gauge public opinion on the issue, which was followed by a council meeting where the vote was six against five in favour of raising the issue with the administrator.

"Mr Yazbek, Mr Len Cooper, Mr De Lange (sr) and I were not even present at that meeting," Mr Card said.

"I resent the comment by Mrs Kemp and Mr De Pontes who imply hypocrisy on my part."

The reason for the lateness of the motion calling for opening the beach was that information on the fact that buses had been hired for such a large transportation was received late.

The council was aware of the urgency of the matter, Mr Card said.

Mr Card said he received his information

about the hiring of buses from a black man who had given it to him confidentially. The chief municipal traffic officer, Mr Brian Evans, had also received the same information.

"I have heard many scandals about who hired and paid for the buses; now I know Mrs Kemp and Mr De Pontes are involved with scandalmongers.

"If they suspect they know who had hired and paid for these buses they must inform the police. Withholding such information is a criminal offence."

Mr Yazbek said he was pleased Mrs Kemp would meet the administrator this week, and he hoped she would plead with him for the opening of the Eastern Beach to all races.

The "so-called blame" for the situation which arose at the Eastern Beach obviously rested on the majority of the city council, Mr Yazbek said, as the eight councillors singled out by Mr De Pontes and Mrs Kemp represented the majority of the council, which had 15 members at present.

Whatever took place at the beach was not in the power of the council, and "no one went ahead with anything as Mrs Kemp and Mr De Pontes said".

"No one opened the beach.

"Even their remotest insinuation that Mr Card or anyone else had anything to do with the transportation of the people to the Eastern Beach must be withdrawn forthwith. And an apology must be made to all councillors they think were involved," Mr Yazbek said.

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3 die in Border weekend unrest

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Three people died in unrest in the Border at the weekend.

A headman, Mr Albert Dlose, was axed to death early yesterday morning at Bolo, police reported in their unrest bulletin.

The SAP are investigating a charge of murder, the report said.

At Stutterheim, the bodies of two women were found on Saturday morning. They had apparently been burned to death with tyres. Police are investigating a case of murder.

At Dordrecht, two men were arrested for public violence.

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The loss of a leg doesn't deter Norman Parent of Exchange Club from photographed playing in a tournament at Turnbull Park



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Baysville, Cambridge, Clarendon, George Randall, Grens, Hudson Park, Port Rex, President, Selborne, Stirling Primary, Stirling High.

Liver baby doing well

Transvaal Bureau JOHANNESBURG — The Vanderbijlpark liver baby, Nicole Hohowsky, is in a critical, but stable condition in the University of California Hospital, Los Angeles, after receiving a donor liver in a seven-hour operation.

At 10 last night Mrs Doreen Hohowsky said from Los Angeles that she was delighted Nicole was making a remarkable recovery.

Mrs Nancy Creegan, trustee of the fund which sent Nicole for a transplant, spoke to Mrs Hohowsky and said that

she had been told by doctors that they were surprised at the way the transplanted liver had gone into action.

"Mrs Hohowsky said that she was very tired but delighted at her daughter's progress after the complex operation," Mrs Creegan said.

The next week will be a critical time for Nicole, according to the surgeon who performed the transplant, as her body may accept or reject the new liver.

Mrs Creegan, trustee for the Nicole Hohowsky Liver Transplant Fund said yesterday that Mrs

Hohowsky had been anxious about the operation.

But, the 15-month-old came through the operation "remarkably well" according to surgeon.

The child weighs 8 and the swelling in stomach had gone down.

Nicole received liver from a donor Portland, Oregon, after a three-month wait at hospital, during which three livers were available, but each another child was more serious condition or more suitable for donor organ.

Mordt: a promising debut

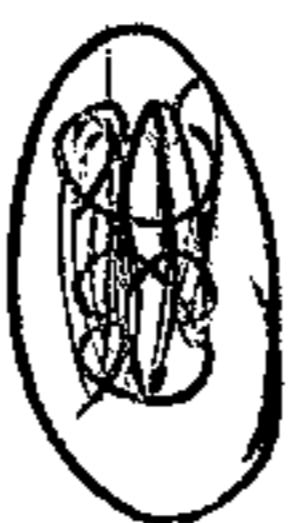
WIGAN — Springbok Ray Mordt made a promising debut in British rugby league here yesterday, helping Wigan romp to a 42-0 win over Swinton in a first

he adapted to the 13-man game and constantly sought chances to get involved in the action.

Playing on the right wing, he made one particularly impressive run

largest crowds of season at the Ce Park ground, with than 12 000 fans br bitterly cold weather

'Open' beaches: protest in EL



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By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — A public meeting will be held in East London tomorrow to protest against the uncontrolled crowding of 25 000 blacks on to the city's Eastern Beach on New Year's Day.

The meeting is seen as part of a white backlash against the "invasion" and reports of illegal and unsavoury incidents on the beach.

The influx of crowds of blacks took place in spite of the fact that Eastern Beach was still officially "white", although the City Council had applied for it to be opened to all races before the holiday season.

The crowds on the beach and the surrounding area led to vehement protests from sections of the East London community.

The protest meeting tomorrow has been organised by a committee led by Mr Basil Niemand and Mr Nick Slabber, both local businessmen. Mr Niemand and Mr Slabber said last night that they

would call for the resignation of those city councillors who were behind the application to open Eastern Beach "without adequate controls".

They particularly wanted the resignation of the Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, and his fellow councillor, Mr Donald Card, who they saw as the prime movers behind the unofficial opening.

Mr Niemand and Mr Slabber said they have formed an organisation to look after East Londoners' interests called the Individual Rights Association.

"It is not a party political organisation," Mr Niemand said. "It is a move away from party politics."

"After all it is party politics that has landed this country in such a mess."

Mr Niemand said the association was intended to bring unity and security to the people of the Border.

"It must be strong enough to negotiate with the city council, the Government and the black states"

Mr Niemand accused some city councillors of trying to achieve fame through the Eastern Beach issue.

Mr Niemand wanted blacks to have only limited access to Eastern Beach.

"They can also have the beaches they have already been given on the West Bank."

"The rest of the city's beaches must stay white." Mr Niemand will be the main speaker at the protest meeting, which will be held in the City Hall at 7.30pm.

De Lange confirms meetings

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Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The city councillor with the portfolio of Parks and Amenities, Mr Robert de Lange (jr), confirmed yesterday that he had chaired a meeting last month at which the opening of the Eastern Beach to all races was discussed.

He said concern was expressed by various councillors at the lack of facilities to accommodate the sudden influx of people onto the Eastern

Beach, "which could create problems and draw criticism".

Another meeting was held to discuss contingency plans to deal with the anticipated influx of people to the Eastern Beach over the Christmas holiday period. This meeting was convened by the town clerk and chaired by Mr De Lange (jr) in his capacity as chairman of the parks and amenities portfolio, he said.

The meeting was attended by various heads of the municipal departments, Mr De Lange said, and aspects of sufficient toilet facilities, back-up service for the lifesavers, control measures for the possible influx of large crowds and traffic were items of discussion.

The minutes of the meeting, which was held one week before Christmas, revealed that those present agreed that the

director of parks and amenities would approach the proprietor of the roadhouse at Marina Glen with a request to provide extra litter containers for use by the roadhouse customers.

It was also agreed that, in consultation with the beach manager the services of a person fluent in Xhosa be employed to direct the crowds of people expected to use the Eastern Beach on December 26 and January 1.

The security/civil defence superintendent informed the meeting that the SAP would take action against criminal offenders only, and not where complaints arose concerning black people using so-called white beaches.

It was also agreed at the meeting that the municipal police would keep a low profile with regard to matters where confrontation between black people and white

officials was imminent.

It was resolved that the heads of the various departments take note of any real problems which might occur on December 26 and New Year's Day with the anticipated crowds of beach-goers to the Eastern Beach so that these problems could be solved before an application to declare the beach non-racial was forwarded to the administrator by the city council.

'Never again District Six'

By ANDREW
DONALDSON

DISTRICT SIX was South Africa's Hiroshima and it too should not be allowed to happen again.

This was said by novelist, scholar and academic Dr Richard Rive yesterday on his return from a month-long academic visit to Japan where he was visiting professor of English literature at one of Japan's largest private universities, Meiji University in Tokyo.

Dr Rive, head of the English Department at the Hewan Teachers Training College in Athlone, has also been awarded a research professorship at Harvard University in the United States which he will take up this year.

A new novel, "Buckingham Palace, District Six", and the first in a two-volume series, "Selected Letters of Olive Schreiner", will also be published this year.

The novel, arising "from a fairly creative period before I left for Japan", was written in the hope of keeping the memory of District Six alive.

"I got the impression youngsters were paying a great deal of attention to that era because their parents grew up in District Six and I thought that before anybody forgets about it, it should be put down in novel form — by somebody like myself who lived in District Six," he said.

'All areas'

District Six, he stressed, was not merely a reference to the former Cape Town suburb, but to all areas affected by forced removals.

"Suburbs people are forced from or forced into — that's District Six to me. And, under apartheid, District Six continues — even now."

Dr Rive arrived in Japan just after the 40th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bomb attacks, and found the atmosphere created by ceremonies marking them "very touching".

"I was struck by the emphasis of Hiroshima and 'We must never let it happen again'. I suppose District Six is our Hiroshima and we, too, must not let it happen again," Dr Rive said.

'Open' beach: 800 protest

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By KEITH ROSS

NEARLY 800 people attended a meeting in East London last night to protest against the "uncontrolled opening" of Eastern Beach to all races.

The meeting was called after 25 000 blacks visited Eastern Beach on New Year's Day.

The blacks flocked to the beach despite the fact that it remained officially white after a bid by the City Council to have it opened before the holiday season had failed.

The huge influx of blacks was accompanied by reports of illegal and indecent behaviour, resulting in protests from sections of the East London community.

The protest meeting last night was organised by a committee led by two local businessmen, Mr Basil Niemand and Mr Mick Slabber.

Mr Niemand said the meeting was not racist, but East Londoners were not willing to be intimidated by 25 000 people.

He called for an end to party politics in City Council

affairs and accused three local councillors — the Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, Mr Donald Card and Mr Errol Spring — of using local issues for personal gain.

Mr Niemand also accused Mr Card of "bringing" 25 000 people on to Eastern Beach.

Mr Niemand said East Londoners knew blacks had been on the beaches in the past. "We never tried to bluntly chase them away," he said.

"But we cannot allow blacks to move in and take over as they did during the festive season."

Mr Niemand said he wanted limited access for blacks on Eastern Beach, but the Orient and Nahoon beaches "would have to stay white".

He called for the resignation of Mr Yazbek, Mr Card and Mr Spring and a petition to this effect was circulated at the meeting.

Mr Niemand said an organisation called the Individual Rights Association (IRA) had been formed by his committee to look after the interests of the people of East London and the Border.

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Poll may be called on EL beach issue

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city's 12 000 ratepayers face the prospect of a city council-initiated public meeting and a possible poll on the beach issue.

This was decided here last night at an action committee meeting of the council which is closed to the press.

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Action committee chairman, Mr Donald Card, confirmed last night that the issue was discussed following the controversy since 25 000 blacks flocked onto the whites-only Eastern Beach on New Year's Day.

DISPATCH

A motion from the MPC for East London City, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, asked that a firm of consultants be appointed to investigate the whole beach issue.

The consultants will be given all the facts and their proposals will be put to ratepayers at a public meeting to be called by the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek.

If ratepayers are still not happy at the public meeting, a poll can be called to decide the issue.

Mr Card confirmed that the motion was supported by all councillors except the point about a poll where there was dissent.

Asked about the time factor, Mr Card said everything would be done "as soon as possible".

"Time is of the essence in this matter as it is vitally affecting our city. We have to work fast to solve it."

After agreement has been reached on the proposals, the Administrator will be approached with it and the necessary funds sought to implement it.

Courage, innovation needed to change our urban ethnicity

Cape Times 16/1/86 (12) (8)

By Prof WOLFGANG H THOMAS
of the Department of Economics at UWC

MUCH of the reason for the widespread disillusionment with South Africa's reform programmes may be sought in the gap between reform promises and eventual action.

This applies to the political arena as much as to the economic and social spheres, including housing and the development of new residential areas and townships.

With the political watershed year of 1985 behind us and the Western Cape searching for a "local option" strategy towards racial reconciliation, the envisaged development of the new town of Blue Downs at the eastern edge of the greater Cape Town metropolis opens up opportunities for genuine reform.

The 4 000 ha lower Kuils River area, to the east of D F Malan Airport, between Khayelitsha in the south and Belhar in the north, was initially to be developed by the Cape Town City Council for low-income coloured housing.

Opposition from different areas led to the transfer of responsibility for this development to Mr David Curry's department in the House of Representatives.

During the past six months a technical committee responsible to this department prepared a structure plan for the development of a "town" of about 200 000 coloured people. In the meantime several private developers expressed keen interest in developing parts of the area, aiming at middle-to-higher income home buyers.

While planning is still at a relatively early stage — the structure plan has not yet been approved by the province — it is obvious from past experience and from some of the recommendations in the revised plan that we may be heading for another conventional "coloured township" unless dramatic reform action is built into this project.

To get clarity about the new approach let us look at some recent failures.

Artificially

□ The sprawling "town" of Mitchells Plain was developed by the Cape Town City Council against its will and with a complete lack of balance with respect to employment and housing in the area. It has also been planned in a regulated and rigid manner, with roads dominating urban life.

□ Atlantis, once planned for 750 000 people, has been developed artificially and against the will of the people concerned. Local employment opportunities are insufficient, the "town" itself supplies few jobs and it is unlikely to attract activities other than the heavily subsidized industries. With



Khayelitsha ... home for 400 000 people. Standards have been reduced in the face of mounting costs.

pressure against expensive decentralization subsidies, Atlantis faces stagnation.

□ Khayelitsha, earmarked for up to 400 000 people, seems little more than a vast dormitory for Africans, with standards reduced as construction costs increase.

In contrast to these large developments some smaller schemes, like Belhar, Kleinvelei, Eerste River, Montana or Macassar, may seem more successful but that only applies to the residential developments. None of them developed a greater urban significance or was able to attract more than the minimum suburban commercial facilities.

At the same time coloured and black Capetonians continued to flock — often considerable distances — to existing or new shopping centres and administrative and industrial centres in the CBD and along the Main Road and Voortrekker Road in "white" areas.

This imbalance is likely to increase unless fundamental adjustments get under way. Current estimates of the expansions at Macassar, Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain, Blue Downs and Belhar suggest a population of more than one million along the south-eastern periphery of greater Cape Town by the early years of the next century.

Another dimension should not be ignored. Atlantis, Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha are racially exclusive townships, with the socio-political conflict resulting from such exclusivity already apparent during recent months.

While one may hope that

moves to get racially "grey areas" accepted will soon receive wider support (whereas the "opening by stealth" of upper-income suburbs will gradually increase) it is time that an attempt is made in the Western Cape to develop a racially open area. If this is not possible under the authority of an apartheid critic like David Curry and in the light of the shock waves of 1985, the future looks bleak.

The conclusions from the above are both obvious and compelling. The envisaged new large development in the lower Kuils River area should be a dramatic break with the past, constituting the economic base for a south-eastern development mode and somewhat balancing the counterweight of Cape Town's CBD almost 30 km away.

To attract developers for more than a few spec-housing projects and some shopping complexes a totally new image has to be created for Blue Downs. The image should centre on three key aspects:

□ Racial openness of the residential, commercial and industrial parts;

□ Job creation as the primary development force; and

□ Dynamic forward planning by a local urban development corporation.

Such an approach implies that the Blue Downs area should not be developed as stepchild of any municipality or council — or, what is worse, the combination of several — but as the only project of a specifically established Blue Downs Development Corporation.

This could be the forerunner of a future multiracial municipality of Blue Downs, to which other adjoining suburbs like Kleinvelei or Eerste River might incorporate.

It would follow logically that such a (non-profit) corporation would vigorously attempt to attract new industries, service and administrative establishments and other investors into the area, thereby creating local employment, boosting the local tax base and creating a growth momentum as happened in other (white) towns within greater Cape Town.

Dynamic

Included in such employment intensive projects should be administrative facilities for the million people in the south-eastern axis of Cape Town, major insurance and banking developments, a medical centre, new types of techno-industries, industries related to the vast construction sector linked to the residential developments in this area and other appropriate industries.

To attract such ventures requires a dynamic PR and marketing approach of the new "town", something never contemplated in the old-style "townships".

Unless Blue Downs is multiracial from the start, incorporating the African township of Mfuleni (as an upgraded and expanded suburb) and purporting to be more than just another self-contained dormitory township, such larger developments will never get off the ground. Mere lip service will be paid to job creation, shopping centres will be limited to "local needs" and the bulk of the 200 000-odd people accommodated in the area will again commute to far away parts of greater Cape Town.

What is required is imagination, courage to break with the patterns of the recent past and some drive to manage the complexities of urban development in an innovative way.

This has been proven feasible elsewhere in the world and in South Africa — so why should it not be feasible here?

One can think of many obstacles, including the selfishness of other, existing local authorities in the vicinity, but the challenge is large enough to make an attempt.

Foreign investment, in fact, seems to be available for a part of such a new type of urban development and local institutional investors may respond positively to such a different approach.

Can the courage be mustered? What is more, could the multiracial character of such urban development not help to get the "Cape option" off the ground?

SAIRR: share Border beaches

2/11/86 DISPATCH

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The Border branch of the South African Institute of Race Relations has called for beach apartheid to be scrapped and for harmonious co-operation to transcend national borders.

A statement issued by Mr Harold Winearls and Mr Jeremy Watson called on the municipality to provide ample facilities at popular beaches where large crowds gathered.

The statement, which calls for harmonious relationships in the entire society in all aspects of daily life, follows the Eastern Beach incident when 25 000 blacks flocked onto the whites-only beach on New Years Day.

The statement said: "While not supporting apartheid, we do recog-

nise the existence of Ciskei and Transkei. The Border area is intimately linked to these two states physically, economically and it must be emphasised, also socially.

"This inter-dependence between these states is permanent and must be accepted as important by all as essential to the economic viability of each area. Naturally the people concerned will come to be more and more in daily contact with one another. They will do so to an ever increasing extent on equal terms.

"The city of East London and the town of Mdantsane are more closely linked to each other than to any others. Nearly the whole adult population of Mdantsane works in East London by day and returns at night. In practice,

Mdantsane is a satellite dormitory town of East London, similar to Beacon Bay and Gonubie.

"East Londoners should be encouraging co-operation and mutual respect with all these people, irrespective of race. The government is committed to abolishing petty apartheid.

"Surely sharing the Indian Ocean should be a top priority in our efforts to live together harmoniously."

The statement said that where there were large crowds gathered there would naturally be more incidents, whether they were on the beach or at sports matches.

"But all people should have the right to enjoy public facilities such as beaches."

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DISPATCH Open CBDs to be advertised

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — Parties interested in the opening of the city's central business district (CBD) should soon be able to voice their sentiments to the government.

The director of land allocation in the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Bertie Nel, said yesterday from Pretoria the East London City Council's application for open trading areas had been "approved for advertising" in the media.

"The application was sent through and approved, and the next step will be to draw up a map which will be placed with the advert calling for comment on the area proposed by the city council."

On Monday the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced that CBDs in Johannesburg, Durban, and Cape Town would be opened up to trading by all races "any day now", and that other large centres would soon follow.

He said the procedure to be followed in proclaiming free trade areas would be speeded up, following applications by more than 50 municipalities to have their CBDs opened to all races.

Mr Heunis also said he had instructed his department "to treat this matter with the utmost priority" and to limit the administrative preparations to a minimum wherever possible in order to have the free trading areas finalised as soon as possible.

Mr Nel said once the department's drawing office had completed the map "it shouldn't be too long before we are able to place the adverts. When it has been prepared it will be sent to

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the department's regional office in Port Elizabeth, and staff there will arrange for it to be published in the local newspaper."

Ten days would be allowed for interested parties to respond to the advert, following which a report would be drawn up and sent to the minister. Mr Nel said if a controversy arose over the proposed area, a public meeting could be held to discuss the matter.

"But in our experience the Section 19 areas have not sparked much of a debate."

He gave the assurance the department was doing its "level best" to process the applications as soon as possible. "The minister's statement will certainly streamline the process, and internal changes have also been made."

The city's acting town clerk, Miss Abby Cronin, said council had lodged its application in May last year. "The application was made shortly after the minister announced CBDs could be opened. In our case, council had resolved that all business areas, and not just the CBD, should be opened up, so our application was sent back to us with a request for descriptions of all the proposed areas.

"This meant we had to undertake a field study, which took a few months to complete, and the application was again sent to the department. It is now basically up to the minister to decide on our application."

The mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, said he fervently hoped East London would not be overlooked in the applications that were soon to be approved.

"We are very anxious that not only CBDs but all business areas are opened at the earliest

opportunity. We cherish the hope we will be included. If we are passed over we will make the strongest possible representations, and in this we will have the solid backing of both commerce and industry.

"I cannot believe we will be overlooked because we were among the first to comply with all the requirements necessary to motivate the application."

Meanwhile, business leaders have both criticised and welcomed aspects of Mr Heunis' announcement earlier this week.

The president of the East London Chamber of Commerce, Mr Nico Cloete, asked why the city "had been left out. We applied right at the beginning so why are we different from the other bigger centres?"

"Our application seems to be taking a long time and we can't understand the reasons for the delay. There seems to be an incredible amount of red tape to get through."

While welcoming the announcement that procedures would be streamlined, he said the chamber would see if it "could speed up things ourselves. We are urgently awaiting the go-ahead."

The chairman of the North End Traders' Association, Mr Dennis Meyer, said: "We are pleased the efforts we and others have made are bearing fruit, and we urge the government to open East London's CBD without delay."

He also urged that efforts to remove discrimination in other areas be pushed through without delay.

The chairman of the Afrikaanse Sakekamer, Mr Willie Kruger, was in Transkei yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

Beach issue goes back to council in East London

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25/1/86 P.E. Post By KEITH ROSE

EAST LONDON — The City Council will soon draw up guidelines for the possible opening of East London's beaches to all races, Mr Donald Card, chairman of the council's action committee, said this week.

The beach issue would be taken back to the council so that views could be aired before a full investigation was carried out.

He said this was being done at the request of the municipal departments involved in the beach issue.

"The department heads want our views in more detail before they brief consultants who will carry out a full investigation into beach facilities," he said.

"The consultants will look at the total number of people who can be accommodated on each beach, what facilities are needed and how much they will cost.

"They will also look at ways of controlling numbers on the beaches. We must never have 25 000 people on Eastern Beach again."

The crowd on New Year's Day, when 25 000 blacks went to the beach, had been "a frightening number".

"The crowd upset people but there has also been a lot of political propaganda on the issue," he said.

"People have accused me of arranging transport to take blacks to the beach and there is no way they could have sucked that idea out of their thumbs.

"I believe there has been a propaganda campaign against me and the other councillors who see the abolition of apartheid laws as the solution to our problems.

"There is no doubt the flood of blacks onto the beach was orchestrated, but so was the campaign against us that followed."

Mr Card said the beach issue had become a problem largely because of the reaction of some whites.

"Some people are prepared to see only the bad side," he said. "Can you imagine what would have happened on Eastern Beach if 25 000 white motorcyclists had gone there for a rally?"

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Schotsche Kloof 81

greening

Environment Reporter

THE City Council's Department of Parks and Forests, in conjunction with community leaders, has started a campaign aimed at the greening of Schotsche Kloof and the prevention of constant small fires on the mountain.

The first meeting for school children, organized by Imam A. M. Saban and department officials, was held at the Schotsche Kloof Primary School on Tuesday and was also attended by fire brigade members.

The campaign had been delayed subject to permission to hold a meeting in the area, a Parks and Forests officer, Mr Hans van den Berg, said yesterday.

"We will launch an awareness campaign, the planting of trees and conservation education through schools and groups like the scouts.

"Our aim is to beautify the area and prevent destructive fires by introducing the children to nature and its conservation," he said.

The department hopes to see a return of the fynbos at Schotsche Kloof and the general encouragement of plant growth. The elimination of the constant small fires that break out on the side of the mountain will be a priority.

The department's message will be "join hands to become rangers and prevent destruction", Mr Van den Berg said.

Mixed-marriage shopowner loses licence

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Weekend Post Reporter

A LEADING Kirkwood store, Salter's supermarket, was closed down by the police today after the municipality refused to renew the licence of the owner, who is married to a coloured woman.

The Town Clerk, Mr J C Muller, told the owner, Mr Jack Salter, in a letter yesterday that because he was married to a coloured woman, under the Group Areas Act he was re-classified coloured and was not allowed to trade in the white area.

Mr Salter is contesting the issue with an application for an interdict in the Supreme Court on Monday and will be suing for

damages — loss of business.

The closure today followed the brief arrest of his wife, Mrs Imelda Salter, who was charged with trading without a licence in Mr Salter's absence.

The latest crop of trouble (Mr Salter was detained for two weeks by the police during a consumer boycott last August) began yesterday afternoon when Mr Salter sought to renew his trading licence.

He sent it with the cash to the licensing officer, Mr Max Crouse, but it was returned with the instructions that he would have to present it on Monday because he "couldn't

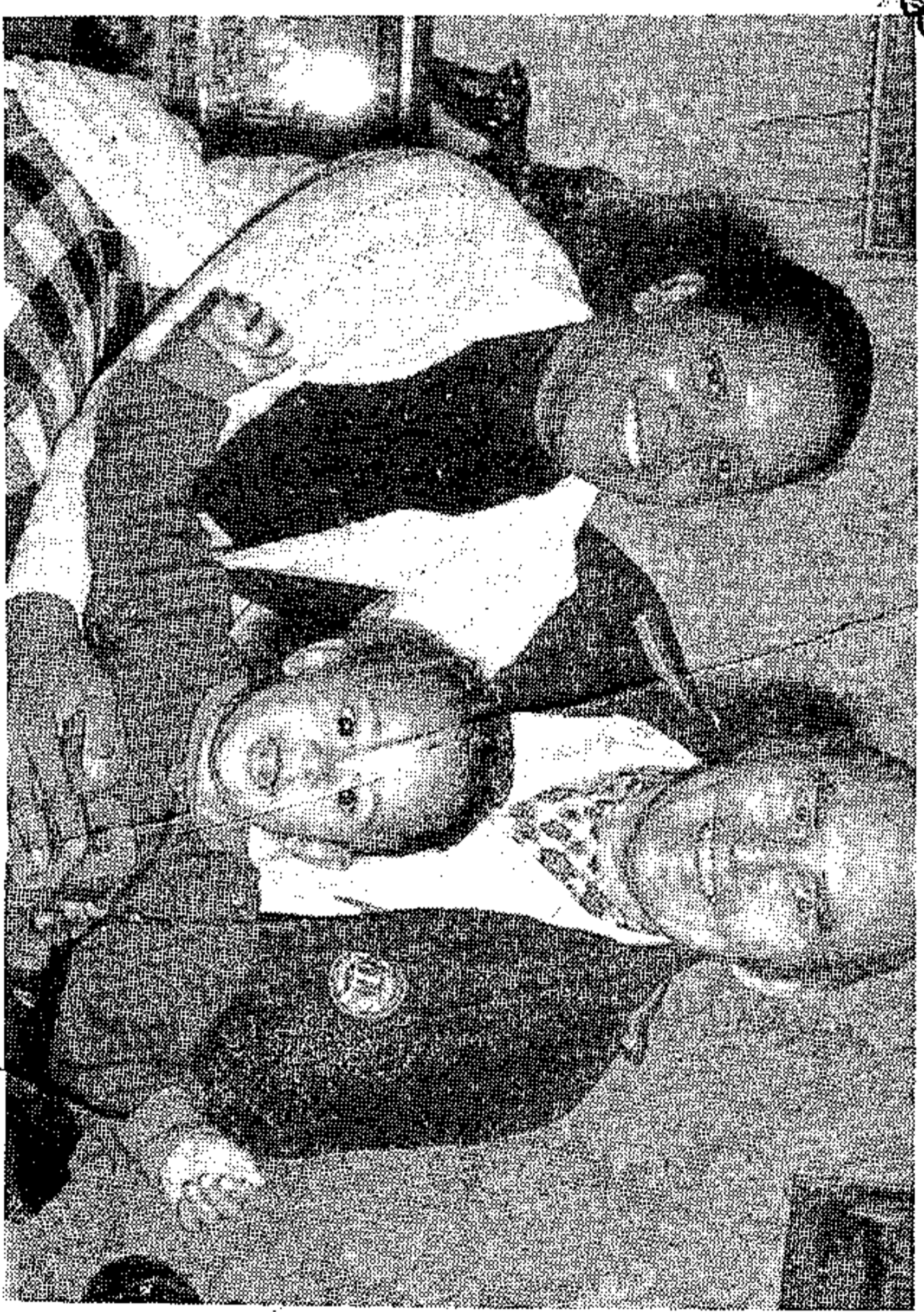
accept cash in the afternoon".

It warned that if he continued to trade he would be committing an offence.

Early today, Mr Salter drove into Uitenhage to buy stock and received a call at a warehouse telling him police had arrested his wife at the supermarket for trading without a licence.

She was released after being charged.

He also said his marriage, which took place in Umtata, was not recognised by various authorities in South Africa, including the Receiver of Revenue.



Mr JACK SALTER with his wife, IMELDA, and their son, LANCE. His supermarket was closed down today as a result of his marriage to a coloured woman.

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Homeless people in District Six

By ARNOLD KIRKBY

HOMELSS people are returning to live in the grasslands and rubble which was once District Six.

An investigation by the Cape Times last week found that some of the people had been living in the open for up to two years, living by whatever means possible.

Among the six or seven groups found in the veld were two sisters aged about 12 or 13, but they would not divulge their names.

One man, Mr Frans Jacobs, 34, said he had moved to Cape Town from Port Elizabeth and had been living in the veld for two years. He said he was a plasterer, but had not been able to find a steady job.

Another man, Mr Frans Jafta, 24, formerly a labourer from Bredasdorp, said he had been living there for about the same period and experienced the same problems in finding a job.

A woman called Tuinap Barker said she stood guard over the meagre possessions

which she and her common-law husband Charles De Kock had collected, while he went to find any work he could find.

She said one of them had to stay there all the time to prevent their blankets and clothing being stolen.

They live wedged between two pieces of broken concrete pillar which served as a wind-break against the south-easter. They could not keep too many possessions with them for fear of being attacked and robbed.

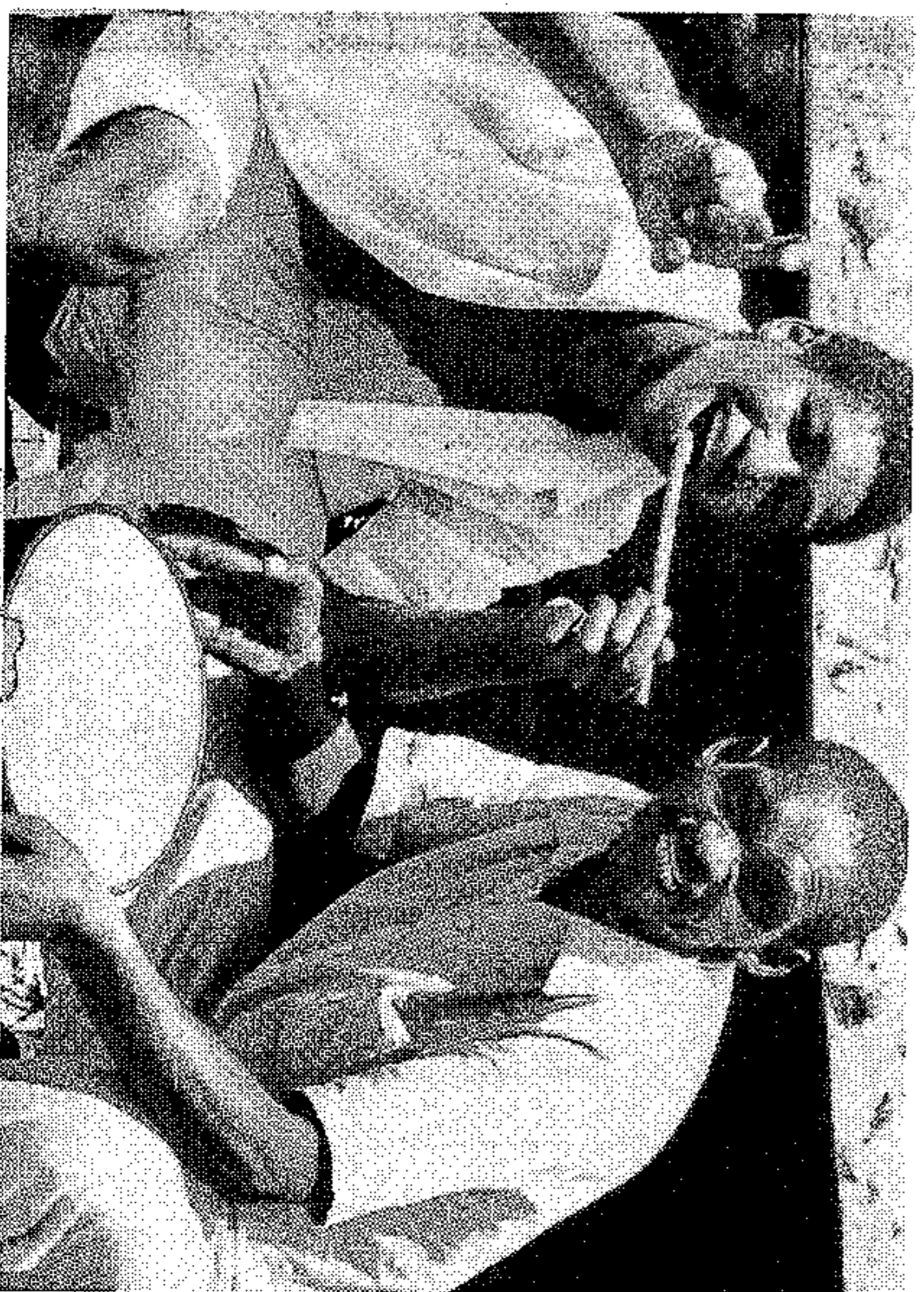
Most people scrounge water from the surrounding suburbs and clothing gets washed in plastic buckets then dried on bushes. Food is either cooked on open fires or obtained from the local Service Dining Room, a charity feeding scheme.

Some said they grew up in District Six and when it was flattened in 1979, they were forced to move to areas such as Mitchells Plain. But they could no longer afford a roof over their heads, especially when the economy started to

slump and they lost their jobs.

They had now moved back to their old stamping-grounds, where they had easy access to the City, in which they could beg in the streets or find odd jobs on building sites or doing gardening.

● The City Council is considering a report on housing for the very poor and has earmarked a number of sites and buildings in the central City and suburbs for possible development as shelters for vagrants.



Mr Frans Jafta (left) and Mr Frans Jacobs enjoy a meal in a makeshift kitchen in the wasteland of District Six.



A group of people who have made the bare veld of District Six their home.

Movies in PE open to all

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Post Reporter

CINEMAS in Port Elizabeth are open to all races from today.

The Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Piet Badenhorst, signed the authority late last night. He told the Evening Post that as far as he was concerned it was immediately effective.

Mr Badenhorst said all Ster-Kinekor complexes in Port Elizabeth were affected — at Greenacres, in Rink Street and in the Elizabeth Sun complex.

The Walmer Drive-In was also included.

The Port Elizabeth Drive-In in Cape Road at Linton Grange has been open to all races for some time.

Earlier the Government said it would allow cinemas in central business districts throughout the country to open their doors to all if they wished to do so.

But Port Elizabeth was excluded because none of the cinemas are in the CBD.

Commenting on the move, the regional general manager of Ster-Kinekor, Mr Jos Joubert, said today: "Although we have not been officially notified of the move yet, it will be a great relief to us."

"We welcome the news as a step in the

right direction. We made applications for cinemas to be opened in November last year."

The vice-president of the UDF in the Eastern Cape, Mr Henry Fazzie, said: "I hope this will be the beginning of doing away with apartheid."

"If the small things are started with, it shows we will be able to get what we want eventually. The white community in PE is beginning to see what is needed for all people in South Africa."

The deputy chairman on the Northern Areas Management Committee, Mr Martin Jansen, said: "I sincerely hope this is a start of more to come."

The acting chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Jay Kathan, said: "The Indian Management Committee welcomes the move as a positive step in the direction of reform."

● In another move Mr Badenhorst's department has reversed an earlier controversial ruling on the Three Arts Theatre in Cape Town which may now also admit all races to cinema shows and not just live shows, as has been the case up to now.



From today there won't be any more "white nights" in Port Elizabeth cinemas. Mr JOSEPH SCOUT, of Zwide, and Mr SAKWE, of Motherwell, hold tickets which allowed them to enter the Kine Park complex in Rink Street for the first time. They expressed delight with the move to open cinemas in PE. It was authorised by Mr Piet Badenhorst, Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development, late last night. Picture by [unclear]

Row grows over restricted dining room

CAPE TIMES 5/2/86

By BARRY STREEK

THE ongoing row over the whites-only restaurant in Parliament escalated yesterday when a cabinet minister, Mr Alan Hendrickse, joined the defiance and was refused even a glass of water.

And a Progressive Federal Party front-bencher, Mr Horace van Rensburg, said he would not eat in the canteen again "until such time as it has been opened for use for all Members of Parliament, irrespective of their race and colour".

In the House of Representatives yesterday, the refusal of service to Labour Party MPs was strongly condemned as an apartheid measure.

But the Speaker, Mr Johan Greeff, said the dining room was a facility provided for the members of the House of Assembly.

"Each and every House has their own dining room where the members can discuss matters without interference," he said.

Mr Greeff said this policy was "never brought in for apartheid reasons or for reasons of colour. It is like a club where they are entitled to their privacy".

At lunchtime yesterday Mr Hendrickse and two other ministers, Mr Andrew Julies and Mr Chris April, were among about 30 Labour Party

MPs who were refused service.

Mr Hendrickse said salads were removed from the tables they were sitting at and even the serving of water was refused.

In a statement, Mr Van Rensburg said he had sat down with a member of the House of Representatives "and we proceeded to discuss matters relating to education in South Africa".

They had both ordered a meal but "the waiter only arrived with my meal and I noticed that he did not serve my companion.

"I asked him what the situation was, and he then said they were under strict orders not to serve members of the House of Representatives," he said.

He said he then told the waiter he would not be having his meal, paid for it and left it untouched.

In the House of Representatives, a number of speakers said the leader of the Conservative Party, Dr Andries Treurnicht, had come into the dining room and said to

the Labour Party MPs: "Gentlemen, this is our place."

The Minister of Education and Culture, Mr David Curry, said in the House of Representatives that the incident and Dr Treurnicht's statement showed that many whites were still living in the past.

'Red flag'

"We came here to remove apartheid. We came here not to preserve white chambers of Parliament, not to preserve little rooms for whites only," Mr Curry said.

Yesterday's incident showed that apartheid still rubbed up people the wrong way. "It is like putting a red flag in front of them," Mr Curry said.

Mr Curry said anyone, black or white, was free to use the House of Representatives dining room.

The MP for Bonteheuwel, Mr Patrick Mackenzie, said Mr Van Rensburg should be congratulated because he was the only white MP who had refused his meal and left.

But "the great freedom fighter", Mrs Helen Suzman, continued to eat her meal. "This shows what a hypocrite she is," he said.

Mr Mackenzie asked what right Dr Treurnicht had to say that the dining room was his place because "taxpayers' money built it".

"One day Dr Treurnicht will wake up and find us eating in his home. We have been mistreated for too long. We are tired of being humiliated and kicked about."

Mr Mackenzie said the Leader of the House of Assembly, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, who was Minister of Transport, should be reminded of Martin Luther King's statement that black people preferred "to walk in dignity than ride in humiliation".

Mr Desmond Lockey, a nominated MP, said Mr Schoeman had come to the House of Representatives and spoken of the members as colleagues, yet in the dining room Mr Schoeman had not treated them as colleagues.

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Indians may join 'sit-in' at MPs' restaurant

By TOS WENTZEL
Political Correspondent

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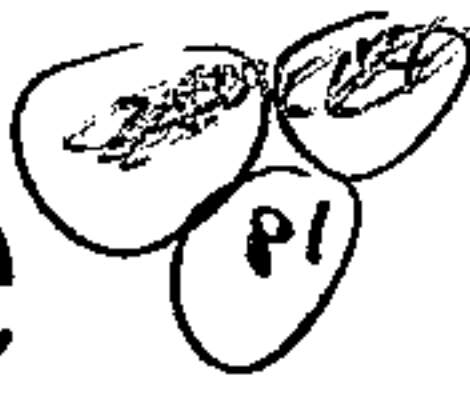
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Appeal to press on dining dispute

CAPE TOWN
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By **BARRY STREEK**
Political Staff

THE dining room dispute in Parliament has been referred to a committee — and the Speaker, Mr Johan Greeff, has asked the press to refrain from reporting on the matter until it has been brought to finality.

Mr Greeff said he deemed it necessary to make a statement on the matter, which he said could be resolved within Parliamentary Rules, "so that it will not be blown up into something of national and international proportions".

His statement, which was read in all three Houses, was issued shortly after the Labour Party announced that they would end their de-

finance campaign in the House of Assembly dining room until the matter had been discussed by Parliament's committee on standing rules and orders.

Mr Greeff said "the use of, and the presence of persons in, the precincts of Parliament are subject to rules and conditions determined by the Speaker".

In performing these functions, the Speaker

acted in terms of the resolutions of a committee or committees.

"It is important to note that the existing catering facilities in the precincts of Parliament were and still are inadequate for serving all members of Parliament simultaneously, and therefore provision is being made for additional catering facilities for members in the new building.

"In terms of these arrangements certain refreshment rooms have been allocated for the use of members of the various Houses, but not on the ground of race or colour."

He said "the rationale behind the resolutions is, inter alia, to ensure some degree of privacy for members of Parliament".

"Apparently, there are members of Parliament who feel inconvenienced by these arrangements, and I have accordingly decided to convene a joint meeting of the Committees on Standing Rules and Orders of the Houses of Parliament with a view to discussing this particular matter.

"I also wish to appeal to the media which are accredited to Parliament ... to refrain from reporting on and discussing this matter further until it has been brought to finality," Mr Greeff said.

In the House of Representatives, Mr Allan Hendrickse, the Labour Party leader who was refused service in the House of Assembly restaurant, said he did not "endorse" the Speaker's statement.

"In no way was our presence a demonstration but an exercise of a right," he said.

And in the House of Assembly, Mr David Dalling (PF, Sandton) asked if he could put a question to clarify the statement, but Mr Greeff refused, saying he could see him in his chambers later if he wanted clarification.

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'Rubicon hopes dashed' 'Open District ^{Part Times} SIX for all'

Political Reporter

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. — The hopes pinned on Mr P W Botha's second Rubicon speech last Friday were dashed by statements made by a senior Cabinet Minister, Mr Dennis de la Cruz, leader of the Opposition Democratic Workers' Party in the House of Representatives, said yesterday.

In his reply to his motion of no-confidence in the Cabinet and the Government of South Africa, Mr De la Cruz

said Mr Botha may have had in mind an end to social and economic apartheid but not political apartheid when he said apartheid was "an outdated concept".

Any modicum of faith in Mr Botha's speech had been destroyed by the interpretation it was given by Mr F W de Klerk, Minister of National Education.

Mr De Klerk told the House of Assembly this week that racial segregation in education and residential areas would re-

main cornerstones of the government's policy.

Earlier, Mr De Klerk's speech also came under fire from prominent Labour MPs.

Mr Abe Williams LP (Mamre) said Mr De Klerk's comments left one asking: "Where do you place the State President's speech?"

Mr Charles Redcliffe, LP (Schauerville) said it seemed the LP's definition of apartheid differed from that of the National Party in view of Mr De Klerk's statements.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES. — District Six in Cape Town and Pageview in Johannesburg should be the first two residential areas opened to all races, Mr Salaam Abram-Mayet (NPP Nominated) said in the no-confidence debate yesterday.

He said the properties which had been expropriated in terms of the Group Areas Act should be returned to the former owners.

Much of the anger that had erupted on the Cape Flats had been a result of deprivation and removal.

Earlier, he accused the opposition Solidarity Party of being "anti-coloured" and appealed to all who were serious about destroying apartheid to unite.

His allegations were strongly denied by Solidarity MPs.

The Leader of the Official Opposition in the House of Delegates, Dr Jayaram "J N" Reddy, said he was certain the Indian community would welcome a get-together between his Solidarity Party and the ruling National Peoples Party.

"We are coming together next week with our resources marshalled..." he said, replying to his no confidence in the Cabinet's apartheid policy debate.

Dr Reddy said he saw the State President's speech as a statement of commitment on reform and there should be no need for the world to continue seeing South Africa as an outcast or pariah. — Sapa

Heunis raps council over mixed suburbs move

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — No local authority had the right to designate residential areas open to all races, declare them open, or even make a statement concerning them, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said at a National Party information meeting held here last night.

Mr Heunis said there was no provision in the Group Areas Act for the introduction of so-called "grey areas" where members of all race groups could possess or occupy property.

"The implementation of the Group Areas Act, insofar as it concerns the designation of areas for specified groups, rests solely with me as the minister responsible," he said.

"As a result of reports

that certain local authorities, including East London, have proposed that residential areas be declared open to all racial groups, I am perturbed that such decisions and announcements can create confusion and uncertainty among the general public.

"Therefore, as the minister responsible, I regard it my duty clearly to spell out the position with regard to possession and occupation as it is controlled by the law on group areas of 1966," Mr Heunis said.

The Group Areas Act explained the meaning of the word "group" as introduced by Article 12 of the act, namely white group, black group, coloured group and any other group the State President might declare by means of a proclamation.

The possession, occupation and, in some cases, use of fixed property was controlled by the act on the basis of the group character of the owner or lawful occupant.

For this purpose, South Africa, excluding certain areas such as coloured settlements, black residential areas and incorporated areas, was declared a controlled area in 1951.

This meant that only members of the same ra-

cial group as the owner of fixed property could own or occupy such property.

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Subsequently, all local authority areas in Natal, Transvaal, and the Cape Province were declared designated areas in 1951. This meant that only members of the same racial group as the person who lawfully occupied or owned a property on the date of the proclamation could occupy that property.

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Mr Heunis said it was important to note that where the owner of the property was of a different racial group from that of the lawful occupant, then even he or members of his group could not occupy that property.

"The law, however, makes provision that in specific situations, taking into consideration relevant circumstances, permits can be issued to accommodate such situations," he added.

"I trust that this statement will clear the air and that the public will take note of the lawful situation which exists," Mr Heunis added.

● In an earlier meeting with Mr Heunis and members of the Amalinda Ratepayers' Association yesterday, the MP for East London North, Mr H. S. Coetzer, said he would recommend to the government

that in future the East London City Council be bypassed on any decisions concerning the upgrading of Duncan Village and surrounding areas and future industrial development in the area.

"I have had enough of the juvenile political antics of the East London City Council and I will recommend to the government, and especially the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, that they bypass the council completely and deal with the future planning of Duncan Village and surrounding areas, as well as the future industrial development and population expansion, entirely on its own," he said.

"I believe that the city council has become irrelevant in the constructive future planning of this area."

Mr Coetzer said the meeting with Mr Heunis had been "frank and open".

"I and Mr Calle Badenhorst, the MPC for East London North, feel satisfied that we can face the future with confidence knowing that our problems are understood by the minister and that they will receive his sympathetic consideration," he said.

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See also page 7.

PE families have waited 20 years to 'switch on'

By RAYMOND HILL
FAMILIES in the coloured township of Helenvale, Port Elizabeth, are still waiting for electricity more than 20 years after moving into their homes.

They have petitioned the municipality twice, asking for speedy action to be taken.

Many are people who can afford washing machines and TV sets — and some have actually bought them in anticipation only to sell them again in frustration.

This is the last coloured area of the city to be without power.

Although some of the poorest families live there, a recent survey by the Northern Areas Management Committee has shown that at least 20 households are able to afford electricity.

The families concerned drew up a petition four years ago and sent it to the council.

Another petition was sent in 1985 when they became impatient.

Members of most of the families concerned today complained about the inconvenience the lack of electricity has caused since settling in their homes in Martin Street and Gail Road.

Mrs Sheila Fillis, 52, moved into her home in Martin Street 22 years ago.

She did the family's cooking on a conventional wood and coal stove until there was a smoke problem. Now she uses a gas stove that is slightly better.

"The sooner we get electricity the sooner our

problems will be over," she said.

Mrs Rebecca Classen, a widow, moved into her home in Martin Street 19 years ago.

She bought a paraffin-operated fridge on an instalment basis about two years ago. Now she has decided to return it to the store because she prefers an electrically-operated model.

"It is frustrating to work with paraffin all the time. It has a strong, unhealthy smell. My fridge cost me more than R1 000 and I am not happy with its performance.

"I have to do my cooking on a small gas stove, although I can afford an electric one.

"It is about time that electricity was installed here," she said.

Mr Piet Coetzee, 71, of Martin Street, has already returned his paraffin-operated fridge to the store where he bought it.

"My children and I do not like the smell of paraffin in the house. We also discovered paraffin was more expensive than we expected.

"And as far as our television set is concerned, we are tired of operating it on batteries.

"The batteries must be re-charged too often and reception quality is poor," he said.

Mrs Sarah Jansen, 75, lived in Schauderville for about 40 years before moving to Helenvale.

In Schauderville she always had electricity.

But soon after moving to Martin Street, because she wanted a smaller home, she had to leave her electric appliances

with relatives.

"I would never have moved in here three years ago if I had known I would have no electricity for so long. I am accustomed to electricity," she said.

Mrs Jansen also got rid of her paraffin-operated fridge and battery-operated television set last year because she was "fed up".

"The TV battery got flat too often and we could seldom enjoy the programmes because the

screen would flicker all the time," she said.

Mrs Annie Samuels, a widow, who has been living in Gail Road for the past 12 years, also returned her portable television set to the store recently after experiencing battery problems.

She said she could easily obtain the necessary electric appliances and was just waiting for the big "switch on".

Mrs Susan Cornelius, 66, a resident in Martin

Street for the past 18 years, has to do her family's washing by hand although she can afford to buy a washing machine.

"But while I do not have electricity here, I am forced to do the washing by hand. It is about time our problems were solved," she said.

Tenants interviewed also complained about food wastage, especially on hot days because they did not have fridges, and the dangers of lighting

candles and lamps at night.

Many people living in other parts of Helenvale said they would like to have electricity in their homes but were too poor to afford it.

The city's Director of Housing, Mr Eddie Samuels, said there was a possibility that electricity would be installed in the houses concerned after June this year. Money for the project was still awaited.

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By BESSIE BOUWER
Municipal Reporter

A DECISION taken by the Port Elizabeth City Council's Community Services Committee yesterday authorising municipal officials to take action against people contravening beach race laws has been widely condemned on the grounds that it is detrimental to race relations and will harm the city's image overseas.

The committee, under the new chairmanship of Mr Jacobus Nel, has come under fire by the management committees, Cham-

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son, said the decision was "deplorable".

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ber of Commerce and the Progressive Federal Party for continually taking negative decisions.

They have called on the City Council to support the proposed motion by the city's former mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, that the decision should not be implemented.

At yesterday's meeting, the committee, consisting

of only five members, decided to act on an appeal by a councillor, Mr Chris Meyer, and the Herstigte Nasionale Party to take urgent steps against people using beaches reserved for other race groups.

Mr Krige said yesterday that it was distressing that such a small committee could take a decision

which affected so many people.

The Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr Tony Gilson, said today that the chamber opposed any discrimination against South Africans on the basis of skin colour.

The regional director of the PFP in the Eastern Cape, Mr Bobby Steven-

The chairman of the Northern Areas Management Committee, Rev Sam Arends, labelled the committee's decision as "absurd".

The deputy chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Jay Kathan, accused the committee of going in the opposite direction to the present day Government and of initiating disunity and problems among all sections of the community.

Parents vote to open SACS

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Staff Reporter

THE overwhelming majority of parents of pupils at South Africa's oldest school, the South African College High and Junior Schools (SACS), have voted to open SACS to all races.

More than 800 parents of pupils at SACS, a government school founded in 1829, met on February 6 to discuss the issue, and according to a statement released yesterday on behalf of the SACS committee by its chairman, Professor Bill Whitaker, debate continued for two-and-a-quarter hours.

Questionnaire

At the end of the debate, 660 of the approximately 800 parents present completed a questionnaire.

"Of the 660, 500 (76 per cent) favoured the opening of the schools, and 90 (14 per cent), were opposed to it. The balance were undecided and favoured the establishment of a commission to examine all the implications of the opening of the schools and the appropriate methods of achieving and implementing this.

"A substantial number of those who supported the opening of the schools also wished a commission to be established and did not consider that they could address the subsidiary

questions until that investigation had been completed," the committee said.

About 330 of the parents answered questions related to the zoning of pupils — whereby pupils must attend a school which services their residential area — and 57 per cent of the 330 favoured the abolition or relaxing of the zoning system.

'Significant'

The rest were in favour of the zoning system, but a "significant number" said they were only in favour of its retention if the Group Areas Act was repealed.

"About 80 per cent of those who answered the questions relating to the boarding houses expressed the view that they should also be opened.

"Approximately 380 considered that other schools should also be opened, and this constituted approximately 85 per cent of those who dealt with this question."

The committee will meet again on Monday to discuss the results and "also the methods open to it of attaining the ends so clearly desired by the parents.

"All avenues for their attainment will be vigorously explored and pursued," the statement said.

Morning Star residents protest over removals

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Tygerberg Bureau
RESIDENTS of Morning Star, the tiny coloured enclave in Durbanville, have protested to the Government against the proposed removal of the community to a site 7km away.

Mrs A V Bonthuys, a high school teacher who was born in Morning Star, collected the signatures of 80 percent of the tenants and all four ratepayers which she has sent to the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry.

Copies of the petition have gone to the Town Clerk of Durbanville, Mr Dennis Smit, and the Group Areas Board in Pretoria.

Mrs Bonthuys said in a letter to Mr Curry the Morning Star Management Committee had not consulted all residents properly before deciding that Morning Star should be moved.

"The Management Committee simply decided the issue on behalf of all 2 500 residents without the consent of the majority," she said.

"I came to this conclusion after I canvassed all the residents and found the older generation want to remain

in Morning Star and have it upgraded.

"All of us have strong links with Durbanville. Most of us are inter-related and we are a close-knit group with a unique community spirit."

The chairman of the Morning Star Management Committee, Mr D J Lucas, denied Mrs Bonthuys's allegations. He said the committee had never thought of moving en masse — and did not want to vacate Morning Star.

The Phisantekraal site 7km outside town was proposed by a Cabinet Minister whose name he refused to divulge.

Many residents, crammed into tiny houses had urged the committee to get more land for expansion.

"We initially investigated the possibility of expanding within Durbanville. However, the Minister told us it would be better to get a larger area outside town which would provide room to expand for many generations.

"There were never any conditions Morning Star would have to be vacated during our discussions," Mr Lucas said.

Mr Smit, approached for comment, said Durbanville Town Council had nothing to do with the Management Committee decision.

GM pledge on beaches



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Post Reporter.

GENERAL MOTORS has promised to back in court any of its black employees who are prosecuted for using the "beach of his or her choice".

The undertaking is given in a personal letter to the Evening Post today from the managing director of General Motors South African, Mr Bob White.

He says General Motors finds the provincial ordinance controlling access to certain beaches "abhorrent" and its enforcement incredible.

"Should any of our employees be challenged for using the beach of his or her choice, General Motors will support, legally and financially, their inalienable right to do so," says Mr White.

He writes that General Motors is a major ratepayer in the city.

"A portion of its annual payment goes for the care and maintenance of the city's beaches.

"Sixty per cent of General Motors' workforce is non-white, and currently is denied access to municipal beaches which their company's rates go to support. Why?

"The Port Elizabeth City Council is the appropriate body and has the authority to initiate the required action to amend the ordinance to open the beaches to all people.

"Collectively, it seems the council has neither the courage to do so, nor the integrity to deal with the issue urgently and openly.

"It now appears some members of the council are supporting persecution and/or prosecution of 'unwanted' people who violate the ordinance".

Mr White then makes the promise of legal and financial support to any GM employees who may need it.

The PE City Council has frequently discussed the issue but recently decided against a move to open one of the southern beaches on an experimental basis.

Following a defiant swim at King's Beach last month by the House of Representatives MP for Addo, Mr Peter Hendrickse, and an appeal by the HNP for action, the Community Services Committee decided to authorise municipal officials to ask "trespassers" to leave beaches reserved for whites. If they refused, the official should call the police.

Mayor silent on GM beach stand

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THE Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr Ben Olivier, today refused to comment on yesterday's announcement by General Motors that it would provide lawyers and legal expenses for any of its black employees arrested for using white beaches.

Mr Olivier has previously expressed his opposition to opening beaches to all races.

Mr Bob White, GM's managing director, said the City Council seemed to have neither the courage nor integrity to amend the ordinance to open the beaches to all.

Three out of four candidates for seats on the Port Elizabeth City Council today backed the GM move on beach apartheid.

A fourth, Mr Sheldon

Friel, standing for a beachfront ward, said GM was looking for publicity to sell its cars.

A candidate in Ward 3, Mr Alan Shaw, said: "I think it's very encouraging to see an industrialist prepared to show local government that it has taken cognisance of the central government change with regard to apartheid.

"I think the municipality must stop dragging its heels and start doing something positive about resolving the issue."

Another Ward 3 candidate and member of the National Party, Mr Bruce Mann, said: "I am against any form of petty apartheid."

He said after the municipal authority has put in proper "crowd con-

trols", all barriers to social amenities, including beaches, should be removed.

Mr Graham Richards, a candidate in Ward 1, said: "I welcome the stand by a ratepayer such as GM on the issue.

"I see it as amounting to a strong statement of disapproval of the decision by the HNP-controlled Community Services Committee."

Mr Friel, the other Ward 1 candidate, said today that Mr White was "encouraging people to go the beach and get arrested and then he'll put up a scene in court and sell more cars".

By putting people "not of the same breed" together would "lead to social problems".

He was backed by Mr

Attie Loock, regional organiser of the HNP in the Eastern Cape, who said that General Motors' black workers would have to "bear the consequences" if they used "whites only" beaches.

Mr Loock led a recent 10-man delegation to Port Elizabeth's Town Clerk, which was instrumental in the City Council's Community Services Committee deciding last week to authorise municipal officials to lay charges against people contravening beach apartheid laws.

He said an "uitlander" company still had to obey the laws of South Africa.

The chairman of the committee, Mr Chris Meyer, said: "Why have a Government if anyone can break the law?"

Mr Meyer said the HNP was not going to advocate a boycott of GM products, but said this reaction might occur.

The former mayor of PE, Mr Ivan Krige, has pledged to fight the Community Services Committee decision at next Thursday's council meeting. He came out in support of the GM stand, saying Mr White was "making noises for the law to be changed".

Another candidate for Ward 5, Mr Harold Davidson, director of the Community Chest, said: "For a councillor to threaten that he would refuse to buy a General Motors car when probably most of his ward's voters work for GM, is laughable.

"Business has got to be seen to be involved and if more companies in similar positions who, after all, are providing the jobs for the citizens, were to adopt this attitude, all the talk and threats by the "little men" could be ignored.

(Report by Kin Bentley and Bessie Bower, 19 Baakens St, Port Elizabeth.)

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Mixed reaction to GM beach apartheid fight

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THERE has been widespread reaction in business and political circles to the challenging announcement by GM yesterday that it would provide lawyers and legal expenses for any of its black employees arrested for using white beaches.

Mr Bob White, GM's managing director, said the Port Elizabeth City Council seemed to have neither the courage nor integrity to amend the ordinance to open the beaches to all.

Mr C W Tutton, director of manufacturing for General Tyres, said he could not state a company attitude on "such a broad social issue" as the company's shareholders had "obvious relevance in such a matter".

Mr Tutton said he was not in a position to comment on their attitudes.

However, from a personal viewpoint, he said: "If at this stage in our

country's history we have to make a big thing of who may or may not use whatever beaches are available our down the road circumstances must appear less than encouraging. We have an integrated workforce on our shopfloor and in our offices, so why a big thing about the beaches."

Mr Raymond Ackerman, chairman of Pick 'n Pay, could not comment as he had not seen the statement from General Motors.

However, he said he firmly stands by what he has said in the past with regard to apartheid.

"I believe people should be able to swim on any beaches, stay in any place and attend any schools they like," he said.

The manager of public affairs for Goodyear, Mr Mike London, said he was not able to comment without consulting the managing director, who was unavailable.

Mr Peter Morum, man-

aging director of Firestone, was not available for comment today.

The National Party MP for Algoa, Mr James Kleynhans, sharply criticised the statement by GM.

Mr Kleynhans, a former mayor of PE, told the Evening Post there were other ways of solving the problem and the proposed move appeared to be encouraging "civil disobedience."

He said it had to be borne in mind "that there are certain laws in our country whether we like it or not. We must obey them until such time as changes come.

"But I don't think one can solve the thing in this way," he said.

The chairman of the House of Delegates and MP for Malabar, Mr Raman Bhana, said he was "very delighted" with GM's proposal.

"We've been fighting a lone battle for a long time on the question of racially-segregated

beaches and its nice to have the support of a big international company like GM."

Mr Bhana, who is also chairman of PE's Indian Management Committee, added that he trusted people would realise that Port Elizabeth "does not belong to whites only."

Mr Willie Dietrich, Labour Party MP for Bethelsdorp commented: "Good for General Motors! They are really coming to light. The time is coming for the whole country to play its part in getting rid of the obnoxious racial laws."

The PFP MP for Walmer, Mr Andrew Savage, said: "I can only endorse the attitude of General Motors over the beaches issue. All of us have a wider constituency to which we are responsible and the interests of this constituency are more important to us than the abhorrent racial policies of this Government."

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PE car firm's MD backs employees on beach issue

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Dispatch Correspondent
PORT ELIZABETH — A decision by a major motor manufacturer here to support its black employees if they were

challenged for using a beach of their choice, would lead to confrontation, a city councillor warned yesterday. Reacting to the

announcement yesterday by the managing director of General Motors South African, Mr Bob White, that GM would give legal and financial support to employees, Mr Chris Meyer claimed that Mr White was encouraging people to break the law and was seeking confrontation as his statement would "definitely encourage blacks to come to (white) beaches".

Mr Meyer and the Herstigte Nasionale Party were instrumental in the Port Elizabeth City Council's community services committee deciding to authorise municipal officials last week to lay charges against people contravening beach race laws.

However, Mr White was supported in his stance by another city councillor, Mr Ivan Krige, who is to contest the community services committee decision at next Thursday's council meeting.

In his statement Mr White said GM was a major ratepayer in Port Elizabeth and part of its payment was for the care and maintenance of the city's beaches.

