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# Reprieve for shack dwellers expires

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TWENTY-FIVE Northdale families here face eviction this week from shacks they have been living in on council-owned land.

The families, who were first served with eviction notices by the city-council ordering them to leave the property before Christmas,

were granted a reprieve until yesterday at a council meeting in December at which a petition signed by the 70 squatters was handed in

Mr Ron Robbins of the Town Clerk's Department said yesterday the squatters officially had until last night to leave the premises where they were living. However, the council was unlikely to take immediate action against them and would decide during the course of the week what was to be done.

At this stage he was not aware that any alternative accommodation for the families had been found.

The council has been in touch with the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning

# Plea for Cato Manor families

Mercury Reporter

A DELEGATION from the Cato Manor Residents' Association is due to meet the Mayor of Durban, Mr Stan Lange, today to discuss the plight of 16 pioneer families whose properties are to be expropriated to make way for a new sports complex in Cato Manor

Mr Roland Parsotham, the association's chairman, said the meeting had been requested by the Mayor following protests by the association against the proposed expropriation

'These families are among the pioneer residents of Cato Manor and it is unfair to uproot them now,' he said

'In addition, from a town planning point of view it does not make sense to have the sports complex sited there, because the roads would not be able to cope with the heavy volume of traffic

'The land in question is also relatively flat land, suitable for housing, and there is a shortage of land for Indian housing. Why take away valuable residential land to build a sports complex?'



# New houses 'too costly for Indians'

9/1/87 N/M (125)

## Mercury Reporter

ABOUT 230 new houses, built by the Isipingo Town Council, had been standing empty for more than six months because the price was too high, Mr Nizam Khan, House of Delegates MP for Isipingo, said yesterday.

It was sad that while hundreds of Indian families were living in appalling conditions in shacks in the nearby Malagazi area the newly built houses were standing empty, he said.

I am seeking an urgent meeting with Mr Amichand Reddy, Chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates, to see if he can help possibly by subsidising the cost of the

houses so that the people will be able to afford them.

The average price was R60 000 and for anybody to qualify they must have a deposit of R10 000.

'Who has got that kind of ready cash?'

Mr Khan said the shack-dwellers of Malagazi should be given preference to move into the new houses before they were offered for sale to people from outside Isipingo.

Mr Ramalingam Reddy, Town Clerk of Isipingo, yesterday confirmed that the houses had been standing empty since last year because people could not afford them.

'Unemployment and retrenchment has seriously

affected many people. It is a problem not only confined to Isipingo but affecting the country generally.'

He said the council had also approached the House of Delegates for assistance, but without success.

'We hope Mr Khan will be successful. Any assistance to bring down the price of the houses will be most welcome. After all, the houses were built for the people of Isipingo and every month the cost of each house is rising by about R400.'

The House of Delegates MP for Isipingo, Mr Nizam Khan, in front of some of the new houses which have been standing empty for several months while a stone's throw away, in Malagazi, families live in shacks. At some houses the grass has grown to window level.

# Brick price rise hits Natal home-builders

Finance Reporter

IT WILL cost a Natal home-builder an extra R200 to build his home after yesterday's announcement that brick prices are to go up from February 1

But his counterpart in the Transvaal pays R1 294 less for the same amount of bricks, it was learnt yesterday

A building materials spokesman said the new prices put a greater burden on Natal's potential homeowners than on their Transvaal counterparts

After the increase, the best discounted price from

Corobrik Natal would be R109,13 per 1 000, while the same product from Corobrik Transvaal, following their January 1 increase, is R124,42 per 1 000

Builders could still negotiate on price with Corobrik Transvaal, dependent on contract size, while the best discount available in Natal was 7,5%

He said other reputable Transvaal brick-makers were selling commons at R115 per 1 000, which was R74 cheaper than Natal bricks

The increase meant that brick costs for a 120 m<sup>2</sup> home in Natal were now

R1 294 more than in the Transvaal, he said

Corobrick, the main supplier in Natal, said the price for Durban commons, at the works, were to be increased by 4,9%, face bricks by up to 4%, depending on type, and pavers from 3,2% to 10,5%

Commons in Pietermaritzburg and Empangeni will go up by 4,9%, and other products up to 8,6%. In Glencoe commons have been increased by 5% and other products up to 5,8%

The increase follows cement and crushed stone price rises

# Eight to oversee Cato Manor growth

## Mercury Reporter

THE Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, Mr Baldeo Dookie, announced the appointment of an eight-man committee to yesterday to co-ordinate planning and development of Durban's new-look Cato Manor.

He said the committee, chaired by Mr M L Friedrich, Director of Housing and Works, would

be charged with assisting in the redevelopment of Cato Manor into a plush residential area for Indians

The homes there would be designed to blend aesthetically with the rest of Durban

'Development will not be haphazard. It will conform strictly to Durban's Town Planning regulations.

'Although accommodation will also be provided for people from the low-income group, the type of structures will be of a high standard

'One of the main tasks of the committee will be to work in consultation with the people in planning the area,' Mr Dookie said

The Cato Manor Residents' Association had been invited to nominate a representative to serve on the committee

The committee comprises House of Delegates MPs Mr P I Devan, Mr Yunus Moola, Mr Ismail Baker and Dr D S Rajah, of the Cato Manor Co-ordinating Council.

Mr Dookie said ground work for the provision of basic services such as sewerage and road works, had already started in Bonella and Umkumbaan, and the second phase would be for the development of Wiggins

# Housing workshop at Cato Manor

Mercury Reporter

THE Cato Manor Residents' Association is convening an all-day housing workshop on Cato Manor to help reach consensus on planning, housing types, costs and affordability, Mr Roland Parsotham, the association's chairman, said yesterday.

The workshop will be held at the Cato Manor Community Centre in Bellair Road on Sunday, starting at 9 30 a m.

Papers will be presented by several specialists in town planning and housing. Mr Garth Seneque, a senior planner, will give an analysis of plans for Cato Manor, and Mr Richard Dobson, a senior architect, will talk on possible housing types and costs.

Durban city councillor, Mr Crispen Hempson, will discuss housing standards, rates and their implications for Cato Manor. Dr Mike Sutcliffe, of the University of Natal, will speak on housing affordability by groups wishing to live in Cato Manor, and Dr Jeff McCarthy, of the Built Environment Support Group, will sum up the deliberations.

## Urgency

Mr Parsotham said the issue of Cato Manor had remained unresolved for 27 years and a serious attempt was being made by the community to get the House of Delegates to treat the redevelopment of Cato Manor as a matter of urgency.

'We want them to provide both building sites and homes to the people at prices they can afford,' he said.

During earlier negotiations between the CMRA and Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, it was resolved that no residents would be moved from Cato Manor and all would be rehoused in the area.

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# Indian summer

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Township developers who have justifiably griped about proclamation delays over the years should spare a thought for the problems of Durban's Cato Manor. Re-planning this old residential hotbed of unrest has now been 20 years in the making.

But finally things have started to change and contractors have moved in on the instructions of House of Delegates (HOD) Housing Minister Baldeo Dookie. The first phase is the 15 ha "Bonella" estate, for which the ministry is spending R11,8m on services to bring 2 105 stands to the market. The first stands should be ready for market by mid-year, and thereafter attention will be turned to the adjoining 242 ha "Wiggins" area where a further 1 908 stands will be provided.

It would be simplistic to blame merely the tangle of bureaucratic red tape for the holdups over two decades. But in Cato Manor's case it has been much more. At the root of the seemingly interminable delay has been its changes in status under the Group Areas Act. Also, there have been conflicting proposals from the various development authorities who, over the years, have each had a stab at getting the project going.

Services are already in at the "Umkumbaan" section of Cato Manor — a legacy from the days when the Durban City Council (DCC) was the competent developer and planned the area as a white residential township. However, through road re-alignments and rationalisation of plot sizes, the HOD hopes to add a further 258 stands to the 100-odd already surveyed.

"Eventually," says Dookie, "we hope Cato

Manor will provide homes for around 4 000 Indian families. That should make a sizeable impact on the national housing backlog of 40 000 units, 25 000 of which we estimate are required in the Durban metropolitan region."

That might appease the critics who contend that there is not enough freehold land available for Indians in Durban. But, as Dookie points out, the delays in finalising the planning of Cato Manor were his department's fault.

Originally Cato Manor was a hotchpotch of squatter camps of all races. In the early Sixties, the land was expropriated and the residents accommodated elsewhere. Once the expropriation process was completed, Cato Manor was declared a white group area and the DCC commenced with its replanning.

Indians, however, contended that as they constituted the bulk of those dispossessed, and because freehold land for Indians was in short supply, Cato Manor should be proclaimed an Indian group area.

After pressure from the SA Indian Council, government relented and declared that a major portion of Cato Manor should become an Indian group area. The Department of Community Development took over planning as an interim measure before development responsibility passed to the HOD.

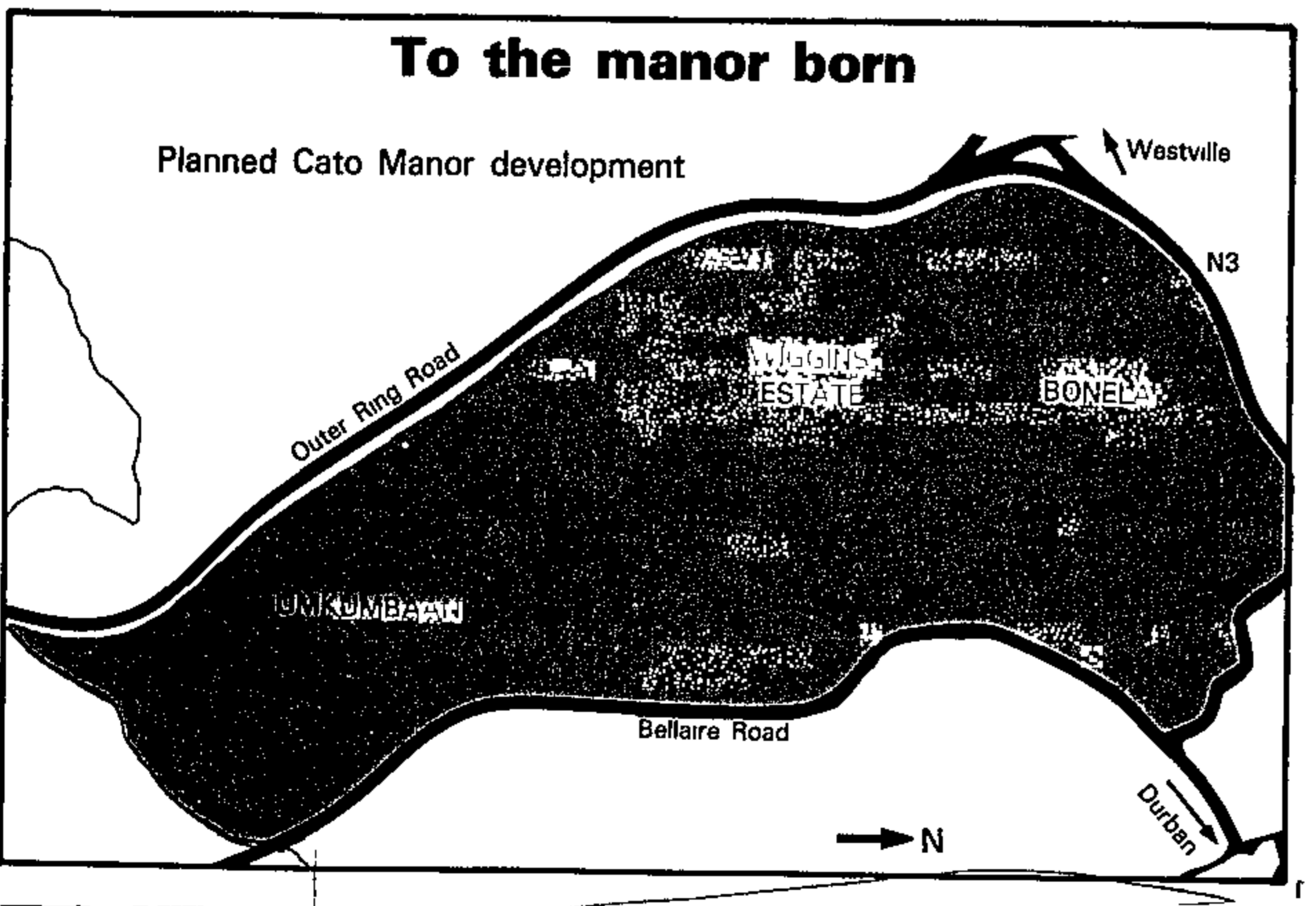
After all the delays, this should have been cause for celebration. However, for the Indian community, acquiring Cato Manor has turned out to be something of a Pyrrhic victory. About 15% of the total area cannot be developed because of ecca shale conditions and roughly half of the remainder has had to be given over for institutional use, such as medical schools, technical colleges, religious centres, community buildings, schools and a water treatment plant. In addition, the holding costs and servicing charges over 20 years have helped to push up stand prices beyond the reach of all but an affluent few.

Durban, for example, charged interest of R1 000 a month on the service costs of the land it re-sold to the HOD. Its argument was that it had an obligation to its ratepayers to at least recover its costs. The provincial auditor, who approved the transaction, apparently saw it the same way.

Dookie says current servicing charges are now running at around R10 000 a plot because of the difficult nature of the terrain. As much as he would like to reduce plot prices, Dookie has inherited a high cost structure and says the HOD also has a duty to ensure that its costs are at least covered.

Consequently, prices for stands which have already been appraised range from R20 000 to R35 000, with an average price of around R25 000. This rules out any notion that the land may be used for low-cost or even economic housing, which is where the bulk of the demand lies.

As Dookie somewhat wryly concludes, "Cato Manor may be central and close to amenities, but for low-cost housing, it is not suitable at all."







Row <sup>112/87</sup> as <sup>NIM</sup> house is sold <sup>125</sup> to Indian

Mercury Reporters

A DOUBLE storey house in Berea Crescent, Port Shepstone, the heart of the town's most exclusive white suburb, is now at the centre of a growing row after the outgoing Mayor, Mr Peter King, apparently sold it to an Indian businessman

Although the sale has

LOW INTEREST RATES



The R150 000 Port Shepstone house at the centre of a storm after the outgoing mayor, Mr Peter King, had apparently sold it to an Indian businessman. <sup>NIM</sup> <sup>112/87</sup>

Row over <sup>125</sup> house sale

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not been officially confirmed or denied, it is believed that R150 000 was paid for the house by Mr Mohammed Mdari, who owns two large businesses in the centre of the town

Mr Aubrey Thompson, the National Party Member of Parliament for the area lives in the road, diagonally opposite Mr Mdari

Several other leading citizens, most of whom have professional qualifications, also live in the same road. Neighbours include a dentist, a doctor and a former mayor

They have all vowed to take the matter up 'at the highest level' and say they believe Mr Mdari is breaking the law

A resident of the street, who asked not to be named, described himself as 'totally opposed' to the move

'If needs be I will go to ministerial level to stop Mr Mdari from moving into the house,' he said

Another said it had been agreed by all the street's residents to lay charges against Mr Mdari in terms of the Group Areas Act should he move in, because it had been established that he had not even applied for permission to live in a white area

Mr Thompson said he believed a business with Indian partners had bought the house

'If an Indian moves into the house there is a contravention of the law'

Mr Mdari was expected to have moved into the house last Sunday, but according to neighbours he has visited the house only occasionally to clean the interior and roof

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# Capital rates 'will have to be increased'

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RATES in the capital had not kept pace with inflation and would have to be increased by at least 3% above the inflation rate over the next four years if the city was to break even by the year 2000, the City Council was told here yesterday

Mr Rob Pater, convener of the Pietermaritzburg 2000 City Finances Action Group, told a special council meeting that ratepayers had been lulled into a false sense of security because of the subsidisation of the rates account by high electricity tariffs existing in the capital

In its report, the group highlighted problems in the city's finances, including that rates had not kept up with inflation, the cost of operating public transport, and that commercial growth was being compromised by electricity tariffs said to be the second-highest in Natal

The rates account formed the base on which the city obtained its income and to achieve break-even by the year 2000, rates would have to be increased by at least 3% above inflation to the year 1991

Commercial growth was being compromised by high electricity tariffs which

subsidised the rates, and ratepayers might again bear the brunt of catching up on this backlog, as well as paying back transport losses of some R6 000 000, unless the Government came to the rescue or an alternative commercial option was given serious consideration

It was recommended that reliance on electricity surpluses should be reduced in case the service was regionalised. The council was also urged to consider an incentive package to promote the relocation of industry to the capital

The group warned that the city could not afford further delay in finding a solution to the cost of operating public transport. Transport losses were the equivalent of 20% of the current rates income

A plan to hold a non-racial conference aimed at establishing a representative form of local government for the Pietermaritzburg metropolitan area was also put before the council

The conference, which will have an open agenda, is scheduled to start in July this year and will aim at creating a single metropolitan council to administer an area including the capital, Sobantu, Imbali, Edendale, Ashdown, Sweetwaters and Hilton

# Govt orders start to beachfront housing project

17/2/87 N/M

## Municipal Reporter

THE Durban City Engineer has been ordered to prepare working drawings for subsidised beachfront housing for white pensioners after the council was told to start the project or face losing all Government funding

Mr Amie Venter, the House of Assembly own affairs Minister of Housing, local Government, told the council that an urgent interview about the project was impossible

The minister also said that he could not guarantee that the full final cost of the project would be born by

the State. The National Housing Commission has authorised R6 204 630 for the project, although the city engineer's calculations put the final cost higher

In addition, the minister said, 'it is trusted that final planning of the project will now be undertaken as funds cannot be reserved indefinitely to the disadvantage of other equally deserving projects'

If the project has to be aborted due to lack of funds, the preparation of working drawings, tenders and bills of quantities will cost the city R900 000

# Indian family hounded from home

AN Indian businessman was hounded out of his home in a white Durban suburb earlier this week

Fazel Khan, 23, his wife, Razia, 18, and their 15-month-old daughter, Qhadija, were given six hours to quit their three-bedroomed house in Sagewood Way, Glen Aml, by two whites who said they were officials of the Development Services Board, which administers the suburb

"The two men came to my house at

10am on Sunday and told me I had six hours in which to move out or members of my family and I would be arrested or detained indefinitely," he said

Shortly afterwards the house was "bombarded" with stones

Khan said that when he got up at dawn, "the yard was littered with bricks and stones, and boulders had been rolled into the swimming pool"

"It was too much for me and I got

my family out of there"

He had bought the house for R105 000 from a firm of estate agents. The salesman had told him he would have no problem living in the house as long as it was in the name of a white person.

"I got one of my friends to be the nominee and I was due to pay the R25 000 deposit by Monday morning. But I stopped payment because I was hounded out" — Sapa.

# Planned fields 'no good for housing'

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**Municipal Reporter**

CLAIMS that the land for the proposed Cato Manor Sports Ground in Durban would be better used to relieve the housing backlog were rejected yesterday by Manco

Manco chairman Sybil Hotz said that as the land was below the flood plain it could not be used for housing but was suitable for sports fields

The city council received three objections to the expropriation of private property for the sports ground

One family, who have occupied the 10 ha site for just under a century and

who have more than 25 family members living there, protested it would be impossible to obtain suitable alternative accommodation

The council has agreed to provide objectors with 'replacement residential sites'

Lawyers acting for the Chinniah family told Manco that enough sports fields existed already and that the existing Kings Park-Kingsmead complex was 'a large financial burden for the ratepayers'

They said building more sports fields would be an unnecessary waste of land

# Business not welcome, say homeowners

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## 'Boasting' man arrested for car theft

Crime Reporter

A MAN who visited a Bloemfontein police station and boasted to police men there was arrested minutes later in connection with the theft of a car from a Durban dealership earlier this month

Police have no idea why the man arrived at the Hilton police station charge office on Thursday night for a boastful 'chat' which ultimately ended when he was arrested for car theft

A police spokesman for the Bloemfontein Vehicle Branch said Det-Const Andre van Rensburg went outside during the discussion and checked the BMW's registration against the computerised list of stolen vehicles

Once established that NPN 12522 was a stolen vehicle, the man was arrested. He is to be trans-

ported to Durban where he faces charges of car theft, escaping from custody and impersonating an attorney

A man was to have appeared in court in Durban earlier this month on charges of impersonating an attorney, but allegedly escaped from police custody

Mrs Christine Mountford of Love Motors, who reported the car stolen, was pleased to hear from police that the R25 000 vehicle was in perfect condition after its two-week jaunt

Another Durban garage owner was allegedly given a bottle of expensive whisky as deposit for R15 petrol, 24 hours after the theft on February 17 where a 'prospective customer' sped off in the car during a test drive

## Cheese price up on Monday

Mercury Correspondent

CAPE TOWN—The price of yellow cheese is expected to go up by almost 10% on Monday to bring the total increase in the price of the product over the past 12 months to 30%

The wholesale price of cheddar will increase from R6,35/kg to R6,90/kg and gouda will go up from R6,35/kg to R6,68/kg

This is the second increase in the price of yellow cheese this year and it has been slammed as 'ridiculous' and 'unjustifiable' by leading supermarket chains

A chain's senior buyer in the Western Cape, Mr

mond Murray, said the increase would discourage people from buying cheese.

He said the cheese shortage had been cited as the reason for the increase, but 'if supplies of the product increase, they will not lower the price again'

A group merchandise director, Mr John Williams, said the price of cheese had increased 'enormously' over the past year

He called for better planning from manufacturers and the gradual phasing in of price increases

Mercury Reporter

ANOTHER property row is brewing in Durban North's Kensington Drive as homeowners campaign against an application to the city council to convert a house into an estate agency.

In recent years three attempts to commercialise property in the area have been successfully rebuffed

Last year the city council turned down an application for a shopping complex to be built on three private properties in Mackeurtan Avenue, which intersects Kensington Drive

There was also the one behind the NBS and the one adjoining the Woolworths Centre

A Kensington Drive resident, Mrs Jean Stanhope-Jones, who vigorously opposed the previous applications, has taken up the fight again

### Reasons

In an objection lodged with the City Engineer, Mrs Stanhope-Jones said her reasons for opposing the application for No 124 Kensington Drive were

● There would be an increase in the already heavy traffic, resulting in more noise and increased accident potential, which was particularly worrying with six schools in the vicinity

● The traffic problem would be worsened if the estate agent followed the trend of operating a building society sub-agency and encouraging even more customers

● Because it was next door to doctors' rooms, there would be two adjacent properties vacant at night, making a 'dark area', which was not conducive to the security of homeowners in the vicinity

● If the application succeeded, other properties as far as Northlands Boys' High could apply for rezoning. Should that happen, it would deprive residents on the opposite side of the road of privacy and the suburban environment presently enjoyed

'I certainly do not want to see this section of Kensington Drive developing into a grey area which is neither commercial nor industrial,' said Mrs Stanhope-Jones

### 'Enough'

A former city councillor for Durban North, Mr Roger Wood, said yesterday that Mrs Stanhope-Jones and her neighbours had every reason to oppose the application

'It's zoned residential and there's no reason why an estate agency should be set up there. We have more than enough estate agents in Durban North'

Mr and Mrs E Akal moved into their Kensington Drive home at the end of last year

'We are totally against this application,' said Mrs Val Akal

'As it is, the Kensington Drive/Mackeurtan intersection in peak traffic hours makes it almost impossible to get out of our driveway'

Yet another angry resident, Mrs Jeanette Moller, said that in addition to all these reasons against the application there was the fact that estate agents operated on Sundays

'It is our only really quiet day'


Mrs Moller is sure the city council will reject the application

'How can they rezone without taking our title deeds into consideration?'

The applicant, Mr Jimmy Fraser, was unable to be contacted, but Mr Andy Buys, director of an architectural firm which is receiving objections on behalf of Mr Fraser, said one possibly valid objection was in reference to title deeds

'When Mrs Stanhope-Jones bought her property it was zoned residential'

wanted to know why we



A dejected Mrs Glenda van Zyl with two of her children, Candice, two, and Christobell, four, face eviction from their Wentworth home for the third time.

## Mother and children face eviction again

### Mercury Reporter

A MOTHER and her three young children, who have been living in a caravan since they were evicted from their home in Wentworth, Durban, several months ago, are facing eviction for the third time.

Now Mrs Glenda van Zyl and her children — Marice, eight, Christobell, four, and Candice, two — are planning to join the scores of other families living illegally in the bush on the hills between the Bluff and Wentworth.

Mr Morris Fynn, a member of the Durban Coloured Local Affairs Committee, said last week that attempts to find alternative accommodation failed after the House of Representatives had refused to allow them to share a house with another family in Wentworth.

'I spoke to social workers in the House of Representatives, to try to assist this family, but they too were unable to do anything. Now these people have no alternative but to join the scores of other people in the bushes.

'I even wrote to the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, to allow Mrs van Zyl and her children to live in shared accommodation in Wentworth, but he turned it down. Judging by the minister's

response it appears that the hundreds of families in a similar situation also face eviction.

'It is very disturbing. It appears that he has no regard for the human sufferings of our people in a situation created mainly by the political situation we find ourselves in,' he said.

### Land

Mr R van Rensburg, a senior spokesman for the House of Representatives in Durban, said yesterday that it was unfortunate that the Van Zyls had to be evicted because they moved illegally into one of the houses under the control of the administration.

'We have a big waiting list for houses. It all boils down to the acute shortage of housing. However, I have made suggestions to my head office for additional land and I hope we will have some relief in a couple of months. The land has already been identified,' Mr van Rensburg added.

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# Indian housing received R374 m

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## Mercury Reporter

MORE than R374 million had been allocated for Indian housing since the House of Delegates came into being about three years ago. Mr Baldeo Dookie, own affairs Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, said at the weekend

Opening the Umzinto North Town Board's R4 000 000 housing scheme for Indians at Riverside Park in the town on Saturday, he said that in the current financial year his department had set aside R155 454 834 for housing, representing an increase of 81% over the previous year's allocation

'This increase can be attributed to the tremendous effort made by the department in the provision of housing for the community,' he said

'My department has projects submitted by local authorities costing an estimated R293 295 365 for the next financial year. If these projects are approved this will be the highest amount ever allocated in any financial year for Indian housing,' he said

About 10 123 housing units had been built by the House of Delegates since 1984 and it was expected that 5 000 units would be built in the new financial year

'It is clear that my department has made tremendous progress within a very short period,' he added

Commenting on the new nominated Town Board for Umzinto North, Mr Dookie said 'The appointment of the new members has certainly not been accepted by all but

if there is any blame for this, it must be with the community as a whole

'In future, members elected will have to put the community before themselves and they should not think they are absolved from public and political accountability and responsibility,' he said

Mr Ahmed Ally, chairman of the Umzinto North Town Board, said the new housing project was originally intended for people in the low income group, but because of the high interest rate, rentals had increased substantially

He appealed to the House of Delegates to reintroduce the 1% interest rate for sub-economic housing development

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**Ridgeview  
to be  
used for  
housing**

**Municipal Reporter**

THE Durban City Council has approved in principle a proposal that 58 ha of the white group area of Ridgeview be made a black residential area and form part of extensions to the Chesterville township

The decision follows a request from Prof Louis de Clercq, project co-ordinator for black housing in Natal, that the land, almost entirely owned by the council, be incorporated into township extensions

The land was previously earmarked for coloured housing, but the Durban Coloured Local Affairs Committee has supported the move

It is bordered to the south by a proposed extension to the Ridgeview Quarry, to the east by the Outer Ring Road, to the north by the Umkumbaan River and beyond that the proposed extension to Chesterville, and to the west by steep sloping land in a narrow neck between the Umkumbaan River and the proposed quarry

# Indian housing scheme halted

Mercury Reporter

THE Marburg Town Board's R4 000 000 housing scheme for Indians ground to a halt this week after the Johannesburg-based building contractors, Keno Construction, was placed under provisional liquidation.

Mr S P Pillay, Marburg Town Board chairman, yesterday confirmed that the board's housing project had been stopped and the board's lawyers had been briefed to file claims with the liquidators.

The R4 800 000 project was for 190 houses and 60 flats.

Mr Pillay said urgent talks would be held with Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, next week to make arrangements for a new contractor to take over the building project which is being funded by the National Housing Commission.

A spokesman for Maurice Schwartz and Associates in Johannesburg yesterday confirmed that Keno Construction had been placed under provisional liquidation. He declined to divulge any further information.

It is understood that Keno Construction also owes several thousand of rand to a number of Port Shepstone businesses for building materials bought from them.

A meeting convened by ratepayers is to be held at the Taj Hotel in Port Shepstone on April 4 at 3 p m to discuss the Marburg Town Board.

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## NIC in R40-million housing project

### The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — In the largest development of its kind in Natal, a R40-million private black housing project has been announced for Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale

Behind the scheme is the largely black-owned National Investment Corporation (NIC).

The project involves construction of 850 high quality, individually-designed homes by NIC and its subsidiary, National Homes

The homes, aimed at the middle-income group, should be completed by the middle of next year

They will be individually styled to

the owners' requirements and the average price will be R30 000

NIC says it will soon call for tenders for the first phase of 274 sites and the first homes should be completed by November.

NIC chairman Mr Ambrose Nzuza says this is the second major black suburb being developed by NIC.

The first phase of its earlier R10-million project, at KwaNdengezi near Pinetown, is nearly completed. It involves 200 houses

NIC says it aims to create "a pleasant suburb in which to bring up children and enjoy an improved quality of life"

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# Axling Act 'would see blacks in white areas'

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## Pietermaritzburg Bureau

BLACKS qualifying for housing subsidies were likely to be attracted to low-income white areas, especially those close to existing black areas and hence close to schools if the Group Areas Act were abolished.

Three geographers from the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, Prof D H Davies, Mr T M Wills and city councillor Mr Rob Haswell, presented a report on the probable consequences for the capital if the Act was lifted.

It was speculated that the repeal of this legislation would result in a move of low-income blacks into presently

unoccupied buffer strips set aside to separate different group areas

Those blacks qualifying for housing subsidies were likely to be attracted to low-income white areas especially those close to existing black areas and hence close to schools

'All housing in the borough of Pietermaritzburg would be within reach of the wealthier Indian families, and this fact

should ensure that property values in former white areas should at least be stable or improve

Indian and coloured households would probably fill vacancies in white areas of Pietermaritzburg with a tendency for ethnic groups to congregate together

White enclaves of two types were likely to emerge within central Pietermaritzburg

One would focus on sound, single family housing while the other would be associated with historic conservation activity

The latter course would well set in motion, a process of gentrification whereby an historic area is upgraded resulting in a rise in property values and rentals to a level that only affluent whites would find attractive

# Blacks buying luxury homes

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DURBAN — Another sumptuous home in La Lucia has been bought by a black businessman.

He is Mr Makhoza Malunga (41) who owns two bottlestores in Maseru and has four wives and 10 children. He and his family use the house — Camelot in Burnham Drive — as a luxurious holiday home.

Yesterday it was revealed that Peppermint Palace in Ridge Road had been bought by a wealthy Indian businessman, Mr Leo Moodley. He and his wife have been living in the mint-green mansion for the past eight months.

The disclosures come when the Group Areas Act looks set to be a major election issue and a thorn in the side of the National Party.

Camelot is a tasteful French provincial-style slate-roofed home with five bedrooms, three bathrooms, a pool and entertainment area.

Conservatively valued at R500 000, it is in the heart of elite La Lucia near the holiday home of multi-millionaire Mr Harry Oppenheimer.

Living in the house is Mr Moses Moroke (21), who oversees the valuable property.

# Plea to halt evictions of coloureds

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## Mercury Reporter

MORE THAN 60 Durban families were evicted from housing schemes by the Durban City Council and the House of Representatives between 1982 and the end of last year, according to Mr Hector Henry, Coloured Local Affairs Committee member for Ward 5 in Wentworth

Mr Henry said the evicted families were among the hardest hit by the recession, and that more and more families were being evicted

'Hundreds of our people are out of work and it is these unfortunate people who are caught up in the recession and it is these people who have to bear the brunt of the eviction decrees,' Mr Henry said

In a statement calling on the two bodies to halt evictions of coloured families until more affordable housing could be provided, Mr Henry said that more than 55% of Durban's coloured population was living on the 'bread line margin' because of the high unemployment rate

He said the evicted tenants were forced to live in old cars, caravans, garages and shacks as they were prevented by law from living with

friends and relatives occupying housing run by the city council and the House of Representatives.

'I call on the two controlling authorities to decree or adopt a directive to halt its actions of further evictions until further units are made available to solve the housing crisis,' Mr Henry said

He added that neither body had plans for new projects to alleviate Durban's coloured housing problem because of 'a lack of foresight and proper planning'

He said an information bulletin published by the council last month showed that only 321 housing units had been built for the coloured community during the 1984/1985 financial year, while the combined waiting list for council and House of Representatives housing was more than 4 500 families

Mr Henry said housing units made available at Mariannridge cost between R38 000 and R58 000 — prices which most coloured families could not afford. He said he would be communicating with the council and the House of Representatives urgently to speed up the housing process for the coloured community

# 1 000 face city centre evictions

By CARMEL RICKARD,  
Durban

AS many as 200 families — about 1 000 people — are faced with eviction from central Durban flats in the Government's ongoing Group Areas Act crackdown

An official of the Central Durban Residents' Association said their door-to-door visit in one central city block of flats, zoned for white residential use in terms of the Act, revealed that of the 34 flats rented out, 26 were occupied by Indian or coloured families.

They had been ordered to get out by the end of June or July.

Sayed Iqbal Mohamed, who heads the CDRA, said the eviction notices were given by landlords who told tenants they had been warned by the state that if "wrong" coloured tenants were not evicted, their property would be forfeit to the state.

Another CDRA official said that at a meeting of people in central Durban threatened with eviction, about 200 families were listed as having received notices to get out.

The CDRA said they were seeking legal advice for the threatened families and would organise a meeting of all those told to quit.

● In the week of the white election, a "mixed" Durban couple, Jimmy and Shan James, were served with a notice they had to sell their home within three months or it would be forfeit to the state

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# MP linked to evictions plan

DURBAN.— House of Delegates MP Mr Abodbaker Ismail has been linked to a company which is attempting to evict tenants from two apartment blocks in cen-

tral Durban under the group Areas Act. Ismail is a member of Mr Amichand Rajbansi's ruling National People's Party.

Eviction notices were

served on the residents last month following a Group Areas clampdown which will affect an estimated 3 500 people.

Ismail has confirmed his family has a "minority in-

terest" in the company. His son is a part owner of the two flats. The flats are administered by Baker Brothers, which controls a large property portfolio in Durban.

The Durban Central Residents Association (DCRA), which is spearheading the campaign against the Group Areas Act, believes Ismail's interest could be more substantial.

Spokesperson Iqgal Mohammed says the DCRA has confirmed the buildings were sold to Ismail's family.

## Campaign

Meanwhile, the DCRA's campaign continues to gather momentum. At the weekend volunteers took to the streets of the city as part of a drive to collect a million signatures for a petition protesting the evictions.

In the next fortnight the DCRA is hoping to man tables in the city's big supermarkets and grocery stores.

Offers of assistance have come in from civil rights groups and political organisations. The PFP will organise six tables to collect signatures in Durban and Pinetown on Saturday.

Meanwhile, a white sympathiser had offered R55 000 to help the DCRA sustain the campaign. — Press Trust

# The changing face of single men's hostels

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## CP Correspondent

SOME Durban men's hostels have taken a new image - men no longer have to rush home from work to cook or arrive late at work as they have to do the cleaning in the morning

Instead, they now have spouses to do all the housework

A weekend tour of at least three men's hostels at Glebe, Umlazi and Kwa-Mashu will not only show you that these are no longer strictly men's hostels, but you will also learn that

at least one of them, Glebe, attracts women of all races

But, all this, of course, is not officially allowed. The men, together with their female visitors, risk prosecution and heavy fines. Many have already been fined but that does not deter men from bringing in their sweethearts to the hostels.

Some argue that there couldn't be another way out of the bachelor life they have been forced to lead by the migratory labour system.

*City Press* took a closer look at life in Glebe hostel and unearthed some interesting information.

Glebe hostel is situated between Lamontville and Umlazi and houses about 10 500 tenants. The hostel comprises of face-brick 4-storey blocks and the rooms vary in sizes - some house two people and others four.

The hostel was built by the defunct Natal Administration Board and is now under the Natal Provincial Administration.

When we entered one block we were greeted by young women who were either cooking, sweeping or washing their men's clothes while the men had gone to work.

After a chat with some of the men who work night-shift, we set about taking pictures and most of the women seemed happy after learning that we were from *City Press*. They were looking forward to seeing their pictures in the newspaper.

The hostel has become a

haven for prostitute. Even schoolchildren and married women have become constant visitors in this hostel where they are certain to making themselves a quick buck.

Some of the women who live in the hostel double-cross their men.

They usually have more than one lover. They sleep with dayshift workers immediately their nightshift partners leave for work at night. Very often men fight, and even kill each other when the other affair gets exposed. In some cases this even leads to faction-fighting.

As a result of indiscriminate sex in the hostels many babies have been born and as they grow up, have learnt to live with shame. As you tour you will not be surprised to see more than a dozen napkins in every block.

Lionel Hooper, who is in charge of townships and hostels in the community service department, told *City Press* that prosecutions have not stopped at Glebe, but admitted that it was not easy to keep regular checks.

## Mandela is 'a symbol of freedom'

9/8/87 C/P/Press

IMPRISONED leader of the African National Congress Nelson Mandela was still a highly respected figure in the black community and would be welcomed as a leader by a vast majority of blacks, the general-secretary of the United Democratic Front said this week.

Popo Simon Molefe, 35, was testifying in the Pretoria Supreme Court, where he is standing trial with a 18 other high-ranking members of the UDF, Azapo and other local civic organisations.

The men have pleaded not guilty to the main charge of high treason and the alternative charges ranging from terrorism and subversion to murder.

Molefe denied that the UDF was dedicated to violent change. He said it was true that both the UDF and the ANC opposed apartheid but the UDF was also opposed to violence and was not trying to recreate the ANC.

The UDF also called for the release of Mandela and all other political prisoners and, among others, made him and "all political prisoners serv-

ing life sentences" victims of the UDF.

He said Mandela was a "symbol of hope and freedom to many blacks".

He said the UDF was one of many prominent organisations who made a call for a national convention, believing it could bring an end to apartheid.

The national convention had to include all groups and individuals, including those banned and imprisoned, he said.

The trial is continuing. - Sapa.

# The hopeless night of the homeless

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Cabinet ministers, Government officials and insurance companies are trying desperately to estimate the cost of the Natal floods — both in terms of human life and damage to property

But tens of thousands of homeless people in the valleys and hills are faced with even more urgent problems where will their next meal come from and where can they erect new "homes"?

Welfare organisations admit that feeding the homeless on an on-going basis will tax their resources to the limit, but the provision of homes presents seemingly endless problems

The people who suffered most are mostly unemployed, have no money to build new "shacks" and, even if they could raise the R300, the sites they once occupied have disappeared

People in Natal agree it is almost impossible to estimate the cost of rebuilding the province. The floods which swept away thousands of houses leaving hundreds dead or missing, also destroyed roads and bridges, disrupted water supplies and devastated crops

## Five out of the 17 in this house died

When the four families who share a house in Chatsworth, Durban, said goodnight and went to bed one night last week it was raining heavily, but this disturbed them not at all.

Who was to guess that at 1.30 am each family would have lost a member; that five of the 17 people in the house would be dead?

The story of the catastrophe was recounted by a neighbour, Mrs Ashnee Thotatram, this week. "I woke up about 1 am on Tuesday morning because I could hear water running," she said. "I was standing at the window looking at the rushing torrent behind the house when the embankment suddenly gave way. I heard what sounded like a clap of thunder and I saw my neighbour's house collapse before my eyes."

Twelve people escaped with injuries but Mrs Rukmin Jaimungal lost her husband, Royithal, and two of her three children, Geetha and Ashen. Rosnnee Deolali and Anand Govender also died.

Not even the return from hospital of 10-month-old Praktha Jaimungal, buried beneath the rubble for eight hours before being rescued, gave Mrs Jaimungal cause to smile.

## WINNIE GRAHAM reports from Natal

Experts say damage runs into hundreds of millions of rands. But the question uppermost in the minds of many remains what is the future of the homeless?

The vast squatter camps around kwaMashu, the settlements around mission stations, the tribal areas in the Valley of a Thousand Hills, the urban areas? What will become of the jobless people who have lost the little they have?

St John Ambulance, the Red Cross, welfare organisations and churches are ferrying food and water to the destitute every day.