"Sixty per cent of General Motors' workforce is not white, and currently is denied access to municipal beaches which their company's rates go to support.

"General Motors finds the existing Ordinance abhorrent and its enforcement incredible. Should any of our employees be challenged for using the beach of his or her choice, General Motors will support, legally and financially, their inalienable right to do so," Mr White said.

Majority support for beach move

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PORT ELIZABETH — A majority of city councillors will support a move by a former mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, to overturn a committee decision authorising municipal officials to lay charges against people contravening beach race laws.

And in more reaction to General Motors' promise to back any of its black employees prosecuted for using the beach of their choice, Mr Willem Boucher, MEC for Local Government, said yesterday that it was irresponsible of the company to encourage civil disobedience.

Mr Boucher said many beaches for people of colour had been developed and more were being developed.

"More beaches must be developed because the existing white beaches cannot accommodate everyone," he was reported as saying.

An Afrikaans paper said in an editorial article that General Motors was exerting pressure on the council to open beaches.

In the light of its circumstances, the American company's actions are understandable, but not necessarily less risky, it said.

Last week the council's community services committee acted on an appeal by the Herstigte Nasionale Party and a city councillor, Mr Chris Meyer, for urgent steps against people using

beaches reserved for another race group.

The call came after a coloured MP, Mr Peter Hendrickse, swam at a "whites only" beach.

Mr Krige's motion to next week's council meeting is: "That the decision of the community services committee meeting held on February 11 to authorise municipal officials to lay charges against people contravening beach race laws not be acted upon." Yesterday the majority of councillors questioned in a poll said they would support Mr Krige.

The committee chairman, Mr Jacobus Nel, said he would defend his committee's decision while the mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, declined to comment.

'Open all PE' call

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THE Town Clerk of Port Elizabeth, Mr Paul Botha, today confirmed that the municipality had applied for the whole municipal area to be opened to traders of all races.

He agreed that the residential provision of the Group Areas Act would, however, prevent shops with flats above them from being owned or occupied by "non-whites".

This could see numerous buildings in PE with shops below and flats above remaining reserved for whites only.

According to Mr John Fourie, Deputy Director of Constitutional Development, the proposed boundaries of the city's first racially open Central Business District (CBD) will be advertised next month.

He said the proposals had been submitted for

signature by Dr A H van Wyk, Director-General of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, and the proclamation could be expected within months.

It was confirmed that at present there were several "non-white" businesses and offices being run in the city under permits.

The new provisions will do away with permits.

The first open CBDs in South Africa — in Durban and Johannesburg — were proclaimed in the Government Gazette today.

Mr Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Develop-

ment, said the proclamation of Cape Town's first open CBD was being prepared for signature and the proposals for East London, Queenstown and Maritzburg would be advertised next Friday.

CBDs — like restaurants and cinemas — were being opened to all races for trading purposes and the Cabinet had decided that owners of premises would have the right to decide whom they wanted to admit, he said.

Mr Heunis said that up to now a permit was needed for the admission of people of other races in a specific group area. The onus was now shifted

from the state to the owner and occupier.

There would be no more state interference in free trade areas.

The proclamation of these areas meant that people of all races — including blacks — would be able freely "to obtain occupation and ownership rights of premises in the proclaimed area for business, commercial, professional or religious and educational purposes in terms of the current town planning scheme of the city concerned".

Answering a question, Mr Heunis said the opening of the CBDs did not allow mixed residential



Mr PAUL BOTHA,
Town Clerk of Port
Elizabeth.

living.

Regarding other applications received, 19 investigations had been completed by the Group Areas Board, three had been advertised, but not yet investigated, and 38 were being prepared with a view to advertising.

There could be more than one open CBD in a city, he said, as was the case with Durban, proclaimed today.

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City CBD open to all soon

CAPE TOWN'S Central Business District will be opened to free trading "within weeks", the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday.

Mr Heunis said in an interview that the proclamation document was in the final stages of preparation before being submitted to the President for his signature.

However, unlike in Johannesburg and Durban, more than one business district in Cape Town could well be opened to free trading.

The Director General of Constitutional Development and Planning, Dr Adries van Wyk, yesterday said the Cape Town municipal area comprised more than one "higher order business district".

"Therefore, it is quite conceivable that more than one free trading area will be opened within the next few weeks in Cape Town," he said.

He indicated that, in addition to the downtown business district in Cape Town, areas such as Wynberg could also be opened to all races for business, commercial, professional or religious purposes.

Slabbert's version of talk with NIS chief

By CHRIS ERASMUS
DR Van Zyl Slabbert last night released his version of his conversation last year with the head of the National Intelligence Service, Dr Niel Barnard, and criticised the government for trying to "impugn" his credibility over the affair.

The full text of Dr Slabbert's statement appears on page 11.

In a telephone interview from Swaziland, Dr Slabbert also disclosed that he had no intention of joining or starting any extra-parliamentary group, but may teach courses at all three universities in the Western Cape.

He also intends writing for newspapers and a book on political events in South Africa "over the last year or so".

Dr Slabbert said his

mind had not changed since he resigned from the leadership of the PFP and from Parliament two weeks ago and that he would like to meet and speak to as wide a range of people as possible.

"I have been in parliamentary politics for so long, I would like to meet people involved in the whole spectrum of extra-parliamentary politics, from the Broederbond to the ANC," he said.

Dr Slabbert denied any intention of joining or starting any specific extra-parliamentary organization and said rumours that he was moving closer to the UDF in this respect were entirely false.

"Whatever role I will play will ultimately crystallize out as a result of my research."

Workers exposed to radiation

Staff Reporter
FOUR employees of a French contracting firm attached to the Koeberg nuclear power station Town were exposed to "minor levels of radiation" on Wednesday afternoon during the annual re-fuelling maintenance, an Eskom spokesman said yesterday.

The incident took place when seals were removed from a reactor head and "stringent operational guidelines were not closely followed", communications manager Mr E H Thal said in Johannesburg.

The contamination was immediately detected by "normal monitoring procedures," Mr Thal added.

"The levels of radiation ... were less than one percent of the permissible annual exposure for radiation workers according to very conservative limits set by the Atomic Energy Corporation." He said there would nonetheless be an inquiry.

Buthelezi 'betrayed' in talks

BONN. — The release of the taped discussion between Mr PW Botha and Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert has angered Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, currently on a European trip.

Chief Buthelezi, Kwa-Zulu Chief Minister and President of Inkatha, said in a statement last night: "I can only regretfully conclude — after studying the text of the taped conversation relating to myself — that Mr Botha and Dr Slabbert were acting like two whites pontificating about an uppity, difficult kaffir."

He said the two men had done a "veritable hatchet job" on him.

The statement added: "This is a matter of deep concern to me. Not only on a personal level but because the widespread publicity given to the transcript of the tape will alienate a great many blacks — including of course my own supporters."

The "utterances" of the two men could not have come at a worse time, the chief said.

"I have no illusions about the world of politics and — in particular — politics in South Africa. But this time I am feeling betrayal as never before."

The taped conversation referred to the chief as wanting to be "...the only bull in the kraal". — Sapa



Nigerian general strolls on King's Beach

VIPs in PE for talks

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By KIN BENTLEY

A BLACK member of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group currently touring South Africa took a stroll along Port Elizabeth's "whites-only" King's Beach today.

A former Nigerian head of State, General Olusegun Obasanjo, and a former Australian premier, Mr Malcolm Fraser, walked along the beach from McArthur Bath to the bathing area, where the University of Port Elizabeth's "Anything that Floats" event was under way.

Mr Fraser also took photographs of apartheid signs near McArthur B.

Both men declined to comment.

Earlier today, Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, was seen with the group at a beachfront hotel. The group arrived in Port Elizabeth today, after visiting the riot-torn Alexandra township, outside Johannesburg, yesterday.

The other member of the group is Dame Nita Barrow, president of the World Council of Churches.

When asked at the hotel — where they were engaged in informal discussions with about five other people — how long they expected to stay in the city and what they intended doing, Mr Fraser said they wouldn't answer any questions, "no matter how innocuous".

When Mr Fraser was pressed further, an unidentified spokesman for the group ushered reporters away from them with a curt "no comment".

A journalist who tried to follow the group when they left the hotel in three cars this afternoon, was requested by Mr Fraser not to follow them.

It is understood they visited PE's black townships, with East London suggested as the next city on their itinerary. A spokesman for the PE hotel said they had "just come to PE for the day".

The group, part of a seven-man Commonwealth team announced after the Commonwealth summit in the Bahamas in October last year, is on a "reconnaissance" mission to the country. Its aim is to "promote the case for change inside SA by discussion and not by violence".

● Four manned SA Defence Force Buffels, as well as several police vehicles, kept vigil at access points to the city's southern beaches for most of the day.

It is thought their presence was in anticipation of a possible influx of black bathers to King's Beach following the pledge by General Motors this week to pay legal expenses for any of its black employees should they be prosecuted for using "whites-only" beaches.

However, the duty officer for the SA Police in the Eastern Cape, Major Jan Dowd, described their presence near the beaches as a "normal patrol", saying there was "nothing unusual" in their being there. He said no incidents were reported from the beaches today.

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● Mr MALCOLM FRASER (left) and General OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, stroll along King's Beach.

Mayor's vote may decide beach issue

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E-POST
22/2/80

By KIN BENTLEY
PORT ELIZABETH'S City Council appears split down the middle by a decision taken by its Community Services Committee authorising municipal officials to enforce beach apartheid.

The full council will vote on the matter on Thursday and the Mayor's casting vote could decide the issue.

Today the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, again refused to comment on how he would vote. However, in the past he has voted against any step towards the opening of any of PE's southern beaches to all races.

On Thursday, the former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, will move that the council not act on the decision of the committee authorising municipal officials to lay charges with the police against black bathers using white beaches.

The possibility of an 11-all split emerged from predictions made today by Mr

Krige on which councillors might support his motion.

Mr Krige said he was counting on the support of 11 councillors, with one councillor undecided.

Following the recent deaths of three councillors and the resignation of a fourth, only 22 of the 26 council seats are occupied.

Port Elizabeth's Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, today confirmed that should the vote be tied, Mr Olivier's casting vote would decide the matter.

Mr Krige is expected to call for a division at the meeting. This means the voting will be made public.

He said today he considered the issue "too sensitive at this stage of the proceedings, for the council to instruct its people" to take such steps.

It would also be "awful publicity" for the city, which would get overseas headlines.

The Deputy Mayor, Mr Solly Rubin, today came

out in support of Mr Krige's motion, although he said the committee decision had not appreciably altered the situation. Officials had always had the right to act against people breaking the law.

He did not, however, think the council should "look for confrontation with major industries the size of GM".

This week General Motors offered financial and legal support to any of its employees who were prosecuted for swimming at whites-only beaches.

Mr Rubin said he hoped the report on beach amenities currently being prepared by municipal officials would be made available as soon as possible. The council should resolve the open beach issue within the next three months and not wait until December, "which will create chaos".

He said the city had much more important

priorities, such as massive unemployment and the need to attract new industries.

The decision to authorise officials to act on beach race laws was taken last week by a depleted Community Services Council. The former chairman of the committee, Mr B A Nagle, died recently and its vice-chairman, Mr Peter Sullivan, resigned from the council. Only five members voted on the issue.

The new chairman is Mr J C Nel and the vice-chairman Mr G van Wyk.

It is understood Mr Brian Brooks was the only member of the committee to oppose the motion. His call for it to go to council was, however, defeated by the combined vote of Mr Nel, Mr Van Wyk, Mr Ed Millard and Mr Chris Meyer. It requires two committee members to call for the item to go before the full council.

CBD opening: few changes

REPORTER

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ies from blacks and Indians.

JOHANNESBURG — Central business districts (CBDs) are not likely to undergo sudden dramatic change as a result of the lifting of racial occupation and ownership restrictions.

The immediate implication is that many black traders who are already in CBDs, either through white "fronts" or where landlords have ignored the restrictions, will have their positions legalised.

Some secondary and tertiary buildings in parts of downtown Johannesburg have more black than white occupants, many of them paying nominee fees rang-

ing from a token R200 or R300 up to as much as R1 000 a month.

Apart from putting these cases above board and eliminating some-times exploitative fronts, the move is likely to encourage CBD interest from those blacks who find it unacceptable to work through white nominees.

While Johannesburg property developers and brokers report a slow pick-up in black interest, they believe it will take time before significant impact is seen.

The opening of trading to all does mean that blacks, who have previously worked surreptitiously through just one broker, keeping a low profile, will now be able to shop around to try to get better deals. In this respect the market will certainly be opened up.

One commercial broker says he's had a few inquiries since the announcement that CBDs were definitely to open, one of them from a trade union looking for 2 500 square metres of space. Others were from entrepreneurs wanting much

smaller premises.

The exclusion of residential accommodation from the new provision is pinpointed by a number of observers as needing attention. People should be able to live in an area if they can work and own commercial property there, they say.

Mr Ebrahim Kharsany, MD of the Islamic Corporation and the Corporate Group of Companies, stresses this point as vital.

Mr Kharsany also finds unacceptable the fact that only certain

areas are to be open, rejecting government's argument that blacks would suffer if whites were able to move into traditional black territories.

In Durban it seems that instead of blacks moving into white CBDs, the reverse might happen, with whites moving into the lucrative and previously only Indian Grey Street sector.

Mr John Deavin, Anglo American Property Services' branch manager there, has seen no noticeable increase in inquir-

A similar situation prevails in Durban as in Johannesburg, where numerous Indians are already in the city centre working behind fronts or having technically white-controlled companies.

OB Property Economist, Mr Neville Berkowitz has painted a scenario of profound changes in the CBDs. He says this, together with the scrapping of influx control, will precipitate the creation of racially defined territories some-time before the end of the century, with whites becoming a minority group in the CBD.

apartheid row: 'my' at beach

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Two 'wisemen'
visit 'whites
only' PE beach

By KEN VERNON
Weekend
Argus Bureau

However, when approached later at a beachfront hotel, Mr Fraser refused to comment on his visit.

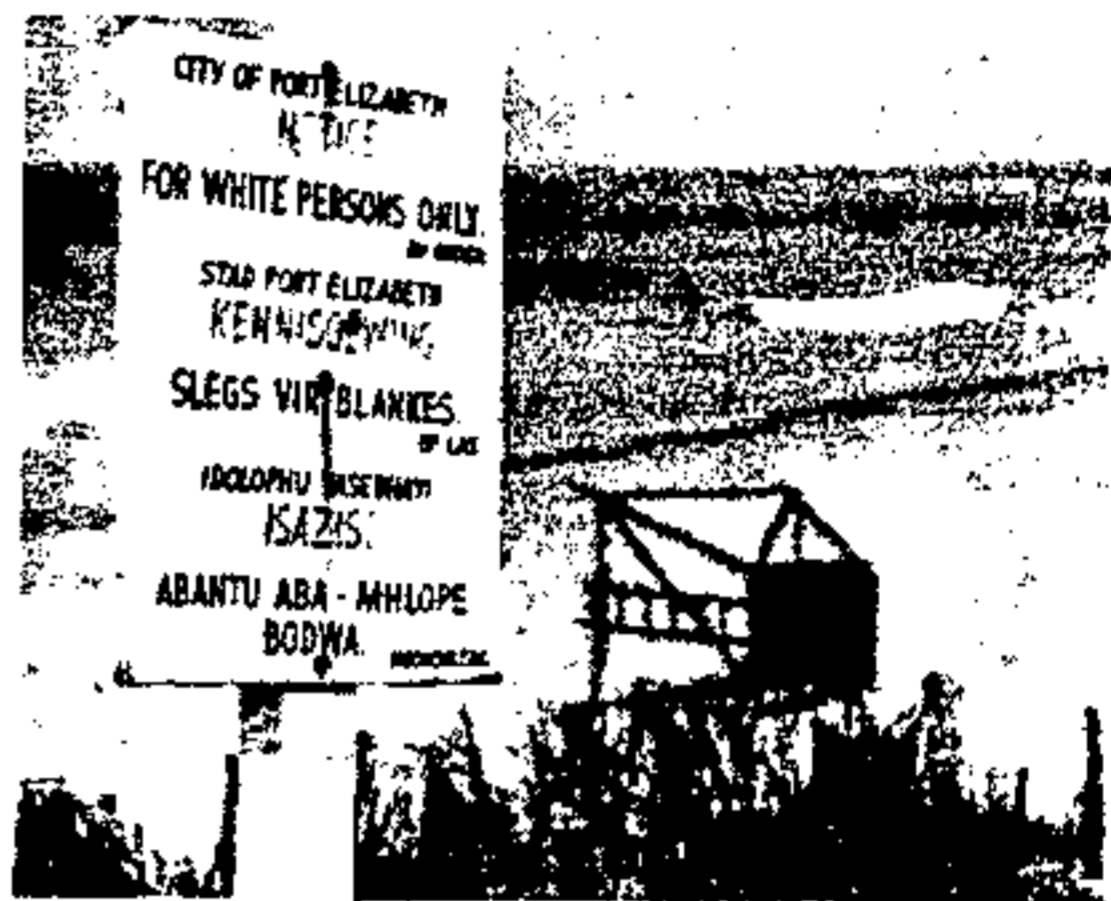
PORT ELIZABETH. — Two members of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group, former Australian Prime Minister Mr Malcolm Fraser and Nigerian General Olusegun Obasanjo, took a stroll along a "whites only" beach here today, in spite of a strong police and army presence at the entrance to beaches.

A source at the hotel said the group had arrived this morning, but another source, who did not wish to be named, said the group had left the hotel.

When I attempted to follow the group Mr Fraser asked me not to do so, saying that newspapers had agreed not to follow the group during its investigations.

He said if this was not good enough to stop me, "I will call the security police, and I assure you they will stop you."

A witness said Mr Fraser took photographs of "whites only" signs on the beaches and at one point was remonstrated with by white bystanders.



A "whites only" sign on a Port Elizabeth beach.

Beach row: Army on guard

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expect to be arrested, but that is the price I have to pay."

A younger worker said he would also go to the beach this weekend. "In January, P W Botha said he was going to end apartheid. Now we have the opportunity to test his word."

He said all fellow white workers he had spoken to about the offer were against the idea. But he had heard of some who supported the move.

A white foreman said he and his co-workers thought it was "wrong for the boss to mess in politics".

He and other whites thought that any money spent on "encouraging people to break the law" would be better spent on improving conditions for workers on the shop-floor.

General Motors has said its offer was prompted by the decision by the City Council's Community Services Committee to authorise city employees to take action against people breaking the beach race segregation laws.

The decision was taken at the request of the Herstigte Nasionale Party which asked for "urgent steps" to prevent beaches being opened.

The chairman of the committee, Mr Jacobus Nel, said this week he saw the GM offer as "bedeviling local race relations". The company should "leave us alone to sort out our own problems".

Another conservative councillor, Mr Danie Dorfling, saw the GM offer as "deliberate fostering of a civil disobedience campaign". He would use his influence to ensure that the council did not in future buy any GM vehicles.

Former Mayor Mr Krige has come out in strong support of the GM move, saying he saw no reason why the "principle" could not be extended to fostering disobedience of laws such as the Group Areas Act.

Complaint

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, said the police "only act on cases like this if there is an official complaint. There will be no patrols looking for offenders".

He said it would be difficult to prosecute anyone if there were no warning signs.

● A General Motors spokesman in Detroit, Mr George Schreck, has said he would not characterise the action as a fostering of civil disobedience, adding that Mr White's move was "another initiative" in GM's opposition to apartheid.

He said GM in America had had no prior warning of Mr White's action but it supported his stand.

From KEN VERNON, Weekend Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — There was a strong police and army presence at all entrances to "white" beaches here today following threats by black General Motors workers to tempt arrest by going to beaches this weekend.

The security force presence follows an offer by General Motors to support "legally and financially", any of its 3 000 black employees prosecuted for swimming at the city's whites-only beaches.

At popular Kings Beach two army Buffels and soldiers armed with rifles along with two carloads of riot police straddled the entrance to the beach and scrutinised cars entering the parking lot.

Police and army units were also stationed at nearby Pollock Beach, while several plain-clothes policeman patrolled at the water's edge.

"Ready for anything"

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, today denied that the police and army contingents were present merely to prevent black people swimming at the beaches, but said they were "ready for anything".

"We aim to prevent any confrontations developing," he said.

In spite of overcast weather thousands of whites thronged Kings Beach for the annual UPE/Technikon "anything that floats" race, and to watch a nearby surf lifesaving carnival.

The GM offer this week was made by its general manager, Mr Bob White. It has brought to a head the row in the conservatively-led City Council to maintain the city's beaches for whites only.

Some councillors reacted vehemently to the GM offer, telling the US-based giant to "keep out of our affairs".

Several black GM workers this week said they would "test" the words of their newly-appointed boss, Mr White, by swimming at the beaches — and openly courting arrest for doing so.

Mr White has refused to comment on the storm of protest aroused by the offer.

He told Weekend Argus, speaking through his secretary: "I have had my say on the matter and will not comment further. Now it is up to the council."

Split

The offer has split the city council. Conservatives, led by the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, have vowed to keep the beaches white.

Liberals, led by former Mayor Mr Ivan Krige, have promised to overturn the decision of a sub-committee which empowers municipal officials to call police to remove black people from "white" beaches.

The move has also split workers on the GM shop-floor. Many white workers condemned the move, but it seems black workers have universally applauded the stand.

One black GM worker said he was initially "shocked" by the company offer.

"I did not expect our company ever to do such a thing," he said. "But I think it's a very good idea. It means that GM — and especially Mr White — is really doing something positive."

"I am definitely going to test him this weekend and go to Kings Beach. A few of my friends have said the same. I

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MIPs State PE beach patrols

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The "latest debacle to defend segregated beaches" while the EPG was in Port Elizabeth would give the EPG "most unfortunately but nevertheless a true picture of apartheid in South Africa," he said.

Security force members were evident in armoured vehicles. Others were seen patrolling along the water's edge.

Their presence was apparently related to the possibility of black workers from General Motors visiting the beaches.

Last week General Motors offered to support "legally and financially" any of the company's 3 000 black employees prosecuted for swimming at the city's whites-only beaches.

However a police spokesman said that the patrols were normal procedure.

According to Major Jan Dowd, weekend duty officer for the South African Police in the Eastern Cape, the police were not aware that the EPG delegation would be visiting the city.

The beaches had not been guarded to protect them, said Major Dowd.

He described the presence of the security forces as "a normal patrol. We have often pa-

"At this time in the 20th century the international world is not prepared any more to do business with people who preserve an antiquated and vicious system of segregation which denies people the ability to use a natural amenity because of the colour of their skin."

Mr Savage said he would like to know who had asked the security forces to "defend" the whites-only beaches.

He thought it was not quite incidental that the security force presence should coincide with the EPG visit. "The sin is one of commission and not of being found out."

The managing director of General Motors, Mr Bob White, said he preferred not to comment about the presence of the security forces along the beachfront. "I doubt if any of our employees would have gone to the beaches over the weekend."

He emphasised that GM's pledge to pay the legal expenses of any of its black employees prosecuted for using the whites-only beaches was not aimed at encouraging people to break the ordinance prohibiting blacks from using the beaches, but at encouraging the city council to change the ordinance.

Dispatch Correspondent
PORT ELIZABETH — The presence of a large contingent of security forces at whites-only beaches here at the weekend has been slammed by two of the city's MPs who said it could not have been more badly timed.

A police spokesman described the exercise as "a normal patrol".

The presence of soldiers and police coincided with a visit to Port Elizabeth by former Australian Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Fraser, and Nigeria's General Olysegun Obasanjo who were walking along King's Beach and taking photographs of the "whites only" signs. Both are members of the Commonwealth Eminent Person's Group (EPG).

Crowds who flocked to the beach for the University of Port Elizabeth's annual Anything That Floats race and a lifesaving contest could not help noticing the security forces either.

Mr John Malcomess, PFP MP for Central, said the security forces seemed to habitually "shoot themselves in the left foot".

trolled that specific area in the past," he said.

Asked who had been responsible for the decision to patrol the beachfront on Saturday, Major Dowd said he did not know and doubted if a specific decision to patrol the beaches had been taken because patrols were normal.

For months, the Port Elizabeth City Council has been waging a battle about the beaches, and the issue will be debated again at a full council meeting on Thursday.

Mr Andrew Savage, the PFP member for Walmer, said yesterday the council was seriously threatening the prosperity and stability of the city.

"The council will have to make up its mind whether Port Elizabeth is going to have employment or whether it's going to have segregated beaches.

Mixed schools to feature in CBDs?

24/2/86 DISPATCH

EAST LONDON — Mixed educational institutions and places of worship could become a feature of central business districts when the government opens the areas to all races soon.

This emerged following investigations after the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced that CBDs would be opened in Johannesburg and Durban and that others such as East London and Queenstown would be advertised on February 28.

The town clerk of King William's Town, Mr Henry Hutten, confirmed that the Group Areas Board would hold a hearing in the town today following the borough council's application to open the CBD.

"Our application was

advertised long ago," Mr Hutten said.

He said that, according to law, the opening would not affect the approximately 30 flats in the CBD which would remain for occupation by whites only. The eight restaurants and one cinema would be opened automatically if the owners wanted to admit all races.

Mr Hutten said the CBD was largely reserved for business premises and if a church or educational institution wanted to move in, the specific site would have to be rezoned.

"Just as we would not allow a business to be built on a site reserved for a church, so we would not allow the opposite. There will have to be a rezoning," he said.

In East London, the

deputy city engineer (planning), Mr Brick Bradford, said the general business zone in the CBD allowed for use of the premises as places of worship.

"It's only if the premises are zoned special business that municipal authority is needed," he said.

It is not known how many flats are in the CBD area but the nine eating outlets will not require a permit to serve all races when the CBD is opened. The only cinemas in the CBD are already permitting all races and will not need a permit to permit all races once the CBD is opened.

The town clerk of Queenstown, Mr Peter Gerber, was not available to give details on Queenstown's CBD.

Bhana move on PE beach issue

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By DIRK VAN ZYL
Political Correspondent
CAPE TOWN — The chairman of the House of Delegates and of Port Elizabeth's Indian Management Committee (IMC), Mr Raman Bhana, is to formally propose tonight that the PE City Council be asked to reconsider its controversial stand on beach apartheid.

He released the text of the statement to the Evening Post here today.

It says the recommendation by the City Council's standing committee to authorise municipal officials to lay charges against people contravening beach race laws must be "condemned".

It turned "every single municipal employee into a policeman for apartheid".

"I trust that people realise that PE does not belong to whites only. It certainly is a sad reflection on the city and its white councillors. The five-man committee, without mentioning their political affiliations, which are well known to us, is dominated by unimaginative, ignorant bigots," the statement said.

The beach issue has assumed international notoriety, with members of the Commonwealth's Eminent Person's Group

(EPG) at the weekend witnessing troops and police manning the entrances to some of PE's main "whites only" beaches.

A former Australian Prime Minister and member of the EPG, Mr Malcolm Fraser, photographed some of the apartheid signboards and these will no doubt feature in his group's report-back to the Commonwealth.

Defence Force and police spokesmen have said their men were deployed to prevent incidents if blacks reacted to General Motors' offer last week to provide legal and financial assistance for any of its employees prosecuted under the beach apartheid laws.

Mr Bhana, MP for Malabar, is to present his statement to an IMC meeting in PE tonight.

He is to propose it on behalf of himself, the deputy chairman and IMC members.

"It is shocking to note that some verkrampes in our City Council's standing committee have brought politics into civic affairs by heeding a petition signed by ten HNP members," the statement continues.

The recommendation to turn every municipal employee into "a policeman for apartheid" would

"definitely lead to confrontation and the council must be prepared to face the consequences".

Good relations needed to be promoted and "we cannot support anything which is likely to lead to a worsening of the situation — the committee's decision was ill-advised and could fan the flames of an already heated situation".

The statement accuses Mr Chris Meyer and Mr Jacobus Nel of being "out of touch with the realities of the day and they should resign forthwith rather than use the council platform to propagate their own political ideology".

Mr Bhana's statement concludes: "My committee wishes to appeal to the more enlightened city councillors to treat the recommendation with the contempt it deserves; to reject the proposals and to work towards the age-old recommendations of both the IMC and the NAMC to open the beaches to all.

"For far too long we have been procrastinating on the beaches issue. Major coastal towns have opened their beaches to all — without any racial friction — and the waters did not turn black.

"It must always be remembered that the beaches are God's gift to mankind and that does not mean 'whites only'."



Mr RAMAN BHANA . . . speaking tonight



MR SPRING

Mixed suburb bid rejected by council

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DISPATCH

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — An attempt to have a motion to open certain residential areas here to all races discussed in open at a city council meeting last night was defeated.

A motion from the Indian Management Committee was discussed by the action committee and last night Mr Errol Spring asked that it be removed from pink paper and discussed in open council.

Only the chairman of the action committee, Mr Donald Card, voted with Mr Spring after he had seconded the move.

The motion asked that the Quigney be opened to all races because of the housing shortage. It also asked that the area bounded by Buffalo Street, Park Avenue, Beaconsfield Road and Kimberley Road be opened.

After the move was defeated, Mr Spring said it was strange that he was always the one who was accused of wanting things discussed in committee.

This was the third time an attempt to open residential areas had been defeated in the council.

- (6) whether any action has been or is to be taken as a result of the (a) death of this person and (b) findings of the inquest; if so, what action;
- (7) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Justice):

- (1) Yes.
- (a) 9 July 1985.
- (b) 18 Years.
- (2) Yes.
- (a) Public violence.
- (b) Eight (8) years imprisonment of which three (3) years were conditionally suspended for five (5) years.
- (3) Yes.
- (a) 16 October 1985.
- (b) Stab wound in the neck, allegedly inflicted by a fellow prisoner.
- (4) No.
- (a) The SA Police investigation has not yet been finalised.
- (b) A date will be set as soon as the investigation has been finalised.
- (i) and (ii) Fall away.
- (5) Yes, on 17 October 1985.
- (b) Falls away.
- (6) (a) Yes. Apart from the investigation by the SA Police a departmental investigation was also instituted in terms of section 86(4) of the Prisons Act, Act 8 of 1959, as amended and will also

receive further attention after the inquest has been concluded.

- (b) Falls away.

- (7) No.

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 6 on 7 May 1985, a decision has been reached on the application of the University of Cape Town concerning the Group Areas Act; if not, why not, if so, what was the decision;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) No. The Minister of Education and Culture, Administration: House of Assembly, is still investigating the possibility of allowing members of other race groups to the campuses of White universities.
- (2) No.

Langa/Guguletu: swimming pools
HAN SAARD 25/2/86
*23. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education to Question No 7 on 14 May 1985, consultants have been appointed with regard to the repairs to the Langa/Guguletu swimming pools; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the names of these consultants, (b) how were they selected and (c) when were they appointed;

- (2) whether the repairs to these swimming pools have been completed; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that they will be completed; if so, (i) when were they completed, (ii) what repairs were carried out, (iii) when were the pools opened to the public and (iv) what was the total cost involved?

- (1) No. However, it is sometimes necessary to attend to a garden on a Sunday, for instance when seedlings have to be watered in dry weather conditions to prevent the plants from perishing. Strict directions are in force which forbid normal gardening activities by departmental workers on a Sunday.

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) Yes.
- (a) Messrs Vorster, Van der Westhuizen and Partners.
- (b) Chosen by way of a Board resolution.
- (c) 31 July 1985.
- (2) No.
- (a) The date of completion was determined as 15 December 1985. Due to unrest in the Black townships the tenderer was not able to come on site.
- (b) Approximately end of April 1986 if work can be commenced with immediately.
- (b)(i) to (iv) Fall away.

†Mr J H HOON: Mr Chairman, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, may I ask him whether the Coloureds who watered the settled lawns in Acacia Park regularly every Sunday—until this question was put—did it voluntarily? [Interjections.]

†The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, the hon member's question actually was whether the labourers watered public lawns on Sundays. The lawns in Acacia Park are not public lawns; they are private lawns. It is possible that there was some problem, and that they thought the lawns in Acacia Park would perish. My instruction and that of the Department, however, was that they should not work on Sundays. If the hon member wants to capitalise on such a stupid question then he must do so. [Interjections.]

†Mr J H HOON: Mr Chairman, arising further out of the reply of the hon the Minister of Public Works, does he label a question as being stupid if it asks that people should not work on Sunday?

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE: Order! Mr Speaker has allowed this question and this is the reply thereto, whether it is a good question or not.

- *24. Mr J H HOON asked the Minister of Public Works:†
- (1) Whether any persons in the employ of his Department water public lawns on Sundays; if so,
- (2) whether this is done by order of his Department; if so, (a) why, (b) who gave the order and (c) how many persons are involved in this; if not, by order of whom is the work done?

†The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS:

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I am quite sure the hon member is entitled to turn

Tempers flare over beach restrictions

Provincial Reporter

THE beach apartheid row in Port Elizabeth raised tempers in the Provincial Council.

The Opposition spokesman on beaches, Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur), said it was shocking to see "our soldiers keeping blacks off the beaches" and Mrs M E Kemp (NP East London City) accused General Motors of "fostering civil disobedience".

Mr van Eck asked: "Where are our borders now? On the beaches of Port Elizabeth?"

General Motors managing director Mr Bob White last week pledged legal and financial support for employees accused of violating the beach race bars.

Prosecute

The security presence at the weekend coincided with a visit to King's Beach by two members of the Commonwealth group assessing the political climate in South Africa, former Australian Prime Minister Mr Malcolm Fraser and former Nigerian head of state General Olusegun Obasanjo.

Mr van Eck called on Mr Louw to instruct or request the Port Elizabeth City Council not to prosecute blacks who went to white beaches.

Mr S Dreyer (NP False Bay) called Mr van Eck an "anarchist" for supporting GM's stand. He was ordered to withdraw his words and apologise.

Mr Eddie Trent (PFP Port Elizabeth Central) said it "saddened my heart" to see troops and police "patrolling King's Beach" when he went to a lifesaving competition on Saturday.

"Chaotic"

Mr A Venter (NP Newton Park) said the GM "challenge" was the "most irresponsible" he had come across.

Referring to a "chaotic" situation in East London on New Year's Day when "25 000 to 30 000 blacks took over our beachfront near the Eastern Beach" Mrs Kemp said there was no doubt in her mind that "the situation that arose was engineered and then exploited by a small group of radicals for their own political gain".

She said: "This was borne out by the fact that 90 percent of vehicles at the beach were from Mdantsane in the Ciskei.

"Black people from the East London area were threatened that if they used facilities at any of the open beaches they would get a necklace."

Council to decide on TV coverage

By BESSIE BOWER
Municipal Reporter

World spotlight on PE beach apartheid



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THE first decision the Port Elizabeth City Council will take at its highly-publicised meeting tomorrow will be whether to allow international television crews to film the proceedings.

According to the Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, cameramen from different international networks today applied for permission to film the debate on enforced beach apartheid.

It was not common practice to allow videos to be taken of council proceedings "but in view of the particular interest taken in the beach issue, I will ask the council at the start of the meeting to grant cameramen permission to televise the proceedings," Mr Botha said today.

The councillors would be asked to vote on the issue, he added.

Mr Botha said there was no ordinance preventing cameramen from making films of council meetings, but it was the council's prerogative to decide whether this would be causing a disturbance.

In the past only photographs of presentations had been allowed and in each case the photographer had left the chamber immediately after taking the picture.

It was also not common practice to allow videos to be made of proceedings in the Provincial Council or in Parliament without

By BESSIE BOWER

INTERNATIONAL newsmen and television crews are converging on Port Elizabeth as world attention is increasingly focused on the city's segregated beaches.

They are coming for tomorrow's meeting of the Port Elizabeth City Council at which the issue will come under scrutiny.

At the meeting the former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, will introduce a motion asking the council to reject the decision by the Community Services Committee earlier this month that municipal officials be instructed to enforce beach apartheid.

The committee, consisting largely of conservative councillors, decided that beach officials should call on the police to remove people from beaches which were not reserved for their population group.

Overseas television journalists interviewed Mr Krige today. They said they would apply for permission to film the council meeting tomorrow night.

Mr Krige, who appeared on the SABC television programme, *Network*, last night, said today he had been approached for comment by newsmen from several countries, including the United States.

Mr Botha declined to comment on the refusal of the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, to take part in last night's *Network* TV debate on beach apartheid in PE.

However, he said councillors had a responsibility to comment to the Press and thus to the public because they were the people's elected representatives.

It was a pity municipal officials had not been asked to comment on the matter, said Mr Botha.

A decision on whether the British Broadcasting Corporation, National Broadcasting Corporation of America, Associated Press and other media representatives would be allowed to film proceedings will be taken at the council meeting tomorrow, according to the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha.

Mr Botha said councillors would be allowed to address the meeting after Mr Krige had introduced his motion, but no decision could be taken on the actual opening of beaches.

Councillors will only be asked to endorse or rescind the decision taken by the Community Services Committee, said Mr Botha.

The investigation into all aspects of PE's beaches by top officials is still in progress.

The report on it should be tabled at next month's meeting of the council's Policy and Resources Committee.

Mr Krige is expected to call for a division on the vote, which means it will be made public.

The beach issue took on fresh international newsworthiness dimensions on Saturday when a visit by two members of the Commonwealth Eminent Person's Group to the "whites only" King's Beach coincided with the appearance of SA Defence Force patrols and Buffels and police vehicles

Krige slams PE's beach apartheid policy on BBC, NBC television

By CATHY SCHNELL

MR IVAN KRIGE, former Mayor of Port Elizabeth, told BBC and NBC television crews today he found it "disgusting and unacceptable" that beach apartheid still existed.

He was interviewed in front of a sign at Pollok Beach prohibiting blacks from using the beach.

Coloureds and Indians were rate-payers of the city, and on those grounds alone

were entitled to use the beaches.

Mr Krige said museums, libraries, cinemas and hotels were open to blacks.

Even the CBD would be opened in about three months' time. Yet beach apartheid still existed in PE.

"The Government is making moves towards reform. Yet precisely nothing has been done about this in PE.

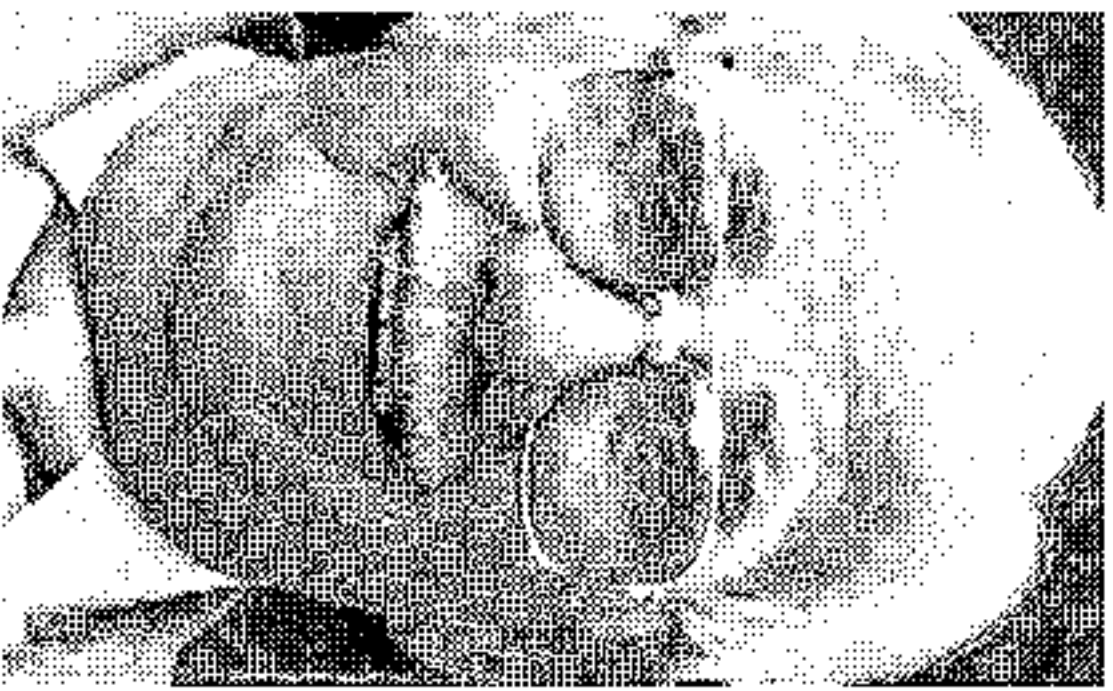
"One councillor moved that no action

be taken on the beach issue — and once again discussion was stifled," he said.

"The excuse used that beaches will be overcrowded if they are opened to blacks is just not acceptable."

Mr Cliff Bestall, a cameraman for the BBC, told Mr Krige the BBC regarded this whole PE beach issue as a "good story".

Mr Krige is proposing a motion that beach apartheid should not be enforced by the municipality.



Mr BEN OLIVIER

Meeting arouses interest

Municipal Reporter

A LARGE crowd is expected at the highly publicised meeting of the Port Elizabeth City Council at 5pm today when councillors take a decision on enforced beach apartheid.

The former mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, will propose "that the decision of the Community Services Committee at its meeting on February 11 to authorise officials to lay charges against people contravening beach laws not be acted on".

The council will vote on the issue.

Beach segregation in the city recently gained international prominence when the visit of the for-

Olivier to speak on beach issue tonight

By KIN BENTLEY

THE Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr Ben Olivier, will break his silence on the controversial beach issue at tonight's City Council meeting.

He has repeatedly refused to comment on the issue, but said yesterday he would make a statement tonight.

On Tuesday he declined to participate in a Network television debate on integrated beaches. Last week he would not comment on General Motors' decision to give financial and legal assistance to any of its black workers who flouted the beach apartheid laws.

Mr Olivier has previously opposed moves to open any of PE's southern beaches to all races. It is understood his argument tonight will be based on the premise that by opening the beaches, the council will be defying the provisions of the Separate Amenities Act.

At tonight's meeting, the council will vote on a motion by the former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige. The motion calls on the council to rule that municipal officials not act on a decision by the Community Services Committee authorising them to lay charges with the police against any blacks using "whites only" beaches.

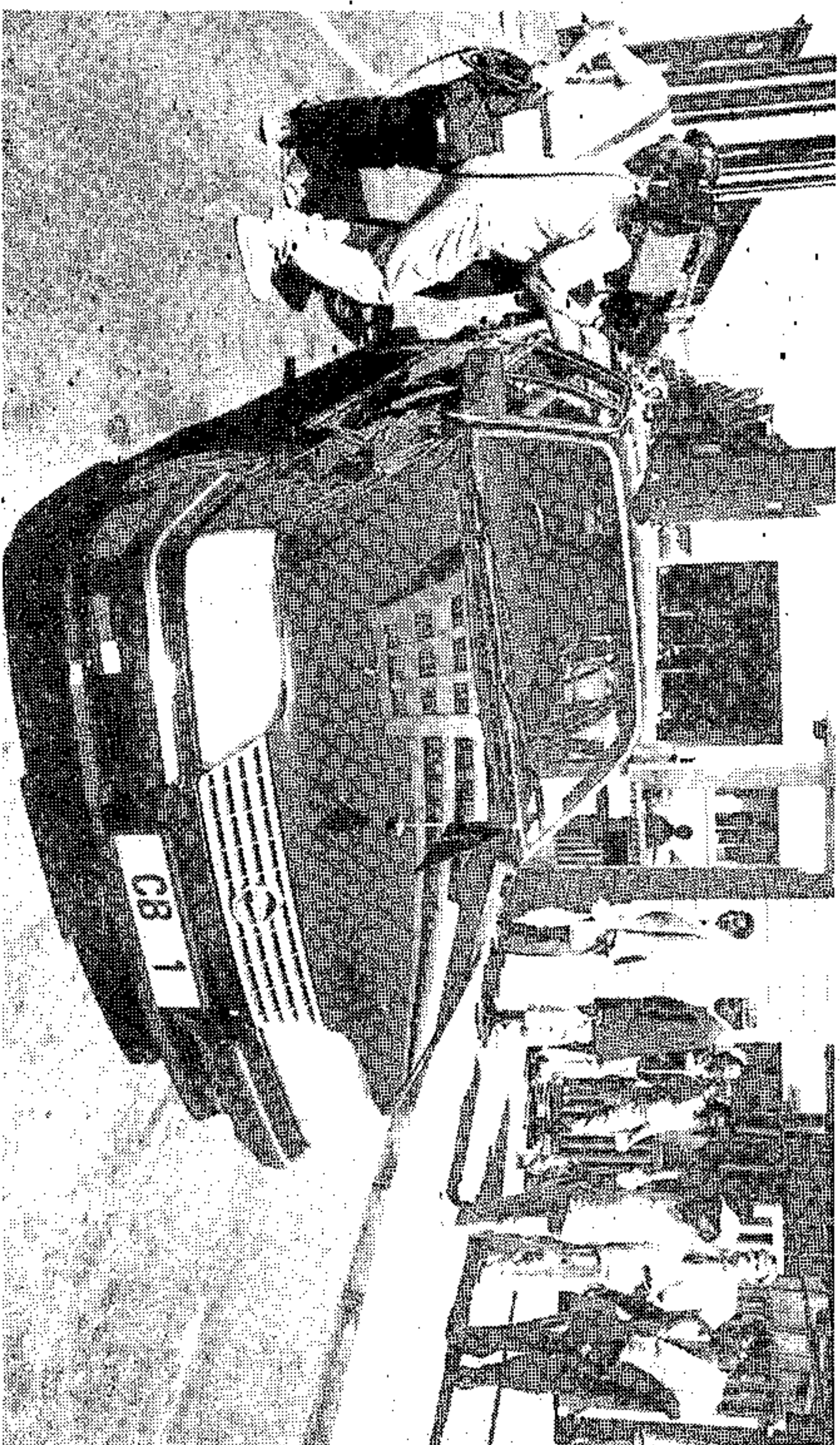
This follows intense lobbying by the HNP for action against blacks using "white" beaches. Their action, in turn, followed a dip which the coloured MP for Addo, Mr Peter Hendrickse, took at King's Beach last month. Mr Olivier said his vote at tonight's meeting would be based on the merits of arguments presented.

He was also waiting to see the report from the City Engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton, following a municipal investigation of the beaches. It will be tabled at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting next month.

Yesterday afternoon Mr Olivier met GM's managing director, Mr Bob White, for about 40 minutes.

It is understood, however, that they did not discuss last week's beach announcement by Mr White.

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A BBC television crew — in Port Elizabeth to cover the beach issue — interview the Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr BEN OLIVIER, through the window of the mayoral car after Mr Olivier's "courtesy call" on the General Motors managing director, Mr Bob White.

Mr Olivier said it was part of a series of conferences

EL suburbs to be open to all? Council mum

By MATTHEW MOONIEYA

Local Affairs Reporter
EAST LONDON — Indications that the city council has voted to open all residential areas here to all races cannot be confirmed — because the decision was taken in committee.

Yesterday the chairman of the action committee, Mr Donald Card, said he could neither confirm nor deny that the secret decision had been taken.

"I am bound by the ordinance on confidentiality of action committee decisions and I am afraid I cannot divulge anything," Mr Card said.

The motion to open

the Quigney area and an area in Park Avenue, Buffalo Street and Beaconsfield Road was submitted to council by the Indian Management Committee.

It is understood that the motion was defeated in the action committee and it was brought to the monthly meeting of the council.

At the start of the meeting, Mr Errol Spring moved that the motion be discussed in open council but the motion was defeated. He was only supported by Mr Card.

Indications are that at the closed discussions, the motion was passed. Only 14 councillors were

present. Both Mrs El-sabe Kemp and Mr Willem Morris were absent.

The motion was changed to include all residential areas.

Yesterday Mr Card would only concede that it was a "momentous decision" but could not divulge what it was.

"This to me is indeed a tragedy because the people have a right to know how the matter was debated and what the decision was. But we are governed by the ordinance on confidentiality."

Asked how the public would ever know the decision, Mr Card said he did not know how it would be divulged.

"I would have thought that the decision would be referred to the IMC but now that they have resigned, I suppose we will have to divulge it to whichever body steps into its place," Mr Card said.

The mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, said he did not know how the decision would be made public and he would have to investigate the matter.

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City Council decision widely welcomed

Hopes rise for opening of beaches to all races

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The international news media televise yesterday's proceedings. Councillors sitting at the horseshoe are Mr GERT VAN WYK (left), Mr FRIKKIE KOTZE and Mr LOMO DU PLESSIS (in front). Pictures by Evert Smith

By BESSIE BOUWER
Municipal Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth City Council's decision by 16 votes to five not to allow municipal officials to enforce beach apartheid has been widely welcomed.

Hopes have been expressed that the positive spirit among councillors will now lead to the speedy opening of the city's beaches to all races.

The former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, who proposed the motion to overrule the recent decision by the Community Services Committee, has been hailed as a champion of human rights in PE.

Mr Krige said last night: "This is not the end of it. I intend to move another motion at the earliest date possible that all the beaches be opened."

The Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, who opposed open beaches in the past and was severely criticised for not making his views known, was last night praised for taking a positive stand on the issue.

In an interview after the meeting Mr Olivier said the council's decision had been the right one and would benefit the city.

"The sooner the Government repeals this type of statutory law, the better, so that we can live in peace," he said.

This type of decision should not be left to local authorities to make.

He said he had refused to comment to the Press or to appear on the television programme, *Network*, because it was the Mayor's duty first to listen to the opinions of all the councillors and not to

prejudice the issue by giving his opinion before it reached open council.

The chairman of the Northern Areas Management Committee, the Rey Sam Arends, said today he hoped the council's decision would be the forerunner to the opening of all beaches.

The deputy chairman of the Indian management Committee, Mr Jay Kathan, welcomed the decision and praised Mr Krige for having the courage to take the initiative in preventing confrontation.

Two candidates in the municipal by-elections expressed their delight.

Mr Graham Richards (Ward 1) said it was the first step in moving PE into the 20th century and Mr Allan Shaw (Ward 3) said he was pleased sanity had prevailed.

International newsmen were given permission to film the proceedings in the packed council chamber where feelings often ran high during the lengthy debate.

Mr Krige said the Community Services Committee's decision to authorise municipal officials to lay charges against people contravening race laws had raised "a storm of protest at what is regarded as a total violation of the entire purpose and spirit of reform".

It was the opposite direction of the Government's whole reform process aimed at peaceful co-existence and was a "disgraceful" decision which was detrimental to race relations.

Speaking in favour of

Mr Krige's motion, Mr H van Zyl Cillie said some councillors did not yet understand that South Africa was "under siege".

The decision by the Community Services Committee was an embarrassment to the Government and had "in the eyes of the outside world cast PE in the role of South Africa's polecat".

Mr Graham Young said the country was in a state of flux and common sense had to be applied.

Mr Aubrey Braude felt Mr Krige had not gone far enough with his motion.

"He should have rejected the Community Services decision with the contempt it deserved."

Mr Charles Garai said councillors who spoke in favour of Mr Krige's motion were doing so because they were concerned South African citizens and not because of political affiliations.

Mr Brian Brooks stressed that he was the only member of the Community Services Committee who voted against the committee decision.

Speaking against the motion, Mr Lomo du Plessis said the Separate Amenities Act had not yet been scrapped.

Mr Danie Dorfling accused councillors in favour of the motion of being left-wingers and of wanting a political fiasco. He said the Separate Amenities Act had to be obeyed until it was scrapped.

Mr Chris Meyer, who had supported to HNP's appeal to the Community Services Committee to enforce beach apartheid,



The Mayor, Mr BEN OLIVIER, raises his hand for a "Yes" vote.

said the aim of Mr Krige's motion was "to promote Prog politics".

Mr Jacobus Nel, chairman of the Community Services Committee, said the decision was taken as an administrative measure and not as a political decision.

In favour of Mr Krige's motion were Prof L Simpson, Mr A Braude, Mr B Brooks, Mr G Young, Mr S Rubin, Mr C Garai, Mr R McKiever, Mr H Millard, Mr F Kotze, Mr I Krige, Mr C White, Dr H van der Merwe, Mr A Ward Able, Mr H Van Zyl Cillie, Mr J Vieira and Mr B Olivier.

Against were Mr L Du Plessis, Mr G Van Wyk, Mr J Nel, Mr D Dorfling and Mr C Meyer.

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An emphatic "No" vote from conservative councillors, Mr CHRIS MEYER (left), and Mr DANIE DORFLING. Former mayor Mr IVAN KRIGE looks on.

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Beachgoers still risk prosecution

Municipal Reporter

ALTHOUGH the Divisional Council is taking the City Council's lead and moving towards desegregating beaches, beachgoers still risk prosecution unless they confine themselves to beaches in their own "group areas".

This risk will remain as long as the Group Areas Act, proclamations made under it, and provincial ordinances concerning separate amenities remain in force, according to various local officials.

No one can be prosecuted under the Separate Amenities Act (No 49 of 1953) for being on a beach once it has been opened to all by the recognized local authority in charge of it.

Local authorities are also not breaking the Separate Amenities Act or any law at all by opening amenities to everyone, according to Dr Stanley Evans, town clerk of Cape Town.

Yet beachgoers could still fall foul of other apartheid regulations.

Dr Evans said so-



Dr Stanley Evans

called "disqualified persons" at beaches or pools still ran the risk of prosecution under Group Areas Act Proclamation R228 of 1973.

This proclaims that sections of the Group Areas Act apply to "any person on any land in a group area for a substantial period".

Other prosecution possibilities are provided by the Reservation of Separate Amenities by Local Authorities ordinance (No 20 of 1955).

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Council vetoes beach move (81)

Dispatch Correspondent
PORT ELIZABETH — After acrimonious debate the Port Elizabeth City Council last night vetoed a committee decision authorising municipal officials to lay charges against people contravening beach race laws.

Packed public galleries of over 100 people, about 15 newsmen and three camera teams watched the 65-minute debate during which 15 of the 22 councillors spoke.

There was a searing attack on the mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, by Mr H. van Zyl Cillie, who said: "If you pander to the archaic and shortsighted demands of the HNP (Herstigte Nasionale Party) on the beach issue you make a complete mockery of your so-called Pride in PE Project."

Later Mr Olivier supported a motion by the former mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, and said after the meeting the granting of the right to officials to lay charges was not in good taste and would do harm to race relations.

Introducing his mo-

tion, Mr Krige said the committee "with a presumption and insensitivity which is mind boggling, has effectively committed our city to beach apartheid enforced by criminal sanctions."

"The committee's action is disgraceful and is not only detrimental to race relations but also weakens the American dominated economy of the city by providing ammunition for the already strong overseas disinvestment lobbies."

Mr Cillie said he sensed some councillors had not grasped that South Africa was in a state of siege and the community services committee's decision was an embarrassment to the government and had cast Port Elizabeth in the eyes of the outside world as the 'country's polecat'.

Mr Lomo du Plessis said the council would not cross the Rubicon last night. "The Separate Amenities Act is not scrapped yet and we must abide by it and enforce the law. Don't come with this 'apartheid is dead'. No laws have changed."

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East London urged to open to all — 'ghosts seen that don't exist'

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EAST LONDON. — A motion calling for East London's white residential areas to be open to all races was discussed by the City Council this week — and the outcome is seen as one of the city's worst-kept secrets.

The motion was discussed in committee and the Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, refused to disclose how the voting had gone.

But Mr Yazbek and his followers — all supporters of racially-mixed suburbs —

emerged from the meeting with beaming smiles.

Their opponents — about an equal faction in the council — were obviously disappointed.

Mr Yazbek said last night he was "delighted" with the outcome of the vote on the motion.

"Some of us realise that the abolition of the Group Areas Act is the best way of stopping boycotts and making progress in this country," he said.

"Until apartheid is thrown away conditions in this country

will only get worse.

"The State President has said that the days of apartheid are past. If this is so we must start by scrapping the Group Areas Act."

He was supported by the chairman of East London's Action Committee, Mr Donald Card, who said he, too, was delighted at the outcome of the council voting.

"When we talk about mixed residential areas people see ghosts that don't really exist."

Businessmen's Role in Beach Vote

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Weekend Post Reporter

THE pressure exerted on Port Elizabeth City Council by industry and commerce before Thursday's crucial vote on beach apartheid — warning of the risk of disinvestment in the city — is evident in letters released to Weekend Post today.

The Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, who supported a motion that municipal staff should not be asked to take action against blacks on white beaches, handed over some of his mail today.

And at the same time he made the same appeal that former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, has been making — that businessmen involve themselves more closely in civic affairs by standing for council.

A forceful letter was received from Mr P H Gutsche, head of SA Bottling (Pty) Ltd, whose factory and head office are in the city.

It said: "Port Elizabeth is the most depressed city in the republic, both economically and socially. We need to attract investors and tourists rather than drive them away."

"The city needs to retain its existing foreign investors and, particularly, to make them feel confident in being located here. This adverse publicity is damaging our potential to attract new investment and to retain current foreign investors. Neither we nor South Africa can afford this."

"The State President has clearly stated in Parliament that apartheid is dead. All other major coastal cities have opened their beaches without long-term problems. I believe that Port Elizabeth's CBD is also soon to be opened, yet our council is still squabbling over the beach issue."

"When local investors lose confidence in their home city and are not prepared to make further investments in PE, I urge you and your councillors to take note."

"I urge you to prevail upon your colleagues to fight against the prosecution of beach trespassers and, in fact, open the beaches to all."

Mr Denis Creighton, regional manager of the SA Perm, appears to have written to all councillors, saying: "I am writing as a concerned citizen, ratepayer and businessman, to urge you to support Alderman Krige's proposal to rescind the committee decision to instruct council officials to take steps to remove persons other than whites from municipal beaches and to institute criminal proceedings against them."

"I go further and urge council to take steps urgently for the orderly opening of all municipal beaches and other facilities to all persons."

"I was horrified to see personally the presence of Defence Force and police at King's Beach on Saturday and Sunday. This was an insensitive action and I also urge council to ensure that the security forces are not used in this way in future."

"Normal police action against criminal activity is required but not to enforce an outdated apartheid municipal ruling."

"Port Elizabeth has a proud history and I am fearful that lack of forward thinking by our leaders will lead us into an era of unrest, bitterness and hurt."

"Please make a stand for honesty and fair play for all people."

Mr Frank Wightman, president of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, also wrote to all councillors pointing out the chamber represented about 1 000 companies in the region and saying:

"On August 26 last year, the chamber issued a manifesto reaffirming some of its long-held beliefs, among which is the chamber's view that it cannot support any

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legislation which discriminates between South Africans on the basis of the colour of their skins.

"The chamber believes that this applies to all legislation, whether at national or local level, and therefore believes that the City Council should commit itself publicly, and as a matter of duty to all of the citizens of PE, to opening the beaches.

"In connection with the policing of the beaches in the meantime, the chamber wishes to draw your attention to the fact that we are living in extremely troubled and sensitive times. It is the duty of every citizen to do all that he can to reduce conflict between different sections of the community."

Not everyone felt the same way. Among other letters received by the Mayor were:

A Somerset East resident, Mr Tom Retief, who owns two flats in Humewood, wrote that he "could tear his hair out of his head" because he had invested so much money in what he had believed to be the "Golden Mile" of Port Elizabeth.

This feeling was shared by most of his friends who owned flats in virtually every block in Humewood.

He said it seemed to him that the "Golden Mile" was going to change into the "brown, black mile" and he hoped that he would be proved wrong in this assumption.

Two regular writers of letters to the Press had similar reservations.

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Mr A P Knight, of Nairhaven, suggested that "all discussion on the opening of our beaches to all races be postponed until all violence in our townships ceases and the inhabitants show by their behaviour that both now and in the future they intend to behave in a law abiding, responsible and civilised manner."

Mr Kurt Edwards, of Charlo, took issue with General Motors which had announced legal and financial support for any of their black workers caught breaking beach apartheid.

He said: "The erroneous course that GM intends to adopt will only encourage and induce confrontation in various forms.

"I would suggest that GM leave well alone and let us South Africans attend to our own business."

After the council meeting, one of the letters received by the Mayor was from Mr Brian Matthew, executive director of the Midland Chamber of Industries, who said: "The chamber wishes to record its sincere appreciation to you, as Mayor, for setting an example by supporting Mr Krige's motion.

"The decision will enable the city to show South Africa and the rest of the world that we are sincere in our attempts to uphold the dignity of all the citizens of the city.

"The chamber would like to propose that you give consideration to inviting all interested groups and organisations to put forward to council recommendations as to how the beach issue can be solved."

Post Focus

Looking back at the history of apartheid

BY KIN BENTLEY

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He said: "The major factor arising from the war was the influx of black people and, to a lesser extent, coloured people, to the urban areas. "When I was a young

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He did not believe the Government had budged from the fundamentals of apartheid, pointing out that "own affairs" amounted to

the Group Areas Act (Blacks will soon be allowed to trade again in these areas.) He was one of the first people to build a home in Malabar, where Indian families from South End and other mixed areas settled.

Mr O'Brien recalled that when coloureds and Indians still voted for the central Parliament, he used to vote for the old United Party.

He also voted for the PE City Council and said there used to be coloured and Indian councillors "a long time ago".

Just how did racial discrimination get onto the statute books?



January this year — the MP for Addo, Mr PETER HENDRICKSE (right) and a party of friends defy the "whites only" ruling at King's Beach, Port Elizabeth.

The National Party, representing Afrikaner nationalism, meanwhile grew into a formidable force which finally won political power in 1948. It then put apartheid firmly on to the statute books.

With the advent of new racial laws like race classification and group areas, the ANC became more militant. In 1952 it launched its Defiance Campaign, which in turn led to the introduction of stricter "security laws".

Thousands of black leaders were arrested and 52 ANC leaders detained.

The ANC formed a Congress Alliance with the Indian Congress and while

provision of services is concerned.

Coloured men in the Cape were taken off the common voters roll in the mid-1950s when the National Party, by enlarging the Senate and packing it with its own members, achieved the required two-thirds majority necessary to change voting rights.

In compensation, the coloureds were given the right to vote for four white MPs. At least four senators "thoroughly acquainted" with the interests of the coloured people were appointed. All were Nationalists.

In the 1960s, when it became apparent that the coloured voters were leaving the UP and turning to the Progressive Party (now the PFP), the Prohibition of Political Interference Act was passed. This limited party membership to one race only.

Although this Act was scrapped last year, the racial character of the present tricameral constitution based on the Population Registration Act, today negates the concept of non-racial political parties.

The new constitution was introduced in 1984 after the white-controlled Bantu Council system — introduced in 1969 and scrapped in 1980 — had been rendered unworkable by the ruling Labour Party.

Flashback to the mid-1970s — segregated phone booths outside the old Donkin Hill Post Office in Port Elizabeth.

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"When I was a young man, Johannesburg (before the war) wasn't an industrial city — it was a mining town."

Describing the "overwhelming influx" after the war, he said: "All the hills around Johannesburg were filled with squatter groups."

Since then life in South Africa had been conditioned by the problem of trying to deal with the problems which this influx presented.