The Commissioner of St John in Natal, Mr Henry Stone, said this week the organisation was feeding 7 000 a day at a cost of about R2 000 (excluding donations of food). Efforts between the various organisations and churches, he admitted, had not been co-ordinated but, incredibly, there was not much duplication. The need was too great, the resources very thinly spread.

At the Catholic mission of Shongweni, high on a hill about 50 km from Durban, people are virtually cut off from the outside world.

## DORMITORIES FOR 3 000

Sister Gertrude, however, is coping as best she can. The school classrooms have been converted into huge dormitories for about 3 000 flood refugees.

"Their houses were washed down the mountainside by floods and mud slides. In one hut nine people died — the mother, son and seven grandchildren."

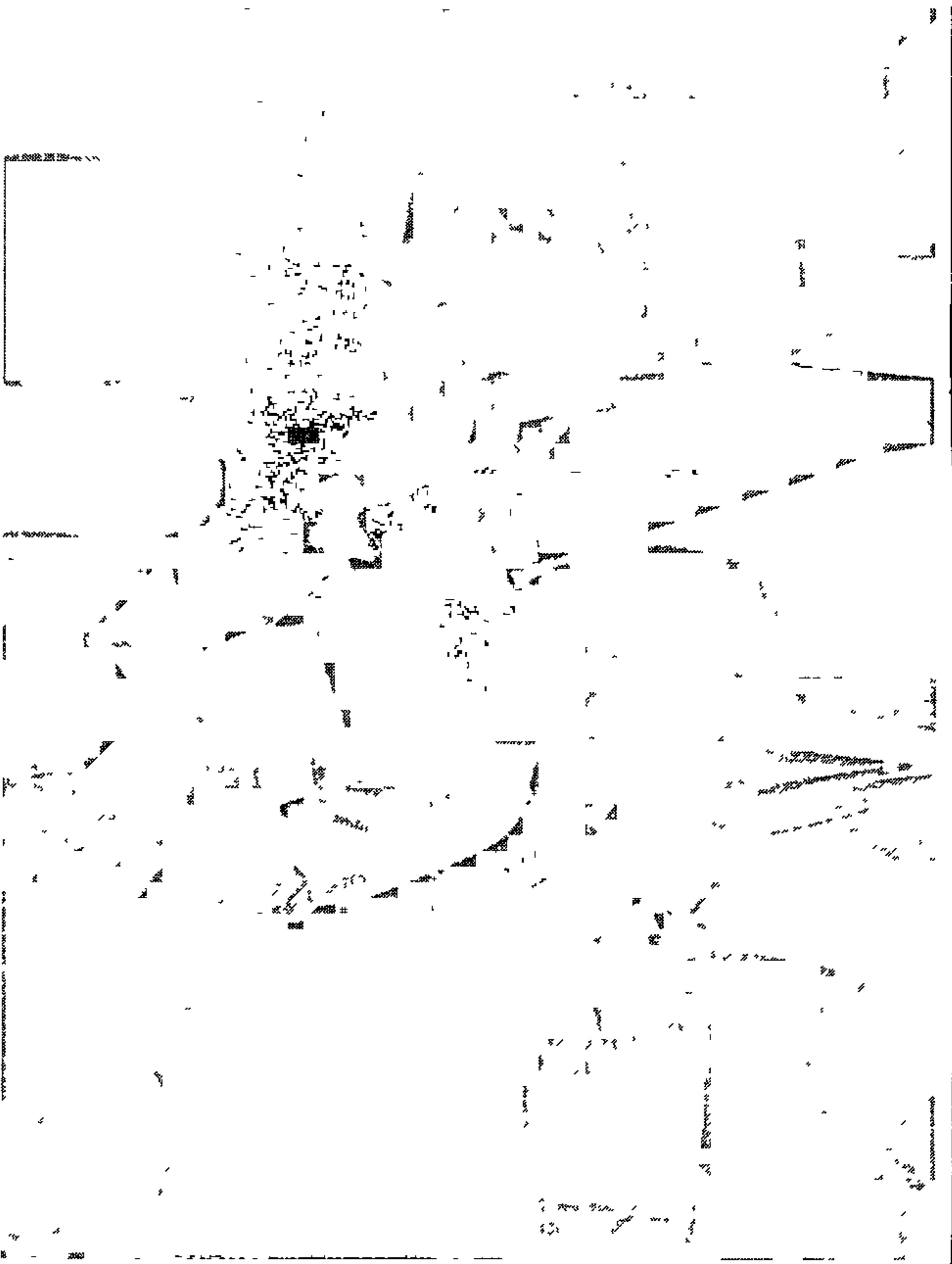
Has she enough food and water? The nun shrugs. People have been good, she says. The Methodist Church at Pinetown brought food and clothes. The Catholic Diocese was helping. Sometimes individuals arrived with blankets. But there were so many to look after.

Water supplies remain critical, the threat of a cholera epidemic is ever present, and starvation is only just being held at bay.

Possibly only welfare organisations appreciate the enormity — the hopelessness — of the problem.

The fear remains that people will tire of giving, that eventually the homeless will remain without homes, the hungry will have to go without food and jobs will remain as elusive as ever.

## Shanty town youngsters tuck in



**GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD:** small children, left homeless by the Natal floods, tuck into their daily meal at Lindelani, a shanty town about 30 km from Durban. The bread, donated by a local bakery, was distributed by St John Ambulance who are feeding about 7 000 flood victims daily.

## 56 000 homeless? 'Not likely'

**DURBAN** — The University of Natal's Built Environment Support Group (BESG) — which has estimated that about 460 000 people had been left homeless in Natal after the floods — has questioned the Government's figure of 56 000.

A statement issued by the group this week said that Government sources had criticised the preliminary results of the BESG survey which were released last Friday.

The group estimated that about 18 600 dwellings had been destroyed and 32 000 had been "so badly damaged as to be uninhabitable", while the Government estimate was 50 000 left homeless in Natal.

"Given that the population of Natal is some 6.4 million, this would suggest that only some 0.7 percent of Natal's population was homeless," the statement said.

"Reliable figures from the Valley Trust Area (the districts of Embo, Nysuswa, Ngqolosi, Moliwen and Qudi) which have been obtained from follow-up surveys in this area, indicate there are some 20 000 people being accommodated in schools, halls and other emergency shelters in these areas alone.

"Using the Government's figure of 50 000 homeless in the province implies that some 40 percent of Natal's homeless are clustered in the Valley Trust Area."

BESG estimates of flood damage were based on "considered detailed knowledge of the informal settlements in Durban, using acceptable survey methods", the statement said.

"The estimates are being corroborated by reports received from many other sources."

- The decision whether Durban's industries will be supplied with water on Monday has been deferred to midday tomorrow, according to Town Clerk Mr Gordon Haygarth.
- He said the Umgeni Water Board had been unable to recommission a second aqueduct to supplement the city's one lifeline and pump station.
- World Vision has committed itself to raising R200 000 to aid the victims of the disaster.
- As part of the fund-raising scheme, the organisation has been granted permission by the Transvaal Rugby Football Union to collect donations at today's match at Ellis Park between the touring South Pacific Islands team and the South African Barbarians.
- The health secretariat of the Azaman People's Organisation has collected clothing and food donations and set up a depot in Johannesburg to help flood victims.
- Most North Coast beaches were still subject to bathing bans yesterday. But, with one or two exceptions, there was swimming as usual at all South Coast resorts.
- Mrs Beulah Davies, director of the Natal Sharks Board, said "great difficulties are still being experienced in getting offshore nets into position again at the northern beaches".
- The police and Defence Force saved the lives of 1 362 people during the floods. Dr Willie van Niekerk, Minister of National Health, said on Thursday night.
- "I think that is an impressive performance," he said while on a tour of the area — Saturday Star Reporters, Correspondents and Sapa.

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**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE**

The hon member is referred to the reply in this House to the written Question No 78 of 1987

**Publications/objects prohibited**

263 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Home Affairs

Whether the possession of any publications or objects was declared prohibited in 1987 in terms of section 9(3) of the Publications Act, No 42 of 1974, if so, how many publications or objects in terms of section 47(2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f), respectively?

**THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS**

Yes

|                  |    |     |     |
|------------------|----|-----|-----|
| Section 47(2)(a) | 64 |     |     |
| (b)              | 3  |     |     |
| (c)              | 2  |     |     |
| (d)              | 6  |     |     |
| (e)              | 70 |     |     |
| (f)              | —  |     |     |
|                  |    | 918 | 196 |

**Reclassifications**

266 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Home Affairs

(a) What total number of persons in each category applied to be reclassified from one race group to another in 1987 and (b) how many of these applications were unsuccessful in each case?

**THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS**

|                          |       |       |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| White to Cape Coloured   | (a) 5 | (b) 1 |
| Cape Coloured to White   | 313   | 69    |
| Cape Coloured to Chinese | 4     | —     |
| White to Chinese         | 1     | —     |

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†Indicates translated version

For written reply

**Own Affairs**

**Amounts spent on housing**

4 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

What amounts were spent by his Department in the 1987-88 financial year on the construction of housing for Whites in (a) Cape Town, (b) Durban, (c) Pietermaritzburg, (d) Pretoria, (e) Port Elizabeth, (f) Kimberley, (g) East London, (h) Bloemfontein and (i) Johannesburg?

**THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS**

Amounts spent per metropolitan area for the period 1 April 1987 until 31 December 1987 are as follows

- (a) R6 985 122
- (b) R9 709 319
- (c) R1 276 951
- (d) R1 914 733
- (e) R2 300 977
- (f) R Nil
- (g) R2 320 727
- (h) R3 148 945
- (i) R15 382 759

**Housing assistance amounts spent**

6 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

What amount was spent by the State in respect of housing assistance to the White population group in the latest specified financial year for which figures are available?

**THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS**

R94 930 789

**Drought relief financial assistance**

12 Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Agriculture and Water Supply

What was the total amount of financial assistance rendered by his Department in the form of drought relief during 1987 or the latest specified 12-month period for which figures are available?

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER SUPPLY**

R206 138 050  
(1 April 1987-31 January 1988)

**Durban: accommodation units built**

34 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

How many accommodation units for aged White persons were built in the Durban municipal area with financial assistance from the State in 1987?

**THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS**

24 double units for the accommodation of 48 aged persons

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# Rent bill could spark boycott

CP Correspondent

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RESIDENTS of Lamontville outside Durban have condemned the proposed Promotion of Local Government Affairs Amendment Bill which would oblige employers to deduct rent from pay. Ian Mkhize and Aaron Masango, founder members of the Joint Rent Action Committee and members of the Lamontville Residents Association, warned that if the bill was passed it could spark another rent boycott.

CP Press

The residents' association expects the Bill to be gazetted soon. However, parliamentary sources this week said it was extremely unlikely that the bill would be passed as it had been widely opposed.

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"It is all in limbo at the moment," said PFP MP and researcher, Professor Nick Olivier.

The residents association members also criticised the State's new home ownership scheme, which makes the private sector responsible for providing houses.

People wanting homes have to obtain a 99-year lease, apply to building societies for loans and hire a contractor to build their houses.

"The provision of houses is the State's responsibility. This move is aimed to shift the burden of housing from the government to the oppressed people," said Mkhize.

Concord

# Major housing crisis looms

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — There are at least 1,7-million shack dwellers in the greater Durban area at present, and this figure is expected to double in the next five years, says a report in the KwaZulu Finance and Investment Corporation's quarterly magazine *The Developer*.

"The housing situation in the area has reached critical proportions

"There is an immediate need for 100 000 homes; which is more than the existing number of township houses throughout the whole of KwaZulu," said the report

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## The MINISTER OF HOUSING

- (1) No
- (a) Falls away  
(b) Falls away  
(c) Falls away  
(d) Falls away  
(e) (i) Falls away  
(ii) Falls away
- (2) Falls away  
(a) Falls away  
(b) Falls away  
(c) Falls away

## Lotus Park housing units constructed with State funds

- Mr Y MOOLLA asked the Minister of Housing
- (1) Whether his Department has subsidized and/or written off any amounts in respect of the capital cost of any housing units constructed with State funds at Lotus Park, if so (a) why and (b) what was the average (i) original and (ii) amended selling price of these housing units.
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

## The MINISTER OF HOUSING

- (1) No
- (a) Falls away  
(b) (i) Falls away  
(ii) Falls away
- (2) No

## For written reply

## Own Affairs

## Lenasia South houses on residential sites by utility companies

1 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 2 on 3 September 1987, any utility companies to which residential sites were allocated in Lenasia South for deve-

lopment have not (a) commenced or (b) finished building houses on these sites, if so, (i) (aa) what are the names and (bb) who are the directors of these companies,

(ii) how many such sites (aa) had been allocated to and (bb) remained to be developed by each of these companies as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (iii) at what price was the land sold to these companies,

(2) how many houses (a) had been completed and (b) were being built by these companies on the above-mentioned sites as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

## The MINISTER OF HOUSING

- (1) (a) No
- (i) (aa) Falls away  
(bb) Falls away
- (ii) (aa) Falls away  
(bb) Falls away  
(iii) Falls away
- (b) Yes
- (i) (aa) Bazarna Housing Utility Company  
(bb) Mr Aboobaker Ismail  
Mr Dawood Ismail  
Mr Yunus Dawood Ismail  
Mr Yusuf Ebrahim Ismail  
Mr Abdul Kader Aboobaker  
Mr Abdool Kader Noor  
Mohamed Tarmahomed  
Mr Habib Ismail  
Mr Mahomed Farouk Ismail  
Mr Anthony Federrick Erasmus (Ministerial Representative)

- (ii) (aa) 100  
(bb) 12

As at 26 February 1988

(iii) R18,00 per square metre

- (2) (a) 68  
(b) 20

As at 26 February 1988

## Cato Manor: applications for residential sites

2 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing

- (a) How many applications for residential sites in Cato Manor have been received from displaced former (i) occupiers and (ii) owners of houses in Cato Manor, (b) (i) how many such applications have been granted and (ii) what are the names of the successful applicants and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

## The MINISTER OF HOUSING

- (a) (i) 1 310  
(ii) 48
- (b) (i) 5
- (ii) (aa) Mr N Cherry  
(bb) Mr J Naidoo  
(cc) Mr M Singh  
(dd) Mr P Padayachee  
(ee) Mr M Naicker
- (c) 2 March 1988

## Oriental Plaza, Johannesburg: agreed purchase price

3 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) With reference to his reply to Question No 80 on 14 September 1987, (a) what amount of the agreed purchase price of R21,4 million for the Oriental Plaza in Johannesburg was in respect of (i) cost, (ii) interest, (iii) administrative charges and (iv) rentals received and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished,
- (2) whether his Department has information on the tenants of this plaza, if not, why not, if so, how many of the present tenants are (a) original and (b) not original tenants?

## The MINISTER OF HOUSING

- (1) (a) (i) R25,1 million  
(ii) & (iii) R9 7 million  
(iv) R13,4 million  
(b) 2 March 1988
- (2) Yes  
(a) 271  
(b) 25



Mr P T POOVALLINGAM Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is the hon the Minister first of all aware that for a minimum of 80 years prior to the area in question being declared a White area it was in fact a mixed area occupied and owned largely by members of the Indian community, but including certain White, Coloured and a few Black families? Secondly, is the hon the Minister aware that it was as a result of legalised robbery that the land in question was taken away and devastated in terms of the Group Areas Act?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, in this case I was replying on behalf of my colleague. This is not the field I deal with so I would not be able to comment on the hon member's remarks.

*Film Cry Freedom*

\*2 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Home Affairs

(1) Whether a certain film, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, has been passed by the Directorate of Publications, if not why not, if so, what is the name of this film,

(2) whether any restrictions have been imposed on the screening of this film if so (a) what restrictions and (b) why,

(3) whether his Department has received any complaints and/or protests regarding the screening of this film if so, (a) from whom and (b) what was his Department's response thereto,

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

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(1) to (4) I wish to make the following statement on this matter

The Directorate of Publications has no authority to approve or reject films for screening to the public. However, a committee of publications consisting of 6 members, examined the film *Cry Freedom* in terms of section 21 of the Publications Act 1974 and approved the film. No restrictions were imposed by the committee.

Although the film has not yet been released in

Group Five Building (Pty) Ltd  
Pilot Construction (Pty) Ltd  
Westcott Association

New Questions

Properties allocated to firm

(2) No. The tenders are presently being adjudicated

\*1 Mr Y MOOLLA asked the Minister of Housing

- (a) Falls away  
(b) Falls away  
(c) Falls away

\*2 Mr M RAJAB — Budget [Withdrawn]

Headmaster involved in incident

\*3 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether his Department has taken any action in connection with an incident involving the headmaster of a certain school, particulars of which have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if not why not if so (a) what action, (b) what are the circumstances surrounding the incident and (c) what is the name of the headmaster concerned,

(2) (a) how many years service does this person have with his Department and (b) what is his promotion record,

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

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Yes

(a) (i) A charge of misconduct has been preferred

(ii) The educator's acting principalship was terminated but he obtained an interim interdict restraining the Administration from taking any further action. This interdict is being opposed.

(b) The essentials are public knowledge and since the matter is *sub judice* I cannot discuss it further.

(c) See I(b) above

(2) (a) See I(b) above

(b) See I(b) above

(3) No

(2) whether any commission was paid to this firm, if so, (a) when (b) why and (c) what amount?

The MINISTER OF HOUSING

(1) No

- (a) Falls away  
(b) Falls away  
(c) Falls away  
(d) Falls away  
(e) (i) Falls away  
(ii) Falls away

(2) Falls away

- (a) Falls away  
(b) Falls away  
(c) Falls away

Properties allocated to firm

\*2 Mr Y MOOLLA asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether his Department has allocated or assisted in the allocation of any properties to a certain firm the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, or to the proprietors of this firm, if so (a) when, (b) why, (c) on what terms and conditions, (d) in which areas and (e) what (i) is the name and (ii) are the relevant particulars of the firm in question,

(2) whether any commission was paid to this firm, if so (a) when (b) why and (c) what amount?

**(iii) ORANGE FREE STATE**

- (a) 30
- (b) Hospital Services Branch 15  
Roads Branch 8  
Chief Directorate of Works 1  
Chief Directorate of Community Services 2  
Finance Directorate 2  
Nature and Environmental Conservation Directorate 2
- (c) 1 March 1988
- (iv) NATAL
- (a) 37
- (b) General Provincial Services Branch 19  
Hospital Services Branch 13  
Roads Branch 5
- (c) 29 February 1988

Hospitals beds/staff establishment/vacant posts  
640 Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

- (1) What was the (a) number of commissioned beds as at 31 December 1987 at the (i) J G Strijdom, (ii) Coronation, (iii) Johannesburg, (iv) Hillbrow and (v) Baragwanath Hospital, (b) average bed occupancy rate, expressed in percentage, in respect of each of the above hospitals for the (i) 1984/85 and (ii) 1985/86 financial years and (c) staff establishment at each such hospital as at 31 December 1987 (i) in total and (ii) for (aa) medical, (bb) nurs-

| (ii) | (aa)         |            | (bb)         |          | (cc)        |          | (dd)        |          | (ee)        |          |
|------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
|      | J G Strijdom | Coronation | Johannesburg | Hillbrow | Baragwanath | Hillbrow | Baragwanath | Hillbrow | Baragwanath | Hillbrow |
| (1)  | 133          | 166        | 681          | 256      | 591         | 893      | 763         | 97       | 186         | 654      |
| (2)  | 213          | 166        | 894          | 213      | 166         | 893      | 763         | 97       | 186         | 654      |
| (b)  | 7            | 21         | 127          | 49       | 55          | 91       | 44          | 12       | 19          | 70       |
| (c)  | 158          | 177        | 74           | 66       | 64          | 158      | 177         | 74       | 66          | 64       |
| (d)  | 303          | 380        | 101          | 13       | 5           | 303      | 380         | 101      | 13          | 5        |
| (e)  | 380          | 101        | 13           | 5        | 97          | 380      | 101         | 13       | 5           | 97       |

Hospitals: cuts in staff establishment  
642 Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

- (1) Whether any cuts in staff establishment have been determined at the (a) J G Strijdom, (b) Coronation, (c) Johannesburg, (d) Hillbrow and (e) Baragwanath Hospital in any staff category since 31 December 1987, if so, what cuts in each specified category at each of these hospitals,
- (2) whether these cuts affect medical teaching posts, if so, in what way,
- (3) whether the cuts were determined in consultation with the (a) Medical Faculty of the University of Witwatersrand and (b) Vice-Chancellor of that university, if not, why not,
- (4) whether the cuts were agreed to by the authorities of the above university, if so, on what date was agreement reached,
- (5) on what date or dates were the superintendents of the above-mentioned five hospitals advised of the cuts in staff establishment,
- (6) whether the withdrawn posts will be terminated with immediate effect as they become vacant, if not, what procedure will be followed?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- (1) No cuts in staff establishments have been determined at any of the hospitals mentioned in any staff categories
- (2) to (6) Fall away

Greater Durban area: housing backlog for Blacks

647 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

- (1) Whether there is a housing backlog for Blacks in respect of the Greater Durban area, if so, (a) what is the nature of the backlog in respect of each specified housing area in the Greater Durban area and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished,
- (2) whether any additional land will be made available for housing in these housing areas if not, why not, if so, (a) how many hectares in respect of each area and (b) when?

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Hospitals: cuts in staff establishment  
644 Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

- (1) Yes
- (a) (i) Lamontville 1 350 units  
(ii) Klaarwater/St Wendolins 1 057 units  
(iii) Chesterville 1 340 units
- (b) 29 February 1988
- (2) Yes
- (a) (i) Lamontville 80 hectares  
(ii) Klaarwater/St Wendolins 260 hectares  
(iii) Chesterville 87 hectares
- (b) Most of the land is already available. Negotiations for the balance still to be purchased are in progress.

Hospital services: beds hired from *Employment Bureau of Africa*

664 Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

- Whether the provincial department of hospital services in the Orange Free State hires hospital beds from a certain organisation, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if so, (a) why, (b) how many beds, (c) in respect of which hospitals, (d) at what cost per bed and (e) what is the name of this organization?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- Yes
- (a) The beds are hired as a result of the shortage of bed-accommodation for Blacks
- (b) 40
- (c) Odendaalsrus Virginia and Welkom
- (d) A tariff of R50 per bed per day is paid for the following services rendered by the organisation mentioned: Medicine, food, laundry services, cleaning services, operating theatre facilities, medical gas, linen, blankets, bandages etc
- (e) "Employment Bureau of Africa", also called "Teba"

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† Indicates translated version

For oral reply

General Affairs

Selling/allocation of houses in Umzinto North: alleged irregularities

\*1 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning  
Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 57 of 14 August 1987, he will now make a statement on the matter of the alleged irregularities in connection with the selling and allocation of houses in the Umzinto North area?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

The information given in the reply to Question No 57 on 14 August 1987, as furnished by the Natal Provincial Government, unfortunately seems to be incorrect and I want to apologise for this. According to further information supplied by the Natal Provincial Government only one instance of an alleged irregular allocation of a residential unit was identified. This matter was followed up administratively by the Office of the Provincial Secretary of Natal. Pending a satisfactory answer from the town council concerned, the matter could not be reported to the South African Police up to now.

Selling/allocation of houses in Umzinto North: alleged irregularities

\*2 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning to Question No 57 on 14 August 1987, the South African Police have conducted an investigation into alleged irregularities in connection with the selling and allocation of houses in the Umzinto North area, if so

(2) whether this investigation has been completed, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it expected to be completed, if so, (i) when, (ii) what were the findings and (iii) what steps have been taken as a result,

(3) whether he will furnish the name of the person who lodged the complaint that gave rise to this investigation, if not, why not, if so, what is the name of this person?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) to (3)

This matter has up until now, not yet been reported to the South African Police

I refer the honourable member to the reply of my colleague, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning to question 1

Group Areas Act, proposals concerning amendments

\*3 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) Whether a technical committee of his Department has prepared and presented to him proposals concerning amendments to the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, if so, what is the purport of these proposals,

(2) whether these proposals have been forwarded to the Cabinet, if not, why not, if so, with what result,

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

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) Yes They represent an embodiment of the principles set out in the State President's speech in the House of Assembly on 5 October 1987

(2) Yes Proposals for appropriate amendments to the Act will be introduced during this session

(3) No

Liquor Board: members appointed

\*4 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology

(1) Whether, since his reply to Question No 3 on 17 April 1986, any (a) Black, (b) Indian and (c) Coloured persons have been appointed as members of the Liquor Board, if not, why not, if so, what are their names in each case,

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

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY (Dr T G Aiant)

(1) (a), (b) and (c) No

The Liquor Act, 1977 provides for the appointment of permanent and *ad hoc* members to the Liquor Board. At present the permanent Board members do not include any Black, Indian or Coloured persons. However, the composition of the Board is to be restructured in terms of the Liquor Bill which was published on 21 March 1988.

As an interim measure and as was foreseen in the reply on 17 April 1986 with regard to co-optation on a provincial basis, Mr A A Kooibair, an Indian person of Durban, was again appointed, as in 1986, as an *ad hoc* member during the annual meeting for Natal held in June 1987. A representative of the Black community, Mr B Z Ndizi, the mayor of the Black township Mamelodi, was also appointed as an *ad hoc* member during the annual meeting for Transvaal, held in August, September and October 1987. No response was received to an invitation for the nomination of a Coloured person to be appointed as an *ad hoc* member of the Board.

(2) No

Competition Board members appointed

\*5 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology

(1) Whether, since his reply to Question No 2 on 17 April 1986, any (a) Black, (b) Indian and (c) Coloured persons have been appointed as members of the Competition Board, if not, why not, if so, what are their names in each case,

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

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY (Dr T G Aiant)

(1) (a), (b) and (c) No. As was indicated in the reply of 17 April 1986, the number of posts on the Board is laid down by law. Except

for the post of Chairman of the Competition Board, no vacancies occurred since the aforementioned date and no appointments or reappointments of Board members were considered.

The post of Chairman of the Board became vacant at the end of February 1988 and negotiations concerning the appointment of a new Chairman have not yet been finalised.

It may be added that responsibility for the Competition Board falls under the Minister of Administration and Privatisation since 31 March 1988.

(2) No

Trade Practices Advisory Committee: members appointed

\*6 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology

Whether, since his reply to Question No 1 on 17 April 1986, any (a) Black, (b) Indian and (c) Coloured persons have been appointed as members of the Trade Practices Advisory Committee, if not, why not, if so, what are their names in each case?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY (Dr T G Aiant)

(a), (b) and (c) As far as membership of the Trade Practices Advisory Committee is concerned, the position has remained unchanged since the reply of 17 April 1986, namely that no Black person has been appointed as a member of the committee, while Messrs C T Bhoola and D Crowe from the Indian and Coloured communities, respectively, still serve on the committee.

The revision of the Trade Practices Act, 1976 has in the meantime reached a stage where it is expected that new legislation will be submitted to Parliament during the current session.

Own Affairs

Housing Development Board assets

\*1 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 2 on 4 June 1987, the matter of the assets of the Housing Development

## Higher rentals in Durban

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A warning that tenants faced substantial rental increases is sounded by the Durban-based Marshalls Group.

Under pressure from inflation operating costs of properties, particularly high rise buildings, has increased faster than rentals and the group has effectively had to subsidise its tenants, says chairman DC Marshall in the group's annual report

"In order to preserve the return from property investments with at least the rate of inflation, it will be necessary to levy substantially higher rentals in the future"

He said the company would continue to view investment opportunities conservatively.

# 400 protest outside home of Rajbansi

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Police had to be called to the Chatsworth home of Cabinet Minister Mr Amichand Rajbansi at the weekend when a group of about 400 arrived by the busload to protest against the new rent formula.

Mr Rajbansi, chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates, was not at home and the group left after handing a petition to a police guard at the house.

A police spokesman confirmed the incident, but said no police action was necessary.

Mr Rajbansi blamed the Chatsworth Housing Action Committee for the demonstration.

Durban's <sup>Stw 2/11/88</sup> rates to <sup>(125)</sup> rise 8,6 pc

DURBAN:— Rates on houses and flats in Durban are set to rise by 8,6 percent and on business and industrial premises by 10,3 percent from the end of June.

Durban's 1988/89 budget, which is bigger than this year's budget for the Natal Provincial Administration, reflects a total of R1,55 billion, an increase of 12,7 percent on last year's R1,38 billion, which is within the limits of 13,5 percent set by the Treasury.

According to Councilor Jan Venter, vice-chairman of the city council management committee, this is the 10th successive year that the council has kept the residential rates increase below that of the Consumer Price Index inflation rate.

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# Durban protest meeting chases MP from hall

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By VASANTHA ANGUMUTHU

THE coloured MP who went to jail briefly for chopping down apartheid beach signs, Morris Fynn, was this week booted out of a meeting of Wentworth residents protesting rent increases.

A grinning Fynn was repeatedly asked to leave the meeting after residents said that he could not answer their questions about the increases.

Wentworth residents are part of the 15 000-strong Durban City Council tenants that are faced with rental increases of up to 80 percent in July.

The meeting, organised by the Wentworth Resi-

## 'Rent rise is more crucial than chopping down signs on beach'

dents' Association, was briefly addressed by Fynn.

Women, angered by Fynn's inability to provide some measure of relief by addressing the issue of increases, took over the meeting chanting "resign" and "get out".

Fynn reacted to statements that questioned his ability to do anything for the Wentworth community by pointing out that he went to jail for the people, referring to the incident where he chopped "whites-only" signs from Durban

beaches.

One of the protesters shouted that residents he need be concerned about did not live on the beaches and that the issue of rents was more important.

Fynn initially refused to leave the meeting as the crowd surged to their feet and kept up a chant of "get out" and "leave this meeting" but as the crowd grew angrier he left, shaking his head.

A spokesman for Wera said that Fynn had used the brief period in jail as

political leverage and capitalised on his detention for his election campaign.

"What is surprising is that he can call a meeting of residents to discuss whether he must chop down beach signs or not, but not call a public meeting over the more crucial issue of increased rents."

She said that the meeting showed that the rejection of Local Authority Councils as puppet bodies was strong among Wentworth residents.

At the meeting, people also passed a resolution of no confidence in the LACs.

Three other LAC members and MPs invited to address the meeting did not attend.

A Wera spokesman said that at the time of the City Hall rally, where more than 4 000 Durban tenants rejected rent increases, coloured MP Tommy Abrahams had called for people to boycott rent increases.

"He should therefore have come to this rally. People are now saying, and rightfully so, that he jumped on the bandwagon by showing people that he was in touch with their problems. But he did not even attend our rally in Wentworth."

She said that an interesting development was that the chairman of the coloured local affairs committee, EFL Stewart, had approached the Wera for affiliation. This was put to the people at the rally and there was a resounding rejection of the proposal.

Fynn was in Ixopo and was unable to be reached.

Meanwhile, the anti-rent increase fervour is spreading throughout the Durban townships.

At a rally attended by over 500 people in Phoenix on Sunday, residents rejected the increases.

A "candle-light night" in both Merebank and Wentworth on Monday night saw 99 percent of residents affected by increases, switch off their lights and burn candles in their windows.



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# DURBAN sets up rent group

By VASANTHA ANGAMUTHU

A WORKING group set up by the Durban City Council and the government could mean a reprieve for 17 000 council tenants faced with rent increases in July.

The Durban Housing Action Committee de-

scribed the action as provocative and dishonest. "It is provocative because they are creating unnecessary anxiety among our already angered people. It is dishonest because they arrogantly refuse to refund any money to our people if the formula, when revised,

results in credits," said DHAC spokesman Trevor Bonhomme.

In an interview with City Press, the chairwoman of the Durban Health and Housing Committee, Margaret Winter, said the group had been set up to find a solution to the rent

problem. "At no time has the city council said that this problem does not exist. Now that we have made recommendations to the government, the working group has been set up. "We are not placing a moratorium on the in-

creases to be implemented in July, but we await recommendations from the working group," she said. According to figures the council had, she said, more than 4 000 tenants paid more than 30 percent of their incomes towards rent. "And if one realises that some of these incomes fall in the under-R250 bracket, this 30 percent is substantial."

The issues of financial assistance for low-income earners will also be decided on at the meeting. Winter regards this as a step forward.

# Security policeman denies torturing accused to get info

A SECURITY policeman has denied in the Cape Town Supreme Court that a terrorism accused was assaulted and tortured to obtain information.

In the trial of a number of terrorism suspects, Capt William Liebenberg told the court he was part of a team which questioned Peter Jacobs, 22, at the security police offices after he was arrested on May 16 last year.

Michael Donen, for Jacobs, said his client would say that Liebenberg hit

him two or three times in the face and that a W/O Benzen gave him shock treatment and smothered him with a wet bag so that he lost consciousness.

Liebenberg said, "These things did not take place in my presence."

Donen said: "Are you trained to threaten or as-

sault if the person does not tell you?"

Liebenberg: "No. It's against the law. I'm not prepared to break the law."

Donen: "In spite of the fact that these weapons can be used against the population?"

Liebenberg: "Yes."

Liebenberg said Jacobs told police his name and that he had a hand grenade, but had told them his address only a few hours later.

Police noticed Jacobs

was preoccupied with the time and set their watches two hours ahead.

Jacobs then took them to where he lived in Dunster Road, Athlone. Another accused, Ashley Forbes, 22, was arrested there.

The others on trial are: Nicklo Louis Pedro, 20, Nazen Lowe, 24, Anwa Dramat, 19, Clement Badijies, 19, David Johannes Fortuin, 22, Jeremy Alan Veary, 22, Walter Rhooede Karriem, 20, Collin Clive Marlin, Peteren, 23, Leon Scott, 29, and Yasmina Pandy, 20.

# Umlazi taxi fares set to rise today

By S'BU MNGADI

UMLAZI'S three taxi associations this week announced fare increases which they said would curb overloading and speeding.

The fare increase would be 10c inside the township and 50c to the city with effect from today, said Obed Hlongwane, chairman of a co-ordinating committee set up to monitor the situation following complaints from passengers.

The Umlazi, Ntokozenl and Kwanyandu associations also plan to dismiss drivers guilty of speeding. They will also introduce strict monitoring in conjunction with the police.

Hlongwane warned drivers to adhere to speed and passenger-load limits. He said fares had to be increased in order to make the services more viable, efficient and clean. Taxi operators claimed overloading was essential for their financial success, but it had proved dangerous.

"We managed to get across to Housing Ministry officials just what problems especially those living in high-rise buildings - will have to be assistance for these people."

However, the DHAC said the council's latest action was inconsiderate. Bonhomme said that at a general council meeting on Tuesday tenants had decided to meet on June 12 to decide what action they should take to demonstrate to the council that the formula plan was "unpopular".

# Increase in rats causes Durban concern

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Health authorities here are concerned about an increase in rat activity in the city centre

In May two teams of council rat catchers caught 478 live rats in the central city. This brought the total caught for the year to 2 140.

The health officials sent 50 rat serum samples to the National Institute of Virology to test for plague, but they came back negative.

An expert on rodents said the increase in the number of rats could be a reflection of their breeding patterns, which picked up in February and March in Durban.

Also, the debris brought down by the floods could mean increased cover and more food. This would allow for larger litters and a higher survival rate of young.

While health officials are also concerned about the rodent activity in the informal settlements surrounding Durban, city centre rats are unlikely to have migrated from there.

Rats do not like to move far and there was no need for them to come in from the outlying areas where things were pretty good for them, the rodent expert said.

"Rats are a health hazard," Mr Harry Oldfield, vice chairman of the city's health and housing committee, said yesterday.

Durban's Medical Officer of Health, Dr Muriel Richter, said "There is an increase in the rodent activity against which we are already taking action."

Health officials are concerned about the health standards in the informal squatter camps.

# White support for Dhac protest

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DURBAN. — Whites are increasingly supporting the Durban Housing Action Committee (Dhac), which was formed in 1980 to fight housing and rent issues in the "coloured" and Indian townships here.

With rent increases due on July 1, many whites attended a recent Dhac protest meeting which drew more than six thousand people.

"We are getting massive support from white tenants. They not only continuously phone our offices but they are a vital part of our letter-writing campaign," said Sham Maraj, Dhac secretary, in an interview.

"Most of these whites come from the areas

— like the Point Road area — which are usually fertile recruitment ground for the Conservative Party."

Rent was an issue that affected all poor people and drew them together, Maraj said.

Dhac was formed in March 1980 as counterpart of the Joint Rent Action Committee, which was fighting rent issues in Durban's African townships.

It soon developed a close working relationship with progressive organisations like Cosatu, the Natal Indian Congress and the Black Sash.

Its demands include a halt to all evictions, an increase in rent subsidies and a change in the formulas which determine rent. It is

also concerned with broader issues like forced removals.

During the recent meeting various community leaders and members of the audience spoke out against rent increases. A white spokesperson suggested that increases be postponed until a solution was found which could "satisfy all people".

Dhac chairman Mr Trevor Bonhomme referred to the strong presence of the authorities and said the meeting was held in a "straitjacket". He warned that the people would no longer bow to threats.

Said Maraj: "Our application to hold the rally at Curries Fountain was turned down by a magistrate, who said the South African and Durban City police were of the opinion

that the rally would lead to violence"

Dhac has fought many wage campaigns and has come into confrontation with the Government, the Durban City Council, the House of Delegates and the House of Representatives.

Between 1983 and 1985 it was locked in a court battle with the Government and the Durban City Council on a water issue and won back R1,8-million for tenants. It has successfully fought forced removals in various areas.

"We are under constant harassment by the government in our offices and in the streets but that does not dampen our spirit," Maraj said — PRESS TRUST OF SA

New scheme benefits Natal poor

# Buying a home for less than R10 a month

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

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

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

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

## RESPONSIBLE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Durban township residents vote on council rent increase

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By VASANTHA  
ANGAMUTHU

RESIDENTS of Durban's Indian and coloured townships are voting whether they can afford to pay recent council rent increases.

The Durban Housing Action Committee - a UDF affiliate - has spearheaded the campaign to have the rent increase scrapped

Rents in the townships went up this month - some by more than 80 percent

Many of those affected are pensioners with incomes of less than R200 a month

The organisation has asked tenants to vote on whether they can afford to pay the increased rents

The Action Committee has said that so far 35 percent of 20 000 tenants affected had voted

Some confusion has been caused by the rent vote, which many people have associated with the government-sponsored House of Delegates and the Local Affairs Committees.

An Action Committee

spokesman said some residents were wary of voting because they thought the ballot had been initiated by these government bodies

"We had to explain the real concept of voting - that it could be representative of a majority consensus," he said

Unlike the low polls for the Local Affairs Committee and the House of Delegates elections, the rent vote attracted mass support, after the Action Committee had explained the voting process.

The ballot form asked tenants whether they were prepared to pay the increased rents

The decision to ballot community opinion was taken at a mass rally of about 6 000 tenants at the University of Natal last month, where tenants resolved not pay increased rent

They demanded that the Houses of Delegates, Representatives and Assembly, negotiated a new rent formula with the Action Committee.

Tenants also demanded

that a moratorium be placed on increases until a solution was found.

After tenants protested against the increases a few months ago, the Durban City Council and parliamentary representatives set up a working committee to seek a solution

Despite this, rent statements with the increase were sent out.

"Many people cannot afford to pay current rentals so many will not be able to pay," the Action Committee spokesman said.

"The council has said it would provide welfare to those who could not afford to pay rent.

"This does not really address the problem of the 20 000 that face the increases," the spokesman said.

He added that the House of Representatives had - after the protest meetings - placed a moratorium on rent increases in coloured townships.

"It seems the House of Delegates and the city council are still reluctant to do so," he added

# Natal launches new home-ownership scheme

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Home-ownership for 25c a month for the really low-income earners — people paid R50 and below — has been made possible, the Natal Provincial Administration (NPA) announced yesterday

And even people earning up to R350 a month may qualify to buy their own homes for less than R10 a month

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

Following a joint decision by government ministers responsible for housing for the respective population

groups, a new formula had been devised for the sale of properties financed from the Natal Housing Commission

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

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

"The purpose of the new formula is to bring relief to the lower-income groups."

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

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# Very low income earners might get houses in Natal

**DURBAN** — People earning up to R350 a month may soon qualify to buy their own homes for less than R10 a month, the Natal Provincial Administration said yesterday, and the really low-income earners, people earning R50 a month and less, could pay as little as 25c a month for their homes.

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

Following a decision by government ministers responsible for housing, a new formula has been devised for the sale of properties financed from the Natal Housing Commission.

The NPA is responsible for assisting residents of urban black towns to buy homes which they are currently renting. So far, more than 2 500 homes have been sold — many for cash because of the low prices.