The National Party's policy was simple: keep the races apart.

"But they could not stop the people coming to the urban areas," he said.

"The blacks were here as workers, but not as citizens. They were excluded from political participation."

"Now we're trying to deal with the political and social consequences of industrial development, enormous economic growth and prosperity."

Segregation, he said, was first introduced on the mines in about 1912, where the term "sojourner" was used for blacks who could stay in an area only "while their labour was useful".

When the National Party came to power in 1948 they immediately put into legislation separate amenities, no inter-race marriage or sex... "no equality at all".

There used to be many non-racial clubs, societies and organisations in Port Elizabeth. Whites went freely into the townships. But when the NP took over, Mr Young said, all became racially separated.

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However, he hoped it was at last starting to recognise the problems. What would replace them, remained the key issue.

"Economically we are all linked in one country — bounded by the sea — and have got to share it as peaceably and fairly as possible."

Another PE man who recalls pre-apartheid days is an 82-year-old member of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Peter O'Brien, who said this week that he was "looking forward to the day when all race restrictions are gone".

"I've lived with the colour bar all my life."

He said petty apartheid was in force before the National Party came to power in 1948.

There were "Europeans only" and "Non-Europeans only" signs on many public buildings before the NP introduced apartheid legislation.

"There was also beach apartheid, but we used to go to King's Beach for picnics and no one stopped us."

Mr O'Brien said he lived for 40 years in a house in Palmerston Street in PE Central. He also owned a shop in Evatt Street.

Most of his neighbours were white, with a smattering of coloured and Indian people living in between them.

"There was no friction or trouble," he said.

Seventeen years ago the family was forced to move out of their home and va-



January this year — the MP for Addo, Mr PETER HENDRICKSE (right) and a party of friends defy the "whites only" ruling at King's Beach, Port Elizabeth.

cate their shop — under the Group Areas Act. (Blacks will soon be allowed to trade again in these areas.)

He was one of the first people to build a home in Malabar, where Indian families from South End and other mixed areas settled.

Mr O'Brien recalled that when coloureds and Indians still voted for the central Parliament, he used to vote for the old United Party.

He also voted for the PE City Council and said there used to be coloured and Indian councillors "a long time ago".

● Just how did racial discrimination get onto the statute books?

Segregation was not the unique creation of the National Party. In fact, it was in 1910, when blacks were excluded from the Union franchise, that discriminatory laws were first introduced.

What the National Party did after 1948 was put a name — apartheid — to a situation that already existed, and enshrine it extensively in law.

Here is a brief summary of what has occurred since Union in 1910.

The homelands system had its genesis in 1913 when the Natives Land Act forced hundreds of thousands of Africans off farms they had either bought or were squatting on in the Transvaal and Free State.

In return they were given black "reserves" — the basals of the homelands.

The African National Congress (ANC) was formed after the discriminatory franchise was introduced in the Act of Union in 1910.

At first it consisted largely of intellectuals wishing to extend what political rights they had (at that stage about 15% of the electorate in the Cape was non-white, with two coloureds for every one African).

In 1936 those Africans who were on the common voters' roll were removed, and put on a separate roll. They could elect three white MPs and four senators, with a promise that more land would be added to the "reserves" — the area of which has never exceeded 13% of the country.

The National Party, representing Afrikaner nationalism, meanwhile grew into a formidable force which finally won political power in 1948. It then put apartheid firmly on to the statute books.

With the advent of new racial laws like race classification and group areas, the ANC became more militant. In 1952 it launched its Defiance Campaign, which in turn led to the introduction of stricter "security laws".

Thousands of black leaders were arrested and 52 ANC leaders detained.

The ANC formed a Congress Alliance with the Indian Congress and white Congress of Democrats in 1955 — based on the Freedom Charter, which remains the basis of the ANC's demands.

Black political representation in Parliament — albeit through white representatives (in the Cape) — was abolished by the Promotion of Bantu Self-Government Act of 1959.

In 1960, at Sharpeville, 62 people were shot dead after what protesters said began as a peaceful demonstration against the pass laws. The ANC and PAC (an offshoot) were banned, with their military wings, Umkonto we Sizwe and Poqo, launching an "armed struggle", which continues today through sporadic guerrilla bombings and sabotage.

The black consciousness movement developed in the 1970s, with virtually its entire leadership being banned in 1977, the year Steve Biko died. The 1976 Soweto uprising against compulsory education in Afrikaans was an upshot of this movement.

Many more youths fled the country to join the ANC.

More recently, particularly since the constitutional referendum in 1983, the United Democratic Front, a broadly based alliance of organisations, has dominated the black political scene, with Azapo representing black consciousness in the 1980s. The UDF has been at the forefront of the current revolts.

At local level, coloureds and Indians are represented on white city councils through "management committees" which act in an advisory capacity —

similar to the black advisory boards which existed in the black areas before urban Bantu councils (1961) and then community councils (1977) were introduced. After 1971 black local affairs were largely run by the white-controlled Bantu Affairs Administration Boards.

In 1983 the Black Local Authorities Act introduced

the semi-autonomous village or town council systems.

The recent township violence has been largely aimed at the black councils and the development boards.

The proposed regional services councils are aimed at uniting on a racial basis the different communities at local level where the

provision of services is concerned.

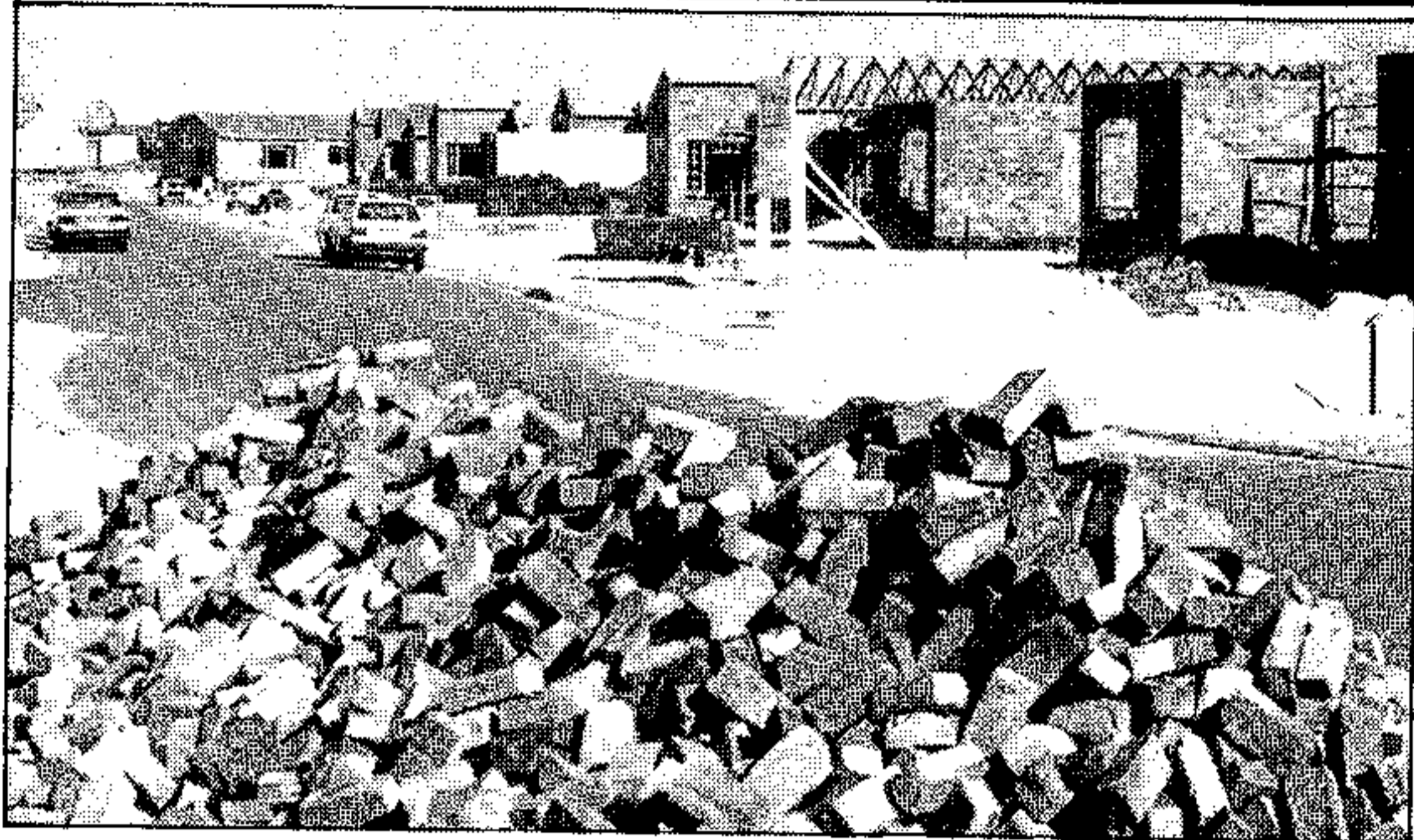
Coloured men in Cape were taken off common voters roll in mid-1950s when National Party, by enacting the Senate and passing its own membership achieved the required two-thirds majority necessary to change voting rights.

In compensation, coloureds were given right to vote for four white MPs. At least four senators "thoroughly acquainted with the interests of coloured people were appointed. All were Nationalists."

In the 1960s, when it came apparent that coloured voters were voting for the UP and turning the Progressive Party (the PFP), the Prohibition of Political Interference was passed. This limited party membership to race only.

Although this Act was scrapped last year, the racial character of the present tricameral constitution, based on the Population Registration Act, today negates the core of non-racial political ties.

The new constitution introduced in 1984 after Coloured Representative Council system — introduced in 1969 and scrapped in 1980 — had been rendered unworkable by ruling Labour Party.



● THIS was the start of Mandalay. Now building in the area is mushrooming. (81) Herald

CHEAPER HOUSING IS THE IN THING

THE financing of housing for the lower income groups is assuming more and more importance for financial institutions in South Africa. This is the view of Mr Kingsley Loney, Cape regional manager of the Natal Building Society. Herald

the fact that most of the homes are purchased with the assistance of a Government subsidy — making them extremely affordable — and this type of housing becomes an undoubted growth area of great value to the societies.” (81)

MAJOR FACTOR

“It would appear that we will have to live with the downturn in the middle and upper income property market for some time to come — irrespective of the fact that now is a good time to invest in property. Conversely, demand for housing in the lower income areas is burgeoning.”

Mr Loney also cites the Government's first-time buyer scheme for new housing as a major factor behind the demand for lower income group housing.

“The NBS residential developments in areas such as North Pine, Colorado and Mandalay have been and continue to be, very successful. Historically, the purchasers have established a very stable repayment pattern. Couple this to

“Provided the cost of the building and improvements do not exceed R40 000 — excluding the value of the land — the purchaser is entitled to a one-third subsidy from the state. Again, this is bringing a home within the reach of many more people providing, of course, that they and the property meet the building society's lengthy criteria.”

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Commerce welcomes open CBD

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE imminent opening of the central business district here for free trade by all races has been welcomed 'with delight' by the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber's new president, Mr L E Kerk, said the proclamation of the CBD as an open trading area would give all races greater opportunities to participate fully in the free enterprise system.

The chamber appreciated the efforts of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning in limiting the administrative preparations to the minimum and in having the proclamation finalised as early as possible.

Mr Kerk also welcomed as an 'exciting development' the Provincial Council's decision to allow

extended trading hours.

The Licence and Business Hours Amendment Ordinance was passed by the council this week without amendment to allow businesses to open on all days except Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Ascension Day and the Day of the Vow.

Mr Kerk urged businessmen to investigate more fully shift work and flexitime so that trading hours could be adapted to suit the consumer.

'Twenty-four-hour trading will revolutionise shopping patterns and businessmen should give serious consideration as to how their businesses could be affected should it be implemented.'

The question of security in the CBD and at shopping centres would have to be looked into to prevent crime against late-night shoppers, he said.

Mixed suburbs move:

Council decision to be revealed tonight?

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Efforts to lift the veil of secrecy over a city council resolution on the opening of residential areas to all races here will be made at an action committee meeting scheduled for this evening.

The mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, said he would "most certainly" ask that the resolution made last Monday be made public.

Mr Yazbek said that there was a "gentlemen's agreement" among all the councillors that no details of the council resolution or the debate be made public.

The matter was decided in committee, which was bound by rules of confidentiality.

Asked if national attention focused on the issue at the weekend was justified, Mr Yazbek said that if press interpretations of the resolution were correct, "and I am not saying whether or not they are correct", then East London should be proud of taking a leadership role.

One Sunday newspaper reported yesterday that the government was considering, as a priority, making the implementation of the Group Areas Act a "local option".

Two national Sunday newspapers gave prominence to the East London council decision, based on the belief that the council had decided to open all residential areas in the city to all races.

No city councillors

have denied that this decision was taken, but nor have they confirmed it.

Mr Yazbek said the matter had been debated over some time in the council's action committee.

"What we have to do is to establish on Monday just how secret all this is."

He said he agreed that it was a matter which affected all the city's ratepayers and that the ratepayers had a fundamental right to know what the decision entailed.

"I will be raising this point on Monday, but until then I am still bound by the gentleman's agreement."

Councillor Error Spring, who had called for the original debate to be held in public, said it was inevitable that the Group Areas Act would be repealed.

"The sooner the government has the courage and conviction to take action, the better off South Africa and all its people would be. The Group Areas Act has become a festering sore for all concerned."

He said if a motion to open the meeting should arise in committee tonight, he would certainly fight to have the matter debated in public.

"This whole thing has become farcical and it should have been open in the first place. The decision should be public for all to know."

Commenting on the national scope of the issue, he said there must be one set of rules. "You can't have local authorities each having a different set of rules. The government is trying to pass the buck with the three-tier government."

Another councillor, Mr Robbie De Lange, Jnr, refused to comment on the issue yesterday.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Amalinda Ratepayers' Association, Mr Nathan Smith, said he believed that any city council decision which affected ratepayers was a matter of public record, and that ratepayers should know what the decision meant.

"I can't comment on it at this stage, because I don't know what I will be commenting on," he said.

"If it is true that the council has decided to open all residential areas to all races, then I certainly think the people of East London should know about it."

Mr A. J. P. Opperman, chairman of the West Bank Ratepayers' Association, the only other active ratepayers' organisation in the city, was ill yesterday, and was not able to comment on the issue.

●The Daily Dispatch's political staff reports from Cape Town that no official comment could be obtained last night on East London's reported opening of all residential areas.

However, sources close to the Government said city councils had no jurisdiction to take a decision of that kind.

If the East London council had taken such a decision, it would be invalid and could not be carried out.

The Group Areas Act was part of the law and anyone who moved into a group area zoned for another race would be in violation of the law.

Row over EL move to open areas to all

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By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — The East London City Council was today accused of acting without a mandate when it voted to open all residential areas to all races.

The accusation was made by the chairman of the Amalinda Ratepayers' Association, Mr Nathan Smith.

"The City Council certainly has no mandate from the people of Amalinda," Mr Smith said.

"The council can do as it likes but this vote is completely irrelevant.

"Any decision to open up residential areas would have to come from the Government and that is unlikely to happen.

"So we see no need to draw up petitions to protest against the council's action."

But a petition is being drawn up by the Independent Rights Association which claims to represent ratepayers throughout

the city.

The association vice-chairman, Mr Nic Slabber, said a petition would be on the streets tomorrow.

"We feel that the people of each suburb should decide whether or not they should be opened.

"The council has no right to make such a decision for them. We want a referendum on the issue.

"Wage earners, particularly in the middle class suburbs, are com-

pletely against the decision and won't stand for it at all.

"We intend to make our feelings known by sending a petition to the Provincial Administration."

Mr Slabber said he believed the council's decision was largely influenced by the consumer boycott.

"The City Council is probably under pressure from the Chamber of Commerce," he said.

The East London vote

was taken in committee on Monday.

The motion to open residential areas resulted in a vote of seven for and seven against, with two councillors absent.

The Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, used his casting vote to carry the motion.

● The Durban City Council decided last night by 22 votes to five to ask the Government to declare the controversial Block AK area open to all

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EL votes for open suburbs

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON -- The city council here has voted to open residential areas to all races.

The historic vote was revealed last night at a press conference by the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, who said the council had voted overwhelmingly by 12 to one to lift the veil of secrecy over the vote taken last Monday.

The decision remained a secret for seven days because a motion to have it debated in public was defeated. A provincial ordinance dictated that, because of this, the decision could not be released.

After nearly two hours of debate last night behind closed doors, the

mayor summoned the press into the council chamber where he revealed the decision which had become the cause of national speculation in the press.

Mr Yazbek said the decision did not have any legal grounding yet and could not be enforced.

"It will have to be sent to the provincial administration and from there to the central government," he said.

The mayor ordered the release of the minutes of the meeting at which the decision was taken.

The minutes showed there was some confusion about the motion which originally asked that the Quigney and an area bounded by Buffalo Street, Porter Street and Beaconsfield Road be opened to all races.

The motion was later amended to read that all areas be opened.

The first motion moved by Councillor Vossie Bezuidenhout and seconded by Mr Brian Snell was amended on a motion by Mr Donald Card which was seconded by Mr Patrick Kay.

The amended motion was put and there were seven votes for and seven against. The mayor then used his casting vote and the motion by Mr Card was carried.

Mr Bezuidenhout's motion fell away.

Councillor Robbie de Lange (snr) indicated

that he did not agree with the mayor using his casting vote in favour of the motion because, in accordance with past practice where there was equality of votes, the chairman used his casting vote in favour of the status quo.

Mr Yazbek said there was nothing in law which stipulated how a chairman should use his casting vote.

Mr R. de Lange (jnr) called for a division.

Those who voted for Mr Card's motion were: Mr Yazbek, Mr Ivan Zulman, Mr Len Cooper, Mr Patrick Kay, Mr Errol Spring and Mr Snell.

Those against the motion were Mr Bezuidenhout, Mr G. Bassingthwaight, Mr De Lange (snr) and Mr De Lange (jnr), Mr Neville Randall, Mr Phillip Rohtbart and Mr Eric Whitaker.

Mrs Elsabe Kemp and Mr Willem Morris were absent.

● The Durban city council is to put pressure on the government to allow an area near Greyville racecourse to become Durban's first legal multi-racial residential suburb since the implementation of the Group Areas Act.

Yesterday the city council agreed by 22 votes to five to ask relevant state departments to rezone the area, known as Block AK from a white to a non-racial area.

Give back dispossessed Griquas' land, Labour tells Govt

SM 4/28 Political Staff



PARLIAMENT — White farmers in East Griqualand were farming and even selling land to which they did not have title, Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture has claimed.

The land still belonged to Griquas who had been dispossessed, Mr Curry said in the House of Representatives.

He was speaking in the debate on the motion by Mr Eddy Dunn (LP, Natal Interior) calling on the State to return the land originally owned by the Griquas or compensate them for it.

The land is in East and West Griqualand and around Vredendal on the west coast.

Dr Ismail Essop (LP, Griqualand West) called for the white town of Campbell, 110 km from Kimberley, to be given to the Griquas.

It had become a virtual ghost-town of only 31 white families yet the Government wanted to turn the barren squatter camp nearby into a coloured area with a Griqua character.

Mr Petrus Meyer (LP, Vredendal) said the Griquas now occupied only a quarter of the land originally theirs.

The rest should be taken away from the whites or bought from them, just as so much land had been taken away from the coloured people, he said.

Mr Arthur Booysen, leader of the Freedom Party, charged that the motion was based on group identity and the Group Areas Act and would play into the hands of the HNP and the Conservative Party (who have called for a coloured homeland).

Mr Curry said the Labour Party stood clearly for a repeal of all racial laws but was going to use the structures available to it "to get what is rightfully ours". The motion was passed.



Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government.

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We did vote for open East London — Mayor

EAST LONDON. — The Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, has confirmed that the City Council voted to open residential areas to all races.

He said last night that the decision was taken last Monday, but was not announced due to the defeat of a motion to hold a public debate. The provincial ordinance prevented release of the news after the motion's defeat.

There has been speculation in the past few days about a vote to open all areas.

LIFT VEIL OF SECRECY

After nearly two hours' debate last night, the council voted overwhelmingly to lift the veil of secrecy.

Mr Yazbek said the decision did not have any legal grounding.

"It will have to be sent to the provincial administration and from there to the Government," he said. — Sapa.

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**Dining
hall open**

Political Staff

THE dining room row in Parliament has ended with a decision to open the House of Assembly restaurant to the MPs of the other two Houses.

This decision, taken by the House of Assembly's committee on standing rules and orders, was announced yesterday by the Speaker, Mr Johan Greeff.

The decision was welcomed by the Labour Party.

It said the decision was "indicative of a willingness to demonstrate that at the highest level there is a move away from apartheid with its discriminatory practices. We believe that the getting together of people is essential for a clearer and better understanding of each other's perceptions".

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Station facilities
open to all races

Political Staff

PEOPLE of all races are now free to use all facilities at the Cape Town station, including the cafeteria.

A Labour Party MP, Mr Peter Mopp, yesterday had lunch at the station's previously all-white cafeteria and was served without any problems.

Mr Mopp also inspected other facilities, including the toilets and the general waiting room, and found them open to all races.

His visit to Cape Town station, which until recently still carried apartheid signs, followed assurances by the Minister of Transport Services, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, that all "whites only" notices at the station had been removed.

Members of Mr Mopp's party were the only blacks in the cafeteria. Most blacks seemed unaware that apartheid in the restaurants and cafeterias had been removed.

Mr Mopp said afterwards: "It's nice to see it's normal again. That's the way life should be. It's not a debatable issue any more."

He said he hoped all stations in South Africa were being desegregated and that apartheid signs should go down everywhere, including on all trains.

● In February last year, Mr Schoeman defended the use of "white" and "non-white" signs at the entrances to the Johannesburg station on the grounds that these had been provided "for the convenience and effective flow of passengers".

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Staff Reporter

THE George Town Council cancelled permission granted to the Unity Movement — an organization which wants “to get the black man out of George” — to hold a meeting in the civic centre last night.

The Unity Movement (UM) began in George about two months ago, according to its leader, farmer Mr Malcolm Dubell, who insists that it is not a political movement. “Why we formed the movement is 99 per cent economical,” he said.

‘Taken over’

UM stood for “unifying whites, coloureds and Indians” with “full rights all the way down the line” but wanted “to get the black man out of George”.

UM intended doing this through “disinvest-

ment in the black man” — withholding employment, housing, food and friendship.

Mr Dubell said black people had “taken over the town”.

“There used to be 200 in 1961. Now there are over 10 000. No-one has any idea how many. It’s not that we are biased or hate anybody. We are in economic trouble. There’s no room. Theft and anarchy are the order of the day.”

Mr Dubell said people were “in a hell of a

George bars anti-black gathering

mood” about the cancellation of the meeting. He claimed his lawyer had been told by the town clerk that permission had been cancelled “because black people from Lawa aikamp had phoned and threatened to burn down the hall”.

However, the deputy town clerk, Mr Johan Basson, said he was not aware of any such threat and it had not been discussed.

“The only thing I can say is that my council does not wish to be asso-

ciated with this movement in any way,” he said.

A spokesman for the George Youth Organization, Mr Kenneth Siboto, said he had been asked by his executive yesterday to “find out why they don’t want to employ us. We don’t understand,” he said.

Support

“We support local businesses very well and would like to arrange a meeting with local businessmen to discuss this.”

Mr Siboto also dismissed the reality of any threat to burn down the town hall.

Mr Dubell, meanwhile, is planning to conduct a poll “of coloureds, whites and Asians” in the area to test support. “If I can’t get 90 per cent behind me I’ll drop it,” he said.

Slim hope for city's mixed-race plans

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East London

THE East London City Council's dramatic decision to open all residential areas to all groups is unlikely to have much practical effect.

The decision was to be passed on to the provincial administrator, and from there to the central government which alone has the power to amend Group Areas legislation.

And the government has made it clear it is not willing to consider mixed areas.

The East London decision was taken almost two weeks ago behind closed doors. It was the third time a motion to open the city had been debated but this time the absence of two National Party councillors and the defection of two supporters of the New Republic Party changed the balance of power.

It left the council split in half, enabling the mayor, Joe Yazbek, a PFP supporter, to exercise his casting vote.

The decision, although technically secret, soon became public knowledge in the city.

Last Monday, a second council meeting decided to come out into the open with the move. Councillors were at pains, however, to show they were not aiming for confrontation with the

government.

In radio interview, Yazbek called it a statement of intent, adding that the decision would be forwarded to the government through the correct channels.

But even if the decision seems unlikely to be put into effect immediately, it has created a furore among rightwing groups and a great deal of interest elsewhere.

The Independent Rights' Association promised to fight the decision, while NP MPC and councillor Elsabe Kemp called it a "ridiculous and illegal" decision.

Kemp was one of the two councillors whose absence upset the balance of power.

The council has also come under fire for taking the decision in secret, and not referring it to ratepayers in some way.

Observers believe it likely that there will be an attempt to rescind the decision unless opponents rest secure in the knowledge that the government will veto the move.

Hulley repeats offer of 'open Constantia'

Political Staff

Mr. Roger Hulley (PFP, Constantia) has asked the Government to start opening residential areas to people of all races.

He made his plea during yesterday's debate in the House of Assembly on the removal of discriminatory laws.

Mr. Hulley said he was taking the opportunity to repeat a plea he made in writing to the Minister of Community Development, in November 1981 that the Government should immediately use Section 17 of the Group Areas Act to create open areas on the basis of a systematic programme of reform.

"In this context I publicly repeat my offer that Constantia would be willing, and indeed honoured, to be part of such a programme."

Mr. Hulley said that unless the Government accepted, among

other things, the concept of open residential areas it would not be able to lead South Africa away from apartheid.

The concept should be accepted "at least as a phasing-out mechanism".

The Government should also accept the ultimate necessity of scrapping the Group Areas Act.

Mr. Hulley said that in 1981 his constituency had a referendum on this issue. In a 60 percent poll, 83,4 percent of the voters expressed themselves in favour of Constantia being an "open" area.

"We said it then, but the Government would not accept it — this Government insisted on forcing its policy down people's throats.

"The trend of opinion against the Group Areas Act has continued," Mr. Hulley said.

Post Focus

Publicity Association under fire

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Bathers on King's Beach — regarded as one of the finest stretches of beach in South Africa.

By
**BARBARA
ORPEN**

PRESSURE is mounting for a vigorous campaign to boost Port Elizabeth as a tourist centre. People in the travel and holiday business are dissatisfied with the efforts being made by the city at present. And others stress that the city's attractions as a tourist centre will have to be expanded and exploited to counter the sag in the fortunes of the motor industry.

All feel that the PE Publicity Association, with its current budget, is not equipped to handle the job. According to the vice-chairman of the PE Central Business District Committee, Mr. Reid Bailey, the city's Publicity Association's attempts to market the city are "laughable".

He has suggested that an independent body of consultants be appointed to look into the affairs of the Publicity Association. In view of the fact that the advertising done by the association is a "waste of time".

A move in November to appoint a marketing man as deputy director of the association was defeated at a meeting of the association's committee. Less than a quarter (R46 000) of the association's budget of R200 000, is allocated for advertising this year, while more than R100 000 is going on salaries and pensions.

He said: "At least 50% of the association's budget is spent on salaries. From a business point of view, the maximum amount to be spent on salaries should not exceed 20% for any business to operate efficiently. The amount allocated for advertising does not make for a viable proposition — we have so much to offer in this city, but in order to sell the place to tourists, a lot more has to be done about it."

"If one is trying to re-operate on the tourist industry, one has to tell people about PE in a big way — not through small pamphlets and ad-hoc advertising."

Mr. Brian Botten, chairman of the East Cape Branch of the Association of South African Travel Agents, agreed that the advertising budget was insufficient to advertise the city. Of the R26 401 remaining for the six months from December to June, only R8 000 was not committed. A sum of R15 000 — one third of the advertising budget — was spent in one shot — an advertising leaflet in the South African Airways "Take Off" Guide to *Countrywide Holiday Travel in South Africa*.



MISS CYNTHIA VAN DER MESCHT

Mr. Botten said: "In this economic climate, the association should be bending over backwards to attract people to Port Elizabeth."

"There was a complaint the other day in the newspaper that the association did not have information about deep-sea fishing facilities and motor boats for hire."

"I sympathise with Miss Cynthia van der Mescht, director of the association, that it is not the association's job to book such facilities. However, it is the association's job to have this information available. What should happen is that the association should put adverts into the paper calling for people to come forward and provide the association with information about what facilities are available."

"The association must have a marketing tool — a kit with every bit of information available that tourists would require. If the advertising budget is so small, why not make an appeal to the public to each make a R1 contribution to the budget and get the whole thing going." He added, however, that in order to attract people to the city, PE should be marketable as well — and this

was the work of private enterprise.

turned down.

"There is tremendous potential in PE for it to be a major tourist attraction. Why can't we have something like the restaurant in the Beacon Isle Hotel at Plettenberg Bay, which is set right on the sea?"

Miss Van der Mescht said: "Our organisation is too small to appoint a deputy director. We are waiting to see what happens with the Regional Services Council, and only until such time as the organisation becomes bigger, will we appoint anyone in such a capacity. The whole problem lies with our budget at the moment."

"And why are there no boat trips up the Swartkops River? All that is needed is for one individual to offer to take people on trips up the river."

"If commerce is criticising us, they should put their money where their mouth is and provide us with more assistance than they do. We can only promote PE as much as our budget allows us to and in that we do our best. The smaller the organisation, the less it has available for advertising."

At the November committee meeting, a proposal to appoint an honorary treasurer, as well as a director with professional advertising skills, was

Leono du Plessis intends submitting a proposal for financial assistance to bring in an advertising company to promote the

MP's anti-apartheid drive

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Argus Reporter

THE last racial barrier at the Cape Town railway station has fallen — without a whimper.

NEXT TARGET



It's not All gone — Mr Peter Mopp points to a familiar whites only sign still to be seen on train carriages.

Labour Party MP Mr Peter Mopp, sat down to a meal in the whites-only cafeteria. And nobody turned a hair.

Mr Mopp's visit — to test Transport Services Minister Mr Hendrik Schoeman's assertion in a Parliamentary debate that all "whites only" signs had been removed from the station — has buried a longstanding bone of contention among blacks.

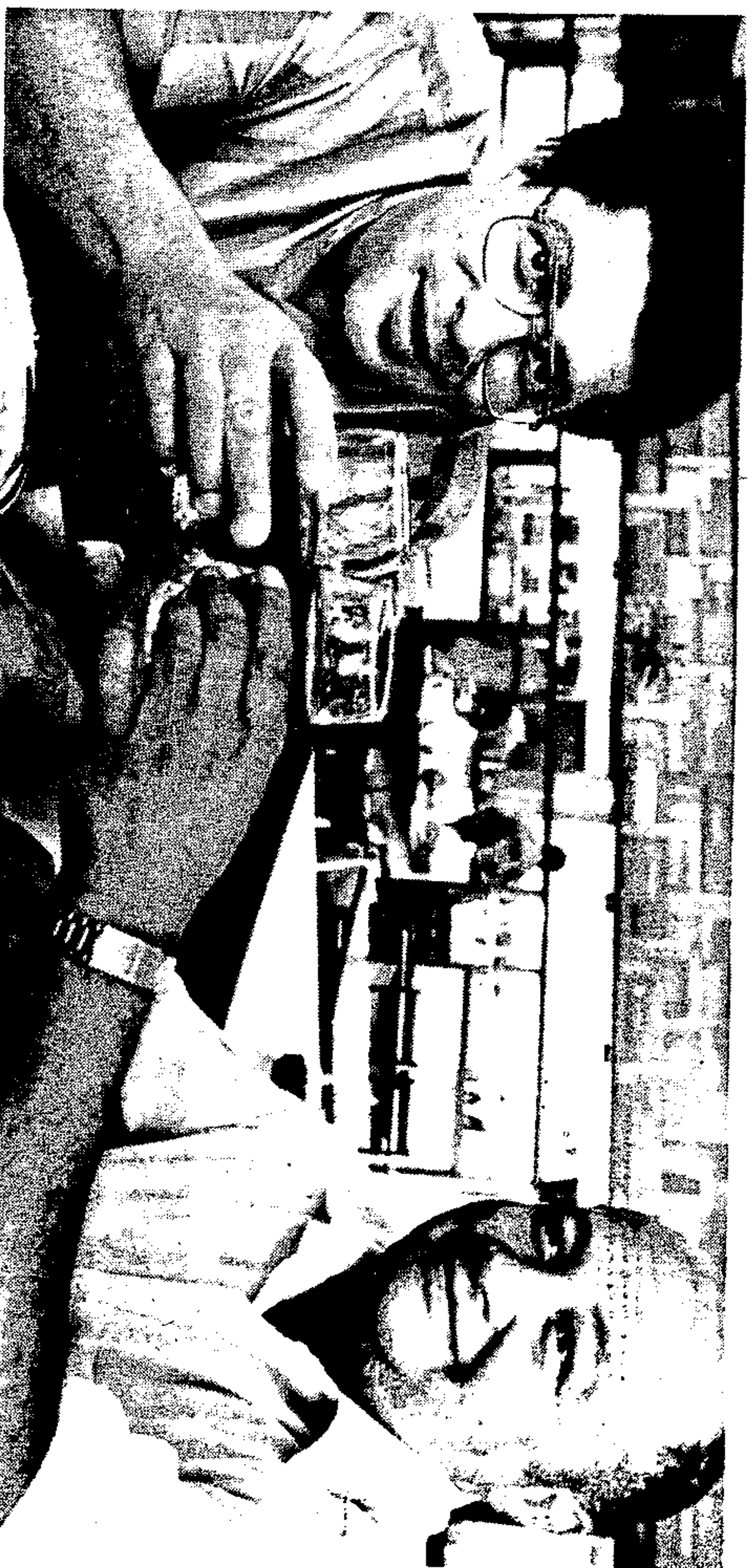
Until his visit there had been no indication that the whites-only rule at the cafeteria had been dropped and no blacks had until then been seen there. Since his visit there has been a steady trickle of blacks — as far as is known, without incident.

"Conditioned"

Mr Mopp had lunch twice in the station cafeteria this week with friends. They were the only blacks making use of the facilities on both occasions.

"The man in the street has been so mentally conditioned that he expects to be kicked out," he said.

And the next "whites only" signs to go will be those still found on cer-



MP Mr Peter Mopp and a friend, Mr Bernie Cloete, enjoy a meal together in the once whites-only Cape Town station cafeteria.

tain railway carriages, he says.
"It's nice to see petty apartheid slowly vanishing but it's laughable that I can travel in Europe and America without a fuss and yet here in my own country I am still restricted.
"I have been thrown

out of so many places in my life... it's great to be able to sit here peacefully, relax and eat," he said while ordering.
"You know what I did once?" he asked with a huge grin.
"A couple of years ago in Bellville I walked into

a fast-food restaurant and sat down.
"The manager came up and asked me to leave. I did. But outside I called over a young white kid who had a dog and gave him money to buy chips for himself and the dog.
"I told him to open the

packet inside the place and let the dog eat.
"Then I walked back inside and said to the manager 'see, you even let dogs eat in here but I'm not good enough'. Then I left.
"The next thing to tackle are these coaches

for 'whites only'.
"There should be one fare all the way through and if people want to be separated they should be made to pay through the neck for it. We will see how long these signs stay up if those kind of restrictions were implemented.

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BBC film crew stoned

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — A BBC television film crew had to run a 200-metre gauntlet of stone-throwing children yesterday after being trapped at a barricade of drums and boulders near C Section of Duncan Village.

A member of the film crew said the "virtually brand new" rented car in which they were travelling was almost totally destroyed.

But producer Peter Henderson and cameraman Willie Qubaka escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

They had gone into Duncan Village to get video footage of residents' reactions to the East London council decision in favour of opening residential

areas to all races.

They ran into the barricade shortly before noon, Mr Henderson said. As they stopped about 500 people, mostly youngsters, started lining the road.

Mr Henderson had to ramp over a gutter to turn the car around and two tyres were punctured.

Meanwhile, "rocks rained down" on them, smashing every window.

They managed "unbelievably" to get away from the area. They met up with an army patrol a few minutes later, abandoned the car and were driven of the township.

● People interviewed before the attack had been "very enthusiastic" about the council's plan.

requirements are described in section 52(2) of the Black Communities Development Act, 1984 (Act 4 of 1984).

(b) (i), (ii)(aa) and (bb) The requirements are described in the regulations promulgated by Government Notice R1036 of 1968.

(2) Yes, in respect of freehold title.

(a) All SA citizens or Foreign Blacks who are legally in the RSA, will be able to buy in respect of renting serviced sites a decision has not yet been taken.

(b) 3 December 1985.

(c) (i) and (ii) The decision has not yet been implemented awaiting amendment to legislation.

(3) (a), (b) and (c) Yes. Initially permission has been granted to persons who settled at Khayelitsha from Crossroads to remain in the Cape Peninsula for a period of 18 months. As soon as legislation has been accepted all applications will be considered accordingly.

HANSARD 11/3/86
Towns/Townships: rents/service charges in arrears
*37. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether there are any Black towns and/or townships falling within Development Board areas in which (a) rents and (b) service charges due to be paid are more than (i) 25, (ii) 50 and (iii) 75 per cent in arrears for the period 1 July to 31 December 1985; if so, (aa) which towns and/or townships and (bb) what total amount of money is involved;
- (2) whether any action is being or has

been taken in this regard; if so, what action;

(3) whether services are still being rendered to these towns and/or townships; if not, when did the rendering of such services cease?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) Black local authorities and development boards are autonomous bodies who collect rent and service charges themselves. The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning is not involved with this. For this reason the information is not readily available. This Department is however aware that inhabitants in some towns are up to five months in arrear with payment of rent and service charges.

(2) Steps are taken by Black local authorities and development boards to collect arrear monies by inter alia instituting legal procedures against defaulters, arranging with employers for stoporders against salaries of defaulters and interviewing defaulters in order to influence them positively and to obtain their co-operation.

(3) Yes.

South African Games

*38. Mr M A TARR asked the Minister of National Education:

(1) Whether his Department has been approached to make any funds available for the staging of the South African Games in Johannesburg between 4 and 19 April 1986; if so, what was his response;

(2) whether his department intends making any funds available for this purpose; if so, what amount?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION:

(1) Yes, the application received favourable consideration.

(2) Yes, an amount of R500 000 has been voted in the 1985/86 financial year for this purpose. A further amount of R500 000 has been included in the 1986/87 draft estimates.

(b) Still under consideration.
(c) Not yet determined.
(2) Not under consideration.
(a), (b) and (c) fall away.
(3) No, no forced removals are anticipated.
(a), (b) and (c) fall away.

Durbanville: group area for Coloureds
*39. Mr P G SOLA asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether a new group area for Coloured persons has been or is to be established near Durbanville; if so, (a) why, (b) where and (c) what will be the size, in hectares, of this group area;

(4) (a) Upgrading or otherwise does not fall under the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.
(b) No, there are no possibilities for extension.
(5) Yes.

(2) whether Morningstar, near Durbanville, is to be deproclaimed as a group area for Coloured persons; if so, (a) why, (b) when and (c) what steps are to be taken in respect of this land;

(a) From the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture of the Administration: House of Representatives.
(b) 10 February 1986.

(3) whether the residents of Morningstar are to be moved; if so, (a) why, (b) when and (c) where will they be moved to; if not,

(4) whether Morningstar is to be (a) upgraded and (b) extended; if not, why not; if so, when;

(i) That I should issue a statement giving the assurance that the residents of Morningstar will not be moved but that people for whom accommodation cannot be supplied in Morningstar will have to resettle at Fisantekraal or elsewhere in the Peninsula.

(5) whether he or any member of his Department has received any representations regarding Morningstar; if so, (a) from whom, (b) when and (c) what was the (i) nature of the representations and (ii) response thereto?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) Yes, the establishment of an area is under consideration at present.

(a) Due to need.

(ii) That I unfortunately cannot issue a statement at this stage but that I have requested the Director-General: Department of Constitutional Development and Planning to see to it that the investigations for possible alternative areas be finalised as soon as possible and that I will keep the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture informed of developments.

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Heunis 'no' to Morningstar plan

Political Staff

THE controversial plan to move coloured people from the Morningstar residential area near Durbanville was "not under consideration", the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday.

Asked by Mr Peter Soal (PFP, Johannesburg North) whether

Morningstar residents would be moved, he said: "No, no forced removals are anticipated."

Mr Heunis's statement in the House of Assembly appears to end speculation that Morningstar will be deproclaimed as a coloured residential area.

But he did say the establishment of a new group area for coloured people near Durbanville was under consideration "due to need".

Mr Heunis also said he received representations on February 10 from the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture of the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, that he should issue a statement "giving the assurance that the residents of Morningstar will not be moved, but that people for whom accommodation cannot be supplied in Morningstar will have to resettle at Fisantekraal or elsewhere in the Peninsula".

He had replied that he could not issue a statement yet but had requested the Director-General (Department of Constitutional Development and Planning) to see that investigations for possible alternative areas be finalized as soon as possible.

PE beaches under fresh spotlight

By BESSIE BOUWER

PORT ELIZABETH'S beach facilities come under the spotlight on Tuesday when a report on what is available to each population group will be discussed at a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

The findings of the report could have far-reaching effects on the controversial open beach issue.

The report was compiled by municipal officials asked to investigate the technical, financial and legal aspects of the current beach allocation.

In November last year the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said the council must satisfy itself that existing beach allocations met the needs of the various population groups and whether adjustments were warranted.

Since then there have been calls from members of the public, civic leaders and businessmen to do away with all beach apartheid.

Many are now asking not whether, but how the beaches should be opened to all.

Mr Ivan Krige, former Mayor of Port Elizabeth, and outspoken advocate of open beaches, said they should all be opened in mid-winter.

"People will then be used to the idea by the time summer comes around and there won't be much overcrowding," he said.

He believes the council should press ahead in getting improved facilities on all the beaches, rejects "pay" beaches and favours beach constables.

He recommended an entrance fee for the McArthur Baths.

A Ward 3 councillor, Mr Aubrey Braude, said a decision should be taken on what control measures were necessary to prevent friction.

Mr H Van Zyl Cillie, chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, said a start should be made with the opening of one controlled pay beach, which should be fenced.

This would limit the number of people using the beach and ensure adequate parking facilities.

All candidates in the municipal by-elections were in favour of some form of planning.

Mr Bruce Mann (Ward 3) said rapid and thorough planning was essential before beaches were opened.

The City Council should make funds available now and get the best team of consultants to build amenities and safety devices which would protect the people and the ecology.

There had to be clear guidelines so that the beaches could be places of fun for everyone and not potential death traps, he added.

Mr Allan Shaw (Ward 3) felt that all the beaches should be opened this winter. Although he was not in favour of "pay beaches" he felt there should be some form of crowd control, especially at the more popular beaches.

More beach officials should be employed and the establishment of adequate toilet facilities should be given priority.

In Ward 5, candidate, Mr Harold Davidson, said representatives of all communities should discuss how overcrowding could be prevented and what control should be applied at the beaches.

More facilities were needed and it was time for them to be made available.

It was imperative that the City Council should start planning immediately so that there would be adequate facilities when the beaches were opened.

Mr Dirkie Meyer, (Ward 5), also favours adequate control measures and better facilities at all the beaches. He emphasised that the Government, city council and representatives of other race groups should discuss the opening of beaches so confrontation could be prevented.

Report by Bessie Bouwer, 19 Baakens St, Port Elizabeth.

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By BESSIE BOWER
PORT ELIZABETH'S
thorny open beach issue
will be discussed by the
Policy and Resources
Committee today, when it
considers a recommenda-
tion by former mayor, Mr
Ivan Krige, that — with
the consent of the Admin-
istrator — beaches be
opened to all race groups
from July.

Vital meeting over beach issue today

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In a letter Mr Krige
says that beaches should
be opened "irrespective of
the contents of the report
to be submitted by the
City Engineer".

The report, compiled by
the City Engineer, Direc-
tor of Parks, City Treas-
urer and Legal Officer,
comes before the commit-
tee today.

Mr Krige also suggests
that "every effort be
made, at the earliest pos-
sible date, to ensure that
the facilities, for use by
the public, are adequate
on all the affected
beaches".

In today's report, the
City Engineer, Mr Arthur
Clayton, refers to a Policy
and Resources meeting in
1980 when the same issue
was considered and a
report on the allocation of

beaches was called for.

Preparation then in-
volved a considerable
amount of work and was
only finalised 14 months
later, says Mr Clayton's
report.

"We have now come
virtually full circle back
to the point where we
started in early 1980," he
says.

The 1981 report on the
re-allocation of beaches
will be available to the
committee today. Accord-
ing to this report, the
white population group
has access to a wider vari-
ety of coastal characteris-
tics than any other popu-
lation group.

Coloureds, Indians and
Africans do not enjoy the
same choice of coastal
recreational activity as

whites. Furthermore the
coastal allocation for the
various population groups
is unsatisfactory.

Mr Clayton says in to-
day's report that although
certain development has
taken place since 1981,
there have been no signifi-
cant changes, except for
an increase in population
figures.

In November 1982, the
council resolved that the
Policy and Resources
Committee discuss with
the coloured and Indian
management committees
the practical implications
of open beaches and the
provision of adequate
facilities at the beaches in
PE, not abutting existing
residential areas.

These discussions have

apparently not taken
place, says Mr Clayton.

Mr Clayton says it is ex-
tremely difficult to estab-
lish the need for beaches
by Africans. At present
they make little use of the
beaches allocated to them
— due to the location, dif-
ficulty of access and the
facilities on the beaches.

If they were permitted
access to better, safer
beaches, they would make
better use of them. Poli-
tical considerations also
affect the extent to which
the beaches are used by
blacks, says Mr Clayton.

Coloureds do not seem
to be affected to the same
extent by political consid-
erations.
"All that can be said
with any degree of cer-

tainty regarding the needs
of the various race groups
is that, except for possibly
two or three days during
the Christmas/New year
period, all the white beach
users could be accommo-
dated on King's Beach."

Pressure on council
from other groups to be
given right of access to
one or more "whites only"
beaches is "purely a poli-
tical issue", says Mr Clay-
ton.

He suggests certain op-
tions including opening all
beaches without charge,
allowing certain free open
beaches, opening certain
"pay" beaches, re-allocat-
ing certain white beaches
to different groups with
free access, or re-allocat-
ion on a controlled pay
basis.

Mr Clayton's report
says it is impossible to es-
timate the cost of control-
ling access to a pay beach
or to work out any details
until council decides
which beach it is prepared
to desegregate. Additional
facilities will be neces-
sary and this will involve
capital expenditure of
about R1 million.

No provision has been
made on the capital pro-
gramme for this expendi-
ture, says Mr Clayton.

The cost of beach con-
stables to supervise an
open beach is estimated at
about R160 000 a year.

The Director of Parks,
Mr Peter Gibbs, points out
that there are no beaches
allocated to African,
coloured and Indian popu-

lation groups on a racially
separated basis.

There are only beaches
set aside for the exclusive
use of whites or
undeclared beaches which
are open to all population
groups, he says.

The legal officer
reports that the Separate
Amenities ordinance "em-
powers the Administrator
to direct a local authority
which has control of any
beaches, to set them apart
for use by any particular
race group".

He says that the matter
cannot be taken any fur-
ther until the council de-
cides on one of the options
available and identifies a
beach or beaches to be
desegregated.

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Coloureds have cash for white homes

PORT ELIZABETH — Several wealthy coloured people in Port Elizabeth have cash ready to buy properties in white areas, say estate agents in the city.

Coloured people and Indians say that if they were granted exemptions allowing them to buy properties in

white areas, the housing shortage would be relieved.

They add that the sale of houses in white areas would also be stimulated.

It is reported that some white property owners are upset because at least one coloured person has been given exemption to buy property in the Greenbushes area. — Sapa.

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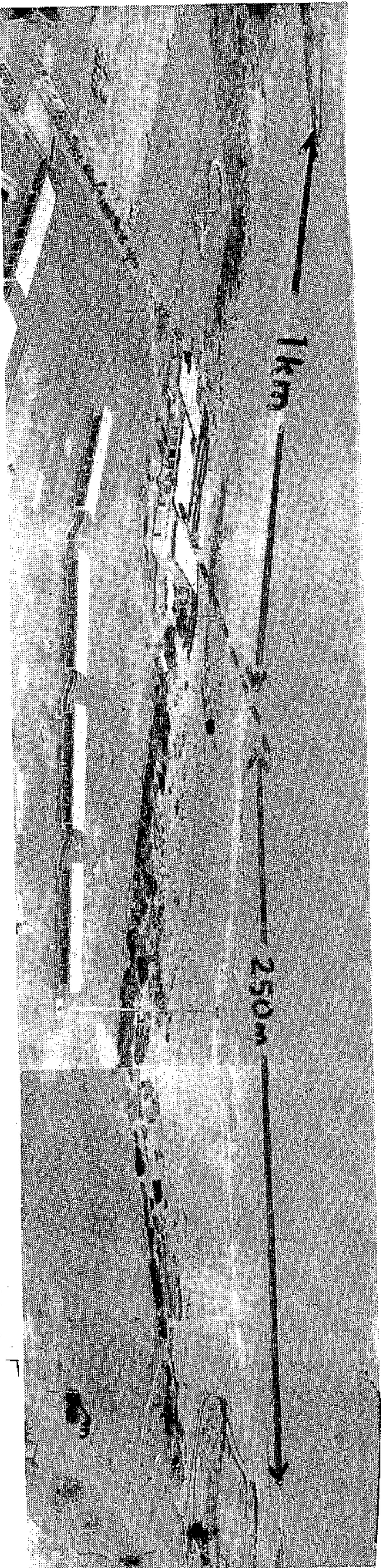
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It is reported that some white property owners are upset because at least one coloured person has been given exemption to buy property in the Greenbushes area. — Sapa.

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Details...



'Pay beach invitation to conflict'

THE introduction of only one desegregated "pay beach" on a portion of Port Elizabeth's King's Beach is a delaying tactic by the City Council's Policy and Resources Committee and an invitation to racial confrontation, according to former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige.

Mr Krige said today he would introduce a motion at next week's City Council meeting that all the beaches be opened to all races from July 1.

"And if I don't succeed this month, I'll keep trying until the City Council accepts the inevitable."

At yesterday's meeting, the committee rejected a similar motion by Mr Krige, but accepted in principle that a portion of King's Beach, known as the S-bend, be opened to all races by July 1.

The acting chairman, Mr Alan Ward Able, said the pay beach would stretch from the harbour wall to the area opposite the miniature railway.

The rest of King's Beach to the McArthur Bath would remain a non-pay "whites only" beach.

Mr Arthur Clayton, the city engineer said today the dividing line had not been precisely defined.

Mr Krige said today it was ridiculous that blacks would have to pay for a certain strip of the beach while whites could use the other portion free.

Blacks in the city were desperate and this type of

situation would lead to further frustration which could only end in violence and bloodshed, he said.

Mr Krige said the city engineer had yesterday reported that Cape Town's experiments with mixed, pay beaches were not a success. It seemed odd that the Policy and Resources committee had now decided this experiment should be applied to a portion of King's Beach.

Mr Ward Able said yesterday it was impossible for the committee to estimate the cost of controlling access to a pay beach. The city engineer had

been asked to report on the costs which included some form of fencing and gate control point.

Additional facilities would include toilets and change rooms.

All these costs would have to be worked out and placed before council, he said.

No provision had yet been made on the capital programme for this expenditure, said Mr Ward Able.

He said a motion by Mr Krige that all beaches be declared open from July 1

had been discussed at great length before the committee decided to accept the option of a pay beach.

The report from the City Engineer would come before the committee next month, and the recommendation would then be discussed at open council.

It was hoped that the pay beach would be opened by July 1, said Mr Ward Able.

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This is how King's Beach will be divided if a pay-beach system is introduced. The pay-beach will be on the left of the dotted line running from in front of the lifesavers' tower to the breakwater and the all-white beach to the right, taking in the amenities of the McArthur Bath complex. The super-tube will be for all races, while the little train remains for whites only.

UDF hits
at pay
beaches

Post Reporter

THE United Democratic Front in the East Cape has dismissed the "pay beach" recommendation as opportunistic and ludicrous.

Mr Edgar Ngoyi, the regional president of the UDF, said the pay beach system was aimed at averting international embarrassment.

He said a pay system would exclude the unprivileged masses and was a clear indication that the council was not interested in dismantling apartheid.

"Some of the beaches will be reserved exclusively for white use," he said.

Mr Ngoyi said the City Council decided to spend more than R1 million on the upgrading of beaches while ignoring a basic responsibility to solve the endemic housing crisis.

Pay-beach idea rejected in Durban

Post Reporter

THE idea of pay-beaches for Durban during the last holiday season was scrapped soon after it was suggested, the acting chairman of Durban's management committee, Mr Neil MacLennan, said in an interview today.

"No way would we have been able to patrol the fences. Anyway, it's worked out quite well for us the way things are now.

"There were no racial incidents at any of our mixed beaches last season. We had cases where people were not properly clothed. Bare bosoms are okay in the Mediterranean but not in keeping with our standards.

"Gently and politely these people were asked please to dress properly," Mr MacLennan said.

Durban's beachfront, where most of the hotels catering for holiday-mak-

ers are found, are open to all races. Addington Beach, North Beach and South Beach are reserved for whites.

The coloured people, the Indians and black people have one beach reserved each.

The chairman of Durban's amenities committee, Mrs Ros Sarkin, said:

"Pay-beaches are not in keeping with our outlook. Early on we decided against the idea.

"Speaking in my personal capacity, I think the idea is most offensive to non-whites."

Pay-beaches were introduced in Cape Town last season "to reduce over-crowding" at Camps Bay Beach, Milton Beach and Mnandi Beach, but were scrapped "after a month or two", the acting Town Clerk in Cape Town, Mr Gys Hofmeyr, said in an interview.

Pressure
to open
beaches

CAPE TOWN — Pressure from management committees, white ratepayers's associations and local areas liaison committees may force the Divisional Council into scrapping apartheid on all its beaches.

The council canvassed these organisations for their opinions on open beaches last year and the response has been an almost unanimous "no" to beach segregation.

After considering the replies this week, the council's works committee has recommended in principle that beaches be opened, but that the question of additional controls on the beaches be investigated.

The council will consider the matter at the end of this month, but is unlikely to go against the wishes of the management committees or ratepayers's associations.

— Sapa

City told to open beaches

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Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The Midland Chamber of Industries (MCI) has come out in strong support for the opening of Port Elizabeth's beaches to all races from July 1.

The MCI's executive committee said, in a statement released at the weekend, that to open the beaches to all races was one way of retaining the viability of industry in the city and the livelihood of citizens.

It called on all councillors to support the

motion of a former mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, who suggested at the council's policy and resources committee meeting last week that all beaches should be opened to all races as from July 1.

However, when the motion was put to the vote, the committee opted for a "pay beach system" which will desegregate a large part of King's Beach.

Mr Brian Matthew, MCI director, said last night that the council should realise that it was all these "silly issues which keep us in the limelight overseas and are distorting the issues for the multi-nationals operating in Port Elizabeth. All these small issues are responsible for the pressure from parent companies overseas to withdraw from South Africa".

The executive committee of the MCI warned the city council that it cannot continue to practice apartheid and retain the support of major foreign and South African companies.

They warned the council of the "grave results flowing out of its inability

to recognise what it has to do to ensure that multi-national companies can continue to operate in this city".

The statement continued: "The chamber recognises that political issues are extremely sensitive and generate emotions, but the hard facts of reality are that Port Elizabeth cannot hope to retain the support of foreign and large South African company investment in the city — and practise apartheid.

"Port Elizabeth has positively faced up to today's realities in many areas, such as opening the CBD to all race groups. There is also no longer discrimination in factories and cinemas are open to all.

"Against this background, it is difficult to understand the lack of courage by certain councillors to vote for the opening of the beaches under its jurisdiction.

"To ensure the viability of industry, and the livelihood of its citizens, the executive committee appeals to all city councillors to support Mr Ivan Krige's motion that all beaches be opened to all races as from July 1."

Indian plane lost in snow

NEW DELHI — Search parties have found no trace of an Indian Air Force AN-32 transport plane which went missing on Saturday.

Rescuers were struggling through snow-bound mountainous terrain in southern Jammu and Kashmir State in search of the aircraft, carrying a crew of three and about 20 passengers. — Sapa-RNS

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Le Grange: bannings will be examined

Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has said the validity of all cases like the banning of Mr Mkhusele Jack will have to be examined and "put right if necessary".

He said this in a ~~televised~~ affidavit submitted to the PE Supreme Court on Saturday, when the ban on Mr Jack was declared invalid. However, Mr Le Grange said he would consider new banning orders.

Saturday's court ruling followed a decision by the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein on Thursday which annulled detention orders on 16 anti-apartheid activists because Mr Le Grange had failed to give reasons for the detentions.

As a result of this ruling, the minister said, he did not contest the appeal made on the same point of law by Mr Jack.

The minister said in his affidavit he gave cognisance to the ruling which stated the banning notices served on the 16 activists were invalid because the orders did not comply with Section 28 (3)(b) of the Internal Security Act.

In the banning order against Mr Jack, the minister stated he was satisfied Mr Jack was promoting activities which endangered the state, but did not furnish the reasons which led him to this conclusion. Two five-year orders were served on Mr Jack on March 11, one prohibiting him from attending gatherings and the other confining him to his home, except between 6 am and 7 pm on working week days.

About 14 people in South Africa, including Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the jailed African National Congress leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, are affected by banning orders. An application for Mrs Mandela's recently amended banning order to be declared invalid is to be heard within the next few days.

Zola makes it a double

From IAN HOBBS

LONDON — Zola Budd raced to the greatest barefooted victory of her life yesterday as she captured the women's world cross country title for the second year in succession in wet and windy Neuchatel, Switzerland.

The 19-year-old Bloemfontein girl ignored sleet, rain, buffeting winds and a treacherous surface to typically dominate the classic 4 650 metres event from start to finish in 14 mins 49.6 secs.

The fragile looking little teenager, who is to be presented to Prince Philip and possibly also the Queen at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, finished 18.2 seconds and nearly 300 metres ahead of the field.

The second placed runner, Lynn Jennings of America, had her spirit crushed at the halfway stage.

Annette Sergent of France trailed home

Intentions on beach issue apparent tonight

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By BESSIE BOUWER

INTENTIONS regarding the desegregation of Port Elizabeth's beaches will be made clear at a City Council meeting today when the former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, moves a motion that all the city's beaches be opened to all races from July 1.

This is the second time this month that Mr Krige has moved this motion. It was overturned at last week's Policy and Resources Committee meeting when it was accepted in principle that a portion of King's Beach, known as S Bend, should be opened to all races as a pay beach.

The rest of King's Beach to the McArthur Bath was recommended as a free beach for whites.

The decision has been widely criticised as encouraging blatant apartheid and discrimination.

The management committees have condemned the move and both the Midland Chamber of Industries and the PE Chamber of Commerce have warned council about practising apartheid.

They have called on councillors to support Mr Krige's motion tonight.

The outgoing president of the PE Chamber of Commerce, Mr Frank Wightman, last night warned that if the city's beaches were not opened to all it would result in "confrontation" and have a "detrimental effect on the economy of Port Elizabeth".

Addressing more than 100 delegates and guests — including the Mayor and city councillors — at the annual meeting of the chamber in the City Hall, Mr Wightman emphasised the chamber's view that it could not support any legislation that discriminated between South Africans on the basis of the colour of their skins.

"The chamber believes that this applies to all legislation, whether at national or local level, and therefore believes the City Council should commit itself publicly, as a matter of duty to all citizens of Port Elizabeth, to open the city's beaches.

"If not, I can foresee confrontation and a detri-

mental effect on the economy of Port Elizabeth," said Mr Wightman.

The managing director of General Motors, Mr Bob White, has also sent letters to all city councillors urging them to end apartheid on the beaches.

He criticised the decision by the Policy and Resources Committee as discriminatory and a "sham".

At last week's committee meeting, facts relating to the investigation into the allocation of the city's beaches were also made available. The City Engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton, made it clear that "we have now come virtually full circle back to the point where we started in early 1980".

Mr Krige has warned that if the majority of councillors reject his motion at today's meeting, he will "keep trying" until the beaches are open to all races.

"The City Council can't keep nibbling at the problem — sooner or later the beaches will have to be opened and it should be done peacefully."

A pay beach next to a free white beach would aggravate frustration and lead to violence and bloodshed, said Mr Krige.

In today's motion, Mr Krige also requests that "every effort be made, at the earliest possible date to ensure that the facilities for use by the public are adequate on all the affected beaches".

Bid for more EL free trade areas



Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON - The city council has submitted an urgent plan to the regional representative of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning proposing that all business areas in the city be zoned as free trade areas.

The chairman of the Action Committee, Mr Donald Card, said last night that there had been a misunderstanding between the government and the city's town planning department over the original application.

"We had originally requested that all business areas be opened to all races. Originally the government had decided that North End area be demolished and rezoned

as a light industrial area.

"Later some of the buildings were demolished, yet businessmen in the area convinced the government that it was viable for North End to remain a business zone," Mr Card said.

He said the government still seemed to be under the impression that North End was a light industrial zone and the council wanted it to be included in the plan to rezone all business areas for all races.

"We have been informed by an official from the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning that once the CBD has been declared a free trading zone the council may apply for other areas to be included," Mr Card said.

The Group Areas Board will sit in East London on April 7 to hear the action committee's proposals on the matter of proclaiming free trading areas and deproclaiming the North End industrial area as a portion of the white group area.

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Motor chief urges PE to decide on beaches

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Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The managing director of General Motors, Mr Bob White, has sent letters to city councillors here on the eve of tonight's council debate on the beach issue in which he urges them to decide "whether the city council is for or against apartheid continuing in this community."

Mr White, who earlier this year stated he intended giving support to any GM employee confronted for using the beach of their choice, said in the letter the council in debating the issue "must address the broader issue of apartheid in every aspect of Port Elizabeth's existence."

Mr White could not be reached for comment on the letter last night, but a company employee confirmed the letter had been sent to all Port Elizabeth City Councillors.

In the letter Mr White said: "Essentially the question you must decide is whether the city council is for or against apartheid continuing in this community."

"Gradualism of any kind is no longer an acceptable alternative. I believe the citizens you represent as well as the business community have a right to know

in which direction the city council intends leading us on this issue.

"Without a clear statement of intent it will be difficult for moderate people to join with you in creating a renaissance for Port Elizabeth."

He added that should any doubt exist in councillors' minds as to the direction the majority of people in Port Elizabeth wished to be led, "I suggest action on the recommendation be delayed until consultation occurs."

"It would be regrettable if the mayor's notable efforts to instill pride in Port Elizabeth became "shame on Port Elizabeth" because of indecisiveness on the part of the city council," he said.

Criticising a recommendation by the policy and resources committee that part of Kings Beach be made a pay beach, Mr White said that "by any measurable criteria" the recommendation was discrimination and reflected "a throw them a crumb approach" toward ending apartheid on the beaches.

"It will be seen as a sham by reasonable people of any colour and does discredit to the committee members who supported it," he said.

The contents of the letter were disclosed by a councillor, Mr Danie Dorfling, who said he was opposed to Kings Beach and Humewood Beach being opened to all races.

Mr Dorfling said he intended introducing an urgent motion at the council meeting that a referendum be held in Summerstrand and Humewood to see if ratepayers, who would be directly affected by these beaches being opened to all races, wanted them open.

He said he took strong exception to the contents of Mr White's letter, which he had received at the weekend and feared the councillors might bow to pressure from the business community and decide at the meeting to open the beaches.

If Mr Ivan Krige decided to continue with his motion that all beaches be opened, Mr Dorfling said he would personally propose a vote of no-confidence in Mr Krige and any councillor who supported it — even the mayor.

Asked to comment on Mr Dorfling's comments last night, Mr Krige said although he had always had high regard for Mr Dorfling, "I don't take very much notice of declarations of intent from the lunatic right fringe."

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Govt approves 14 'open' CBDs in Cape

Political Staff

HOUSE OF DELEGATES. — The government yesterday named 14 Western Cape and Boland municipalities where proposals for central business districts to be open to all have been accepted.

And proposals for open central business districts in another seven Cape municipalities are currently being investigated.

This was disclosed in the House of Delegates yesterday by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, when he replied to a question which had been tabled by Mr Somaru Pachai (NPP Natal Midlands).

Cape Town

Mr Heunis said proposals for open CBDs had been accepted for Bellville, Cape Town, Fish Hoek, Gordon's Bay, Hermanus, Kuils River, Malmesbury, Milnerton, Moorreesburg, Ottery, Paarl, Stellenbosch, Somerset West and Swellendam.

Proposals were being investigated in Durbanville, Goodwood, Grabouw, Montagu, Vredenburg, Saldanha and Worcester.

Mr Heunis also said that the proposals for the opening of four other Western Cape CBDs could not be considered because of the "non-existence of town planning schemes".

These towns were Riversdale, Simon's Town, Stanford and Tulbagh.

On January 20 this year, Mr Heunis said the proclamation of the free trading areas in Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town would be completed "any day now".

Although the opening of the CBDs in Durban and Johannesburg was gazetted on February 21, the free trade area in Cape Town has not yet been proclaimed.

● The government did not intend taking action against local authorities that did not apply for their central business districts to be opened to all races, Mr Heunis said.

But he said it was "the government's aim to have the central business districts in all towns and cities opened to all population groups".

He said in reply to another question, that proposals for the opening of central business districts had been accepted in 41 towns and cities and were being investigated in a further ten areas.

Town planning

Mr Heunis said a further 12 proposals could not be considered and were being held over because of the absence of town planning schemes, or requests by local authorities who wanted to review their proposals, or negotiations with local authorities to obtain proposals for larger free trading areas or relocation of boundaries of adjoining group areas.

The opening of the CBDs was "in the first instance a matter for the local authorities".

His department was at present actively negotiating with the local authorities of all municipalities and burroughs to give urgent attention to this matter.

"It is trusted that in this way all local authorities will be persuaded to submit proposals for free trading areas," Mr Heunis said.

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is picture of Mr Jack Salter, his wife Imelda and their son
ed in January this year when their supermarket was closed
because he is white and she is coloured.

Weekend Argus
Foreign Service

LONDON. — With his life threatened and his coloured wife forced from their home, Briton Jack Salter has declared: "I can't fight apartheid any longer."

After 22 years in South Africa he has returned to Britain alone, hoping that his wife and son will join him soon so that they too can escape "this vile system".

But first the 54-year-old disillusioned emigrant has to find work and accommodation.

"Obnoxious laws made it impossible for me to live in peace with my wife and carry on my business," he said.

Mr Salter ran a supermarket in Kirkwood in the Eastern Cape and two years ago married one of the staff, 24-year-old Imelda.

Their troubles began last year when African workers boycotted shops to try to win better facilities in their nearby township.

To the fury of other traders Mr Salter's store was excluded from the embargo because he was British.

Amid a campaign of hate the supermarket was daubed with graffiti and the proprietor subjected to obscene telephone calls.

The municipal authorities ordered the premises to be closed down. Mr Salter, accused of being "in league with the boycotters", says he was thrown in jail for a fortnight and kept in solitary confinement.

On his release he met increasing hostility over his marriage.

Because the couple married in the Transkei, Imelda was allowed to spend only 90 days a year in a white area.

Although the laws banning sex between people of different races had been scrapped Mr Salter said: "That was a cosmetic exercise to try to reassure the world that improvements are being made. But South Africans replace one law with another."

When Mr Salter applied to reopen his supermarket he was told he could not do so in a white area.

Mr Salter won back his trading licence a fortnight ago through a Supreme Court ruling, but the harassment continued.

Row over mixed marriage

Flashback: Weekend Argus carried the story

Mr H H SCHWARZ: Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware of the fact that in terms of the law one may only apply for shares in terms of a prospectus and that a prospectus specifically distinguishes between preferential allocations and applications which the public can make? Did he apply in competition with the public or does he say he never read the prospectus when he signed the application form?

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, the hon member is making a big mistake. When my office phones me to say I can buy a share in Sanlam or Volkskas or any of those sound companies I do not read the prospectus but tell my office to phone my stockbroker and buy shares. I do not have the time to read every prospectus. [Interjections.]

Ministers:

Questions standing over from Tuesday, 8 April 1986:

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.
— The speech by the State President, Mr P W Botha, to the House yesterday had been a "great disappointment" and had taken the situation no further than his opening speech to Parliament on January 31, said the leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Mr Colin Eglin.

Speaking after Mr Botha's address, Mr Eglin said millions of South Africans were "bitterly disappointed" at the lack of action by the government, especially on constitutional reform.

The State President should not think that everyone who had spoken to the African National Congress was naive, although some might be so.

He said the government had not been able to effectively counter some of the ANC's actions. The ANC had widespread support and it was therefore necessary "to explore tactics of countering the organization and to persuade people there is a better way of living in South Africa than to revert to violence".

In his speech Mr Botha had "generously" admitted he had been wrong in implementing the former coloured la-

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**Botha speech
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Dr Andries Treurnicht

bour preference policy in the Western Cape and had it abolished because of realities.

"But he can be fundamental in one of the greatest conciliatory moves in South Africa if he throws open District Six to all races again," Mr Eglin said.

This Cape Town urban area's proclamation as a white area had been a "monumental blunder" and Mr Botha could show his statesmanship by reopening it.

● The reforms being initiated by the State President would lead inevitably to black majority rule, the leader of the



Mr Colin Eglin

Conservative Party, Dr Andries Treurnicht, said yesterday.

Majority rule was the direction in which the State President was being driven by threats and encouragement.

No black would participate in the National Statutory Council if it was an exercise in tokenism, or if there was not representation on the basis of proportionality, Dr Treurnicht said.

"If that is the case, I say you can't exclude black majority rule," said Dr Treurnicht. "You can't exclude a black State President. This will be inevitable for South Africa."

If the government said it was not prepared to go that far — that despite

the fact that blacks were a majority in South Africa it would not accept a black State President — "then I say you are responsible for the black frustration and the violence in this country".

● The New Republic Party welcomed the military action taken by the United States against Libya, Mr Vause Raw (NRP Durban Point) said during the debate.

Mr Raw said it was a pity that the State President did not put it clearly that South Africa sided with the US.

The US was exercising the same right as South Africa when the country's security forces crossed into Angola to strike at Swapo terrorists.

● Referring to local protests against the bombing of Libya, Mr Harry Schwarz (PFP Yeoville) said he had not heard any local condemnation of the bombing of a nightclub frequented by US servicemen in Berlin, or of the fatal blast on a TWA airliner.

"That alone tells us a lot about the people who were protesting," he said.

Throw *ARGUS* open *18/4/86* District 6 — Eglin *PI*

Parliamentary Staff

OPPOSITION parties in the House of Assembly have called on President Botha to take action on various issues ranging from unrest control to negotiations with black people.

The issues were raised during yesterday's House of Assembly debate on the State President's budget vote.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Colin Eglin, called on Mr Botha to "throw open" Cape Town's District Six to all races.

The removal of people from the area and its proclamation as a white area had been a mistake — "a misjudgment of the past".

"RECONCILIATION"

A move by Mr Botha to open District Six to all races again would be "a significant act of statesmanship and reconciliation".

Mr Eglin also appealed to President Botha to remove "the injustice of apartheid" as a first step towards ending violence in South Africa. Genuine negotiations were needed, he said.

'Apartheid taken

By FRANS ESTERHUYSE, Parliamentary Staff

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PRESIDENT P W Botha has defended the action taken by the Government when it removed coloured people from District Six.

He was responding to opposition pleas in the House of Assembly for the opening of District Six to people of all races.

Speaking in yesterday's debate on the State President's budget vote, Mr Botha said a survey by the University of Cape Town at the time had shown that District Six was a "hotbed of violence".

The average income of people who lived there then was R50 a month.

The issue of enforced racial segregation under the Group Areas Act and the Black (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act was raised by Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens).

He said the effects of these laws had included "misery, bitterness and hatred".

Under the Group Areas Act, 126 176 families had been forcibly removed. Of them only 1,9 percent had been white families.

CERTAIN forms of apartheid were wrong and went too far, President P W Botha has told the House of Assembly.

He said "stupidities" such as separate counters at post offices had taken apartheid too far. This was a mistake.

Mr Botha was speaking in the debate yesterday on the State President's budget vote after speakers of the Official Opposition had called for the removal of all remaining apartheid measures.

A feature of the debate was that President Botha did not analyse the unrest. Nor did he indicate what the Government intended doing to end the violence.

He did, however, mention socio-economic upliftment programmes.

And he said that there had been "exaggerated" forms of apartheid which were wrong.

"Made mistakes"

"We are not racists," Mr Botha said.

"This Government has made mistakes, but it has also done a lot."

A much stronger statement on the apartheid dilemma came from one of Mr Botha's closest associates, Mr Koot van Staden (NP, nominated).

Mr van Staden, who has been associated with Mr Botha in Nationalist politics since the 1930s, said at an early stage of the debate: "Apartheid is a spent force. Apartheid is dead."

The most important reason for the failure of apartheid was the National Party's selfishness — "your selfishness and ours," Mr van Staden said.

Responding briefly yesterday to Mr van Staden's remarks, Mr Botha said he agreed that there had been "much selfishness in South African history . . . but we must not be apologetic about our existence".

too far'

Langa families lose

By MONO BADELA

THE 70 families living in a white area on the border of Langa have until April 30 to move out.

The Port Elizabeth Supreme Court ruled this week that Uitenhage municipality could bulldoze their homes.

The court decision also directly implicated the Labour Party, headed by Rev Allan Hendrickse.

This is because of Uitenhage municipality's disclosure that the decision to evict the families was taken at a joint sitting with the Uitenhage Coloured Management Committee.

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Delivering judgment, Judge Kroon said the families were "squatting" on white land bordering the Langa township - and ordered their eviction.

Uitenhage municipality says it needs the land for "development".

● Langa spokesman Weza Made said the residents - transported to court in three buses - were not likely to accept the judgment.

"When they took us to court we decided to fight them in court. If they force

us out, we will oppose them," he said.

● Judgment in the case of 426 Langa families - threatened with eviction since May last year - is still going to be delivered.

Numerous organisations have opposed the plan to evict the Langa residents, and called for the area to be upgraded rather than demolished. However, Uitenhage authorities seem intent on removing the families.

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Group Areas Act still in force

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CAPE TOWN — Whites living in white group areas were not permitted to provide permanent residence to non-whites, the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Piet Badenhorst, said yesterday.

Replying to a question from Dr W. J. Snyman (CP Pietersburg), he said that to do so was an infringement of the Group Areas Act and would be treated as a criminal offence.

His department had received no applications during the past 12 months for permits for such permanent residence.

Nor, during the same period, had it issued any permits for non-white domestic servants to live in white group areas.

Replying to a question by Mr J. H. van der Merwe (CP Jeppe) on whether the government intended making it possible for different races to live in the same residential areas, he said this possibility already existed in areas not proclaimed for a single race under the Act and where people of different races owned land.

Asked in a supplementary question by Mr Van der Merwe if separate living areas were a "non-negotiable", he said the State President had made a very clear statement in this regard during the no-confidence debate. — Sapa

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Minister pledges support for Scottsdene residents

Staff Reporter *PPS 23/4/86*

MR David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, has pledged to investigate whether Scottsdene township will be extended.

He also assured about 120 Scottsdene residents at a meeting last night that they would not lose the services of a group of social workers.

The Scottsdene Management Committee has served orders on them to vacate a house they use as an office by May 31.

The Scottsdene Housing Action Committee, formed to press the Management Committee to relieve the acute housing shortage in the township, said it had invited the Management

Committee to attend last night's meeting.

"We wanted answers to some questions but they refused to come," said Mr Isak Plaag, chairman of the Housing Action Committee.

Among the grievances were the fact that residents living in cottages could not buy their homes, said Mr Plaag.

The area was overcrowded because several families had been on the Stellenbosch Divisional Council's waiting-list for six years. Some had moved in with relatives.

"They said we had not used the proper channels and should have met them first before calling tonight's meeting," he said.

Mr Curry said the MC could not be bypassed.

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Mitchells Plain R75m scheme gets go-ahead

Staff Reporter

A R75-million development scheme for Mitchells Plain has been given the green light by the Administrator of the Cape after a two-and-a-half-year battle over what the developers described as "prejudices".

The developers, K Property Projects, a subsidiary of Kirsch Industries, intend building a 29 000 sq metre shopping centre, Westgate, and 600 residential units on the farm 806 in Mitchells Plain.

Building is expected to start later this year after the plans for the infrastructure have been approved.

The executive director of KPP, Mr Eddy Magid, said yesterday that the project would open up the entire Weltevreden Valley for the further development of 5 500 residential units.

Some 1 500 to 2 000

jobs will be created by the venture, he said.

The shopping centre will contain community facilities as well as retail outlets and will include a cinema and entertainment complex serving as a meeting place in the area.

The economic houses will be constructed in a village-type atmosphere with certain streets allocated for business.

Mr Magid said that KPP would also be contributing towards some services which will have to be provided.

The owner of the property, Mr Charles van Schoer, said last night that it was the first time that development of this kind "had been given to a so-called coloured person".

"It is difficult for coloureds to get development rights — the prerogative has always been in white hands. We have persevered and won," Mr Schoer said.

Mr Magid said "we struggled for over a year before it was finally approved by the Divisional Council, who sent a recommendation on to the Administrator".

KPP are expected to collect the written approval from the Administrator today.

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R150m Pelikan Park housing

Political Correspondent
DETAILS of a R150-million housing estate for Indians in Pelikan Park were unveiled yesterday. The 5 761 dwelling unit project was expected to meet Indian housing needs for at least the next 25 years, said the Minister of Housing in the House of Delegates, Mr Baldeo Dookie.

"This is a major undertaking and great care is being taken to make this a model, self-contained

suburb," he said. The new housing project, designed to accommodate all income groups, is being developed in four phases and services have already been completed for the first two.

The prices of stands and houses were expected to be finalized within weeks, Mr Dookie said.

Construction on the first houses had already begun and occupants

should be able to move in by July.

A section of Pelikan Park was developed by the government last year as a special village for Indian MPs at a cost of over R9 million.

Mr Dookie praised the co-operation the House of Delegates was receiving from Cape Town City Council and the Cape Divisional Council in the development of Pelikan Park.

Arrangements were

being made to place the many people wanting houses on a common waiting list "in order to allocate living units in a sequential order in future as it will only be in Pelikan Park area where development will take place".

Mr Dookie said an allocation committee was being appointed with his regional director as chairman. Members would include representatives of the City Council,

Divisional Council and two members each from the Rylands and Cravenby management committees.

The minister said the two older "Indian areas" in Cape Town, Rylands and Cravenby, were already fully developed, except for Rylands Extension 4 which was in private ownership.

Pelikan Park was proclaimed an Indian area in 1981.

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Plea for District 6 'rethink'

Political Correspondent

LABOUR Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse yesterday appealed to President P W Botha to have a rethink on the government's stand on District Six and the Group Areas Act.

Speaking during the debate on the State President's budget vote, Mr Botha that it was time that he, as leader of the Labour Party, be allowed to serve on the State Security Council — the highest policy-making body in the country.

Mr Hendrickse said the coloured people could forgive the uprooting of thousands of coloured families but could not forget.

However, he believed it was possible to "steal the hearts of the people" with announcements like the scrapping of influx control.

areas like District Six did not own the majority of land needed for development.

Turning to representations from the LP on the State Security Council, Mr Botha said he had already invited Mr Hendrickse to share in the deliberations of the council and would do so in future if necessary.

● The United Congregational Church in Dale Street, Uitenhage, had split irrevocably at the weekend but despite this the LP leader was still prepared to work within the tri-cameral system.

The MP for Addo, Mr Peter Hendrickse, said during the debate that the church built up by father and grandfather had now split.

He was referring to a decision by the Dale Street congregation on Saturday to end Mr Hendrickse's accreditation

District 6: PW could steal the hearts of blacks — Hendrickse

By PETER FABRICIUS, Parliamentary Staff

THE leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, has "pleaded" with President P W Botha to re-examine the Group Areas Act and especially District Six.

A "symbolic" act such as the repeal of Group Areas provisions in District Six could "steal the hearts" of black people, he said.

The thousands of coloured families uprooted by the Act could forgive but never forget what they had suffered.

Mr Hendrickse, chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, was speaking during the debate on the President's vote.

By repealing the Group Areas Act Mr Botha could win as much support as he had won by repealing the pass laws.

Mr Hendrickse said: "Ideologically District Six has served its purpose."

Even without the Group Areas Act there was a "natural gregariousness" which would keep people together.

Mr Botha did not reply directly to the request, but he said the main problem with areas such as District Six had been that the residents did not have property rights and were backward in other ways.

One of the Government's aims had been to give property rights to coloured people.

It had succeeded so well that the Erika Theron commission had warned that a coloured middle class had developed with which the Government would have to deal.

George to get black town

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BADENHORST

A NEW black town is definitely being established at Sandkraal, in George, and it is intended that the residents of Lawaakamp will move "voluntarily", Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Piet Badenhorst said yesterday.

BARRY STREEK

He said 1 200 sites were planned and that 512 had been provided with services such as water, stormwater drainage, sewerage connections, electricity network and highmast lighting.

Badenhorst said the new town was being developed "as no black town existed in the vicinity of George".

All streets — about seven and a half kilometres — had been tarred and a further 200 sites were being developed.

Replying to a question tabled by Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens), Badenhorst said Sandkraal was started in November 1983.

Badenhorst said 98 houses had been built, including six constructed by private developers, in the self-build scheme.

133 move to different area

A TOTAL of 133 people were granted permission to live in a group area designated for a race group different from their own, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Chris Heunis said in the Assembly yesterday.

In a written reply to a question from Roger Burrows (PFP Pinetown), Heunis added that 104 applications were refused between July 1985 and April 18 this year. Statistics of these permits had only been kept from the beginning of July. — Sapa.

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Aid for King CBD opening is planned

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DISPATCH

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — The introduction of a financial aid and business advice package for businessmen wishing to establish themselves in the central business district (CBD) here is being investigated by the borough council.

The motivation is that small businesses should be "assisted and encouraged" to open here once the racial legislation governing trading in the CBD has been abolished.

The town clerk, Mr Henry Hutten, said yesterday he had been informed by a government official in Pretoria that the opening of the King William's Town CBD to businessmen of all races would be gazetted this month.

The borough council decided at its meeting

on Tuesday night that a "mini committee" should be formed to administer the granting of up to R2 000 in aid to each businessman who wanted to open a small business here.

"Before anything is done in this regard, however, the council and the Chamber of Commerce will meet with the regional representative of the Small Business Development Corporation to discuss the services and facilities offered by them" Mr Hutten said.

Interest in the opening of business in the CBD had been "positive", according to the borough's health and social services chief, Mr Peter de Goede.

During the past two weeks, Mr De Goede's office has had "at least" a dozen positive enquiries.

THE People were moved out, the bulldozers moved in.

Almost nothing, not even many street names, remains to remind one that this once was an area pulsating with life — this was District Six.

Now a major objective of the Western Cape Oral History Project, co-ordinated by Dr. BILL NASSON of the UCT's History Department, is to accumulate factual information about individual and community living — in the home, the neighbourhood, the workplace — to see the human material as a kind of expression and representation of a narrative literature of the District Six past.

The following are extracts from a paper he presented as part of a Focus on District Six at the Civic Centre in April.

Pictures: ELIZABETH VAN RYSSEN

“ONCE a week the girls stayed in the kitchen and the boys went out into the yard. And then the next time the boys would be washed first. Then we had our bath and everything and then they must come and get the water out with a bucket and throw the water out and then empty the bath... You can be clean even when you don't have a bathroom because all our lises we grew up like that. When I was married later, I was 30, and then we still had to bath like that, in the kitchen.”

At 320 Hanover Street, the kitchen doubled as a bathroom, with the family washing in, or from, an iron tub placed in front of the main stove. The rest of the accommodation comprised two bedrooms and a lounge. A small backyard contained an outside lavatory.

The front door opened onto the street. The household in 1920 consisted of a carpenter, his wife, her mother, five male children and six female children. Furniture ran to two double beds, a single wardrobe, a kitchen table, kitchen chairs, and an assortment of dressers. Cooking was done on a wood or coal-fired stove, while water was boiled on a double-burner. Beatrice cooked.

Homers were rarely made by fancy furniture or chintzy fabrics. Instead, enormous pleasures would be taken in small things, perhaps inherited or carefully budgeted for over many hard years. Like a small ornamental clock at No 320, product of a momentary fit of Christmas extravagance at Gantlrichs.

It made Sunday evenings a time of ritual — it was father's task to wind up and set the clock, dust and polish it. No-one else dared touch it.

sured by such fussed-over possessions: according to one recollection about neighbours, “they had the mats only, not a full carpet like us.”

FAR more striking and varied than the buildings of District Six were its inhabitants. What do the voices of its people add up to? What kind of society, what kind of individual, did those squares and alleys produce?

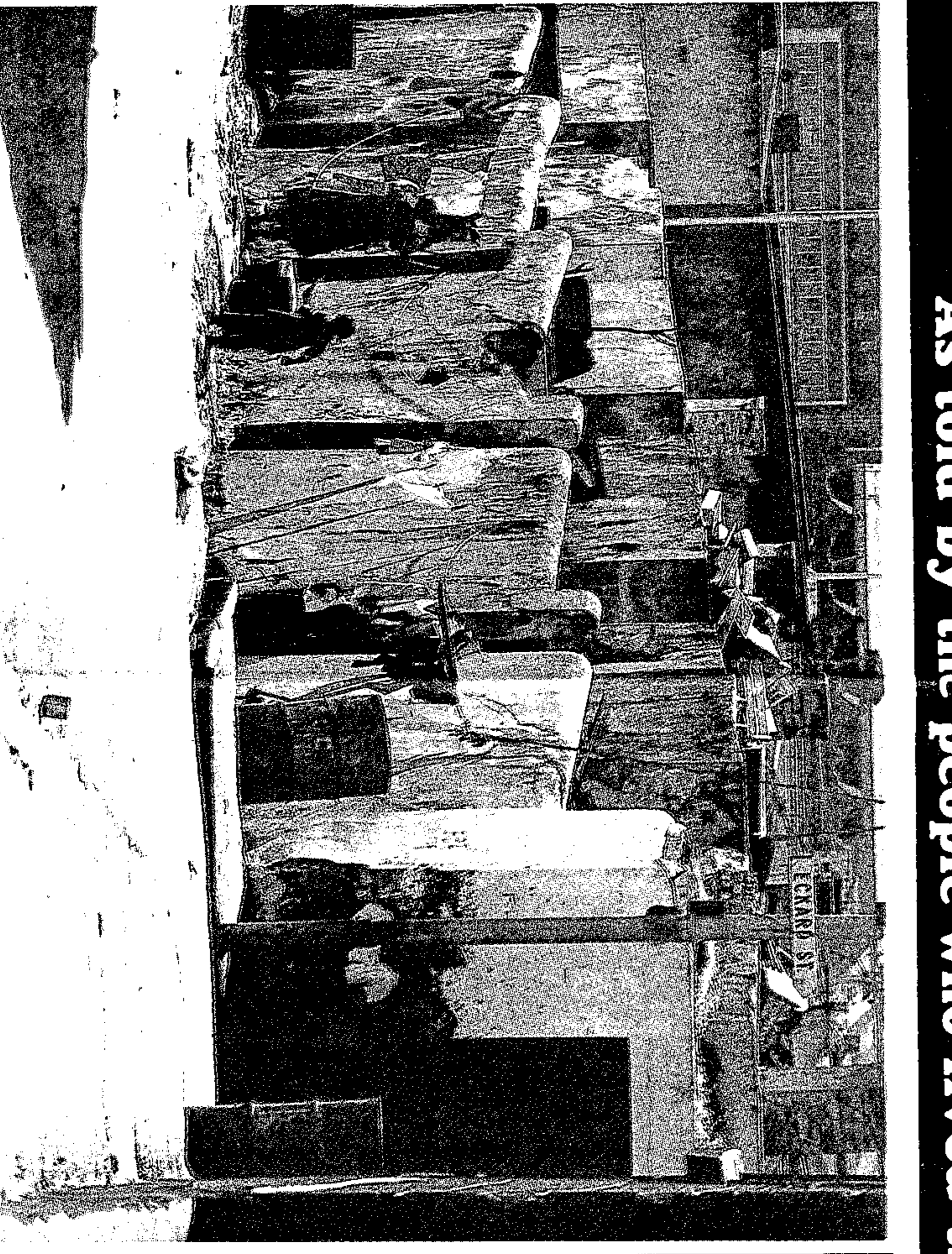
The records of city medical officers of health may provide us with detailed findings on hygiene and overcrowding, but not about their consequence for the outlook of family and street life.

It is much easier for the historian to inquire into the operation of the Joint Housing and Health Committee of the City Council than to find out about the inner life of District Six households; where people slept, washed, ate, their joys and sorrows; how pregnancies, unemployment, short-time work and lack of money were coped with; where children played, went to school and how they were disciplined.

There are the threads of popular imagery spun by reporting in newspapers, periodicals and old books: a District Six of Coon Carnivals, of the messengers Mar-

District Six

As told by the people who lived there



■ The red dress — an everyday scene among the walls of last century. Never to be repeated.

higgledy-piggledy riot of buildings and architectural styles, thronged with characters with an insatiable appetite for conviviality and an insatiable thirst for alcohol.

And there is the language of various kinds of social investigations and explorations as the ruling class consciously set out to analyse and report upon the working class and indigent of the slum. These reports paint a singularly sombre picture. From their perspectives the condi-

class and poor of the city inhabiting an abyss at the edge of respectable, well-ordered society. A sense of the area's menace from armed robberies and burglaries perpetrated by gangsters has further darkened the picture.

THESE images of District Six history are, of course, distorted and false. They are perhaps especially agreeable to those who never set foot there, were tearful of it when it existed, and who would probably warn their children

But let us try to free ourselves from District Six mythologies to cease reading its history as either that of a moral challenge to the health of Cape Town or as a quaint area rich in novelty, snook and slang.

What we need is a District Six history which does not simplify its remembered past, which is neither celebratory nor condemnatory, which may ultimately guide us

The way to achieve this is to see the history of its people in themselves, and for themselves. And it is through oral history, the personal testimony of individuals and life history of experience, that we can begin to understand District Six from the inside. Not least, we may come to recognise the limitations of lumping together Cape Town's urban labouring poor as “the masses” or as “slum dwellers”.

Desperately tight budgets meant that people could afford to buy only for present, daily needs, rather than for future provision — and often even those small purchases were “on the book” rather than for cash. Lacking electricity, houses did not have refrigerators, so perishables could not in any event be stored, particularly in summer. So shops were places both of distribution and storage. Tins would be opened and the contents sold in portions — customers would bring their own container.

“In those days we never bought jam in a tin. There was a big glass pot of jam on the big shelf in the Indian shop. My mother would send us for apricot jam or some other kind. We would take a little bakkie there

be an oral one? The obvious reason is the scarcity of sources. For the most part the labouring people of District Six have not left written records in which they described their thoughts and feelings, the events and crises in which they were involved. The literary sources upon which historians traditionally rely so heavily do not exist for working class experience as they do for the elite culture of the dominant class.

THE area's tenements may not have been the most dinky housing in Cape town, but they were, as the sleek estate agent might have said, “conveniently close to all amenities”. In fact, in that congested criss-cross of streets and lanes, there was a variety of small shops to satisfy nearly all the basic needs: grocers selling groceries, housing articles, cleaning materials and even wood and coal; butchers, dairies, bakeries, bootmakers and repairers, tobacconists, herbalists, and so on.

At weekends in the early 20s there was a small family brass band. “They were German people and very fat. We would follow them down Muir Street. People would bring out chairs to sit on the pavement and listen. Sometimes my uncle, he was in a choir, he would stand at his gate and sing out to this band. He had such a wonderful voice.”

The death of District Six is not the death of its voices. For this splintered community has its survivors: elderly washerwomen, domestic and factory workers, tailors, small shopkeepers, and scores of others. They are holding on, storing up those memories by which human cultural capital is transmitted from one generation to the next.

Everywhere in District Six it was but a short step from the classroom or home to the street. The street was home to a vibrant communal life. There were unstaged entertainments which residents could stand back and enjoy, like public squabbles between neighbours, street fights, drunks, the sight of a fruit-and-vegetable barrow toppling over.

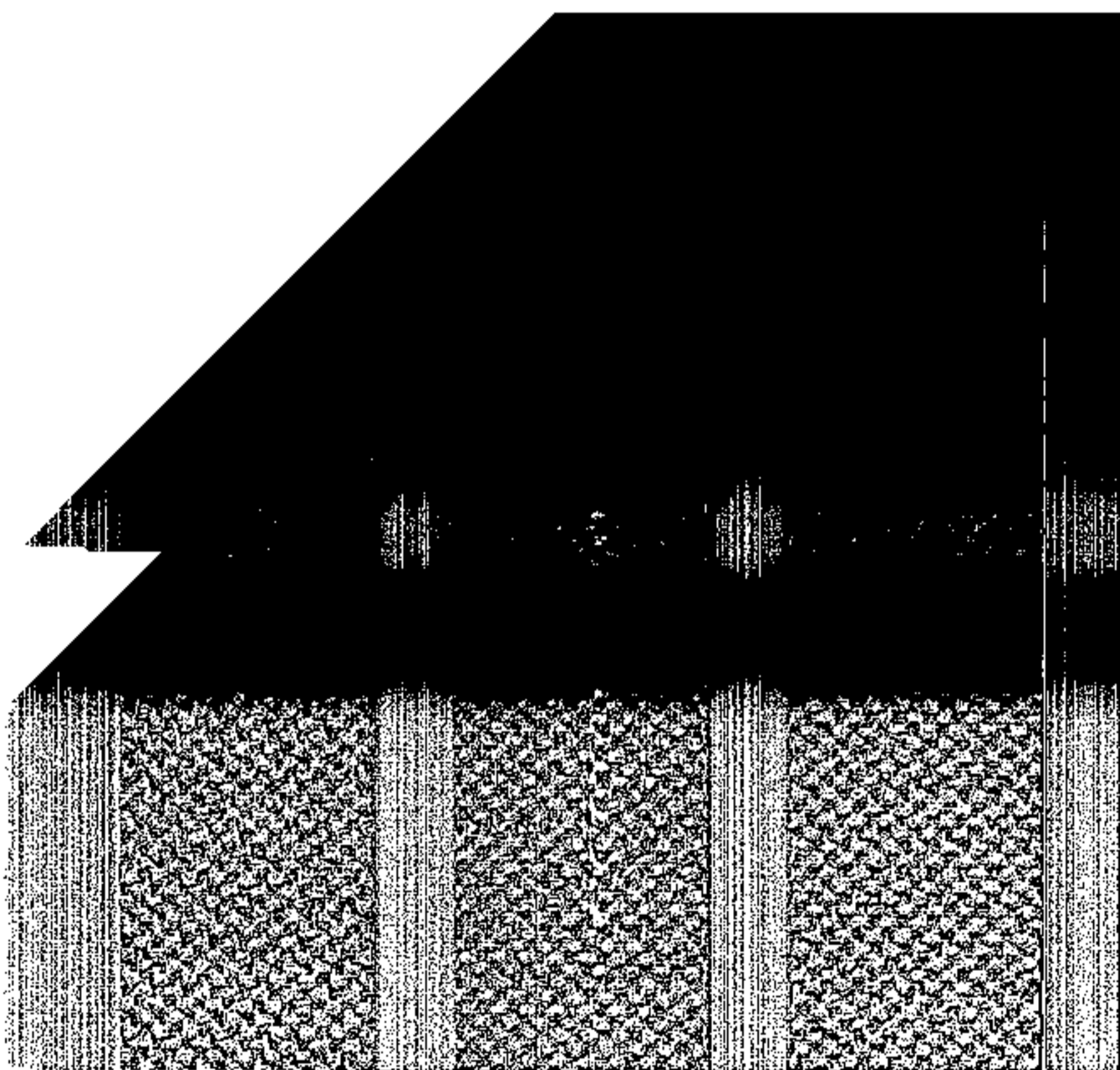
We know that while apartheid social engineering destroyed District Six, it has not



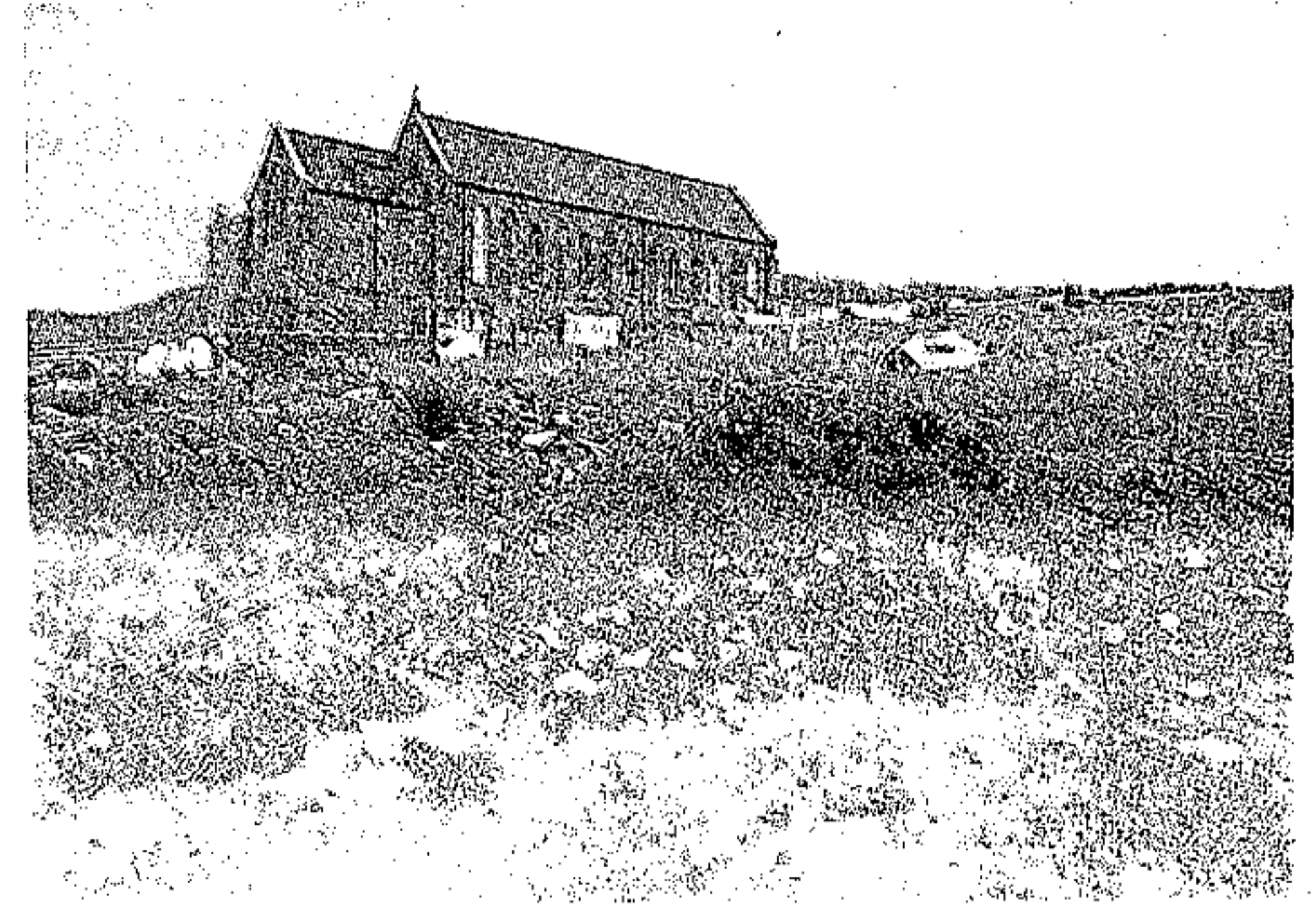
■ This was Vernon Terrace — with Table Mountain, immovable, in the background.



■ The writing on the wall: "You are now in fairyland . . ."



■ Vernon Terrace in The District. Now it has vanished from sight.



■ St Mark's church — 1983. In the rubble where once were houses

Picture: Anna Lajoie

Restrictions on City trade areas lifted

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By BARRY STREEK

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No scramble for 'open' trade

By NEILL HURFORD
Property Editor

THERE will be no frantic rush by black businesspeople to buy buildings in the Peninsula's four business districts proclaimed "open" by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, on Monday.

This is the view of major commercial property brokers and letting agents who reported yesterday that there were no deals pending on building sales to black people in the City centre, nor in Sea Point, Wynberg and Claremont.

Most brokers disclosed that there was already investment in property in these areas by black people who had made their investments through nominee companies. Most said too that there were few imperative properties for sale and certainly no bargains.

Mr John McCarty, a regional director of the firm Richard Ellis, said his company had no deals pending with black investors for CBD property.

However, there were a lot of people looking for buildings in the City ranging in price from R500 000 to R3-million. The problem was that there were few buildings which met with investors' requirement of a profitable return.

What they were looking for were buildings with stable tenancies. This interest in the property market had emerged since the slide in interest rates, which started some six months ago.

Mr Kai Jaeger, manager of leasing for the firm, said that many black traders had been placed in rented premises in the Bellville area, following applications for permits to the Department of Community Development, and it was likely that there would be some interest in the CBD of Cape Town, following the proclamation.

Mr Michael Divaris, of Divaris Real Estate, said he was aware of black investors who had made CBD purchases through nominee companies, but there were no direct inquiries from black businesspeople for buildings in the City centre.

He did not expect a spate of inquiries. When they did come, it would be for prime, well-located premises.

'Market'

"This will no doubt have a stimulating effect of the market, but there will be no scramble. A lot of the interest will be from professional people looking for office accommodation in the City," he said.

Mr Colin Bird, a director of DCF, said there would be no immediate effect.

There would certainly be an upsurge of interest from traders looking for rented commercial space, particularly in what was termed the informal sector.

Development of a "market" situation with small areas for rent would be profitable, Mr Bird said.

'Delight' over open trade areas in City

Staff Reporter

BLACK businessmen yesterday welcomed the opening of four business districts in the Peninsula and said they were "delighted" that the areas had been opened to all races.

"This move has come with a deep sigh of relief to the strained and restricted business activity especially in the black sector everywhere," members of the Black Business Sector of Guguletu and Nyanga said in a statement yesterday.

"The announcement by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Huenis, has enthused every entrepreneur; indeed this is proof of the departure from a strict business policy based on colour," they said.

The businessmen said the move would give a boost to the ailing economy of the country and would further promote trust, faith and closer understanding between races of South Africa as they trade together.

Mr Thomas Mandla, chairman of the organization, said "in future blacks will also help to alleviate the scarcity of jobs and the recession in this country by being job creators instead of jobseekers".

Many people would be absorbed by black businessmen in these areas, he added.

"If only the iniquitous Group Areas Act can now be scrapped, as I consider the time ripe for such an undertaking, we shall all be moving towards a healthy and harmonious South Africa, which I hope is the aspiration of all constructive and peace-loving South Africans," Mr Mandla said.

Open trade areas 'suspect'

Cape Times Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape Traders Association (WCTA) and the Chamber of Muslim Meat Traders (Commtra) have voiced their "suspicion" over the opening of free trading areas.

A joint statement said it was a "known fact" that as a result of "shifts of population under the apartheid dream", the country's CBDs were "bankrupt".

"Effectively the opening of these areas to the disenfranchised is tantamount to an admission that whites have failed to make these areas viable places of business," the statement said.

An implication of the move was that whites, and "especially the monopolies", were now able to "feed off the green pastures of black areas where the real spending power lies — effectively wresting material power from black hands".

"Opening of the CBDs for free trading is not the priority of South Africa. We demand the scrapping of the Group Areas Act in toto," the statement said.

Proposals to ^{cope with} preserve ^{of} Bo-Kaap

Municipal Reporter

BO-KAAP should be declared an "area of special architectural, aesthetic or historical significance", says a recommendation by the Town Planning Committee yesterday.

This would enable the City Council to guide conservation, renovation and new development in the area, rather than having more of the Bo-Kaap declared a national monument.

Eight areas of the City, including Long Street, Greenmarket Square and the Parade, have "special area" status.

The new "special area" would be the largest ever yet declared, roughly bounded by Buitensingel, Buitengracht and Strand streets, according to a report the Town Planning Committee accepted yesterday.

It comprised three sub-areas: The Old Malay Quarter, the largely Victorian Schoonekloof area and Schotsche Kloof.

Once an area is declared "of special significance", buildings may not be erected or demolished there without the special consent of the City Council.

No signs may be "painted on, affixed to or displayed on" any building or tree without permission from the council in such an area.

A report from the City Engineer's Department said development must be controlled and guided. New buildings would have to be in keeping with the character of their surrounds.

The recommendations have still to be referred to Housing Committee and the Cape Town Environmental Advisory Board.

Mobile phone
convicted of murder and

Tutu ^{SPAK} will not apply ^{2/15/86} for a ^{2/15/86} permit ⁸⁹

Own Correspondent
CAPE TOWN — Bishop

Desmond Tutu will move into the official residence in Bishopscourt after his instatement as Archbishop, but he will not ask for permission to live in a white area.

In terms of the Group Areas Act, he may not occupy official residences in areas proclaimed for whites, but he could apply for a permit.

Bishop Tutu reacted with indignation when asked if he would seek permission to live at Bishopscourt.

"Why should I? This is my country. If I can live there because I can afford it or because of my position, why shouldn't I?"

TOWNSHIP

He said he thought most members of the diocese would expect him to live at Bishopscourt.

"I would have liked to live in a township, but it depends what one does with Bishopscourt.

"Perhaps the best would be to bring a lot of township (character) to Bishopscourt."

He said he had made his point when he was appointed Dean of Johannesburg by refusing to live in the official residence.

As Bishop of Johannesburg he had made his home in Soweto, though he also used his official residence in the elite white suburb Westcliffe, without the necessary permit.

ONE TIME NEWS
Domestics:

'End soft attitude'

Municipal Reporter

COUNCILLOR Joseph Rabinowitz of Sea Point has appealed to the City Council Executive Committee to abandon "the soft attitude" and enforce municipal regulations relating to domestic workers.

He also complained that the Scout Hall of the 7th Green and Sea Point group provided vagrants with one of their "best hideouts".

He suggested the Scout Hall gate should be locked even during scout meetings if these took place at night.

"I suggest also that the beach constables, by way of a change from loafing along the beach-front, visit these premises at least four times a day and clear them of persons who have no right to be there."

He asked whether beach constables could be used, on night shifts, to check servants' quarters and ensure that only domestic workers employed in a particular block of flats lived there.

"The soft attitude" was immediately taken advantage of, so the council should instead "show some authority", he said.

The Executive Committee agreed yesterday to meet Mr Rabinowitz to sort out his problems. It was felt that no new policy decisions were necessary, as adequate regulations existed.

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Ottery becomes city's fifth *(S)* free trade area

Property Editor

A FIFTH free trading area for Cape Town — in Ottery — has been proclaimed.

The 14ha site bounded by Woodlands Road, New Ottery Road, Canal Road and Ottery Road includes the R32-million hypermarket and shopping centre still being built.

The area covers the centre's two cinemas and 400-seat restaurant.

The shopping centre is to open in October and will contain about 30 small shops, of which 80 percent are let.

The proclamation says members of all race groups may occupy, use or acquire buildings, land or premises in the area.

Other free trading areas are central Cape Town, Sea Point, Claremont and Wynberg.

The group returned to the church where they held a Press conference and released a statement deploring the police action.

Mrs Eunice Gila, 63, wife of Mr Hudson Gila, said police detained her 74-year-old husband in Site C last week.

"I have not seen him since. He is deaf and a sickly man and I am worried about his health," she said.

The group demanded the immediate release of their relatives and that they be informed as to where they were being held. They also wanted assurances that detainees were not being ill-treated.

The Police Directorate of Public Relations confirmed that Mr Quinton Michels, Mr Cecil Esau, Mr Anderson Ncvita, Mr Reed Mangosoma, Miss Pina Ncata, Mr Neville van der Rheede, Mr Twelve Fundumela and Mr Hudson Gila were being detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

The operation started in Bongolethu at 4am yesterday and had been concluded by noon. Police went in to search the township while troops cordoned off the area.

The police liaison officer of the South Western Districts, Colonel Eddie Snyman, said about 400 people were detained for questioning during the operation, but that most were released immediately afterwards.

Reports said a youth was wounded when police opened fire with shotguns on a group of people stoning a Casspir during the operation. Colonel Snyman confirmed that there had been a shooting incident, but said no injuries were reported.

He said of those arrested, one was charged for possessing explosives, three for dealing in dagga, four for furthering the aims of the African National Congress or the South African Communist Party, one for public violence, three for arson and one for malicious damage to property.

R6-billion new housing scheme for Cape Town

By TOM HOOD
Property Editor

WORK has started on a R6 000-million up-market housing development near Cape Town for 200 000 people which may be open to all races soon.

The 650-hectare development near D F Malan Airport will be larger than Mitchells' Plain.

All the 7 000 houses planned will be built and sold by private enterprise at "affordable prices". The first homes will be ready for occupation by the middle of next year.

The project is in the Lower Kuils River area on State-owned land in the Blue Downs part of the Cape Flats. It could include an inland marina where the vleis are most concentrated.

Although the Government will not yet say so, it is believed in property circles that the area will be open to all races within a year or two because it borders on white and coloured group areas.

Tenders for an initial R6-million of roads, water and

sewerage contracts are being advertised this month and the Department of Local Government will soon invite house developers to get in touch with it.

Building of houses should start in the first quarter of next year.

All houses will be sold under freehold title and the State will not provide rented accommodation, says Mr David Curry, Minister for Local Government in the House of Representatives.

"By making the initial move to get this project started the department is hoping not only to upgrade coloured housing in the Peninsula but at the same time stabilise land prices in this area," he said.

In disclosing that work had started this week on the project he said he hoped that both large and small development groups would become involved.

One-man teams and other small contractors may also be sold sites in certain areas.

Roads serving as "development axes" will be planned so that home-owners or residents can conduct businesses from their homes or convert houses to business premises.

Mr Curry says the aim is to create opportunities for the informal as well as the formal sector to provide jobs "on residents' doorsteps". This would create a balanced city and reduce commuting distances.

He said Blue Downs would offer a far greater variety than any of the other large housing schemes in South Africa because of the wide range of property developers involved.

Houses would be built to the taste of buyers who, in many cases, would buy on a plot-and-plan basis. Prices were to be "in line with market trends".

The Government plans to build a railway line to serve the area.

350 people attend service

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Staff Reporter 81

ABOUT 350 people yesterday attended the centenary service of the Church of the Good Shepherd conducted by the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Philip Russell.

The church, near Kirstenbosch, is situated in what used to be Protea Village and is now known as Fernwood Estate. Its original inhabitants were removed under the Group Areas Act.

About 250 residents of the former Protea Village attended the service.

Housing plans 'no solution'

Cape Times 20/5/86

Labour Reporter

GOVERNMENT plans for a R6 000-million "up-market" housing scheme for coloured people at Blue Downs got a lukewarm reception from housing experts who say it will do nothing to solve the housing crisis among low-income groups.

The development, near D F Malan Airport, plans to accommodate 200 000 people in 40 000 houses for home owners and will be built by private companies on land originally set aside for subsidized low-income housing.

'Withdraw'

Cape Town City Council raised R50-million in overseas loans for the original scheme which fell through when the government withdrew its support.

The chairperson of the council's housing committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott, said yesterday that the "vast majority" of people on the council's housing list could not afford to buy houses.

Although she welcomed any attempt to provide more houses, she did not believe houses built by private enterprise for profit would solve the problem, especially as they were to be sold at market-related prices.

She called on the government to raise the sub-economic income limit from R150 to R350 a month and to let houses to people in this category at rentals based on one percent interest on building cost.

Ms Vanessa Watson, of UCT's Urban Problems Research Unit (UPRU), said private enterprise could not provide houses for those most in need.

The shortage was most critical among people earning less than R400 a month who could not afford bond repayments.

The chairperson of the Cape Housing Action Committee (Cahac), Mr Wilfred Rhodes, said the Group Areas Act and forced removals had created the housing shortage and that the government should take responsibility for housing the poor.

The Blue Downs scheme would provide for middle-class professionals who should be able to live in the many houses for sale in white suburbs.

'Trapped'

The Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry, said many middle-class people who wanted to buy their own homes were "trapped" in sub-economic houses because there were not enough up-market houses on the market.

These people would leave cheap housing to move to the new township, leaving subsidized rented houses for the poorer people on the waiting list.

The Blue Downs scheme would consist of different sorts of housing, including self-help housing, because of the variety of different contractors that would be involved.

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'Group⁸¹ areas' measure

Staff Reporter

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL. — Introduced as an "urgent measure", the MEC for Local Government, Mr Willem Bouter, yesterday announced a draft ordinance to declare local government areas for different race groups.

The notice of motion, which was strongly condemned during its first reading by the Opposition on the grounds that it was an entrenchment of the Group Areas Act, would enable these white, coloured and Indian local government areas to be administered under their respective Own Affairs ministries.

Condemning the ordinance as an apartheid measure, the PFP objected to its introduction without first being published in the Provincial Gazette, thus not allowing the vast number of people to affected by the ordinance to study, react and respond to the proposals.

Normally such a "contentious" ordinance would be published in the gazette at least a fortnight before debate in the council.

Reacting to PFP criticism, Mr Bouter said it was the council who made the decisions concerning local government and "not the people out there".

As an "urgent measure" the ordinance is expected to be hotly debated today.

Crossroads death toll rises to 23

Own Correspondent
S.M. 22/5/76

CAPE TOWN — Shots were fired when a vehicle was attacked near Crossroads early today as sporadic incidents of violence continued.

Police said that the death toll had risen to 23 in the four days of violence which has left thousands homeless and an undisclosed number of people injured.

The violence seemed to spread last night to near the KTC squatter camp and Guguletu and police used tearsmoke to disperse crowds in both areas.

A police spokesman said that soon after midnight a vehicle in Old Klipfontein Road was brought to a standstill by a stone-throwing group and by gunfire.

The driver and passenger fled. Police believe the vehicle was then stolen.

VEHICLE SET ALIGHT

A vehicle was set alight in Mahobe Drive near Crossroads at about 5.10 pm yesterday and a delivery vehicle was attacked and stoned in Lansdowne Road last night.

At 10.40 pm, security force vehicles were stoned in Terminus Road near the KTC squatter camp and tearsmoke was used to disperse the crowd.

Stones were also thrown and barricades were set up in NY5, Guguletu last night. When the security forces moved in, they were attacked and tearsmoke was used to disperse the crowd.

Police said that as far as they were aware, no one was injured in police action.

Walmer loves not its neighbours

WHEN South Africa went to the polls in 1983 to vote for the new tricameral parliament, the Cape Town constituency of Tafelberg distinguished itself by recording the lowest turnout in the entire country, a percentage poll of 1,5 percent.

Today, in spite of that overwhelming rejection of the new government, the people of Walmer estate, Woodstock and Salt River find they are about to become the neighbours of a number of prominent ministers in the House of Representatives.

A prestigious housing estate for senior members of parliament, including Minister of Education and Culture Carter Ebrahim and David Curry, the Minister of Housing, is to be built on land adjacent to District Six, an area that was for generations the home of many coloured families until the government declared it a white group area and forced the residents to leave.

The irony is not lost on the community. Out (Organisations Against Traitors), an umbrella body representing a range of community organisations in the area, describes the planned housing scheme as

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By MOIRA LEVY,
Cape Town

"audacious".

In a significant show of unity, political groupings that have always been staunch ideological rivals have joined forces in Out.

The organisation was initiated by the Woodstock, Salt River, Walmer Estate Civic Association (Wosawa).

But representatives of the Call of Islam, the United Democratic Front, and a range of school, cultural, youth and civic bodies have also joined in to fight the building scheme.

The intention is to "claim the area and declare that it now belongs to the community", the representative said.

Earlier this month, in a bid to do just that, residents held a placard demonstration along the main road, disrupting Saturday morning traffic, before the police ordered them to disperse.

The representative explained, "We wanted to take over the land and develop it into a park with a volleyball court, sandpits, swings for the school children and a pathway running right through it which we planned to call the Mandela Walk."

In two earlier incidents, students of

the secondary schools in the area and the teachers training college marched onto the property, ordered the workers to leave and allegedly sabotaged the tractors being used to clear the grounds by pouring sand into the petrol tanks. The company that owned the equipment has since pulled out of the contract.

Violence flared when police baton-charged the 400-strong crowd.

Since then two armed security men have been employed to guard the area and a barbed wire fence has been erected.

The community is particularly angry about the threatened closure of two schools in the area to make way for the government houses.

An adjacent vacant lot, nicknamed The Greens and used by the community as a playing field, will also be incorporated into the new residential estate as part of its gardens and recreation facilities.

There are residents in the community who have been on the waiting list for housing for 20 years, the representative said.

Out is demanding that instead of building expensive homes for government ministers, affordable housing be provided for people on the waiting list.

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King businessmen hail CBD opening

Dispatch Reporter

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — Businessmen and council officials here welcomed the announcement that the King William's Town central business district is now open to traders of all races.

The announcement was made in parliament yesterday by the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis. The proclamation will be gazetted today.

The deputy town clerk, Mr Mike Human, said the opening of the CBD to all traders was a breakthrough for King William's Town, considering that the town was one of the first in the country to apply.

"It will be good for

business here," he said.

The town clerk, Mr Henry Hutten, was not available for comment.

The president of the Kaffrarian Chamber of Commerce, Mr Jack Patel, said he was very happy that it had eventually been announced, and he was certain that the majority of businessmen here felt the same.

He hoped it would help the economy of the town and said he believed a lot of interest had already been shown because of it.

He said he was happy with the proclaimed area and that it did "not worry him" that two businesses in the original proposal, one in Alexandra Road and the other in Grey Street, had been rejected.

Council said an application to have these declared open trade areas would soon be submitted to the government.

The mayor, Mr Ken Hartley, said a long time had passed since the first application and he was pleased that it had at last come about.

"I sincerely hope it helps the economy of the town and puts a stop to the consumer boycott," Mr Hartley added.

The chief of health and social services, Mr Peter de Goede, whose department deals with the licensing of new businesses said that to date about 20 black businessmen had applied or had shown interest in opening businesses here.

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No (Community Councils have not yet been vested with this function.)

Consolidation proposals

931. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether the final consolidation proposals for (a) Lebowa, (b) Gazankulu, (c) KwaNdebele and (d) KaNgwane have been completed; if not, (i) why not and (ii) when is it anticipated that they will be completed; if so,
- (2) whether these proposals will be tabled in Parliament; if not, why not; if so, when?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes, except for the Constantia area where the Government has not yet taken a final decision.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) No.

(i) and (ii) In respect of KaNgwane the preliminary proposals have been formulated by the Commission for Co-operation and Development and it is anticipated that these will shortly be presented to the Cabinet for consideration.

- (2) Yes, as soon as the administrative procedures in regard to the proposals have been completed

23/5/86
George: workers dismissed

947. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

HoA

- (3) what were the rentals charged for houses in Lawaalkamp as at (a) 1 January 1985, (b) 31 December 1985 and (c) the latest specified date for which information is available;

(iv) The land belongs to the Municipality of George and has been planned for the extension of the adjoining Coloured township.

- (4) whether these rentals are to be increased; if so, (a) when, (b) why and (c) by what amount;

(v) The Town Council of George in collaboration with the RSA Government, the Divisional Council, the East Cape Development Board and the Liaison Committee of Black residents of Lawaalkamp. The decision was unanimous and the members of the Liaison Committee present were in full agreement with the decision.

- (5) whether the payment of any of these rentals is outstanding; if so, what total amount was outstanding as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (6) whether any other charges are levied on residents of Lawaalkamp; if so, (a) what charges and (b) in respect of what services are these charges levied;

(3) (a) No rentals were charged but an amount of R13,24 per month per tenant in respect of service charges was levied.

- (7) whether any services were suspended in Lawaalkamp in 1986; if so, (a) what services, (b) when and (c) why;

(b) No rentals were charged but an amount of R13,45 per month per tenant in respect of service charges was levied.

- (8) whether these services have since been re-instated; if not, why not; if so, when;

(c) No rentals were charged but an amount of R13,45 per month per tenant in respect of service charges was levied as at 30 April 1986.

- (9) whether any new services are to be provided in Lawaalkamp; if not, why not; if so, (a) what services and (b) when?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) Approximately 6 000 persons as at 31 March 1986.

- (2) (a) Yes.

(b) The area in it's present form is not an area set aside for permanent Black occupation.

- (i) and (ii) Fall away.

(iii) A new Black town is being developed nearby at Sandkraal as no Black town existed in the vicinity of George.

HoA

(5) If service charges are referred to, yes—R15 344,08 as at 30 April 1986.

(6) No.
(a) and (b) Fall away.

(7) No, but temporary interruptions were experienced as a result of unrest.

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away.

(8) Falls away.

(9) No. A new town is being developed at Sandkraal where all services are provided.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

MINISTER OF
954. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education to Question No 998 on 19 June 1985, any progress has been made in the granting of freehold property rights to Black persons living in the (a) urban and (b) rural areas of the Republic: if not, why not; if so, (i) when and (ii) with what result in each case;

(2) whether Black persons residing in certain areas are to be excluded from gaining these rights; if so, (a) why and (b) in which areas;

(3) whether he or any member of the South African Government has received any further representations regarding freehold rights for Blacks from any Black leaders since 19 June 1985; if so, (a) what are the names of these Black leaders; (b) which Black communities do they represent, (c)(i) when and (ii) by whom were these representations received and (d) what was the (i) nature of the representations and (ii) response thereto;

(4) whether any Black persons have been

granted freehold rights since 19 June 1985; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) where in each case;

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

THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) (a) and (b) If urban Black towns are being referred to, yes. A bill which *inter alia* deals with property ownership has been prepared and submitted for debate during the present session of Parliament. The Cabinet has also approved the retention of individual title to property held in Evaton and Fingo Village by Blacks and that such rights may be alienated to other Blacks.

(2) (a) and (b) No. It is the intention that any Black person who is a South African citizen or a lawful immigrant may obtain ownership over property in Black townships where the 99-year leasehold scheme is applicable.

(3) (a), (b), (c) and (d) I am not aware of written representations which specifically dealt with individual ownership over property. Verbal representations were and are continually being received from leaders during discussions with them. The discussions were often informal and no record has been kept of the names of such leaders. The representations normally evolve around uniformity or not of ownership rights. It is then explained that it will not differ from the ownership rights applicable to other race groups.

(4) To my knowledge, no. The obtaining of individual ownership over property is not recorded by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

(5) No.
(a) and (b) Fall away.

Central Transvaal Development Board

957. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the Central Transvaal Development Board as at 31 December 1985 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1986;

	(1)(a)	(2)(a)
Carolina	611	Nul
Christiesmeer	44	Nul
Davel	198	Nul
Lothair	348	Nul
Morgenzon	153	1
Piet Retief	1 221	1
Sabie	491	1
Wakkerstroom	214	1
Waterval Boven	659	Nul

(2) what total number of (a) crèches and (b)(i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each such township as at that date?

THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

	(1)(a)	(1)(b)	(2)(a)
Brits	945	None	2
Thabazimbi	69	None	1

(2) (b) (i) and (ii) The provision of school facilities is a function dealt with by the Department of Education and Training.

Eastern Transvaal Development Board

958. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the Eastern Transvaal Development Board as at 31 December 1985 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1986;

(2) What total number of (a) crèches and (b)(i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each such township as at that date?

(2) (b) (i) and (ii) The provision of school facilities is a function dealt with by the Department of Education and Training.

Western Transvaal Development Board

959. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the Western Transvaal Development Board as at 31 December 1985 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1986.

(2) what total number of (a) crèches and (b) (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each township as at that date?

THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

	(1)(a)	(2)(a)	(1)(a)	(2)(a)
Amersfoort	227	1		
Amsterdam	254	Nul		
Barberton	1 226	2		
Breyten	866	Nul		
			Biesiesvlief	24
			Bloemhof	Nil

THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:



Mrs Mifanwy Logan, left, and Mrs Denise du Toit in the generous green grounds of their proposed non-racial pre-school in Worcester. In July, they hope, there will be little people tumbling on the jungle gym and settling into those bright chairs to listen to what teacher says.

Three mothers plan all-race pre-school

DALE LAUTENBACH,
Weekend Argus Reporter

THEY'RE all set and ready to welcome a non-racial mix of pre-schoolers into their classroom in a quiet Worcester sidestreet.

But will the children be allowed to attend this first-of-its-kind school in the town?

That is the nail-biting question for three Worcester mothers who recognised a need for a mixed pre-school and have for the past months promoted their project with dedication and have prepared the spacious church hall of the Anglican parish as a classroom.

The school has yet to be approved by the local council authority.

Mrs Iffat Amin, chairperson of the three-woman committee, said there were all sorts of people in the town who would want their children at a mixed school, but until she met Mrs Denise du Toit and they brought their shared idea to life no one had taken the initiative.

"There is a large coloured community in Worcester and a desperate need for a good English-medium pre-school," Mrs Amin said. "At the moment there are two Afrikaans-medium pre-schools for the coloured community — and that's not even enough."

Mrs Mifanwy Logan, wife of the local Anglican minister and a teacher, got to hear of the project and with her interest the proposed school gained its third committee member, its first teacher and the use of the Anglican

church hall for a nominal rent.