"This scheme is based on deed of sale and 99-year leasehold tenure in which repayments are calculated on the monthly income of the individual. The buyer is required to pay a percentage of his income as the interest and redemption component of the monthly rental or purchase payment," Adderley said.

People earning between R101 and R500 a month will pay between R1,88 and R19 a month to buy their own home over a 30-year period. The scheme only benefits someone earning less than R800 a month.

Transfer costs and other purchasing costs may be included in the purchase price and loan amount.

National Housing Commission homes in black towns in the greater Durban area are currently selling from between R521 (Lamontville) and R1 072 (Kwa-Mantla).

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# New rent plan sparks defiance among Durban's coloured folk

CP Reporter

RESIDENTS in Marianridge, near Pinetown are up in arms following the introduction of a new rental formula they claim was not explained to them

According to the new system, rent will be calculated according to the cost of the dwelling or wages, whichever is greater, with the result that a small increase in salary will significantly affect rent

Residents have resolved to continue paying the present rent, and have vowed not to destroy their existing rent cards, "until we are given affordable rents"

At a meeting attended by about 600 people last week at the Candy-Floss Creche, residents said they wanted to be consulted on all issues concerning the community

The new rental formula was sent to local affairs committees in September last year, but the people of Marianridge were only told of a rent increase on June 29 when letters were sent to them, informing them of new methods of paying rent

They were asked to choose whether they would like to pay rent under the old or new method

The methods were not explained to them, claim residents who were given seven days to sign forms which were collected by officials

Some residents claim that in some cases when the officials arrived to collect the forms, only children were at home, who were

made to sign

There are also claims that other residents were pressurised, with officials insisting that they sign or lose their homes

Others who refused to sign were told by officials to sign, or have their rent decided on by the Department of Housing and Agriculture

Neither of the two amounts appearing on the letters were figures that the residents were paying, so they claim they were not given any choice

A sore point is the plight of pensioners

Pensioners receiving R167 a month were requested to pay between R55 and R61, though they had previously paid about R29

In addition to this amount, they had to pay electricity bills of about R40 and water accounts of about R12, which would leave them with about R 0 for the month

"We want pensioners and people receiving grants to pay less rent than at present," resolved the meeting

The local Catholic Church and concerned youths have formed a committee which, after enlisting help from the Durban Housing Action Committee, is tackling the problem

The new method for calculating rental was due to be in effect from July 1, but it will now be implemented from August 1, "due to problems related to the implementation", according to letters sent to residents by the office of the regional director of housing in the House of Representatives

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## HOUSING

### Changing shapes

Cato Manor has returned to haunt Durban from a bleak hillside overlooking the N3 on the northern gateway to the city

In the Forties and the Sixties it was the site of the largest squatter settlement on the city fringes. It gave its name to two major "race riots" which were in fact rooted in clashes over property rights

In 1949 Zulu shackdwellers fought Indians, in 1960, after the area was proclaimed for white occupation only, they directed their rage at policemen, killing 10

The legacy of that bloody violence, and practical problems such as unstable soil, combined to ensure that until this year no development of any consequence took place in the area

Black residents were relocated to KwaMashu, and Indians to Chatsworth, while the whites for whom the land had been evacuated didn't want it at any price

In 1979 the area was reclaimed for Indian use and now, nine years later, a stark sub-economic housing development by the House of Delegates has sprung up on a portion of the

township known as Bonella.

The development has provoked outraged reaction from town planners, architects, and commuters from Westville, Pinetown and Kloof who pass the site daily

Some 150 houses are due to be completed shortly at a contract value of R3,6m. Half have less than 50 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space each. The cramped, square houses are uniformly laid out in rows on a hillside stripped of all vegetation to hasten construction

The effect is uncomfortably reminiscent of the soulless and discredited 51/4 government mass housing schemes of the past, and has already been branded by some as an "instant slum"

Though, today, affordable housing is clearly the major criteria, architects say far more imaginative use could have been made of the site and the final contract price of R14,6m — R11m for sitework and R3,6m for housing construction

The HoD is short on detail. It now controls a total 151 ha in the Cato Manor area, but cannot provide figures for the number of properties that were bought, the period over which they were bought, or the final price paid for the land

Phase 1 of the development called for the construction of 75 two-bedroomed houses of 46,5 m<sup>2</sup>, 62 three-bedroomed houses of 54 m<sup>2</sup> and 14 four-bedroomed houses of 72 m<sup>2</sup>.

The houses will "preferably" be sold, says the HoD, but it cannot provide prices. Buyers will be those Indian families "legally" present in the area. Its surveys show they number about 46

The Cato Manor Residents Association, formed in 1979 when the area was reclaimed for Indian use, says it believes all 311 Indian families now living in the area are entitled to housing in the area

The HoD has indicated that a further 36 houses will be built in the second phase and that plans exist to put 136 sites on the market for private sale and construction

It says an area of 100 ha will eventually be developed for housing, duplex development, schools, business sites, a post office and worship sites. The remainder will be utilised for parks, open spaces, and roadways

This is a process architects call "maturing" and critics of the unpromising start made by the HoD are urged to hold their criticism — if not their breath

In the meantime the Bonella development provides gaunt testimony to the fact that Third World economics will ultimately alter Durban's First World skyline ■



Bonella ... stark reality

# Durban and

# Maritzbours

# Tenants refuse rent hikes

25/9/88 (125) e Press

By VASANTHA ANGAMUTHU

Tenants of buildings owned by the Durban and Maritzburg City Councils are stepping up their campaign against increased rentals

For months now, Durban tenants have been involved in a struggle against rent increases that were implemented in July this year. This month, Maritzburg tenants joined in the rent conflict and also resolved, at a meeting, not to pay increases.

In both cities, Indian and coloured tenants have rallied behind local civic associations that are organising the campaign. More than a 1 000 Maritzburg residents endorsed the resolution passed at the meeting that they would not pay rentals they could not afford. This is the third rent increase this year. Residents say they are angry that they were

## Council has cut electricity of hundreds of defaulters

not consulted when a new rental formula was drawn up by the two councils.

At the Maritzburg meeting, publicity secretary of the combined ratepayers' and residents' association, Yunus Carrim, attacked the council for "stubbornly refusing to consult with the democratically elected resident association" and said the community held the local affairs committee directly responsible for the increases.

While Maritzburg is on the threshold of the struggle against the rent hikes, hundreds of

Durban tenants have already had their electricity disconnected after their failure to pay rent since August.

Last week, residents in Durban protested against the disconnections by having candle-light nights.

About 10 000 residents switched off their lights and burned candles as a sign of protest against the council's refusal to negotiate the increases.

A spokesman for the Durban Housing Action Committee said thousands of tenants had

been involved in the rent campaign.

"Hundreds of tenants have already had their electricity disconnected and many more face disconnections. These tenants just cannot afford the increases, which in some cases are as high as 80 percent. Pensioners are the hardest hit and they will have to do without lights."

So far 13 committee representatives from the various Indian and coloured townships have pledged to join tenants who face disconnections by having their lights disconnected as well.

"The committee said candle-light night was a clear indication that although the city council was taking a long time to start addressing the problem, tenants are still fighting because they cannot afford their rents.

"In areas like Wentworth, Merebank, Phoenix and Chatsworth, residents lit candles, marched down the streets and sang hymns and prayed openly. Prayer services were held at the homes of people without lights."

# 'Self-help' <sup>Star</sup> housing project off the ground

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One of the most exciting mass housing developments being undertaken in Natal is the Ohlange incremental housing project at Inanda Newtown, about 20 km from Durban.

Based on the concept of self-help, the project allows individuals to provide their own shelters according to their means and needs, and as they obtain additional income.

This results in considerable freedom for individual residents to plan and develop their own homes. As only limited financial resources for house building are available, this approach is the most appropriate in the Ohlange area," says Innova, the building utility company of the Urban Foundation.

Developed as part of the move to provide housing for people in the lower income groups, Ohlange is available as a future residential area to people who have a minimum household income of R520 a month and who also can afford to develop the stand. Occupational rights to land are secured under a Deed of Grant.

Mr Roy Heath, chief executive of Innova, told The Star that in order to handle housing needs, building regulations have been minimised "to allow the standards to match levels of affordability more closely. The type plans (of houses) facilitate accurate cost control of labour and materials, and houses are designed in such a way that they can be extended and upgraded."

While homes are being built, the Department of Development Aid provides tents for families. These are returned once the house has been constructed.

Innova's Ikhaya division oversees the building project by ensuring plans are available, employing and supervising building contractors, and maintaining the supply and delivery of building materials. All work is sub-contracted to local builders.

# Overtime stifling creation of jobs

By Dick Usher

CAPE TOWN — Startling figures from the Labour Research Service show that about 100 000 jobs could be created in the manufacturing sector alone by cutting overtime

A spokesman for the Cape Town-based organisation says that official statistics show the average worker in the manufacturing sector does five hours a week overtime — a total of 6,7 million hours a week.

Since 1985, the low point of the recession, overtime has increased by 32 percent, while employment has fallen three percent in the same period.

There has been very little increase in employment as a result of the recent boom and employment is still well below its peak level in 1983 before the recession started

Overtime stands at 12 percent of ordinary hours worked.

"Increased production in the manufacturing sector is being accomplished, not through employing more staff, but by existing staff working longer hours," he says

It cannot not be eliminated altogether, but if employers reduce this to four percent, or two hours a week per worker, that would release about 4-million worker hours which could be used to create jobs

This is in the manufacturing sector only, and does not include commerce, the service sector, mines and other sectors of industry, such as construction

Manufacturing and construction account for about 20 percent of total jobs, so the possibilities for job creation should expand greatly if other sectors are included

He says unions should back their demands for job creation with a two-pronged approach to overtime

"Management should be told that workers do not want to work overtime and that they want to see more staff on the payroll," he says

He agrees that cutting overtime might reduce wages for already badly paid workers, but would broaden the base of wage-earners.

"Employers have a problem because of the shortage of skilled workers, which means they have had to call on those people to work longer hours as the economy has expanded, but to some degree they have only themselves to blame because they seem to prefer the cheaper method of paying overtime, rather than investing in training programmes to expand the supply of skilled workers," he says.

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# Become foster parents - Minister urges

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BLACK people who had benefited from the Government's home ownership policies should now become foster parents to unwanted children, Mr Sam de Beer, Deputy Minister of Education and Training, said when he opened the Bayhead Place of Safety in Durban this week.

The complex for black children is administered by the Natal Provincial Administration and provides for 320 boys and 50 girls between 12 and 18. It will serve as an alternative home to

police cells for juveniles awaiting trial or places in reformatories and industrial schools, in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act and the Child Care Act.

Temporary accommodation for Durban's street children will also be offered, and abandoned children will be housed there before being placed in children's homes.

The first boys were admitted on October 6 and there are now more than 50 youngsters in the complex. Officials noted with regret that four boys had already escaped.

### Critical

Mr De Beer said the need for suitable black foster parents was critical. He appealed "especially to those couples who have

benefited from the State's policy on home ownership, to come forward and offer their services."

"By accepting the responsibility of foster parents they will be providing a wonderful opportunity to many children in need of care to grow up in a normal family environment and to receive the loving care which each and every

child so richly deserves."

Mr De Beer said child neglect, juvenile delinquency and maladaptation were growing daily. Many of the children came from developing areas where often schools were not available and no basic infrastructure existed. Parents, guardians and relatives were seldom at home to keep an eye on them.

# Port Shepstone to get beach facelift

DURBAN — The R11 million non-racial beach development planned for Port Shepstone has been welcomed as progress that would benefit thousands — but owners of homes that will have to be expropriated are upset

The money for the project is coming from the Government and will be used to provide two restaurants, splash pools, parking area and water park

A total of R3 300 000 has been allocated for the first phase the building of a promenade and restaurant, which should be completed by March. The entire project is expected to be finished by the end of 1989.

## BENEFIT ALL

Mr Aubrey Thompson, National Party MP for South Coast, says of the development "The coast has been the same for the past 30 years. Besides one or two improvements, there have been no new amenities created other than at Impenjati

"In the meantime, there are more and more people coming to the coast. The problem is not overcrowding, but a lack of facilities"

Port Shepstone town clerk Mr Jurgens Steyn says "We have to create more facilities. The other race groups are becoming aware of the facilities and want to use them. The existing facilities cannot cope"

He says the development will uplift Port Shepstone and benefit people of all races who live inland from the town. The local economy will also benefit from an influx of thousands of people to the beach

But many of the owners of the 25 homes that will be affected are not happy

Own Correspondent (125)

Mr Brian Mardon (40), manager of the Uvongo Bird Park, says he has spoken to 11 other home-owners, and all are unhappy with the expropriation

"We are not opposed to a beachfront development as such, but we are very worried about losing our homes

"If the offers we get from them are fair, we'll have no complaints — so long as we can get similar accommodation for our money"

He confirms that residents have been told they would get the value of their properties plus about another 10 percent

"We've been told we'll get a fair valuation, but what exactly is 'fair'?"

He says the offers are expected next month. If they are not satisfactory, there will be a meeting of residents to discuss what they should do

Mr Mardon breeds birds and is worried about not being able to do this in another area

"I have about 30 aviaries and 100 cages, and I got special permission from the municipality to have them on my property"

He has been looking at other homes, but so far has not found anything suitable

"Wherever I go, I'll have to get permission from the municipality to keep the birds. If I can't, I'll have to get a smallholding" Such a property would be more expensive than a house

Mr Mardon says most of the residents of the houses that will be affected are pensioners

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# Black housing 1989 priority for the Cape

## — Gene Louw

Staff Reporter

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PROVIDING more houses for blacks is the Cape's most pressing challenge for the year ahead, says the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, in his New Year message.

But he counts as one of the highlights of 1988 what he called the success of the black local authority elections.

He said that before the October poll there were only four councils in the province's 43 local authority areas — now there were only four which did not have elected representatives.

This was largely because of the success in "effecting a better comprehension of local management among blacks, and in stopping unrest"

### Self-help schemes

Of housing Mr Louw said: "The greatest challenge with regard to blacks, however, remains the provision of housing, which is largely influenced by unemployment"

Self-help schemes should be started for the lower income groups and, "especially if there is no other option, the provision of serviced sites for the lowest income groups to allow strictly controlled temporary squatting in hygienic conditions"

Mr Louw concludes "The year 1989 will once again bring with it onslaughts against the spiritual, cultural and economic values of our society, but by standing together firmly we will conquer"

# Inanda-Newtown

## Violence claims

### 70 in 9 months

DURBAN — Seventy people were killed and 150 injured in violence in the Inanda and Inanda-Newtown area on Durban's doorstep from April to December last year, according to figures given at a press conference in Durban last night.

The conference was called by the Natal Organisation of Women, an affiliate of the UDF.

The NOW chairman, Miss Nozizwe Madlala, said the organisation hoped that by spotlighting the situation, solutions might be found.

A press statement issued by NOW said that figures released by the Department of Town and Regional Planning at the University of Natal indicated the extent of the problem — 70 dead, 150 injured, 60 houses damaged from April to De-

ember. Township residents said they were happy that the army had been sent into the area because this had afforded them some protection.

They said a delegation of women had gone to the township manager and threatened not to pay rent because they could not stay peacefully in their homes. The township manager called for army help.

One man said it was very difficult to find solutions to the violence and the main obstacle was that meetings were not allowed.

"We were told by the army people that a meeting of more than five people is illegal, so we can't get together to talk about possible solutions."

The conference was told "In our area we have got councillors who are supposed to be leaders, but we find they don't want to associate themselves with finding a solution and, in fact, they point fingers at us to say we are the ones responsible for the situation."

Some residents claimed that Inkatha leaders incited people from the squatter settlement to attack their homes.

"People feel that the reason squatters attack them is because they want to take their homes. The squatters say they have a right to the houses and the owners don't because the owners are UDF and this place is not UDF."

Some of the residents said they had joined Inkatha because they were told they would not otherwise have access to their rights in the area.

Schools had re-opened but a number of parents were keeping their children away because they felt it was not safe to send them.

NOW called for a concerted effort to provide adequate housing, schools, health services and employment opportunities, and called for action against "warlords and vigilantes and all other violent factions" in the townships.

NOW also called for the unbanning and lifting of restrictions on the UDF, Cosatu and their leaders "so that they can continue with their efforts to end the violence."

The organisation said attempts on the part of the UDF to restore peace in troubled Natal midland areas had been disrupted by the arrest of hundreds of UDF activists.

"Over the past two years 2 000 people have died violently in the midlands regions."



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# Housing crisis in Durban area

## Report highlights plight of shack dwellers

### CP Correspondent

THE plight of people living in informal settlements is worsening every day with more than 4 253 people in the Durban metropolitan area alone being threatened with eviction, demolition of their homes or forced removal to squalid relocation camps

According to a report on forced removals in the region, compiled by the Durban Central Residents' Association, 1 167 families in five informal settlements bordering Durban have been left homeless in the past year after their shack dwellings were razed by the Durban City Council and the police.

This action was the result of the Group Areas Act, despite the fact that more than 1,8-million people – 68 percent of whom are blacks – are forced to live in shacks in the Durban region because of the critical housing shortage.

Even the SA government's chief economist, Dr Tobie de Vos, lays the blame for the housing crisis on state policies preventing blacks from having access to formal accommodation

"There are many people who can afford housing of a relatively high

standard but who have to live in shacks or with others because of the non-availability of suitable housing," De Vos says

In the report, DCRA chairman Sayed Iqbal Mohamed calls on SA's central and municipal governments to consult with representatives of Group Areas victims instead of enforcing the Act

"The Durban City Council and the government must consult with the affected people in both the formal and informal sectors as well as their representatives

"Enacting harsher legislation will not resolve the housing crisis but only compound it," Mohamed said

He added that overcrowding and the massive housing shortage, which in the "Durban functional region" was estimated to be affecting 1,8-million people, were linked to "violence"

Mohamed went on to say that, "out of urgency and inevitable necessity, legislation must be passed to make land and dwellings available to people who are presently restricted and criminalised by various laws"

Among other things he suggested was that extra-parliamentary organi-

sations from across the ideological spectrum draft a bill of rights for the victims of overcrowding, homelessness and Group Areas Act which should encompass the following

- Bridging the gap between urban and regional developments,
- Motivating for a single housing body governed by a single Housing Act,
- Recognition of basic universal rights to shelter;
- Abolition of "grey areas", black spots and white areas,
- The government taking full responsibility of providing adequate, affordable shelter for all

DCRA has also embarked on an awareness campaign to warn people living in the informal and formal settlements on the recent "group areas survey" being conducted by the South African Police detective branch

"Tenants are often told a survey is being carried out in terms of the group areas legislation, that no prosecution will take place. They are not informed at the outset that their response to the questionnaire will be used against them," said the DCRA report – Concord

pointed out that if the body had been found and not handed over to police, or any information in this regard not con-

confidentiality, and referred Business Day to Mandela. She could not be reached.

## RMS Syfrets in eviction row

DURBAN — Lawyers for Human Rights has said it intends fighting in court the property agents RMS Syfrets in an attempt to stop the eviction of two black women from a central city block of flats.

RMS Syfrets has given notice to their two white nominees to leave the Russell Mansions block. One of the nominees has been summonsed. *By Durm 14/1/89*

One of the black women owns a clothing design business. She moved into the building in July last year. The other moved in in October.

RMS Syfrets property administration director Malcolm Wiltshire said he could not speak about the cases as they

were *sub judice* (S)

Meanwhile, police confirmed they were investigating a Group Areas complaint centring on a Pinetown property owned by the Church of the Province of SA. (125) (S)

The church applied to the Natal Provincial Administration last year for permission for the Rev Mervyn Singh to live in Lytton Crescent so he could be close to his church.

Although an NPA decision had been expected in the first week of January, an NPA spokesman said last week officials were busy with consultations and no decision had been made — Sapa

Minister of Education and Culture aware of the fact that preferential treatment was given to certain teachers who were NPP supporters, insofar as their transfer and promotions are concerned? Certain teachers who had actively campaigned for their party were considered favourably

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, Thank you for again affording me the opportunity to come into this interpellation. I want to continue where my hon benchmate left off in regard to the question of the Chief Director, Planning Services of the Department of Education and Culture. It is sad when an official of the Administration is mentioned in this fashion. It is sadder still when a commission of inquiry has an adverse finding in respect of an official. The matter becomes that much more compounded when not only a commission of inquiry but also two committees of a House of Parliament also have adverse findings in respect of a particular official. The Thaver Committee as well as the James Commission have found that the Chief Director, Planning Services of the Department of Education and Culture was not only an untruthful witness but that he also lied to them.

That is a damning indictment and I believe that the hon the Acting Chairman of the Ministers Council should take immediate steps to address that problem. The problem will not only lie within his own department. I am concerned about the effect that it will have on the community at large if it is seen that the department condones that kind of action in a sense by not taking immediate steps.

I see my hon colleague across the floor is shaking his head but the fact of the matter is that he should have made a public statement immediately to the effect that immediate action was to be taken in this regard. I do not expect the hon the Acting Chairman of the Ministers' Council to merely wield the big stick. I believe that the Act provides for a mechanism by which action can be taken. I believe that it is all that is required but it should be done as quickly as possible to obviate any kind of smell in the community.

THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS COUNCIL Mr Chairman, I took very close note of what was said in the House this afternoon. I want to assure every hon member who spoke this afternoon that we have not lost sight of what was said in the report of the James Commission. One can not rush in to take action of any kind in a helter-skelter manner. One has to study the report in detail before action can be taken. I want to assure the House that my de-

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, might I ask him, with reference to question 1(a) and (b), when it was decided that that individual's services were no longer required? Surely, when one has a qualified teacher, and that teacher is employed by the department, a commitment has been made by the department to employ that teacher for certain professional reasons. The question is simply, when and why was it decided that the services were no longer required?

THE MINISTER Mr Chairman, I am not able to tell the hon member that now, but I will provide him with the answer.

Mr P T POOVALINGAM Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is the House to understand from the purport of the hon the Minister's reply that his department actually employed a qualified teacher whose services were not necessary? If so, an explanation is required. If not, was there any diminution in the number of pupils during the period concerned, that is 1988, which made a fully-qualified teacher redundant?

THE MINISTER Mr Chairman, educationists are employed according to needs in the department. If the need is not there any longer, the services are terminated. As far as the other question is concerned, I can look it up for the hon member and make the information available to him. However, as far as services are concerned, if there is no need for that service, it terminates.

#### Cato Manor: rent boycott

\*1 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether there is a rent boycott in Bonella, Cato Manor, at present, if so, (a) when did the boycott commence and (b) what are the reasons for it,
- (2) whether he has received any representations regarding this area, if so, what are the relevant details,
- (3) whether he is contemplating any action against persons involved in the boycott, if so, what are the relevant details,
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

#### THE ACTING MINISTER OF HOUSING

- (1) No boycott, as such, has been announced by any organisation. It is true, however, that, as at 13 February 1989, of the 161 tenants, 150 were in arrears — 33 for one month and 117 for two months

- (a) Without admitting that there is an organised boycott, the defaulting began one month after initial occupation in December 1988 and January 1989
- (b) The administration is at present investigating the reasons for defaulting
- (2) Yes. A memorandum by the Cato Manor Residents' Association was received by the Administration on 14 December 1988, wherein they —
  - (a) expressed their disappointment with the standard and quality of the houses in general,
  - (b) informed that the rentals of the houses were between 40% and 70% of the family income per month,
  - (c) claimed that this Administration has failed in its objective to provide affordable low-income houses,
  - (d) claimed that the standard of the houses had been seriously compromised to keep down the costs of the units in comparison to other similar projects,
  - (e) claimed that a substantial part of the costs of the project can be contributed to poor soil conditions and the topography of the Bonella area,
  - (f) claimed in conclusion that proper consultation in the initial stages of planning and construction could have averted many of the problems being encountered now, and
  - (g) recommended that all costs incurred in preparing the ground for actual construction should be written off and a new formula be negotiated
- (3) Defaulters will be dealt with in the normal way
- (4) Pending the outcome of the investigation mentioned in 1(b) above, I do not intend making a statement

Mr P T POOVALINGAM Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, will he kindly take this House into his confidence and tell us what the nature of the accommodation provided in Bonella is? What is the rental which each occupant of a house is required to pay? Is there any basis for the statement that the rentals con-

Howard



#### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

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#### Own Affairs:

#### Qualified teachers retrenched

\*1 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) Whether any qualified teachers employed by his Department were retrenched in 1988, if so, (a) how many and (b) for what categories of reasons,
- (2) whether any qualified teachers employed on a temporary basis were not re-employed when they re-applied for posts in 1989, if so, (a) how many and (b) for what categories of reasons?

#### THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (1) Yes
  - (a) 1
  - (b) Services were not required
- (2) No
  - (a) Falls away
  - (b) Falls away

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statute between 40% and 70% of the income of any particular household? Is the hon the Minister aware of the sociological axiom that no-one should be required to pay more than 25% of the household income in rent and that if the rent exceeds that 25%, one is condemning that particular family to semi-starvation?

Mr M NARANJEE Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, could he also indicate to this House whether there exists a local affairs committee in that area and if so, if they made negotiations with the community difficult?

The ACTING MINISTER Mr Chairman, if I may answer the last question first there is no local affairs committee in that area and therefore such a committee was not responsible for the difficulty in communicating with the people there I do hope that in the future we will have a local affairs committee so that negotiations will be much easier

As far as the hon member for Reservoir Hills is concerned I want to say that I am completely aware of the fact that rental should not be more than 25% of the earning of an individual However, I as Minister was also alarmed at the revelations here and therefore we subjected it to an intensive investigation I have a full report here The hon member wants to know about individual houses and the amounts they pay in rental It is all here If he wants it, we can make it available to him There are a number of pages and details given

We have tried to reduce the rental as far as possible We feel quite satisfied that the measures taken thus far have been reasonable, but if they could be reduced further in some way or other I as Minister would be happy, because they are still not within the 25% of the income of the people One has to take into account the total extent of the erven, the cost of the services rendered there the cost of individual erven, the cost of developing that area because of the nature of its topography, the cost of each house, and the cost of water reticulation and so on All these add up to an amount greater than 25% of the earning of the people

I can assure hon members that neither my department nor I am happy about the amount they have to pay, but having subjected this matter to investigation I am satisfied that the rentals have been reduced to some extent

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, I appreciate the offer made by him In reaction thereto I

would be very pleased if he would make that information available to all hon members of this House

Arising from a comment made by the hon the Minister that because there is no local affairs committee or other responsible body with which he could liaise, might I remind him that the Cato Manor Residence Association, headed by Mr Roland Parsothan, is a body that has been operating in that area for a considerable period of time, and in fact had it not been for the efforts of that association we would not have known that there is a problem regarding rents in Bonella I would strongly urge the hon the Minister in fact to liaise very closely with that association

Mr M GOVENDER Mr Chairman, further arising from the answers of the hon the Minister. I want to ask him the following He said that the rental is 25% of a person's income I want to know from him if his department recognises old age pensions, maintenance grants and disability grants as income

The ACTING MINISTER Mr Chairman, first of all I want to say I take note of what the hon member for Springfield had to say, but while I agree with him that the CMRA might have given us some assistance in this connection, we have had more problems with them than they have given us assistance I want to be a bit wary in communicating with them I would rather have my own people in the field reporting to us However, I do not deny the fact that they are on the spot and if there is any instance in which they could serve a purpose we would be prepared to listen to them, albeit that we would make our own decisions

I take note of the fact that there is concern but I am not sure at this stage whether we have accommodated any of them I can assure hon members that the matter of pensioners and others will be taken care of in the future development which is being prepared for now

Mr Y MOOLLA Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I would just like him to consider the desirability of reviving the Cato Manor Advisory Committee which was established during the time when the hon member for Red Hill was the Minister of Housing In my opinion that committee played a useful role in advising the Ministry insofar as the requirements for that area was concerned Will the hon the Minister consider this?

The ACTING MINISTER Mr Chairman we shall take note of that and see whether we can make use of the committee

*Howard*

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

+Indicates translated version  
General Affairs



regarding such policy is contained in the report NATED 02-100 (87/09)  
(2) (a) The a-values for 1986 are not available since the said policy only applied to universities as from 1987  
(b) and (c) The a-values for universities in the Republic for the 1987 and 1988 financial years are as follows

| Universities. subsidy formula                           | 1987  | 1988  |
|---|-------|-------|
| University of Cape Town                                 | 0,833 | 0,725 |
| University of Durban-Westville                          | 0,900 | 0,886 |
| Medical University of South Africa                      | 1,823 | 1,536 |
| University of Natal                                     | 0,834 | 0,745 |
| University of the North                                 | 0,992 | 1,149 |
| University of the Orange Free State                     | 0,833 | 0,736 |
| University of Port Elizabeth                            | 0,834 | 0,773 |
| Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education | 0,834 | 0,815 |
| University of Pretoria                                  | 0,833 | 0,744 |
| Rand Afrikaans University                               | 0,834 | 0,703 |
| Rhodes University                                       | 0,833 | 0,723 |
| University of South Africa                              | 0,696 | 0,748 |
| University of Stellenbosch                              | 0,833 | 0,807 |
| University of the Western Cape                          | 0,834 | 0,990 |
| University of the Witwatersrand                         | 0,833 | 0,703 |
| University of Zululand                                  | 1,433 | 0,948 |
| Vista University  | 0,758 | 0,704 |

- 22 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education
- (1) Whether he has determined the formula for the subsidy of each university in the Republic, if not, why not, if so, what is this formula.
- (2) what value of a in terms of the subsidy formula has he determined for each university in the Republic for the (a) 1986, (b) 1987, (c) 1988 and (d) 1989 university financial years.
- (3) whether in any case the value of a was less than one, if so, why.
- (4) whether different universities had different a values in the same year, if so, why.
- (5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION

- (1) Yes General Policy in respect of norms and standards for the financing of the running and capital costs of universities was determined on 27 October 1987 Government Notice No R2471 of 6 November 1987 has reference Full details
- (2) (a) The a-values for 1986 are not available since the said policy only applied to universities as from 1987
- (b) and (c) The a-values for universities in the Republic for the 1987 and 1988 financial years are as follows
- (3) Yes The lack of funds prevented the attainment of a-values equal to one
- (4) Yes This is mainly due to previous financing patterns and a lack of funds
- (5) No

# Housing subsidies defect 'robs lower-income group'

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ABOUT 70 percent of building society mortgage bonds are subsidised and are indicative of a serious misallocation of capital, says independent market researcher Mr Erwin Rode, who has called for the Government to abolish State housing subsidies for second-time buyers by 1992.

In the latest edition of the Rode Report, published by Real Estate Surveys, Mr Rode says there are two distinct groups of housing subsidy beneficiaries

On the one hand there are those who are very poor and who would have been unable to afford decent shelter without subsidies, and "starter" families, including young middle-class people who are striving to acquire their first home

"Most would agree that

these subsidies are laudable and necessary," he says

However, on the other hand, there are "non-starter families" who benefit from employer subsidies

Major employer groups who offer this type of benefit include, among others, the State and semi-state organisations and financial institutions.

Mr Rode argues that mortgage bond subsidies encourage beneficiaries to occupy a standard of accommodation above their normal level

"Not only do these subsidies encourage a higher standard of housing, but many austere-minded employees are forced from time to time to trade up their accommodation to make full use of their total remuneration package

"This results in building societies and banks having less funds available for low-cost housing or productive projects like financing commerce and industry."

Mr Rode argues that a first step for South Africa to rid itself of this "pernicious dependency disease" would be for the Government to spell out its intention with regard to the elimination of the tax benefit associated with subsidies so employers could start re-considering their pay-package policy

The Government should set an example by announcing that all housing subsidisation to non-starter families will be eliminated by 1992 and that, in the meantime, no further subsidised loan limit increases will be granted

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# 'Scared Indians turn to CP'

## OWN CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN — Some Indians had turned to the Conservative Party in Durban to complain about blacks moving into their areas, said the Conservative Party's Mr Carl Werth at a public meeting in the City Hall.

He claimed the Indians had said they felt threatened by blacks moving into their neighbourhood.

Mr Werth said he wanted the Indian and coloured communities to know their salvation was dependent on a Conservative Party government.

He said that when House of Representatives member Mr Cecil Kippen asked for Clairwood to be made an open area, a number of Indians had objected.

Something must be done to stop white areas from becoming grey areas, Mr Werth warned.

"This cancer is spreading. It's like blackmail, once you succumb to it, there is no stopping."

He said Albert Park was a *de facto* open area and this would most likely spread to other areas it was stopped.

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# Red Cross to the rescue

By ISMAIL  
LAGARDIEN

125 THE South African Red Cross Society is to help the evicted people of Weenen.

Regional director for the Natal region Ms Beverly Smith yesterday said that blankets were on the way to the people and by today 18 tents would reach them.

The people have lived on the side of the road since last last month when they were evicted from their homes by farmers.

"We have been active in the region since last December when we were distributing tents to the emergency camp in Weenen. In May this year we took food and blankets and with the new developments we went out there last week to make an assessment.

"With the help of the Natal Provincial Administration's trucks we are now able to send tents," she said.

Elsewhere in Natal the Red Cross has been involved in relief work for victims of political unrest. This has been the organisation's major activity in the region in the past year.

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# San Lameer to get R85m twin resort

By Udo Rypstra

RETURNS on Sanlam's investment in Natal South Coast resort San Lameer are so good that it plans to build another one next to it

Long-term plans include developing a township, Impenjati, on the north side of the estate. It entails building 232 villas at a cost of R85-million between 1991 and 2000.

Sanlam has injected R54-million in 12 years into the 134ha San Lameer project, in which many corporate clients have bought a stake

## Hedge

Sanlam executives say sales were painfully slow in the beginning, but have picked up in the past few years. Sanlam has received a return of more than 33% on

### SAN LAMEER — PURCHASE AND RESALE VALUES

| Villa No | Original sale Date | Original sale Price | Most recent sale Date | Most recent sale Price | Difference Period | Difference amount | Compound growth (% p.a.) |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 2903     | 09 05 77           | R 45 000            | 02 03 84              | R170 000               | 7 yrs             | +R125 000         | (21%)                    |
| 1913     | 05 08 80           | R 34 000            | 17 03 84              | R 90 000               | 3,5 yrs           | +R 56 000         | (35%)                    |
| 1920     | 19 08 80           | R 35 000            | 09 08 85              | R132 000               | 5 yrs             | +R 87 000         | (30%)                    |
| 2017     | 28 12 79           | R 51 000            | 25 09 87              | R165 000               | 8 yrs             | +R114 000         | (16%)                    |
| 2024     | 21 03 77           | R 39 500            | 29 10 87              | R180 000               | 10 5 yrs          | +R140 500         | (16%)                    |
| 3118     | 05 08 82           | R135 000            | 01 04 88              | R237 000               | 6 yrs             | +R102 000         | (10%)                    |

its investment, says resort executive director Dallas Reed

The development now comprises a hotel complex (managed by Protea Hotels) and 350 villas, of which 18 were offered last month for between R235 000 and R325 000 each. Eight have been sold.

A R4.5-million project to build 18 villas overlooking the resort's golf course is likely to get under way early next year.

Mr Reed says a low sales rate was expected because of

rocketing bond rates

"But the market remains surprisingly strong. It shows that many people regard property as a hedge against inflation."

Mr Reed attributes the good sales to more aggressive marketing, using the resort's efficient 24-hour security system as one of its major attractions.

A total of 84 villas have been sold for R16.2-million in the past two years. In the past two months alone, San Lameer sales numbered 11 units for a total of R2.7-million.

Estate manager Don Watson says "The best reason for buying a villa is the variance of only 7% between new and resales, which indicates that capital appreciation is enormous. Only a few villas have resold, which says a lot for our product."

A six-year-old villa bought for R67 000 sold recently for R325 000 — the price of a new four-bedroom one.

Other owners who sold their villas in the past four years have also done well in terms of capital appreciation. (See diagram)



## Durban rate increases are the city's lowest for years

(125)

Own Correspondent

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

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

The city's 1989 '90 budget is one of the country's heaviest with a total of R1,75bn, a 10,1% increase over last year's

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

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

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

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

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

THE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT WORKERS' COORDINATING COMMITTEE

# Unemployed hit at new rents hikes

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THE National Unemployment Workers' Coordinating Committee (NUWCC) has expressed its shock at the latest City Council rent increase, affecting 35 000 tenants in the Cape Peninsula.

"The rent increase comes at a time when about six million people are unemployed in South Africa.

"Most workers don't earn living wages and it comes at a time when bosses are starting to implement the Labour Relations Amendment Act."

The rent increases, said by the council not to exceed R10 a month, come into effect from August 1.

The NUWCC said the increases went against their living benefit campaign which states that unemployed tenants should not pay rent at all.

The NUWCC, raising fears of evictions, called on the council to scrap all evictions immediately.

"The unemployed have a right to remain in their homes without the threat of eviction," said a spokesman for the committee.

# LP members' homes besieged

DURBAN. — Angry residents in Durban's "coloured" and Indian townships have laid siege to the homes of a House of Representatives MP and Local Affairs Committee (LAC) members.

The residents are protesting against rent increases. Wentworth LAC member Kelvin Leaf said about 50

protesters had gathered outside his home, led by a man who shouted "Living soft" and "Resign" through a microphone.

"My wife and my children are being terrorised," he said. "These protesters are radicals making use of the rents issue to get publicity for themselves."

Wentworth MP Mr Tommy Abrahams, LAC chairman Mr Vic de Paulo, Mr Albie Stowman of the Ministers Council, and chairmen of the northern and southern Durban Indian local affairs committees, have all come home to face masses of protesters.

Meanwhile, the Labour Party has accused the Durban City

Council of "bleeding tenants' pockets" after a LP proposal to freeze rent increases was overturned by the council.

The Durban Housing Action Committee has launched a "Rents We Can Afford" campaign after a 23 percent increase in maintenance and administration charges was announced.— **DURBANNEWS**

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# Where bed is a stretch of concrete pavement



Durban's surplus women ... for some the pavement has been home for nine years



With the cardboard boxes they sell as scrap their only shelter, women huddle together and pray it doesn't rain again tonight

**O**N the icy pavements of central Durban, a community of women live, work, give birth and die, their only shelter the cardboard boxes they sell as scrap

In the cold winter weather, they huddle close together, pulling their plastic bags tighter for warmth, praying it does not rain again tonight.

Nombuso Mkhize, 55, who comes from Umbumbulu, has been living on the pavement outside Warwick Avenue's "early morning market" for three years. Some of her friends have made the pavement their home for up to nine years.

A number of the women are from south coast areas like Umbumbulu and Umzimto, where their husbands were killed and their homes destroyed in faction fighting.

Others lost everything in the floods of three years ago and came to the city to find a way of keeping alive.

Mkhize has a small piece of land on the coast where she grows vegetables. She goes to look after her crop some weekends and brings the produce back to sell. When there is no produce, she buys small quantities from the wholesalers.

Looming over the market and the hundreds of women trying to stay alive selling potatoes, *madumbes* (sweet potatoes) and onions, is the bleak Berea Road station.

On the far side of the station another group of people sleep on the pavement, under the Eilat viaduct just where the freeway to Pietermaritzburg climbs steeply on stilts over the city. These women sell cardboard and other paper waste — dipped in drums of water to make it slightly heavier and fetch a fraction more.

A woman settling down for the

*Along the pavements which run past the market, under the viaduct and behind the station, hundreds of women work, sleep, give birth and die ... in full view of any passer-by*

**CARMEL RICKARD reports**

night on a sheet of polystyrene packing said she came from Port Elizabeth. She moved with the white family for whom she worked, but she got sick and they would not keep her on. Now she lives in the open, sharing a tiny fire with her friend — a silent woman meticulously preparing offal for a stew.

She went to school up to Std 2, and speaks a little English. She would very much like to find domestic work again but living as she does, she has little chance.

On the other side of a plastic bag stuffed with rags sits a woman from Transkei. She speaks of the "African sickness" from which she suffers.

Her husband has left her there until

she is better and then they will decide where to move

How does she keep warm at night?

She points with her chin at the pink cotton shawl over her shoulders and the plastic packets in the bag next to her

She is 47. She says her mother and sisters also collect cardboard and live nearby. They used to sleep "below the verandahs and in shop doorways" but the security guard told them to move to the freeway.

Some distance away an elderly woman sits fiercely upright on a crate surrounded by all her earthly goods — a dozen large plastic containers for water and a lapful of herbs for sale next to several bags of papers, rags and clothing.

The cardboard sellers and the vegetable sellers have created very different "communities".

On the dark pavement under the freeway the women are isolated. They spread out, dotting the area in ones or twos. There are few children, several men. In conversation they emerge as strong individualists, outsiders pick up little sense of community.

The atmosphere around the market is very different. Hundreds of women and their children sleep packed together in groups of six to eight. The groups are so close to each other that it is impossible to walk through the area.

It is noisy with chatter and children crying, and well-lit by comparison with the freeway pavement.

Where are the men? "There are no men here," says Ganepi Msomi from Umzimto. "The only men stay across the road. They are unemployed hooligans and the only time they come here is to steal our food."

There are some tiny babies. "Children are born right here among

us. Sometimes we ask the police to call an ambulance if a woman is in difficulty."

When the children are about six years old, they are taken "home" — if the mother has a family in the rural areas. But this only increases the pressure on the market women to earn more money.

"It is suffering that brought us all here," says Msomi. She wears a jersey but her feet are bare.

"I suffer from asthma. Many people here are sick. Sometimes people die in the night."

Sometimes the women talk "politics"

"We discuss whether the government is thinking about this life that we live and we wish that one day the government would do something for us."

Half a dozen voices begin to sing and clapping starts up. It lasts no more than a couple of minutes.

"They are Christians," Msomi says. "If we ask them why they are singing they say they are trying to get rid of hardship and poverty."

# Town for sale!

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By SHAUN HARRIS and RYAN CRESSWELL

**FOR SALE** ... one town, complete with 38 houses (in true South African style, segregated into "white" and "Indian" areas), with factory, warehouses, two weighbridges, compounds — and even a railway siding.

All this for a negotiable R6-million in what is one of the more unusual real estate deals on offer in the country

## R6m will buy you 38 houses, a factory and railway siding

Unhappily, if the 58-hectare estate which makes up the core of Schroeders, a once bustling town in the Natal Midlands, is not sold, the historic settlement could simply fade away

And what is left of the community will have to move on, some people after living in the town all their lives

People like trading store owner Danie Clue, who moved to Schroeders more than five years ago to take his family away from the big city. He said "When I first moved here things hummed. At Schroeders all payments were made in cash and there were lots of customers

"Hell, the place is a shadow of what it was. I'm just praying someone, anyone, is going to buy the factory and put some machines back in there

"I am renting one of the company houses from Union Co-op but I am prepared to move out without any fuss if somebody comes and stimulates business," Danie said this week

His is one of the few families who stayed on in Schroeders after the local tanning factory virtually closed down its operations, retrenching more than 150 people

With the machine which drove it gone, the town is very quiet. The once busy railway station now sees a train once a day, although it still has a station master

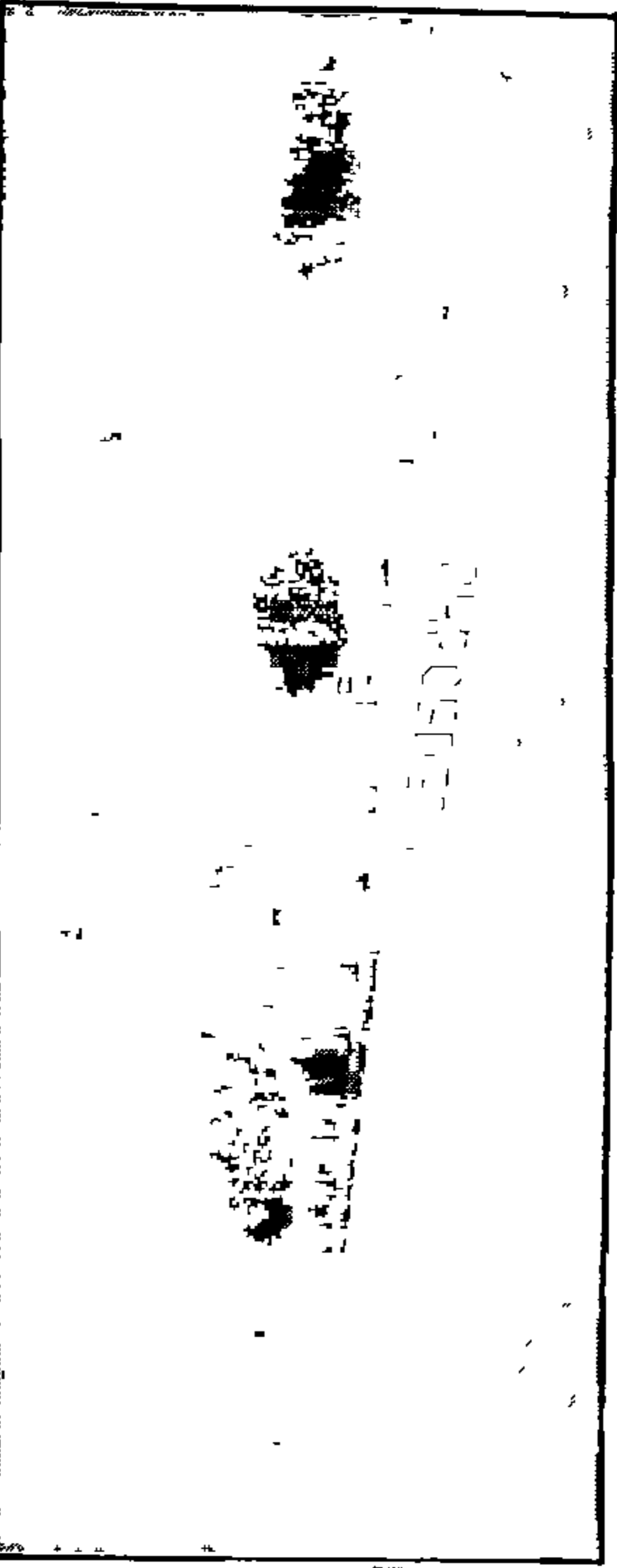
A small engineering concern operates out of the station buildings. The railway houses, the post office, the railway station and the trading store are not part of the unusual sale. Most of the spacious colonial "white" factory houses and all the Indian houses are still rented out, many to people who work nearby

Some people still manage to find employment in the town and hope to stay on, but most admit that they will finally have to unless some form of industry comes back to stimulate the economy

Sherla Williams, spokeswoman for the agents selling the town, said it represents one of the more unusual and challenging sales she had handled. "We think it is a marvelous opportunity for an industrialist — and it is selling well below the replacement value of about R10-million," she said

Schroeders was founded in 1904 with a starch factory providing work. In 1919 the Comec Mimosa Extract Company moved in. The tanning extracting operation was bought out by Union Co-op and moved to Dalton five years ago

**The forlorn station at once-bustling Schroeders which now sees only a train a day**



# Residents to march over increases

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MARTZBURG — Hundreds of residents and representatives from several organisations are expected to march on the Maritzburg City Hall at the end of the month to protest "massive" rates increases — up to 118% — which face Indian and coloured ratepayers.

White ratepayers are having to pay an average 18% increase

The march is expected to take place on October 30

The publicity secretary of the Maritzburg Combined Ratepayers and Residents Association, Mr Yunnus Carrim, said many white ratepayers had shown a keen interest in participating

— Sapa

**GOEWERMENSKENNISGEWINGS****ADMINISTRASIE: RAAD VAN  
AFGEVAARDIGDES****DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,  
BEHUISING EN LANDBOU**

No. 2681 8 Desember 1989

**TOEVOEGING TOT DIE LYS WAARUIT BYLAE  
2 TOT DIE SLUMSWET, 1979 (WET No. 76 VAN  
1979), BESTAAN**

Hierby word vir algemene inligting bekendgemaak dat die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Landbou kragtens die bevoegdheid hom verleen by artikel 40 van die Slumswet, 1979 (Wet No 76 van 1979), goedgekeur het dat die dorp Canelands, vanaf die datum van publikasie hiervan, tot die lys waaruit Bylae 2 van genoemde Wet bestaan, toegevoeg word.

J. N. REDDY,  
Minister van Behuising.

**ADMINISTRASIE:  
VOLKSRAAD****DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,  
BEHUISING EN WERKE**

No. 2682 8 Desember 1989

**INSTELLING VAN SUIDELIKE LAEVELD  
LANDELIKE RAAD**

Kragtens artikel 12A van die Wet op Streeksdiens-  
rade, 1985 (Wet No 109 van 1985), stel ek, Abraham  
Adriaan Venter, Minister van Begroting en Plaaslike  
Bestuur, hierby met ingang van 8 Desember 1989 'n  
landelike raad vir die Blanke bevolkingsgroep in wat  
bekend staan as die Suidelike Laeveld Landelike Raad  
vir die gebied soos omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, en  
bepaal kragtens regulasie 2 (1) van die Regulasies  
betreffende Landelike Rade, soos afgekondig by  
Goewermentskennisgewing No R. 2610, gedateer 23  
Desember 1988, dat gemelde Landelike Raad uit agt  
lede sal bestaan.

A. A. VENTER,  
Minister van Begroting en Plaaslike Bestuur,  
Administrasie: Volksraad.

**BYLAE****Beskrywing van die gebied van die  
Suidelike Laeveld Landelike Raad**

Die gebied binne die grense van die Streeksdiens-  
raad Laeveld Platorand maar buite die landdrostdistrik  
Lydenburg en buite die grense van die Onderberg-  
distrik, Landbou-unie maar met die uitsluiting van die  
regsgebiede van alle plaaslike owerhede en van liggame  
vermeld in paragrawe (a) tot en met (d) van die  
omskrywing van "bestuursliggaam", soos bedoel in  
artikel 1 van die Wet op Streeksdiensrade, 1985 (Wet  
No. 109 van 1985), in gemelde streek

**DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,  
BEHUISING EN WERKE**

No. 2683 8 Desember 1989

**INSTELLING VAN LYDENBURG  
LANDELIKE RAAD**

Kragtens artikel 12A van die Wet op Streeksdiens-  
rade, 1985 (Wet No. 109 van 1985), stel ek, Abraham  
Adriaan Venter, Minister van Begroting en Plaaslike  
Bestuur, hierby met ingang van 8 Desember 1989 'n  
landelike raad vir die Blanke bevolkingsgroep in wat  
bekend sal staan as die Lydenburg Landelike Raad vir  
die gebied soos omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, en bepaal  
kragtens regulasie 2 (1) van die Regulasies betreffende

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES****ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF  
DELEGATES****DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,  
HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE**

No. 2681 8 December 1989

**ADDITION TO THE LIST OF WHICH SCHEDULE  
2 TO THE SLUMS ACT, 1979 (ACT No. 76 OF 1979),  
CONSISTS**

It is hereby notified for general information that the  
Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agricul-  
ture under the powers vested in him by section 40 of the  
Slums Act, 1979 (Act No. 76 of 1979), has approved  
that the Town of Canelands be added to the list of  
which Schedule 2 to the said Act, consists, from the  
date of publication hereof.

J. N. REDDY,  
Minister of Housing.

**ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF  
ASSEMBLY****DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,  
HOUSING AND WORKS**

No. 2682 8 December 1989

**ESTABLISHMENT OF SUIDELIKE LAEVELD  
RURAL COUNCIL**

In terms of section 12A of the Regional Services  
Councils Act, 1985 (Act No. 109 of 1985), I, Abraham  
Adriaan Venter, Minister of the Budget and Local  
Government, hereby establish with effect from 8  
December 1989 a rural council for the White popula-  
tion group to be known as the Suidelike Laeveld Rural  
Council for the area as defined in the Schedule hereof,  
and determine under regulation 2 (1) of the Regula-  
tions regarding Rural Councils as promulgated by  
Government Notice No. R. 2610, dated 23 December  
1988, that the said Rural Council shall consist of eight  
members.

A. A. VENTER,  
Minister of the Budget and Local Government,  
Administration: House of Assembly.

**SCHEDULE****Description of the area of the  
Suidelike Laeveld Rural Council**

The area within the border of the Regional Services  
Council, Laeveld Platorand, but outside the Magister-  
ial District Area of Lydenburg and outside the borders  
of the Onderberg District Agricultural Union but ex-  
cluding the areas of jurisdiction of all local authorities  
and of bodies mentioned in paragraphs (a) up to and  
including (d) of the definition of "management body",  
as referred to in section 1 of the Regional Services  
Councils Act, 1985 (Act No. 109 of 1985), in the said  
region.

**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,  
HOUSING AND WORKS**

No. 2683 8 December 1989

**ESTABLISHMENT OF LYDENBURG  
RURAL COUNCIL**

In terms of section 12A of the Regional Services  
Councils Act, 1985 (Act No. 109 of 1985), I, Abraham  
Adriaan Venter, Minister of the Budget and Local  
Government, hereby establish with effect from 8  
December 1989 a rural council for the White popula-  
tion group to be known as the Lydenburg Rural Coun-  
cil for the area as defined in the Schedule hereof, and  
determine under regulation 2 (1) of the Regulations re-

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# GOOD Samaritan

## helps little ones

### Woman houses abandoned village kids

By SOPHIE TEMA

A DURBAN woman has made her home a refuge for scores of children whose parents have fled from Natal's trouble-torn villages

The woman, who does not want her name published for fear of reprisals, is presently housing about 90 children who have lost contact with their parents

Several white homeowners have given refuge to

desperate families who deserted their homes in Inanda, Umlazi, Inchanga and Mpumalanga

Several of the homes are reported to be so packed that the people have to sleep in relays

The abandoned houses in the villages - most of them a lifetime's investment - have been gutted by fire as the violence spreads

The situation has become so tense that Operation Hunger has not been able to enter some of the villages

### East Rand workers face transport hassle

BY LULAMA LUTI

THOUSANDS of East Rand commuters will return to work tomorrow to face the transport problem they left at the start of the Christmas holidays

The problem, which arose from a strike by about 150 Putco bus drivers, started at the beginning of December

In KwaThema, the strike is still on and the Benoni City Council controlled bus service that operated in the Daveyton, Wattville and surrounding areas was withdrawn last week because of financial problems

In KwaThema the worst affected are domestic workers, who have to pay extra for taxis to their workplaces in the suburban areas

Meanwhile, the Benoni Taxi Association (BTA) has arranged for extra taxis to ferry workers from Daveyton and Wattville to their places of work

A spokesman for the Putco Support Committee this week told *City Press* Putco management had issued a warning to workers to go back to work immediately or face the closure of the division. He said workers agreed to

conditionally go back to work pending an inquiry into their grievances

However, he did not say when the drivers would return to work, as they are still awaiting management's response to their proposals

The bus ordeal which saw many KwaThema residents left almost stranded, started in December after drivers complained about local divisional manager P Gerber and demanded he be transferred

Talks between management and the Transport and General Workers Union reached a deadlock shortly before the festive season

BTA chairman Samuel Mtshali expressed his shock at the withdrawal of the bus service but said there were enough taxis and the situation was under control. He said pirate taxis would not be allowed to help ferry passengers to their destinations

He added that fares to the various destinations would be R1,20 a single trip and that in case of problems, passengers should not hesitate to contact him at 845-3960 during office hours

Some villagers have been without rations for some time as drivers of delivery trucks are too scared to enter the troubled areas

Some refugees leave the worst-hit areas carrying as much of their belongings as they can salvage and frequently with nothing more than the clothes they are wearing

Operation Hunger regional director in Durban Dot Collins said the scale of the violence was difficult to imagine, making it impossible to even estimate figures on the number of people killed, injured and those who have been left homeless

Collins said even before violence broke out, Operation Hunger had identified a number of children in the first stages of kwashiorkor

Collins said Operation Hunger had decided to call on churches to help deliver food supplies

While police reported Christmas Day was quiet a later report said that on New Year's Eve 10 people were killed and 15 injured in Wartburg

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### Behind closed doors

Some Maritzburg organisations have decided to campaign for a single and nonracial city council after the surprise cancellation of a much-touted open city referendum that was set for Wednesday (82) (125)

The people of Maritzburg — excluding blacks from surrounding African areas, because they do not fall under the jurisdiction of the council — were to be asked where they stood on the issue of an open city (*Current Affairs* January 19) but late last Friday the council voted by an overwhelming majority not to hold the referendum

Disappointed mayor Mark Cornell called an urgent council meeting after a decision by the NP in Natal to call for a No vote.

“If the politicians had stayed out of it we would have got a fair indication of how the people felt. Now it would just be a party vote,” he said

Some NP politicians in Natal, including the province’s senior MEC, Tino Volker, said the referendum was ill-timed, ill-conceived, inadequately prepared and a waste of time because only the central government has the legal clout to open cities.

At the weekend meeting the Pietermaritzburg Combined Ratepayers’ Association decided that the initiative had now passed from the council to organisations unequivocally committed to the creation of an open city. The association has the tentative support of Cosatu and the MDM for its proposed campaign

Before the cancellation the association’s secretary, Yunus Carrim, said it urged whites to vote Yes but considered the issue a non-event for Indians and coloureds, because they had not imposed the Group Areas Act, and blacks were excluded

In a joint statement, Maritzburg Democratic Party MPs Mike Tarr and Rob Haswell said the cancelled referendum could yet be the beginning of a concerted open city drive. Last week they went to Cape Town to discuss the referendum issue with Planning & Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel. Tarr said the minister was clearly taken aback by his provincial party’s decision to call for a No vote

According to Haswell, the “ambivalent attitude” of coloured and Indian residents had also played a large part in the council’s 12-3 vote to cancel the referendum

□ According to a recent survey by the Development Studies Research Group at the University of Natal, Maritzburg, most whites, coloureds and Indians in the city want a nonracial city council and more than half would like an open city. ■

# Natal begins to tackle its shanty town sprawl

VIC HANNA

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ing the rivers in the area turn the Umgem and the Umsundusi into veritable sewers. (Remember the recent TV clips of Duru maritobon canoeists being dunked and coming up spluttering?)

The Umgem Water Authority, which supplies potable water to Durban and Maritzburg, has warned of the rapidly escalating cost of treating the highly contaminated raw water. Its studies show myriads of E-coli in the rivers after the rains.

And like the plagues of rats and cockroaches which infest the shacks, crime and gang warfare are part of everyday shanty city life — an obscure ingredient in the violence which has so far this year claimed more than 100 lives and which is generally simply attributed to the on-going Inkatha/UDF clashes.

These clashes have provided an ideal smokescreen for mushrooming crime. A personal vendetta? Commit murder and rape and who would know it was not politically motivated and merely included in the South African Police's daily unrest report? A dead body a burnt-out house? Who is to say these horrifying aftermaths of violence are not purely the result of political differences? Who's to say, also, that certain violence is not territorially based? A kind of 'I need to live here and I will kill for that right'. For these reasons people's courts which dish out a quick, brutal kind of law enforcement have mushroomed almost as fast as the crime wave.

Also existing is a huge economic sub-structure of spaza stores locally known as shack shops which are the larders of these shadow areas. Open, if need be, 24 hours a day, they operate outside the taxman's net. No GST or PAYE for them. It's straight pocket-to-pocket dealing, cash over the counter with nary an Inland Revenue form in sight. The spazas themselves are usually situated in houses with no shingle on the door to announce their presence — customers that need to know about them know exactly where to find them.

## Complex problems

How possibly could the Receiver police this sub-culture's economy? Moreover who would have the courage to go in without police protection to levy a tax? The shack cutes probably house about 17 million people — and the figure is growing. According to some estimates this number could double by the year 2000 unless something radical is done. Some time ago provincial estimates put the number of houses needed by the end of the century to help cope with the problem at 151 300. Complex problems are involved in handling the shack city phenomenon. At present there are three

distinct authorities responsible for the shanty areas. kwazulu, the Natal Provincial Administration and the Department of Development Aid.

The three are not co-ordinated and control is scattered and varied. Stand on a high building in Maritzburg, for example, and you can see, with the naked eye, three townships, each one of them answerable to a different authority. Drive around Durban and within a few kilometres of each other you will find kwazulu, Masbu (kwazulu), Inanda (Department of Development Aid) and Chesterville (Natal Provincial Authority).

One senior provincial official says that the problem will remain "hopeless" until a joint approach is hammered out.

But there is hope. Newly appointed Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Hennus Kriel, visited Natal within six weeks of his taking on the portfolio and he has called for a series of reports on the area. Local authorities are buoyed by the new approach. They're hoping that there will be the drawing together of control, with financial assistance made available and the possibility of serious working towards a solution.

The authorities will have to deal with shanty cities which because of their geographical locations have their own peculiar set of problems. Mr Robin Raubenheimer, director of land usage control for the Provincial Authority, notes that, unlike the generally flat topography of the Transvaal and the Cape Flats, the

hilly area surrounding Durban, in particular its con-torted and convoluted — the type of terrain that spells high costs for building and provision of services.

Mr Raubenheimer unlike many acknowledges that the shanty cities are an accepted part of the province's development.

I draw a strong distinction between squatters and the informal housing areas in the province," he says. "Squitting on someone else's ground is illegal and must be treated as such. Informal housing has to be looked at seriously and assisted in a disciplined and correct manner."

## Upgrading vital

He sees as vitally important and urgent the upgrading of the shanty towns (running water, bucket or chemical toilet systems) and a subsidised large-scale housing programme which will give shanty dwellers something to aspire to.

The Durban Council has firmly identified the problem and is now seeking ways to assist well beyond the city limits in what has now become known as the Durban Functional Region — a slice of Natal which embraces the city and the shanty towns surrounding it. Budgets funded by Durban ratepayers have been created as the city fathers appreciate that the problem is as much Durban's as anybody else's.

Such interest and involvement is well-founded because left to their own devices and the previous apathy of others, the shanty towns could soon engulf Durban (and Maritzburg), leading to total anarchy. And that would really give the lavender and lace brigade something to worry about.

## Inevitable tide

here is a kind of degenerate Third World inevitably about this encroachment of humanity. Privately open areas often owned by private individuals are suddenly festooned with hastily erected shacks to provide instant new 'suburbs' unfettered by later-borne sewerage and running water.

And horror, because of the mounting pressures of spare squatters have been found sleeping on vacant building sites right under the noses of Durban's most stably colonial-type matrons on Durban's snobbish Bera.

Further out, open tracts of land only four years ago grassed, treed and grazing grounds for herds of cattle are now tightly packed with people living cheek-by-jowl in a town-planning nightmare.

Thales for the shack towns exist in the open veld under a bush, next to a tree so that come the rainy season as now the wash off from the land surround-



HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Hansard 13/2/90

INTERPELLATIONS

The sign \* indicates a translation. The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation indicates the original language.

Own Affairs

Sale of land in Cato Manor

I Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing whether his Department has finalized the sale of land to affected persons in Cato Manor, if so, on what basis, if not, why not?

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, the reply is no. Hon members are aware that three townships may be distinguished in Cato Manor, namely Umkumbaan, Bonella and Wiggins.

Umkumbaan is a registered township where sales have been concluded. Following these sales, it was found that certain other sites are adversely affected by poor soil conditions and the sale of certain sites consequently had to be cancelled. As a result of the findings of a thorough geotechnical survey of the area that has been concluded, the township layout has since been somewhat revised to exclude sites with poor soil conditions and to incorporate such areas into existing open-space areas.

Portions of the sites that were not adversely affected were again included in other sites in the event of such remaining portions not being large enough to allow the creation of a separate site. This task has now been completed, and it is anticipated that sales in Umkumbaan will be finalised as soon as the waiting list is updated. This is expected in the immediate future. The waiting list is being updated at present.

Wiggins This area is still in an early development stage.

Bonella Bonella has not yet been registered as a township. Unit registration is affected, sales will not be concluded because the purchasers cannot take transfer of the land. One hundred and

so, when will the Ministerial homes be developed? I would also like to ask the hon the Minister whether the department was responsible for the erection of the fence. If so, what was the cost of the erection of that fence?

Before I resume my seat, I want to make it abundantly clear that as far as we on this side of the House are concerned, we have accepted the fact that our people were misled of this land many years ago. We were grateful to the hon the Chairman of the Ministers Council who, in his capacity as then Chairman of the Indian Council, did everything possible to restore that land to the Indian people. However, we are extremely disappointed that since that time nothing has really happened in that area. [Time expired.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I, too, am disappointed that Solidarity has become the majority party in this House since May 1988. Since that period there appears to have been no movement. That which the hon the Deputy Minister has indicated was something that was planned and announced in the years 1985 and 1986.

However, I want to make reference to an hon member who referred to this issue on 28 January 1985, and I quote from Hansard, col 22-23.

In the light of the above factors, how can we in this House and the Ministers responsible for these matters, now ask the Indian community to carry the financial burden of having to pay for the collective folly of three tiers of Government? Do we not have the courage to confront the Government and tell them "You made a grave error of judgement and you must now pay the price of your folly"?

We must resolve the matter and instead of running around in circles we must come up with new proposals as the prices proposed by the Minister around R15 000 per plot are still too high for the people for whom we wish to cater. Hansard 13/2/90

The Minister referred to above, is now the hon the Minister of Health Services and Welfare. I also wish to quote further from col 24.

We will not be party to any decision or recommendation which has been proposed by our Minister of Housing in terms of the high prices that have been established. I also quote from Hansard, col 23.

If R4 500 was the upset price established in 1975, it follows that the prices in the region of R15 000 to R25 000, are extremely high. We must have the courage, in the interest of the community, to arrive at fair prices. Hansard 13/2/90

The hon the Deputy Minister referred to the sale in Umkumbaan and said it would be finalised soon. We want details in respect of the prices. Incidentally, these excellent words which I have quoted were uttered by an hon member of this House in 1985. Most probably the hon member who uttered these words in 1985, did not realise that he would become the hon the Minister of Housing in the year 1990. [Time expired.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, I have listened very attentively to some of the arguments that were raised. I want to say to the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition that he must take responsibility for most of the delays that were caused, because he was the Minister of Housing for some time.

When the liaison committee between the Cato Manor Residents' Association and the department was established, he did not pursue this particular line of communications which would have expedited the issues that have caused these problems. Hansard 13/2/90

Insofar as the hon member for Springfield is concerned, I want to agree with him that none of us wants to see this matter delayed any longer than is necessary. I want to say to him that the argument as to whether the hon the Minister answered his questions or not, is immaterial to the issue. Let us stick to the material facts, namely that it was the hon the Deputy Minister who handled the issue that was raised by him.

I also want to take issue with him on one other aspect. He has submitted to the House that if we got private developers to take over this particular area they would have done a much better job. I want to differ with him for the simple reason, namely that private developers would have engaged in profiteering. They would have exploited the situation. In this country we are starved of land for housing. I want to submit respectfully that insofar as private developers are concerned, they would have failed to address the needs of those people who were affected in Cato Manor—the people who were humiliated and robbed of their land in that particular area. P 7 0

Private developers would not have guaranteed their relocation I believe it was right for us to do the development and in so doing ensure that those people who were affected in the first instance would be the people who would be catered for in the redevelopment of Cato Manor I believe that the administration is attempting to do just that with as much liaison as possible with the people in that particular area because of the Group Areas Act

With respect to the question regarding fencing, to the best of my knowledge we do not have any knowledge of this but if the hon member is prepared to put his question in writing he will get a reply [Time expired]

Mr A G V NAIDOO Mr Chairman firstly I would like to thank the hon member for Springfield for raising this matter as Cato Manor is a very sore point in the Indian community and it falls within my constituency However one must remember that the issue of the development of Cato Manor has come to us from the previous administration in the sense that I have 1985 statistics available, which I will not read of the manner in which the development was assumed to have been completed ~~1 hour 13/2/90~~

One of the big problems that faces Cato Manor is the registration of townships and I think that we need to revise the procedure regarding township registration so that it can be shortened We find even at the moment that the residents of Bonella have the problem that they cannot acquire the houses we have built or extend these houses to suit themselves

I am also grateful to the hon the Deputy Minister for allowing an extension to the waiting list For the benefit of the hon member for Springfield—I see the journalist who wrote the article is present in the House—I wish to point out that the press statement was released to him long before the hon member put this particular item on the Question Paper as an interpellation Fortunately the hon the Deputy Minister extended the deadline from 2 February to 16 February It was thus possible and I wish to thank the journalist for placing this article in the newspaper and giving people the opportunity to react One must remember that the waiting list was compiled in 1985 and many people at that time [Time expired]

*Hansard*

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I put the question The hon member for Chatsworth Central Order! I have before me the name of the hon member for Chatsworth Central [Interjections] I shall then call upon the hon the Deputy Minister to speak [Interjections]

Mr N JUMUNA Mr Chairman on a point of order I tabled the list and I do not know if anyone else has changed it

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I have a list that gives the name of the hon member for Chatsworth Central but I see that there is another list here If hon members are going to bring two or three lists here then I must at least be informed which is the one that prevails [Interjections]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, they are making mistakes now because we agreed on the hon member for Chatsworth Central

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I do have another list here of which I did not take note because this one was right at the top I would like hon members to take note of that I will then call upon the hon member for Bayview to speak ~~1 hour 13/2/90~~

Mr T PALAN Mr Chairman, for the information of the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition the price of R15 000 was definitely high in 1985 but taking the cost structure into account it is irrelevant to question whether that is high now However I do not want to argue with the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition because he knows about this

My question is the following Cato Manor has been identified for housing for too long and I would ask the hon the Minister to speed up the development The rising cost of materials is making it prohibitive for the applicants to continue with the home ownership scheme I therefore ask the hon the Minister not to delay any further

Furthermore in relation to the services rendered in that area [Time expired]

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, I want hon members of this House to know that this Administration is as much concerned about the delays in Cato Manor

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as anybody else anywhere in the country, including the Cato Manor Residents' Association It is for that reason that this statement was issued It is because we are concerned about this matter that this was initiated long before the question was placed on the Order Paper and long before any residents' association made representations to us ~~1 hour 13/2/90~~

Mr MR AJAB How long have you been Deputy Minister of Local Government Housing and Agriculture?

The DEPUTY MINISTER I have been Deputy Minister for a shorter period of time than the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition was Minister of Housing The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition has had ample opportunity to rectify the matters which he now raises here by way of having complaints to us

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, may I ask a question?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, I have no time to answer questions I have limited time The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition should know that He was formerly a Minister and if he had done his work as he should have done, this matter would not have come up for discussion here today He himself has failed but he is now pointing fingers at others As a Minister he should have gotten off his behind and done what he was supposed to do He failed in his work We will debate this issue during the weeks and months ahead and we will reveal what he did not do Yet the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition has the temerity to point fingers at the Solidarity administration He must remember that all the things he did and did not do are on record When we begin exposing him, he must not cry wolf [Time expired] ~~1 hour 13/2/90~~

Debate concluded

*Hansard*

assurance that procedures would be set in motion which would entitle Black medical doctors to be appointed as district surgeons. It would seem to me that those procedures were not put into effect. I want to express my regret at this state of affairs.

I would therefore urge the hon the Minister of Health Services and Welfare to have serious consultations with the hon the Minister of National Health and Population Development to ensure that the assurance that was given to this House on a previous occasion, is honoured. [Time expired.]

Mr YISEEDAT Mr Chairman, following upon the hon member for Springfield, I find it strange that he questions an hon member from this side of the House putting an interpellation. I could be wrong, too, but I am sure he is even further off the mark. I do not think there is anything that precludes an hon member from this side of the House from putting an interpellation on the Question Paper.

It is the hon member's contention that this is in the form of a question and could have been discussed in the hon the Minister's office. However, the very fact that he took up a point which arose out of the discussion, and asked the hon the Minister to discuss it with the present hon Minister of National Health and Population Development, is an indication that there is merit in this interpellation.

Procedures were discussed when we discussed the motion on 21 March 1988, because they were not implemented and because no action had been taken. This matter was raised in the interest of the community whom we are representing. [Time expired.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE Mr Chairman, in respect of the contributions made here, queries were raised as to whether Black district surgeons could be appointed. There are no restrictions on applications that are put forward for the appointment of district surgeons. My department does make inputs as far as appointments are concerned. In fact, we do pick the best persons, as appointments are based on merit.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION That is nonsense!

The MINISTER In respect of the query by the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition. The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION That is nonsense!

The MINISTER He disturbs me. That is why I cannot give him an answer.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION This watch cost R30 000!

The MINISTER He raised the question of district surgeons in Chatsworth. As far as district surgeons in Chatsworth are concerned, I have actually asked my department to look into the workings of the district surgeon in Chatsworth. In fact, we will take the necessary action to see that he is doing his job. I have taken cognisance of what has been happening.

Mr K CHETTY He is wasting taxpayers' money!

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Are you talking about the hon the Minister?

Mr K CHETTY Yes, they should fire him!

The MINISTER I now come to district surgeons at hospitals. It is not necessary for them to be at hospitals, because they can work from a point where they have other duties to perform, besides when they are called upon to perform autopsies.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Your district surgeon should examine you! You need examination! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER As far as I am concerned, district surgeons will be appointed. [Time expired.]

QUESTIONS

Indicates translated version

For oral reply *Answered 20/3/90*

*Own Affairs*

Durban Housing Action Committee: meeting

\*1 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether his Department was represented at a meeting in Pretoria with a Govern-

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware of the fact that the meeting may have been arranged behind his back by one of his colleagues?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, no comment!

Glendale: low-interest loans for farmers

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

(1) Whether farmers in the Secunda area of Glendale have been offered low-interest loans to re-establish their farming activities, if so, (a) how many farmers have been re-established as farmers and (b) what was the total amount of these loans,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? *Answered 20/3/90 DAIE*

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE

(1) No

(2) Yes

It would be appreciated if the Honourable Member could furnish a detailed map to indicate where Secunda in the area of Glendale is situated. I am unaware of a Secunda in Glendale my constituency where I have lived for the past 46 years.

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I inform the hon the Minister that the name "Secunda" is due to a typographical error on the part of the secretariat. The correct name is the "Segen" area of Glendale. Now that the hon the Minister is aware of that, could he give us the reply?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I acknowledge that there could have been a gross typographical error of this nature. If the hon member would re-submit his question I will answer it.

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I would like the hon the Minister to concede that the Glendale area is a very small area and that the matters concerning that small area should have been well known to him, more particularly because it is in his constituency and because it is relevant to his Ministry.





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# Natal refugees get R250 000 govt aid

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DURBAN — Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel yesterday announced the immediate availability of R250 000 for refugees and homeless victims of the violence around Durban and Maritzburg

However, government's long-term plan of action to combat the crisis would be disclosed within the next week or two, and could take six or seven years to implement, he said

Our own correspondent reports from Durban that three companies of 32 Battalion — the elite SADF unit which gained a fearsome reputation in the Namibian border war — flew into Durban yesterday to assume new duties in Natal's strife-torn townships

Officer Commanding Natal Command Brig Hattigh Pretorius said the battalion's new tasks were to establish peace in the area, protect lives and property and maintain law and order

"The battalion will not be deployed immediately. The men will have to orientate themselves and get used to the area and their new tasks"

Meanwhile, Durban's King Edward VIII Hospital has been forced to close its doors until further notice to patients requiring emergency surgery, because the hospital's over-stretched theatres and intensive care

unit are unable to take in any more casualties of the Natal violence

This is the first time the hospital has had to close its doors

Acting medical superintendent Dr A M Seedat confirmed this week emergency surgery had been stopped and all elective surgery cancelled for at least 24 hours to try to bring the situation at the hospital under control

## Ventilators

"Our intensive care unit is totally full and five patients who need to be on ventilators are on the ventilators in the operating theatres, being looked after by theatre staff. They will die otherwise," she said

"Because of the overflow of patients now being cared for in theatres we simply cannot carry out any more surgery"

"We have reached a situation where we cannot take on a single extra patient. It is no use taking in critically injured people because we cannot give them the required surgery"

The news coincided with a police statement yesterday saying the official police death toll of victims of

unrest in the Maritzburg area since April 3 had risen to 87 with the discovery of three more bodies

SA police spokesman Lt Henry Budhram said the bodies of two men were discovered at Sweetwaters location while a third had been found at Henley Dam. The victims appeared to have died several days ago

Budhram said the situation in the townships was relatively calm

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

Clearly shocked at the conditions he had seen, Kriel said

"The first thing that strikes me is the poverty of these people. We will have to provide the infrastructure for such basic needs as water, sewerage and rubbish removal"

□ Three people were killed in unrest violence in the past 24 hours, according to yesterday's police unrest report. Sixty-one people were injured and 180 were arrested — Sapa

| NATAL UNREST DEATHS                 |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| September 1987 — January 1989:...   | 668          |
| February 1989 — April 10 1990:..... | 869          |
| Past 24 hours' official toll:.....  | 5            |
| <b>TOTAL:.....</b>                  | <b>1 542</b> |

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This came after a series of area committee meetings, following Education & Training Minister Stoffel van der Merwe's response to teachers' demands about three weeks into the strike

Curtis Nkondo, president of the National Education Union of SA (Neusa), which claims to represent most of the striking teachers, has emphasised that the strike has not been called off but has been suspended for three months to give the minister time to address teachers' demands

Van der Merwe admitted that since the withdrawal of the African Teachers' Association of SA (Atasa, a federal body of teachers' associations), the DET had made no effort to communicate with teacher organisations about salaries, service and working conditions. This had led to the present stalemate

The strike was over poor teaching conditions and facilities. Strike action spread to Pretoria, the Vaal and northern Cape

Teachers are represented by Neusa, which has been organising teachers since 1980 but is not yet a recognised union

The union's short-term demands include:

- Ending visits by school inspectors and subject advisers as they are of "no value;"
- Suspending extra-mural activities as they aggravate teachers' workloads, and
- An end to DET-sponsored upgrading courses, because these reinforce past teaching methods and ignore new circumstances.

Long-term demands include:

- A single nonracial education system;
- Reinstatement of teachers laid off and the employment of more teachers;
- A minimum wage of R1 200 a month (now R600); and
- An across-the-board increase of R500 a month on April 1

Nkondo says many of the demands could be met immediately — for instance, employing more teachers to overcome the very teacher-pupil ratio.

Some positive responses by Van der Merwe are:

- Top priority to the demand that the teacher-pupil ratio should be reduced to 1.30,
- Additional funds allocated to education by President FW de Klerk to be used to tackle overcrowding,
- A promise to try to achieve full parity for male and female teacher salaries, and
- Consideration of improved maternity leave.

Van der Merwe says he is also prepared to consider recognising Neusa if it applies for registration.

Nelson Mandela has called for a change in tactics to solve the education crisis and promised to take up the matter with De Klerk if necessary. Mandela said that striking teachers' grievances were valid but added that "perhaps new tactics should be used to persuade the authorities to address demands"

The suspension of the strike may have been a response to this view ■

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## JOHANNESBURG COUNCIL

### A new era

The DP, despite being short of an overall majority, in effect took control of Johannesburg City Council's management committee on Monday. The DP's motion of no confidence in the NP management committee was put after last month's disclosure of an alleged spy ring run by city officials.

Even the DP, which has 20 of the 51 seats to the NP's 21, must have been surprised by the ease of its victory. Another nine councillors (five of the six Independents and the four CP members) supported the DP to give it three votes more than needed.

Until the meeting rumours were flying that conservative Nats, backed by the CP, would stage a coup and try to assume control of the committee, previously chaired by verligte Nat Jan Burger.

In the vote for chairman of the management committee, however, DP leader Ian Davidson beat the NP's Marietta Marx (another verligte and formerly deputy chairman) by 26 votes to 24. Eddy Magid, an independent member of the old committee, ran unopposed for vice-chairman. Also elected were Cecil Bass and Paul Asherson of the DP — and Jan Burger. The breakdown is now three DP, two NP and one Independent. Though the DP cannot command an automatic overall majority of 26 in the council, up to a dozen NP councillors are known verligtes.

The Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry begins hearing evidence this week on the alleged spy ring that purportedly collected information on various organisations. *The Star* has alleged that hundreds of thousands of rands were spent over seven years on covert activities authorised by high-ranking officials, including town clerk Marie Venter and public safety director John Pearce. ■

NATAL VIOLENCE FIM 13/4/90

### Refugee crisis

After police reinforcements and SADF members — many called up on 12 hours' notice — moved into the burning townships of Maritzburg and Durban late last week, the level of violence began to decline slightly.

But not enough, as new floods of refugees came streaming into Maritzburg, Pinetown and Durban. Staying wherever they could find shelter, they brought home the message to those living in white suburbs and the city that the war between Inkatha and the ANC-UDF is not confined to the townships.

Last week, the violence, which has generally centred on the Maritzburg region over the past few weeks, spread to townships on the coast, a pattern which has often been seen before.

First it was at Mpumalanga, a large township midway between Maritzburg and Durban next to the industrial area of Hammars-

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dale, where the violence has forced many large factories to run at minimum capacity.

On Friday afternoon, refugees — mainly women and children — began to stream into Pinetown and New Germany. DP MP Roger Burrows, monitoring the situation in his constituency, said by 8 pm last Friday night, 600 refugees had been housed in churches in the region. "I visited Mpumalanga at the weekend, together with refugee representatives and, although the violence had eased a bit, they felt it was still sufficiently tense not to return" (125)

Most of the men in the area remained behind to protect property and possessions. Though Burrows said the refugees were anxious to return home, many are going to find themselves long-term refugees — scores of houses have been burned down.