"We've bought all sorts of equipment already ... paint, toys, a jungle gym and little chairs and tables, and we've had generous contributions from members of the community," Mrs du Toit said. "We hope to open the school in July and by word-of-mouth alone we already have seven children who would enrol the moment we open our doors."

But there is also opposition in the community and the three women fear that their proposed school will be rejected without being given the chance it deserves.

"Our message to anyone who opposes this idea is: 'Please, have a look first at what we've done ... have a look at the facilities we will be offering,'" said Mrs du Toit.

"We want to touch their hearts and make them realise there is this need in the community."

Mrs Amin said: "The country is changing and that change must be felt not only in the major centres but in towns like Worcester, too."

"A different future lies ahead for our children and when they're still little and innocent they must learn to mix — we must give them this at least."

The committee has approached the Department of Education, where their reception was "encouraging".

They are applying to have the school registered which means, they believe, that they will be able to guarantee parents a certain standard and that the school will be subject to inspection.

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R13m for civil engineering industry

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Tenders soon for Blue Downs

By GORDON KLING
Financial Editor

TENDERS for housing development at the massive new Blue Downs housing project near DF Malan Airport should go out next week, and another R13m worth of tenders for infrastructure will come to the assistance of the ailing civil engineering industry in coming months.

Builders and developers are already showing keen interest, according to the project director for the lower Kuils River development scheme, Carel Marais.

Schemes

Developers will be asked to make offers for various schemes of their own making.

"They will have a free hand to put together concepts that they think

they can market successfully."

Essentially developers will have to do their own town planning.

The scheme falls under Minister David Curry's Department of Local Government, Housing & Agriculture in the House of Representatives.

It is intended to develop into a city of some 200 000 people in 40 000 houses on 4 000 ha at a cost of some R2 billion.

Marais says the authorities intend to provide no more than basic guidelines.

Sites to be provided for private developers range from 20 ha to more than 100 ha, aimed at medium to large companies.

Additionally, 300m² to 450m² plots will be made available to owner builders.

Prices are being delayed until the bulk ser-

vices tenders can be considered.

About 7 000 houses are to be built in the first phase on 650 ha.

Boost

The project will come as a major boost to civil engineering contractors still deep in the throes of recession.

Latest figures released by the SA Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors show work valued only R75m spread over 80 new contracts last month.

This brings the four-month tally for the year to R475m compared to R580m in the similar period of 1984, and R350m for the same period last year.

Contractors have also been hit in the past week by disrupting labour shortages as a consequence of the Crossroads unrest.

Health facilities in Plain 'lacking'

Provincial Reporter

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HEALTH facilities in Mitchell's Plain were "grossly lacking", the opposition spokesman on hospitals, Dr John Sonnenberg, told the Provincial Council.

During yesterday's debate on the budget, Dr Sonnenberg appealed for hospital facilities to be shared by the public and private sectors.

LAND PURCHASED

The construction of a private hospital in Mitchell's Plain was going ahead and a consortium of private doctors had bought land for a multi-purpose clinic with short-stay facilities, while the day

hospital for the area had not yet been completed.

The day hospital was not a substitute for a regional hospital which was what Mitchell's Plain really needed, he said.

"We must accept the unlikelihood of a hospital being built at Mitchell's Plain for many years.

"It should also be remembered that the private hospitals will cater for mainly medical-aid patients and that only 40 percent of coloured people belong to medical aid."

Dr Sonnenberg urged the administration to negotiate with the developers to lease beds and reserve them for patients who were their responsibility.

Private hospitals did not provide full-time medical staff but doctors could be seconded from the administration.

Elite white homes sold to Indians, coloured

By TOM HOOD
Property Editor

EXPENSIVE houses in elite white Cape Town suburbs are being sold openly to Indian and coloured families.

Buyers are freely disclosing their race groups when they sign deeds of sale and permits for exemption from the Group Areas Act can be obtained in four to six weeks, according to estate agents.

"It used to take up to six months, but if we send a legally binding deed of sale and a guarantee that finance is available the application goes through quickly — sometimes it is quicker than an application to a building society for a loan," said an agent.

CONSTANTIA POPULAR

Constantia and Zeekoevlei are reported to be among the most popular suburbs where many whites have sold houses to people of other races.

One of the Cape's "big five" estate agencies is advertising: "Marina da Gama... Coloured/Indian buyers... I have a selection of prime properties in this area for you."

The list includes a R275 000 "Revel Fox-designed waterfront home with features galore", a R225 000 "superb entertainer's pad" with pool and "a choice of four homes, all on waterfront" at R200 000.

In one of the latest deals a house on the waterfront is said to have gone for R185 000 cash — a size of sale that happens less frequently these days.

UNCONCERNED

Mr Joerg Teske, the Marina specialist for the agency Pam Golding Properties, said a recent showhouse attracted Indian families who wanted to live in the area.

Some Marina residents said they were unconcerned but others told Mr Teske "if they come, we go" criticised the agency for advertising.

"We are simply in the business of selling houses," Mr Teske said.

A number of buyers were investors who were also looking for blocks of flats and offices. Many believed prices would jump if group areas were scrapped.

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Open CBD: next step on Monday

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — Another step will be taken on Monday towards making the opening of the central business district here a reality.

The was announced last night at the monthly meeting of the city council by the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, who was welcomed back into office after an operation.

Mr Yazbek said he was "very disappointed" to learn that King William's Town had been

given the go-ahead to have an open CBD and East London had not heard anything about its application.

"I was glad to hear on my return that our officials had raised the matter and that they had been informed that Queenstown and East London would be next.

"They were told that the matter was being expedited and that the issue would be advertised next Monday," Mr Yazbek said.

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- (3) whether any special permission was granted to use BHC to combat the locust infestation in 1986; if so, (a) why and (b) who took the decision in this regard;
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- (5) whether persons employed in applying BHC were informed of the dangers involved in contact with this poison; if not, why not; if so, what information were they given;
- (6) whether any persons applying this poison failed to wear masks and dust goggles; if so, (a) how many, (b) why and (c) by whom were these persons employed to apply this poison;
- (7) whether the health of these persons is being monitored; if not, why not; if so, (a) by whom, (b) at what intervals, (c) in what manner and (d) what results;
- (8) what specified substitutes for BHC have been or are being used to combat locusts;
- (9) whether any reports of contaminated meat or dairy products have been received from the affected areas; if so, (a) what is the extent of contamination and (b) what action is being taken as a result;
- (10) whether his Department has instituted any monitoring procedures in regard to livestock in areas sprayed with BHC; if not, why not; if so, what procedures;
- (11) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS.

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- who showed signs of ill effects of the poison to a doctor for examination and treatment. No cases were reported.
- (8) Fenitrothion, Diazinon and synthetic Phiretroids are used in liquid form. They are unsuitable for use as powders.
- (9) No.
- (10) No, in view of (5) above.
- (11) No.
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*5. Mr S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:
- (1) Whether members of the police paid a visit to the residence of a certain person in Mowbray, whose name and address have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if so, (a) on what date, (b) at what time of day, (c) for what purpose and (d) what is the name of the person concerned;
- (2) whether any action has been taken against this person; if so, (a) what action, (b) when and (c) why;
- (3) whether this person is to be charged; if so, (a) in terms of what statutory provision, (b) when and (c) why?
- The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:
- (1) Yes.
- (a) 17 April 1986.
- (b) 14h30.
- (c) To interview him with regard to a complaint of contravention of section 26(1) of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act 36 of 1966).
- (d) Gert Jacobus Koekemoer.
- Cape Town/Port Elizabeth: bus company
*6. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:
- (1) Whether a licence to convey passengers between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth has been issued to a certain bus company, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply; if so, (a) when and (b) what is the name of this company;
- (2) whether any conditions were attached to the licence so issued; if so,
- (3) whether these conditions contain any restrictions relating to the conveyance of members of certain race groups; if so, (a) what restrictions and (b) why in each case?
- †The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:
- (1) Yes.
- (a) On 30 April 1986; and
- (b) Interkaap Ferreira Busdiens (Pty) Ltd.
- (2) No.
- (3) Falls away.
- Mr D J N MALCOMESS: Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, can he tell us whether shortly after the granting of this licence SATS reduced both the price and the duration of the trip to Port Elizabeth, as their monopoly had been dispensed with. Is this an indication that more of this type of thing should be done?
- The MINISTER: The fares of the plus buses came down because there was compe-

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**'Buy white'
coloured
and Indian
families s/
face losses**

Property Editor

COLOURED and Indian families who try to buy houses in "white areas" have been warned that they risk heavy financial losses if they contravene the Group Areas Act.

Cape Town estate agencies report receiving more and more inquiries this year from non-white families anxious to move into white areas.

Mr Piet Badenhorst, Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, yesterday said in a press statement: "I wish to draw the attention of prospective buyers to the provisions of the Group Areas Act which, when applied, may cause heavy financial losses to illegal owners and occupants."

"I also wish to warn estate agencies not to generate expectations that cannot be realised or to tempt people to contravene the provisions of the Act."

The Government, he said, stood firmly on the principle of separate residential areas for the various population groups.

ONLY BASIS

This was "the only basis on which a sound community life for each group can be built and ensured in the South African multi-group context".

Mr Badenhorst said he was concerned about a report in The Argus on Monday that houses in white suburbs such as Constantia and Zeekoëvlei were being sold openly to Indian and coloured families.

A leading Cape Town estate agency recently advertised in Property Argus that it had "a selection of prime properties" in Marina da Gama for Indian and coloured buyers. The agency also claimed that permits for exemption from the Group Areas Act could be obtained in four to six weeks.

"TOTALLY UNTRUE"

Mr Badenhorst said the suggestion that permits for such transactions were being issued was "totally untrue".

So far three applications for permits to acquire properties in these areas had been received by the department's regional office in Cape Town. None had been approved.

The public should not be misled by speculation that the Group Areas Act will be scrapped, Mr Badenhorst said.

Although the Act was being considered by the President's Council, it could not be taken for granted that it would be repealed.

● The Association of Chambers of Commerce expressed concern that, after the removal of influx control and the introduction of freehold title for blacks, the remaining racial barriers would conflict with the fundamental principles of private enterprise and freedom of choice.

Assocom urged the Government to expedite the removal of the remaining restrictions of the Group Areas and Land Acts, taking cognisance of local circumstances.

Cape Times

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Areas act to stay, says govt

By ANTHONY JOHNSON and NEILL HURFORD

THE government yesterday expressed its "concern" at a report that houses in white Cape Town suburbs such as Constantia and Zeekoeivlei were being openly sold to Indians and coloured people.

It also issued a warning to the public "not to be misled by speculation that the Group Areas will be scrapped" and noted that "the government stands firmly on the principle of separate residential areas".

The Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Piet Badenhorst, said in a statement yesterday that suggestions that permits were being issued for transactions across the colour line were "totally untrue".

So far, three applications for permits to acquire properties in these areas had been received by the department's regional office in Cape Town "but not a single one has been approved", he said.

Warning to estate agents

The report said that coloured and Indian buyers were freely disclosing their race groups when they signed deeds of sale, and permits for exemption from the Group Areas Act "can be obtained in four to six weeks, according to estate agents".

Mr Badenhorst issued a warning to prospective buyers on the provisions of the Group Areas Act.

"I wish to warn estate agencies not to generate expectations that cannot be realized or to tempt people to contravene the provisions of the Act.

"At the same time I would like to call upon the public not to be misled by speculation that the Group Areas Act will be scrapped. Although the Act is presently under consideration, it cannot be taken for granted that it will be repealed.

"On the contrary, note should be taken of the fact that the government stands firmly on the principle of separate residential areas for the various population groups."

'This will not happen again'

Mr Mike Bisset, the chief executive of the estate agency named in the newspaper report, Pam Golding Properties, said it was not his organization's policy to allow agents to place advertisements inviting people of other races to buy homes in white areas, and this would not happen again, unless the Group Areas Act was amended — "something we would welcome", he said.

He added that it was well known that coloured and Indian buyers were acquiring homes in white areas either through white nominees, or companies in which the buyers held a 49 percent shareholding.

"However, when approached by white buyers or representatives of companies wishing to buy, we accept it at face value and do not ask who the occupier of the home will be," said Mr Bisset.

He confirmed that no permits applied for by his agency for coloured or Indian buyers to occupy homes in white areas had been approved by the government.

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Cape housing seam

Exaggerating the advantages of housing stock is nothing new in property, but agents in Cape Town last week found that it can be a particularly risky tactic where politics is involved.

Expensive homes in the elite (white) suburbs of the city were being touted to all race groups on claims that exemptions from conditions of the Group Areas Act are as straightforward as loan applications to building societies, and faster in some cases. Four to six weeks was cited as the normal delay.

Agents have evidently been ignoring the provisions of the Act which affect properties

throughout the peninsula, particularly in Constantia, Zeekoevlei and Marina da Gama.

"Marina da Gama . . . Coloured/Indian buyers . . . I have a selection of prime properties in this area for you," reads a recent ad.

Hopefully it did not succeed in attracting many purchasers across the colour line, since it appears certain that the sales are not capable of registration, and a loss on forced resale would be virtually inevitable in current circumstances.

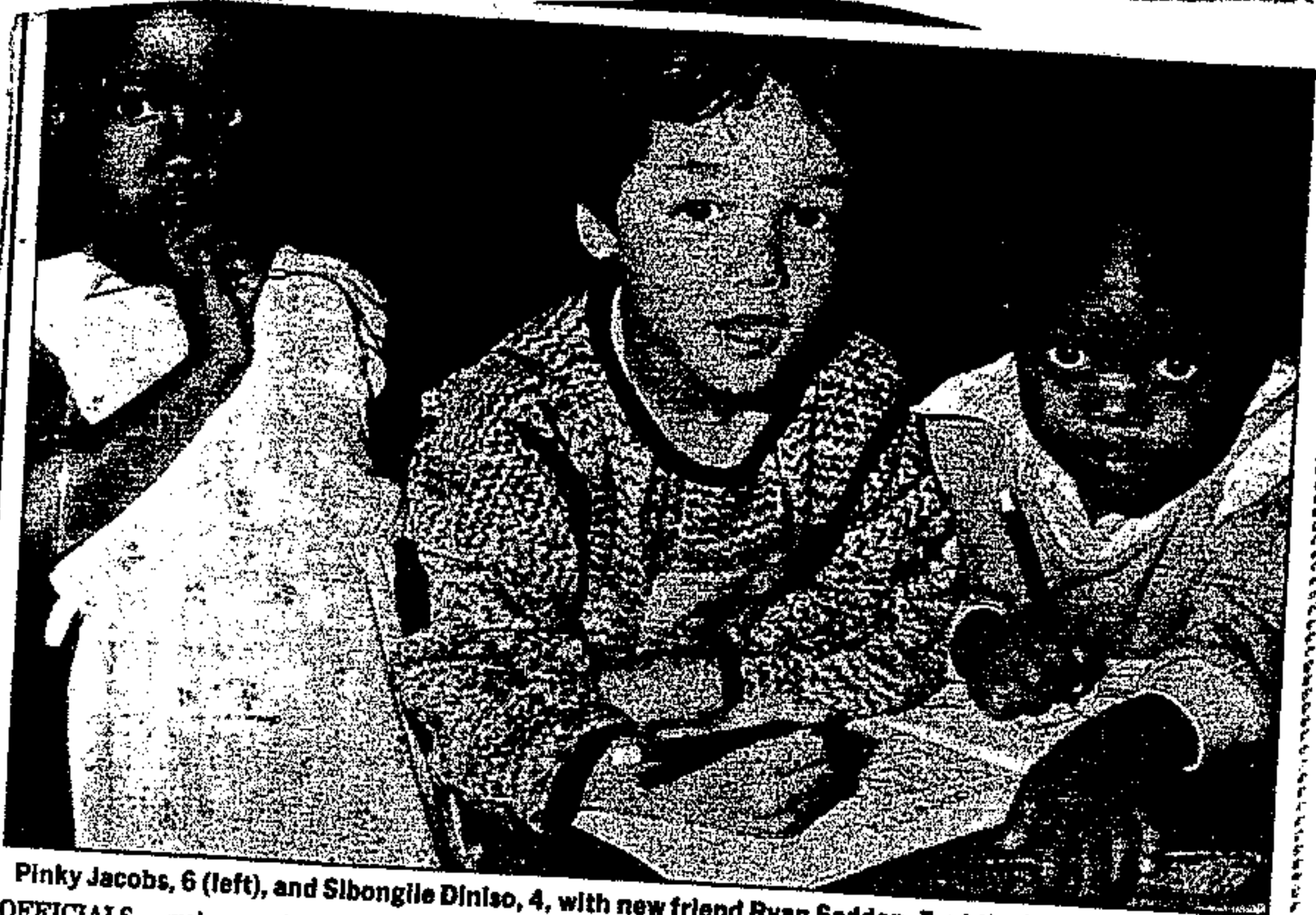
Apartheid still lives when it comes to property.

Piet Badenhorst, Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, says suggestions that exemption permits are readily obtainable are "totally untrue." In fact, not one of three recent applications to the department's regional office in Cape Town has been approved, even where white neighbours have provided support in writing.

Badenhorst confirms the Act is presently under review, but he appeals to prospective buyers not to be misled by speculation that it will be scrapped.

"On the contrary," he says, "note should be taken of the fact that the government stands firmly on the principle of separate residential areas for the various population groups."

Cape Town agents have agreed to stop the controversial advertising, but they privately confide it is common practice for buyers of other race groups to acquire homes in white areas through white nominees, or through companies in which the buyer has a 49% shareholding. ■



Pinky Jacobs, 6 (left), and Sibongile Diniso, 4, with new friend Ryan Seddon, 5, at the Holy Trinity Church

OFFICIALS — using pass laws destined within days for the scrapheap — have ordered Crossroads refugees living in white areas to get out within 48 hours.

Angry welfare organisations who have been sheltering the destitute families have threatened court action to halt the evictions.

The refugees, mainly women and children, have been accommodated in private homes, churches, synagogues and mosques after a huge evacuation operation by relief organisations which began last weekend.

The notices served on the people harbouring the refugees were issued in terms of the Black (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act of 1945.

Parliament repealed the Act this week but it will not become law until it is promulgated. President Botha has meanwhile pledged that the laws will be off the statute book by July 1.

Mrs Helen Suzman, veteran civil rights fighter, called the moves "incredible".

In a remarkable show of solidarity with the refugees, the people of Cape Town rallied round the evacuated women and children and, besides offering them places to shelter from the wet and cold Cape winter, donated money, blankets and food.

Others also gave of their time to cook and care for the refugees who were moved into their areas.

Refused

But this weekend the question still unanswered was how an estimated 70 000 refugees left homeless after the devastation of Crossroads had been absorbed into an already overcrowded Cape Town.

Centres outside the black townships monitored by relief agencies account for less than half of the known Crossroads refugees.

Reports coming out of the townships — which the Sunday Times was unable to substantiate after police refused permission for reporters to visit there — claim that many households in the greater Guguletu area have taken in homeless refugees or are storing their possessions.

Others have returned — either temporarily or permanently — to Transkei or Ciskei. A small group has settled in Khayelitsha, the new settlement where the authorities want the homeless to go.

There has been tremen-

Refugees from Crossroads this week, had shelter — under white roofs — from the wet, cold Cape winter. Now the Government has invoked a law that has already been repealed to tell the white Good Samaritans the refugees must

According to him, he was served the notice by an official who had "a wad of copies". He was seeking legal advice on the issue.

"I am simply trying to run a parish and help people who are homeless," Mr Taylor said.

The day we visited Holy Trinity, a man arrived to fetch his wife and five children. He said he was taking them to Transkei.

Later in the day two other men arrived — they looked drained and exhausted — looking for their families.

One of the relief workers consulted their list of people living in the church hall at the time and those who had passed through.

The men's wives were not on the list and they left to continue their search.

The Red Cross has been computerising the names of hundreds of people who are looking for their families, hoping that it will assist them in reuniting refugee families.

But the task is difficult. Everywhere we went people were ultra-secretive.

After the horrors they have lived through, the church hall, with its calm and warmth, was to them a treasured sanctuary.

They obviously feared that even a few words to a reporter could bring yet more trouble.

Mrs Princess Bam — her face scarred by an old burn injury — would say only "We are going back before Monday because of the notice."

Refused

She was nursing her month-old son, Godknows, and next to her chair were three plastic carrier bags containing all her possessions.

When we asked the police for permission to visit Crossroads and Khayelitsha to assess the situation, we were told that we could not go to black townships for as long as the state of emergency lasted.

According to a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, they could invite the Press into the townships from time to time.

The Government has given a two-day reprieve to squatters who have moved back into the devastated KTC area to rebuild their shacks. They were ordered out so that "upgrading" work could take place.

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GET OUT!



Janine Greeff, 15, feeds Bridgette Ntloko, 3

Story: SYLVIA VOLLENHOVEN Pictures: AMBROSE PETERS

dous resistance to being moved to Khayelitsha — a mass of small "core" structures — because of the remote situation of the township, the "high and unaffordable" rentals and the fact that the community in general feel they have had no say in the issue.

In the Peninsula's coloured and white areas the Red Cross, Shawco and St John's have managed to find halls, community centres and schools where refugees — most of them women and children — are staying.

But now the authorities have given the refugees until tomorrow to leave the white and coloured areas.

Relief workers were advised to contact an official at

the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

The Rev Ron Taylor of the Anglican Holy Trinity church in Claremont phoned the department.

His church was housing several hundred refugees at one stage this week, but many left after the notices had been served.

"I was told that sites and tents were available at Khayelitsha and that the development board would transport people there without charge," Mr Taylor said.

He claimed that people were promised that they would not be charged rent for the first few months if they were prepared to live in Khayelitsha permanently.

Summonses for housing refugees

By ^{S. VINES} SYLVIA VOLLENHOVEN
 COURT summonses were this week served on parish priests and relief workers for housing squatter refugees in white and coloured group areas.

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 This is in spite of the fact that Parliament has voted to repeal the Urban Areas Consolidation Act, in terms of which the summonses were served.

The Act comprises legislation restricting the residential rights of black people.

About a week ago notices were served on churches, mosques and synagogues in white and coloured areas where hundreds of refugees from the devastated areas of Crossroads had sought shelter from Cape Town's cold and wet winter.

The notices warned parish priests and relief workers at mosques, synagogues and other centres that they were contravening the obsolete law.

But the matter did not rest there and this week, summonses followed the informal notices.

Defiant priests and relief agencies have already vowed not to bow to the pressure to evict the homeless refugees of the "battle of Crossroads".

People sheltering the homeless have been given the option of paying admission of guilt fines ranging from R100 to R300 or facing charges in court.

Option

The Rev Geoff Quinlan of the All Saints Anglican Church in Plumstead, near Cape Town, said the summons stated that it was served in terms of Section 9 (v) of the Urban Areas Consolidation Act number 25 of 1945.

"It says I am charged with harbouring black people on the premises known as All Saints.

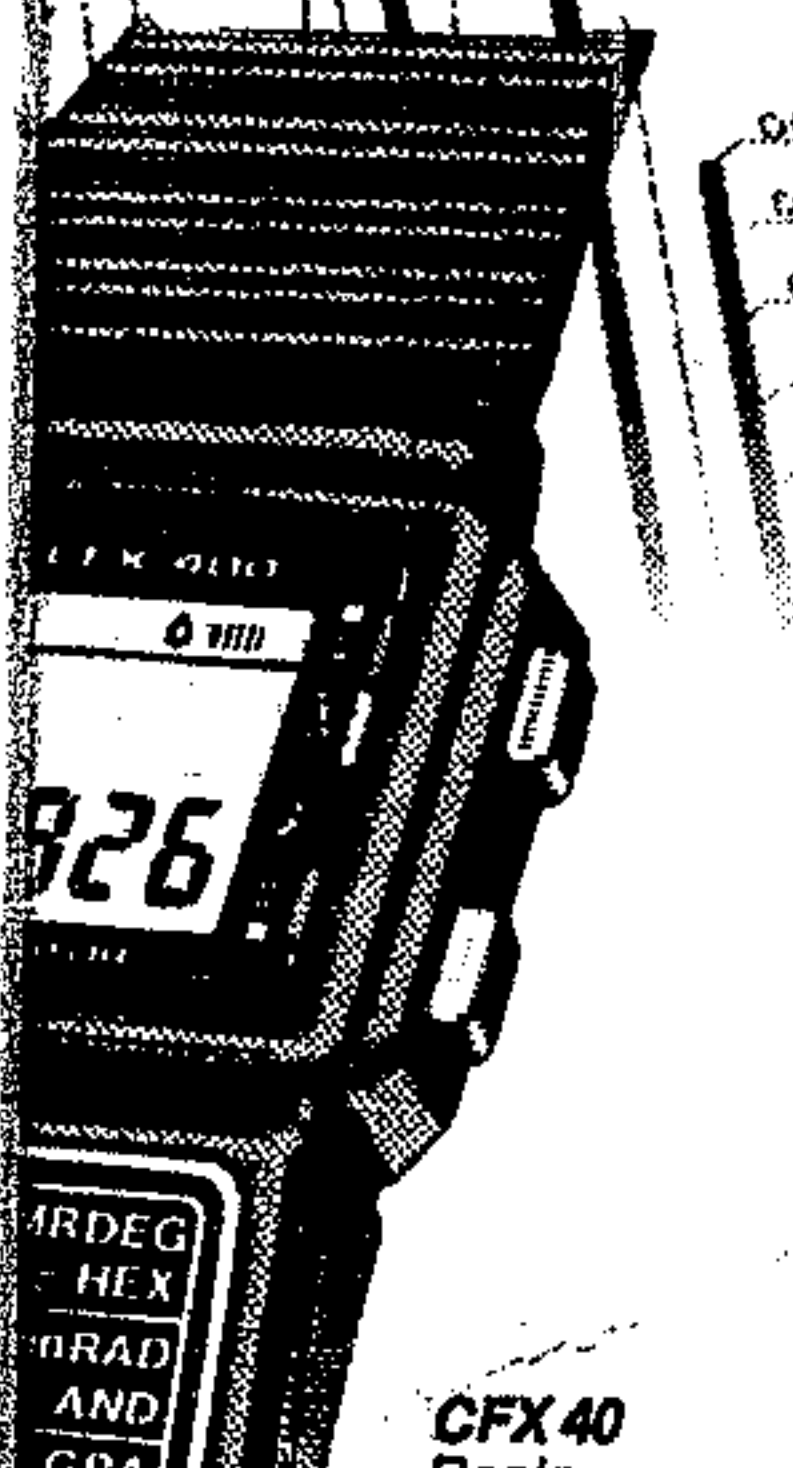
"I have the option of paying an admission of guilt fine of R300 and I must then provide evidence that people have left the property," said Mr Quinlan.

Said Mr Quinlan: "I'm not paying the fine and I'm not removing the people from the property because they have nowhere to go."

On Thursday state health workers visited his church hall and he claims he was told that there were no baths or showers for the refugees.

"I merely replied that there were none in Crossroads either," he said.


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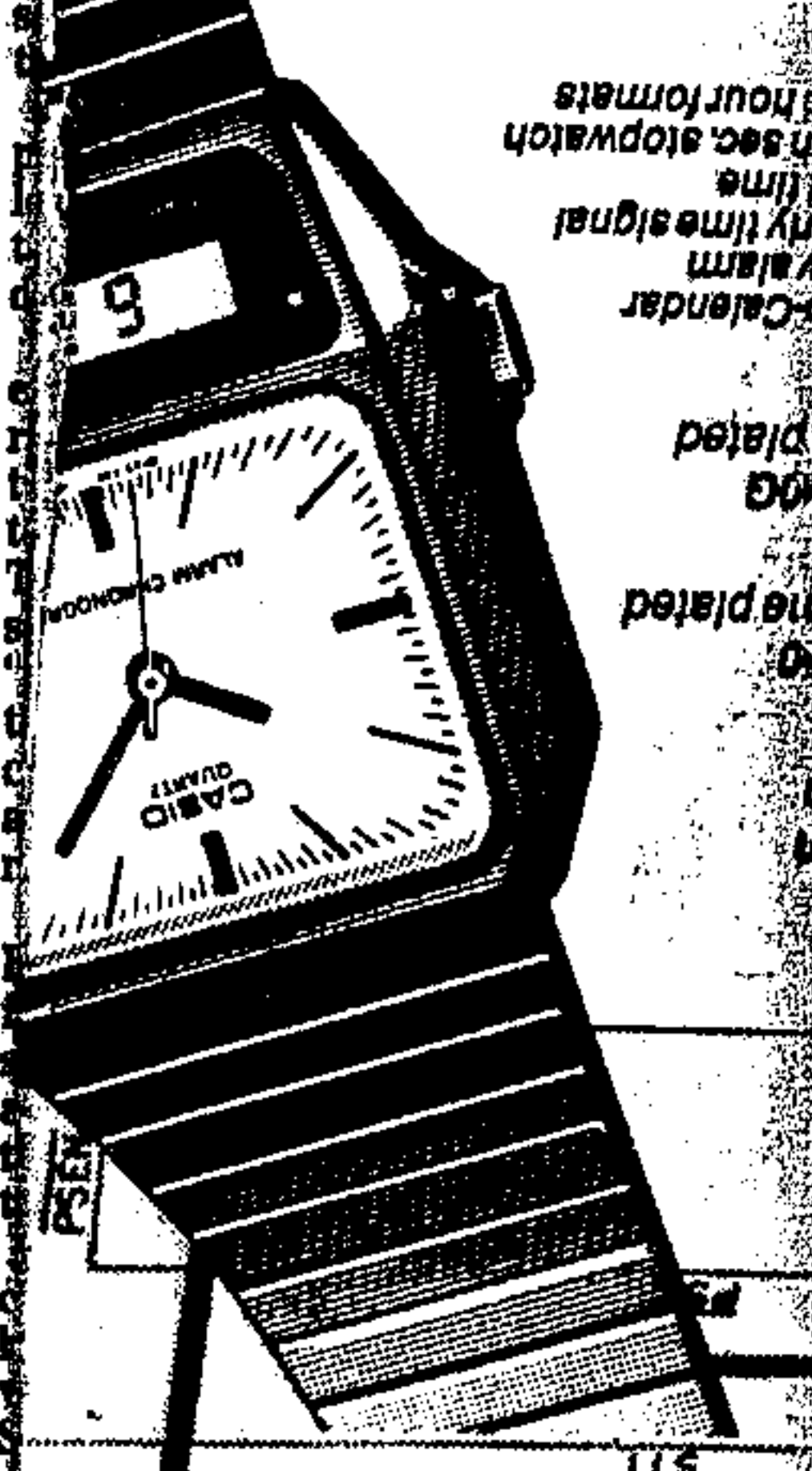
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Interest in Blue Downs extension

By PETER DENNEHY

DEVELOPERS have responded with interest to a proposed multi-billion-rand coloured housing scheme to provide up to 76 000 new homes between Crossroads and the Kuils River/Strand railway line.

Mr J C Adendorff, the Stellenbosch Divisional Council's chief town and regional planner, said yesterday that 90 information packages had been sent out to private-sector developers after a flood of inquiries.

He said the project could give a powerful boost to development in the Western Cape, and provide thousands with jobs.

Land rezoned to housing

Mrs Hazel Gohl, public relations officer for the Blue Downs project, said the entire development would probably be called "Blue Downs" as it was an extension of that scheme.

Mr Adendorff said: "Most of the land belongs to the State, but has already been rezoned for housing in the Metropolitan Draft Guide Plan published in 1984."

He is a member of a Development Committee formed last year, comprising representatives of the Cape and Stellenbosch divisional councils and the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture.

Mrs Gohl said the State would instal only the major infrastructural services such as water and sewerage pipes and a link to the arterial road, while developers would do the rest. They would not have to buy the land, but the final owners would.

Sections of the road, and sewerage and water pipes, had already been put out to tender, Mr Adendorff said. This year R13-million had been budgeted for infrastructure.

The area involved was 17 000 hectares, half of which was suitable for housing. Plots would be 200 to 250m², and far larger in some areas.

An estimate of the total cost could not be obtained yesterday, but when the Blue Downs proposal was just over half the present size, project director Mr Carel Marais said it could amount to R2-billion.

House prices could range between R10 000 and R100 000 each, Mrs Gohl said. Self-build schemes would take up about a tenth of the housing land. Home industries would be encouraged in some areas.

Mr Adendorff said a storm-water retention dam would be built near the Driftsands nature reserve, and in ten or 15 years purified sewage water may be piped into the Kuils River and pumped from underground again 12km from the dam after a long seepage.

City man charged under Group Areas

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Court Reporter

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A BROOKLYN man who pleaded guilty to allowing his coloured common-law wife to live with him in a white group area, yesterday appeared in the Magistrate's Court charged with contravening the Group Areas Act.

Mr Johannes Meintjies, 53, of Da Gama Street, was charged with allowing Ms Maria Herder to occupy ground in a white area, without a permit. The magistrate, Mr M J C Tolken, after questioning Mr Meintjies, entered a plea of not guilty.

Mr Meintjies said he and Ms Herder had lived together for six years and had a daughter. He showed the court a photograph of the child.

He said he had not known he needed a permit as "there were so many of these cases".

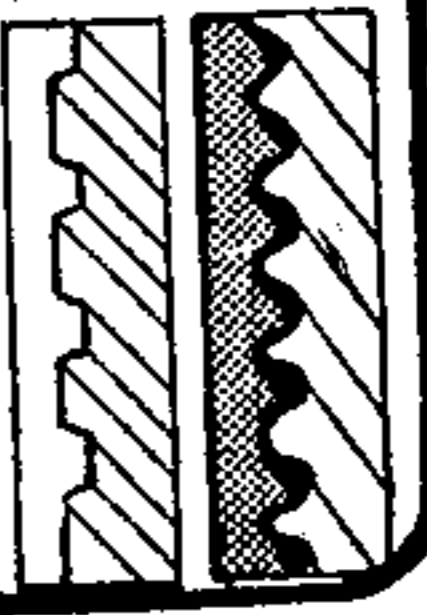
The hearing was adjourned to July 7.

Mr C Gavin appeared for the State. Mr Meintjies was not represented.

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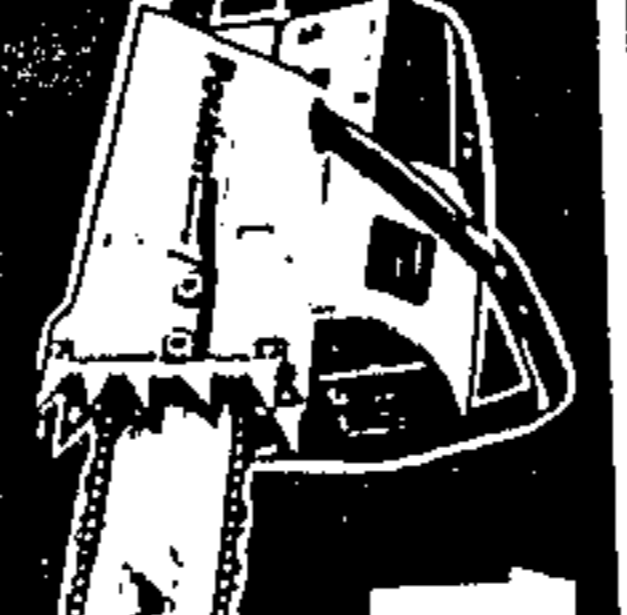
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Land offer to coloured farmers

Bails in knickers stump cricketers

The Argus Foreign Service
LONDON. — A teenage pro- tester had test cricketers and umpires stumped at Edgbaston when she ran on to the pitch, grabbed the bails and stuffed them into her knickers.

Play during the England-India match was held up for five minutes yesterday as 17-year-old Joanna Duchesne of Birmingham refused all entreaties from umpire Barrie Meyer and Indian fielders to return the bails.

Eventually two policemen and Woman Police Constable Lorraine Arscott strode to the wicket — and the WPC achieved a forcible entry to retrieve the property.

Umpire Meyer, 53, said later: "I saw this girl come out and whip the bails off."

"I could see where she had stuffed them and I wasn't going to go after them."

The girl was protesting at the deportation order against a Tamil leader named Metsu, originally from Jamaica, who was convicted of robbery.

Police have charged two people with conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace.



Police lead a woman protester from the pitch during the England-India cricket match at Edgbaston, Birmingham, after she ran on to the pitch and put the bails down her knickers. Play was resumed after WPC Lorraine Arscott, right, retrieved the bails.

By FRANS ESTERHUYSE
Political Staff

WHITE farmers in various parts of South Africa have offered to sell their land for use by coloured farmers.

A spokesman for the coloured department of local government, housing and agriculture confirmed today that many such offers had been received. This was expected to boost the prospects of creating new farming opportunities for coloured people.

Offers had been made to the Ministers' Council of the House of Representatives by estate agents, banks and farmers by telephone and in writing.

The Ministers' Council decided recently to give high priority to the creation of farming opportunities for the coloured community.

Guidelines

The council also decided to lay down certain guidelines for considering future land purchases by the department. The idea was to purchase suitable land for development into economic farming units.

This would be done particularly where such land adjoined existing coloured farming areas.

The spokesman said many offers had been made by white farmers after the department's recent purchase of the farm Waakraal in the Dytsseldorp district.

The Ministers' Council decided also to consider the possibility of developing intensive farming projects, such as irrigation schemes, which could be run by groups of farmers.

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**Group
&
area: Man
in court**

Court Reporter

A MAITLAND man charged with allowing his common-law coloured wife to live in a white group area without a permit, appeared in the Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Mr Albertus Johannes Smit, 36, of Parow Street, Maitland, pleaded not guilty to the charge under the Group Areas Act. He told the court the previous owner of the house had told him the area was a "grey" area.

He said he and his common-law wife had been living together for 10 years and they had three children. He said he thought a "grey area" was one where people of different race groups can live together.

Mr Smit said he had asked a policeman "if it was alright to stay there and he had said yes because it was a grey area".

The hearing was adjourned to July 21.

Mr M J C Tolken was the magistrate. Mr C Gavin prosecuted.

MISS Evette du Preez had a "serious fracture of the lower spine" and Miss Gerda Rossouw received a "fracture of facial bones", according to a doctor who treated the two at City Park Hospital.

He described their condition as "fine".

The students were injured on Wednesday. They are members of a Ned Geref Kerk student society, Kerk Jeug Aksie, which assists in the building of churches in Transkei every year during the winter vacation.

Cape Times 11/7/86
PSA joins moderate alliance

JOHANNESBURG. — The Popular Student Alliance (PSA), a Stellenbosch-based moderate student grouping, became an affiliate of the National Student Federation yesterday.

Speaking at a meeting in Johannesburg, NSF president Mr Russel Crystal said the affiliation of the PSA marked the beginning of a new phase in moderate student politics.

"The PSA's input will be valuable to the NSF and we look forward to a successful working relationship," he said.

PSA chairman Mr Nicholas Myburgh said: "The PSA has benefited from its contact with moderate student organizations and the affiliation to the NSF expands our efforts to play a meaningful role in consolidating the forces of moderation and reason in South Africa." — Sapa

July 1984 and April 1985.

Passing sentence, the magistrate, Mr J P Vermaak, said he would have jailed Coetzee if he had not sold his house to repay the stolen money. He said because Coetzee was insolvent, he had not coupled the sentence with a fine.

He said he accepted that Coetzee was a first offender and had a 14-month-old baby, but Coetzee had used his good position at the company to steal the money.

Mr L S Moffitt was the prosecutor.

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Residential buffer may be abolished

Municipal Reporter

BUFFER strips between "white" and "coloured" residential areas may be abolished, the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has told the City Council in a letter.

The department invited the council's comments on how a border strip between Rondebosch East and Athlone

should be "dealt with".

"The Cabinet Committee for Constitutional Affairs has recently decided, when considering the squatter problem, that the Group Areas Council should investigate the border strips with a view to the reclamation and allocation thereof to certain local authorities and/or race groups," the letter said.

A council spokesman

said yesterday that the executive committee was happy with the reclamation and with development of the land for housing.

"While we don't support the Group Areas Act, we don't want to stand in the way of housing development," the council spokesman said. "We are not going to oppose its use for 'coloured' housing."

The spokesman said the area in question covered 22 plots along Mosman Road.

The Land Trust (Pty) Ltd owned the land, which had been proclaimed a "border strip" in 1962.

A company spokesman, Mr D Campbell, said: "There seems to be no good reason for its continued existence."

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Bo-Kaap house project near end

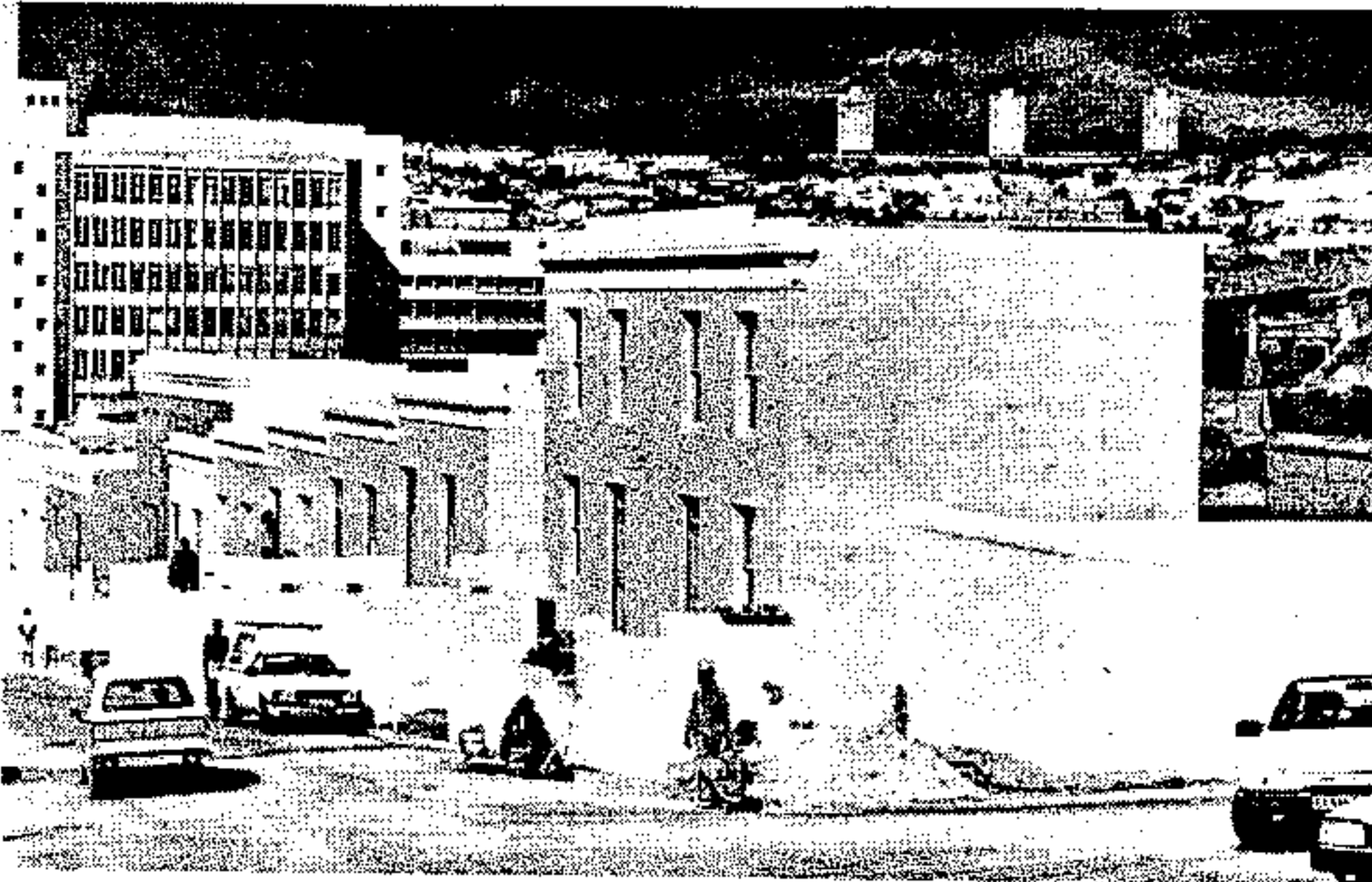
Environment Reporter

A MAJOR project to build and renovate houses in the historic style of the Bo-Kaap is nearing completion at the top of Wale Street.

After a long history of plans to redevelop the area, the City Council decided to fund and construct 95 new dwellings and renovate another 18 at an estimated total cost of R5-million.

However, selling prices of the new houses will be between R58 700 and R77 000 — beyond the reach of most of the residents who had been living there.

Because of difficult site conditions, high tender prices and the cost of design, the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, House of Representatives, said it would not fund the scheme.



Above and below: Part of the R5-million City Council renovation project nearing completion in the Bo-Kaap. The new houses are being built in the style of the old Malay Quarter and are going up next to original old buildings. Pictures: Stewart Colman

The calculated selling prices were also beyond the limit for National Housing Fund assistance and beyond the means of the original tenants of the area, the deputy city engineer, Mr Neville Riley, said this week.

“However, in order to provide alternative accommodation at affordable rentals, a loan of R600 000 has been advanced by the Department (of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture) to enable Council to construct 24 flats on the slopes above the restored area.”

In the 1930s the City Council bought land in Schotsche Kloof (Bo-Kaap) with National Housing Fund money with a view to demolishing “slum dwellings” and replacing them with low-cost housing.

However, 17 houses

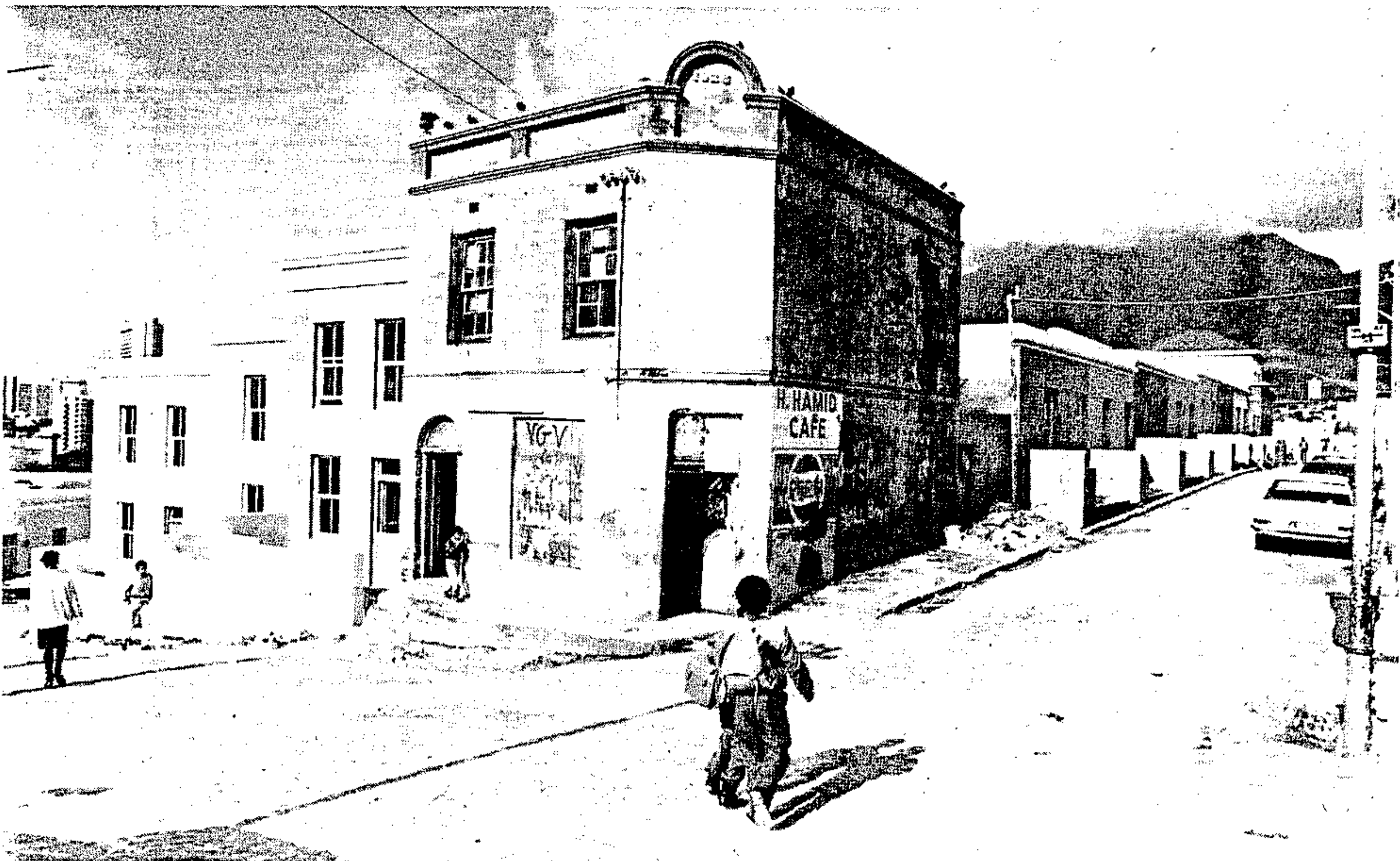
were restored by 1950.

In 1970 a scheme for the restoration of another 52 houses was approved by council. This scheme was funded with a grant of R298 000 from the Department of Cultural Affairs and a loan of R585 000 from the Department of Community Development. It was completed in 1976.

Mr Riley said the council approved a scheme in 1980 for the construction of 106 new dwellings on sites where the original dwellings had been demolished.

Approval for this scheme, but not funding, was received from the government in 1984.

Work on an amended scheme — with 95 new houses — began in the second half of last year and is expected to be finished early next year.



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Govt announces minor changes to Group Areas Act

CAPE TOWN — The Government has introduced a number of minor amendments to the Group Areas Act without waiting for the completion of the President's Council investigation into the Act.

And the chairman of the President's Council constitutional committee, Dr Dries Oosthuizen, yesterday put paid to speculation that President Botha was planning to announce major changes to the Group Areas Act at the National Party Federal Congress in Durban next month.

COMPLETE REPORT

Dr Oosthuizen said in an interview that his committee would not complete its report until at least October.

The committee had not been asked to speed up its work to present the report before the NP Federal Congress.

The latest amendments to the Act were quietly announced in the Government Gazette weeks ago.

The changes were not made as a result of the President's Council investigation.

The changes are:

- Students and pupils from another race group will be able to stay in school and university hostels without permits.
- The restrictions in the Act on black managers and executives have been brought into line with the new open Central Business District legislation dropping the requirement for permits.
- Professional people such as doctors and lawyers using offices outside their own particular group area no longer need permits.
- The need for separate entrances and toilets for domestic servant quarters have also been scrapped.

The Progressive Federal Party constitutional spokesman, Professor Nic Olivier, said today the amendments did not go far enough and the entire Act should be scrapped.

Dr Oosthuizen said his committee had finished taking evidence and was now busy drawing up its report.

The investigation also covers the Separate Amenities Act, the Community Development Act and the Slums Act.

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CAPE SCHEMES

New mix

Colour the picture on new property development in the Cape black, or maybe grey if the National Party's federal congress next month signals an end to the Group Areas Act.

Big projects announced, mooted and given a boost in the past week were respectively: a R12m beach resort near Khayelitsha; a possible new suburban or CBD development at Atlantis; and tenders for the R2 billion Blue Downs satellite city on the Cape Flats.

The beach amenity, called Monwabisi (place of comfort) at Swartklip just south of Khayelitsha, includes the largest tidal pool in the southern hemisphere, according to the provincial administration's chief city and regional planner, Brian Louw. Completion of the pool and ancillary facilities is scheduled before year end. Three pavilions, extensive promenades, and an open-air amphitheatre are included in the initial stages which will be followed by kiosks, water slides and other attractions intended for development by the private sector.

Baden Powell Drive behind the complex is being diverted further inland at a cost of R1,6m; its present course will become an internal road.

Atlantis project director Piet Burger maintains the coloured city has shrugged off

its ghost town image to the extent that a decision is imminent on major new development. This would take the form of either a seaside residential area and adjoining industrial area, or buildings in the city centre. Burger says government offices, educational institutions and a theatre and more retail space is envisaged for the CBD. He declines to comment on the possibility of the area being thrown open to all races, but speculation about this is rife.

Negotiations are proceeding with several foreign companies to participate in joint projects at Atlantis, Burger says. One deal is "far advanced."

The first plots in government's Blue Downs project are expected to be ready for building early next year. State spending on infrastructure for this "city" (it's expected to beat Mitchells Plain in size) is budgeted at R140m, R13m of it this financial year. Tenders due to be awarded include R4,8m for the main thoroughfare, two of R80 000 for a sewer and relocation of an Escom power line, R2,5m for a sewage pipe, and R1,8m for road reconstruction.

Average plot size at the Downs will be 350 m² costing in at about R12 000 to R14 000, but developers will tender for a package which could see an effective subsidy on cost price. The idea is that mass home builders will only buy development rights rather than take transfer for resale to residents.

The Director of Local Government, Herman Kloppers, makes it clear that actual selling prices will depend on what the market can bear. Emphasis is to be placed on recovering capital costs of utilities including electricity, water, and sewage, from tariffs.

Some 40 000 new housing units are scheduled to go up in the next few years, much of it owner-builder and self-help. A welcome shot in the arm for material suppliers that should also provide plenty of scope for grass roots O & M consultants. ■



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Uitenhage's mixed couple still suffers



JOAN COATES

By CATHY SCHNELL
MONTHS after their wedding in November last year, Uitenhage's first mixed-marriage couple are still caught in a web of legal and racial problems.

Today, for the fourth time since Mr Richard Coates and his wife, Joan, were married, the couple

appeared in the Uitenhage Magistrate's Court on a charge of contravening the Group Areas Act.

The case was postponed to September 9 for trial.

Standing in the now familiar passage outside the court, the couple spoke of their ordeal. Stones had been thrown

on the roof of their Fairbridge Heights home, a window was broken, their letterbox smashed and abusive phone calls have continued.

But love has triumphed over all for quietly spoken Mr Coates, 39, an electronics engineer originally from the United Kingdom, and petite Mrs

Coates, 34, who resigned from her nursing job to devote her time to being a housewife.

The couple met at a party in November, 1982, and lived together for a long time before their marriage.

It was not the first relationship for either of them and they both feel their

love is deep enough and they are mature enough to withstand the continued public harassment.

Mr Coates would like to take his wife, their 17-month-old baby daughter, Elana, and Mrs Coates's seven-year-old son, Thomas, overseas for a holiday to visit his mother.



RICHARD COATES

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Municipal Reporter
WHITE areas of Cape Town did not really subsidize poorer "coloured" areas, despite an initial impression that they did, a researcher claimed.

Mr Robert Cameron, who lectures in the Department of Political Studies, said in an academic paper released last week that the City Council noted in 1981 that 13 percent of its total rate income was from "coloured" areas, while over 20 percent of its expenditure was incurred there.

However, Mr Cameron said, no white residential area was self-suffi-

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'Coloured' areas

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cient either — "not even affluent Bishops Court".

Only 40 percent of the council's rates revenue came from residential areas, and it was unfair to count the income from commercial and industrial areas as coming from "white areas".

Workers did their part in generating this

wealth, he said. Also, a great deal of the council's revenue came from the central business district, the city's "golden jewel", and firms there were supported by people of all races.

Over 75 percent of "coloureds" consumption expenditure occurred outside their "designated group areas", according to the Theron Commission Report of 1976.

In fact, he said, as long as "coloured" people were denied meaningful municipal participation, their influence on city council policy would remain "negligible".

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Family forced to move because wife is coloured

Staff Reporter

A CAMPAIGN by the Koeberg Residents' Association to clear their area of residents who are not white has led to the conviction of an Ysterplaat man under the Group Areas Act.

Johannes Meintjies, 53, of Da Gama Street, was found guilty in Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday of contravening the Act.

The chairman of the association, Mr Nicolaas Basson, said about 30 residents had complained of people who were not white living in the area.

They decided to investigate houses under suspicion.

Voters' roll

Mr Basson said he went to the Meintjies's house and said he was working on registration for the municipal voters' roll and needed information about all adults in the household.

He saw a woman in the house who looked coloured but Meintjies told him she was his wife. Meintjies refused to show him a copy of their marriage certificate.

He asked the Maitland police to investigate as he was convinced the woman was coloured.

Meintjies said under cross-examination he had never denied that his common-law wife, Miss Maria Herder, was coloured.

They had lived together for six years and had a three-year-old daughter.

He asked the court where he would be allowed to live in peace with his wife and child.

"They changed the Immorality Act but where are we expected to live?" he asked.

"Must I throw my wife and child in the street?"

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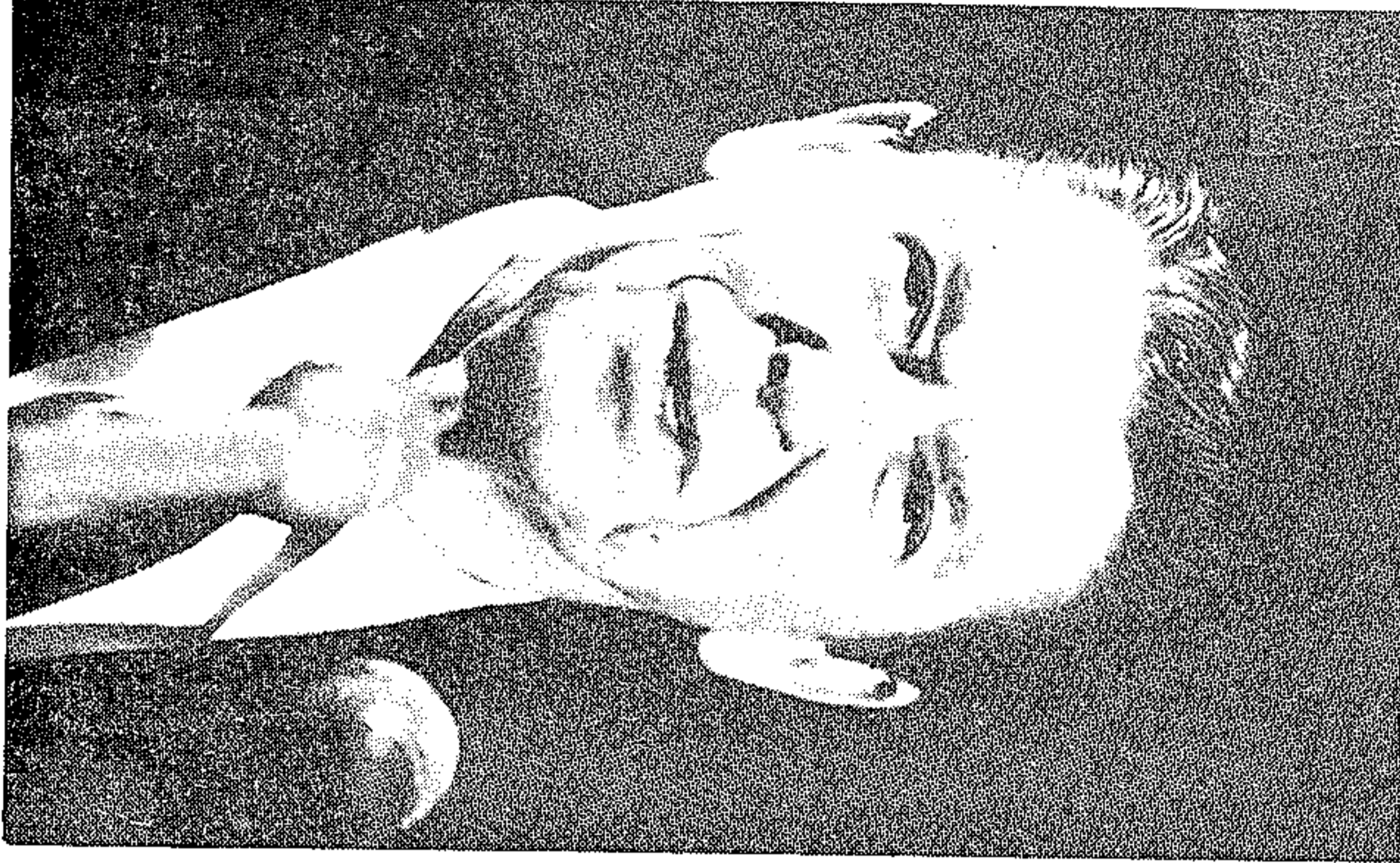
The magistrate, Mr M Tolken, said he would not jail Meintjies, who would suffer enough because he would be forced to move out of the area as the other residents would not tolerate his wife's presence.

Mr Tolken cautioned Meintjies and warned him to apply for permission for his wife and child to live with him.

Mr C Gavin appeared for the State. Meintjies was not represented.

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Text of Reagan's July 22 speech on policy towards SA



President Ronald Reagan

FOR more than a year now, the world's attention has been focussed upon South Africa—the deepening political crisis there, the widening cycle of violence. Today, I would like to outline American policy towards that troubled Republic and towards the region of which it is a part—a region of vital importance to the West.

The root cause of South Africa's disorder is apartheid—that rigid system of racial segregation, wherein black people have been treated as third-class citizens in a nation they helped to build.

America's view of apartheid has been, and remains, clear. Apartheid is morally wrong and politically unacceptable. The United States cannot maintain cordial relations with a government whose power rests upon the denial of rights to a majority of its people, based upon race.

Second, apartheid must be dismantled. Time is running out for the moderates of all races in South Africa. But if we Americans are agreed upon the goal, a free and multiracial South Africa associated with free nations and the West, there is deep disagreement about how to reach it.

First, a little history. For a quarter century now, the American Government has been separating itself from the South African Government. In 1962, President Kennedy imposed an embargo on military sales. Last September, I issued an executive order, further restricting United States dealings with the Pretoria Government. For the past 18 months, the marketplace has been sending unmistakable signals of its own. United States banks, lending to South Africa, has been virtually halted. No significant new investment has come in. Some Western businessmen have packed up and gone home.

And now, we have reached a critical juncture. Many in Congress

and some in Europe are clamouring for sweeping sanctions against South Africa. The Prime Minister of Great Britain has denounced punitive sanctions as "immoral" and "utterly repugnant". Well, let me tell you why years the conscience of his country, has declared himself emphatically. I am totally opposed to disinvestment, he says. "It is primarily for a moral reason... those who will pay most grievously for disinvestment will be the black workers of South Africa. I take very seriously the teachings of the Gospels, in particular the parable about giving drink to the thirsty and food to the hungry... I will not help to cause any such suffering to any black person."

Nor will we! Looking at a map, Southern Africa is a single economic unit tied together by rails and roads. Zaire, in its southern mining region, depends upon South Africa for three-fourths of the exports of Zimbabwe. We leave the continent through South African ports.