He estimates there are about 40 000 refugees from Natal's violence scattered over the province, just over half living in official refugee camps. The remainder have moved in with friends and relatives, returned to rural areas, or are staying in white suburbs or at their places of work.

Other refugees — like the 4 000 who moved into Durban at the weekend — have had to make do with whatever place they could find. Some are living on the beach or open areas on the beachfront, others moved into the city council's Exhibition Centre in the CBD, some are living in parks or on the streets.

A broad spectrum of organisations — from the Red Cross and city officials to community and church groups — have been helping the refugees, but by early this week supplies were running low and there was concern about sanitary conditions in some of the unofficial refugee camps.

The sudden movement into Durban was sparked by fierce fighting between Inkatha and the UDF at the South Coast township of KwaMakutha last Friday night, followed by fresh outbreaks of violence in Umlazi, Lamontville and KwaMashu at the weekend — townships all bordering on Durban.

On Monday, when most workers in Durban stayed home in response to the national protest against the Sebokeng shootings, both Umlazi and Lamontville had been sealed off by burning barricades. ■

RAILWAY DISPUTE FIM 13/4/90

### White smoke

In what could signal a new labour trend, thousands of white employees of the Railways downed tools last week to press pay demands (125)

Illegal strike action, described as spontaneous by Artisan Staff Association general secretary Kenny Cuthbertson, occurred throughout the country. He says about 10 000 artisans and trade-hands were involved in work stoppages at mechanical, electrical and maintenance workshops and sheds in the western Cape, Port Elizabeth,

# Sweet relief for Natal's refugees

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BILLY PADDOCK

THE sugar industry was to donate R250 000 to provide relief to the thousands of refugees who had fled the violence-hit Natal townships, SA Sugar Association chairman Glyn Taylor said yesterday.

He expressed his concern at the violence and the needless loss of lives and property

The sugar industry had also been affected by the unrest and it was in the interests of all to put an end to the fighting, he said *Blom 20/4/90*

There had also been disturbances at industrial level, with incidents in the cane supply areas of each of the Natal sugar mills.

Many of the refugees were being housed in temporary accommodation in and around Durban, Pinetown and Maritzburg where relief co-ordinators were finding it difficult to make ends meet, he said

The Natal region of the SA Red Cross Society is to administer the grant with the SA Sugar Association

Natal region Red Cross chairman Inka Mars said the society had set up soup kitchens and had sent bedding to the refugees

The fund would enable the Red Cross to deal more effectively with the ever-increasing number of people rendered homeless by the violence

Taylor said R5 000 of the R250 000 had already been used in the form of a sugar donation and was being distributed among victims of the Edendale violence

Part of the fund will be used to assist black small cane growers who had been driven off their land

Insurance scheme down

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QUESTIONS

† Indicates translated version  
For written reply

Own Affairs

Indian property owners higher rates

29 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture

- (1) Whether, since his reply to Question No 2 on 13 March 1990, he or his Department has received any communication from the Natal Provincial Administration on allegations that Indian property owners were paying higher rates than Whites did for comparable properties, if so, (a) when

- and (b) what was the purport of this communication, if not,  
(2) whether he or his Department has taken any further steps in this regard, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b) when,  
(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

D116E

THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE

- (1) Yes  
(a) on 24 April 1990  
(b) The communication does not really address the problem and endeavours are now being made to have the issue discussed at Executive Committee level  
(2) Falls away—see (1) (b)  
(3) No

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

QUESTIONS

† Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

1989 matriculation examination scripts: markers  
230 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education

- (1) Whether markers of 1989 matriculation examination scripts were required to mark a certain number of scripts (a) per day and (b) in total, if not, why not, if so, how many in each case,  
(2) what were the hours of work for markers at marking centres,  
(3) whether these markers were allowed to take scripts home to mark, if so, (a) why, (b) subject to what controls and (c) how many per (i) day and (ii) night,  
(4) (a) on what basis and (b) how much were they paid?

B558E

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

- (1) (a) Yes. 30 per day  
2 hour paper 40 per day  
1.5 hour paper 70 per day  
(b) Yes, 3 hour paper 300  
2 hour paper 400  
1.5 hour paper 700  
(2) 9,5 hours per day  
(3) Yes, although there is a directive prohibiting it  
(a) To complete the marking in time  
(b) Measures as determined by chief examiners  
(c) (i) None  
(ii) According to the ability of the marker as assessed by the chief examiners  
(4) (a) Tariff per examination script

|     |                |                  |
|-----|----------------|------------------|
| (b) | 3 hour paper   | R3,65 per script |
|     | 2 hour paper   | R3,00 per script |
|     | 1,5 hour paper | R2,05 per script |

1989 matriculation examination scripts: markers  
232 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education

Whether any candidates in the 1989 matriculation examinations were permitted to (a) calculate marks, (b) enter marks on mark sheets and (c) work in any capacity at centres at which matriculation examination scripts were being marked, if so (i) why, (ii) where, (iii) under what supervision, (iv) how many candidates were involved (v) on what basis were these persons remunerated and (vi) how much were they paid?

B563E

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

- (a). (b) and (c) No not according to any information at my disposal  
(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) Fall away

Cape Town circuit officer: sports officers

302 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education

- (1) Whether any persons are employed as sports officers or in similar capacities at the Cape Town circuit office of his Department, if so (a) how many, (b) why, (c) at what total cost per year to his Department and (d) what are the duties of these persons,  
(2) whether any of his Department's schools in the Western Cape have sports facilities, if not, why not, if so,  
(3) how many (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in the Western Cape (i) have and (ii) do not have a (aa) tennis court, (bb) netball court, (cc) swimming pool and (dd) grassed playing field for games such as soccer?

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THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

- (1) Yes  
(a) Eleven (11) sports youth/culture officials

**The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE**

(1) and (2)(a) As far as could be ascertained the Judicial Inquest and investigation to determine the causes and factual circumstances of the person's death have not been completed by the responsible Department *15/10*

(b) The name supplied by the hon member

Mr R R HULLEY Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's answer, could he justify how more than two years could go by without the parents knowing what the cause of death was? They are in possession of a death certificate which simply says of the cause of death "Being investigated". Could he also tell us what the responsible body or bodies is or are that he has referred to now?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, I have great understanding for the fact that two years have elapsed since the death of this boy. However, the investigation is not being done by the SADF, it is an ongoing police investigation. I suggest the hon member directs his question to that Department

**Robertson Civic Hall: dispersal of crowd**

\*8 Mr J H MOMBERG asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) (a) What is the rank of the officer in charge of the members of the South African Police who allegedly used bird-shot and teargas to disperse a crowd that had gathered at the Robertson Civic Hall on the night of Wednesday, 11 April 1990, and (b) in terms of what statutory provisions or regulations did he issue instructions to disperse the crowd,

(2) whether he will disclose the name of this officer, if not, why not, if so, what is his name? *15/10*

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**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER**

(1) and (2)

The investigation into this matter by a senior Police officer has been completed and the docket has already been submitted to the Attorney-General for his decision. In view of this fact, I do not consider it advisable at this

stage to furnish any information which may possibly anticipate the judicial process

Mr J VAN ECK, Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply where he says that the investigation has been completed, may I ask why this does not seem to be so from the statement of Brig Potgieter who says that the investigation has not been completed and that he is still seeking further information? [Interjections] Brig Potgieter is the person who is investigating the matter. He told me this morning that he cannot complete the matter as he needs more information. Why then does the hon the Minister say that the matter has been completed? *15/10*

The MINISTER I said to the hon member that the investigation had been completed and the docket submitted to the Attorney-General for his decision. It may well be that certain statements are still awaited because certain persons were by that hon member—no, perhaps he didn't do it [Interjections] It is because certain persons in the town were advised not to assist the Police with the investigation. Not this hon member. He offered to help me to obtain statements. Therefore I do not want to be unfair towards him. If further statements are still outstanding the Attorney-General will call for them. We investigated the matter urgently and submitted the docket to the Attorney-General as soon as was possible. That is the information at my disposal

**Thabazimbi: death of certain person**

\*9 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order *15/10*

Whether any charges were laid in connection with the death on or about 13 December 1982 near Thabazimbi of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, if so, (a) against whom (b) for what offences, (c) what progress has been made with regard to the investigation of the case and (d) what is the name of this person?

B873E

**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER**

Yes

(a) to (d)

On 1 April 1985, at the instruction of the Attorney-General, three persons stood trial in

the Regional Court, Rustenburg on charges of murder and kidnapping and were acquitted

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

**Thabazimbi autopsy**

\*10 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order *15/10*

(1) Whether an autopsy was held in connection with the death on or about 13 December 1982 near Thabazimbi of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, if not, why not, if so, (a) when, (b) by whom and (c) what were the findings,

(2) whether any evidence suggesting a connection between this person's incarceration by his employer and his death was found, if so, what are the relevant details,

(3) whether this matter was referred to the Attorney-General, if not, why not, if so, when? *15/10*

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**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER**

(1) to (3)

I refer the hon member to my reply to oral question 9

**Removal of crimes from penal code**

\*11 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice *15/10*

With reference to paragraph 1.5 (g) on page 4 of the Annual Report of the Department of Justice for the period 1 July 1988 to 30 June 1989, which crimes are currently under consideration for removal from the penal code? *15/10*

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**The MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

During the debate on my budget vote in 1987 and 1989 I already indicated that minor traffic offences in particular are under consideration in the whole process of decriminalisation and depenalisation. The legislation referred to in the Annual Report is still under consideration

Nthorwane, residents moved to schools

\*12 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Education *15/10*

Whether there are any schools in the area to which the residents of Nthorwane, near Greylingstad, are being moved, is so, (a) what is the (i) name and (ii) pupil capacity of each such school and (b) how many teachers are employed or are to be employed at each, if not, why not? *15/10*

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**The MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

No *15/10*

To date only 16 housing units have been erected by residents in Nthorwane. At least 95% of the residents are still living in the old township where there is a school catering for 840 pupils from Sub A to Std 6

**Lenasia bus service**

\*13 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Transport *15/10*

(1) Whether a certain bus service, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, has a monopoly on bus transport in the Lenasia area, if so (a) on whose authority, (b) in terms of which statutory provisions or regulations and (c) since when,

(2) whether his Department and/or the Local Road Transportation Board has received any representations in this regard, if so, what was the (a) purport of and (b) response to each such representation? *15/10*

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**The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT**

(1) No. The following bus companies render services in the Lenasia area

\* M I Tilly trading as Golden Highway Bus Lines,

\* A Kandasamy and A K Govender trading as Lenasia South Bus Service, and

\* Lenasia Bus Service (Pty) Ltd

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

(2) Yes

(a) A Kandasamy as well as S K Bus Lines applied to the Local Road Transportation Board (LRTB), Johannesburg, for public carrier per-

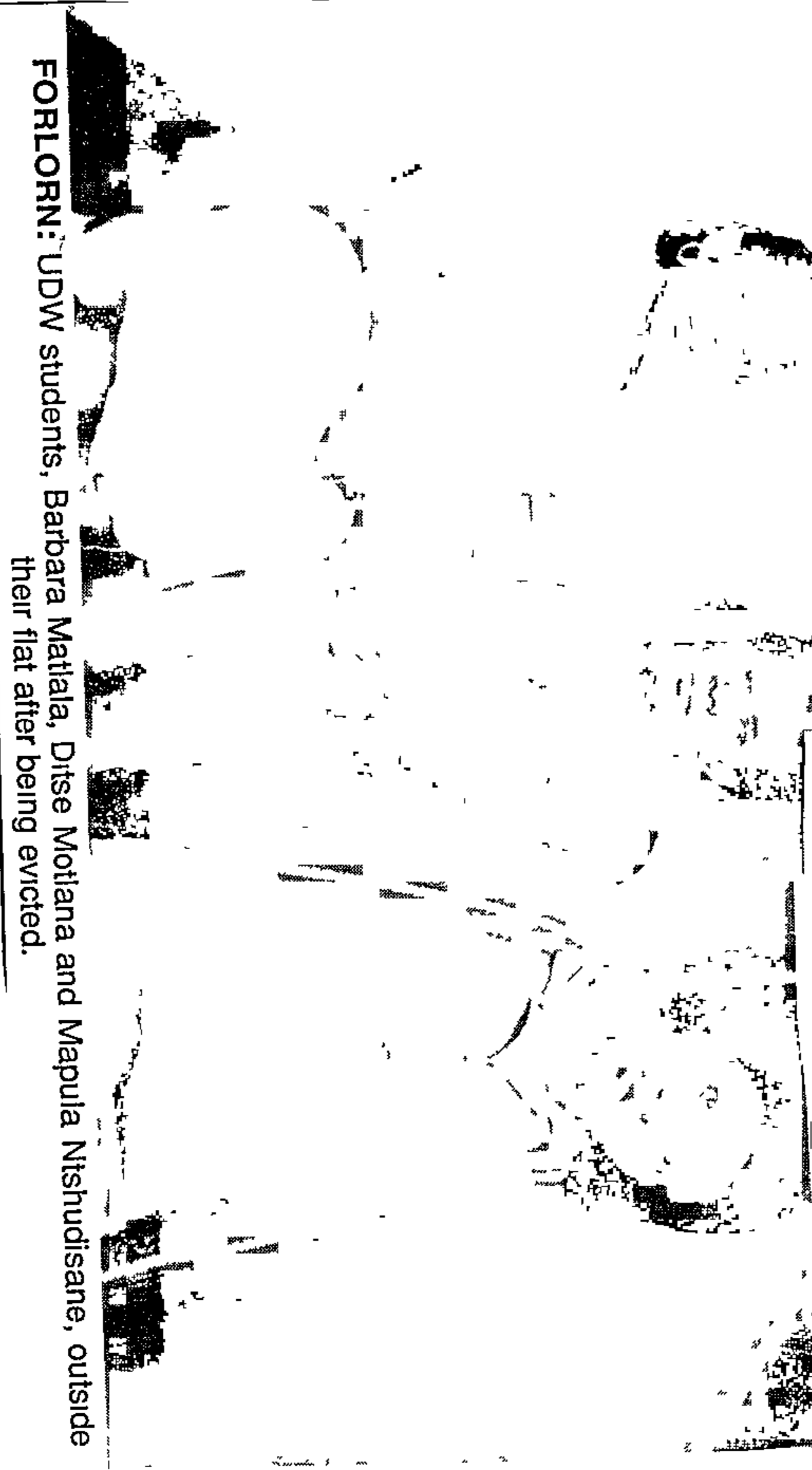
# 'Group war' in flatland

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From CHRISTINA SCOTT

DURBAN. — A Group Areas war of attrition has broken out here between "illegal" black tenants and white neighbours.

Ms Lindiwe Kunene, a 31-year-old secretarial student, had a taste of it last Sunday when her phone rang and a shrill voice on the other end warned her to get out or face the consequences



FORLORN: UDW students, Barbara Matlala, Ditse Motlana and Mapula Ntshudisane, outside their flat after being evicted.

"Hey, you kaffirs, if you don't leave that flat, you'll be dead by tomorrow," a shrill voice said on the other end.

Each side employs an array of tactics and weapons

The pro-Group Areas brigade uses knobkerries, insults, death threats, police, changed locks, the occasional shotgun blast or a brick through the window and illegal "kits evictions" in which belongings are dumped and stolen

For the few hundred hardy souls chipping away at the Act, their weapons are the Lawyers for Human Rights, sympathetic white fronts, court action, locksmiths and most of all, a glib tongue and "stroppy attitudes"

### Police

Ome Dhlwayo showed his keys, security pass and receipts to the woman landlord found sitting on the sofa in the lounge of his flat

"I'm sorry as you cannot provide papers proving that you are the legal occupant, I'm going to have to ask you to leave or I'm calling the police", she said

"You're not supposed to be here", Kunene's flat owner, prominent Irish-born singer, Damian McKilroy, told her "You must leave immediately"

McKilroy later told SOUTH the issue was not racism but sub-letting. The death threat was engineered by Kunene to garner sympathy, he said

Four students at the University of Durban-Westville also had an eventful week

Mapula Ntshudisane, Barbara Matlala, Ditse Motlana and Shireen Mokgale, all from Atteridgeville near Pretoria, moved into a harbour-front flat on April 30. The flat owner locked them out the next day

They were back in the flat last Friday after threatening the owner with legal action. They now expect a 30-day written notice of eviction

... says the production ceiling of 100 units a month for 1990 will be maintained to ensure top quality and service.

... in charge of only 55 employees countrywide, he believes people distinguish Drake from the rest of the computer industry.

# New deal for the elderly

Business Times Reporter

THE Natal South Coast is the home of a new-concept retirement village.

The village results from unprecedented co-operation among several government departments and welfare organisations.

Care for Life spokeswoman Carol Holman says the South Coast has the highest ratio of elderly people in SA, but insufficient facilities and

services to care for them.

The Care for Life village was developed near Port Shepstone using loans from the Department of Local Authorities, Housing and Works which will be repaid over 30 years at 1% interest. It was built by subsidised labour from the Department of Manpower.

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financial implications of this double promotion? Have both their salaries been announced?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, if that type of question is put in writing to my Department, they will give hon members the financial implications. It is ludicrous for me to answer right here when I do not know specifically how much money was involved *per se* in these two promotions.

*Hansard 22/5/90*  
The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION You are *judicious* yourself! Now you must go!

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he tell this House

The MINISTER When are you going to grow up?

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, will he — I trust that I have his attention — please tell us now when Mr Marx will retire? Does he have the information available or not?

The MINISTER I do not know specifically when Mr Marx will resign. If it is put in writing we shall find out from Mr Marx. However, he is due to retire because he turned 60 already and intimated to people that he should like to retire [Interjections]

James Commission of Inquiry petrol service sites  
\*3 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether, in view of the findings of the James Commission of Inquiry, he reviewed all applications for petrol service sites mentioned in the Commission's report, if not, why not, if so
- (2) whether, according to the investigation carried out by his Department, the applicant Mr K Krishnan was found to be a displaced trader, if so.
- (3) whether he accepts his finding?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING D186E

- (1) No — this was carried out Departmentally
- (2) A letter has been forwarded to Mr Krishnan requesting him to furnish documents

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tary proof that he owned a petrol service station. Mr Krishnan has to date not responded to the request despite a reminder.

(3) Falls away  
*Hansard 22/5/90*

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the reply to the second part of the question, is the hon the Minister aware that the Housing Development Board has acted on the findings of the James Commission of Inquiry?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, regarding any further questions arising from my reply I can only get information from my officials if these questions are directed to them

Petrol service sites, displaced persons

\*4 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether the persons who were allocated petrol service sites in (a) Unit Centre, Shallicross, and (b) Woodview, Phoenix, were displaced persons in terms of the Group Areas Act, if so, what is the address of the premises from which each of these persons was displaced,
- (2) whether his Department has at any time allocated more than one site to a person who was displaced from a single business premises, if so, (a) why and (b) what are the relevant details,
- (3) what is his Department's policy in regard to such allocations?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING D187E

- (1) The person (Shaik Adam Saib) who was allocated a petrol service station in Unit Centre, Shallicross, was a displaced person
- The person (H R Shaik) who was allocated a petrol service station in Woodview, Phoenix, is not a displaced person
- Mr Saib was displaced from Queensburgh

- (2) As far as can be established the Department has not allocated more than one site to a person who was displaced from a single business

(3) The policy is to allocate only one site to a person who was displaced from a single business

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the answers given, is the hon the Minister aware that the Judge President of Natal gave a judgment against the hon the Minister on 21 February of this year, where a site in Woodview has to be allocated to Mr Shaik, and that this is in conflict with his answer?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, if the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition wants any further clarification, I suggest that he puts his questions or queries in writing, because all this stems from an involved procedure. I am not a computer which can just pump out answers. I can only get the answers from the officials who are handling this matter

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION He's useless!

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! Did the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition say that the hon the Minister of Housing was useless?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I said he was useless, because he cannot answer simple questions to which he should know the answers

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition must withdraw that

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I withdraw it unreservedly

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, will he not agree with me when I say that it is reasonable to expect of any hon Minister who comes to this House to answer a particular question, to take the trouble to find out every thing that should be known about that particular issue? Is that not reasonable?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, when questions are submitted, these are sent to the officials in the department for a reply. I would like to find somebody here who can anticipate all the questions that are asked

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION. Yes, here is the man

The MINISTER Yes, but I was not part of "The Fiddler on the Roof" [Interjections] I do not know the background to everything

Havenside Shopping Centre: flats allocated

\*5 Mrs D GOVENDER asked the Minister of Housing *Hansard 22/5/90*

(1) Whether any flats in the Havenside Shopping Centre were allocated to persons on a preferential basis, if so, (a) why and (b) what are the names of these persons,

(2) whether such preference was given as a result of the intervention of any member of Parliament, if so, what are the relevant details?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING D189E

The MINISTER OF HOUSING

(1) Yes

(a) As indicated in (b) below

(b) P R Chetty

He shared a flat as a sub-tenant. When the main tenant vacated the unit he upon application was allocated the flat

N Naidoo

This applicant was served with an eviction notice by his private landlord. He made representations to be allocated a flat on humanitarian grounds and was successful

M Singh

He acquired a site in Umkumba but it was found unsuitable for housing development. He was required by the private landlord to vacate the premises which he was leasing. The Department, being unable to allocate another site to him at the time, allocated a

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V Chetty  
(Mrs)

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flat to him in Haven-  
side  
Her family was leas-  
ing accommodation  
from a private land-  
lord and was served  
with an eviction no-  
tice She and her de-  
pendants were ac-  
cordingly allocated a  
flat Her application  
for accommodation  
was lodged in 1967

C A Pillay

He is a principal who  
sold his property in  
Chatsworth on trans-  
fer to East London in  
1980 He was then  
transferred to the  
College of Education  
Pretoria and to Brns  
in 1986 He was ap-  
pointed principal of  
the Apollo High  
School in Chats-  
worth from 1 Janu-  
ary 1990 Like all  
the other tenants in  
Havenside Flats he is  
earning over R1 000  
per month and pay-  
ing economic rental

R L Naidoo

A flat was allocated  
to him on 1 June  
1987

K Chetty, MP A flat was allocated  
to him on 1 August  
1985

(2) No

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

Teachers' housing subsidies ceiling

\*6 Mr H M NEERAHOO asked the Minister of  
Education and Culture

(1) Whether the ceiling on housing subsidies  
to teachers in schools for Indians has been  
adjusted during the past 10 years if so,  
(a) when and (b) by what amounts,  
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partment for the purpose of his reply, has  
been seconded to the post of training  
officer for principals, if so, (a) why, (b)  
when, (c) what is the name of this person  
and (d) (i) what post did he hold before  
being so seconded and (ii) who is to be  
seconded to fill this post,

(2) whether this person is suitably qualified to  
be seconded to the post of training officer  
for principals, if so, what (a) academic,  
(b) practical and (c) management quali-  
fications does he have,

(3) whether the Chief Superintendents (Aca-  
demic) have the responsibility of provid-  
ing educational leadership courses for  
principals, if no, who has this responsibil-  
ity, if so, (a) how many such courses have  
been conducted by them since 1987 and  
(b) in view of the secondment of the  
abovementioned person, what will be  
their role in future? D166E

*For written reply*

*General Affairs*

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CUL-  
TURE

(1) Yes

(a) \* to organise and conduct pre-ser-  
vice courses in management for  
newly appointed principals  
\* to organise and conduct in-service  
courses in management for deputy  
principals and senior deputy prin-  
cipals,

\* to research the field of manage-  
ment and establish areas of needs,  
\* to prepare, in consultation with  
superintendents of education  
(management) and colleges of  
education and universities, suit-  
able material for use at the above-  
named courses,

\* to be responsible for dissemina-  
tion, through publication, of mate-  
rial relating to school management  
and administration,

\* to mount together with superinten-  
dents of education (management)  
follow-up programmes to assist,  
guide and encourage course partu-  
cipants in loco, to implement areas  
of knowledge and skills to which  
they were exposed at pre-service/

\* in-service courses attended,  
to assist superintendents of educa-  
tion (management) with the organ-  
isation and conduct of orientation  
courses for principals, and  
\* to assist the chief superintendent  
of education (management) with  
programmes designed for the pro-  
fessional development of the su-  
perintendents of education (man-  
agement),

(b) with effect from 1990-04-30,

(c) Mr H Rameshur,

(d) (i) Deputy Superintendent of Edu-  
cation (English),

(ii) work to be shared amongst  
present English team

(2) Yes

(a) Bachelor of Arts  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours)  
(English)  
Master of Arts (English)

(b) \* Senior Assistant/Head of  
Department (English) 8 years

\* Lecturer — College of  
Education 5 years

\* Senior Lecturer —  
College of Education

\* Seconded to Planning  
Section Curriculum  
Development in English 4 years

\* Deputy Superintendent  
of Education (English) 5 years

\* Planned and delivered  
Management Training  
Courses for Heads of  
Department 1988

\* Planned and assisted in  
conduct of Induction  
Course for newly-  
appointed principals  
January  
1990

\* Delivered management  
course for Heads of  
Department and Deputy  
Principals 1990

(c) \* Bachelor of Education  
Master of Education

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minister local affairs and/or management committees as an own affair. Consequently, I do not have any such committees under my control. My Ministry however has an open-door policy and as such has responded to various representations received from these committees in co-ordination with other authorities. Further good relations are maintained with them through the various provincial bodies and non-statutory associations.

Pre-primary classes

\*3 Mr H MNEERAHOO asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether he intends introducing and administering pre-primary classes at all schools under his control if not, why not if so when?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Yes subject to funds being available

Since 1985 to the present 155 Bridging Module Readiness Class Units (BYRCs) for 5-year-old children due to enter class 1 in the following year have been established at Departmental schools. Acceleration of the service to meet the estimated total demand of 600 units is restricted by the fact that the financing formulae for education does not make specific provision for pre-primary education. The service is currently being financed by effecting cut-backs to other education services. Provision has been made in the 1990/91 Draft Estimates for additional 20 BYRC units to be established in 1991.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman arising out of the hon the Minister's reply while the formula is applicable to own affairs administration I would like to know whether the hon the Minister is aware that high priority is given to pre-primary education in the Administration House of Assembly and that, in comparison with the financial allocation for education in the House of Delegates during the past five years only this year compared to pre-primary, secondary and tertiary education there has not been an increase of a single cent with regard to pre-primary education? Could the hon the Minister very briefly explain this?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman I would like to be very brief. Quite simply there has been a

cut-back of R73 million. This is money that has gone into Black education, which needs it more than we do. I think that will suffice.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the answer given and taking the cutback figure into consideration, could the hon the Minister explain why, contrary to the norm of 80% — while 20% is to be used for growth — that in the next financial year 85.6% of the total Budget is being used for personnel — the bureaucracy?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman in keeping with the tradition set by the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition we envisaged employing all our teachers. This growth in the number of personnel over a period of time has now come to 2 747 teachers, which has brought our personnel growth to 85%. If we have to omit them, we will have a problem.

Richards Bay Indian areas: allocation of land/houses

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\*4 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether his Department has instituted an investigation into the allocation of land and/or houses in Indian areas in the Republic in general and in Richards Bay in particular, if not, why not, if so,

(2) whether this investigation has been completed, if not when is it expected to be completed,

(3) whether an interim or final report on the matter has been submitted to him, if not, when is such a report expected, if so,

(4) whether such report is to be made public if not why not if so, when,

(5) whether he will make a statement on the matter? *Handwritten* 5/15/10

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING

(1) No not in general at this stage. Yes in Richards Bay.

(2) No. In a matter of weeks.

(3) No. A final report by the Administration is being awaited.

(4) A decision will be taken at the appropriate time.

(5) No. Upon receipt of the report whatever action may be necessary will be taken.

Mr S PACHAI Mr Chairman arising out of that reply, will the hon the Minister agree that on 1 February I sent him seven affidavits alleging corruption in Richards Bay and that these affidavits have been incorporated in a 52-page dossier which was sent to him, the hon the State President as well as the Advocate-General yesterday?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman my Department has carried out investigations with regard to Richards Bay. My administration is now preparing a report. When I get that report we will act. This is nothing new. We have been working on that since some time in February last year.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman further arising out of the hon the Minister's answer is he prepared to investigate the allegation that certain officials of the regional office have been suppressing certain reports that were collected from the field surveys, en route to the head of the Department?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, we are carrying out an investigation and we shall investigate all the information that is available because we want to sort out this matter to the satisfaction of all. Our administration is committed to clean administration. These homes were allotted some time ago and whatever is wrong must be put right. I welcome the suggestion from the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition.

Mr S PACHAI Mr Chairman further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, will he agree that I sent him seven affidavits on 1 February 1990 alleging corruption in Richards Bay?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, the hon former Deputy Minister was charged with the responsibility of carrying out that investigation. The investigation was delayed until two ministerial representatives were appointed to assist him. When the report was presented to me, it was incomplete. When I have received all the documents from the ministerial representatives, it will be passed on to the administration for a report. One cannot carry out an investigation in bits and pieces. We want all the information and then such a report can be completed.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman further arising out of the hon the Minister's answer, will he be prepared to

investigate the allegation that certain officials of his administration have been approached to suppress the truth with regard to this matter? Tula, Tula?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I said to the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition I welcome what he has pointed out to me. If he will just write me a note with regard to the matter, I shall carry out such an investigation.

An HON MEMBER Supply him with the names

Richards Bay area allocation of serviced sites

\*5 Mr R R MAHABEER asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether any private firms have been allocated serviced sites for housing in the Richards Bay area since the inception of the tricameral system, if so, (a) what total number of sites was allocated to these private firms (b) when were they allocated and (c) what are the names of the firms concerned,

(2) whether any of these firms were in active business in the Richards Bay area at the time of allocation, if so which firms,

(3) whether any of these sites are still undeveloped if so what action is his Department taking in this regard?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING

(1) Yes. The National Peoples Party Administration in April 1985 in a press advertisement informed the public that a number of residential sites are now available for sale in the Indian group area of Richards Bay and called on individuals and employers interested to purchase sites to make an application.

(a) 102 sites

(b) During 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988

- (c) Mhlantze Water Board
- Zululand Springsmith (Pty) Ltd
- Bester Homes
- Mobil Oil SA (Pty) Ltd
- Sealandar Shipping and Forwarding
- Central Timber Company

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Richards Bay Iron and Titanium  
Mondi Richards Bay

(2) Yes

Mhlathuze Water Board  
Zululand Springsmith (Pty) Ltd  
Mobil Oil SA (Pty) Ltd  
Central Timber Company  
Richards Bay Iron and Titanium  
Mondi Richards Bay  
Sealandar Shipping and Forwarding

(3) Yes

No action is being taken because an application for extension of the building clause period is under consideration

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOS-

TION Mr Charman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, in which emphasis was placed on the NPP in 1985, in the first place, who was the Minister of Housing at the time? Secondly, will the hon the Minister agree that in respect of ordinary residents, sites have been repossessed for buildings that were not constructed? Thirdly, why is special treatment being given to these business houses, in this particular case?

The MINISTER Mr Charman, I think at the time the current hon Minister of Health Services and Welfare was the Minister of Housing I am not aware that residential sites given to individuals have been repossessed. These were the answers provided by the Department and I have given them to hon members

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Publications Act committee members  
389 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Home Affairs

QUESTIONS

+ Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

(a) What are the (i) names, (ii) present occupations, (iii) educational qualifications and (iv) specific qualifications for the job, and (b) who are the present employers, of the persons presently serving as members of committees appointed in terms of section 5 of the Publications Act, No 42 of 1974?

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The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

The hon member is referred to the accompanying schedule

Schedule

| (a)                | (i)                          | (ii)              | (iii)                            | (iv)       | (b) |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-----|
| Mrs J J Adams      | Part-time Teacher            | Teacher's Diploma | Film/Theatre Knowledge           | Self       |     |
| Dr C J D Augustyn  | Senior Lecturer              | DCom              | Industrial Psychology            | University |     |
| Dr M S Appelgren   | Senior Lecturer              | DLitt/Ed Phil     | Literature                       | University |     |
| Mr P J Badenhorst  | Penioner                     | BA/Th             | Theology, Politics               | Self       |     |
| Dr P W Basson      | Penioner                     | Litt Dts/Litt D   | Classical Languages/<br>Culture  | Self       |     |
| Mr A M Bhorat      | Business Consultant          | N T D             | Indian Languages                 | Self       |     |
| Dr P W Bingle      | Minister of Religion         | BA/ThD            | Religion Culture                 | Church     |     |
| Dr E M Bosman      | Lecturer                     | DPhil             | Literature                       | College    |     |
| Mrs M Botes        | Housewife                    | MA                | Languages                        | Self       |     |
| Dr A H Botha       | Minister of Religion         | BD DD             | Religion Films                   | Church     |     |
| Mr H Botha         | Penioner                     | Security Diploma  | Security                         | Self       |     |
| Mrs L L Bruwer     | Part-time Teacher            | Teacher's Diploma | Film/Theatre Knowledge           | Self       |     |
| Dr W Botha         | Minister of Religion         | DD                | Theology                         | Church     |     |
| Dr A P Brugman     | Vice Rector                  | DLitt             | Education                        | College    |     |
| Mrs M Brugman      | Housewife                    | BA BProc          | Law                              | Media      |     |
| Dr J Buitendag     | Head Religion                | DD                | Theology                         | Self       |     |
| Mr P B Chavda      | Businessman                  | Matric            | Indian Culture/Languages         | Self       |     |
| Prof C I Cilliers  | Consultant                   | DPhil             | Languages/Films                  | Self       |     |
| Dr V Claassen      | Lecturer                     | DPhil             | Information Data                 | University |     |
| Prof D J Coetzee   | Senior Lecturer              | DSc               | Physics/Films                    | University |     |
| Dr P L Coetzee     | Lecturer                     | DD                | Theology                         | University |     |
| Dr L E Combrink    | Lecturer                     | PhD               | Languages                        | University |     |
| Mr E L Conradie    | Head of Bureau               | MA                | Psychology                       | University |     |
| Mrs M N de Vries   | Medical Doctor               | MA                | Languages/Drama                  | Self       |     |
| Dr G de Villiers   | Lecturer in Drama            | MB ChB            | Medicine                         | Self       |     |
| Mrs T E Garthness  | Housewife                    | BA HTD            | Film Theatre Knowledge           | Self       |     |
| Mrs E Delpoit      | Lecturer                     | BALLB             | Law                              | University |     |
| Mrs A du Plessis   | Housewife                    | BA                | Drama                            | Self       |     |
| Prof J B du Toit   | Penioner                     | DPhil             | Sociology                        | Self       |     |
| Mrs S du Toit      | Housewife/<br>Business-woman | BA,HTD            | Literature                       | Self       |     |
| Prof J M Els       | Lecturer                     | DLitt Buns        | Literature                       | University |     |
| Prof P J J S Els   | Lecturer                     | PhD Dlit DTh      | Expert on Islamism/<br>Languages | University |     |
| Mr H C Engelbrecht | Company Director             | BSc               | Films                            | Self       |     |

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## Forced removals: Natal areas appeal

Own Correspondent

Representatives from six rural Natal communities living under threat of removal after their freehold land was expropriated years ago, yesterday called on the Government to grant an official reprieve to all communities under shadow of forced removal and to restore the title deeds of the land to the rightful owners

Matiwane's Kop and Roosboom near Ladysmith, Steincoalspruit near Dundee, Tembahlhle and Cornfields near Estcourt, and the Stoffelton/Stepmore complex near Underberg are areas known as "black spots" — black freehold land acquired before the 1913 Land Act and within areas designated as "white" rural land under Nationalist Party segregation policy

At a meeting arranged by the Association for Rural Advancement (Afra) in Maritzburg yesterday, delegates from these six areas welcomed recent statements by President de Klerk that

his Government was going to scrap apartheid

In a memorandum handed to the Department of Development Aid yesterday afternoon, the delegates demanded that the Government officially reprieves all communities under threat of removal and withdraws or reverses the land expropriations, restoring the title deeds and mineral rights to the rightful owners

The delegates also called for the Government to compensate fully expropriated landowners, including compensation where mineral rights have been ceded in the past as a result of forced expropriation

The homeland system was totally rejected, as was the imposition of any local authority structures on the communities without their consent

Afra estimates that between 1948 and the present, more than 105 000 people from 103 black freehold areas in Natal were forced to move

## Black buyers boost Malvern house prices

THERE is burgeoning interest among Indians and coloured people in property in Malvern, a suburb traditionally favoured by lower-income whites.

This has boosted prices, not only in Malvern itself but also in Malvern East and Bezuidenhout Valley, by as much as 50 percent in the past two years.

All applications still need government approval before they are granted, but up to now there have been no refusals and bonds are being granted readily to those who qualify.

So far the shifting population trend in Malvern has not prompted any exodus of whites, who are canvassed for objections before permits are issued.

● Homeowners who are feeling the pressure of high interest rates should not fall into the trap of selling their homes for immediate financial advantage, a top estate agent warns.

The eventual scrapping of the Group Areas Act could unleash about 40 000 to 50 000 affluent buyers on to the white residential market.

● For full reports see the **PROPERTY ASSOCIATION** guide.

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conflict and associated crime and vandalism  
Another problem is that increased security is adding significantly to unit costs

Rabie Property Developments (Natal) MD Grant Ketteringham, whose firm has built about 4 000 units in the R35 000-R70 000 range in the past year, believes that unless violence is quelled the private sector could be squeezed out by year-end. He adds that the cost on home unit prices depends on how many are built in a war-torn zone.

The handed-down cost from civil engineers and builders adds about 4% a month to the final cost of a unit. In the end, this is paid for by the property buyer.

"We expect a rise of about 1% a month on cost, but for two months this has been about 5%, to cover security and risks like vehicle thefts from building sites and special personnel management arrangements."

Des King, Natal regional manager of the SA Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, says at least 30 vehicles have been stolen or hijacked from building sites in recent months. He believes violence has already cost civil contractors about R15m. Added to this will be projects which are shelved because of the strife.

Companies like Rabie are consequently easing out of black housing. "Eighteen months ago, about 70% of our business was in black housing. It's now down to about 40%, which is still an unwarranted risk to shareholders," says Ketteringham. ■

NATAL VIOLENCE FIM 13/7/90

### Property ricochet

The mass black housing shortage in Natal, a root cause of the violence engulfing the province, is in turn made worse by continuing

# 'Campaign of <sup>11/6/43</sup> <sup>25/7/90</sup> terror' for tenant who complained

The Argus Correspondent <sup>125</sup>

DURBAN — A family who were allegedly threatened with death and kidnapping by their flats supervisor have been granted an interdict to protect them

Mr Justice Didcott ordered in the Supreme Court that the supervisor, Mr Lolly Ramlall, should not assault, threaten or harass Mr Samuel Cibane, his wife and their four-year-old daughter.

One of the directors of the company which owns the building, according to the Durban Central Residents' Association (DCRA), is Mr Solly Pillay, a member of the Reservoir Hills branch of the Natal Indian Congress

## FIREARMS AND THREATS

The block of flats is allegedly poorly maintained and tenants share communal toilets described as unhygienic and emitting a foul stench, according to court papers

Mr Cibane alleged that the supervisor threatened him after he approached the DCRA, who then inquired about tenants' grievances

On learning of the approaches to the DCRA and being served with a lawyer's letter about his alleged threats, Mr Ramlall and others allegedly conducted a "campaign of terror" with drawn firearms and veiled threats to Mr Cibane.

Mr Cibane allegedly overheard Mr Ramlall suggesting that his wife and daughter be kidnapped and assaulted and that gangsters be hired to kill them

The family resorted to a police escort to enter the flat, according to court papers. They are no longer living there

On August 13 there will be a hearing to determine whether the order should be confirmed or discharged

## Natal organisations start reconstruction

DURBAN. — Community organisations in war-torn Natal are regrouping to tackle issues of transformation now that violence has subsided.

The revamping of the defunct Inanda Civic Association, representing close to a million people in a "hotspot" on the outskirts of Durban, starts this weekend with a meeting at the Mballyamazulu Higher Primary School.

Conflict of interest is expected as more upgrading money is pumped into the area, particularly as the Department of Development Aid plans to relocate squatters to make space for a school. South 29/10 - 31/10/90

Discussion will also be held on proposed closer links with state structures.

Grassroots activists have just begun attending and observing, but not talking at local government administration meetings.

Delegates to the revival of the civic association will be as representative as possible, according to an Inanda Youth Organisation spokesperson.

The old Inanda Civic Association, led by Mr Isaac Ngcobo, has agreed to a more broadly-based organisation to cover all the homes in the hills northwest of Durban — *DURBANNEWS*



DEVELOPMENT FIM 21/1490

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**Not long** ago a white official in a Port Natal Administration Board vehicle meant only one thing in Natal's informal black settlements — trouble. Before the board was abolished, after the scrapping of influx control, one of its functions was enforcing pass and squatting regulations

Times have changed. Some of those officials, seconded to other Natal Provincial Administration (NPA) departments, are now working with black communities.

For example, after consulting various communities in the Upper Tugela area of northern Natal, schools were identified as one of the priorities. The NPA began negotiations with Eskom, which agreed to donate prefabricated units previously used as dormitories at one of its depots.

This is now one of several projects — others include soil conservation, tapping spring water and the erection of pit toilets.

"The communities were quick to appreciate that planning for the various projects was being done with them, not for them," says Pat Adderley, chief liaison officer for the community services branch of the NPA.

Co-operation was not easy when the projects started. Senior settlement officer Phil du Toit says he and his staff had a good deal of resistance.

"I think the turning point came on Christmas Day 1989 when the St Chad's community in the Tugela district was hit by a tornado. The area had been devastated and my staff worked most of the day setting up tents for the worst-hit families

"Even more than the assistance we gave, the fact that we had given up spending Christmas Day with our families to help them out was appreciated"

After this, meetings became easier and now there is regular contact between NPA staff and community leaders. ■

# HOUSING & HOSTELS - NATAL

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## DURBAN RESIDENTIAL <sup>125</sup> **HIGH RISE RENTALS**

**Residential** property rentals in Durban have risen dramatically in the past year.

Some of the buoyancy, marked by an estimated average rise of 25% in greater Durban, has been attributed to the anticipated abolition of the Group Areas Act. However, the vast shortage of rentable accommodation in the city is probably at the bottom of it.

This has been exacerbated by the city's rapidly growing population

JHI (Natal) director Lynton Westbrook estimates that residential rentals have increased by between 25% and 30% in the past 12 months. *F M 15/2/91*

Compu-Homes, Natal, which together with Computerised Letting Specialists (CLS) dominates the residential letting market, claims there has even been a marked rise in asking rentals since February 1. Consultant Kate Wylie says figures show rentals have soared by up to 20% in 14 days.

"Our stock is going quicker than ever before, with many more inquiries in the past week from blacks, coloureds and Indians who are all willing to pay the increased rentals."

The biggest increase, Wylie says, has been in rentals for bachelor and one- and two-bedroomed flats in central Durban, the Berea and surrounding suburbs — particularly around the university and technikon.

She adds "Blacks have shown considerable interest in renting in upmarket areas where stock traditionally moves slowly."

The company receives a maximum of 35 new properties a day on its books and has 4 000-5 000 people looking for homes.

Prices range from R150 a month for a rudimentary bachelor flat to a house in La Lucia at R6 000 a month.

In contrast, CLS says it has not picked up any marked general rise in rentals since February 1. However, a spokesman adds the market has been particularly buoyant since the last quarter of 1990. He says increases over the past year have averaged out at 25%.

Biggest demand, says CLS, is for centrally located properties. Rentals for luxury homes in outlying areas like Kloof and Hillcrest have risen by only about 10% in 12 months. ■

**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING** Mr Chairman, the answer to question 1 is no. I have however, in a letter to the Town Clerk of Durban dated 16 January 1991 confirmed that my administration has assumed full responsibility for the development of that portion of Cato Manor that was deproclaimed. The development will no doubt meet the needs of those who are on our waiting list, of whom the vast majority comprise persons whose families were originally displaced from Cato Manor.

I have further expressed the wish that my administration's position in regard to that portion of Cato Manor referred to, be respected and that the portion in question accordingly be excluded from any of the deliberations regarding the planning of the larger Cato Manor area.

Question 2 falls away.

**Mr M RAJAB** Mr Chairman, I say with great respect to the hon the Minister, in the words of Vito Corleone, that he disappoints me. He disappoints me because his answer is couched in the language of yesterday's politics. The hon the Minister disappoints me because, on the one hand, he talks about a vision of the future South Africa, but when an opportunity presents itself to give effect to that vision in practical terms, he is found wanting. The hon the Minister also disappoints me because his answer is couched in and prescribed by the own affairs concept which hon members on the other side of the House have vowed to put an end to. [Interjections.] As I said previously, if the hon member will keep his mouth shut he will hear me.

**An HON MEMBER** You want the answers that you like, but you are getting the truth!

**Mr M RAJAB** The hon the Minister disappoints me, because he quite obviously is unaware of the fact, as that hon member is too, that the Group Areas Act is on its way out. Despite this, these hon members talk about providing homes in terms of the own affairs concept. [Interjections.]

**The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE** Order!

**Mr M RAJAB** I am well aware of this and I sympathise with those people who would like to provide homes for Indian people. I most certainly empathise with the fact that our people lost all this land in Cato Manor, but we are emerging into a new South Africa. The new South Africa beckons us and those of us who

**The DEPUTY MINISTER** Mr Chairman, one must understand the circumstances and the historical background of Cato Manor. One should talk about the Indian situation in South Africa and in the province of Natal as this is an area which will go down in history in relation to what the Group Areas Act and the sovereign authority of this State have subjected our people to. Those are the factors we must take into account.

However, how does one remedy this situation overnight? The acute shortage of housing for the Indian community in the country cannot be emphasised any more strongly than it has already been emphasised by every hon member of this House in the seven years we have been here. Cato Manor features highest on the list with regard to housing in Natal. In this area there are the areas of Umkumbaan, Bonela and Wiggins, but in any event we always talk about Cato Manor. I want to respectfully ask hon members to establish what portion of Cato Manor was returned to the Indian community. Furthermore, there are various implications when it comes to the development of an area. When an area has been taken over in terms of the Group Areas Act and is then given back to the Indian community, consolidating this land in terms of registration as a township is a big problem and this is one of the biggest problems that, tragically, is facing Cato Manor.

I want to assure hon members that since my appointment one of the important factors that I have had to take into consideration with my colleagues has been that one would not be able to establish an area with radical organisations. [Time expired.]

**The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** Mr Chairman, the hon the Minister of Housing is aware of the fact that I have never played party politics in areas like housing, education, etc. At private meetings with him I stated that we were going to wait for the hon the State President's policy speech on 1 February before deciding on the direction we were going to take.

The argument by the own affairs administration today would have been acceptable before 1 February. To a certain extent I am also disappointed with the answers given by the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council because, with the announcement by the hon the State President that the Group Areas Act and the Population Registration Act are going to be

abolished, one should now, as I stated on 8 February—the answer was lacking from that side of the House—create within the arena of own affairs a sample of the new South Africa.

The aim of this interpellation was to get a response, now that the hon the State President has clearly defined our direction, to the idea of opening up whatever areas we have to open up. We are opening up schools. We have opened up Maramanhill, where homes are allocated to Blacks and developed with Indian housing funds. Let us also play our role in respect of Cato Manor. However, we play our role in such a way that people do not use Indian areas, let alone White and other areas, and that they do not take Cato Crest.

What we are expected to say, is that before 1 February we had a particular line of thought and now, after 1 February, we are prepared to sit down with others. If one looks at the history of the area one sees that the section that has been returned to the House of Delegates was also occupied by members of the Coloured and Black communities of South Africa. Let us therefore not argue about history, one can argue from both sides of the fence as far as the real occupation of Cato Manor is concerned. Let us rather say we have a responsibility for Indian housing, there are projects in the pipeline and our administration has to complete those projects. Within that context, without bowing down to mischief makers, people like Mr Sutcliffe, etc, who have their own narrow-minded ways, let us do our own thing. [Time expired.]

**Mr M RAJAB** Mr Chairman, for the edification of the hon member for Campertown, allow me to tell him as well as other hon members of this House that I have never applied for a permit in terms of the Group Areas Act to occupy my house in Westville. I want to put that on record.

**Mr T L GOUDEN** Next week I will have to tell you what you said last Friday.

**Mr M RAJAB** I do not speak from both sides of my mouth. [Interjections.]

**The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE** Order!

**Mr M RAJAB** and from elsewhere as well! [Interjections.]

**The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE** Order!

wish to be leaders in the new South Africa must now do practical things in order to create that new South Africa. I am absolutely surprised that nobody on that side of the House has taken the trouble to go into this matter. They would then understand, firstly, that the Durban City Council, through its chairman of Manco. I am told, is prepared to donate council-owned land in Cato Manor for the development of an area which could provide low cost housing for all people. The figure that is mentioned is a figure at which we cannot provide housing. The figure that is mentioned is R15 000 to R20 000 per house. I ask the hon the Minister if that is commendable or not.

**The MINISTER OF HOUSING** They are sucking that figure out of the air.

**Mr M RAJAB** Is that not commendable?

**The MINISTER OF HOUSING** Yes!

**Mr M RAJAB** I am glad the hon the Minister has said that it is commendable.

We pontificate about the housing we are providing for Indian people. The hon the Minister is aware that this land was raped of Indian people 27 or 30 years ago, but in 1978, I think it was, it was reproclaimed. What has happened since then? Precisely nothing. In real terms we have only provided a handful of homes.

**Mr T PALAN** [Inaudible.]

**Mr M RAJAB** That hon member should go back to Cato Manor, then he would know what I am talking about. He does not know where Cato Manor exists!

[Time expired.]

**The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING** Mr Chairman, we have heard the hon member for Springfield saying he is extremely disappointed and also speaking about the emergence of a new South Africa. [Interjections.]

**An HON MEMBER** Ask him where he lives!

**HON MEMBERS** Permit!

**Mr M RAJAB** No permit! I challenge the hon the Deputy Minister.

**The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE** Order!

The hon the Deputy Minister must proceed.

these guidelines it is said that the aim is to influence observers of health services positively and in a co-ordinated way. I say to the hon the Minister that the function of the Minister of National Health is, in fact, to provide health services most effectively. Sometimes we find that health matters are raised through the media, for instance in the case of what was happening at King Edward VIII Hospital last year. It is only when these health issues are raised that those matters are addressed.

In the guidelines negative reporting is mentioned. I would like to ask the hon the Minister what she regards as negative reporting. Is it negative reporting when press reports mention the chronic shortages, for example at King Edward VIII Hospital, which I referred to earlier? I would like to know. Is it negative reporting when a department which is faced with imminent collapse speaks to the Press and informs the public as to what the real situation is? I would also like to ask the hon the Minister whether it is not authoritarian when the person who is charged with this particular function at provincial level says to the media that he, and only he, can comment to the Press. I would like to ask the hon the Minister that very basic question. Is it not better to talk freely with the media? Is it not better for the public to be informed fully? [Time expired.]

\*Mr T PALAN Mr Chairman, thank you very much for the opportunity to participate in this debate.

\*HON MEMBERS Hear, hear!

Mr T PALAN Sir, from the answers given by the hon the Minister, it is apparent that this document is issued to regulate information to the media on matters of national health only. It also regulates the function of the various health departments and each department's role in its defined areas.

Am I to conclude from this that the various health departments in the different Houses do not speak the same language when it comes to national health, and that we have to have a media liaison office to communicate this kind of information to the Press and the public? If so, then this is a confirmation of the assumption of many people that this tricameral parliamentary system does not work well.

I therefore wish to ask the hon the Minister, in her capacity as Minister of National Health, to propagate an ideology, or at least ask the hon the State President to do away with these three departments and have one ministry for health. Many hospitals, clinics, pensioners and disabled people are crying out because there is a lack of money. In this way, however, we shall be doing our community a great service by taking away additional costs in the various other departments. [Time expired.]

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I would not approach this topic from the point of view held by my colleague, the hon member for Springfield. However, I want to say that this is a retrogressive step.

Sir, I wonder whether the hon the Minister of National Health is aware of the fact that there was, and possibly is a National Health Policy Council. According to the 1983 Constitution, all Ministers—whether in charge of general affairs or whether in charge of own affairs—have equal status. A few years ago, the hon the Minister's predecessor launched a grand public relations scheme at a hotel in the Transvaal. It was then decided at Cabinet level that when announcements of national importance or matters relating to health and health services were made, each Minister would enjoy equal status and that such announcements would be made jointly.

Furthermore, there is only one Minister of National Health in this country. The own affairs Ministers are Ministers of health services. After much deliberation it was agreed—even at Cabinet level, by the committee supported by the hon the State President when he was chairman of the Cabinet Committee concerned with social services and Chairman of the Ministers' Council—that every announcement or communication in respect of matters such as health or education, would be made jointly by the Ministers concerned with health or education.

If it is the policy of the National Health Policy Council that each Minister concerned with health has status equal to that of the hon the Minister of National Health who is in charge of general affairs, then—as the hon member for Springfield has stated—it would be a retrogressive step for the hon the Minister of National

Health in the Cabinet to take supreme responsibility, and it would be wrong. [Time expired.]

Mr P GOVENDER Mr Chairman, with the multitude of health ministries in this country, the potential for conflicting and contradictory policy statements is real.

In view of the sensitivity of the portfolio, it is important that the activities of parallel ministries be streamlined and co-ordinated. This will make for a more efficient utilisation of the country's limited resources. However, these laudable objectives cannot be achieved by fettering the power of own affairs ministries to make statements. What is necessary and long overdue, is the abolition of own affairs health ministries. If the withdrawal of some of the functions is not adversely affecting health care, then the abolition of own affairs ministries would make a positive impact on health care.

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, although it was never intended, this debate has in fact veered towards own affairs. I would just like to make the following comment. If hon members on the other side of this House really wish to put their money where their mouths are, they should do something more positive about it. They should try to put an end to the own affairs concept as quickly as possible. There is a way out. [Interjections.] There is a constitutional way out. If hon members would like to consult me in this regard, I shall give them free advice.

To return to the document before us, the chairman of the Natal coastal branch of Masa, Dr Fanus du Toit, said, and I quote:

Masa will never accept gagging from any political authority.

[Time expired.]

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH Mr Chairman, this document does not relate to any private health or other association, therefore this does not concern Masa. This concerns the different departments of health. This is the first point I would like to make. [Interjections.]

I would like to reply to what the hon member said earlier. I would like to stress the fact that we need not select issues from this paper. If one looks at what it says further on, one will find that this document states clearly that health is an emotional matter and that the public is easily alarmed. It is therefore imperative that the

public and groups that have an interest in health services should be properly informed. Problems should not be hidden, but should rather be handled with great responsibility so that there is no unnecessary anxiety about the services.

The words "health system on edge of collapse" have been used. We do have problems, but health is not on the edge of collapse.

Mr M RAJAB Was the King Edward VIII on the verge of collapse?

The MINISTER I would like to reply to the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition. The principle of this document was approved at a meeting of the National Health Policy Board, at which all Ministers and MECs responsible for health care were present. The principle was discussed and this is an effort to maintain a healthy management practice in the liaison with the media.

This is no effort to stop criticism or to gag any criticism of the health care family. The whole purpose of this is to provide a good channel of communication within the different departments. I should like to refer the hon member to the way in which this is being handled. [Time expired.]

Debate concluded.

#### INTERPELLATION

The sign \* indicates a translation. The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language.

*Own Affairs*  
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Cato Manor: development

Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether he has received information on a proposal made to the Durban City Council for the development of Cato Manor involving, *inter alia*, the establishment of an independent development agency, if so,

(2) whether he has taken any steps in regard to the matter, if not, why not, if so, what steps?

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Mr M RAJAB We are discussing Cato Manor, and I was talking about the vision of a new South Africa. I have to endorse everything that the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition has said [Interjections]

This area includes the greater Cato Manor, which, in turn includes Cato Crest, parts of Westville, Sea View as well as Chesterville

The MINISTER OF HOUSING We have no control over that

Mr M RAJAB I hear the hon the Minister saying he does not have control over that. He may not have control, but he certainly has a responsibility to know what is going on in the market place [Time expired]

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, I agree with the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition that in the circumstances we should do what we are able to do today, and allow tomorrow to take care of itself

As far as the Durban City Council is concerned, when I have to take into account the agony of the Indian community and the attitude of White authorities, I would like to ask the Durban City Council who subscribed to the idea of Cato Manor becoming a group area in the first place. Yet, today they are great philanthropists [Interjections]

We have an administration I want to make this very clear. One has to understand that there are temples in Cato Manor which date back as far as 120 years ago. There are established national monuments—and this has never happened before in South Africa—in areas which are only being established now. Now for the first time the Administrator and Exco had to be called in by the Ministers' Council for the registration of townships. The efforts made by the deeds office, the surveyor, etc, have all been instrumental in expediting the development of Cato Manor as much as possible. Therefore I want to assure the hon member—not that I or we subscribe to the Group Areas Act—that we have to take the circumstances of the people at grass-roots level into consideration and do whatever is humanly possible to house them.

If we have lost out on Cato Manor, with respect to the rest of the community, history will record that we have failed totally. I do not subscribe to the own affairs concept.

The taking away of Cato Manor was a fight on the part of White racists in Durban and some of the remnants of this fight are still there in another guise. They want to take that land away but they will not! They shall not!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE Some of them do not care about the Indian have-nots!

The MINISTER OF HOUSING In so far as the Blacks are concerned, we have parted with land to help those who were squatters, in Lenasia, Pietermaritzburg and Chatsworth. We have made those sacrifices. 19/2/91

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE We have helped hundreds of victims

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Lip service is useless because we have to face those hundreds of people who come to our offices wanting homes. I would like the hon member for Springfield to find me ten people who are former residents of Cato Manor and are waiting for homes, who will support him [Time expired]

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

\*Indicates translated version

For oral reply

Own Affairs

Committee of Inquiry

\*1 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) Whether his Department set up a committee of inquiry to investigate education, if so, what are the relevant details,
  - (2) whether members of the (a) press and (b) public were barred from attending the hearings of this committee, if so, (i) why and (ii) who took this decision? D2E
- 19/2/91
- The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE
- (1) No
  - (2) (a), (b), (i) and (ii) fall away

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's answer, will the hon the Minister confirm whether the Ministers' Council or any of its members instituted the inquiry? D2E

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, this answer needs thought and deliberation. I would suggest that the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition put it in writing and we shall then furnish him with an answer [Interjections]

Mr A G V NAIDOO Mr Chairman, on a point of order. It is my contention that this question refers to the 1991-92 financial year and is anticipating the Budget still to be presented to Parliament. It is also anticipating the hon the Minister of Education and Culture's budget debate in this House. I therefore suggest that the question is out of order on the grounds of the rule of anticipation [Interjections] 19/2/91

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I will have to go into the point of order raised by the hon member for Durban Bay, but in the interim the hon the Minister may proceed

Allocation of funds

\*2 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether he (a) objected to or (b) rejected the allocation of funds to his Department in respect of the 1991-92 financial year, if not, why not, if so, (i) why and (ii) with what result? 19/2/91 D3E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (a) Yes
  - (b) Yes, the Provincial Budget Estimate of R685,435 000 for the rest of Education (excluding salary increases) was rejected
  - (i) Funds not enough to meet our needs
- There was only minimal difference between the budgets for 1990/91 and 1991/92 upon close examination. Therefore the new budget does not cater for
- inflation of ± 15%,
  - price escalation,
  - the confirmation of temporary teachers,

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to take this message to the Attorney-General, where we can substantiate this with evidence?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE Mr Chairman, this matter has run its course. The inquest has been concluded, findings have been made and the Attorney-General must now take his decision. If the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition has some information which he feels should be brought to the attention of the Attorney-General, then he is free to convey it to the Attorney-General with the assistance of the Police.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising from the answer of the hon the Deputy Minister, will he agree with me that his answer gives one the impression that there is blind justice in South Africa?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, certainly not.

An HON MEMBER. Thanks to you.

\*Precedence given to questions on own affairs on this day pursuant to the resolution adopted by the House on this day

## QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

for oral reply

Own Affairs

Arena Park: housing waiting list

\*1 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether any allocations have been made to applicants on the housing waiting list for accommodation in Arena Park, if so, (a) when and (b) how many were made,

(2) whether the approval of the Southern Durban Local Affairs Committee was received for such allocations, if not, why not, if so, when?

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING

(1) Yes

(a) 30 November 1990

(b) 104 provisional allocations

(2) Yes, 17 August 1990

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising from the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, will he be surprised if I inform the House that the hon the Deputy Minister's Department and Ministry do not know what they are doing, that the actual figure was 250 allocations given to people who applied 30 years ago, that 230 letters of allocation were returned by the Post Office marked "unknown", and that of the 20 that replied, 80% have already built their homes?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition fully understands the circumstances of the allocations in the area in question.

Mr M RAJAB He knows more about it than you do!

The DEPUTY MINISTER The regional office encountered difficulty in updating the waiting list of the local authority in order to ensure that those applicants whose names appear on the list do not, for instance, have other properties. These things ought to be ascertained. Besides that, these applications go back a long way, they are many years behind. Therefore these applications that were sent were returned and not claimed, and as a result an alternative had to be found. These were some of the difficulties which the department encountered.

The figures that I gave the House are factual. They are the figures of the Department. I shall go back and recheck them in accordance with the figures given by the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition.

Mr S PACHAI Mr Chairman, further arising from the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, may I know from him whether his Department has any housing allocation policy at all and whether he can inform the House what this policy is? Do political office bearers allocate houses, do municipal officials allocate houses, and are the terms and conditions as embodied in the housing code applied strictly insofar as allocations throughout the country are concerned?

The DEPUTY MINISTER The era of political interference in the allocation of houses is behind us. Allocations should not fall into the hands of

political office bearers. As a result local authorities carry the responsibility with regard to allocations.

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, further arising from the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, will he in the first place, please explain to the House the need for a provisional allocation, and secondly, in view of the fact that these allocations were made provisionally on 30 November 1990, when will they be confirmed?

The DEPUTY MINISTER I have already explained the circumstances prevailing in Arena Park and the circumstances with regard to the letters that were sent out and returned unclaimed. As a result of the demand in those areas we also have to ascertain that those applicants do not hold properties elsewhere. I want to concede that those properties were not allocated in good time. I concede that at the same time the allocation of all these properties must be finalised as soon as possible so that the people can go ahead and develop their property.

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, further arising from the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, when does he expect the allocations to be finalised? I would like him to give us a date.

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, I have no distinct date at the moment, but the fact is that the provisional allocation has been made. I want to assure the hon member for Springfield that this allocation will be finalised within the shortest possible space of time.

Mr S PACHAI Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply to my question, would he indicate to the House whether, if his attention were drawn to the fact that members of the Indian Local Affairs Committee, who are political office bearers, were in fact allocating houses improperly, he would take immediate steps to stop these improper allocations being made by political office bearers?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, I understand that the hon member for Natal Midlands is speaking from experience and on the basis of certain facts that are emerging in his own area. However, Parliament does not and should not interfere. There is a local authority and there is a local affairs management committee. These bodies are there to guide one and ensure that no preferential treatment is given to any applicant. That is how this should actually function.

\*2 Mr M Rajab — Education and Culture [Question standing over]

Newlands West Area: sale of business sites

\*3 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether his Department has finalized the sale of business sites in the Newlands West Area of Durban, if not, (a) why not and (b) when are these sales expected to be finalised, if so, what are the details in this regard,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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#### THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING

(1) No The business sites in the Newlands West area of Durban do not belong to the Housing Development Board of the Administration House of Delegates

- (a) falls away
- (b) falls away

(2) No

Mr K PANDAY Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, we again have a problem in that the Ministry of Housing does not seem to know where they are going

Mr S PACHAI Or coming either!

Mr K PANDAY I have with me State reference number 1507/5924/2 One minor shopping site in Castle Hill, Newlands West, has been awaiting Ministerial approval since 10 June 1985

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, that goes far beyond the information I have I think the hon member for Reservoir Hills has written about that issue, and we will provide him with the answer he is entitled to from the Department

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, can he confirm that since he assumed office he has not seen these particular applications?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition should know better than anyone else that there are thousands and thousands of applications. No

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THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition has asked about the purpose of the so-called A factor in the application of the formula being used in the allocation of funds for education He has also asked whether I will comment on the A factor for 1990-91

In order to share the funds available for education on a rational basis among the various education departments, certain formulae have been devised Some of them have been announced as general policy, while others have not yet been so announced All of them have nevertheless been applied since about 1985 I intend to complete negotiations on the implementation of the subsidy formulae for the financing of education departments as general education policy as soon as possible, but all of them have been settled after negotiations with all the education authorities concerned

This formula represents a scientific norm which treats all education departments identically In designing the formula, the expenditure pattern of a theoretical average education department was used as a guideline This ensured that reality was simulated as closely as possible By means of cost units, which are adjusted annually to compensate for inflation, provision is made for expenses regarding remuneration, ie salaries, supplies and services, buildings and ground improvements, media collections and equipment

One of the most important characteristics of this formula is that it is based on the ratio of one educator for every 30 pupils in the primary and junior secondary phases, and on a ratio of one educator for every 20 pupils in the senior secondary phase, thus providing for the higher instructional intensity in this phase of education The high scholar numbers we have in some education departments—overcrowding, if you wish—will reflect a negative compliance with this norm The formula further compensates for a low pupil density in rural areas

The subsidy formula approach provides a fair and objective basis for financing education [Time expired]

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I wish to congratulate the hon the Minister on his appointment to this portfolio

With all respect, I do not agree that the formula was introduced in order to effect a rational sharing of funds The formula was introduced at a time when the present hon State President was Minister of National Education and, as a result of the policy of the then State President, he wanted to achieve equality and parity in respect of the allocation of funds over a period of 10 years Three years ago that was derailed The A factor is a factor that was being used to bring about equality over a period of 10 years

Our complaint, as far as the House of Delegates is concerned, is that the A factor of one has been achieved over a period of three years, contrary to the announcements which the hon the Minister made on 5 February that 30:1 is a goal not achievable over a period of one year or over a period of three years If the House of Delegates' A factor was put into effect over a period of three years when it was supposed to be done over a period of ten years, then the A factor of White education should also be one The A factor of White education is not one, so there is discrimination Since the hon the State President made reference last night to a single system of education, there is no need to waste any energy in renegotiating or further negotiating the question of allocation of funds to racial departments when we should now create a sample of the new South Africa Let us get rid of this A factor Let us get rid of this formula

The mood and the thinking of the present time is that something must be done on the basis of mutual agreement Our hon Minister has not accepted this formula and nor did the previous Ministers' Council It was unilaterally applied and I want to suggest to the hon the Minister that he should demand from the hon the Minister of Finance that, in terms of the Constitution, he should give consideration to an extra 5% which was promised in the House of Delegates in 1987

The A factor is supposed to bring equality, yet it has been applied racially to the House of Delegates and it has created a crisis The Whites are being treated differently and what we should do, as the hon the Minister of Finance indicated a few weeks ago during a joint debate, is to get rid of duplication, etc Let us now allocate funds for education on the basis of need in this country

The A factor has one deficiency, because, as a result of discrimination in the allocation of funds to those communities and those departments

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# Durban Council gives R50-m

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THE Mayor of  
Durban, Jan Venter,  
says the Durban  
City Council has made  
R50-million  
available to provide  
electricity in the  
surrounding townships  
of KwaZulu.

Addressing the  
third annual  
informative dinner  
of the Inyanda  
Chamber of  
Commerce in Durban  
on Friday night,  
Venter said the council  
had accepted that  
apart from social  
responsibility, there  
was also a need to  
improve the quality  
of life in the region.

Over the past  
financial year the  
council had spent  
R6-million on  
providing water and  
sewerage services to  
KwaMashu and  
Bester's Camp.

Various projects  
had also been carried  
out in Lamontville  
and Chesterville,  
Venter said. - Sapa

The document has been given to all interested parties. They are invited to respond before it is handed to President De Klerk in its final form. A major challenge to ANC think-  
 It notes a "disturbing lack of confidence" limiting economic growth potential and a reluctance by the private sector to invest. It attributes this to political factors unrest and expenditure tend

# Sunflower blooms in place of waiting

S/Times 3/13/91

THE SUNFLOWER Concept — brainchild of Murray & Roberts — is blooming

Group chief executive David Brink described Sunflower to investment analysts and businessmen in Johannesburg

It was launched in 1988 by the construction company which had been active in helping the homeless to help themselves for three years

Unemployment had reached crisis proportions and at least 600 000 homes were needed immediately for 7-million shackland inhabitants

In 1985 the Department of Manpower initiated sponsored training and work-creation projects. The jobless were trained free of charge in basic skills, or could earn a subsistence wage labouring on community-approved projects

M&R training centres were established throughout SA. Since 1985, 30 000 jobless have been trained in everything needed to construct a house

So successful were the M&R courses that demand to attend them exceeded the places available

The group decided to combine the unemployment training project with that of work creation, giving rise to the Sunflower Concept

The nine-point plan as presented to the Director General of Manpower in 1988 and to many others since has been anything but Utopian dreaming

Phase one identifies those in need — such as dockland vagrants and inhabitants of barren settlements

Mr Brink described only one of Sunflower's successes

Thirty minutes from Durban was the 200 000-strong settlement of Lindelani — the place of waiting. Not a single service

## DIAGONAL STREET

By JULIE WALKER

existed, few had jobs and hopeful work seekers went daily to Durban only to return disappointed

Then came Sunflower — each stage of development represented by the ploughing, planting, watering, sprouting, budding, blooming and self-seeding of the plant for the future

The critical factor in success was the commitment the community was prepared to give. The project depended entirely on direct involvement from design to completion

To make known the objectives, a Lindelani management committee was set up comprising leaders and financiers. The types of buildings and facilities needed were decided on and handed to Sunflower Concepts

Plans, with costs, were prepared for approval by the committee. Financiers were approached for final go-ahead and fund allocation

Training was not undertaken in a formal establishment but taken right to the community

M&R's strength lies in building and construction and this passing on of expertise makes the telling difference

Instructors taught residents basic skills to build their own community centre, on which they practised during its construction

Every one was invited to join free courses in block-making, bricklaying, plastering, painting and carpentry. There was real enthusiasm, theft or loss of tools was unheard of and the community's buildings remained unscathed in last year's violence

Lindelani now has a training centre, schools, a clinic, cottage industries, sporting and social facilities

Newly acquired building skills were applied to housing, where the finishes were painstakingly done

Self-employment became evident in hairdressing, tailoring, furniture making, handicrafts, clothing and market gardening among others

Pictures in M&R's Sunflower literature are delightfully captioned: material conveyor (lady with brick on head), water reticulation (ditto with bucket on head) and assistant security guard (small boy wearing large cap)

Sunflower is active in several sites in Natal and at Thembisa in the Transvaal

M&R is in the vanguard in meeting Finance Minister Barend du Plessis' challenge to big business to help with social upliftment

Incentive schemes make it a paying proposition — shareholders are not prejudiced by Sunflower. Even if they were, it would be worth it

# GET R-E-A-V-E RE-A-R-E-A-CK

# TO CATO MANOR

By **STBU MNGADI** 3mi 125

PLANS are underway for a great trek back to Umkhumbane now renamed Cato Manor, about five kilometres from the Durban city centre.

The newly-formed Cato Manor Development Committee (Camdec) this week launched a major campaign aimed at controlling the planning and development of Cato Manor.

When developed comprehensively to cater for the housing of all races and as part of the Durban Metropolitan Region the area could symbolise the much-faunted new South Africa, reckons Phinda Khuzwayo, co-convenor of Camdec.

Formed last month by the Chesterville Residents Association (CRA), the Cato Manor Residents Association (CMRA) and 10 other organisations Camdec wants the area to be planned and developed by a single agency with the community's interests adequately represented.

Khuzwayo told a press conference this week that access to Umkhumbane should be on the basis of need rather than race. Work opportunities must also be provided in the development of the area, he said.

The area - estimated to cover between 1 400 and 2 000 hectares - was a bustling shantytown home to more than 130 000 African and Indian people from the 1930s until they were forcefully removed under the Group Areas Act in the 1950s and early 1960s.

People were - depending on race - resettled in the new townships of KwaMashu, Umlazi, Chesterville and Chatsworth.

The land is currently owned by various racially and ethnically constituted departments of the government, including the House of Delegates, the House of Assembly, the Natal Provincial Administration and the Durban and Westville municipalities.

Camdec said the area has a potential to house between 250 000 and 400 000 people close to the city and work opportunities.

But not everyone wants to wait until the area has been developed before moving back there.

Recently shacks have mushroomed in Cato Manor at an alarming rate putting the area at a serious risk of being a "development disaster" claims the Durban City Council.

Management Committee (Manco) chairman Derek Waterson this week said more squatters were pouring in and the situation was "getting out of hand".

In an oblique reference to Camdec, Waterson said the motivation of some of the parties interested in the development of the area had "very strong political overtones" and the situation had to be dealt with quickly and non politically.

He said Manco this week put to the Deputy Minister of Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development Dr Deon Delport that the Durban City Council would be in the best position to

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### A 'development disaster', or a symbol of the new South Africa?

This move has provoked strong reaction from Camdec. Roland Parshothen chairman of CMRA one of the 12 civic bodies represented on Camdec warned that the city council was on a collision course with the affected communities.

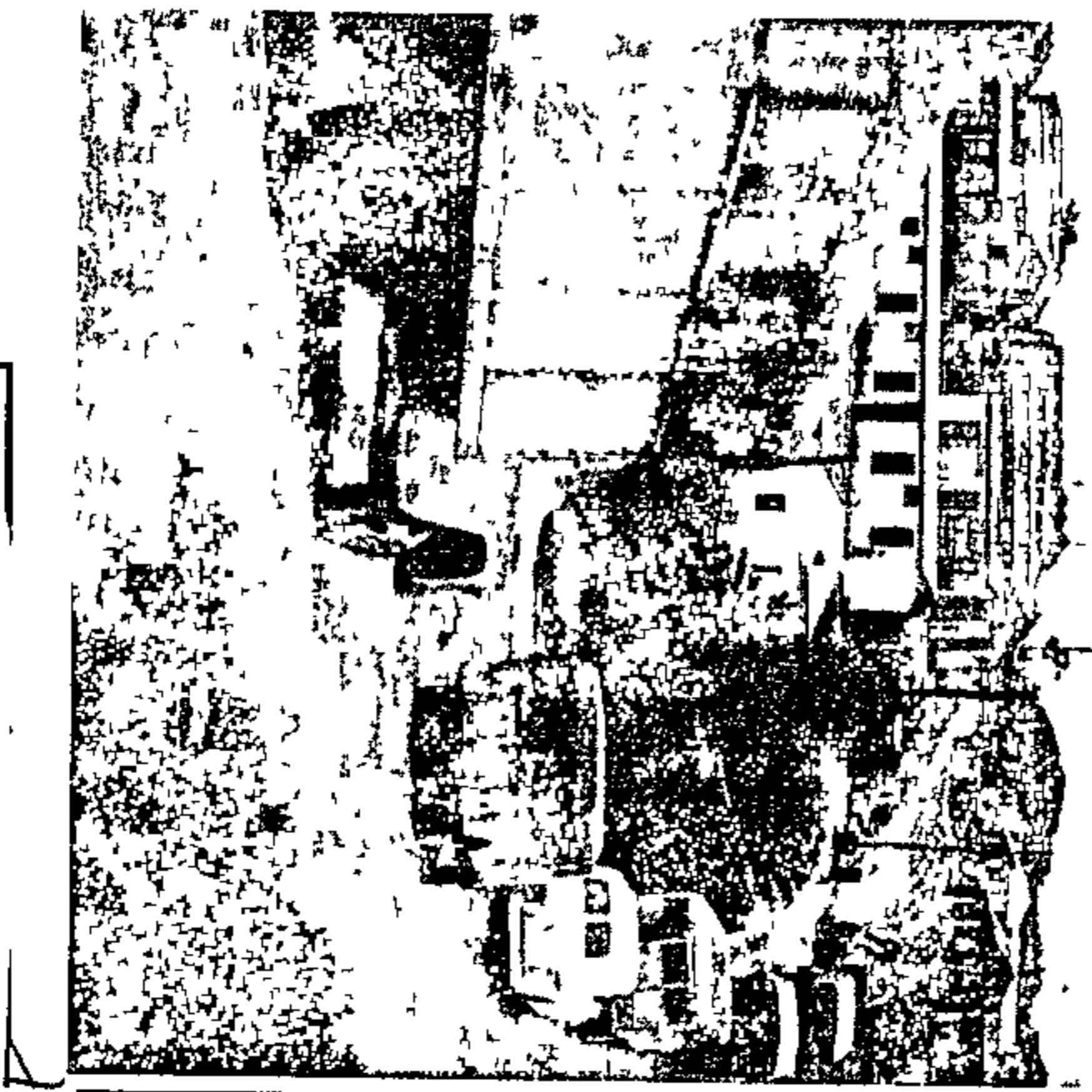
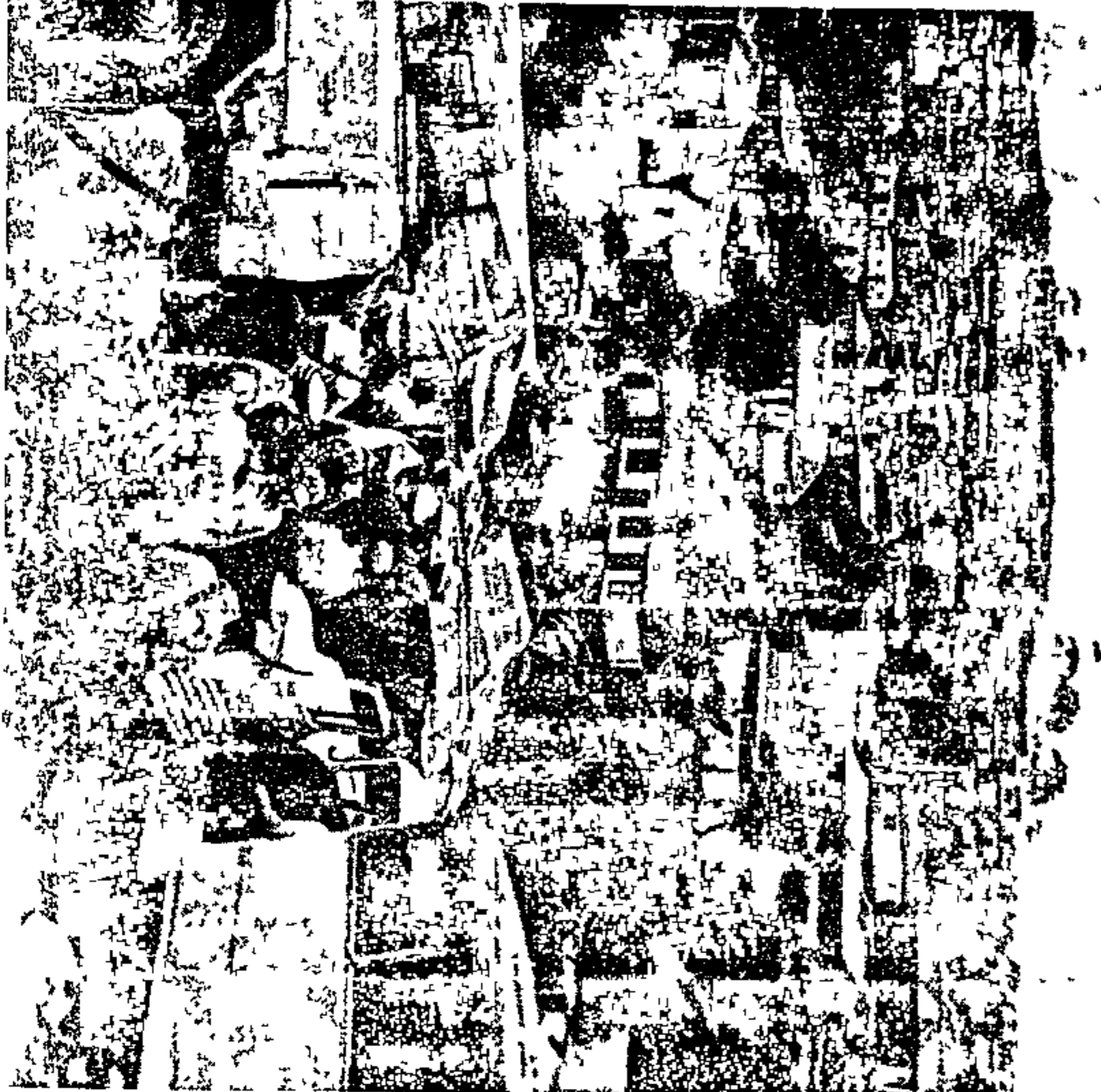
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Meanwhile, KwaZulu Interior Minister Stephen Sithebe this week warned hundreds of new squatters in Umlazi that they would not be granted title deeds.