The mines of South Africa employ 13,000 workers from Swaziland, 19,000 from Botswana, 50,000 from Mozambique, and 110,000 from the tiny, landlocked country of Lesotho. Shut down those productive mines with sanctions, and you have forced black miners out of their jobs and forced their families back into their home countries.

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It is a tragedy that most Americans only see or read about the dead and injured in South Africa—from terrorism, violence, and repression. For behind the terrible television pictures lies another truth: South Africa is a complex and diverse society in a state of transition. More and more South Africans have come to recognize the racial violence, the hatred, why not wash out from that tragic continent and walk away in a free future—in a free country where the rights of all are respected—

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public facilities is being set aside. Social apartheid laws prohibiting interracial sex and marriage have been struck down. And, indeed, it is because State President Botha has presided over these reforms that extremists have denounced him as a traitor.

We must remember, as the British historian Paul Johnson reminds us, that South Africa is an African country as well as a Western country.

And, reviewing the history of that continent in the quarter century since independence, his- torian Johnson does not see South Africa as a "... only in South Africa", he writes, "have the real incomes of blacks risen very substantially... In mining, black wages have tripled in real terms in the last decade... South Africa is the... only African country to produce a large black middle class."

"Almost certainly," he adds, "there are now more black women professionals in South Africa than in the whole of the rest of Africa put together."

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South Africa

'Now where must I stay?'

Court Reporter

A BROOKLYN man convicted in the Magistrate's Court yesterday of allowing his coloured common-law wife to live with him in a white group area, asked the magistrate after his conviction: "Now where must I stay?"

Johannes Meintjies, 53, of Da Gama Street, Brooklyn, was cautioned to get a permit for Ms Maria Herder to live with him.

He told the court he had taken it for granted they would be allowed to live together and had done so for six years. They had a three-year-old daughter and "there were so many of these cases" that he thought the area would be changed to a "mixed" one.

Mr Nicolaas Basson, chairman of the Koeberg

Residents' Association, told the court he had received many telephonic complaints from ratepayers saying there were non-whites in the area.

After a decision at a ratepayers' meeting, he had gone to Meintjies's house and told him he was doing registration for the Municipal Voters' Role. He had seen a woman "who looked like a coloured" and Meintjies had said she was his wife.

As soon as he left the house he had gone to the Maitland police station and had reported the matter "so that the police could take further action against him".

The magistrate, Mr M J C Tolken, told Meintjies he could not change the laws, he only applied them.

The prosecutor was Mr C Gavin. Meintjies was not represented.

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Group areas convictions condemned as 'racist'

By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Staff Reporter

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HOUSE of Representatives Minister Mr David Curry has condemned prosecutions under the Group Areas Act as "racist and discriminatory".

Mr Curry, Minister of Agriculture, Local Government and Housing, said the Labour Party was fighting for the repeal of all discriminatory laws so that people "can live freely".

This month two Cape Town men have been convicted under the Act for allowing their coloured wives and children to live with them in white group areas.

This week Mr Johannes Meintjies, 53, of Da Gama Street, Ysterplaat, was convicted and cautioned by a magistrate who warned him to apply for permission for his wife and child to live with him.

Mr Curry said he rejected "this kind of action on the part of whites with the contempt it deserves".

Mr P J Badenhorst, Deputy-Minister of Constitutional Development, said Mr Meintjies could apply to his department for a permit for his family to live with him. If this failed he could appeal to him.

Or, if Mr Meintjies had reason to believe his application would succeed, he could apply to the Department of Home Affairs to reclassify his wife white.

He said that in terms of the Group Areas Act a white person marrying a coloured person was deemed to be coloured and had to live in an area reserved for coloured people.

"Mr Meintjies committed a criminal offence when he violated this law," he said.

Mr Meintjies's conviction was the culmination of a campaign by the Koeberg Residents' Association to clear the area of residents who are not white.

The chairman of the association, Mr Nicolaas Basson, has refused to discuss the campaign.

Mr Anthony Powell, councillor for the City Council ward which includes Ysterplaat, declined to comment.

He did not return calls after messages were left at his office.

Dr Jack Joffe, the other councillor for the ward, said he had just returned from a six-week trip overseas and was unaware of the residents' campaign.

"I cannot comment until I know more," he said.

Mr Kent Durr, Deputy-Minister of Finance and National Party MP for Maitland, would not comment and referred all questions to Mr Badenhorst.

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Victims of apartheid

CASE 1

By SHARKEY ISAACS

Staff Reporter

THE Smit family's future is uncertain after Mr Albertus Johannes Smit, 36, was convicted under the Group Areas Act of living with his coloured common-law wife in "white" Maitland.

Magistrate Mr M Tolken warned Mr Smit of Parow Road to apply for permission for his wife and three children to live with him.

When Mr Smit obtained the permit forms after leaving Cape Town Magistrate's Court this week he found he had to state whether his neighbours supported or objected to his application.

Complaints from two neighbours led to his court appearance.

However, Mr Smit is confident of winning support from other residents who have expressed sympathy.

"A lot of people are in favour of my living here and the neighbours' children play with my children," he said.

Mr Smit and Miss Lorraine Blooms have lived together for 12 years. They have three children, Manolite, 5, Shanê, 3, and, Natalie, 11, who attends a Roman Catholic school in Woodstock.

Mr Smit, a railway employee, described the past few months as a "very difficult chapter" in his family's life.

"I made up my mind Lorraine was the kind of woman I would like to marry when I met her 15 years ago," he said.

"She felt the same way about me but Section 16 of the Immorality Act prevented us from marrying.

"When I proposed after a three year courtship and offered to take her overseas she declined because she loved this country and felt she belonged here.

CASE 2

By LINDA GALLOWAY

Staff Reporter

THE Meintjies family used to live quietly in Ysterplaat, at peace with their neighbours and friends.

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Mr Johannes Meintjies, 53,



Mr Albertus Johannes Smit of Maitland, Miss Lorraine Blooms and their children, from left, Natalie, 11, Manolite, 5, and Shanê, 3.

"We opted for the next best thing and decided to live together."

MR Smit said he bought the Maitland house on the understanding that it was in a "grey area" following the Government's repeal of the ban on mixed marriages.

"We planned to marry before Christmas this year but Lorraine and I have been living under a cloud of uncertainty since I was summonsed," Mr Smit said.

Because of the uncertainty he had not painted and renovated the Maitland house.

"I have not even furnished all the rooms properly for fear we might have to sell and move somewhere where there may not be space for all the furniture," Mr Smit said.

Mr Smit, who has done his national service, said he felt he had done a lot more for his country than some who did not want him and his family as neighbours.

"I have been loyal to my country and think we have a right to live a normal life."

The family lived in Brooklyn, Observatory and Woodstock before moving to Maitland last November.

"We had no trouble from neighbours in the other suburbs so we can't understand why problems arose when we moved to Maitland."

A Brooklyn man in a similar situation visited Mr Smit after his court appearance to express sympathy.

"He told me there were many couples similarly affected," Mr Smit said.



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Mr Johannes Meintjies, 53, is white. His common-law wife of six years, Miss Maria Herder, 24, is coloured. They have a three-year-old daughter, Rochane.

Mr Meintjies was convicted under the Group Areas Act in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday after a complaint from the Koeberg Resident's Association.

But, said Miss Herder, support for the family from their white neighbours has been "overwhelming."

"People have come up to me in the street to ask why they are harassing us," she said.

"A lot of people phoned the police to ask them why they want to kick us out.

"We are very quiet and I think our neighbours prefer having us here than previous tenants who were noisy.

"Our landlord knew the situation when we rented the house and he did not mind."

Miss Herder posed the question: "What do we do? My husband would be victimised if we went to live in a coloured area after I have been kicked out of a white area."

MR Meintjies said many mixed families lived in Ysterplaat.

"We lived around the corner for a long time, but moved here eight months ago



A life in turmoil — Mr Johannes Meintjies, his daughter Rochane, 3, and his common-law wife Miss Maria Herder.

because there was no garden for our daughter to play in."

Mr Meintjies said he wrote a letter to President P W Botha, before his case was heard.

"So far I have not had a reply," he said.

Miss Herder has been living in "so-called white areas" since she came to Cape Town 10 years ago.

The couple were introduced by friends.

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Tolerance the answer

By ANTHONY DOMAN, Staff Reporter

LIFE as a mixed couple can be happy — but intolerant family and neighbours can make it a life of rejection and misery.

"In some areas there are lots of mixed couples who get along quite happily. But if only more people would learn a bit of tolerance," said Mrs Sue Joynt, organiser at the South African Institute of Race Relations advice office in Mowbray.

She said the events surrounding the Group Areas Act convictions of Mr Smit and Mr Meintjies were "quite stupid".

It was also "fatuous" for the magistrate to say that he could not advise the couple and was only supposed to carry out the law.

The advice office deals with three or four similar mixed marriage cases a year.

"These couples are so unhappy. They are always being shunted from pillar to post," she said.

They are often rejected by their families too.

"I have had men sitting sobbing across my desk.

"There is so little we can do. Mostly the people involved have very low incomes. It would be useless to tell them to rent a nice little cottage in Observatory."

Many mixed couples lived in the Observatory-Salt River-Woodstock area, she said.

LEGALLY speaking, the couple are supposed to "downgrade" — they can live in the group area of whichever of them is the "lower" race.

Or they could apply for a permit. This depends on their neighbours' approval.

"You might think there would be more tolerance in coloured areas. But this isn't necessarily so.

"One couple we interviewed were from Elsie's River. Although the husband didn't look it he was legally white. People kept hassling them to leave.

"This sort of thing is really very sad when we all should be changing our attitudes."

A couple with nowhere to go

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By TONY WEAVER

MARIA Herders and Johannes Meintjies are on friendly terms with their neighbours in the white working class suburb of Brooklyn. They greet each other in the street and exchange gossip over the back wall.

Then Mr Nicolaas Basson, chairman of the Koeberg Residents' Association, went to their modest house in Da Gama Street and told Mr Meintjies he was registering voters for the Municipal Voters' Roll.

Mr Basson said: "I saw a woman who looked like a coloured. I asked Mr Meintjies who she was and he said 'she is my wife'. Then I went to the police station and made a statement that a coloured woman was living there. I wanted the police to take further action against him."

Mr Meintjies, 53, and Ms Herders, 24, were charged under the Group Areas Act, found guilty and warned by Mr M J C Tolken to apply for a permit for Ms Herders and their three-year-old daughter, Roxanne, to stay with Mr Meintjies.

The neighbours are bewildered. The couple are devastated.

"Now where must I stay?" Mr Meintjies asked Mr Tolken, who replied that as a magistrate, he could not change the laws, he only applied them.

Mr Basson said he had "many complaints" about "non-whites" living in Brooklyn and the association had decided to investigate.

Ms Herders, a dignified young woman who grew up in Robertson, has lived with Mr Meintjies for six years.



Victims of the Group Areas Act: Ms Maria Herders and her daughter, Roxanne, 3.

She said that on June 1, Mr Meintjies wrote to President P W Botha.

"Johannes said to Mr

Botha 'what must we do? The Immorality Act has gone, but because of the Group Areas Act we can

still not live together'."

Mr Meintjies, a mechanic at a City meat firm, met Ms Herders when they were across-the-road neighbours in Church Street, Brooklyn.

"Before they scrapped the laws, we lived on the sly. I never went out of the house," Ms Herders said.

"Then they scrapped the Immorality Act and the Mixed Marriages Act and we felt safe. We have been waiting until I get a Book of Life and then we were going to marry.

"But now I just don't know. I don't know if we can get married if it goes on like this because we will have nowhere to go.

"The court said I would have to move out. We have decided we will wait until we have heard from President Botha, because if I cannot live

in a white area, how are they ever going to let my husband live in a coloured area?"

A spokeswoman for President Botha's office in Pretoria said last night: "We do not give information on President Botha's private correspondence."

Ms Herders said that when they moved into their now attractive home in Da Gama Street it was "filthy".

She says there are a number of mixed couples living in Brooklyn — she knows of six other couples. "Now they are in danger too."

There are no more laws which prevent her and Johannes from becoming man and wife. But, because they cannot live together, they still have to hide their love in case someone else reports them to the police.

'After all these years'

By TONY WEAVER

MANOLITE, a gap-toothed little boy of five turned to his mother this week and said: "Mommy, you are black, aren't you, you're not like me and Daddy and Natalie and Shané?"

Miss Lorraine Blooms tells the story with a sad smile.

She is classified "coloured" and her common-law husband Mr Albertus Smit is classified "white".

The couple were found guilty in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court on Monday of contravening the Group Areas Act.

The magistrate, Mr M J C Tolken, cautioned and discharged the couple and warned them to apply for a permit to live together.

They have lived together as man and wife for 12 years. They courted for three years before that.

Their children — Natalie, 11, Manolite, 5, and Shané, 3, are delightful, a tribute to the couple who are obviously still very much in love after 15 years.

Mr Smit, who is 36 and works as a blacksmith's assistant at the South African Transport Services workshop in Salt River, met Lorraine, who is 34, at his cousin's house when she was 18 and he was 21.

"I made up my mind right then that this was the woman I wanted to marry.

I told her 'I don't care about the Immorality Act'. I offered to take her overseas but Lorraine said to me 'I am a South African and I want to stay here, in the country I love'."

They were going to get married yesterday, but the magistrate couldn't fit them in, so they will probably wed next week.

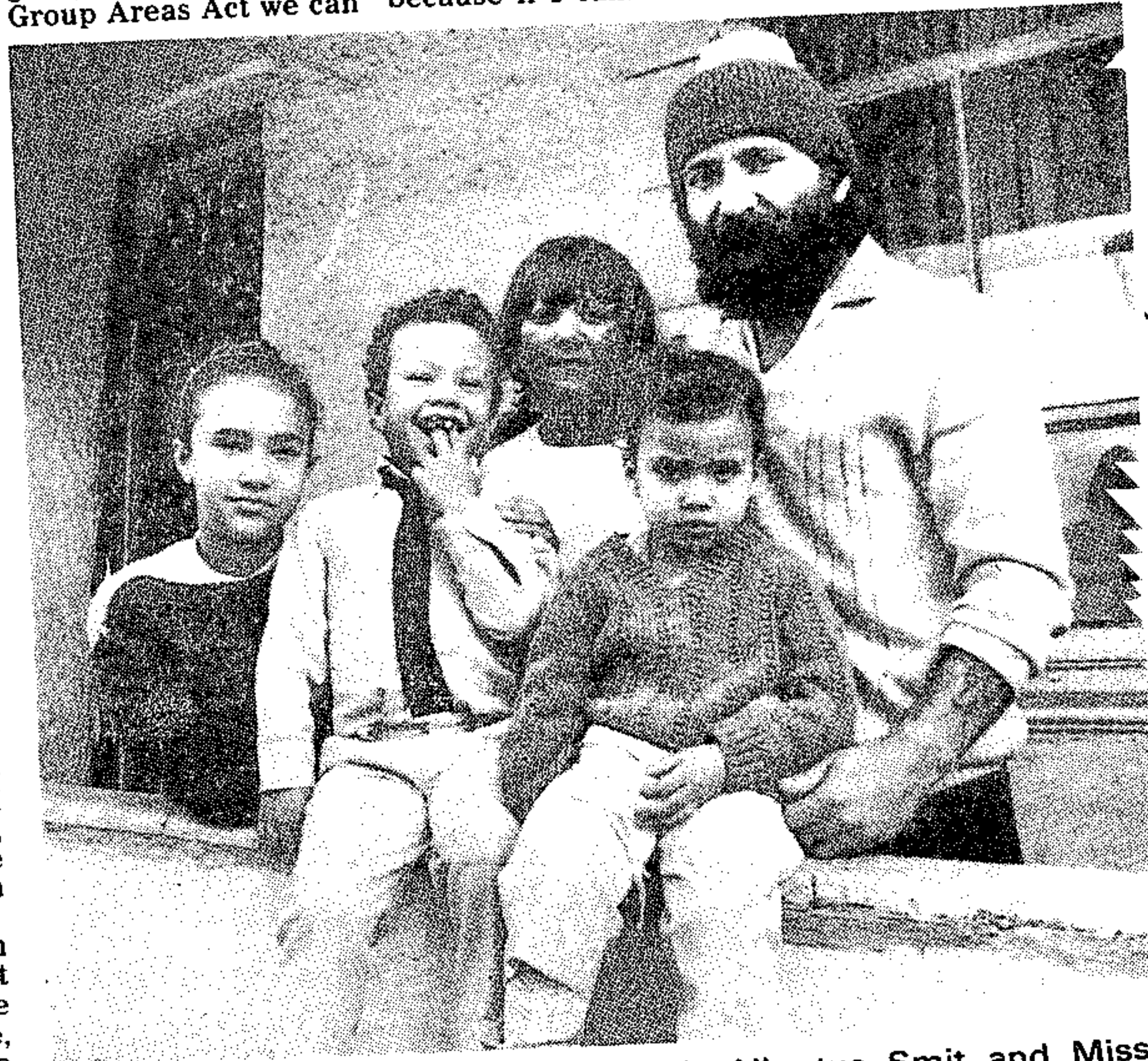
They are allowed to be man and wife, so long as they do not live together. The three children would probably be classified 'coloured' under South Africa's race laws and would have to live with their mother.

"It doesn't feel like anything special to be allowed to get married now, not after 15 years. This government still won't allow us to live together," Mr Smit says.

"You know, I did my national service, I have done camps for 10 years, I am in the Commandos. After all that, the government won't allow me to live together with the woman and children I love."

Miss Blooms says: "I prayed a lot in the years before the Immorality Act was done away with. I prayed to the Lord that we would be left in peace, and we were. Now, after all these years, it has happened.

"I can't even tell you how it feels, being told I cannot live with the man I love."



Victims of the Group Areas Act: Mr Albertus Smit and Miss Lorraine Blooms with their children, from left: Natalie, 11, Manolite, 5, and Shané, 3.

mother, Mrs Amy Thornton. ... being released and that the respondents would pay her legal costs.
Picture: Alan Taylor

Mixed couples

Staff Reporter

IN THE past week, two "mixed" Cape Town couples have been found guilty in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court on charges of contravening the Group Areas Act.

In both cases the magistrate, Mr M J C Tolken, cautioned and discharged the couples and suggested they apply for permits to live together, stressing that he had no power to change the law, only to apply it.

One of the men, Mr Johannes Meintjies, was reported by the chairman of the Koeberg Residents' Association.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr P J Badenhorst, was quoted yesterday as saying a white person who married a coloured person was deemed to be coloured and had to live in a coloured area.

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CAPE TOWN 30/7/86
**Racist
decision
overruled**

By **PETER DENNEHY**
Municipal Reporter

A GRASSY PARK Management Committee decision to deny a man a business licence because he was "of the Indian race group" was overruled by the Cape Divisional Council yesterday.

Mr H Ismail had applied on May 12 this year for a licence to operate the Lotusway Pharmacy in Lotus River at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Zeekoei Road.

The Divisional Council's town planning and health departments had no objections, but the Grassy Park Management Committee resolved on June 10 that the application should be refused. The reason given by the committee, according to a report from the head of administration, was that the applicant was "of the Indian race group".

The council recommended that the licence be approved, and also recommended that the matter be referred to the Administrator.

Divisional councillor Mr Neil Ross said the Grassy Park Management Committee's attempt to withhold the licence was "ironic and disturbing". He said that by trying to preserve jobs or work opportunities for one race group, they were betraying the very ideals they tried to espouse.

Angry flood victims walk out of meeting

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By CHRIS ERASMUS

CHAOS REIGNED at a Labour Party meeting called in Heideveld last night by three of the party's MPs to record flood damage suffered by residents of the area after a water pipe burst there on July 13.

About half-an-hour after the meeting at the Dagbreek Primary School began, members of the Heideveld-Manenberg Crisis Committee asked LP MPs Mr Abe Williams (Mamre), Mr Nic Isaacs (Bishop Lavis) and Mr Andrew Johannes (Heideveld) what they were going to do about reparation to those who suffered losses in the flood and what was being done to "upgrade the area" to prevent future flooding.

The meeting quickly degenerated into a shouting match as about 50 of the roughly 70 people attending the meeting walked out in sympathy with the Heideveld-Manenberg Crisis Committee (HMCC) members who accused the LP MPs of trying to make political capital out of the misfortune of the flood victims.

The three MPs and their assistants endured a tirade of accusations and verbal attacks from excited residents who repeatedly asked why the LP had taken three weeks or more to react to the crisis.

Mr Amin Brenner called on the LP to ensure that proper drains, roads and pavements were constructed to prevent the flooding — which was aggravated this year by the burst water pipe — that residents had endured each winter "for more than 20 years now".

Reacting to the allegations and attacks, Mr Abe Williams said he and his fellow LP members "are here to do a survey of the losses of the people — that's all. I'm not here to answer these allegations".

After the HMCC walk-out certain actions were taken at the meeting, but these may not be reported in terms of the emergency regulations.

About 20 people remained to give statements of damages suffered in the flood to the LP members.

- The City Council is expected to discuss the pipe burst at its monthly meeting today, when the council is due to ratify the executive committee's transfer of R50 000 to the Mayor's Relief Fund.

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Group Areas: **Koeberg man's role 'disgusting'**

Municipal Reporter

A CITY councillor has discribed as "disgusting" the role of Koeberg Municipal Voters' Association chairman Mr Nicolaas Basson in the conviction of a man under the Group Areas Act for living with his "coloured" wife.

Mr Basson told Cape Town Magistrate's Court recently that the association had a campaign to rid the area of residents who were not white.

He said he visited Mr Johannes Meintjies of Ysterplaat and told him he was registering people for the municipal voters' roll and needed information about all adults in each household.

He asked the Maitland police to investigate because he was convinced a woman he saw in the house was "coloured".

During yesterday's council meeting Mr Jan van Eck alleged that Mr Basson falsely identified himself to Mr Meintjies and "caused misery" to his family.

"Very seldom have I seen a behaviour more disgusting than this," Mr van Eck said.

"To do what this chairman has done is to bedevil race relations ... this can destroy all prospects of a peaceful future.

"However, I do believe the fault lies with the Group Areas Act. Until it is abolished we are going to see more of this.

"We cannot just sit on the side and say we don't belong to that ratepayers' association. Mixed couples are living in each of our wards."

Mr Chris Joubert said the President's Council was considering the Group Areas Act and he believed it would be "dismantled eventually".

● In reply to written questions Executive Committee chairman Mr John Muir said the Koeberg association's constitution did not contain any racial restriction regarding membership, although there were qualifications. Mr Meintjies was not registered on the latest municipal voters' roll.

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Whites benefit in District 6

Municipal Reporter

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Carr urges res rethink

Education Reporter

THE acting vice-chancellor of the University of Cape Town, Professor Donald Carr, has called on President P W Botha to reinstate a proclamation permitting all races to stay at university residences.

This follows the reversal by the government of a proclamation made only a month ago and which lifted Group Areas restrictions on "bone fide" students and scholars.

Exemptions now apply only to bone fide students and scholars "for the purpose of daily attending academic lectures at an educational institution controlled or aided by the State".

Professor Carr said it was a "most unfortunate rethink" on the part of the government and urged the State President to act "in the interests of equal education opportunities for all people in this country".

Delighted

He said Proclamation 112 of June 27 exempted various groups from the provisions of the Group Areas Act and that one of these exemptions referred to bone fide students attending universities.

"We were delighted to see this proclamation as a number of black students attending this university are impossibly handicapped in their studies by the conditions under which they have to live, and the (June 27) proclamation made it possible for us to seek alternative accommodation for them," Professor Carr said.

The university's legal advice was that the original proclamation gave black students the right to the housing of its black students.

The rector of Stellenbosch University and this year's chairman of the Committee of University Principals, Professor Mike de Vries, said: "There are coloured and black students at all universities at present. This is a fact and in the light of it we have to find housing solutions for them."

Upmarket coloured housing planned

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By NEILL HURFORD
Property Editor

A STRUCTURE plan to co-ordinate the private development of a 493ha area west of Mitchells Plain for "up-market" housing for coloured people has just been completed by a City firm of consulting engineers.

It is proposed to divide the area, to be named Weltevreden Valley, into 6 400 sites averaging 500m² to 600m² each. The development, including provision of services, is intended to be undertaken entirely by private enterprise. The land is currently held by 12 major landowners. According to the engineers, the owners are, following consultation, fully in agreement with the proposals.

The study, by the firm Van Niekerk, Klein and Edwards, was undertaken on behalf of the House of Representatives' Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture.

The area surrounds the proposed Westgate regional commercial centre, programmed to be constructed from the end of the year. Three applications for residential townships in the

study area have already been submitted to the authorities.

The plan is intended to co-ordinate the activities of the various individual developers by providing an overall framework — major roads, shopping facilities, educational institutions and recreational areas. The cost of the services, including stormwater drainage, sewerage, water supply, electricity and earthworks, is estimated in the region of R6 million. The co-ordination of financing of the services among the different landowners along the valley is seen as the most important aspect of the plan.

A spokesman for the firm, planner Mr David du Plooy, said that central to the plan was the provision of a "park way" service corridor providing a linear green strip giving road access to the residential sites.

The structure plan was currently being advertised for objections, and queries, said Mr Du Plooy, should be directed to Mr J D Slabbert of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture.

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Scheme to use city's empty flats

By KIN BENTLEY

MOST of the vacant flats in Port Elizabeth's North End could be filled if it became a "grey area" — an area for residential occupation by people of any race group.

This is the view of Mr Bruce Trehaeven, chairman of the PE and Midlands branch of the SA Institute of Estate Agents.

He said about 10% of the 4 000 to 5 000 flats available for letting in the city were unoccupied at present.

Most vacancies were among bachelor flats in Central and two-bedroomed flats in North End. The latter were being let for R190 to R200 a month, he said.

The reason for the increase in vacancies in North End was that a number of job opportunities in the area had been lost, mainly through shop closures caused by the four-month old black consumer boycott and

the closure of Ford.

Many former tenants had moved back to their families or made other accommodation arrangements.

However, he said, there were many coloured, Indian and black people earning money who were not political. If grey areas were formed "there would be a demand from those wanting to get out of the township environment and carry on living normal lives", he said.

Mr Trehaeven said most property owners in PE were coping, but a few in North End were struggling. "Pressure (for grey areas) must come because many of their flats are standing empty.

Owners are only really interested in whether the tenant will pay and behave himself."

He said for "emotional" reasons, he could not foresee the Group Areas Act being "torn

up" as easily as happened with the Immorality Act. But, he added, the institute, the SA Property Owners' Association and businessmen would welcome the introduction of grey areas as a first step. The declassification of certain trade areas of the CBD and North End should logically spread to the adjacent blocks of flats, where there were presently "a lot" of vacancies.

He said the President's Council, currently looking into the Act, would have to respond to this demand soon. "We are running out of time to phase it in."

● It has been reliably learnt that wealthy blacks from PE's townships are interested in buying vacant houses in PE's more affluent suburbs, but Mr Trehaeven said this had not been aired within the institute, although he realised that individual estate agents would prefer to "play it on a low key".

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Free trading area

PRETORIA. — Malmesbury has been declared a free trading area in terms of section 19 of the Group Areas Act. A notice in the Government Gazette announced that the central business district has been opened to all races for trading, commercial, professional, religious and educational purposes. — Weekend Argus Correspondent.

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Council attacked on Group Areas Act

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — The chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Edwin Vengadajellum, has criticised the city council over its failure to come out in full support of an application in terms of the Group Areas Act.

He said Mr Morgan Naidoo had applied for permission in terms of the Act to occupy a house in Amalinda. He had received the backing of his neighbours and the matter had been passed to the city council for comment by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

"I have been contacted by the firm of attorneys acting for Mr Naidoo and told that council did not pass any comment on the application. This is strange to me because council has always backed other applications in the past for permission in terms of the Group Areas Act.

"We remember how they backed an applica-

tion for West Indian cricketer Faoud Bacchus to occupy a house in a white area. This man was not born in South Africa and here we have a full blooded South African in Mr Naidoo and he cannot be accorded the same consideration.

"It is downright unfair and I am terribly upset about the matter, Mr Vengadajellum said.

The deputy chairman of the city council action committee, Mr Errol Spring, last night said he fully agreed with the sentiments expressed by Mr Vengadajellum that people should be able to stay wherever they wished to if neighbours did not object.

He said although he could not recall the matter involving Mr Naidoo, the city council had recently taken a decision, albeit against his (Mr Spring's) concurrence, that the city council, in future, will not be prepared to comment on matters of such nature.

Mr Spring said he felt that the stand should not have been taken because he was of opinion that the council should have the courage of what it stood for and comment on such matters.

Mr Donald Card, the chairman of the city council action committee reacted angrily yesterday and said although he had been away for about 10 days the matter referred to by Mr Vengadajellum never came before the committee.

"The whole matter of people not staying where they wish must be laid squarely to people like Mr Vengadajellum who are prepared to accept an apartheid tricameral system in South Africa.

"The city council does not make decisions on the Group Areas Act but their feelings on this matter have been tested in the past. We have always backed applications but the decision fell upon the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

"Mr Vengadajellum should stop playing with words. He must take the matter to the House of Delegates and stop criticising the city council for nonsense," Mr Card said.

He added that the East London City Council was the first council in the country to ask the South African Government to get rid of the Group Areas Act.

**St John's
annual
parade
tomorrow**

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A row erupted at an extraordinary meeting of the city council last night over an application for a permit in terms of the Group Areas Act.

Three councillors walked out of the meeting.

A coloured building contractor, Mr Errol Mitchell, sought the council's opinion on an application he wished to make to the government to buy and occupy a house in Smith's Hill Road in Haven Hills.

Councillors were divided on whether the council should back the application which would enable Mr Mitchell to buy the property from Mr A. Meyer.

Led by Mrs Elsabe Kemp and Mr Robert De Lange (jun), one group felt the council should not give any opinion and that it be left to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning to decide.

Another group felt that the application should be supported while Mr Eric Whitaker wanted the council first to consult the people in the area.

Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout wanted the council to reject the application but he could not get a seconder for his motion and he walked out.

Mrs Kemp's motion was put and won by six

Group areas row in council

votes to five. A division was called and her motion was supported by Mr Robbie de Lange (sen), Mr De Lange (jun), Mr Phillip Rohrbart, Mr Neville Randall and Mr Willem Morris.

Mr Donald Card, Mr Joe Yazbek, Mr Errol Spring, Mr Ivan Zulman and Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaite opposed the motion and wanted the application to be backed.

Mr Len Cooper and Mr Brian Snell were absent and Mr Patrick Kay abstained.

Mr Spring also called for a division on Mr Whitaker's motion and Mr De Lange (jun) and Mr Kay walked out and did not vote.

After the meeting, Mr Bezuidenhout said his objection had nothing to do with race. He wanted the council to take a stand on the matter and inform Mr Mitchell's attorneys.

"It is not our function to inform the government. That is for the applicant's attorneys to do," he said.

The area in which Mr Mitchell wanted to buy had been earmarked for light industry.

"I did not want a situation to arise where we would give permission

now and later we would have to expropriate," Mr Bezuidenhout said.

Mr Kay said he was "sick and tired of having these applications come to the council. Although he had abstained, he supported Mrs Kemp in that the matter should be referred to Cape Town.

"We have taken a stand that the Group Areas Act must go. I feel that the application should go directly to Cape Town and be dealt with there. This same issue is merely being brought to a head in the council for political gain.

He was supported by Mr Robbie de Lange (snr): "I said it before and I say it again. Politics must be kept out of the council. The government is working on the Group Areas Act. The matter is with the President's Council. It is in their hands and we should leave it there.

Last week a row erupted when the chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Edwin Vengadajellum, criticised the council for refusing to back an application for Mr Morgan Naidoo to live in Amalinda.

No decision yet on free trade area in the city

By DENISE BOUTALL

THE Government has still not made a final decision on free trade areas for Port Elizabeth.

The uncertainty continues four months after a Group Areas inquiry and 18 months after the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced that all the main CBDs in South Africa were to be opened "without delay".

A spokesman for the PE Town Clerk's department said yesterday that the council had proposed the entire municipal area be proclaimed a free trade area.

In response, the Government had pro-

posed that four new free trade areas — the CBD, a portion of North End, Newton Park and Greenacres — be added to the two existing free trade areas around Cotterill Street in Korsten and Pinchin Lane near the CBD.

A spokesman for the department in Pretoria said the committee which investigated the issue locally had reported to the Group Areas Board which in turn had formulated its recommendation to the Minister for decision.

At the moment, the surveyors were preparing a description of all the proposed free trade areas. Once this was completed, Mr Heunis would decide on the issue.



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George
WARNING

to black residents

By RIAAN SMIT

BLACK residents in two coloured townships near George have been "warned" by the municipality to move to a site-and-service township a few kilometres outside the town before the end of December or find other housing.

A source yesterday said blacks living in Urbanville and Borchards received the written warning signed by the George Protection Service's director, Mr C J Gerber.

The source said yesterday she had lived in Urbanville for 36 years.

The site-and-service township, Sandkraal, was being developed "as no black town existed in the vicinity of George", the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Piet Badenhorst, said in Parliament in April.

'Removed'

About 5 000 residents of the Lawaai-kamp shantytown outside George had been "forcibly removed" to Sandkraal by the George Municipality in June, it was claimed at the time by a member of the PFP Unrest Monitoring Group, Mr Jan van Eck.

Mr Van Eck's allegation was denied by the George Town Clerk, Mr Carel du Plessis, who said 180 families had moved voluntarily — after dismantling their shacks — to sites at Sandkraal.

Mr Gerber confirmed yesterday that warnings had been sent to black residents in the two townships.

'Reconsider'

"I cannot tell if the residents will heed the warnings. If they don't, the town council will have to reconsider its position on the matter," he said.

"About 500 families" from Lawaai-kamp had moved to Sandkraal, he said.

The president of the George Civic Association, Mr Kenneth Siboto, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

**WEEKEND
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REPORT**

ON Saturday mornings, it would be much quicker to walk into Cape Town than to ride by bus, because of the congestion. There was so much traffic that, at times, Father Da Costa, of St Mark's Church, would walk in among the cars, carts and people — and play traffic cop.

by MICHAEL DOMAN
Weekend Argus Reporter

cal capabilities while rubbing soap under their arms in these shower cubicles.

"James Momberg, Willie Isaacs and Joseph Gabriels, who now teaches in Italy, and were just three examples."

The Star bioscope, in Hanover Street, was memorable for two reasons.

"The 'house full' sign never went up there, so that when it was packed with 1 400 patrons, latecomers would merely walk on the heads of those already seated downstairs, to get to the front.

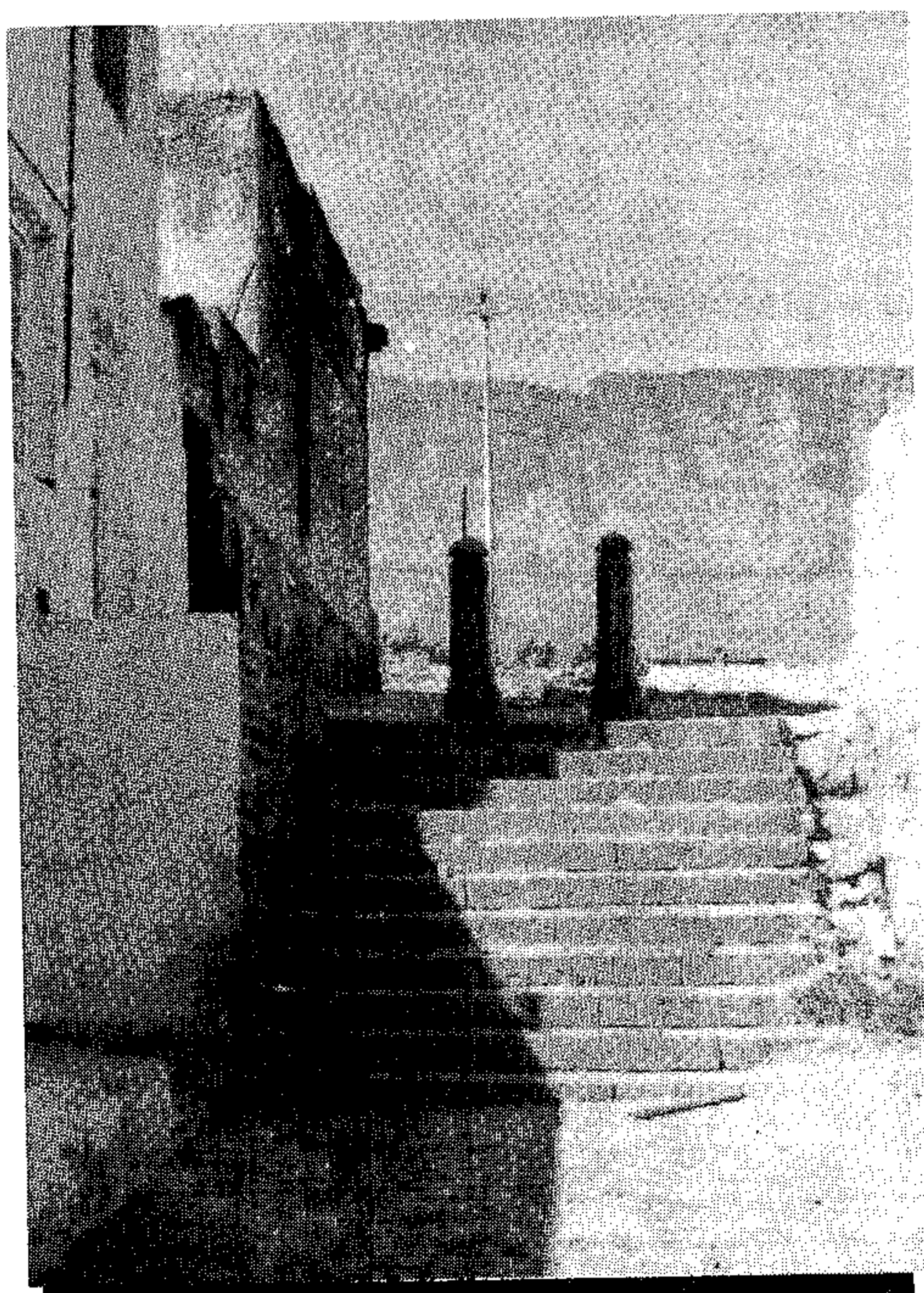
"And any aspirant District Six artiste would have to pass before a critical Star audience if he wanted to make the grade.

"Boos and catcalls — and sometimes tomatoes — would mean instant failure for any singer."

THE Star also held an "ugliest woman" contest, and Caledon Street provided the winner.

Known as "Banana Pie", her real name was Gadija, and it was not a surprise when she was awarded the dubious honour — she had been boasting for days that she would win!

Today many streets still criss-cross the landscape among the weeds, rubble and scores of vagrants who now live in the area.



District Six's famous Seven Steps, with Table Mountain as an imposing backdrop, served as a meeting-place for "Vyf" and his notorious Globe Gang.

The most famous thoroughfare is undoubtedly Hanover Street.

It had most of the places of entertainment, and the always-crowded fishmarket, where the nine stallholders tried to "out-jingle" each other to make a sale.

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"It was so bad that at times Father Da Costa, of St Mark's Church, would walk into the traffic and play traffic cop.

"District Six was a great place. Much is made of the gangs and crime, but it was no worse than it is today. The fighting was mainly between rival gangs.

"We didn't have to lock doors like we do now. On some occasions, like New Year's Eve, people would sleep outside.

"There was love and feeling there. The people were like their houses — close.

"Now we live in bigger, more comfortable houses, but it's not about material things. It will never be the same.

"What we had in District Six cannot be explained."



The story of Hadjee Peerbaai, his 30 children, and some ginger beer

EUROPEANS, said Hadjee Peerbaai, spent too much time in the cinema.

He was commenting on the comparatively small families of Europeans, or whites, on the occasion of the birth of his 30th child, from his fourth wife, in 1946.

He fathered 19 children by his first wife, nine by the second one, and one each by the third and fourth wives.

The last birth came 47 years after the first, and eight years before Hadjie Peerbaai's death in 1954 at the age of 79.

To the uninitiated, Hadjee Peerbaai was actually Hoosain Ebrahim, who became a well-known businessman and religious leader in District Six early this century.

His success was a far cry from his humble beginnings when, as an illiterate orphan teenager from India, he landed on Cape shores. That he spoke no English or Afrikaans was another problem he overcame.

Hadjee Peerbaai's story is told by two of his grandchildren, Hoosain and Mogamat Noor Ebrahim.

"After small beginnings, our grandfather eventually imported sugar, rice, and ginger for the brewing of ginger beer.

"By 1920 he had a thriving ginger beer concern in Dreyer Street, Claremont, near to the present Cavendish Square."

The bottling of fizzy drinks was first done in the Ebrahims' home in Caledon Street, District Six.

And the brothers recalled hearing the popping of corks unable to hold the gassy contents, in the backyard as they slept in their upstairs bedroom.

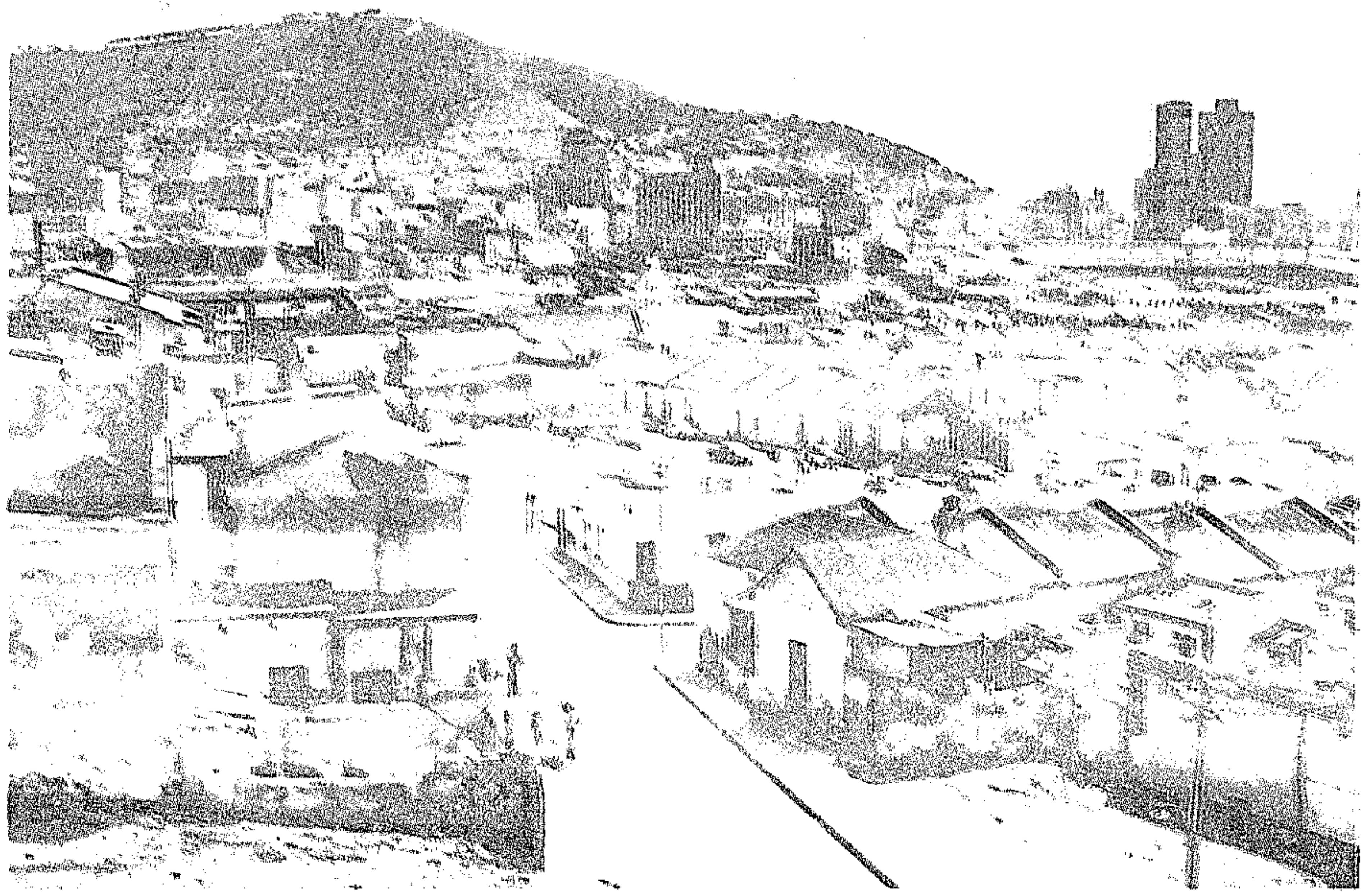
"Mixing, bottling, bottle-cleaning — it all had to be done by hand in those days."

Hadjee Peerbaai later became a landowner with properties in many streets in District Six, and also organised hadj trips to the Muslim holy city of Mecca, in Italian liners.

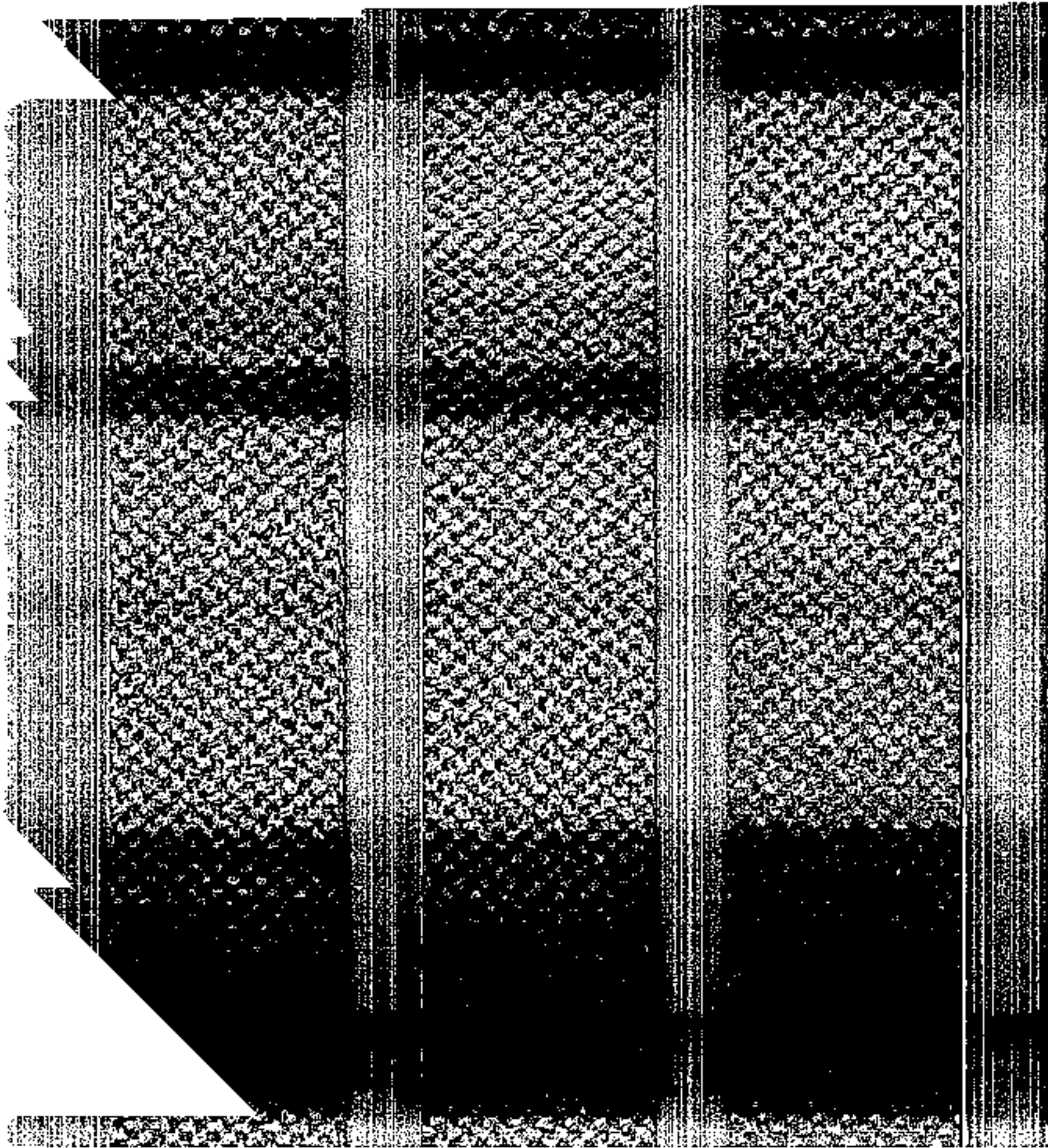
An advertising pamphlet quoted the following prices for trips from Cape Town to Jeddah — return passage on deck without food cost £28 16 shillings, and with food the price was £38 18s.

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HOW two brothers have kept vibrant District Six alive — with a camera and a sense of history.



Chalk and cheese: the patchwork of District Six's now-vanished semi-detached homes dominated by the modern skyscrapers of Cape Town.



WHEN Government Gazette No 1370 of February, 1966, formally reserved the greater part of District Six for whites, two brothers, who had grown up in the centre of the vibrant community, felt that there was history to be recorded.

So Hoosain and Mogamat-Noor Ebrahim bought a Voigtlander camera for R38, and proceeded to capture in photographs the essence of the doomed "Ses".

Hanover Street and its fish market, Constitution Street, the Avalon and National cinemas, The Seven Steps — all images etched into the memories of former inhabitants.

Special emphasis was laid on 247 Caledon Street, the double-storey corner house three doors away from still-standing St Mark's Anglican Church, which had been the stamping-ground for three generations of Ebrahims.

THE Ebrahim archives were recently put to good use in film-maker Yunus Ahmed's award-winning production, *Dear Grandfather, Your Right foot is Missing*, and their names appear in the credits list.

The "Dear Grandfather" referred to is Table Mountain, and the "Right Foot" is one of the names by which District Six was known.

Now the photographs may be used as the basis for a book.

"A newspaper publisher

THE ESSENCE OF DISTRICT SIX

has suggested that we get together to work on this project, and I feel the sooner we get going the better," said Mr Hoosain Ebrahim, a graphic artist.

"To get the best overall picture of our birthplace, we'll have to interview people as old as 80, and they may not be around for too much longer."

An exercise in jaw-dropping is listening to the reminiscences of those who once walked the steep, cobbled streets of District Six.

"There was religious tolerance in those days. Christians and Muslims lived side by side without friction."

MR Mogamat-Noor Ebrahim remembered the wash-house in Clifton Street, where those without bathrooms performed their ablutions.

"There were 18 cubicles and four baths for men, with a separate section for women.

"Bathing was a social gathering."

In keeping with the age-old tradition of singing in the bath, many of the Eacon Group's finest tenors gave full vent to their vo-



Mr Mogamat-Noor Ebrahim, left, with the camera which captured the memories of District Six so dear to him and his family. His elder brother Hoosain holds a bottle from the Peerbaai Ginger Beer Company, started by the Ebrahims' grandfather, Hadjee Peerbaai early this century.



Hanover Street from the balcony of the Avalon Cinema. Normally a bustling hive of activity, it provided all entertainment and shopping needs.

Vagrants were once residents

From Dr R A BIRD (Bergvliet):

I REFER to the letter from Mrs Nonna Steer (Letters, August 14) "Keep slummy black spot shelter out of Rondebosch".

She notes that Rondebosch is Cape Town's biggest educational centre and that residents have paid high prices for the privilege of living in this decent suburb of their choice.

She has apparently forgotten that many thousands of Cape-tonians do not have such a fortunate choice and are constrained by law to live in areas designat-

ed by the Group Areas Act. Areas such as Athlone, Crawford and Manenberg to name but a few.

It is on the border of one such area that Mrs Steer advocates the erection of a shelter for the vagrants of Rondebosch. Curiously, the proximity of a bottle store (to maintain a dependence on alcohol?) and a garage (where they can fill up their limousines?) are seen by her as among the benefits of such a site.

Why, she asks "should these vagrants not live near their own" and be "cared for among their own people, where they

fit in and of course belong!"

"Their own people" once formed communities within the lovely suburbs of Cape Town, eg. Mowbray, Claremont, Newlands. They surely have as much right to live in these suburbs as Mrs Steer.

The communities they formed may not have been the essence of architectural perfection but they were relatively stable social units near to the workplace and educational institutions. The removal of large numbers of people to areas remote from their places of employment and the disruption of a set pattern of community

life has probably in no small way contributed to the civil disruptions that have beset Cape Town for well over a year now.

Perhaps Mrs Steer should reflect what the results of the removal en bloc of the white citizens of Rondebosch to an area far removed from their places of employment, education and recreation would be.

While it would probably not lead to vagrancy and unemployment given their general level of education and professional status, the disruptions would not be without some psychosocial consequences. How much more harmful then are the effects on a

group of people living somewhat closer to the headline.

While I am not suggesting that all the vagrants that disturb the citizens of Rondebosch and other suburbs are a direct result of the Group Areas Act, this iniquitous act must surely bear some of the blame. Charity indeed begins at home and therefore before Mrs Steer consigns the "slummy black spot shelter" to somewhere she regards as more fitting for vagrants, I suggest that she remember that the citizens of these areas once regarded parts of suburbs such as Rondebosch as their home.

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Rive's novel of District Six

By CLARE HARPER

A BOOK on District Six by a former resident and subsequent Oxford Doctor of Philosophy, Dr Richard Rive, will be released in Cape Town tomorrow.

Dr Rive's own family features in the book, entitled "Buckingham Palace, District Six", which focuses on a community living in a row of semi-detached cottages in Caldedon Road, where Dr Rive was born.

The book is Dr Rive's second novel about "a story that had to be told of what the community was like and the effect of the displacement on them", he said.

As the youngest of seven children from a working-class family, Dr Rive attended a primary and high school in District Six before graduating from the universities of Cape Town and Columbia and receiving a doctorate from Oxford University for his thesis on Olive Schreiner.

Apart from Dr Rive's family, the characters are "creatures of creativity, but very close to people who could have lived there".

"The book had to be written. People must not forget what greed has done ... what was done to a community by people who already had too much."

Dr Rive said that when he returned from England in 1974 and went back to visit his old home in District Six he found only rubble.

"I felt a tremendous anger ... they had taken my past away," he said.

The book is being published by David Philip in South Africa and has also been sold to an English publisher.

Russian

Dr Rive has had stories, essays and plays published in 24 countries and into 15 languages, including Russian and Japanese.

He has been awarded numerous fellowships, including a Fulbright post-doctoral fellowship and British Council fellowship.

His first novel, "Emergency", describing the events of the 1963 state of emergency, has been published worldwide.

Dr Rive will be a visiting professor at Harvard University from January to June next year where he will lecture on black literature and creative writing in South Africa.

He is currently working on the second volume of "Letters of Olive Schreiner" which will be published in November next year.

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the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether a Soweto councillor was shot by policemen of the Soweto City Council on or about 26 August 1986; if so, (a) what were the circumstances surrounding this incident, (b) what is the name of the councillor, (c) what are the (i) ranks of and (ii) positions held by the policeman who shot him and (d) what was the condition of the councillor as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether any other Soweto councillors were killed or injured on this occasion; if so, what were the circumstances surrounding the incidents in which they were killed or injured;
- (3) whether any other persons were killed or injured by policemen of the Soweto City Council on this occasion; if so, (a) how many were (i) killed and (ii) injured and (b) what were circumstances surrounding these deaths or injuries;
- (4) whether the shooting of this councillor has been or is being investigated; if not, why not; if so, (a) by whom and (b) what were the findings;
- (5) whether any action has been taken as a result; if not, why not; if so, what action?

THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) No.
(a), (b), (c) and (d) Fall away.
- (2) No.
- (3) No.
(a) and (b) Fall away.
- (4) (a) A Councillor was wounded in a shooting incident by a member

of the public and the incident is still being investigated by the SA Police.

- (b) Falls away.
- (5) Falls away.

Teachers: central registration body

*32. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education:

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 30 on 8 April 1986, any further steps have been taken to establish a central registration body for all teachers in South Africa; if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps have been taken in 1986 and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION:

No. The teaching profession has not yet succeeded in formulating a viewpoint on the establishment of a registering body.

- (a) Falls away.
- (b) Falls away.

Own Affairs:

Pupils who are not White

*1. Mr G B D MCINTOSH asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

(a) How many pupils who are not classified as White are at present enrolled at schools administered by the Natal Provincial Education Department and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

- (a) 5.
- (b) 25 August 1986.

Rent Control Act

*2. The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works:

Whether an investigation is taking place into revised income qualifications for protected tenants in terms of the Rent Control Act, No 80 of 1976; if so, (a) by whom is this investigation being undertaken, (b) what progress has been made in the investigation, (c) when is it anticipated that the investigation will be completed and (d) on what date is it anticipated that the amended regulations will be promulgated?

THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS:

Yes.

(a) The Department of Local Government, Housing and Works. During its investigation the Department took into account the draft recommendations of the Interdepartmental Committee of Inquiry into Rentals and Selling Prices which inter alia investigated the income limits to qualify for assistance from the Housing Fund.

(b), (c) and (d) Good progress has been made with the investigation and the relevant proclamations will be promulgated shortly.

*3. Mr S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works:

(1) Whether any Coloured families are still residing in the White group area previously known as District Six in Cape Town; if so, how many;

(2) whether he intends taking any steps in respect of these families; if so, (a) what steps, (b) why and (c) when?

THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS:

- (1) No.
- (2) Falls away.

Private Schools Bill

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

(1) Whether any draft regulations have been drawn up for promulgation in terms of the *Private Schools Bill* (House of Assembly) [B 125—86 (HA)] once this Bill has been enacted; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) by whom;

(2) whether he will make copies of these draft regulations available before the said Bill comes up for discussion in the House; if not, why not; if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

(1) Yes,

(a) after the draft regulations had been discussed with the four provincial education departments and representatives of private schools, and adjustments had been made;

(b) by the Department of Education and Culture, Administration, House of Assembly in consultation with the Section Legal Services of the Administration, House of Assembly;

(2) no, because regulations may not be published before an act has been promulgated.

Rationalisation

*6. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

Whether he has taken or intends to take any steps to bring about rationalisation in respect of the number of vacant places in White schools and colleges in South Africa?

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*
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257. Mr A B WIDN 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; if 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 5/9/86
asked the Minister of Law and Order:
1170. Mr P G SOAL

(1) Whether the incumbent of the post of director of information for internal media at the Bureau 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

asked
92. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE

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:

*8. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Manpower:

Farm/domestic workers

(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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PROKLAMASIES

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Staatspresident van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika

No. 153, 1986

INSTELLING VAN VRYHANDELSGEBIEDE KRAGTENS DIE BEPALINGS VAN ARTIKEL 19 VAN DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE KIMBERLEY, DISTRIK KIMBERLEY, PROVINSIE DIE KAAP DIE GOEIE HOOP

Kragtens artikel 19 (1) van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, die bepalings van—

- (a) artikels 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 en 40 van genoemde Wet nie van toepassing is nie ten opsigte van enige gebou, grond of perseel in die gebied omskryf in paragraaf (1) van die Bylae hiervan; en
- (b) artikels 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 35, 37 en 40 van genoemde Wet nie van toepassing is nie ten opsigte van enige gebou, grond of perseel in die gebiede omskryf in paragrawe (2) en (3) van die Bylae hiervan,

onderworpe aan die voorwaarde dat sodanige gebou, grond of perseel in die gebiede omskryf in paragrawe (1), (2) en (3) van die Bylae hiervan, slegs vir handels-, kommersiële, professionele of godsdienstige en opvoedkundige doeleindes geokkupeer of gebruik mag word ingevolge 'n dorpsaanlegskema wat kragtens die een of ander wet in dië gebiede in werking of bindend is.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Vyf-en-twintigste dag van Augustus Eenduisend Negehonderd Ses-en-tagtig.

P. W. BOTHA,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

J. C. HEUNIS,
Minister van die Kabinet.

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PROCLAMATIONS

by the

State President of the Republic of South Africa

No. 153, 1986

ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE TRADING AREAS IN TERMS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 19 OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT KIMBERLEY, DISTRICT OF KIMBERLEY, PROVINCE OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Under section 19 (1) of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, the provisions of—

- (a) sections 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 and 40 of the said Act shall not be applicable in respect of any building, land or premises in the area defined in paragraph (1) of the Schedule hereto; and
- (b) sections 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 35, 37 and 40 of the said Act shall not be applicable in respect of any building, land or premises in the areas defined in paragraphs (2) and (3) of the Schedule hereto,

subject to the condition that such building, land or premises in the areas defined in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of the Schedule hereto, may only be occupied or used for trading, commercial, professional or religious and educational purposes in terms of a town planning scheme which is in operation or binding under any law in those areas.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Twenty-fifth day of August, One thousand Nine hundred and Eighty-six.