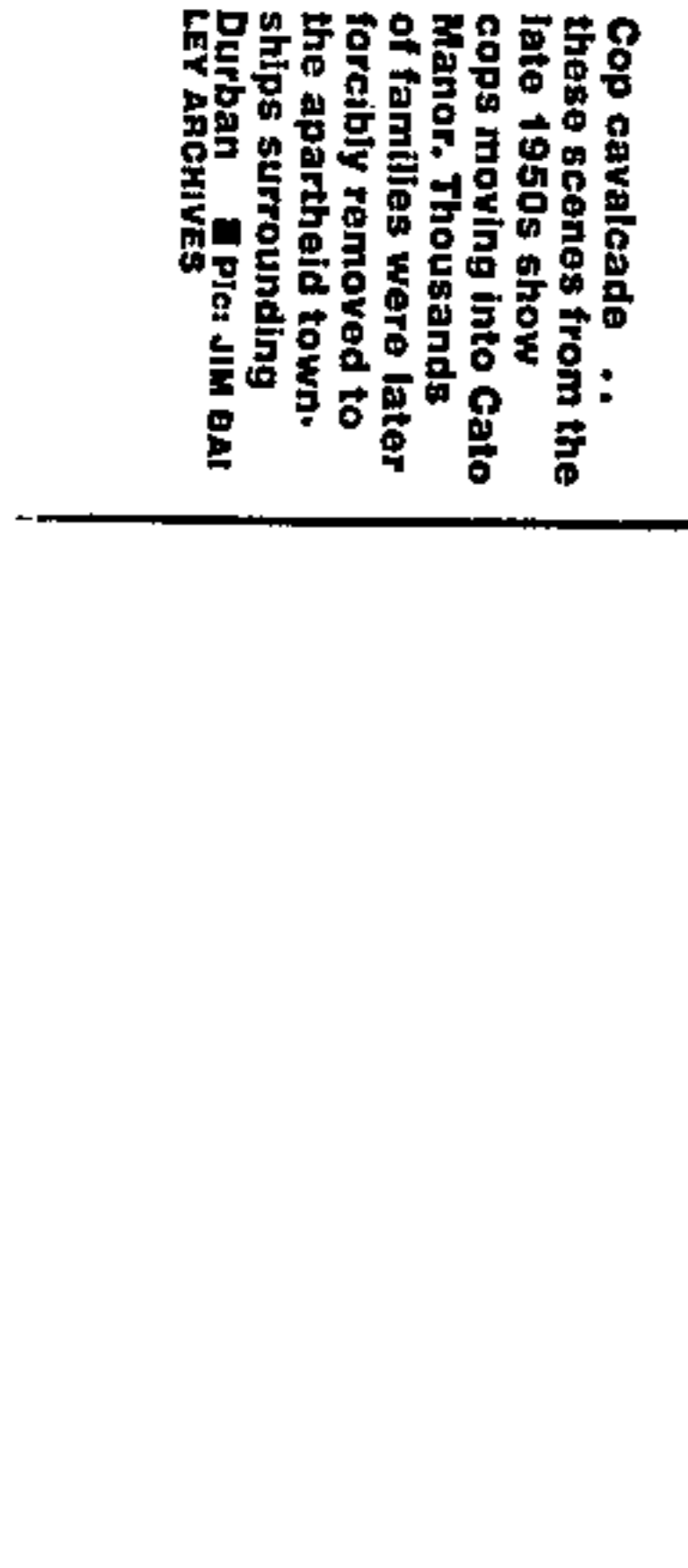
Sithebe was reacting to the huge inflow of people who had apparently misinterpreted his earlier statement that existing shacks would be formalised.

Since his announcement earlier this year hundreds of new shacks have mushroomed in Umlazi and other KwaZulu township, around Durban. Last month he awarded title deeds to 17 squatters whose sites had been formalised.

However Sithebe warned that his department had identified squatters who would be granted title deeds adding that newcomers would be excluded.



Cop cavalcade ... these scenes from the late 1950s show cops moving into Cato Manor. Thousands of families were later forcibly removed to the apartheid townships surrounding Durban. Pic: JIM BALLET ARCHIVES



**NATURAL IS BEST**

**Little Switzerland** might soon be a more appropriate name for certain parts of Natal. A company specialising in building log homes says it has found a ready market for its products in the province where environmental concerns are forcing developers to be more sensitive. (125) (S)

In the past nine months about 30 log homes have been built in Natal, says Keith Parsons, MD of Durban-based Ravenswood Log Homes. He estimates that, countrywide, more than 400 have been built in the past 18 months. FM 12/4/91

They include 12 log houses, valued at around R200 000 each, erected at the Oveland timeshare resort at Sodwana Bay, and the first eight units of a 36-unit development at the Umkobi resort near Southbroom on the South Coast.

Parsons says additional log homes are under construction in the Underberg area and discussions are taking place to have them erected in other parts of the Drakensberg.

While log and timber homes have been reasonably popular in the southern and western Cape for some time, Natal, with its developing leisure market, seems to have become a natural area for expansion.

"Timber housing is less environmentally damaging than conventional housing in terms of site preparation," says Parsons. "Furthermore, the finished product blends with the natural surroundings more effectively."

Though overall construction costs are not much different, he says log homes have the advantage of needing less civil engineering preparatory work. "They can be erected very

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simply on sloping sites — which often occur in environmentally-sensitive areas — without expensive retaining walls, pilings, or soil stabilisation. (125) (S)

"All that is needed is to dig holes for a small concrete base. Treated timber columns support a platform on which the home is built. This provides a perfectly stable structure which meets stringent building regulations, as well as being aesthetically pleasing," Parsons says.

In all of Ravenswood's Natal developments, Parsons says there have been no problems in securing the necessary building approvals from the various local authorities. "They have the same SABS rating as conventional brick-and-tile homes, and building societies are happy to bond them," he notes.

In addition, with all logs having to be properly treated to meet national building regulations, the homes have the same fire rating as brick houses, thus insurance costs are about the same.

"I think there has been some misconception about timber homes in the past. They can last for 100 years or longer and maintenance is easy — all that's needed is for the logs to be repainted once a year," Parsons says.

He notes that log and timber homes are a popular building method in the US where up to 80% of the homes on the west coast are built of these materials.

Ravenswood was originally established at East London but Parsons says the east coast did not represent the ideal market. "We found the Natal environment to be more conducive to log homes, so we set up our operation in Durban." ■



Luxury . in log  
cabins

# Blacks in the flats ... It's time to beat the racist block

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**T**HE start of the Easter weekend and everyone in City Heights is unwinding — except for the people in flats number 1106 and 203. They are packing their belongings because they are being thrown out. They are black.

One of them, Erol, is phoning his way through accommodation bureaux listings to find a new place; he is learning a few facts of life as he dials.

A smart chap, with a BSc, a post graduate diploma and responsible job, it hasn't taken him long to realise that it will take more to kill off the Group Areas Act than announcing its funeral date.

For him the truth speaks from the small print next to many adverts — "not multi-racial" — and in the whispered campaign that has made him homeless. Fact is, Group Areas can still deliver some telling punches, kept alive by a bitter transfusion of racism and fear from white residents, flat owners, agents, and supervisors.

Down the corridor in this Durban city centre block, elderly neighbours said they were shocked to discover one night that "blacks had moved in".

They heard no noise from his flat, he came and went like a ghost, but just knowing he was there was enough. They complained, the supervisor was alerted and the hunt was on for a way to get Erol out. "Not because I'm a racist," agent and administrator Rob Palmer explained. "I'm just the opposite. I've always been anti-government."

Erol's white friend who acted as a front had a valid lease. But when it expired, he was out.

"It was the principle of the thing," said Palmer. "It had nothing to do with his colour, (the front) lied to me and I won't put up with that."

Not hard for Erol to see through this argument, but pointing out logical inconsistencies won't get him a new flat.

Two blocks away the picture is brighter. At Earls Court, black people buy or rent under their own names. Is it pride in supervisor Elizabeth King's voice when she says "I've got two black doctors, two advocates, two lawyers and a millionaire"?

**B**ut it wasn't always easy. "When they first came here we were all against them. Then we had a meeting with all of them and all of us, and we shouted at one another good and solid. 'Why did you pick on this block? Why do you want to stay with us here?'"

"And they asked us why we thought they were going to dirty the walls and rob us. They said they wanted to upgrade their flats. After the meeting those people who felt they couldn't change sold up and got out. The rest of us are adapting to each other."

King said her advice to people in a block going through "transition" would be to have a similar meeting. "It's no use sitting in your flat and bottling it up. You must thrash these things out. After each side said what we felt, all the grievances faded and that was the end of the story."

Two floors below an elderly white woman said "That meeting was a bit political, but it sorted things out. We told them the things we wouldn't tolerate — overcrowding, noise, rubbish in the passages. They said they also did not want these things."

A young woman in the block, who had been evicted from others because of her colour, agreed that it was a good place to live.

No one swore at her, they did not stare. But

## DURBAN

(125) After years of living apart, can South Africans live together?

**CARMEL RICKARD** visited two Durban city blocks and found that they can — if they want to.



they also never invited her over or made an effort to talk.

**S**everal whites spoke with amazement of how black people from the block attended the funeral of the supervisor's husband — and offered them a lift back in their cars afterwards. It caused quite a stir that hasn't died down.

This kind of relationship will take time but it is starting.

Back at Erol's block, Palmer said he believed agents would implement a system of "grouping" once the law changed. Black tenants would be kept together "on a separate floor".

They would be screened to ensure they were "the kind of people we would like to have here".

Erol has ideas of his own about what should be done during this period of transition. He believes the government has a duty to spend as much energy on encouraging integration as it used in enforcing separation. There should also be penalties for "hidden" segregation.

Erol's advice to other black people wanting to move into town is "not to act as I did. I tried to pretend I was not there, came home late, left early. No visitors. No music. Quiet as possible. Well, that did not work. I say go there and live a normal life."

"People like the whites in City Heights have been brought up to believe that the buildings they live in are theirs. They must come to see that this is wrong, and that these buildings are for everyone who lives in them, regardless of colour."

He said whites who owned flats and had white tenants should start to teach their tenants how to behave. "The time to beg to live with them is over. We must just move in and they must just get used to it."

**NEXT WEEK IN OUR TRANSITIONS SERIES: THE MORAL DILEMMAS ... PROSTITUTION, DAGGA, ABORTION, GAMBLING. WILL LEFT TURN RIGHT? WILL RIGHT BECOME WRONG?**

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# Mixed flats widow learns of peace and tranquility

## The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — The harmony and good-neighbourliness which can be achieved in a mixed-race block of flats was illustrated when a caretaker was widowed recently

The caretaker, Mrs Elizabeth King, said she was overwhelmed by kindness from residents, including the 17 black families and two Indian families.

"For a whole week groups of black residents came to sympathise with me each day and said prayers with me," Mrs King said. "I wasn't alone for one minute. They wanted to know if I was all right and if there was anything they could do for me. And on the day of the funeral they were all there."

### Expected trouble

Mrs King freely admits that she was one of the pessimists who expected trouble when members of other race groups began buying flats in her block.

There were months of racial hostility and those who were

particularly prejudiced against blacks moved out — but harmony was finally achieved

As Mrs King puts it "We were all worried about the area going black and we had a bit of a barny at first but then we came to the conclusion that this wasn't helping us, so we all spoke it over

"Now, two years later, I have

no trouble at all. We have very educated black and Indian people living in the block, including doctors and health inspectors"

Mrs King said there was a widespread misconception that it had become unsafe to go into a local park during the daytime since the neighbourhood had become mixed

"People say I shouldn't go into the park, but I don't know where they get this idea from. I go there twice a day and sit under the trees and I've never had a spot of trouble"

She said she would not go out at night, not even to the nearest cafe — but in today's world the same would apply no matter where she lived

about irregularities in his Department in respect of the discontinuation of social grants? Secondly, has he influenced his Department to allocate pensions to certain friends of his who did not qualify? [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE Mr Chairman, the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is raising certain matters which are not on the Question Paper. He can write to me, and he will get a reply [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order!

Mr D SAKALINGUM Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware of Mr Veeran, and does he know that I am going to take a collection tin around?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I just want to help the hon the member for Lenasia West. If the hon member has a question arising out of the reply given by the hon the Minister, this would be the appropriate time to put it, but I do not think the hon the Minister is in a position to remember various names. I therefore think the hon member should submit a new question or write to the hon the Minister.

Mr D SAKALINGUM No, Mr Chairman, the hon the Minister knows the name and he knows what I am talking about.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! Does the hon the Minister of Health Services and Welfare wish to respond to the hon member?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, may I appeal to you. The question put to me concerns irregularities in Glencoe in Northern Natal. New elements are being introduced and I have no difficulty in answering questions about them if hon members write to me or see me in my office in this connection [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I have already given the hon member an outline of what he is supposed to be asking. He cannot come here and ask questions for which the hon the Minister is not prepared insofar as they do not arise from the reply to the main question.

Pre-primary education. policy

\*2 Mr M ABRAHAM asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) Whether his Department has a policy in respect of the provision of pre-primary education to children of the pre-primary school year, if not, why not, if so, what is this policy,

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Handbook for Principals and through the Indians Education Act No 61 of 1965

Such information/regulations are also made known to persons and/or organisations concerned with the provision of pre-primary educational services, upon application for a particular service.

It must be pointed out that as pre-primary education is not funded by the State, its provision in all Departments of Education is dependent on the availability of funds.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, does he have any knowledge of how many BMRCs were established in the last financial year?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE Mr Chairman, that is a pertinent and specific question and I would suggest that the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition puts it in writing to my Department where we will supply him with the answer.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, he referred to the availability of classroom accommodation. Is he aware of the fact that in the past two financial years his Department has suspended the expansion of BMRCs because of the question of funds and that there is no question of the availability of classrooms, particularly in the light of the fact that the hon the Minister stated in the debate on the interpellation that classes were given to other non-Indians, because of the availability of classrooms?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! That is a very lengthy supplementary question. The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION He is contradicting himself and he is really what I classified him as earlier on, which is unparliamentary [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! Now I must tell the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition that this insinuation is uncalled for. If he persists in continuing in this vein, I shall have to call upon him to apologise to the hon the Minister. The hon the Minister may proceed.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION I crave your indulgence, Mr Chairman, but he has contradicted himself very seriously.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! That does not give the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition any cause to call the hon the Minister all sorts of names, or to make insinuations. The hon the Minister may proceed.

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I do not really mind what the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition called me, his mentality is such that if that is acceptable to him, I do not mind [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order!

The MINISTER I would like to explain to the House that there is no contradiction. The contradiction is in the mind of the perceiver. This is the situation. BMRC classes need a proper classroom. If we took additional pupils into classrooms, it would mean that there would be four or five spaces in different classes, in different schools, in different locations.

Therefore, accepting other groups of people in our classrooms does not mean to say we have space for BMRC classes. BMRC classes need a complete classroom, a whole unit, and this is not available throughout that region. The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition, not being a true educator and not understanding education administration, does not know what he is talking about [Interjections]. He is so confused that he is wasting our time.

Ladysmith: low-cost/self-build houses

\*3 Mr S PACHAI asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether the Housing Development Board is financing approximately 60 low-cost and 168 self-build houses in Ladysmith, if so, for persons in which income category are these houses intended,
- (2) whether, in the allocation of these houses, priority is given to persons on the official waiting list, if not, why not, if so,
- (3) whether the allocation of these houses has been or will be made public, if not, why not, if so, in what manner,

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(4) whether any political office-bearers are involved in the allocation of these houses, if so, why?

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING:

- (1) Yes
- For persons earning up to R1 200,00 per month
- (2), (3) and (4)

As this Administration is only the financier of this project, the local authority is the party to whom the questions should be addressed

Mr S PACHAI Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, is he aware of the fact that houses have been repossessed in this town as a result of non-compliance with allocation norms?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, this matter has not been brought to our notice

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, will he be able to confirm whether, notwithstanding the fact that they are local authority projects, homes were allocated in the home of an hon member of the Ministers' Council of the House of Delegates?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, if I recollect correctly, there was a question placed before this House by the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION But I did not get a truthful reply!

The DEPUTY MINISTER There can be no more truth than the truth that was mentioned at that time [Interjections ]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION They are the biggest racketeers!

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order!

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION They are corrupt!

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! Did the hon the Leader of the Official Opposi-

tion say that hon members of the Ministers' Council are corrupt and that they are racketeers?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION I did say that, Mr Chairman, and I can substantiate it [Interjections ] It is unparliamentary and I withdraw it

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! Has the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition withdrawn his statement?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION I have, Mr Chairman

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order The hon the Deputy Minister may proceed

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, I want to make it abundantly clear that if the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition can substantiate his statement

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Yes!

The DEPUTY MINISTER it necessarily means if anyone is sitting in anybody else's home it can be construed that allocations are being made [Interjections ] It is unfortunate, with all due respect, that the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition with his capabilities, knowledge, insight and experience, should make an irresponsible statement of that nature [Interjections ]

Mr S PACHAI Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, is he aware

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I am afraid the time available for questions has expired

Mr D SAKALINGUM [Inaudible ]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I would like to help the hon member for Lenasia West If he could visit me in my office I will explain to him the procedure with regard to questions being put on the Order Paper as well as replies and supplementary questions arising from them

Mr D SAKALINGUM Mr Chairman, I understand I understand the procedures of this house very well

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I request the hon member to visit me I would like to have a discussion with him

Mr D SAKALINGUM Thank you, Mr Chairman

For written reply

Own Affairs

Administration: HoD: amount paid

18 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of the Budget and Auxiliary Services

What total amount was paid by the Adminis-

tration House of Delegates for journeys to the Transvaal, including costs incurred in respect of accompanying officials, transport and hotel accommodation, by each Minister and Deputy Minister of the Ministers' Council for the period 1 July 1990 to 31 January 1991?

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The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND AUXILIARY SERVICES

The manpower required to ascertain the information is not available Should specific dates and names of officials be provided, the information can be collected



- number of summonses that need to be served. This legislation should be changed accordingly.
- 17 4 Traffic officers should stop the incorrect use of Section 341 CPA notices in respect of the *post factum* institution of prosecutions, such as for speeding or traffic-light offences recorded by camera. Section 54 CPA summonses should be used instead, and investigations should be carried out in order to introduce suitable measures to deal with the requirement that presently prompts the incorrect use of Section 341 CPA.
- 17 5 There is a dire need to increase the prosecutions for moving violations drastically.
- 17 6 Warrants of arrest related to traffic cases should be recorded on a national information system that is accessible to traffic officers and arrests should be allowed on the strength of such recordings.
- 17 7 The prosecution of most types of parking offences should be adjudicated administratively *in toto*.
- 17 8 The criminal procedure law in respect of all other traffic offences must be streamlined.
- 17 9 Traffic officers should receive specific training in aspects such as the taking of fingerprints, the art of testifying in courts of law and monitoring the effects of implemented traffic-law enforcement measures.
- 17 10 The onus of proof on the State in respect of readings by mechanical and electronic measuring devices should be alleviated considerably.
- 17 11 Traffic-law enforcement agencies should find more effective ways to communicate with the public at large.
- 17 12 Road collisions involving traffic offences should lead to prosecutions wherever possible and collision involvement should be recorded in a national register.
- 17 13 Traffic officers should play a more predominant role in the visiting and taking of particulars at road collisions as well as during the subsequent investigation thereof.
- 17 14 Hazardous locations should be identified in a uniform manner and, where possible, they should be improved or eliminated. Collision statistics should be collected, processed and applied uniformly.
- 17 15 Point duty should be carried out by traffic wardens where possible (and, in terms of the Road Traffic Act, No 29 of 1989, by traffic reservists), in order to make more traffic officers available for traffic patrolling during peak hours.
- 17 16 Explicit uniform guidelines to pursue motorists who do not stop when they are signalled to do so, should be drafted.
- 17 17 Evidential breath testing should be introduced as an alternative to blood tests in drinking and driving cases.
- 17 18 The giving of a breath sample at the request of a traffic officer should be made compulsory.
- 17 19 Traffic-law enforcement should be executed uniformly throughout the Republic of South Africa. The mechanism should be created to compel individual traffic authorities to follow traffic-law enforcement guidelines set on a national basis.
- 17 20 Legislation should stipulate that tyre wear beyond a 1 mm high gross rib in a tyre groove is not permitted in order to provide for a visual check of tyres.
- 17 21 Tyre-tread-depth instruments should be standardised.
- 17 22 Simple and practical legislation in respect of mass requirements and measurement is very necessary.
- 17 23 Traffic-law enforcement should be mechanised extensively.
- 17 24 Effective and enforceable measures to deal with the intoxicated pedestrian should be researched, devised and legislated.
- 17 25 A means to identify vehicles that carry less than 12 seated persons properly as taxis should be researched, devised and legislated.
- 17 26 The administration of drivers' licences should be reorganised *in toto* and all drivers' licences should be reissued under

a properly-controlled administrative system. If this cannot be done, the requirement for drivers' licences should be abolished altogether, in view of the fact that under the prevailing system they no longer serve any useful or effective purpose.

- 17 27 Standardised means to monitor the effect of traffic-law enforcement measures should be introduced country-wide.
- 17 28 Law-enforcement quality-control models should be used more extensively throughout South Africa. The use of these models will greatly assist traffic authorities in deploying their available manpower resources more effectively. (These models may be employed for the purposes of the latter recommendation.)

17 29 In order to render the administration of justice more effective, serious consideration should be given to the establishment of special traffic courts that are manned by experienced judicial personnel.

17 30 One of the most important deficiencies in South African traffic-law enforcement practice is the lack of a system that makes provision for the removal of habitual traffic offenders from our roads. The introduction of a points-dement system for traffic offenders is considered essential.

17 31 Full authority should be given to traffic officers in the service of local authorities to issue a written warning to appear in court in terms of Section 72 CPA.

17 32 With reference to the literature, it is disquieting to note that many of the problems in the field of traffic-law enforcement that existed in South Africa more than 20 years ago, are still prevalent and that many of the recommendations to alleviate these problems made at that time have still not been implemented, for example, the points-dement system, special traffic courts, extensive use of mechanised law-enforcement methods, etcetera.

17 33 Criteria for the staffing requirements of traffic departments should be found

## INTERPELLATION

The sign \* indicates a translation. The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language.

## Own Affairs

## Housing projects: opening

1 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether he will open housing projects undertaken by his Department in the same manner as did the Minister of Education and Culture by admitting non-Indians to schools and colleges of education for Indians, ~~and~~ (25) ~~and~~ whether he will make a statement on the matter? ~~from Social~~ 71591 D138E INT

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition will no doubt agree that the admission of non-Indians to schools dovetails with the overall policy of this Administration which is a continuation of the policy applied by the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition when he was a Minister. As a former Minister of Housing in the House of Delegates, he must surely be fully aware of the extended waiting list for the Indian component of the South African population.

This dispossessed community has built up a backlog spanning many years which has not been totally done away with. It will not be possible, with our limited funds, to meet the demand for housing for the entire South African population emanating from the lower-income categories of the community.

Notwithstanding the constraints, I share the concern of the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition as well as that of other organisations which have, from time to time, approached me regarding the plight of the underprivileged in respect of housing in many of the Black communities. I have indicated to such organisations that I am fully prepared to render assistance whenever possible within the constraints within which we are obliged to work. Hon members can therefore rest assured that I will not hesitate to consider making surplus housing or land available to other race groups wherever the opportunity presents itself.

For the information of the House I wish to say that in the following cases this Administration has assisted members of other communities in the housing field 200 ha of land was released in Finetown, 700 ha was released in Savannah Park Phase 2 and 3, some 30 houses were made available in Dassenhoek, and a portion of land at Whispers near Copesville and some houses in Mooi River were made available. These actions speak for themselves.

Whilst there is understanding for the serious housing need of so many thousands of families throughout the country, an appeal is made to everyone concerned not to frustrate us in our sincere endeavours to provide basic accommodation for those in need for whom we are at present responsible and who are victims of the discriminatory legislation of the past.

In reply to the second part of the question, I refer hon members to my response to the first part.

**THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** Mr Chairman, what I want to say should be seen in a positive sense. The hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council, in his capacity as the Minister of Housing, made reference to the fact that the rendering of service to other race groups as far as our education is concerned was a continuation from the previous administration and, of course, there was a veiled criticism of the fact that I was the Minister of Housing at the time [Interjections]

The vision of the new South Africa only came into being in February last year, because at that time the question of the repeal of the Group Areas Act was not negotiable. One would not have dreamt that the Group Areas Act would even be drastically changed. The hon the Minister of Finance will agree that there were difficulties even in respect of getting reasonable amendments to the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act. So there has been a change.

We are now in a process of transition. In spite of the fact that Parliament, most certainly as a result of the efforts of all parties, will repeal the Population Registration Act and the Group Areas Act, the White Administration and the Government are giving permits for the occupation and ownership of residential properties and for the acquisition of farms in White areas even

now as if the Group Areas Act is not going to be repealed.

We have one Ministers' Council, we have one majority party controlling it and we have one Administration and one House of Delegates. Let us be consistent. The hon the Minister of Housing referred to the question of limited funds. If ever there is a department in our Administration that is running short of funds, it is the Department of Education and Culture. They should not admit non-Indians, as that is a provision in the Constitution in respect of the rendering of services to other race groups.

There is a surplus of funds in the Department of Housing—the hon the Minister of Finance will agree that he has given only R60 million to the House of Representatives because much of our money for housing is not used. It is no fault of our Administration, but I say let us be consistent, because there have been criticisms against our Administration and against the hon the Minister of Housing. I am not saying whether these criticisms are justified, because if there is pressure in Mariannhill, if one can release 30 homes in Mariannhill for occupation by non-Indians, why are we not consistent throughout South Africa? We accept that circumstances differ from province to province and region to region.

We have had the hon the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Assembly boasting in an act of superficial ostentation to South Africa that we have 10 000 or 12 000 Blacks in our schools, at a time when he is crying with a begging bowl to the hon the Minister of Finance for extra funds to man Indian education [Interjections]

My appeal is that we should show—not by words, but by action—that we have pilot projects in our Administration, that we are not waiting for the negotiation to be completed. The House of Delegates, like the Indian community in South Africa, has always had an open-door policy. We are creating the sample and we are translating into reality our vision of a new South Africa [Time expired]

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING** Mr Chairman, having heard the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition, I want to say that when

we came to Parliament we were fully aware of the responsibilities that we were supposed to carry out. He also mentioned the new vision and the continuation towards the new vision.

I have always mentioned the problems which are facing the Indian community—one is education, the other is housing. When it comes to housing we cannot divorce ourselves from the political situation which we have been subjected to in this country. The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition knows that the Indian community was sandwiched in Natal. Now that the restriction has been lifted, the communities are moving. Houses are required for their movement and resettlement in various areas. I want to make it very clear this afternoon that, as far as the Group Areas Act is concerned, we are at the moment developing Indian housing in non-Indian areas with money from Indian funds. We are trying to find legal means in which to do this, and we are also looking at where areas have been expropriated for development. We are in actual fact looking at returning those lands, and therefore the question of the character of group areas should never come into it.

What is more, it is unfortunate that, whilst we are looking at one South Africa and one nation, we cannot just escape the responsibility of having to provide housing. Well over 60 000 houses are required for the Indian community [Interjections]. One can imagine that if anybody does, the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition knows full well what has been achieved in this House since we have come into this House [Time expired]

**MR D K PADIACHEY** Mr Chairman, it is unfortunate that the hon the Deputy Minister has to speak in terms of Indian housing, Indian land, and Indian money [Interjections]. The time has come when we no longer speak in that way—the Group Areas Act and the Population Registration Act are going, and we will not have any mention of "Indian, Indian, Indian" any more!

I heard what the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council has said about 200 hectares of land which were given. To whom was it given? It was given to South Africans, and we as South Africans are entitled to the land.

**MR M NARANJEE** Mr Chairman, may I ask the hon member a question?

**THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE** Order! Is the hon member prepared to take a question?

**MR D K PADIACHEY** Mr Chairman, this is an interpellation, there cannot be a question in an interpellation [Interjections]

**THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE** Order! The hon member may proceed [125]

**MR D K PADIACHEY** Mr Chairman, it is also unfortunate that we had areas like Cato Manor, Fietas and Sophiatown, where people of all races lived together and from which they had to move when the Group Areas Act came into being, to areas like the land of the Asians, Lenasia, Palmridge and those places.

There are people living in our areas who are not of Indian origin, and they must be given the same deal as the other people of the area. If, for instance, people living in Lenasia apply for houses, whether they are of Indian, African, Coloured or White origin, they should be given the houses. There is no such thing as our not having money for housing.

**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING** [Inaudible]

**MR D K PADIACHEY** I am saying we should give houses to South Africans, I am not speaking only about Indians. This is unfortunate, because in a manifesto Solidarity spoke about a "South Africa for all". They do not speak about a South Africa for Indians, about a South Africa where there will be an Indian, Coloured, White or African component.

The crux of the matter is that Solidarity does have the power, and the hon the Ministers do have the power now to delegate these things, but they do not do it, and they come up with reasons such as that it is an Indian matter [Time expired]

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE** Mr Chairman, I listened with interest to what the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition has stated. He compared education to housing. It must be categorically understood by him that, as far as education is concerned, we stated very clearly that if there was space and a

teacher available, then we would take anybody who applied to our schools. That is a categorical and very clear statement. If that situation exists in respect of housing, I am sure the hon. the Minister of Housing will apply the same rule. There is one rule for everybody in the Ministers' Council of the House of Delegates.

The hon. the Leader of the Official Opposition is trying to state that we have different policies, but that is erroneous. He is trying to throw a red herring in our path by stating that we have so much extra housing that we can take it away and give it to the Blacks, but that is misleading. He is trying to give hope where there is no hope of obtaining a house at all.

Right now we have the tricameral system in South Africa in which this Government is involved and which has good standing. As such, monetary allocations are made for housing and education in this particular Administration. Therefore we do not have the money to build homes for Blacks, much as we would have liked to. We want to share, but we can only share what we have. If we do not have, we cannot share. [Interjections]

Indian land was taken in Cato Manor, as was the case throughout the country. In Durban there are 18 000 people on the waiting list. [Interjections] I would like to ask the hon. member for Central Rand.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I cannot allow private discussions across the floor of the House. Hon. members must understand that. The hon. the Minister may proceed.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION That hon. Minister is an ass!

The MINISTER I understand the hon. the Leader of the Official Opposition, being an ass himself.

Mr K CHETTY Mr Chairman, on a point of order. Is it parliamentary for the hon. the Leader of the Official Opposition to call the hon. the Minister an ass?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! Did the hon. the Leader of the Official Opposition say that?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION That is what I said, Sir. His own members are laughing at him, because they regard him as an ass. He speaks like an ass. [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon. the Leader of the Official Opposition must withdraw that.

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The MINISTER Mr Chairman, my appeal to all hon. members present here is: Let us not make housing an issue for debate and, in so doing, create impressions and give people hopes that we cannot satisfy. [Interjections]

At the present time the Administration has more than enough applications for housing to satisfy the needs of the underprivileged in our own society, and that is the charge that we have to answer. However, I am hoping that in due course and wherever it is possible, in some way we can assist in providing housing for some unfortunate group of people, as we have done in Mariannhill, we will try to assist them, but my primary responsibility and that of this House is to build homes for the thousands of people who are wait-listed and who depend on us to provide them with homes. We are planning townships and homes. If, for some reason or other, the members of the Indian community decide they do not want those homes, the homes can go to those next on the list. However, what we need in this debate is an understanding of our problems.

Mr D SAKALINGUM Mr Chairman, is the hon. the Minister prepared to take a question?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! Is the hon. the Minister prepared to take a question?

The MINISTER No, Sir.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Watch out for the Judas behind you!

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! That hon. member must resume his seat. The hon. the Minister may proceed.

The MINISTER Here in my report is an indication of the fact that we have released land and made it available to other people so that they can develop it for their own community. That is a manifestation of a genuine desire to assist and to understand the plight of other people. However, I think charity begins at home and for some time into the future priority must be given to the provision of homes for those people in the lower-income group who are dependent on us for the provision of homes. [Interjections]

Debate concluded

## QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

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### Pension payments: irregularities

\*1 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Health Services and Welfare [Interjections]

(1) Whether allegations of irregularities in pension payments in Glencoe and other Northern Natal towns are being investigated by his Department, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,

(2) whether he has received correspondence from the Glencoe and District Indian Child Welfare Society concerning a press statement in this regard; if so, what was (a) the purport of and (b) his reaction to this correspondence,

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

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## The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE

(1) Yes. I must add that investigations into irregularities are not confined to Glencoe and other Northern Natal towns but take place wherever they occur. As this particular matter is very sensitive, it is expected that the investigation will not be completed in the near future. Details will be made available to the hon. member for Springfield on the completion of the investigation.

(2) Yes

(a) General dissatisfaction with and rebuttal of the article published in the Northern Natal Courier on 8 March 1991

(b) I requested my Department to investigate the matter as indicated in the reply to (1) above

(3) No

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon. the Minister's reply, has he received any complaints

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# Durban rally to launch hostel body

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DURBAN — The SA Hostel Dwellers Association, apparently representing more than 50 000 hostel dwellers in Natal and the Transvaal, is to be launched at a mass rally in Durban tomorrow.

The association was formed last month. According to the interim committee's general secretary, Bongani Hlongwa, it is non-political, and exists to attend to hostel dwellers' grievances.

Mr Hlongwa yesterday said the association was formed last month after a number of representatives from numerous hostels in Natal came together

## Disagree

He said it was not affiliated to any political organisation. "We're there to help hostel dwellers, no matter what political party they belong to," he said.

Mr Hlongwa said the press had often reported "things about the hostel dwellers which they (hostel-dwellers) did not agree with".

These and problems such as living

conditions in hostels would be addressed, he said.

The organisation will be formally launched tomorrow at the amphitheatre in the railway hostel at Reunion at 9 am.

Mr Hlongwa said the association was presently focussing on two main issues. The prevention of the demolition of hostels and the Government summit on violence.

## Problems

"We need to prevent the demolition of hostels. We want to continue living in the hostels."

"But once this is achieved, we then need to look at all the problems we are facing in the hostels and these need to be addressed."

Mr Hlongwa said the association was hoping to send a delegation to next week's summit on violence to "put forward their case".

It represented more than 50 000 hostel dwellers and "had a right to be heard as much of the violence was directed against them," he added. — Sapa

# Thousands of Indians to get housing aid



Dr J N Reddy . . . urban settlers occupying land earmarked for housing

Political Staff

The House of Delegates would help more than 12 800 families acquire home in this financial year, Minister of Housing, Dr J N Reddy said yesterday

Presenting the housing vote, he said the HoD housing development fund exceeded R300 million for the first time

In this financial year, R249 million would be spent on new and existing projects in Natal, R68 million in the Transvaal and R11 million in the Cape. This would result in 5 164 stands and 7 645 houses being developed

In the past year more than 40 new housing projects had been initiated and approved. The central Government, local government, the private

sector as well as individuals had to play a role in providing housing, Dr Reddy said

There had been inordinate delays in the proclamation of townships, "many extending to 10 years or thereabout"

"I have now directed the department to give priority attention to ensuring that townships are proclaimed and registered as quickly as possible. This will mean that the houses and sites can be sold sooner so that the funds realised from such sales can flow back to the fund and be used to finance further projects at an accelerated pace"

Dr Reddy said that in many areas in the Transvaal and Natal, "urban settlers" had invaded and were occupying land earmarked for housing. "Their presence is presently causing this administration very serious prob-

lems"

While the HoD approached this with understanding, "no administration can allow people to occupy land and deny the owners the right to proceed with the development of housing for those people who have been waitlisted for many years and for the provision of whose housing this administration is responsible"

Savannah Park phase 2 and 3 developments had been relinquished to the Natal Provincial Administration for the provision of housing for black "urban settlers"

In Lenasia, more than 200 ha of land had been made available to the Transvaal Provincial Administration for the resettlement of black "urban settlers who have invaded land earmarked for housing by our administration", Dr Reddy said

**THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** We are not being negative *Your man* was negative

**THE MINISTER** I believe we all agree that we have done something to expedite housing. Let us give it a try. If what has come forth already is any indication, a saving of this nature could be of enormous benefit to our Administration in its task of providing homes

Debate concluded

**QUESTIONS**

Indicates translated version

*For oral reply*

*Own Affairs*

*Question standing over from Tuesday, 14 May 1991*

**Durban metropolis, housing shortage**

\*2 **THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) What is the extent of the housing shortage for Indians in the Durban metropolitan area, *125*
- (2) whether his Department has planned any new housing projects for this area, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many and (b) where are these projects to be developed?

**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING**

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- (1) Approximately 47 000 applications are satisfied that many of these applicants are duplicated and some people have lodged applications with a number of authorities. We are discussing the matter with the Data Bank to avoid some of the anomalies which are presently revealing themselves
- (2) Yes

- (a) 38 Projects
- (b) Verulam

Durban Phoenix, Newlands West, Springfield, Chatsworth and Caro Manor  
Isipingo Malakazi and Orient Hills

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Panetown Savannah Park, Welbedacht, Dassenhoek and Marranhill  
Shallcross Buffelsbosch, and  
Kloof Wyebank *125*

The difficulty now is to acquire land within the price range that will enable this Administration to provide low cost housing bearing in mind that the service cost of stands at the present time amounts to approximately R20 000. At this price it is an impossible challenge to satisfy the demand. However, the high cost of this facility is a matter which has already been broached with the Committee of Housing Ministers and will again feature prominently at the next meeting.

**THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** Mr Charman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is it not correct, according to what he said in his budget speech yesterday, that the projects he mentioned are continuations of existing programmes?

**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING** Mr Charman, we can only build on land that has been purchased. We made plans with regard to land that was purchased, we serviced that land and we are building there. I give full credit to the former Administration which bought the land. However, I have told hon members that the delay was due to all the impediments attached to these pieces of land, and was not the fault of anybody. There were mining rights on Villa Liza in Copesville we have to contend with squatters, which has delayed building, whereas things could have gone much faster. The high cost of **THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** He brought the squatters **THE MINISTER** He brought the squatters, yes, and we shall send them away. In Extension 4 there were certain overland rates charged by water authorities and overhead rates charged by Eskom.

All these things come up and delay projects. All these projects have been delayed for that reason. I am not blaming anybody, but I would like people to understand that at this point in time we are addressing these things in a global fashion. What is more, we are also trying to respond to the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition's request with regard to determining the final

prices for townships. Some of these projects have been lying on the shelf for 10 years. We have to get on with the job. Our consultant is handling that matter so that the final selling price of stands and houses can be made known. We want to give transfer wherever possible, thereby introducing more funds into the housing pool. It is in our interest to finalise townships. We want to get rid of the properties, and if people can obtain mortgage bonds and pay us, we would all be happier. I hope we shall be able to discount some of these properties in the not too distant future. Maybe we can accept 60% of the price as opposed to 100%, so long as we can have cash in the kitty.

*New questions*

**Ministerial Representatives: leave/transport/accommodation**

\*1 **THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** asked the Minister of the Budget and Auxiliary Services

- (1) Whether any Ministerial Representatives were granted leave during April 1991, if so, (a) what type of leave, (b) to whom was it granted, and (c) for which days, in each case,
- (2) whether any official (a) air transport and (b) accommodation was used by the Transvaal Ministerial Representative during the period 20 to 26 April 1991, if so, what are the relevant details?

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**THE MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND AUXILIARY SERVICES**

- (1) Yes after the hon Leader of the Official Opposition approached me on this, I established that letters applying for leave had been received by the Charman's office
- (a) Vacation Leave
- (b) Messrs S E Mansoor, Nelson M Raju, and Reverend K Reddy
- (c) 2, 11, 12, 15, 22 and 24 April 1991, 17 to 19 and 22 to 24 April 1991, and 22 to 26 April 1991
- (2) (a) No
- (b) Falls away

**State vehicles, transport of voters**

\*2 **THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** asked the Minister of the Budget and Auxiliary Services

- (1) Whether any complaints were received in regard to State vehicles being used to transport voters during a recent election, if so, what are the relevant details,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**THE MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND AUXILIARY SERVICES**

- (1) Yes—verbal and written complaints were received from the hon Leader of the Official Opposition on the use of State vehicles by Mr Mansoor and Reverend Reddy to transport voters during the recent by-election in Montford. It has been established that Mr Mansoor and Reverend Reddy did not use State vehicles as alleged by the Leader of the Official Opposition
- (2) No

**THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** Arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I would like to know what the nature of the investigations was. Did the hon the Minister call for any sworn statements from witnesses in respect of the use of State vehicles?