P. W. BOTHA,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

J. C. HEUNIS,
Minister of the Cabinet.

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ARTIKEL 19 VRYHANDELSGEBIEDE

Gebied H1 (Kimberley-Sentraal)

(1) Begin by die punt waar die middel van Kerkstraat, Kimberley, die middel van Hullstraat kruis; daarvan dan suidooswaarts met die middel van genoemde Hullstraat langs tot by die punt waar dit die noordooswaarse verlenging van die suidoostelike grens van Erf 6660, Kimberley, kruis; daarvandaan suidweswaarts met genoemde verlenging en die grens van genoemde Erf 6660 en Erwe 6675 en 16087 langs, sodat hulle in hierdie gebied ingesluit word, tot by die westelike bakke van laasgenoemde erf; daarvandaan noordweswaarts met die verlenging van die suidwestelike grens van laasgenoemde erf langs tot by die punt waar dit die middel van Transvaalweg kruis; daarvandaan suidweswaarts met die middel van genoemde Transvaalweg, Quinnweg, Lawrence-, Lowden- en Cemeterystraat langs tot by die punt waar die noordooswaarse verlenging van die suidoostelike grens van Erf 15433 die middel van genoemde Cemeterystraat kruis; daarvan dan suidweswaarts met die grense van genoemde Erf 15433 en Erf 15434 langs, sodat hulle in hierdie gebied ingesluit word, tot by die punt waar die suidweswaarse verlenging van die suidoostelike grens van laasgenoemde erf die middel van Gaultstraat kruis; daarvan dan noordweswaarts met die middel van genoemde Gaultstraat, genoemde Transvaalweg, Roper- en Barts-terstraat, Advocatesweg, Oserloh-, Adam-, genoemde Roper- en Quinnstraat, Knight- en Florencestraat, Oude Beersweg, Lanyon Terras, Buyskes- en Shippardstraat, Crossman- en Edwardsweg, Villiers-, Tempelars-, Elbow- en Halsstraat langs tot by die punt waar die noordwaarse verlenging van die oostelike grens van Erf 9935 die middel van genoemde Halsstraat kruis; daarvandaan suidwaarts met genoemde verlenging en grense van genoemde Erf 9935, Erwe 12058, 2134 en 411 langs, sodat hulle in hierdie gebied ingesluit word, tot by die suidoostelike bakke van laasgenoemde erf; daarvandaan suidwaarts in 'n reguit lyn oor D'Arcystraat tot by die noordelike bakke van Erf 2191; daarvandaan suidwaarts met die grens van genoemde Erf 2191 langs, sodat dit in hierdie gebied ingesluit word, tot by die punt waar die noordweswaarse verlenging van die suidwestelike grens van laasgenoemde erf die middel van Lennoxstraat kruis; daarvandaan suidweswaarts met die middel van genoemde Lennoxstraat en Chapelstraat langs tot by die punt waar die noordooswaarse verlenging van die suidoostelike grens van Erf 16434 die middel van genoemde Chapelstraat kruis; daarvandaan suidweswaarts met laasgenoemde verlenging en grens van genoemde Erf 16434 langs, sodat dit in hierdie gebied ingesluit word, tot by die punt waar die suidweswaarse verlenging van genoemde suidoostelike grens van Erf 16434 die middel van Sidneystraat kruis; daarvandaan noordweswaarts met die middel van genoemde Sidneystraat langs tot by die punt waar die noordooswaarse verlenging van die suidoostelike grens van Erf 682 die middel van genoemde Sidneystraat kruis; daarvan dan suidweswaarts met genoemde verlenging en grens van Erf 682 langs, sodat dit in hierdie gebied ingesluit word, tot by die punt waar die suidweswaarse verlenging van genoemde suidoostelike grens van Erf 682 die middel van 'n naamlose straat kruis; daarvan dan suidwaarts met die middel van genoemde naamlose straat langs tot by die noordoostelike bakke van Erf 860; daarvandaan suidweswaarts met die noordweselike grens van genoemde Erf 860 en die suidweswaarse verlenging daarvan tot by die punt

SCHEDULE

SECTION 19 FREE TRADING AREAS

Area H1 (Kimberley Central)

(1) Beginning at the point where the middle of Church Street, Kimberley, intersects the middle of Hull Street, thence south-eastwards along the middle of the said Hull Street to the point where it intersects the prolongation north-eastwards of the south-eastern boundary of Erf 6660, Kimberley; thence south-westwards along the said prolongation and the boundaries of the said Erf 6660 and Erven 6675 and 16087, so as to include them in this area, to the westernmost beacon of the last-mentioned erf, thence north-westwards along the prolongation of the south-western boundary of the last-mentioned erf to the point where it intersects the middle of Transvaal Road; thence south-westwards along the middle of the said Transvaal Road, Quinn Road, Lawrence, Lowden and Cemetery Streets to the point where the prolongation north-eastwards of the south-eastern boundary of Erf 15433 intersects the middle of the said Cemetery Street; thence south-westwards along the boundaries of the said Erf 15433 and Erf 15434, so as to include them in this area, to the point where the prolongation south-westwards of the south-eastern boundary of the last-mentioned erf intersects the middle of Gault Street; thence north-westwards along the middle of the said Gault Street, the said Transvaal Road, Roper and Barrister Streets, Advocate Lane, Oserloh, Adam, the said Roper and Quinn Streets, Knight and Florence Streets, Old De Beers Road, Lanyon Terrace, Buyskes and Shippard Streets, Crossman and Edwards Roads, Villiers, Tempelars, Elbow and Hall Streets to the point where the prolongation northwards of the eastern boundary of Erf 9935 intersects the middle of the said Hall Street; thence southwards along the said prolongation and boundaries of the said Erf 9935, Erven 12058, 2134 and 411, so as to include them in this area, to the south-eastern beacon of the last-mentioned erf; thence southwards in a straight line across D'Arcy Street to the northernmost beacon of the said Erf 2191; thence south-eastwards along the boundary of the said Erf 2191, so as to include it in this area, to the point where the prolongation north-westwards of the south-western boundary of the last-mentioned erf intersects the middle of Lennox Street; thence south-westwards along the middle of the said Lennox Street and Chapel Street to the point where the prolongation north-eastwards of the south-eastern boundary of Erf 16434 intersects the middle of the said Chapel Street; thence south-westwards along the said prolongation and boundary of the said Erf 16434, so as to include it in this area, to the point where the prolongation south-westwards of the said south-eastern boundary of Erf 16434 intersects the middle of Sidney Street; thence north-westwards along the middle of the said Sidney Street to the point where the prolongation north-eastwards of the south-eastern boundary of Erf 682 intersects the middle of the said Sidney Street; thence south-westwards along the said prolongation and boundary of Erf 682, so as to include it in this area, to the point where the prolongation south-westwards of the said south-eastern boundary of Erf 682 intersects the middle of an unnamed street; thence south-eastwards along the middle of the said unnamed street to the north-eastern beacon of Erf 860; thence south-westwards along the north-western boundary of the said Erf 860 and the prolongation thereof south-westwards to the point where it intersects the middle of Bulfontein Road; thence north-westwards along the middle of the

waar dit die middel van Bulfonteinweg kruis; daarvan dan noordweswaarts met die middel van genoemde Bulfonteinweg langs tot by die punt waar die noordooswaarse verlenging van die suidoostelike grens van Erf 717 die middel van genoemde Bulfonteinweg kruis; daarvandaan suidweswaarts met genoemde verlenging en grens van genoemde Erf 717 en Erf 716 langs, sodat hulle in hierdie gebied ingesluit word, tot by die punt waar die noordweswaarse verlenging van die suidwestelike grens van genoemde Erf 716 die middel van Jonesstraat kruis; daarvandaan suidweswaarts met die middel van genoemde Jonesstraat, Hollandweg, Long- en Waterwolkstraat en Circularweg langs tot by die punt waar die suidwaarse verlenging van die westelike grens van Erf 10982 die middel van genoemde Circularweg kruis; daarvandaan noordwaarts met genoemde verlenging en grense van die volgende eiendomme langs sodat hulle in hierdie gebied ingesluit word: Genoemde Erf 10982, Erf 10993, genoemde Erf 10982, Erwe 16003 en 10985 tot by die punt waar die noordooswaarse verlenging van die noordwestelike grens van laasgenoemde erf die middel van Reitzstraat kruis; daarvandaan noordweswaarts met die middel van genoemde Reitzstraat, Hoorstraat, genoemde Bulfonteinweg, Pnielweg, Tyburnstraat, Kingstonsteeg, Fleming- en Salkstraat en genoemde Kerkstraat tot by die punt waar die middel van genoemde Kerkstraat, die middel van genoemde Hullstraat kruis, die beginpunt; ingesluit die twee gebiede omskryf in paragrafe (2) en (3) hieraan.

Gebied H2 (Transvaalweggebied)

(2) Begin by die punt waar die middel van Kerkweg, Kimberley, deur die middel van Matlandstraat gekruis word; daarvandaan suidwaarts met die middel van genoemde Matlandstraat en Transvaalweg langs tot by die punt waar dit gekruis word deur die suidooswaarse verlenging van die suidwestelike grens van Erf 11861; daarvandaan noordweswaarts met genoemde verlenging en suidwestelike grens van Erf 11861 langs tot by die punt waar die noordooswaarse verlenging van die genoemde suidwestelike grens van Erf 11861 die middel van genoemde Kerkweg kruis; daarvandaan noordwaarts met die middel van genoemde Kerkweg langs tot by die punt waar dit deur die noordweswaarse verlenging van die noordoostelike grens van Erf 6733 gekruis word; daarvandaan suidwaarts met laasgenoemde verlenging en die grens van Erf 19371 langs, sodat dit uit hierdie gebied ingesluit word, tot by die punt waar die noordweswaarse verlenging van die noordoostelike grens van genoemde Erf 19371 die middel van genoemde Kerkweg kruis; daarvandaan noordwaarts met die middel van genoemde Kerkweg langs tot by die eersgenoemde punt, die beginpunt.

Gebied H3 (Pnielweggebied)

(3) Begin by die punt waar die middel van Tyburnstraat, Kimberley, deur die middel van Pnielweg gekruis word; daarvandaan suidwaarts met die middel van genoemde Tyburnstraat, Stockdalestraat, Compoundstraat, Duncanstraat, Walesstraat en genoemde Pnielweg langs tot by die punt waar die middel van genoemde Pnielweg die middel van genoemde Tyburnstraat kruis, die beginpunt.

said Bulfontein Road to the point where the prolongation north-eastwards of the south-eastern boundary of Erf 717 intersects the middle of the said Bulfontein Road; thence south-westwards along the said prolongation and boundary of the said Erf 717 and Erf 716, so as to include them in this area, to the point where the prolongation north-westwards of the south-western boundary of the said Erf 716 intersects the middle of Jones Street; thence south-westwards along the middle of the said Jones Street, Holland Road, Long and Waterworks Street and Circular Road to the point where the prolongation southwards of the western boundary of Erf 10982 intersects the middle of the said Circular Road; thence northwards along the said prolongation and boundaries of the following properties so as to include them in this area: The said Erf 10982, Erf 10993, the said Erf 10982, Erven 16003 and 10985 to the point where the prolongation north-eastwards of the north-western boundary of the last-mentioned erf intersects the middle of Reitz Street; thence north-westwards along the middle of the said Reitz Street, Main Street, the said Bulfontein Road, Pniel Road, Tyburn Street, Kingston Lane, Fleming and Salk Streets and the said Church Street to the point where the middle of the said Church Street intersects the middle of the said Hull Street, the point of beginning; excluding the two areas defined in paragraphs (2) and (3) hereto.

Area H2 (Transvaal Road Area)

(2) Beginning at the point where the middle of Church Road Kimberley, is intersected by the middle of Matland Street; thence south-eastwards along the middle of the said Matland Street and Transvaal Road to the point where it is intersected by the prolongation south-eastwards of the south-western boundary of Erf 11861; thence north-westwards along the said prolongation and south-western boundary of Erf 11861 to the point where the prolongation north-westwards of the said south-western boundary of Erf 11861 intersects the middle of the said Church Road; thence north-eastwards along the middle of the said Church Road to the point where it is intersected by the prolongation north-westwards of the north-eastern boundary of Erf 6733; thence south-eastwards along the said prolongation and boundary of Erf 19371, so as to exclude it from this area, to the point where the prolongation north-westwards of the north-eastern boundary of the said Erf 19371 intersects the middle of the said Church Road; thence north-eastwards along the middle of the said Church Road to the point first mentioned, the point of beginning.

Area H3 (Pniel Road Area)

(3) Beginning at the point where the middle of Tyburn Street, Kimberley, is intersected by the middle of Pniel Road; thence south-eastwards along the middle of the said Tyburn Street, Stockdale Street, Compound Street, Duncan Street, Wales Street and the said Pniel Road to the point where the middle of the said Pniel Road intersects the middle of the said Tyburn Street, the point of beginning.

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GOEWERMENSKENNISGEWINGS**DEPARTEMENT VAN BINNELANDSE SAKE**

No. 1812

5 September 1986

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Under section 33 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act 36 of 1966), I hereby approve that paragraph (ii) of Proclamation 229 of 1968, be withdrawn as from the date of this Proclamation.

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By
RAYMOND HILL

FAMILIES in the Eastern Cape are skirting the controversial Group Areas Act, either legally or illegally.

Four recent applications for coloured and Indian families to live in white areas of Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage have been approved, a senior Government official said this week.

Some Indian families have been living in Uitenhage's white area with permits for many years, and a number of coloured people have lived in PE's only Indian suburb, Malabar, without bothering to get permits since it was established more than 10 years ago.

There are also "quite a few" Indian families living in coloured areas without permits, a spokesman said.

It has been reported that hundreds of coloured, Indian and black people have been living in white Johannesburg suburbs like Hillbrow, Mayfair, Berea, Joubert Park and Doornfontein for the past eight years while the police and Government officials turned a blind eye.

The Attorney-General for the Eastern Cape, Dr J D d'Oliveira, said this week that prosecutions under the Act in PE and Uitenhage were still "under consideration". He denied that attorneys-general had been officially told to stop prosecutions, as had been widely reported.

He was unable to say whether any prosecutions had taken place in the Eastern Cape since he took over as AG in April.

Details of local applications were disclosed by Mr Basie Botha, a senior official in the Department of Constitutional Development. His department had re-

Families skirt around the Group Areas Act

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ceived 12 applications in the past six months from coloured and Indian families wanting to live in white areas.

Four applications had been approved in Uitenhage and three were still under consideration.

Two PE applications had been refused, and three were still being considered.

He said it took at least one month for a decision to be made, and unsuccessful applicants could appeal to the relevant Minister.

Asked about the situation in Malabar, Mr Jay Kathan, deputy chairman of the PE Indian Management Committee, commented: "Everybody is living harmoniously together. I do not know of anybody who has applied for a permit to live there, apart from a dominee and his family."

"The IMC is against the permit system. It is an embarrassment for us when we have to deal with permit applications," he said.

Mr Kathan called for the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, something he said was "long overdue".

He would regard the institution of "grey areas" open to residents

of all races as a beginning to the scrapping of the Act.

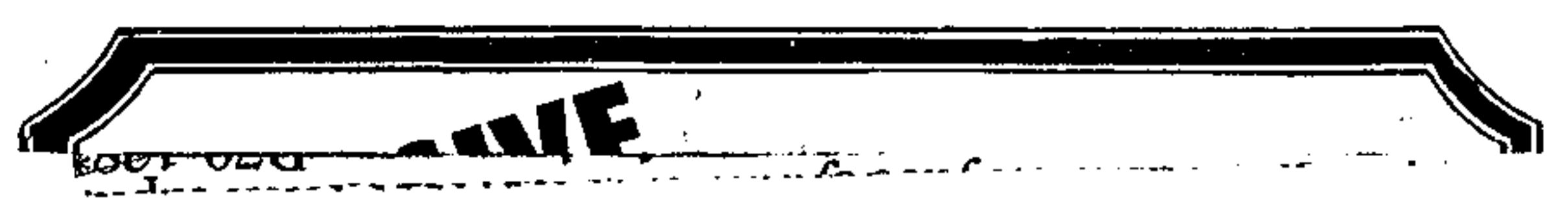
The director of a leading Johannesburg estate agency has been reported as saying that 1% of all residential property sales in white areas in the city were being made to blacks, including in such upper class areas as Houghton.

A PE estate agent said coloureds and Indians had approached his agency to buy property in white residential suburbs, but no properties had been sold to them.

Agents had received a letter from the Estate Agents Board last week, advising them not to sell property in white residential areas to "disqualified" people because they would be contravening the Group Areas Act.

Last week an East London city councillor, Mr Eric Whitaker, criticised Nationalist councillors for not giving "more positive support" to a coloured man who applied to live in a white area.

Mr Whitaker proposed that the man's application be recommended on condition that residents in Haven Hills did not object.



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Man in last ditch group areas appeal

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A last ditch appeal is to be made to the government today for permission for an Indian accountant to live in a white area here.

The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has refused permission for Mr Morgan Naidoo to live in Joan Street, Amalinda, with his wife and two children.

A firm of attorneys representing Mr Morgan, who is formerly of Durban and is employed by a major company in East London, confirmed that today was the last day to lodge an appeal against the initial decision.

The spokesman said a new application would be sent today with further supporting affidavits. He confirmed neighbours had supported Mr Naidoo's application.

The issue caused an uproar a few weeks ago when the chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Edwin Vengadajellum, criticised the city council for not supporting Mr Naidoo's application.

The city council has adopted a new policy on applications in terms of the Group Areas Act and will refer them

directly to Cape Town.

In the past, the city council had backed applications. This included an application through the Border Cricket Union for the West Indian cricketer, Faoud Bacchus, to occupy a house in a white area.

A few weeks ago some councillors refused to support an application by a coloured building contractor, Mr Errol Mitchell, who applied for permission to buy and occupy a house in Smith's Hill Road in Haven Hills.

Led by Mrs Elsabe Kemp, councillors voted not to give any opinion and to leave the decision to the government.

Yesterday Mr Vengadajellum reiterated his call on the authorities to allow Mr Naidoo to occupy the house in Amalinda.

He said that as a "full-blooded born and bred South African, it was downright unfair" not to allow Mr Naidoo to live in Amalinda as exceptions had been made for other people of colour who had not been born in South Africa.

"I hope the authorities will see their way clear to helping this man," he said.

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District Six is whites only

NO coloured families are still living in the white area previously known as District Six and the government owns or administers 92 flats and three houses for whites in the area.

The Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works, Mr Amie Venter, said this in reply to a written question from Mr Tian van der Merwe (PFP Green Point).

Mr Venter said housing units for whites in Zonnebloem were occupied.

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Cape Times, Saturday, Septe

Conflict between jobless findings

Labour Reporter

ATLANTIS residents consider unemployment the most serious problem they have to face, which conflicts with a report by the Divisional Council that the situation there is improving.

This is one of the findings of a survey of 620 Atlantis households by researcher Mr Brendan Roberts of UCT's South African Labour and Development Research Unit (Saldru).

He said the survey in May found that 27,2 percent of people were unemployed.

Asked what they considered the most serious problem facing their households, the majority said unemployment.

Mr Roberts said a Divco report which claimed more people had jobs in Atlantis than a year ago did not take into account the population increase.

According to the survey, 850 new houses are to be built in the town in the near future to accommodate 4 500 people who will need at least 1 500 jobs.

Although new factories had been established, many of these had brought workers with them. A significant number of people working in the town did not live there, he said.

The Divisional Council also had not considered the living conditions in Atlantis which were "extremely poor" because even those who had jobs were unskilled or semi-skilled and badly paid.

Mr Roberts, who will publish a report on Atlantis at the end of the year, accused the Divisional Council of "running a public relations campaign to try give the place a veneer of well-being".

A spokesman for the Atlantis Advice Office said "the position on the ground is very bad".

"What the council says is not true. We have hundreds of people coming here for help," he said.

The Divisional Council could not be reached for comment despite numerous attempts.

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CBD in EL soon open to all races

Post-Reporters

13/9/86 W. E. Peet

THE opening of East London's central business district to all races has been approved in principle by the Government and will be announced in the "very near future" — but the position in Port Elizabeth is still uncertain.

Mr Peet de Pontes, MP for East London, told Weekend Post about the approval.

Mr Bill Williams, the PE Municipality's Chief Estates Officer, said the matter had been in the hands of the Government since councillors debated it in April.

"I have no idea when a decision regarding the opening of the city's CBD would be made. We have not been told and it is so frustrating, considering that the matter has been going on for such a long time," he said.

In February the PE Municipality applied to the Government for the whole municipal area to be opened to traders of all population groups. The country's first open

CBDs — in Durban and Johannesburg — were proclaimed in the Government Gazette in February.

Mr John Fourie, Deputy Director of Constitutional Development, said afterwards that the proposed boundaries for PE's first "open" CBD would be advertised the next month and that the proposals had been sent to Dr A H van Wyk, Director-General of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

He said at the time that

the proclamation could be expected "within months".

Mr De Pontes said the process of having the area in East London proclaimed open was already in progress.

"I am expecting an announcement to be made soon by the Minister for Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis," he said.

"I will remain in constant contact with the Minister to make sure there is no delay." London business communi-

ty.

"I believe it essential that the central business districts be opened as soon as possible so that all entrepreneurs can enjoy the full benefits of the free enterprise system," he said.

"It is in the interests of East London that all businessmen be allowed to achieve to the full extent of their ability.

"It is, after all, the essence of the free enterprise system that there be no restrictions on any businessman."

Group Areas Act forces woman to give up her home after 38 years

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By RAYMOND HILL

AN Indian woman who lived in the white area of Graaff-Reinet for 38 years has been forced to give up her home because she could not get a Group Areas permit renewed.

She is Miss Ujibu Akojee, 50, a fruit and vegetable hawker

For years she lived alone in Hope Street, in the heart of Graaff-Reinet, without a permit.

But things changed when she wanted to buy the house she had rented.

She was told she had to get a Group Areas permit, which she did, but it was a temporary document and she failed in her attempts to have it renewed.

Now she has packed up and moved to Durban, leaving her neighbours shocked at the way she was treated.

Miss Akojee said in a telephone interview yesterday she had desperately wanted to stay in the house.

But she received an evic-

tion notice from a local attorney while waiting for her temporary permit to be renewed after it expired.

She had rented the house for R60 a month and had to obtain a permit for the first time after signing a deed of sale to buy the property.

She had not been in arrears with the rent and had produced her receipts to the attorney.

He insisted she leave the house while waiting for a permit.

"I am heart-broken," said Miss Akojee. "I spent most of my life in the town among whites after coming to South Africa with my parents from India.

"I think everybody respected me.

"I cried and begged the attorney to allow me to stay in the house, but he did not want to listen.

"It all happened because of a permit mix-up."

Miss Akojee's plight was disclosed this week after a neighbour, Mrs Agatha

Paoloni, 66, received an abusive anonymous call because she had complained in a local newspaper about the way Miss Akojee was treated.

Mrs Paoloni said: "We all knew Miss Akojee as a kind-hearted and friendly person. We loved her, although she was a different colour.

"The trouble started when she was forced to get a piece of paper to live here."

Mr D Maynier, executor of the estate of the original home owner, said Miss Akojee signed a deed of sale in May and the sale was cancelled when she was unable to obtain a permit. He did not know about the eviction notice.

A senior official in the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning in Port Elizabeth, Mr Basie Botha, said he could not comment on individual cases. Permit applications were confidential.

Inquiry into dividing ^{AKMS 24/9/86} common land into 27 farms

Staff Reporter

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A COMMISSION of inquiry will start hearings in Namaqualand on Friday into the feasibility of dividing the common of Leliefontein, between Podfadder and Vanrhynsdorp, into 47 individual farms.

Hundreds of residents in the area use Leliefontein's State-owned sparse grazing lands as a common — usually through leasing arrangements with the local management committee.

Mr J Smuts, a spokesman in Springbok for the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives said the arrangement had caused extensive overgrazing, often by sheep and goats owned by non-residents.

Reduce the stock

"A man living in Springbok or Cape Town runs 100 goats with relatives living at Leliefontein," he said.

The area's natural grazing would have to be re-established which could only be accomplished by reducing the stock.

"During good rains — and 32 inches fell in nearby Kamies this last winter — Leliefontein has excellent grazing for Namaqualand conditions," Mr Smuts said.

"We are working hard to re-establish the Leliefontein grazing lands and hope that the summer rains are good," he said.

The department proposed to divide Leliefontein into 47 farm units, ranging from about 1 800 hectares to 6 000 hectares, he said.

None of the families now living there would have to move. However, an agreement would have to be made to establish the number of animals each family would be allowed in future.

Depending on the rainfall, each of the 47 proposed farms could carry about 400 to 500 sheep or goats and be economically viable, he said.

"The commission will have to first establish the definition of a 'farmer' and how many animals to allow each family on Leliefontein — a difficult task in itself.

"Animals inherited"

"Many animals are inherited and many families also consider Leliefontein their land on which they have grazing rights.

"Such claims are to be submitted to the hearings and have to be carefully analysed," he said.

The investigation committee, announced by Mr David Curry in the House of Representatives on August 6, will start its hearings in Leliefontein on September 26.

Others will be in Paulshoek on October 1, Rooifontein on October 3, Kharkams on October 7, Nourivier on October 13, Tweerivier on October 15, Keis on October 17, Klipfontein on October 21 and Spoegrivier on October 23.

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Management committees for M' Plain, 5 other areas

Staff Reporter

COLOURED management committees are on the cards for Mitchell's Plain and five other areas in greater Cape Town — but the City Council's Executive Committee has opposed them.

According to the Cape's deputy-director of local government, Mr P Carstens, a Mitchell's Plain management committee can be regarded as "a matter of fact".

He could not say who had asked for the committees because he did not have the information at hand.

"But I can tell you that various individuals have made requests," he said.

In a letter to the City Council, the local government department said regional services councils were coming "in the near future" and the committees "have become a matter of priority".

The City Council was asked to name candidates for committees in six areas: Mitchell's Plain, Retreat, Schotsche Kloof, Walmer Estate, Woodstock and Salt River.

However, the council's Executive Committee recommended that the request — and others in future — be declined.

The department's letter added that the Administrator could nominate a candidate on the council's behalf if it declined to do so within 40 days.

The Executive Committee stated in a report submitted at today's meeting of the full council that more management committees were not wanted, but if they were established they would amalgamate with the others in existence.

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PW Botha: Woodstock should be coloured

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Political Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — President P W Botha yesterday announced that he wanted to change the mixed residential suburb of Woodstock in Cape Town into an exclusively coloured neighbourhood.

Mr Botha's shock disclosure came at the National Party's Cape congress and apparently enjoys the support of the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.

The announcement came during a lengthy address by Mr Botha on the Group Areas Act and "grey" residential areas.

Mr Botha told delegates that provision existed under the Act

which made it possible for areas not have a "group" character.

"And there are such areas — Woodstock is one.

"I don't say Woodstock should stay that way."

Then, after asking for Mr Heunis's approval, he said: "I think Woodstock must become coloured because it is not a white area."

Mr Heunis appeared to nod in assent.

Mr Botha then went on to say that he thought coloured people should get "suitable areas" on the Peninsula. "It is their habitat," he noted.

The coloured communities, he

declared, had been wronged, ("verontreg") not because of the Group Areas Act, but because of the poor conditions created by the colonial era.

"District Six, like Crossroads, is a reflection of the conscience of liberals," he said.

Crossroads was not a creation of the government, but the result of confrontation of liberals and leftists who had led agitation against the upgrading of the area, he said.

Many of these people had not yet discovered that there was a road running between Crossroads and Khayelitsha, he said.

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Anger over Botha's 'coloured' Woodstock

Political Staff

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"Woodstock is a practical example of a de facto open area.

"As a result of historical socio-economic factors it has managed to escape the full impact of the National Party's mania for creating racially pure suburbs throughout the country ...

"As such it is living testimony to the fact that an open area can work naturally," he said.

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blacks 96.

Mr Siraj Desai, chairman of the Salt River, Woodstock and Walmer Estate Residents Association said: "There can be no changes to the Group Areas Act. It must be scrapped in toto. That is and will remain the demand of the democratic movement in this country."

Mr Sol Kreiner, city councillor for Ward 8 — which includes part of Woodstock — said the City Council was opposed to all forms of removal.

Councillor Mr Peter Parkin, Ward 10, said people of all races lived in the area with dignity and peace. "Its people do not want to be moved by some grand master playing what amounts to racial chess."

The act should be repealed, not amended, said Councillor Mr Ian Iversen, Ward 10. Mr Botha's statement caused a great deal of uncertainty not only for whites, but also for coloureds who wished to buy in the area, but may not do so by law, he added.

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By REHANA ROSSOUW,
Staff Reporter

WOODSTOCK, testi-

mony to the fact that South Africans of all races can live in harmony in a mixed area, came under the spotlight yesterday when the State President announced that the area should be classified for the coloured population.

The history of Woodstock goes back more than 200 years.

The area was originally named Papendorp, after Pieter van Papendorp, a silversmith who, in 1788, registered his house between the Castle and Salt River as security for a debt of 4 000 florins to a certain Jan Winterbach.

Papendorp became a municipality in 1881, and was renamed Woodstock after the Woodstock Hotel.

By the last quarter of the 19th century, Woodstock had developed into a popular seaside resort, with a beach that ran from Adderley Street to the Salt River mouth.

Woodstock beach suffered a severe blow with the extension of the railway line to Muizenberg. By the 1890's, Muizenberg had become more popular than Woodstock beach, and Woodstock's days as a bathing resort were numbered.

Gone were the days when Beach Road curved along the sea, bordered by magnificent gardens, busy hotels and two lines of of graceful palms.

The former beauty of the area is gone. Seedy houses, unrenovated for years, fight for space with large factories.

CHARACTERISTIC of the area are the tiny family-run businesses, manned in some instances by four generations of the original owner.

Mr Neville Isaacs, owner of a family run upholstery firm in Gympie Street, has lived in the area all his life.

"Our businesses are successful because white companies in the area pass on work to us," he said.

"I don't think you'll find the same situation anywhere else in South Africa."

Although the area lost many faithful customers with the death of District Six, today business flourishes, largely due to the fact that many have remained faithful and still return to the area to

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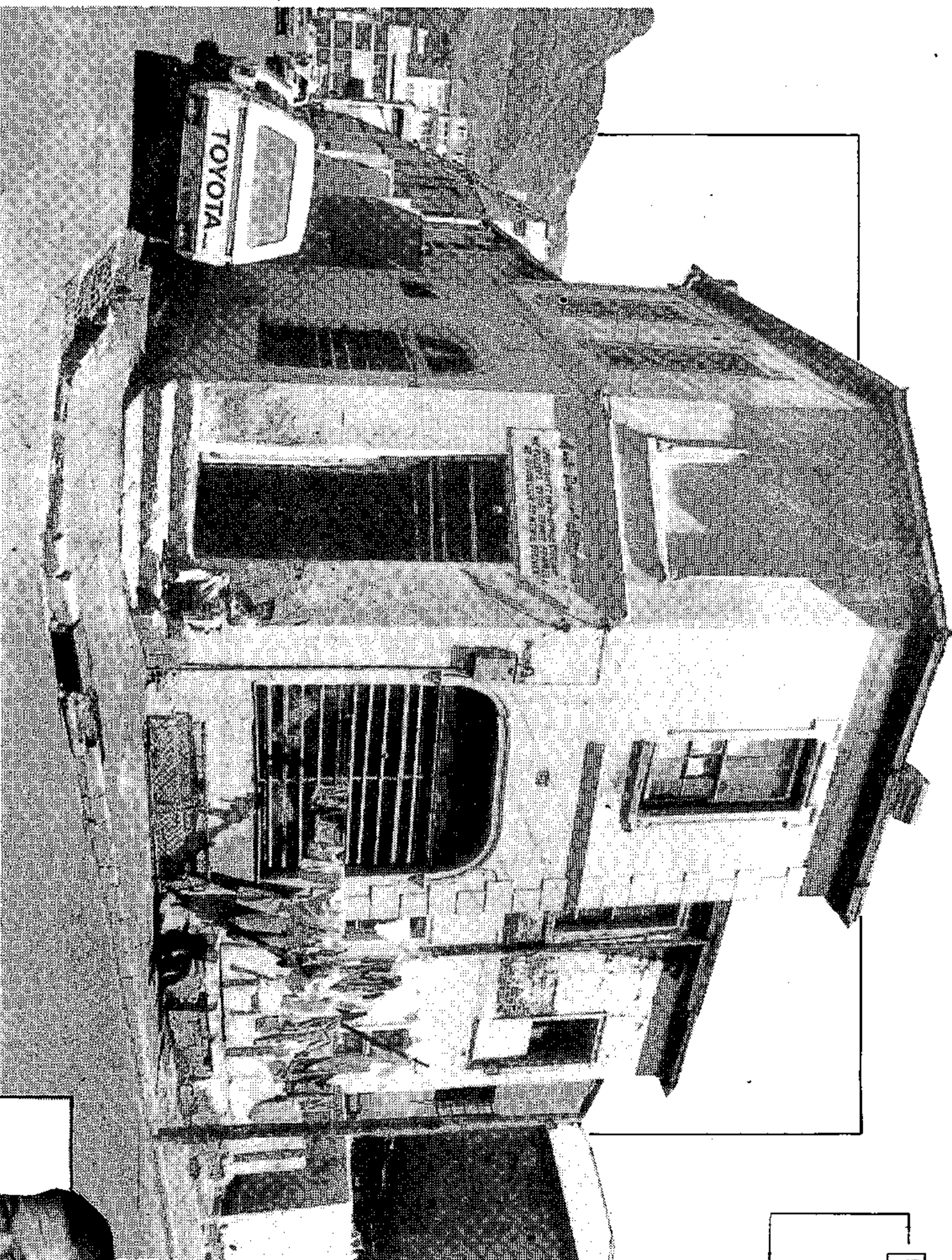
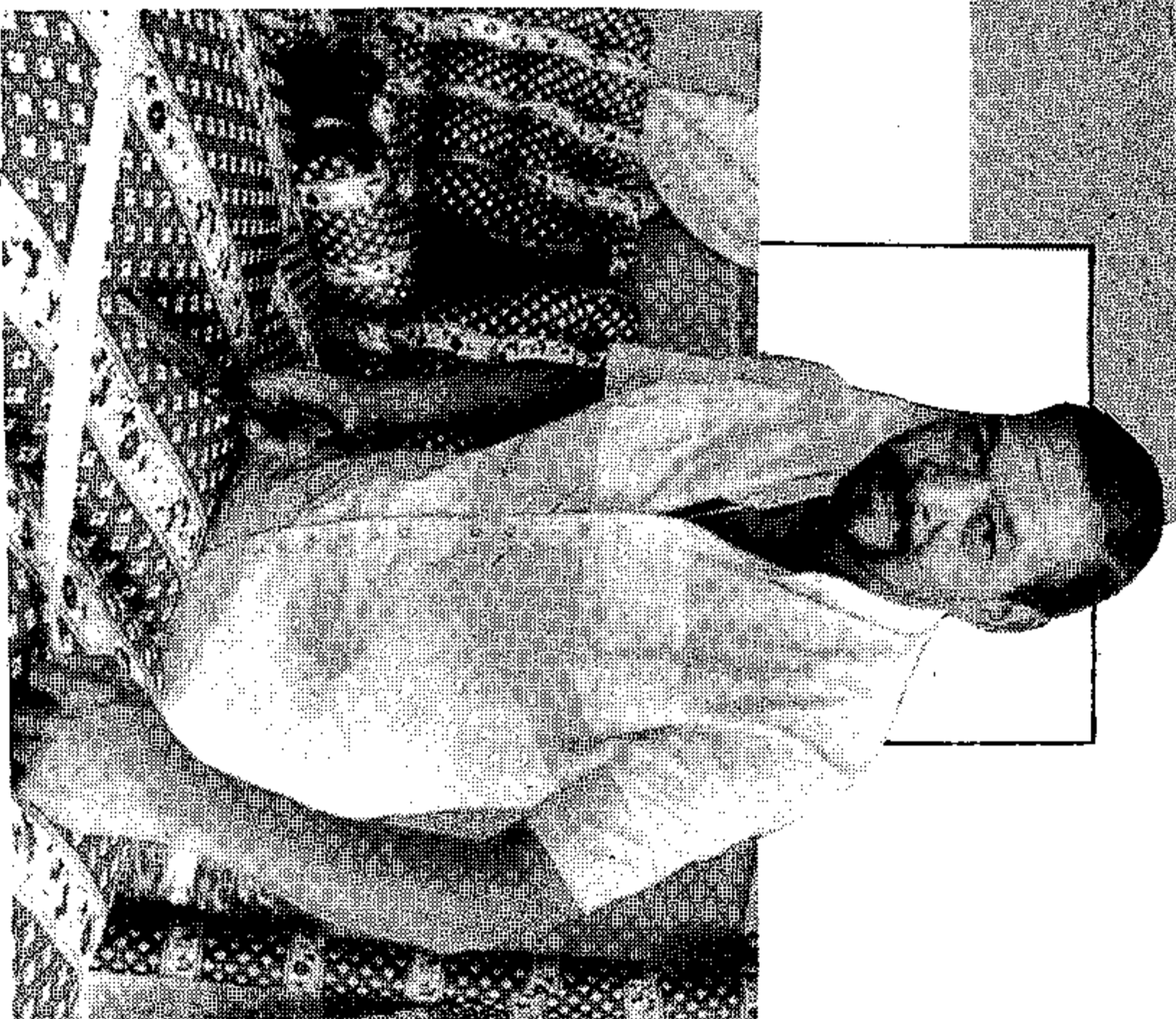


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Left:
Tiny shops have managed to survive in the area for generations.



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Mr and Mrs G Goldstein in the drapery store they have owned for 36 years. They have lost a lot of custom, with the influx of bigger stores into the area.

Right
Mr Neville Isaacs in his family-run upholstery firm.

Furniture stores abound in the area. Traders say the area became known as furniture town when many Jewish immigrants set up stores at the beginning of the century.

Mr Gerard Goldstein, 73, has run his tiny drapery firm on the corner of Beyers Street and Main Road for the past 36 years.

"Woodstock is losing the character it once had. All the smaller shops are closing down, and bigger stores are moving into the area," Mr Goldstein said.

"We lost a lot of our old customers when they demolished District Six. Before, I had five assistants helping in the shop, but I had to fire them because business was so bad."

BUT many customers remain faithful to the shop they had supported for so many years.

"We have people coming in here on Saturdays from as far as Belhar and Mitchell's Plain. Had it not been for our faithful customers, we would have had to close down years ago."

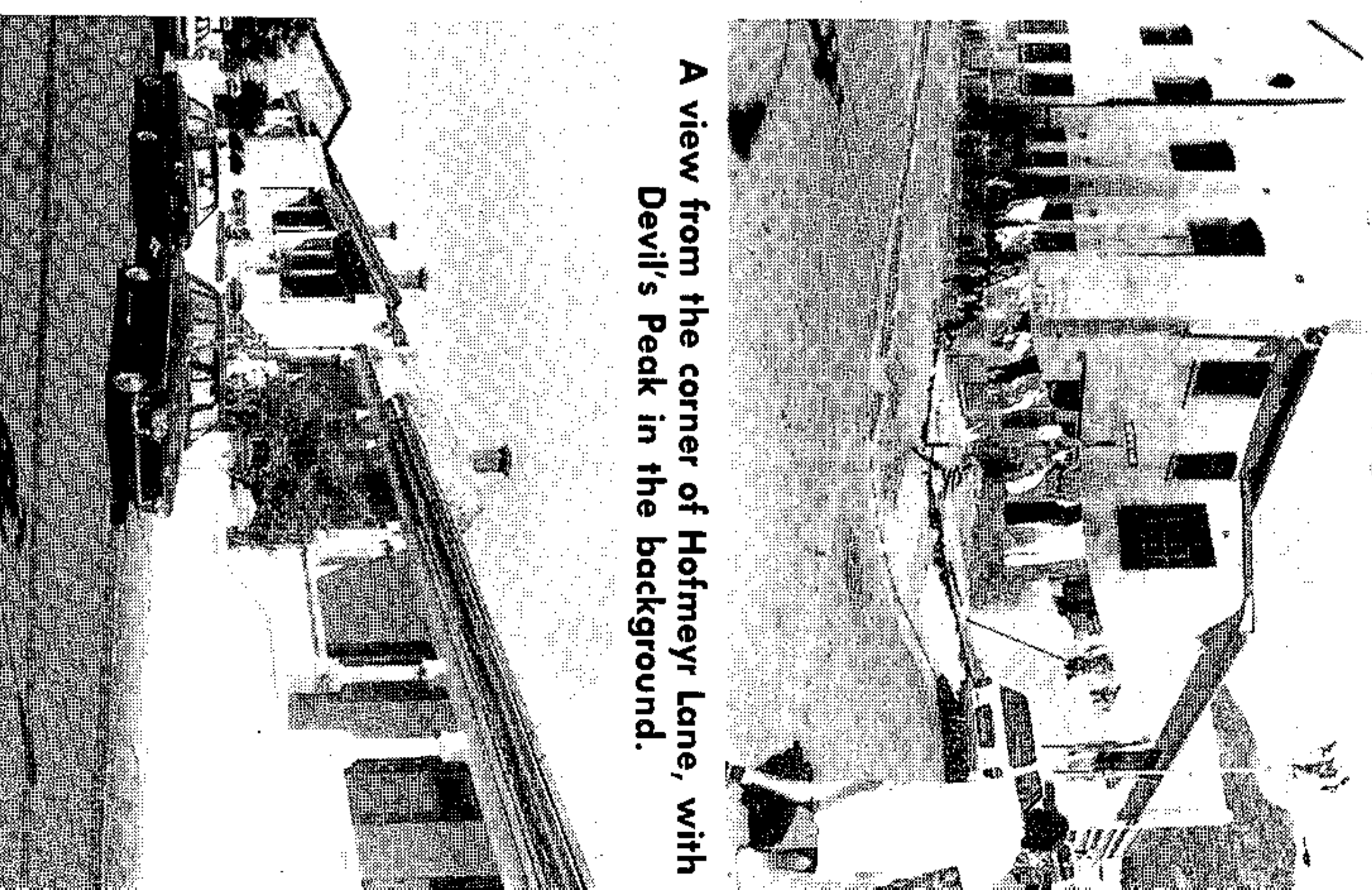
Although Woodstock was never officially classified as a "grey" area, white and coloured residents have lived in harmony for years.

The area has become a haven for mixed couples seeking sanctuary from the persecution of neighbours in white areas.

Woodstock main road
... where old Victorian buildings mingle with newer structures, and small businesses compete for trade with larger companies.



A view from the corner of Hofmeyr Lane, with Devil's Peak in the background.



Semi-detached houses line a Woodstock Street.

Stellenbosch opens up for all to trade

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Tygerberg bureau

STELLENBOSCH has opened its business districts to free trading by all races.

The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has published the four "free trading" zones for Stellenbosch in the Government Gazette.

Black and coloured businessmen now can buy and trade in most business areas of central Stellenbosch — but they cannot live in the flats, homes and student dwellings in these areas.

The districts opened up to free trade are:

- The main central business district from Borchard Street to Dorp street and along both sides of Bird and Andringa streets, which includes many flats and houses;

- Business sites opposite Du Toit station and bordered by Papegaair- and, Taylor and Bell roads;

- Four large plots bordered by Drukkers, Bird, Molteno and Adam Tas roads — which include about 30 new sectional-title flats, a student hostel and the traffic department of the Divisional Council of Stellenbosch; and,

- A small group of shops bordered by Jan Celliers, Muller and Bird roads, containing a tyre dealership, a cafe complex and a block of student flats.

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Mr Christo Matthee, chairman of the Stellenbosch Afrikaanse Sakekamer, said the free areas "mean healthy competition in our business sector".

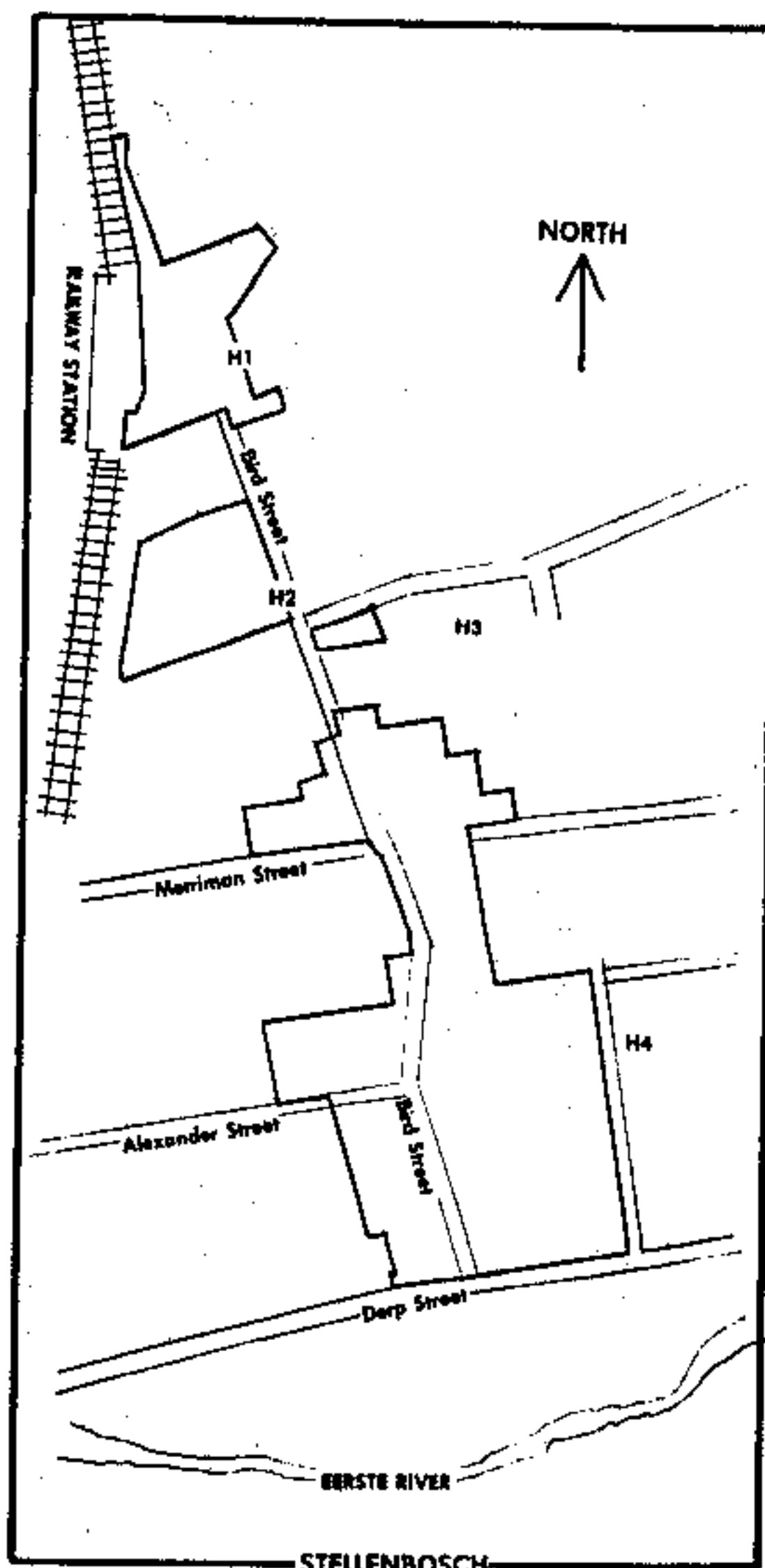
One of the first non-white businessmen to take advantage of the new rule is Mr Chris Dhelminie, who starts a tracing and collection agency on the corner of Merriman and Bird streets next month.

The property owner, well-known businessman Mr J van der Merwe, told Weekend Argus: "We never should have had restricted trading areas at all.

"Moreover, this will advance greater peace and harmony within the community. Let's face it, a man who has business interests in certain areas is not going to allow any unrest there."

Mr J D Schabort, manager of a car dealership on Bird street, also welcomed the news.

He said: "We must give the non-white residents a chance to uplift themselves. Many are extremely talented businessmen and craftsmen



and they must be given as much of a free hand as possible to develop those talents."

Mr Nick Malherbe, chairman of the Stellenbosch Chamber of Commerce, said the opening of the trade areas would create some interesting problems.

"Stellenbosch, one of the country's oldest towns, has a well-preserved old business district with multi-zoned premises, where shopowners trade in front and live with their families at the back.

FREE AREAS

"Under the present legal position, this means that the non-white businessmen buying such multi-purpose shops would be hampered.

"They would not be able to move into their own premises with their families.

"The Chamber foresees that urgent provision will have to be made to accommodate such owners," he said.

However, Mr Malherbe said his chamber had "led the pack" in urging open trading zones throughout the country.

"Stellenbosch's coloured community now is getting back the ownership rights it lost when they were forced to move out of town by the Group Areas Act," he said.

Council nod for Indian in white area

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city council voted last night to support an application in terms of the Group Areas Act for an Indian to live in a white area.

The vote came nearly two months after the council refused to back a similar application and a week after the act came under sharp focus at the National Party's Cape congress here.

A clerk at a Ciskei textile factory, Mr G. Naidoo, applied for a permit to occupy a house in

Wilfred Avenue, Greenfields.

The North End house Mr Naidoo is living in with his mother-in-law has been sold and he has been given notice to vacate it.

A move last night to have the application forwarded to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning in Port Elizabeth without any recommendation was defeated by eight votes to six.

The move to back the application was supported by Mr Donald

Card, Mr Errol Spring, Mr Joe Yazbek, Mr Ivan Zulman, Mr Eric Whitaker, Mr Len Cooper, Mr Patrick Kay and Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaighte. Those who opposed it were Mr Phillip Rohtbart, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, Mr Willem Morris, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, Mr Robbie de Lange and Mr Neville Randall.

Approached for comment last night, Mr Kay, who joined the National Party earlier this year after holding an executive position in the

New Republic Party, said: "I might be misinterpreting the State President's message but I am sure Mr P. W. Botha said the Group Areas Act is not a holy cow. If people apply and the situation is controlled, then I believe the act should entitle them to live there."

Mr Bassingthwaighte, also a National Party member, was not available for comment.

In August, an application by Mr Morgan Naidoo to live in Joan Street, Amalinda, was

turned down by the department after the city council refused to back it. The application has been resubmitted to the department.

In August, the council voted not to support an application from a coloured building contractor, Mr Errol Mitchell, for permission to occupy a house in Smith's Hill Road, Haven Hills.

It was argued then that no opinion should be given and that the department should decide on the matter.

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Woodstock: Challenge to PW

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THE PFP last night challenged President P W Botha to attend tonight's "Hands off Woodstock" rally to debate his plans to turn the racially mixed area into a "coloureds only" neighbourhood.

Mr Tian van der Merwe, PFP MP for Green Point, said Mr Botha — "or his Group Areas side-kick Mr Piet Badenhorst" — should be in the Woodstock Town Hall at 8pm tonight to explain the government's plans to residents.

"It is time the government stopped making idle statements at NP congresses about matters that affect the most basic concerns of people.

"They must stop hiding behind the bureaucracy of the Group Areas Boards and then take stupid decisions in their splendid political isolation.

"They should come and see for themselves the political madness of their plans," he said.

Mr Van der Merwe said tonight's protest meeting was open to the pub-

lic and that all groups were welcome to attend.

Meanwhile, the Western Cape Traders' Association (WCTA) yesterday came out in support of tonight's rally.

It also called on President Botha to scrap the Group Areas Act.

In a statement by its president, Mr Kassim Allie, WCTA said the Group Areas Act was "an obnoxious piece of legislation which was vigorously opposed by the black community and consistently contested in the South African courts by the black business community".

President Botha's proposed adjustment to the Group Areas Act to declare Woodstock an area for coloured occupation was another major mistake.

"Woodstock is a settled community of all races who have been living there for 300 years in peace and harmony.

"The WCTA supports the holding of the rally today and calls on the State President to repeal the Group Areas Act in its entirety," Mr Allie said.

Shell in anti-SA drive

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LONDON — The world's second biggest company, Royal Dutch/Shell, has joined the international chorus of criticism against the apartheid policies of South Africa, which it says threaten a slide towards ungovernability and chaos.

The blunt condemnation of the Pretoria government, contained in a letter from the group's senior managing director, Mr Lo van Wachem, to senior Shell executives around the world, marks a rare foray into the political arena for the international oil firm.

The letter spells out Shell's goal of unravelling apartheid through peaceful revolution — and urges fostering change by consensus to avert "the human tragedy that seems to be developing."

It urges Pretoria "to release all political prisoners, to end the ban on political organisations" — and to begin a process of negotiation.
— Sapa-RNS

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Staff Reporter

THE Government has taken the first practical steps towards declaring Woodstock a coloured group area — but it has not informed residents of its intention in writing.

An advertisement was placed in two newspapers on October 9 stating that the government was investigating the matter and called on interested parties to make representations to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning at Private Bag X 9006, Cape Town, 8000, in "quintuplicate" on or before October 31.

Reacting to this Mr Herbert Hirsch, PFP regional chairman, said yesterday that the

Woodstock: Govt moves

Government was "insincere" in its investigation as to whether Woodstock should be declared a coloured group area since it had not sent letters to individual members of the community who would be affected by the move.

This seemed to indicate that the Nationalists did not want any objections to their plans, Mr Hirsch added.

He said the advert was "to-

tally ineffective" since many people did not read the newspapers and those who did, did not read the legal columns.

He challenged the government to hold a public meeting in the area to test the opinion of residents.

Mr Hirsch said people of all races had clearly told the government to "leave us alone" at a PFP "Hands off Woodstock" meeting this month.

An official of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning said yesterday that it was normal procedure to place advertisements in newspapers. The department's spokesman could not be contacted for comment on Wednesday or yesterday.

Mr Jeremy Lawrence, who lives in Woodstock, said he had received a copy of the advertisement this week from Mr Tian van der Merwe, PFP MP. This was the first time he had heard of a definite plan to declare the area coloured, he added.

Mr Lawrence said Woodstock had always been a mixed area and added that the government's plans were "absurd".

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State President of the Republic of South Africa

No. 189, 1986

DECLARATION OF A GROUP AREA IN TERMS OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT SCOTTSDENE, DIVISIONAL COUNCIL OF STELLENBOSCH, PROVINCE OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the area defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Coloured group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Twenty-third day of September, One thousand Nine hundred and Eighty-six.

P. W. BOTHA,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

J. C. HEUNIS,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

COLOURED GROUP

Scottsdene Extension 3 (TP 11287) in its entirety.

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No. 2168

17 October 1986

RENT CONTROL ACT, 1976

DECLARATION THAT CERTAIN DWELLINGS, PARKING SPACES AND SERVANTS' ROOMS ARE EXEMPTED FROM RENT CONTROL

Under the powers vested in me by section 51 (g) of the Rent Control Act, 1976 (Act 80 of 1976), I, Abraham Adriaan Venter, Minister of Local Government, Housing

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Staatspresident van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika

No. 189, 1986

VERKLARING VAN 'N GROEPSGEBIED INGEVOLGE DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE SCOTTSDENE, AFDELINGSRAAD VAN STELLENBOSCH, PROVINSIE DIE KAAP DIE GOEIE HOOP

Kragtens artikel 23 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n gebied is vir okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Gekleurde groep.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Drie-en-twintigste dag van September Eenduisend Negehoederd Ses-en-tagtig.

P. W. BOTHA,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

J. C. HEUNIS,
Minister van die Kabinet.

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Commission investigates use of Leliefontein land

By CLARE HARPER

A COMMISSION of inquiry is underway in the coloured group area of Leliefontein, Namaqualand, to investigate the use of commonage land.

The inquiry, which has been sitting since September 26, follows representations by hundreds of residents to the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry, over the division of the land into 46 farms.

In 1984 individuals were allowed to apply for the farms but had to have at least 250 stock or R3 000 in assets and pay a minimum rent of R200 a year.

Since 30 of the 47 farms have been leased out residents are now left with only a small commonage on which to graze their animals.

Dr Lita Webley, of UCT's archaeology department, who testified before the commission, said that the farm Leliefontein in the Kamiesberg was

bought by a Kaptein Wildskut for his people to settle on in the mid-18th century.

"Their descendants have used this land communally since at least 1772. In 1854 Lord Cathcart granted Leliefontein a ticket of occupation, the land then officially belonged to the inhabitants and was declared inalienable.

Mr E Carstens, secretary of the commission, said yesterday that the commission was investigating dissatisfaction over the leasing of farms.

Chairman of the committee is Dr D A Khotze, assisted by Mr L McKenzie and Mr L le Grange.

Mr Carstens said he did not know when the findings would be made known.

Today the committee will sit at the school building at Kheis. On Monday evidence will be heard in the clinic at Klipfontein and on Thursday in the school building at Spoeg River.

CAP 7/10/86 (17)

Campaign for an 'Open Woodstock' is launched

Staff Reporter

THE "Open Woodstock" campaign was launched last night and Woodstock residents will soon receive pamphlets and door-to-door campaigners.

Mr Tian van der Merwe, PFP MP for Green Point (his constituency includes Woodstock), said last night about 40 volunteers had gathered in All Saints' Church, Woodstock.

The volunteers were canvassed at the PFP "Hands off Woodstock" meeting earlier this month. That meeting followed a remark by the State President, Mr P W Botha, that he wanted to change Woodstock into a coloured area.

Mr Van der Merwe, who is a member of the new campaign committee elect-

ed last night, said the committee hoped to submit submissions, based in part on the door-to-door survey, to a government inquiry, which has called for submissions before October 31.

He said that while the area being investigated by the government was bounded by Victoria, Albert, Church and Greatmore streets, the campaign intended to survey a much wider area.

"It is the view of everybody at the meeting tonight that Woodstock is a mixed area. It is an example of how people can live and work together in the same community and it should stay that way," he said.

The chairman of the new committee is Mr Peter Parkin, newly-elected city councillor for the area.

CMB This 18/10/86

More open areas 'in the pipeline'

By RIAAN SMIT

OF THE 14 Western Cape central business districts (CBDs) earmarked to go non-racial, only four have been gazetted as open trading areas.

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced in March that there were plans for the 14 areas to be opened.

Mr Heunis said in Parliament in March that proposals for open CBDs had been accepted for Bellville, Cape Town, Fish Hoek, Gordon's Bay, Hermanus, Kuils River, Malmesbury, Milnerton, Moorreesburg, Ottery, Paarl, Stellenbosch, Somerset West and Swellendam.

Nearly seven months later only Cape Town (the first phase), Stellenbosch, Malmesbury and Ottery had been gazetted as open trading areas, the director of land allocation in the Department of Constitutional Development, Mr Bertie Nel, said yesterday.

Pressed for an approximate time scale for the promulgation of the other areas he said it was "in the pipe line".

The assistant regional director for the department, Mr Fred van Dyk, has confirmed that proposals for open trading areas in Parow, Goodwood, Durbanville, Strand and Worcester have also been investigated and forwarded

to Pretoria.

It was confirmed yesterday that investigations into the opening of the 14 areas had been completed at regional level at the time of Mr Heunis's announcement.

But Mr Van Dyk yesterday declined to say when the completed reports were sent to the department headquarters in Pretoria.

"I cannot tell you that because people might get the idea the minister is sleeping on the job," he said.

The delay was yesterday described by Mr Nic Olivier (FPF MP) as a classic example of bureaucratic bungling.

Small Herald

CAPE Times 22/10/86

Salt River zoning query scotched

Municipal Reporter
THE government has asked the City Council whether it wants an investigation into reproclaiming part of Salt River a "coloured group area".

This was disclosed on the agenda of a City Council executive committee meeting yesterday.

The City Council refused the offer outright, a City Council spokesman said yesterday after the meeting.

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The government has often in the past disregarded the council's views in matters concerning race, he said.

The area concerned is at present proclaimed white, but inhabitants also include those classified as "coloured".

According to a report before the committee, the regional director of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning had inquired

whether the City Council wanted a "group areas investigation into the possible declaration of an area of Salt River as a coloured group area".

The area concerned is "roughly bounded by Lower Main, Malta and Nelson roads".

It is zoned for general commercial use, which permits various residential buildings.

Cape Times 23/10/86

Woodstock rallies to stay 'open'

Staff Reporter (81)

THE campaign to stop Woodstock, at present an unofficial "grey area", being declared a coloured group area, kicks off tonight.

Mr Peter Parkin, city councillor for Ward 10 and chairman of the Open Woodstock campaign, said last night that offers of help had poured in from the community. He asked all residents interested in the campaign to meet at 5 this afternoon in the Methodist Church in Roodebloem Road.

An information leaflet will be dropped in the area affected by the threatened Group Area proclamation.

"It has become quite clear that the people want Woodstock to be an open area, be free from apartheid. The residents want to be allowed to continue living together in peace without the threat of the Group Areas Act," Mr Parkin said.

"Woodstock is an open area for open people, and its racial tolerance and the co-existence of its people is the solution and not the problem."

Cape Times investigation

Lellefontein's farmers fear for future

Report and pictures: RIAAN SMIT

MR PIET KLAASE, 37, walked through the waist-high wheat in his small field in the coloured reserve Lellefontein in Namaqualand and asked bitterly: "Do you think it's right that they want to give this to one farmer as grazing for his small stock?"

Many small subsistence farmers and their wives and children, like Mr Klaase, among Lellefontein's 5 000 people, face an uncertain future in an area where change has always been as slow as donkey carts.

And they are divided about what the future holds. Lellefontein, one of the "coloured areas" in Namaqualand, was divided into 47 "economic units" or farms, and fenced off in 1984 in terms of the Rural Coloured Areas Law, Law 1 of 1979.

Before the division, farmers grazed their small stock communally and trekked within the 200 000-hectare reserve to seasonal grazing spots. Many cultivated wheat at small, allocated sites.

Thirty of the 47 farms have so far been rented for five years to a small number of farmers — at the expense of other farmers.

A commission of inquiry was appointed on September 12 by the Minister of Housing and Agriculture (House of Representatives), Mr David Curry, after a number of farmers who could not — or would not — rent farms appointed a lawyer.

He asked for a commission of inquiry on the grounds that Article 14, together with Article 41 of the Rural Coloured Areas Law, stated that "economic units" could be rented only to bona fide farmers.

Some of the 30 farms had allegedly been rented to people who are not primarily dependent on farming for an income.

The four-man commission has heard testimony and received representations since September 26.

On Tuesday, the commission sat at Klipfontein, a hamlet with about 250 inhabitants and Mr Klaase's "home town".

It was an "important day for Klipfontein", said retired school principal Mr Daniel Baard. He spoke on Monday night at his home in Tweeriviere.

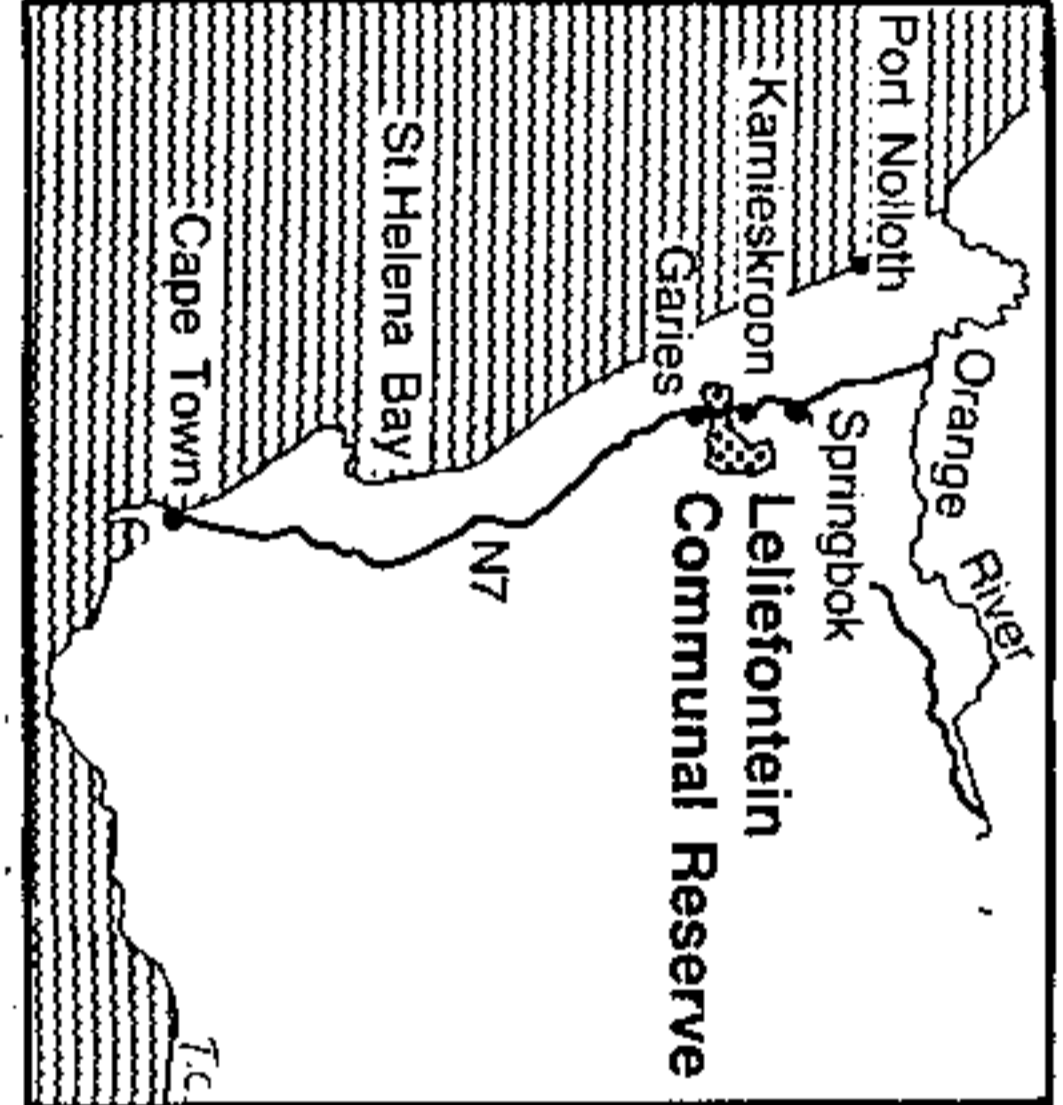
The next day about 75 people crammed into the Klipfontein NG Sunday school where Mr Klaase took the oath before commission chairman Dr Dirk Koltze.

After a few sentences of his testimony, he abandoned his prepared speech.

He told how small stock farmers had passed on the rented farms to white farmers for ridiculous prices.

He said Mr Curry visited the area on December 10, 1984, and "chased us away here at Kharkams like dogs" when they wanted to speak to him.

"He only spoke to the management committee," Mr Klaase told the commission.



Lellefontein farmers: From the left, Mr Samuel Cloete, Mr Dawid Koordon, Mr Abraham Fortuin and Mr Piet Klaase standing in Mr Klaase's wheat field.

point for about 10 minutes when Mr Klaase and Mr Piet Gal, who leases one of the farms, began arguing about the issue, ignoring the commissioners.

Later, Mr Dawid Koordon said: "We that grew up here know each other's needs. That is why my brother and I did not even think of applying for a farm together because it would have taken away land from other people."

In a private discussion the night before he said "My parents were born at Klipfontein and their parents have been buried here."

The kernel of Lellefontein "reserve" was established in 1816 by the Wesleyan Church. Most of the people are directly descended from the Nama-speaking Khoikhoi (so-called "Hottentot") people.

Their chief bought a farm for them to settle on in 1772 and this forms the focus of the present "reserve".

The boundaries of Lellefontein were established in 1854 and Lord Cathcart gave them a ticket

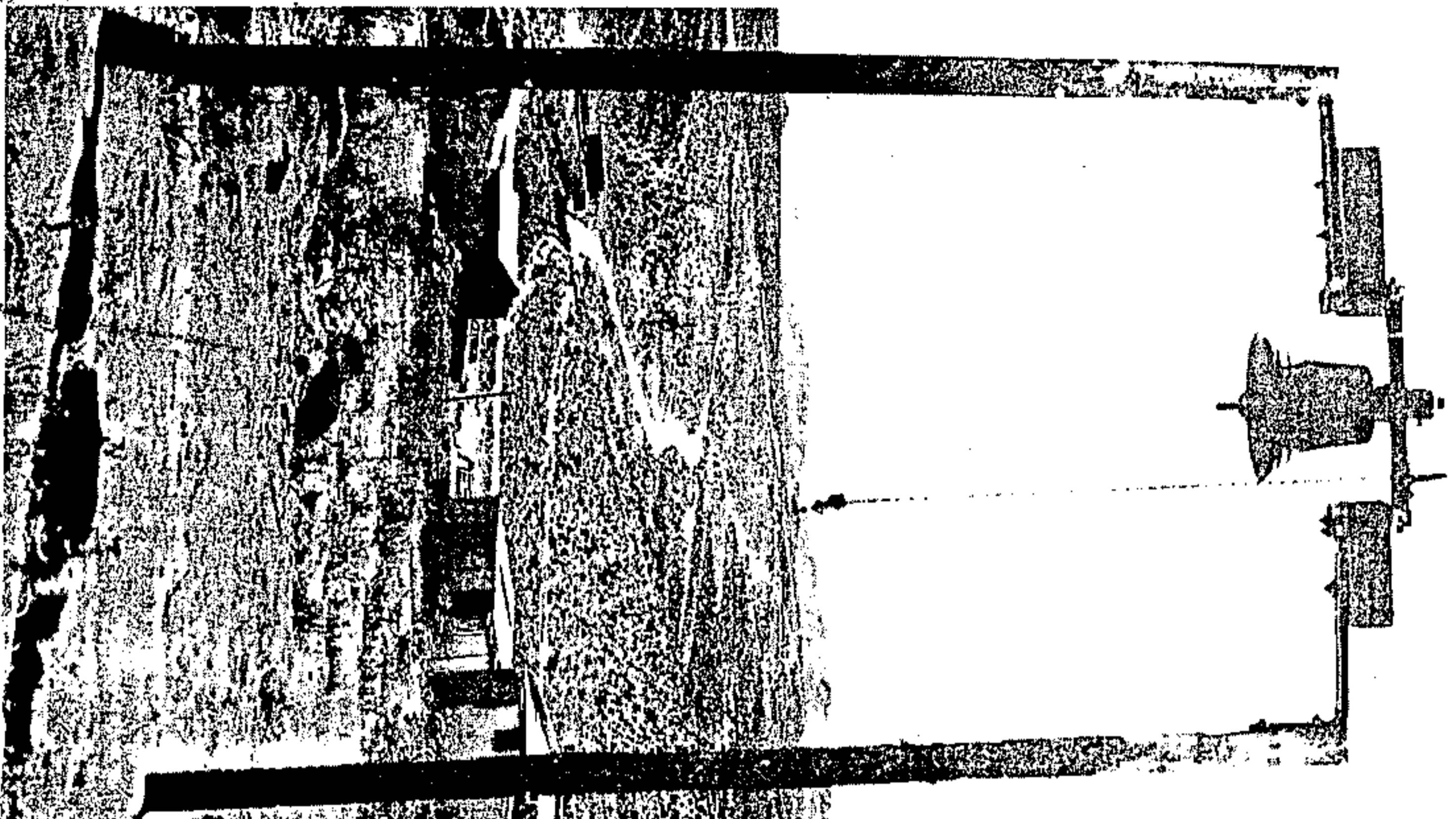
of occupation and inalienable rights to the land.

The land has become increasingly overgrazed in recent years and departmental agricultural officers blame this on the communal system of land tenure. The reserve has been divided into the 47 "economic units" aimed primarily at improving this situation.

Said commission member and regional director for agricultural information (House of Assembly) Mr Carel le Grange: "The veld deteriorates over decades and suddenly it reaches a point where it simply snaps."

Krabbos, which sheep and goats cannot eat, has already taken over large parts of the overgrazed areas in Lellefontein.

The Klipfontein town hall



Council nod for Indians to live in white areas

New bid to open all trading areas in city to all races

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Applications by three Indian families to move into white areas here have been approved by the city council in the past two months, and the council is to apply for all trading areas in the city to be opened to all races following approval by the government of three open trading areas.

Two of the applications by Indians to live in white areas were supported by the council this week after a request from the regional representative of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning in Port Elizabeth for comment.

The council agreed to support an application by Mr L. Makan to move into a house in Deer Lodge Drive in Dorchester Heights, and another by Mr B. Kershaw to live in a house in St James Road, Southernwood.

Mr Kershaw, who owns a café in St James Road, applied to occupy the house next to the business, and Mr Makan, a stores controller, did not have suitable accommodation in the Indian areas.

It is understood that, in the action committee this week, some councillors wanted the matter to be passed onto the government without comment. This, however, was defeated in open council.

Earlier this month, the council also approved an application from a clerk

at a Ciskei textile factory, Mr G. Naidoo, to live in a house in Wilfred Avenue, Greenfields.

It refused to support one by Mr Morgan Naidoo to live in Joan Street, Amalinda, and another by a coloured building contractor, Mr Errol Mitchell, to occupy a house in Smith's Hill Road, Haven Hills.

At meetings to consider the applications concerning Amalinda and Haven Hills, the majority of councillors voted to send them to the government without comment.

On the Greenfields application, the strategy was defeated and councillors voted eight-six to support it.

Two National Party councillors, Mr Patrick Kay and Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaite, backed the application.

Mr Kay said after the meeting he did not think the Group Areas Act was a "holy cow".

On open trading areas, the council has decided to resubmit its application for the opening of all trade areas to all races.

The move follows a government announcement last month proclaiming three areas to be Section 19 areas. Section 19 of the Group Areas Act frees the areas from being declared for one population group only.

The areas are the central business district, Arcadia, which is a major portion of land zoned for light industrial use, and a small portion of land straddling Porter Street.

However, the proclamation did not include all the areas requested by the council.

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**Petition for an 'open'
Woodstock tomorrow**

Political Correspondent

'OPEN Woodstock' campaign volunteers have dropped leaflets at 2 500 houses in the area.

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The campaign was started after President P W Botha's recent remark that as far as he was concerned Woodstock should become coloured and the Department of Constitutional Development announcement of a group areas inquiry into part of the suburb.

Mr Tian van der Merwe, MP for Green Point, the constituency in which Woodstock falls, said workers would go through the area again tomorrow, including Walmer Estate and University Estate, to gather signatures for a petition asking for the area to be legally opened to all race groups.

The workers will set out from Roodebloem Road Methodist Church at noon.

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Notice boards of the Division of Economics on level 4 in the Leslie Social Sciences Building and those of the Division of Economic History on the second floor of Beattie Building, are the official channels of communication and students are expected to read all notices posted there. Failure to read official notices will not be considered as sufficient excuse for not conforming with their requirements.

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A charge may be made for certain material issued during the year. In addition special material such as the Budget White Paper, reproductions of scarce articles, etc., will be charged for separately, at cost.

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Free trade in Paarl, Swellendam

Staff Reporter *ARBUS 24/10/86*

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SWELLENDAM and Paarl have free trading areas from today.

According to a notice in the Government Gazette, the towns' central business districts are open to all races for trading, commercial, professional, religious and educational purposes.

In terms of the proclamation, members of all race groups may freely own and occupy buildings and land in the areas.

Free trade areas have already been declared in Cape Town, Stellenbosch and Malmesbury.

Cape Times
24/10/86

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Curry denies chasing farmers away 'like dogs'

Staff Reporter

THE Minister of Local Government, Agriculture and Housing, Mr David Curry, denied yesterday that he "chased away Leliefontein farmers like dogs" during a visit to the area in 1984.

Leliefontein, a rural area near Garies, in Namaqualand, which used to consist largely of communal grazing lands, was fenced off into 47 "economic units" in 1984. Thirty of these have been leased to individual farmers in a bid to stop overgrazing.

This upset many small-scale farmers in the area, who began to fear for their future.

One of these farmers, Mr Piet Klase, told the Cape Times this week that Mr Curry visited the area on December 10, 1984 and had "chased us away like dogs" and "only spoke to the management committee".

Mr Curry said yesterday that he had visited the area at the request of a deputation from the farmers, under the leadership of a Mr Chris Fortuin.

"Mr Fortuin did not even turn up when I went up there, but a whole crowd turned up. It was impossible to hold a public meeting, no hall was available and I had not arranged such a meeting, so I refused to hold it.

"Instead I met representatives whom they chose. They also met the management committee. I chased no one away," Mr Curry said.



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Petition plan for Woodstock

CAPE TIMES 25/10/80

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

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THE "Open Woodstock" campaign continues today with the launching of a petition drive by residents opposed to government plans to classify the area coloured.

The chairman of the campaign, Mr Peter Parkin, urged residents who opposed the proposed "Group Areas forced removal" to meet at noon today at the Methodist Church in Roodébloem Road.

He said the campaign got off to a "flying start" on Thursday evening when 50 local volunteers distributed Group Areas information leaflets to more than 2 500 houses in less than two hours.

"It was a magnificent community effort. In these difficult times it is very reassuring to see such goodwill maintained amongst residents of different races," Mr Parkin said.

"A clear message is emerging — Woodstock residents are proud of their long history of racial tolerance and they want to be left alone to continue living together in peace."

Mr Parkin stressed that the campaign was not being run by any political party but by the local residents themselves. "On this basis it has the support of City Councillor for Ward 8, Alderman Sol Kreiner."

Another "Open Woodstock" meeting will take place on Tuesday night to discuss approaches to government concerning the campaign. Details of time and venue have still to be released.

Woodstock protests new group areas rule

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The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has demarcated the area bounded by Victoria, Greatmore, Albert and Church streets to be classified coloured.

Objections to the proposal have to be submitted to the department by October 31. — Sapa

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Go-ahead for open (8) trade in PE soon

Post Reporter

THE go-ahead for opening areas of Port Elizabeth for trade by people of all races could appear in the Government Gazette in two weeks time.

This was said today by the director of land allocations with the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Bertie Nell.

Speaking from Pretoria, he said the department "was still considering" the matter.

Asked which areas were likely to be opened to traders of all races, Mr Nell said one could be guided by "those areas previously advertised" by the department.

These include the two existing "open" areas at Pinchin Lane and Cotterill Street, the Central Business District, part of North End, Newton Park and Greenacres.

The Port Elizabeth City Council has recommended that all trade areas in the city be opened, but Mr Nell indicated this was unlikely.

Foreign Ministry.
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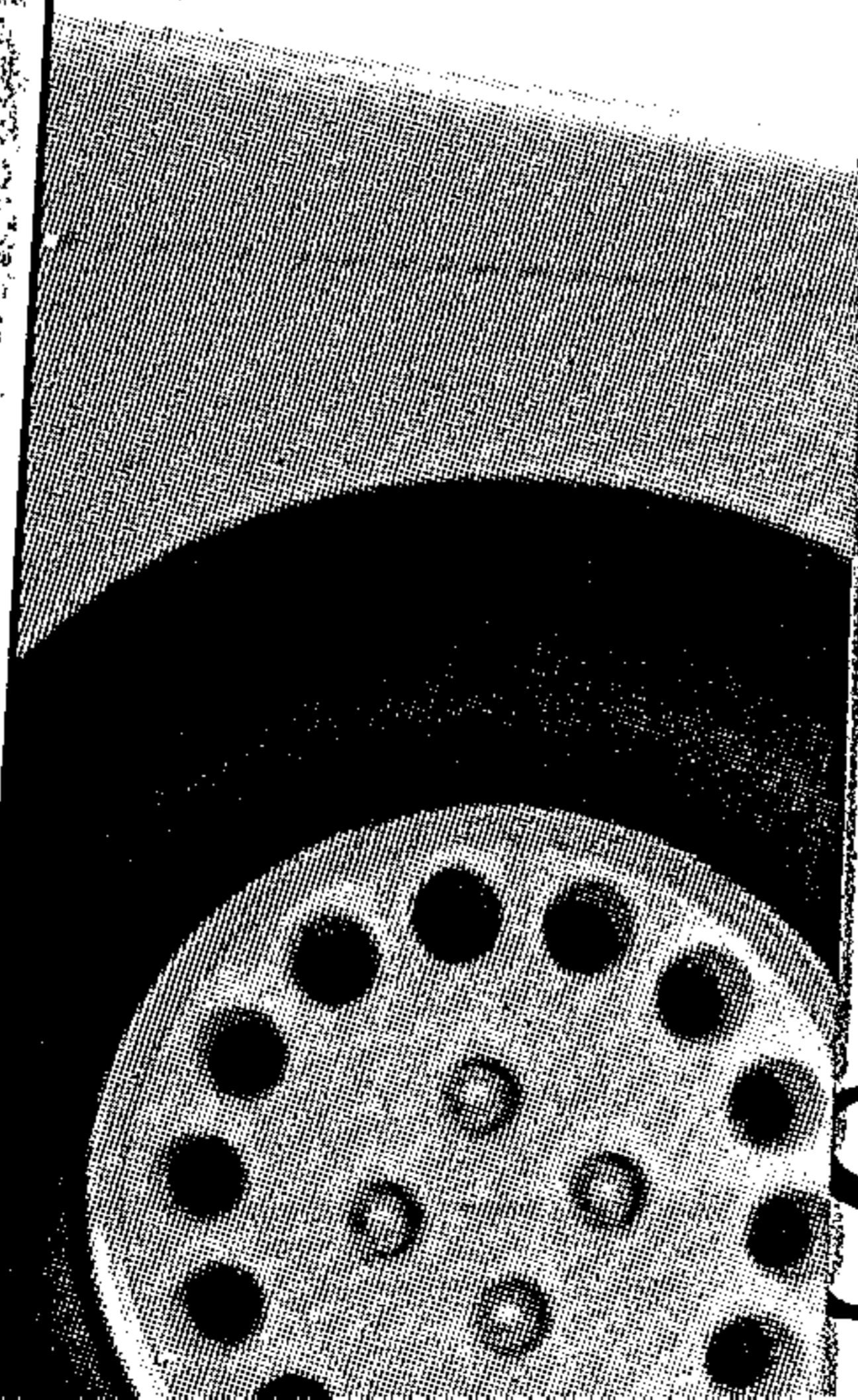
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Farm labour comes under the spotlight

Labour Reporter

THE South African Agricultural Union is taking a hard look at farm labour conditions and policies.

Labour relations and conditions of service were discussed at the union's annual congress in Bloemfontein according to a union statement.

The desirability of including farm workers under labour legislation was considered, as well as amendments needed to make the legislation acceptable to agriculture.

The president, Mr Kobus Jooste, said it had become necessary to appoint an expert in labour matters to establish investigation and advisory services.

"There is a growing need among farmers and agricultural organisations for guidance about developments in this field," he said.

"In spite of the measure of labour peace in agriculture and satisfactory relations between farmers and farm workers, activities in this regard must be kept up in order to further raise the level of manpower management in agriculture."

Farm workers have been ex-

cluded so far from the Labour Relations Act and a long-awaited report on domestic and farm workers from the National Manpower Commission has yet to be made public.

The commission was instructed in 1982 to begin an inquiry into employment conditions for the two groups.

It is understood that one reason for the delay in publication was opposition to certain recommendations from organised agriculture.

Reserve Bank probe of 'irregularities'

PRETORIA. — The Reserve Bank is investigating alleged exchange control irregularities.

The bank's governor, Dr Gerhard de Kock, said yesterday that an investigation of allegations in a newspaper yesterday would be held in close co-operation with the Department of Finance.

And, "at the insistence of Dr J A Lombard, it will also cover the insinuation that he, as a deputy-governor of the Reserve Bank, was involved in the alleged irregularities, which he strongly denies." — Sapa.

'End group areas tension in Cape'

Political Correspondent

THE New Republic Party has called on the Government not to create any further group areas in the Cape.

Mr R K Hallack, Peninsula chairman of the party, said at the weekend Cape congress of the party that there was tension in Woodstock following recent remarks by President P W Botha and an announcement that a group area investigation was being launched.

He said no further group areas determinations should be made in the Peninsula.

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The party's leader, Mr Bill Sutton, said Mr Botha seemed to be speaking in general terms when he referred to Woodstock.

He said it was surprising that he had done so in view of the President's Council investigation into the Group Areas Act which would be completed soon.

But he said Mr Botha had left wide open the question of what should happen to the Act.

Mr Sutton advised people in the Woodstock area not to be too upset as he did not think that the group areas process would continue.

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Woodstock gives 'message of hope'

Staff Reporter

MANY Woodstock residents who signed a petition to declare the area free from Group Areas Act restriction said they knew the suffering caused by the Act and did not want their neighbours and friends to suffer too, a campaign spokesman said.

Mr Peter Parkin, chairman of the Open Woodstock Campaign, said the goodwill of all residents in the mixed area had "come through quite clearly".

Mr Parkin said more than 500 people signed the petition on Saturday and another concerted effort would be made to canvass the rest of the 373 houses in the area.

"The compassion shown by coloured families for their white neighbours is a message of hope and also an indication of how much better our lives would be without apartheid and the Group Areas Act," Mr Parkin said.

There will be a campaign meeting in the All Saints Church in Roodebloem Road, Woodstock, at 5.30pm today.

PW's area plan 'irresponsible'

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

IN calling for Woodstock to be made an exclusively coloured area, President P W Botha was guilty of preempting the findings of his very own President's Council (PC) investigation into the Group Areas Act, NRP leader Mr Bill Sutton charged at the weekend.

Mr Sutton, a member of the President's Council, said Mr Botha's call for a coloured Woodstock before the publication of the PC's long-awaited Group Areas report was "irresponsible".

At variance with suggestions

In addition, he maintained Mr Botha's move to create more racially exclusive neighbourhoods was at variance with the recommendations of the already completed PC report.

Replying to a resolution at the NRP's Cape congress at the weekend, which condemned any further attempts to introduce Group Areas delimitations in the Peninsula, Mr Sutton said: "To the people of Woodstock I say don't get so worried about it (Mr

Botha's remarks). I do not believe that this process is going to take place in the country."

Earlier, after it was noted that the NRP's policy favoured the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, Mr Sutton said: "I do not think the party will be disappointed by the PC report on the Act."

Sweeping changes

This was interpreted by delegates as an indication that the PC report would, at very least, recommend sweeping changes to the Group Areas Act, with a strong emphasis on local option — a cornerstone of NRP policy.

Delegates to the congress expressed outrage at attempts by President Botha to uproot one of Cape Town last remaining "mixed" neighbourhoods.

'Disgraceful' plan

The regional chairman of the NRP, Captain R K Hallack, said whites felt threatened by Mr Botha's "disgraceful" plans for Woodstock.

"There may be any amount of heart attacks and strokes taking place in Woodstock over this latest plan. Our party is dead against this," he said.

Study pinpoints the workers' cash problems

By DICK USHER
Labour Reporter

WORKING-class households on the Cape Flats are confronted by seemingly insoluble financial problems.

This conclusion has been reached by Mr Wynand Louw of the University of Western Cape in a study in Manenberg, Mitchell's Plain and Crossroads of the need for advice offices and financial services.

Political suppression and economic exploitation had led to a highly structured class society where the vast majority had little or no access to the legal system, and there was a dire need for financial and legal community-based action and aid, he said.

Advice offices were the link between the citizen and the law. They could also suggest that there were remedies and not only problems. He proposed an advice-office trust to:

- Act as a network agency between existing advice facilities;
- Provide initial finance for newly established offices; and
- Compile and distribute training and educational material.

Money shortage

The study showed the main areas of financial problems: budgeting, rent, water and electricity, hire-purchase, medical aid, unemployment insurance, income tax, fines, funeral insurance, pensions and savings.

"The dominant problems in all three sample areas are intimately related to chronic shortage of money. A variety of other money-related problems were ranked relatively high by all three sample areas," said the study.

"If the severity and range of these problems are seen in the context of a generally low level of formal education present in the working class (which in itself often results in difficulty in coping with life's daily demands) it becomes obvious that a need for advice does exist in these communities."

Although the study recognised that the difficulty of family budgeting was directly related to inadequate income and poverty and there was little an outside agency could do on that level, it was also possible to advise and educate people on managing and spending available income.

"The problem is, however, that so many households have virtually nothing to budget with once fixed expenditures such as water and electricity and rent are paid."

Hire-purchase

Several abuses of the hire-purchase system were found.

In many instances it was the only alternative available to the working class to buy expensive but necessary household commodities and served an important social function in the overall enhancement of life.

But 36 percent of respondents said they had experienced problems and a need existed to advise people on how to avoid over-extending themselves and to assist customers with problems arising from irregularities.

Possibly because people were embarrassed about discussing difficulties, hire-purchase problems could be seen as the most effectively concealed financial problem area in working-class communities.

A particularly high 69 percent of people in Mitchell's Plain — where sub-economic rents are significantly higher than Manenberg and Hanover Park — said they had rent problems.

Many want open Woodstock, says Parkin

By PETER DENNEHY

WOODSTOCK residents had expressed overwhelming support for the opening of their suburb to people of all races, Mr Peter Parkin said in an acclaimed maiden speech in the City Council yesterday.

Mr Parkin, who became a councillor last month, has been active in the "Open Woodstock Campaign".

He said yesterday that in less than a week, campaigners had collected 674 signatures from the 373 houses in the

area of Woodstock, called "DDK", which may have its group area status changed from white to coloured.

The signatures would be handed in to the relevant department today, he said. Many of the signatories were coloured people who had suffered removal under the Group Areas Act.

"Their message of goodwill is that they will not allow their white friends and neighbours to be forced out," Mr Parkin said.

Mr Sol Kreiner, who is also a councillor for part of Woodstock, suggested that a "plan-van", or mobile technical information centre, should be sent into the area with officials who would be able to discuss problem areas and given out information on upgrading properties.

"A major urban renewal should take place," he said. "The state should take over properties from slum landlords not prepared to fix them, and it should fix them and sell them to existing ten-

ants," he said.

Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the housing committee, said upgrading ensured that the poor who used to live in an area were forced out, unless they were subsidized.

□ The Table Bay circuit of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa this week urged its people to actively support the campaign for an open Woodstock "and all other strategies which challenge the Group Areas Act".

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Woodstock: Councillor rejects probe

By JOHN YELD
Municipal Reporter

WOODSTOCK has a long history of "racial tolerance and peaceful coexistence" and the community is "overwhelmingly" in favour of an open suburb, new ward councillor Mr Peter Parkin has told Cape Town City Council.

In his maiden speech yesterday he supported an executive committee recommendation rejecting a group-areas investigation into the possible declaration of part of Woodstock as a coloured area and said residents had lived "happily side by side" since long before the the Group Areas Act.

They had responded by forming an "Open Woodstock" campaign and 674 signatures from 373 homes had been collected in less than a week.

"Forced out"

Mr Parkin said many coloured people who signed had been moved from their homes in Claremont, Newlands and other suburbs, but had sent a "message of goodwill" that they would not allow their white friends to be "forced out".

Another ward councillor, Mr Sol Kreiner, said District Six and Walmer Estate were "like two sick sisters lying side by side".

"District Six was given the wrong medicine in the form of slum clearance, while Walmer Estate was given a new lease of life by urban renewal," he said.

Woodstock produced "good stock" in the form of a Miss Universe (Margaret Gardiner), a cardinal (Cardinal McCann) and a mayor (Mr Gerry Ferry), and a long-term solution was a major urban renewal scheme, Mr Kreiner said.

Mr Chris Joubert said he supported the recommendation "for different reasons". Amid a flurry of interjections he said: "As a supporter of this

Government and of the State President, Mr P W Botha, who I will walk through fire for, I appeal to him to leave Woodstock as it is."

Mr Joubert said he believed the policy of reform was "to remove hurtful legislation" and that declaring a group area would do "untold damage" to this process.

"I believe District Six should be occupied by people of all colour, race or creed — the slum has been cleared."

Referring to reports that the suggestion for the investigation had come from a brief interchange between Mr Botha and Mr Chris Heunis at the National Party congress in East London, Dr John Sonnenberg said: "This casual attitude shows us they have absolutely no idea of what the feelings are of people at grassroots level."

He said "untold misery" could result from the "nodding of a head".

Mrs Eulalie Stott said the area had not yet recovered from the "appalling plight" forced on it by the Population Registration Act and the Group Areas Act.

An additional amendment by Exco chairman Mr Dick Friedlander that the city engineer urgently investigate an "action area pilot scheme" for the revitalisation of Woodstock and Salt River was adopted unanimously.



Neatening up: South Africa's first black Defence Force battalion, the 21st Lenasia Battalion, at a city hall parade to receive 'freedom of the right of entry to Johannesburg'

Picture: STEVE HILTON-BARBER, Afrapix

All-race campaign to keep Woodstock mixed

THE white and coloured communities of the unofficially-mixed suburb of Woodstock have joined forces in a campaign to reject the possible proclamation of their neighbourhood as a coloured group area.

An investigation into the pros and cons of proclaiming Woodstock coloured is being conducted by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning. A statement by President PW Botha earlier this month supported the idea.

If Woodstock were declared a coloured group area, its white residents would have to move.

"The first nail is being driven into the coffin of residential segregation in South Africa," says newly-elected city

By MOIRA LEVY, Cape Town

councillor Peter Parkin, chairman of the "open Woodstock" campaign.

He says coloured residents have told him they refuse to stand by while another community, this time white, is forced from their homes.

At a public meeting in Woodstock, resident Mrs Helena St Jerry said many coloureds had moved to Woodstock from District Six, Claremont or Newlands after these suburbs were declared "white".

Campaign surveys of the approximately 373 houses in the affected area of Woodstock show almost unanimous opposition to the move. A total of 674 residents have

signed a petition calling for Woodstock to be declared an open area.

Leaflets and house-to-house visits have shown "Woodstock residents want to be left alone to continue to live together in peace and racial harmony", Parkin says.

"It has been a magnificent community effort. In these difficult times it is very reassuring to see such goodwill maintained amongst residents of different races. It is quite clear that the people want Woodstock to be an area free from apartheid.

"One of the questions the residents are all asking is: has the government been to Woodstock? Has it taken the trouble to speak to the residents to

find out their feelings on how drastically this is going to affect them?

"Woodstock has a proud history of racial tolerance and co-operation. The community is demanding that the suburb be officially declared an open area."

Parkin believes the campaign is the start of a Cape Town-wide attack on the Group Areas Act by residents of other unofficially mixed suburbs.

The government investigation is presently confined to the area marked "DB/K" on the map, which includes only part of greater Woodstock. But the "open Woodstock" campaign has vowed if it is successful it will fight to have the whole of Woodstock declared open, Parkin says.

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Methodists oppose coloured group area for Woodstock 81

Staff Reporter

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THE Methodist Church Table Bay circuit is opposed to a coloured group area in Woodstock which it wants declared an open area.

In a statement, the Rev W Alistair Rundle, superintendent minister of the circuit, urged Methodists to "actively support the campaign for an open Woodstock and all other strategies which challenge the Group Areas Act to bear testimony to our vision of an undivided, non-racial, just and democratic society".

The circuit, representing seven congregations in Cape Town, mentioned the church's "consistent rejection of the Group Areas Act as a pillar of the apartheid heresy and the immense suffering caused by forced removal of people all over South Africa and in our own circuit".

The statement was a response to the Department of Constitutional Development's intention to launch an official investigation into the proclamation of a coloured group area in Woodstock.

Open schools to racees, say parents

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By GAYE DAVIS, Education Reporter

A LARGE majority of parents who responded to a survey in Camps Bay believe classroom race-barriers should be removed.

The parents also feel the Group Areas Act should be scrapped and they favour a single education department.

But a spokesman at the office of the Minister of Education and Culture in the Ministers Council of the Assembly, Mr Piet Claes, said a request for open schools in Camps Bay would not be granted.

He referred to the rejections of similar requests from other schools on the grounds that such requests were contrary to the constitution, according to which education was an "own affair".

The organisers of the poll, a committee comprising the school committees of Camps Bay high, primary and preparatory schools, believe that mixed schools can exist legally under the constitution.

Of 953 detailed questionnaires, 453 were returned.

Criteria

Most parents indicated that:

- Schools should be non-racial with admission based on the nearness of pupils' homes and on educational criteria.
- The Group Areas Act should be scrapped (81 percent in favour).
- A single education department should be established (92 percent).
- Their children (82 percent) and most of their friends and neighbours (59 percent) would feel "positive" about opening schools to all.
- Non-racial education would best prepare children for living in South African society (88 percent) and help children's understanding and tolerance (85 percent).
- Teaching staff should be appointed on merit, regardless of race (88 percent).
- Many also believed that cultural differences could pose educational problems (57 percent) and that integration could cause standards to drop (61 percent).

Clauses

The committee said however that educational problems "linked to political perceptions" and activism in black schools already existed under the present system.

The committee recommended that the Government allowed a community to opt for open education.

The committee said it believed a clause in the constitution allowed education departments to admit pupils of other race groups where no schools existed for them.

Another clause allowed a deviation from "own affairs" if education departments agreed.

Mr Colin Eglin, leader of the Progressive Federal Party and MP for Sea Point, said today he had been kept informed about the survey and the committee's work.

He said: "I will do whatever I can to persuade the Government to heed the wishes of the parents of Camps Bay. I and the whole development extremely hopeful and positive."

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Switched-on Lavis to lose 'ghost' image

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Staff Reporter

THE electrification of 2 200 Bishop Lavis houses — a Cape Flats township which has been fighting for years to obtain domestic electricity — will start next week.

The township would no longer be a "ghost town" or "kill me quick" and might become a select suburb, the Labour Party MP for Bishop Lavis, Mr Nic Isaacs, said at a press conference yesterday.

Many householders had been fighting for more than 20 years to obtain electrification for their houses and were faced with high bills for alternative fuels like paraffin, gas, oil and candles.

According to Mr Isaacs, 400 houses had already been electrified on the tenants' initiative. Electricity was cheaper than the alternative fuels.

The 14- to 18-month electrification process would start on Monday and about 60 houses would be completed

by the end of the year.

It is calculated that rent increases for two-bedroomed houses will be R6,36, three-bedroomed houses R6,73 and four-bedroomed R7,03.

Tenants would have to pay a deposit of R150 to Escom and a monthly levy of R10. The deposit would be returned if electricity accounts were paid in full, Mr Isaacs said.

The Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture made R2 217 649 available in May, and in October accepted the lowest tender of R1 213 753.

The difference between the approved amount and tender amount would be made up by cost escalation, professional fees and other indirect costs.

A spokesman for the Bishop Lavis Youth Congress said there was a high rate of unemployment and the residents would not be able to pay increased rent.

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PE areas



By DENISE BOUTALL

SEVEN free trade areas have been proclaimed in Port Elizabeth, according to a notice published in the Government Gazette today.

The areas include two in the city centre, Newton Park, Greenacres, North End, Korsten and the Produce Street area next to the Baakens River.

The president of the PE Chamber of Commerce, Mr Carl Coetzer, welcomed the news, but added: "It's not good enough."

The limited free trade areas were contrary to the wishes of both the chamber and the City Council.

"The announcement today won't stop us from pushing as hard as we can to eliminate all forms of discrimination on the grounds of colour in all aspects of business," he said.

In terms of the notice, people of all races are allowed to "use, occupy or acquire" buildings and land in these areas for trading, commercial, professional, religious or educational purposes.

According a statement released by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, the possibility of deproclaiming certain industrial areas in the white group area for use by all races is also being investigated.

Established trading areas which have not been opened include the Commercial Road area, the Hill area, Walmer, the western suburbs and the beachfront.

The Produce Street and Cottrell Street areas have been open for years.

The North End area stretches from the Showgrounds in the north to Myrtle Avenue in the south. The two central areas are to the south and include the CBD. The Newton Park area falls between Second and Fifth Avenues.

Today's notice comes 21 months after the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced that all the CBDs would be opened "without delay".

ANOTHER group of Ned Geref Kerk members opposed to the general synod's resolutions on apartheid and non-racial services has added its support to a protest meeting planned for November 28.

More than 170 Western Transvaal NGK members said yesterday they would try to attract as many dissatisfied members as possible to the meeting, to be held in Pretoria's Skilpadsaal.

The meeting was announced on November 1, after a gathering of disenchanted NGK members in Pretoria. They resolved to hold a mass meeting to decide on co-ordinated action countrywide against the

NG Kerk protest widens

synod's resolutions.

The Western Transvaal members met in Lichtenburg on Saturday and resolved unanimously to reject the synod's decisions that church membership should be open to all, its "undefined judgment" of apartheid, its "encouragement" of multi-racial services and its "over-emphasis" of church unity across racial lines.

In condemning the synod's resolution on apartheid, the Lichtenburg meeting said that would bring countless apartheid measures under suspicion.

It said: "Separate residential areas and schools, separate facilities and voters' rolls are also apartheid measures."

The meeting also appealed to other NGK members not to leave the church hastily but to wait for the decisions of the meeting on November 28.

Saturday's meeting was attended by NGK members from Biesiesvlei, Bospoort, Coligny, Lichtenburg, Mafikeng, Nietverdiend, Ottosdal, Sannieshof, Ventersdorp and Zeerust. — Sapa.

Hands off Woodstock, govt told

CAPE TOWN Chamber of Commerce has called on government to give up any idea it might have of proclaiming the suburb of Woodstock a coloured group area — a possibility hinted at recently by President P W Botha.

And it has renewed its call for a government commitment to abolish all remaining discriminatory measures, including the Group Areas Act.

In a memorandum submitted to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, the chamber spells out a number of reasons why it believes Woodstock

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should not be tampered with.

Firstly, the racial structure of residents living in the suburb has always been very mixed. According to the 1980 census, Woodstock's population was 18 864, of whom 10 724 were coloured and 7 408 white.

The chamber argues that the absence of a large preponderance of residents of one racial group living in the area means that a considerable number of families will have to be moved should it be proclaimed a group area.

This would fly in the face of gov-

ernment's stated resolve not to pursue its policy of forced removals, and its final acceptance that such actions are enormously disruptive and destructive of community structures.

The chamber recalls that a 1978 investigation concluded that no purpose would be served in changing the racial character or status of the area — and there could be no new reason for reversing that decision.

It emphasises, instead, that it would best serve the public interest to have Woodstock deproclaimed so as to allow ownership and/or occupation by members of any race group.

No ⁸¹ rush to PE's free trade areas

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By DENISE BOUTALL

THERE has been no dramatic demand by blacks for property in Port Elizabeth's newly proclaimed free trade areas.

However, estate agents confirm that they have had a number of inquiries over the past few months and believe that the new opportunity to trade in the city's former whites-only business areas will soon be taken up.

The proclamation of seven free trade areas last Friday came 21 months after the Government announced plans to open all the country's central business districts. Two of the five areas had been free trade areas for some years.

One estate agent, Mr Derek Smith, said the maps depicting the free trade areas were so complex that it took him two hours to figure which properties were affected in the central area alone.

"It's a crazy jigsaw puzzle. I can't see why they didn't open all the business areas. I see no justification for this," he said.

Despite these reservations, it was "at least a step in the right direction. Free competition must lead to better prices for the consumers."

Mr Smith said it was impossible to gauge the impact of the proclamation at this stage.

"We had some inquiries in recent months from people who want to buy property for investment purposes, people who want to rent premises as well as

people who want to buy business properties for their own use," he said.

The establishment of free trade areas could take up the slack in available business premises in the city. The vacancy rate in PE was no worse than in the other major cities because there had been virtually no development in the last few years.

Mr Phillip Bowman said he had had inquiries from time to time this year and predicted that North End would be the first area to benefit from the proclamation. He said demand would be mainly for ground floor retail space.

He, too, criticised the limitations of the proclamation.

He also expressed concern over the fact that the Commercial Road shopping area had not been opened.

In terms of maps provided by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning the free trade areas are: **Greenacres:** the entire shopping complex as well as the peripheral office buildings.

Newton Park: this area falls between Second and Fifth Avenue.

Korsten: the area bounded by Kempston Road, Standford Road, Cottrell Street, Caseley Street, Kay Street, Dudley Street, Lynn Street and the Dry Lake.

North End: from the Showgrounds in the North to Myrtle Avenue in the south. The free trade area consists mainly of a long narrow strip on both sides of Main Street.

Central: This includes the central business district and Produce Street.

12 000 houses to be built in new suburb

By PETER DENNEHY

MORE THAN 12 000 houses are to be built by the private sector in the next ten years in a new suburb called Meltonrose, next to Blue Downs, according to a structure plan released yesterday by the Stellenbosch Divisional Council.

Meltonrose will comprise Eerste River, Kleinvlei and Gaylee, covering just over 1 100 hectares along the railway line between Blackheath and Faure.

The plan provides for a population of 70 000 in Meltonrose, and sets aside land for 21 primary schools, eight high schools, 17 creches, three community centres and two large sports complexes.

Mr J C Adendorff, the SDC's chief planner, said the development of Blue Downs had given a boost to the growth of Meltonrose, which already had 2 300 houses.

"We get so many applications from private developers that we can hardly cope," he said.

Meltonrose was about a third of the size of the Blue Downs project. The two would develop together.

Mr Martin Hutton-Squire, an associate partner in MLH architects and planners, said at a news conference in Stellenbosch that some of the dwellings envisaged would be shell and core houses.

Certain streets, such as Forest Road, Bob's Way, Stratford Road and Canal Road, would channel traffic away from residential areas and provide development lines for small commerce.

Indian chemist gets his shop

By PETER DENNEHY

AN Indian chemist has been allowed to open shop in a coloured area.

Mr Hidayet Ismail, 23, opened his Lotusway pharmacy yesterday afternoon on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Zeekoei Road in Grassy Park after a five-month delay while his matter was on appeal.

According to the Divisional Council, the management committee recommended on June 10 that Mr Ismail's application for a trading licence be refused.

However, the Divisional Council overruled the decision.

A former city councillor, Mr Dawood Khan, said the decision was a victory over the suburb's management committee.

Mr Khan said that if the Divisional Council had not overruled the decision he would have taken the matter to the Supreme Court.

The chairman of the Grassy Park management committee, Mr S Ebrahim, denied at the time that his committee wanted the licence withheld on racial grounds.

He said the refusal had been recommended because the management committee had not been consulted when the permit was initially issued.

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'District Six to rise from ashes' — hope for all

By JOHN MacLENNAN, Political Staff

A NEW and greater District Six could become a symbol of hope if it rises from Group Areas ashes as the country's first mixed suburb where people of all races will be able to live and work together.

The urban renewal and rebirth project proposed by BP (British Petroleum) Southern Africa will provide Cape Town and possibly the whole country with a new heart if the example gets official approval and is emulated in other rundown city areas.

According to BP this will go some way to eradicating the scars which were caused when the coloured inhabitants were relocated in terms of the Group Areas Act and the suburb in central Cape Town was razed after 1966.

The organisation says it is convinced "it would be an act of symbolic and fundamental importance if District Six could become the country's first non-racial area, where all people could have the opportunity to work and live."

Bring new life

It believes the project, which has been researched by leading international experts and includes linking an urban renewal project of the depressed areas of Woodstock and Salt River, will provide Cape Town with one of the most impressive developments of its kind anywhere in the world.

It would bring new life to the centre of the city and produce a blueprint for other similar developments elsewhere in the country.

Areas mentioned are in Durban, Fordsburg in Johannesburg and Southend in Port Elizabeth.

President Botha recently opened the door to some mixed areas under certain conditions when he said the Group Areas Act could be adapted. This controversial legislation is also subject of a President's Council inquiry and a verligte report on the subject is expected to be released on November 25.

BP hopes to get the project off the ground by establishing a "non-profit utility corporation in collaboration with other companies in the private sector to redevelop District Six in collaboration with the Cape Town community.

"The corporation would involve the private sector, but most importantly would be dominated by representatives of the Cape Town community."

BP sources make it clear the project will not be prescriptive and it must reflect the wishes of the community. The organisation stresses that the people's wishes will be paramount.

Various organisations which have in the past been active in trying to prevent the destruction of District Six will also be invited to get involved again.

Developmental costs

The corporation's initial role would be planning and design, not only of the physical nature of the development, but also financial structures, bonds subsidies and low interest loans. It would link with Cape Town Municipality and with Government.

"Thereafter it would play the core role in bringing the project to fruition," one source said.

The developmental costs alone are expected to total R50-million and would be shared among several institutions and companies which are waiting for Government reaction before going public.

At present part of District Six's 101 hectares is zoned for educational use and the new Cape Technikon is located there. White and coloured residential areas have been defined.

Estimates are that there are between 55 and 66 ha of under-utilised and vacant land in District Six allowing for the building of about 4 200 homes.

If Woodstock and Salt River are included a "Greater District Six" would double in size and the organisation suggests this would ensure the provision of accommodation spanning the widest possible spread of affordability.

BP says it believes the time is right to put forward its proposals "because of the progress that has been made in South Africa, because we believe that if people wish it, there should be non-racial areas, because we believe in equal opportunity and because we believe that District Six could become a symbol for the future of South Africa ..."

"Regional differences in South Africa are a fact. Change is happening too fast for some and too slowly for others. The Cape is where liberal tradition in South Africa rests historically and where such a project is likely to find favour."



BP formula for all-race Govt schools

By JOHN MACLENNAN, Political Staff

AN ANTI-APARTHEID initiative by BP Southern Africa provides the formula for State schools to become private and admit pupils of all races without financial loss.

The organisation has started negotiations with schools and other parties which could lead to the privatisation of State schools. The scheme has also been put to the Government and recent ministerial statements provide reason to believe that the mixed schools proposal will receive official blessing.

In Cape Town alone several State schools have expressed an interest in opening their doors to all. They are South African College Schools (SACS), Westford High, Rondebosch Boys' High, Camps Bay High, Cape Town High, Rustenburg Girls' High and Wynberg Boys' High and Junior School.

Fee increases

All State schools receive subsidies to cover costs such as staff salaries and the maintenance of buildings. If a school opts to become private it would lose this assistance and pupils' parents would be faced with immediate and heavy fee increases to make up the deficit.

BP proposes — with the help of other companies — to provide up to R50-million in bridging finance so that parents with children already at State schools which do become "open" do not suffer financial loss.

Says BPSA chairman Mr Ian Sims: "We all know that friendships forged at school last for life and I can think of no better way for our future generations to learn to live together in harmony than to take part in an integrated education system ..."

"Because BPSA believes that when children learn, play and grow up together, the understanding, the tolerance and the identification of the common destiny of all can take root and develop.

"We are of the opinion that there is a case for allowing State schools, where pupils, parents and teachers wish it, to open their doors by going private.

Make up shortfalls

"We believe that others in the private sector would join us in helping to make up possible financial shortfalls that could arise should a State school go private.

"This would help to ensure that the cost of education at such schools does not rise beyond the reach of the communities they wish to serve."

Earlier this year the Minister of National Education, Mr F W de Klerk, said: "There is an alternative for people who feel strongly about integrated education. And if entrepreneurs, or any members of our community, feel very strongly about doing something in this regard they can channel their energies, their funds, their support to make this alternative possible."

BP plan for District 6

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the development costs.

The first project has already been put to the Government and on the evidence of recent ministerial statements there is every possibility that it will receive sympathetic official re-action.

In fact, there is nothing the Government can do to prevent BP pressing ahead.

The second initiative needs Government approval, but President P W Botha has already opened the door to the creation of mixed residential areas under certain circumstances.

Both proposals are made in the most recent social report of the organisation and are not the result of disinvestment pressure abroad.

A company source said that disinvestment was not an issue with UK-based multinationals.

In the report the chairman of BP, Mr Ian Sims, says the organisation believes — among other things — in universal adult franchise, common citizenship for all, peaceful negotiation towards a just constitutional system, an end to violence on all sides, freedom of association and equal education.

He calls for the political participation of blacks in central Government, the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, the abolition of the Population Registration Act and an economy open to all within the framework of private enterprise.

"In short, apartheid must go... this company will continue actively to use its influence to hasten the process of change, enhance stability and the search for peaceful solutions."

BP's multi-million plan for District 6

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By JOHN MACLENNAN
Political Staff

BP SOUTHERN AFRICA — the largest single British investor in South Africa — has suggested a R100-million plan to rebuild District 6 as an open area and to finance State schools which want to admit pupils of all races.

BP and other unnamed institutions, "parties" and business organisations will handle and finance the projects collectively and the R100-million figure is at this stage regarded by the planners as an initial cost guide.

The company is the first multinational to put its money where its mouth is in suggesting ways and means of creating a new South Africa through

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concrete assistance — its know-how, organisational skills, research facilities and cash.

The initiative stands in direct contradiction to efforts of countries and organisations which hope to pressure the Government into change through sanctions, disinvestment and other financial and political penalties.

The organisation has come up with two specific plans which it believes will set precedents and point the way forward for other similar examples in various parts of the country:

● State schools which want to admit pupils of all races will be provided with bridging finance of up to R50-million to make up for the Government subsidies they will lose when they go private.

● And District 6 — the mixed Cape Town suburb which became a permanent monument to apartheid when it was razed in terms of the Group Areas Act — should be rebuilt as the first open residential area.

BP is prepared to set up a non-profit corporation in co-operation with other parties to make it happen and believes that a new District 6 will become a symbol of hope. Another R50-million is budgeted for

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R100-m 'open' offer: Govt cool

Political Staff

THE R100-million BP Southern Africa plan to develop District Six as an open area and to desegregate schools had a cool reception from the Government today.

At the weekend BP said it would provide R100-million to help abolish apartheid.

State schools which wanted to admit pupils of all race groups would be given bridging finance of up to R50-million to make up for the Government subsidies they would lose when they went "open".

Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development, under whose department aspects of the Group Areas Act fall, said he was aware the company had such ideas and the matter had been discussed informally.

However, the District Six plan was not in line with the legal position in the country.

The Group Areas Act, which regulated occupation, did not provide for such a concept. It only provided that multiracial occupation within a specific group area could be arranged by permits.

He could not comment any further on the matter, said Mr Heunis.

The leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Mr Colin Eglin, said he welcomed BP's "positive approach".

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While BP's plan, in itself, would not get rid of the fundamentals of apartheid, it made a valuable contribution to "changing the climate inside South Africa and helping the process of eliminating apartheid to get South Africa back to some kind of normality".

Mr Eglin said the plan was the kind of "positive action" which investors from abroad could take in South Africa.

Such action was far better than pulling out of the country.

The Argus Education Reporter says BP's offer of R50-million to State schools wanting to desegregate could offer a solution to the impasse on the issue.

This is the opinion of chairmen of Cape Town school committees where parents have voted in favour of scrapping race barriers in the classroom, only to come up against a firm Government refusal to change its policy of segregation.

PROBING OFFER

School committee chairmen canvassed today said they would be contacting BP for more details of the proposal so that it could be thoroughly investigated by their committees.

Mr Rodney Mazinter, spokesman for a committee representing three Camps Bay schools, said the proposal meant schools could look more closely at the possibilities of "going private".

"Previously, the sheer cost involved precluded any real discussion of going private."

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Govt cool over BP offer

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"It's a little early to get over-excited, but the offer has opened up new vistas," he said.

Dr Robin Stead, chairman of Westerford High School's committee, said the offer was "incredibly encouraging".

"It clears the way for thorough discussion of all the problems associated with schools deciding to go private."

WORTH EXPLORING

Rondebosch Boys High School committee chairman Mr Roy Melville said the offer was "definitely worth exploring".

He said privatisation held an "enormous number" of potential complications, including the question of whether staff would lose the benefits they ac-

rued as employees of the provincial administration.

Meanwhile, parents from some Johannesburg Government schools have asked the Transvaal Education Department (TED) to open their classrooms to all race groups and have welcomed BP's R50-million plan to fund State schools wanting to go "open".

However, parents say requests for open schools have been flatly turned down by the TED.

These were made at a time when some black parents had been begging principals at some white schools, which were known to be half-empty, to take in their children.

The TED denied it had received requests from parents to open schools.

New move on free trade in PE

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Post Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth Council's Land Usage Committee will consider a recommendation this afternoon that the Town Clerk make further representations for the whole municipal area to be proclaimed a free trade area.

In July last year the council voted that the municipal area be declared a free trade area in terms of Section 19 of the Group Areas Act.

When the Group Areas Board's initial proposals were advertised, the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, objected to the piecemeal basis in which free trade areas for the

city had been proposed.

Earlier this month seven free trade areas, as proposed by the Group Areas Board, were proclaimed in Port Elizabeth.

No cognisance was taken of the council's representations.

It is considered there are anomalies in the demarcated areas — such as the exclusion of Rink Street, Commercial Road and Walmer — and that the provision does not allow for the extension of the proclaimed areas to adjoining erven if these are rezoned.

● Despite two objections to the proposed lease of the Humewood

Caravan Park by city councillor Mr Rick McKiever, the committee will recommend that Mr McKiever's 25-year lease be accepted — subject to the approval of the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw.

Objections were received from Mr R C Pobjoy, of Summerstrand, and Mr D Tucker, a director of Holiday World, a closed corporation which had also applied for the site.

The committee found the objections to be unfounded and adequately answered by Mr McKiever.

Subject to approval, Mr McKiever will be

granted a 25-year lease at R8 550 a month, escalating at 10% a year.

The committee will also recommend that Mr McKiever's development proposals and his offer to purchase "loose items" for R22 000 be accepted.

● An exhaust fitting centre at Greenacres and further parking for the Polyclinic hospital will be recommended for approval by the committee.

Objections from two companies, a resident in the area and a petition by eight people have been received in connection with the exhaust fitting centre.

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Cool response to District Six project

By PETER DENNEHY

BP Southern Africa's R50 million project to rebuild District Six as an open area and upgrade the suburbs adjoining has received a cool response from the community organization operating in the area.

Speaking on behalf of his executive, the secretary of the Salt River, Woodstock and Walmer Estate Residents' Association, Mr Anwah Nagia, described the project as "a spectacular public relations exercise by the sponsoring company".

"There may be immediate benefits for those in need of housing, but we believe there can be no concessions in regard to the Group Areas Act. It must be abolished in its entirety.

"The declaration of District Six as a 'white group area' caused untold suffering to thousands of former residents, and no amount of public relations can undo the

effects of this crime against humanity."

BP has not named other institutions which are expected to help finance the project, and the R50m figure was said to be an "initial cost guide".

The company has also offered R50m to help finance schools which forego government subsidies by admitting pupils of all races.

Mr Ian Sims, chairman of BPSA, said in his report that the District Six scheme would be linked to an urban renewal project "of the depressed areas of Woodstock and Salt River".

Mr Nagia responded that this scheme, which fitted well with City Council and government upgrading plans, would involve the relocation of poorer people in the area.

"The scheme also gives legitimacy to the housing of members of the House of Representatives in the area," Mr Nagia said.

Mr Sims said in the report that

involvement of international companies in the South African economy offered a better alternative to disinvestment, sanctions and other punitive measures.

Since BPSA had become a fully independent entity, Mr Sims said, the company had carried out its own active programme of internal reform, and "there had been times when these efforts had run ahead of the policies of the authorities".

BP had urged the government to "quicken the pace of fundamental change", he said. His organization believed in universal adult franchise, common citizenship for all, peaceful negotiation towards a just constitutional system, an end to violence on all sides, freedom of association and equal education.

He called for participation by blacks in central government, the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, the abolition of the Population Registration Act and a free-enterprise economy open to all.

Heunis: BP's District Six plan not legal

19/11/80
Own Correspondent

CONSTITUTIONAL Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis says BP's R100m scheme to redevelop District Six as an "open" residential area does not fall within the law.

However, sources close to BP indicate it has been "heartened" by Heunis's "mild" reaction to a scheme that cuts right across the Group Areas Act.

BP announced the scheme at the weekend having had "informal" discussions with Heunis.

Heunis said yesterday the Group Areas Act, which controls occupation of residential areas, did not provide for a mixed or "open" residential area.

However, it did provide for mixed living on a permit system.

He could not comment further on the scheme which also envisaged mixed schools in the area.

The BP scheme comes amid rising speculation that the President's Council, which has been investigating the Group Areas Act, may recommend a form of "local option" which could pave the way for certain areas in a city to be declared "open" to all races as CBDs are.

A BP spokesman declined to comment on Heunis's reaction.

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Heunis: Open Dist Six 'not within law'

THE Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, says the R100-million scheme by BP to redevelop District Six as an open residential area is not within terms of the law at present.

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A spokesman for BP declined to comment on Mr Heunis's reaction but said the company hoped other private companies would become involved in

similar schemes elsewhere in the country.

The PFP's spokesman on constitutional affairs, Professor Nic Olivier, said it was incomprehensible that the government had reacted as negatively as it did.

Out of dilemma

"The Group Areas Act must be scrapped as soon as possible. But it is not good enough for Mr Heunis simply to react negatively and say that the Act does not allow it and that it is against government policy.

"He should say it is under reconsideration, particularly in view of the expected President's Council report. He should know how deeply people feel about it.

"If I were the government, I would have welcomed this opportunity. It's a Godsend for them to get out of the District Six dilemma."

The PFP spokesman on education, Mr Ken Andrew, said the BP offer to help schools to desegregate was an "imaginative and generous concept which deserved favourable consideration".

Non-racial schools for children of all income groups could make a valuable contribution and serve as examples for the future, he said. — Political staff and Sapa-Reuter

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**Parow's CBD
becomes a free
trading area** *PI*

Financial Staff

PAROW's central business district, including the Sanlam Shopping Centre, has been declared an open trading area.

Most of Voortrekker Road in Parow has been opened to all races for trading, joining Voortrekker Road in Bellville, which became a free trade area last week.

A notice in the Government Gazette proclaims four adjoining free trading areas in Parow in which certain sections of the Group Areas Act are no longer applicable.

Members of all race groups may occupy, use or acquire the buildings, land or premises in these areas for business purposes, the proclamation says.

In the last few weeks CBDs in Fish Hoek, Paarl, Swellendam, Somerset West, Stellenbosch and Malmesbury have become free trading areas.

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UK business hails District Six proposal

From JOHN
BATTERSBY

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LONDON. — British business yesterday hailed BP's R100-million boost to non-racial education and the re-development of District Six as a major breakthrough.

Sir Leslie Smith, chairman of the influential British Industry Committee on South Africa (Bicsa), yesterday unconditionally applauded the initiative.

Bicsa, which represents more than 50 UK companies responsible for 80 percent of British investment in South Africa, is opposed to punitive sanctions.

In an editorial yesterday, The Times said the BP proposals "offered the chance to ameliorate South Africa's problems without violence".

"Pretoria will be nervous of opposing non-violent reforms which have white business backing.

"In which case, should they not have the diplomatic support and financial backing of Western governments?" The Times concluded.

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Govt stalling 'deplored'

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN Chamber of Commerce yesterday condemned the government's decision to stall publication of the President's Council report on the Group Areas Act.

After a meeting of the CTCC's executive council, chamber president Mr Peter Hugo called the delay "deplorable".

He also criticized the government's attitude toward the "massive contribution" BP had offered to make towards "restructuring an open society in District Six" and

surrounding areas.

"Instead of rebuffing this offer, the government should be encouraging others in the private sector to do the same. They must not prevaricate on this issue but should grasp the nettle and expunge the Group Areas Act from the statute book," Mr Hugo said.

"The chamber has identified the Group Areas Act as the single most significant obstacle to peaceful reform in this country."

Mr Hugo said District Six was probably the most glaring example of the damage the Act had wrought on the economy.

Over a decade ago the Theron Commission had singled out District Six as "the outstanding case of Group Areas removal which has caused the biggest outcry and greatest resentment, frustration and bitterness", he said.

Yet District Six had been left to "languish" ever since it was demolished.

"The slum-clearance programme carried out by the State entailed expenditure running into many millions of rand which is as yet largely unrecouped."

Cape Town City Council had also put expensive services into this area which had

resulted in a "heavy financial loss" to the city.

□ The Chief Minister of Lebowa, Dr Cedric Phatudi, appealed yesterday to the State President, Mr P W Botha, to "move on with reforms" and do away with the Group Areas Act, Sapa reports from Johannesburg.

He was speaking at the official opening of the Lebowa Breweries.

"The State President must accept a new constitutional dispensation that will let all into Parliament and not just coloureds and Asiatics," Dr Phatudi said.

Chamber deplures Group Areas delay

Staff Reporter

CAPE Town's Chamber of Commerce has deplored the delay over the President's Council report on the Group Areas Act and has renewed its call for the Act to be scrapped.

Group Areas were the "single most significant obstacle to peaceful reform", said chamber president Mr Peter Hugo after an executive council meeting yesterday.

The Chamber has consistently called for the scrapping of the Act, he said.

"Probably the most glaring example of the damage it has wrought on the economy is to be found in District Six."

The area had "languished" since being demolished.

"The slum clearance programme carried out by the

State entailed expenditure running into many millions of rands which is as yet largely unrecouped," Mr Hugo said.

Services installed in District Six by the Cape Town City Council had resulted in a "heavy financial loss" as well as a loss of potential rates.

"The stigma attached to District Six in the minds of the overwhelming majority of people who live in the Cape Peninsula clearly has its roots in its Group Area character and this has undoubtedly caused property developers to hold back on residential development there.

Instead of rebuffing the offer by BP to rebuild District Six as an "open" area, the Government should be encouraging others in the private sector to copy this example.

Students protest

Empty school to go 'coloured'

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By RIAAN SMIT

AN empty school in a white Stellenbosch group area will be used by "coloured" pupils from next year.

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, has approved the use of the school, situated in an area which was predominantly "coloured" before the enactment of the Group Areas Act.

The empty Luckhoff Senior Secondary School and grounds, on the edge of the Stellenbosch University campus, will be on loan from the university to the Department of Education and Culture for three years.

The announcement yesterday by a joint committee of the Stellenbosch Municipality and the ("coloured") management committee, came in the wake of a SA Teachers' Association report, which claimed there were 205 000 vacancies in white schools.

The shortage of classroom space for coloured pupils in and around Stellenbosch reached crisis proportions at the beginning of the year, while three white schools stood empty.

Two new senior secondary schools, in Weber's Valley and in Drakenstein, will be constructed in 1987 to relieve this shortage, the committee chairman, Mr Danie Schumann, said.

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Whites 'will accept' all races in suburbs

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Mercury Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH—Most white local residents polled in a recent survey indicated they would accept the opening of white suburbs to all races.

And indications were that white residents showed enough acceptance to justify suburban desegregation, according to a preliminary report re-

leased by the University of Port Elizabeth's Sociology Department's Community Development, Attitudes and Opinions Unit.

This finding was made after a survey conducted during September and October among the white residents of Port Elizabeth, on their attitudes to a variety of socio-political questions.

The report concentrated

on the section concerning suburban desegregation.

The survey was conducted among a sample of 612 respondents who were asked to show how they would feel, and what they would do, if, respectively, an African, coloured, or Indian person moved in next door.

Respondents were not given formulated response categories and were allowed to respond in their own words. Researchers were able to identify 11 response categories after intense analysis.

The poll showed that most whites were prepared to share their suburbs only on certain conditions.

Some thought the financial means to buy a house in a white area fulfilled most requirements.

Others felt they would accept such a situation depending on their hypothetical neighbours' economic status, standard of living, way of life (with reference to personal hygiene, the number of families occupy-

ing a house, etc) and respect for privacy.

There were several respondents who indicated that they normally did not mix with their neighbours and would accept black neighbours for this reason.

In the general category, 'strong rejection', an average of 7,2% said they would 'take action' if someone from another population group moved in next door.

However, this 'action' would take the form of moving to another neighbourhood. About 1% indicated they would draw up petitions.

There was no reference to violence.

The survey also revealed that Afrikaners were more negative than English-speaking residents.

An average of 63,7% of respondents mildly accepted the idea of mixed suburbs. Only 18,2% were strongly in favour.

An average of 1,7% were unsure and totally negative responses amounted to an average of 13,4%.