**THE MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND AUXILIARY SERVICES** Mr Charman, as far as I am concerned, I have contacted both these gentlemen. What I have stated, is what they have told me. I have also asked an official of my Department to investigate this matter.

**THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** Mr Charman, further arising out of the reply by the hon the Minister, I want to know if he is prepared to take sworn statements from witnesses who saw State vehicles being used?

**THE MINISTER** Mr Charman, it seems that the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition knows the registration numbers of the vehicles. If these could be submitted to the official through my office, it would certainly be of help to us.

**Principal of certain schools: complaints**  
\*3 **MR D K PADIACHEY** asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) Whether his Department has received

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- (a) The vehicles are used by the ministerial staff who are often required to work late in the evenings and over week-ends. Certain private secretarial duties are undertaken during the day, which also necessitate the use of vehicles. Apart from the above one vehicle is provided for postal and messenger services and 3 vehicles for the police drivers who do not reside in Pelikan Park.
- (b) Ministry of Budgetary and Auxiliary Services 1  
Ministry of Local Government and Agriculture 2  
Ministry of Health Services and Welfare 2  
Ministry of Education and Culture 1  
Deputy Minister of Housing 1  
Department of Budgetary and Auxiliary Services 1
- (2) No decision has, as yet been taken to sell individual shops. A decision is expected to be taken shortly, market valuations are presently being obtained.
- (3) (a) (i) 56  
(ii) According to departmental computer records none are unoccupied.
- (b) See attached list
- (4) Falls away
- | Tenant                       | Ladysmith Plaza Complex |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| M Akoo                       |                         |
| Paasons General Dealer       |                         |
| Mr A J Sardiwalla            |                         |
| M V Riga and Sons            |                         |
| Medina Stores                |                         |
| M Suleman (Pty) Ltd          |                         |
| Union Watchmakers            |                         |
| Star Inn                     |                         |
| Dr D Sardiwalla              |                         |
| Dr A H Sadoa                 |                         |
| D M Narrandes                |                         |
| Vawda Bros                   |                         |
| N Naran & Sons               |                         |
| E S Asmal                    |                         |
| Vawda's Cycle Works          |                         |
| Cash Fruit Bazaar            |                         |
| Express Repairs              |                         |
| S M Karrim                   |                         |
| M Goga                       |                         |
| Electric Hairdressing Saloon |                         |
| Davids Hairdressing Saloon   |                         |
| A Grant, Wood & Coal         |                         |
| R Magan & Sons               |                         |
| O R Singh Estate             |                         |
| Sader Bros (Pty) Ltd         |                         |
| Dr M Khan                    |                         |
| A E Dhoda                    |                         |
| Bhayla's Clothiers           |                         |
| Miller & Zak Stores          |                         |
| A K Paruk                    |                         |
| S M J Rasool                 |                         |
| J Moosjee & Son              |                         |
| Best Bargain Bazaar          |                         |
| Seedat's Bazaar (Pty) Ltd    |                         |
| Karrims Supply Store         |                         |
| Karrims Restaurant           |                         |
| Karrims General Dealer       |                         |
| M H Moola & Sons             |                         |
| M R Parak                    |                         |

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- (1) Yes. A decision in principle was taken on 8 February 1990 to sell all shopping complexes.

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The Shoe  
Oriental Melody House  
Victory Studio  
Moola Bros  
Razack's General Dealer  
Sons Jewellers  
Dr B H Singh  
Dr S I Pandor  
Khan Fruiters  
Riga Bros  
Klip River Islamic Butchery  
N E Meer  
Medicare Pharmacy  
Harbhans Jewellers  
M Sader  
Dr R Narrandes  
S J Rasool

## Cool Air: houses

- 25 Mr S PACHAI asked the Minister of Housing
- (1) Whether any houses have been built at Cool Air, if so, (a) how many, (b) when and (c) by whom
- (2) whether his Department has received any representations in regard to the cost of any of the houses built at Cool Air, if so, (a) when, (b) from whom and (c) what was the purport of these representations.
- (3) whether a departmental inquiry has been instituted into the cost of these houses, if not, why not, if so, (a) when, (b) who was in charge of the inquiry and (c) what were the findings?

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## The MINISTER OF HOUSING

- (1) Yes,
- (a) 136 Houses
- (b) Project commenced in 1989
- (c) Azalea, a housing utility company, appointed by the Local Authority, in this instance the Development and Services Board and financed by the Housing Development Board
- (2) Yes,
- (a) December 1989
- (b) The former Deputy Minister of Housing

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- (c) The representations were largely centred around the quality and cost of the houses
- (3) Yes
- (a) January 1990
- (b) The former Director of Housing
- (c) Despite apparent high construction costs and initial misgivings with regard to the quality of the houses, taking into consideration the limited number of houses, the services of the township layout to increase densities, the additional servicing cost to accommodate the additional sites created, the employment of local labour and the distance of the rural project from centralised development areas, having regard to all these additional factors, the development as a whole in the circumstances was considered reasonable and satisfactory

## Housing need

- 26 Mr S PACHAI asked the Minister of Housing
- Whether there is a need for housing in (a) Washbank, (b) Richmond, (c) Colenso, (d) Winterton, (e) Bergville, (f) Mtubatuba, (g) Weenen, (h) Lidgetton and (i) Howick, if so, (1) what is the need in each case and (ii)(aa) when and (bb) how will this need be met?

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## The MINISTER OF HOUSING

A general need for subsidised housing is recognised throughout the country and although records have been kept by the respective authorities concerning, *inter alia*, the (a) Washbank, (b) Richmond, (c) Colenso, (d) Winterton, (e) Bergville, (f) Mtubatuba, (g) Weenen, (h) Lidgetton and (i) Howick areas, an updated need assessment still has to be finalised in order to accurately redetermine housing priorities. Further, the effect which the imminent scrapping of the Group Areas legislation would have on the migration portion of the country must also be borne in mind as depending upon the specific identified needs and the availability of funds, housing priorities will be evaluated, determined and satisfied in order of priority.

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It is the duty of the local authority to ascertain the housing needs in its area and then to make the necessary application to this Administration for financial assistance if it so desires. The Administration's function in this regard is mainly to provide finance and it is consequently prepared to consider such financial assistance when approached by local authorities. Ministerial Representatives have been requested to investigate and to make an evaluation of the position in due course in consultation with the local authority and community representatives and organisations.

**Richards Bay/Howick West improper land/house allocations** (125)

33 Mr S PACHAI asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether there has been an inquiry into alleged improper land and house allocations in (a) Richards Bay and (b) Howick West, if so,
- (2) whether this inquiry has been concluded, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many improper allocations were established and (b)(i) how many houses were repossessed and (ii) from whom were they repossessed,
- (3) whether any improper sub-letting took place, if so,
- (4) whether any charges were preferred in this regard, if not, why not, if so, (a) what charges and (b) against whom?

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**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING**

- (1) (a) Yes  
(b) Yes
- (2) Yes  
(a) Three  
(b) (i) None  
(ii) Falls away
- (3) Yes
- (4) No,

18 persons who obtained houses and have sub-let their accommodation have had their Agreements cancelled

Similarly 5 persons who did not occupy

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their houses also have had their Agreements cancelled (125)

Legal action will be instituted against the absentee landlords for any rentals due from them for the houses allocated to them and for which they have collected rent from their tenants

Because of the problems experienced by home seekers, it was in sheer desperation that some of these persons falsified their income on the application forms in order to obtain housing. In the circumstances, I have, in my capacity as Minister of Housing decided to condone their action. More recently, my Administration has raised the income ceiling from R1 000 to R1 200 and this development assisted to resolve this impasse

However, I have directed that the three businessmen, who have also been allocated houses, should be required to pay market related rentals and their tenancy should be cancelled immediately. The Administration is in a position to allocate this category of persons vacant land on which they could build their own homes

The administration of the Richards Bay housing scheme was handled by the Durban Regional Office as the Richards Bay Municipality would not become involved at the outset. It consequently followed that it was initially impossible to exercise any worthwhile level of supervision and/or control from Durban having regard to the travelling distance involved

However following upon the completion of our investigations and discussions with the Richards Bay Town Board, an agreement was concluded which will allow the Richards Bay Local Authority to be henceforth responsible for all aspects of housing for the Indian community of Richards Bay

My report, findings, and the guidelines outlined by me in respect of irregularities investigated on the direction of the Ministers' Council have been submitted to the Advocate General and have been noted by him

- (a) Falls away
- (b) Falls away

**INTERPELLATIONS UNDER NAME OF MEMBER**

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**Lorimer, Mr R J—**

*General Affairs*

Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing, 848



# Brothers' home sends minister into a frenzy

APR 26 1991

By S'BU MNGADI

THE brother of KwaZulu's Deputy Works Minister Velaphi Ndlovu, whose speech against conversion of hostels into family units caused a storm this week, lives happily in a hostel-turned-family unit.

Imbali mayor and Inkatha official, Phikelela Ndlovu, lives with his family in a modest four-roomed house in Stage Two in the township near Maritzburg. His house is situated in "Hostel" - Imbali's only Inkatha-controlled section.

Speculating on why the ANC wanted the South Africa government to convert hostels into family units, the minister said: "The ANC wants to house its returning exiles."

## Break down

Minister Ndlovu was addressing a 3 000-strong Inkatha meeting at Umlazi's Railway Hostel Stadium, which culminated in the formation of the South African Hostel Dwellers' Association.

The minister, who also lives in Imbali, said once the hostels were "broken down" by the ANC, thousands of people would have no place to stay.

"The ANC is trying to put politics in the hostels in the wrong way, and then afterwards starts killing the people," Ndlovu told the emotionally-charged crowd.

Prince Gideon Zulu told the meeting. "Now is the time for Zulu people to unite and fight the ANC, who are saying that Zulu people must die and Xhosa people must live."

However, Ndlovu's elder brother Phikelela told *City Press* this week that his family would probably still be homeless today had the Department of Development Aid (DDA) not converted the local hostel into family units in 1985.

Prior to this, he had been renting a room at his brother-in-law's house in the township.

The decision by the DDA to develop the hostel was a culmination of pressure from the Inkatha-controlled township council and residents, the mayor explained.

The DDA gave first preference to hostel inmates to re-occupy the 403 blocks converted to family units.

Cosatu's Southern Natal secretary, Thami Mohlomi, told *City Press* that the upgrading of hostels had been a long-standing debate in Cosatu.

"We have demanded that those who want to live with their families near their places of employment should have the right to do so."

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I would just like to make it clear that the Department of Education and Culture did not at any stage object to the Lata Mangeshkar Show coming to South Africa.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order: That concludes the questions arising from question 3.

**Cato Manor: undeveloped land**

\*4 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

- (1) Whether he recently paid a visit to Cato Manor in order to decide on the future of the undeveloped land there, if so, (a) when, (b) with whom did he meet and (c) what was decided.

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D172E

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING (for the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing)

- (1) On request of the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing I paid a visit to Cato Manor
- (a) 14 May 1991
- (b) I held a meeting with representatives of

Administration House of Delegates  
Administration House of Assembly  
Natal Provincial Administration  
Development and Housing Board  
Westville Town Council  
Durban City Council  
Minister Y Moolla MP, Mr C J van R Botha, Administrator of Natal, Mr V A Volker MEC and Dr D S Rajah MEC were amongst those who attended the meeting

(c) During the visit to Cato Manor it was decided that all relevant facts and inputs which have an effect on the development of the Greater Cato Manor Area be identified with specific reference to vested rights and interest of all parties concerned. This action is being co-ordinated by a Chief Director of our Department in deliberation with officials of the De-

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partment of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing and the Office for Regional Development in co-operation with officials of the Natal Provincial Administration, the Administration House of Delegates, as well as the city councils of Durban and Westville

A complete report will be submitted to the Minister and subject to his approval, the recommendations will be discussed with all the role players

At this point in time it is already clear that the problem regarding squatters in the area is a short term issue that should be given urgent attention

(2) No

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, could he please tell hon members of this House when it is estimated the report will be completed

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING Mr Chairman, I can give the hon member for Springfield the assurance that my instructions to our Chief Director were to complete it sooner rather than later. I sincerely hope that we will have a report on the matter within the next fortnight

**Single-sex hostels: conversion**

\*5 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of National Health

- (1) Whether the State President assigned to her Department the task of co-ordinating a programme to convert single-sex hostels into family units, if so, (a) when and (b) in what manner,

(2) whether her Department has now completed this programme, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it expected that the programme will be completed, if so,

(3) whether she will make a public announcement on this programme, if not, why not, if so, when,

(4) whether she will make a statement on the matter? D173E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

- (1) No,  
(2), (3) and (4) fall away

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*Chairman of the Ministers' Council*

**Ministerial Representatives: inefficiency**

\*1 Mr P PADAYCHEE asked the Chairman of the Ministers' Council

- (1) Whether, in view of the statement made by the Minister of the Budget and Auxiliary Services in this House on 13 May 1991 in regard to the inefficiency of the Ministerial Representatives, he will take the necessary steps to (a) have them replaced or (b) have their posts abolished, if not, why not, if so, (i) what steps and (ii) when,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D167E

The CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL

- (1) (a) No

(b) No At the outset I wish to inform you that the Minister cannot terminate the services of Ministerial Representatives as this is the prerogative of the State President

While it is true that Minister Raman Bhana expressed his personal frustrations in regard to the functions of the Ministerial Representatives, the Ministers' Council has no intention whatsoever of recommending to the State President the scrapping of these posts

The Ministers' Council regularly reviews the functions and performance of our Ministerial Representatives and is satisfied that they are discharging their responsibilities within the guidelines laid down for the performance of their duties

- (1) Falls away  
(ii) Falls away

(2) No

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising from the reply of the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council, will he concede that it appears to be the general consensus in this particular House that

these Ministerial Representatives should, in fact, be axed?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL Mr Chairman, it is not a question of the feeling of hon members in this House. A provision for Ministerial Representatives is part of parliamentary requirements and these people have been appointed, as in other Houses in Parliament. This is why I do not know why aspersions are regularly cast in this House on the functioning of Ministerial Representatives. I think it is totally unfair.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the reply of the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council, especially his last two sentences, is it not true that the vast majority of the Ministers' names was regularly criticised by his party?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL Mr Chairman, that is possible, but it is a fact that these posts exist and they have to be filled.

Mr P PADAYCHEE Mr Chairman further arising out of the reply of the hon the Leader of the Opposition, has the Leader of the previous Ministerial Representatives and does he have the power to recommend that the hon the State President do so?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL Mr Chairman, when this party came into power, we carried out the provisions and rules of this House and appointed Ministerial Representatives. They were members of our party, but there was nothing to hide. The same applies to the House of Representatives and the House of Assembly.

*Ministers*

**Indian family in Kranskop: land expropriated**

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(1) Whether his Department has received representations in respect of the return of land expropriated in terms of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, from an Indian family in Kranskop, Natal, if so, (a) what is the name of the family and (b) what is the extent of the land involved.

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- (2) whether a decision has been taken in this matter, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is a decision expected, if so, what are the details of the decision?

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## The MINISTER OF HOUSING

- (1) Yes
- (a) Ramapur, Ramdad, Ramsuk and Chandebance (The Maharaj Family)
- (b) 2,02350 ha
- (2) Yes
- (a) Falls away
- (b) The Ministers' Council has agreed to alienate the land to the original owners at a price acceptable to the Housing Development Board and in compliance with the provisions of Treasury regulations. The former owners have accepted this offer in principle.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, could he indicate whether a present-day market-related price would be applicable, bearing in mind that this property was expropriated from the victims of the Group Areas Act?

The MINISTER OF HOUSING I think it is the price

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I want to make an appeal to hon members. When the hon the Minister of Housing rises here to answer questions, hon members should not engage in private discussions. I think it is important that we grant him that courtesy.

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, as far as I am aware, it will be the price that was paid to the Maharaj family at the time when the property was expropriated, plus the interest accrued in the intervening period. I take it that when those figures are submitted by the departments which are at present handling the matter, the family will have to make a final decision as to whether they want to buy the property or not.

Sir, if you will allow me, I just want to add that the former Deputy Minister of Housing, the present hon the Deputy Minister of Housing and

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others made very strong representations initially. As a result of this, a sincere effort was made to see if we could address the plea of the family. I sincerely hope that the price that is identified for this property will be such that it will enable these people to repurchase it.

## Allocation of petrol service site rescinded

\*2 Mr A G MOHAMED asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, took legal action against his Department and/or the Housing Development Board in respect of the rescinding of a decision to allocate a petrol service site in the Chatsworth Town Centre, if so, (a) what was the result of the action so taken, (b) what are the circumstances surrounding the matter, (c) what was the cost of this action to the Administration House of Delegates and (d) what is the name of the person in question,
- (2) why was the decision taken to rescind the allocation of the petrol service site?

D156E

The MINISTER OF HOUSING

- (1) Yes

- (a) That the Housing Development Board agreed to the transfer of the site to J K R Sanphul Investments
- (b) The circumstances surrounding this matter are so involved and complex that it will not be possible to explain them without a detailed exposition of the history thereof which covers a period of 7 years. However, the circumstances of this matter are clearly set out in the Report of the House Committee on Allegations of Maladministration (House of Delegates) dated 19 August 1988.
- (c) R8 640,00
- (d) Mr Jivan Seebiran

(2) On the Advice of Senior Counsel  
Mr A G MOHAMED Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I would like to

know if there are any more such cases before the Supreme Court? [Interjections]

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, I cannot give an immediate answer. However, the hon member is at liberty to put that question in writing, and we shall certainly provide him with an answer.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is it not true that the Department had to cede an application made by J K R Sanphul to the Supreme Court?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, the fact remains that J K R Sanphul was involved in litigation. Eventually the matter was resolved to the satisfaction of the applicants.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, did this case not pertain to one of the findings of the James Commission of Inquiry?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I can only say that this matter was a subject of discussion and was canvassed by the Commission of Inquiry.

## Sites for religious organisations: allocation

\*3 Mr A G MOHAMED asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether it is the responsibility of his Department to provide sites for religious organisations in Chatsworth, if not, whose responsibility is it, if so, to what extent,
- (2) whether his Department recently allocated any residential sites to religious organisations in Chatsworth, if so, (a) why, (b) how many residential sites were affected and (c) to which religious organisations were these sites allocated?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING

- (1) No. The entire area of Chatsworth has been developed by the Durban City Council and religious sites were included in the planning.
- (2) No
- (a) Falls away
- (b) Falls away
- (c) Falls away

## 488 educators: early retirement

\*4 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 2 on 26 February 1991, the early retirement of the 488 educators identified will be effected in 1991, if not, (a) why not, (b) how many are expected to retire this year and (c) when will the others be allowed to retire?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Yes. To date, 505 applicants are scheduled to retire prematurely at various dates until 1 January 1992.

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

## Greyville Primary: cost of new school

\*5 Mr P PADAYACHEE asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) Whether a new school to replace the present Greyville Primary School is on his Department's building programme, if not, why not, if so, (a) what priority does it enjoy and (b)(i) when and (ii) at what cost is the new school to be built,
- (2) whether tenders have been called for in this regard, if not, why not, if so, what is or was the closing date for tenders?

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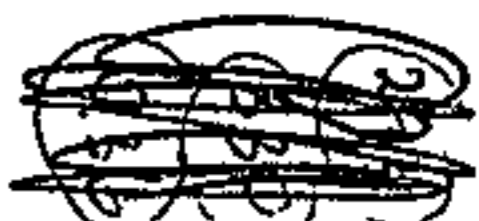
The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (1) No

As stated in the Education Vote Debate last week, when the effect of the cutbacks following the Education Vote last year was taken into account, there was a change in the programme of building a new school.

Whilst at one stage the undertaking to build a new school may have been given, the need now is to erect a new administration block consisting of offices and a staffroom, a library resource centre and science classroom, and a new toilet block. The installation of an electrical heating system, the turfing of the sportsfield, effecting general repairs and painting the

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THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I would just like to make it clear that the Department of Education and Culture did not at any stage object to the Lata Mangeshkar Show coming to South Africa.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order!

That concludes the questions arising from question 3

Cato Manor: undeveloped land

- \* 4 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing
- (1) Whether he recently paid a visit to Cato Manor in order to decide on the future of the undeveloped land there, if so, (a) when, (b) with whom did he meet and (c) what was decided,
  - (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING (for the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing)

- (1) On request of the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing I paid a visit to Cato Manor
  - (a) 14 May 1991
  - (b) I held a meeting with representatives of
 

Administration House of Delegates  
Administration House of Assembly  
Natal Provincial Administration  
Development and Housing Board  
Westville Town Council  
Durban City Council  
Minister Y Moolla MP, Mr C J van R Botha, Administrator of Natal, Mr V A Volker MEC and Dr D S Rajah MEC were amongst those who attended the meeting
- (c) During the visit to Cato Manor it was decided that all relevant facts and inputs which have an effect on the development of the Greater Cato Manor Area be identified with specific reference to vested rights and interest of all parties concerned. This action is being co-ordinated by a Chief Director of our Department in deliberation with officials of the De-

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partment of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing and the Office for Regional Development in co-operation with officials of the Natal Provincial Administration the Administration House of Delegates, as well as the city councils of Durban and Westville

A complete report will be submitted to the Minister and subject to his approval, the recommendations will be discussed with all the role players

At this point in time it is already clear that the problem regarding squatters in the area is a short term issue that should be given urgent attention

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Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, could he please tell hon members of this House when it is estimated the report will be completed

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING Mr Chairman, I can give the hon member for Springfield the assurance that my instructions to our Chief Director were to complete it sooner rather than later. I sincerely hope that we will have a report on the matter within the next fortnight

Single-sex hostels: conversion

\* 5 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of National Health

- (1) Whether the State President assigned to her Department the task of co-ordinating a programme to convert single-sex hostels into family units, if so, (a) when and (b) in what manner,
- (2) whether her Department has now completed this programme, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it expected that the programme will be completed, if so,
- (3) whether she will make a public announcement on this programme, if not, why not, if so, when,
- (4) whether she will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH.

- (1) No,
- (2), (3) and (4) fall away

Own Affairs

Chairman of the Ministers' Council

Ministerial Representatives, inefficiency

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- (1) Whether, in view of the statement made by the Minister of the Budget and Auxiliary Services in this House on 13 May 1991 in regard to the inefficiency of the Ministerial Representatives, he will take the necessary steps to (a) have them replaced or (b) have their posts abolished, if not, why not, if so, (i) what steps and (ii) when,
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The CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL

- (1) (a) No
- (b) No At the outset I wish to inform you that the Minister cannot terminate the services of Ministerial Representatives as this is the prerogative of the State President

While it is true that Minister Raman Bhana expressed his personal frustrations in regard to the functions of the Ministerial Representatives, the Ministers' Council has no intention whatsoever of recommending to the State President the scrapping of these posts

The Ministers' Council regularly reviews the functions and performance of our Ministerial Representatives and is satisfied that they are discharging their responsibilities within the guidelines laid down for the performance of their duties

- (i) Falls away
- (ii) Falls away

(2) No

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising from the reply of the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council, will he concede that it appears to be the general consensus in this particular House that

these Ministerial Representatives should, in fact, be axed?

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The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the reply of the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council, especially his last two sentences, is it not correct that the question of the creation and the filling of the posts of Ministerial Representatives was regularly criticised by his party?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL Mr Chairman, that is possible, but it is a fact that these posts exist and they have to be filled.

Mr P PADAYCHEE Mr Chairman, further arising out of the reply of the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council, has he sacked the previous Ministerial Representatives and does he have the power to recommend that the hon the State President do so?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL Mr Chairman, when this party came into power, we carried out the provisions and rules of this House and appointed Ministerial Representatives. They were members of our party, but there was nothing to hide. The same applies to the House of Representatives and the House of Assembly.

Ministers

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**THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING**  
(for the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing)

- (1) No. The description of the land as promulgated in the Official Gazette of the Province of the Transvaal is incorrect. Urgent steps to rectify the matter and to ensure proper control are at present being undertaken.
- (2) Yes. Approximately 115 additional families settled themselves in this area during the period 1 December 1990 to 30 April 1991.
- (3) No—because the Administrator's Notice in terms of which the area is declared a transit area, was incorrect and will now be rectified urgently.
- (4) The following services are provided on request of the Transvaal Provincial Administration by the Local Government Affairs Council:

- (a) 30 Water taps were installed. During installation of further water taps the construction personnel were instructed and/or intimidated by the local residents to leave the area.
- (b) 175 Chemical toilets were provided.
- (c) No refuse removal services or extension of other services can be rendered due to the lack of funds.

*Explanation:* During discussions between myself, Minister Moolia, the Administrator of Transvaal and the MEC concerned on 30 May 1991, it was agreed that the House of Delegates will make ± 200 ha of land known as Finetown available for the permanent resettlement of the squatters and that the Provincial Administration and the Department of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing will undertake the development and bear the costs.

**Mountain Rise police station: numerical strength**  
\*3 Mr H M NEERAHOO asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether he will disclose the actual numerical strength of the Mountain Rise police station in Pietermaritzburg, if not, why not, if so, (a) what is it and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

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- (2) what is the approved numerical strength of this police station,
- (3) whether this police station is understaffed at present, if so, what steps does he intend taking in this regard,
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER**  
(1) to (4)

No, it is not in the interest of the members at the police station in question, and policing in general, to furnish information of this nature. I am, however, prepared to inform the hon member personally and confidentially in this regard.

The increase of manpower at police stations takes place on the basis of investigations by the Division Efficiency Services of the South African Police. Such an investigation in respect of the Mountain Rise Police Station has not yet been carried out. The personnel at the police station in question is, however, not at full strength. The available members nevertheless perform an outstanding task in maintaining law and order in the station area.

I have requested the Commissioner of the South African Police to conduct an efficiency investigation regarding the manpower situation at the Mountain Rise Police Station so as to supplement it, should such an investigation prove it to be essential.

#### INTERPELLATION

The sign \* indicates a translation. The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language.

*Own Affairs*

Shallcross link road

- 1 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Housing
- (1) With reference to the statement made by the Deputy Minister of Housing on the Shallcross link road, what was the outcome of the negotiations with the Durban

City Council and the Development and Services Board in regard to the sharing of costs,

- (2) whether his Department has decided on a course of action in the event of no agreement being reached with either of the above authorities, if so, what is this course of action?

**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING** Mr Chairman,

The financial responsibility for the final cost of the link road project will be borne proportionately by the Development and Services Board and the Durban City Council. The need for the link road was established more than 10 years ago by the Development and Services Board, and the project has been supported by the civic association, the Local Affairs Committee of Shallcross, the Southern Durban Indian Local Affairs Committee, and the hon member for Parliament for the constituency concerned, Mr P I Devan.

It could have been completed at a cost of approximately R500 000 in 1981. The delay in implementing the construction of a link road has resulted in the cost escalating to R5,47 million. In view of the need to avoid further delay, the Administration has taken the responsibility upon itself to fund the project and to recoup its outlay on the basis stated earlier.

With the coming into being of the joint services board, consideration will also be given to the possibility of an application being made to this body to provide funding for the project which would serve to lighten the burden on the two local authorities.

There are many benefits that the community of Shallcross will gain from this project. I would like to name a few. They will have easier access to the main arterial routes leading to and from places of work and the city. The link road will alleviate the present dangerous and congested indirect routes through populous residential suburbs, including Chatsworth. Furthermore it will shorten the length of journeys by an average of five to 12 kilometres per journey. It will serve to reduce travelling time and cost, and it will open up the hitherto largely undevelopable land for residential and industrial purposes with its concomitant income-generating potential. This in turn can be applied to the provision of low-cost housing.

**THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** Mr Chairman, it is unfortunate that the hon the Minister of Housing did not answer the second part of the question, because this interpellation arises out of a statement made by the hon the Deputy Minister in this House.

Firstly, I want to place on record that I am not opposed to the link road. I have also championed the cause of the link road. However, the reservations I expressed relate to the manner in which this project has been undertaken. The hon the Minister said today that the Development and Services Board would be approached to fund this project, and that the financial responsibility was going to devolve proportionately upon the Development and Services Board and the Durban City Council.

My question is whether his department has decided upon a course of action in the event that no agreement is reached. What is surprising, however, is that the Durban City Council and the Development and Services Board must accept the financial responsibility, but according to my information they have not. The Durban City Council has not decided to accept the financial responsibility. I would like anybody to dispute that, because this was conveyed officially at the last meeting of the Southern Durban Indian Local Affairs Committee when this item was on the agenda. The Durban City Council has not adopted a resolution. The matter has not been dealt with by the management committee.

What is surprising is that in the last statement the motivation for the road is that it will open up commercial and industrial development [Interjections.] No, in the statement made by the hon the Deputy Minister the emphasis was not on what has been outlined by the hon the Minister today. However, the motivation in that statement—which was also circulated to all hon members—was that it was going to open up commercial and industrial development. Section 10(2) of the Development and Housing Act was quoted. I would also like to quote section 10(2). It reads:

For the purpose of achieving its objects the board shall

A list of what the board shall do follows. The board can build a road or a bridge provided that the objective is township development. This link road

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An HON MEMBER What about industrial development?

**THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** No, that is not the object of the board. The object of the board is contained in section 10(1) of the principal Act. I want to place it on record that I find it rather surprising that the hon the Deputy Minister should inform this House that commercial development is the prime purpose of the link road, and that the residents will benefit from that. I want the hon the Minister to examine this. [Interjections.] Because the question of a declared area was raised [Time expired.]

**Mr P I DEVAN** Mr Chairman, let us not be fooled by opportunistic agents in this Chamber or anywhere else. This is one glaring issue on which the hon the Minister of Housing should be given full marks. He must be complimented unannouncedly by hon members of this House.

I am a person with a scientific mind and I say things that are based on facts. With the knowledge of the sad saga relating to the Shallcross link road, the hon the Minister of Housing acted deliberately and conclusively. With the concurrence of the Ministers' Council, he took a decisive step in advancing finance for the development of the vital link road between Shallcross and the highway. Otherwise the question of the Shallcross link road would have been as dead as a dodo.

The Durban Corporation is evasive and they come up with all kinds of stories of which they may inform the Southern Durban Local Affairs Committee. I am fully aware of this. The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is also fully aware of that. Let me substantiate this conclusion.

As recently as 5 January 1990 in a letter from the Town Clerk, the reply was as follows:

It would appear that the planning of the road does not at this stage involve the Durban City Council.

What nonsense! The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition ought to know the mentality and attitude of most city councillors and officials of the Durban Corporation and also that of the Development and Services Board.

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In no way were they sympathetic to the needs and aspirations of the Indian community. I challenge anybody to contradict this. I shall even go through the entire history in this regard. [Interjections.] They were in no way sympathetic. With regard to the Shallcross link road, let us put the record straight here and now. In 1966 the link road between Nutley Road in Shallcross and the Higginson Highway was de-proclaimed. There was a road there. There was a link road. In 1980 the Shallcross Advisory Committee requested the chief engineer of the Development and Services Board to take up the matter of an alternative access to Shallcross with the Durban Corporation. The Durban Corporation played all kinds of games. If they were here I would tell them so.

Among other advantages mentioned by the hon the Minister of Housing, this road is a prerequisite to the development of industrial housing. [Time expired.]

**THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** Mr Chairman, I do not disagree with the sentiments expressed by the hon member for Cavendish. However, let us do things properly and in the right way, because the second access road is equally important. We did not go and draw plans. We do not issue contracts since section 14 of the Housing Development Act (House of Delegates) states that the use of monies in the fund and the management of the fund are prescribed.

What we want here is a guarantee. Parliament must be given the guarantee that the Durban City Council has agreed to accept a loan. They must be persuaded. Why should we force the richest local authority in South Africa to accept a loan when they are refusing to do so? The Durban City Council is still refusing to accept that loan to this very day. There might have been discussions, but an explanation has to be given to this House that

**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING** Mr Chairman, may I ask the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition a question?

**THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** Mr Chairman, I cannot take a question

**THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE** Order! The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is not prepared to take a question.

**THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** Contrary to what the hon member for Cavendish has said, I support the link road. It is not a question of having failed, but the motivation here is commercial interest.

**Mr T PALAN** There is no commercial interest! Name the person who has a commercial interest!

**THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** I am not saying this, this motivation is contained in the statement made by the hon the Deputy Minister in this House. The motivation is that of commercial interest and not the interest of the broad mass of the people of Shallcross. I want to suggest that the hon member for Cavendish read that Press statement. What I have found surprising is that of all the statements made on the Shallcross link road, the question of commercial interest being the prime motivation for this link road happens to fall into the lap of the hon the Deputy Minister. [Time expired.]

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING** Mr Chairman, the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition says that in principle he is not opposed to it. No one can be opposed to an issue of this nature. In a letter to the Director-General, he states that the real reason this road is being pushed is to promote vested interests.

**THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** Correct!

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER** However, there should be total exposure when an allegation of this nature is being made. [Interjections.]

The other statement he made had reference to commercial interest. Let us look at the commercial interest of the area. This road will reduce travelling distance for motorists between Shallcross and the town centre of Chatsworth by 12 km. The reduced traffic on the interchange road between Crossmoore, Arena Park and Moorton provides an opportunity for commercial light industry which in turn will provide job opportunities.

The issue also has the full support of community organisations such as the Shallcross Ratepayers' Association and others. The important aspect, however, is that we have five hectares of important and valuable industrial land which can be developed. [Interjections.] If the worst comes to the worst, and even if the Durban City Council remains reluctant, that five hectares of land will be a blessing in that it may assist this entire exercise.

Nonetheless, meetings took place between all the parties concerned during 1986. There is no total rejection by the Durban City Council, but negotiations are afoot.

Coming back to the other point, as far as the Housing Development Act (House of Delegates) is concerned, section 12 states as follows:

There is hereby established a fund to be known as the Housing Development Fund.

This is not necessarily a housing development fund, but a development fund which it is within our right to administer in order to complete this road. Therefore, in the interests of a community, this exercise was absolutely justified. [Time expired.]

**THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** Mr Chairman, I wrote a letter to the Director-General, but why is it that the hon the Deputy Minister is now empowered to issue a statement? I want to say it smacks of suspicion. It is strange, because the statement said that this was in the interests of the people of Shallcross, but I feel there is a difference. I want to say that the manner in which this is being rushed shows that the real motivation is to promote vested interests and not the interests of the people of Shallcross.

**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING** Whose vested interests? [Interjections.]

**THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** My substantiation for this lies in the statement made and circulated by the hon the Deputy Minister that the road is for commercial interests and the interests of the people. The general interests of the people, which were the prime motivation of the hon member for Cavendish, have taken secondary place. Therefore we cannot talk about five hectares of industrial land. One can add R5 million of the cost of the road in

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respect of the alienation One does not need that link road for that commercial and industrial development

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, that road is a necessity I want to compliment everybody, including the City Engineer's department, who assisted us in getting that road off the mark Other people struggled to do so for 10 years A road will serve some people and not serve others Those whom it does not serve must take it for granted that the road is being located in the right place It is being located in the right place and I want hon members to go and have a look at it The hon member for Cavendish, the hon member for Marriamhill and other hon members from that area could guide them and show it to them

We have subsidised housing in Lotus Gardens We are subsidising land development in Copesville The people of Shallcross were put there by the Department of Community Development

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION But who has a finger in that commercial development?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon the Minister may proceed

The MINISTER Not me! The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition must not judge everybody by his own standards [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I am not going to permit a slanging match across the floor [Interjections] Order! The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition must contain himself [Interjections]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION I crave your indulgence, Mr Chairman Aspersions have been cast on me

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition must find some other opportunity to respond to that The hon the Minister may proceed

The MINISTER I am trying to explain to the best of my ability what has been done The road is a necessity The Durban City Council is assisting in order to arrive at the cost Our consultants will work out the cost and apportion

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the costs between the Durban City Council and the Development and Services Board

Mr M RAJAB They agreed

The MINISTER They are waiting for those figures

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION No, they refused

The MINISTER The Development and Services Board has agreed I do not know why the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is so negative Why is he negative? Is it to benefit [Interjections]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Because you've got a vested interest!

The MINISTER I do not! He failed and his failure is now evident

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION This is a scandal!

The MINISTER What can be done? I will take the hon the leader to Shallcross and show him what can be done As far as I am concerned, I take full responsibility for that road

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I regret that the time permitted for this interpellation has expired

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

Own Affairs

Certain person: allocation of business site

\*1 Mr D K PADIACHEY asked the Minister of Housing

Whether a business site in Lenasa South Extension 1 was allocated to a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if not, why not, if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) is the name of this person?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING

No

The possible allocation is still under consideration

(a) Falls away

(b) Falls away

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, would he inform the House as to whether a standard procedure is applied in respect of identifying resettlement cases and allocating business sites in respect of resettlement cases?

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, I do not know whether the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is referring to the cases in the Transvaal for which we are trying to make land available from an industrial estate that has been established No sooner were some applications under consideration, than we learnt there were many people who were interested in acquiring land and who had lodged applications with our Department As a result of that the Department has put out an advert calling for tenders from people so that they could be adjudicated, because the number of sites is not sufficient to satisfy all the applications that have been made This particular one has been sent to the Housing Development Board for consideration.

Mr D K PADIACHEY Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, would he tell us whether land will be set aside for the backyard traders in the Lenasa area?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, the backyard traders are not really considered to be traders A man who is doing panelbeating in his backyard is an informal businessman, but he is not a trader in the sense that he is selling goods over the counter I get the impression that there is a large number of these people looking for land on which they can settle themselves and do business, and we are now carrying out an investigation to see whether we will be able to set out a larger number of stands, because rather than allowing people to squat and create problems for us, we should make stands available to these people If we have the required number, the manner in which we can distribute them will be

more acceptable to our hon friend from Central Rand

Mr D K PADIACHEY Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, will he also acknowledge that the tender system is not in the interests of the small businessman?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, it is not a matter of what I think That is the manner in which the State applies the rules, and one has to abide by that However, as I have said, I am sympathetic to the representations that have been made by the hon member for Central Rand

Mrs R EBRAHIM Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him how he intends handling the application of T N Day Care Centre for a creche site in Lenasa?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, we are in touch with T N Day Care Centre, negotiations are taking place and we are expecting an amicable settlement in respect of this whole issue

For written reply

General Affairs

N2 North/Quarry/Inanda Road intersection: traffic problems

15 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Transport

(1) Whether traffic problems are being experienced at the intersection formed by the N2 North, Quarry Road and Inanda Road in Durban, if so,

(2) whether it is the intention to take steps to alleviate these problems, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b) when,

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

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

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(1) Yes

(2) Yes

(a) The possibility to provide left and right turn lanes, the widening of the ramps and the changing of traffic

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Show Promotions" It was agreed that the Department would allow the group to perform as scheduled and that the promotor would reciprocate by not using the name "1860 Settlers' Association" in promoting the show and that an additional show at a reasonable price would be arranged to enable the poorer section of the community to attend the show. The promotor also undertook to explore the possibility to reschedule the show scheduled for 8 May 1991 as a token of apology for putting all concerned in a very awkward position. The rescheduling however proved not to be possible.

The course of events illustrates the dilemma the Department is faced with and I trust that hon members will support the Department's sincere efforts to foster Indian culture in a disciplinary manner. Efforts to exploit the situation for party-political purposes are counterproductive, especially when it concerns a person of the stature of Lata Mangeshkar.

INTERPELLATION

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*Own Affairs*

*Housing shortage, projects*

1 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether, since he became Minister of Housing, he has initiated any projects to alleviate the critical housing shortage of approximately 47 000 units in the Durban metropolitan area, if not, why not, if so, what projects other than those commenced before he assumed office,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Charman, the answer to the first part of the question is yes. As hon members no doubt are aware, I assumed responsibility for the Housing portfolio of this House in March 1989. From the outset I was fully aware of the acute shortage of housing for the needy of our community in general and in the

Durban metropolitan area in particular. The inputs of the hon members of Parliament concerned assisted me in identifying areas of particular need, and for this I thank them. Thus I, with the able assistance of my hon Deputy Minister, caused the department to embark on much-needed projects, *inter alia* in Verulam, Phoenix, Chatsworth, Cato Manor, Savanna Park, Buffelsbosch and Isipingo, which are at present under construction.

Furthermore, the planning of various projects in the pipeline and construction will commence in the near future. In this respect I refer to the servicing of sites and the construction of houses in Trenance Park, Phoenix, Newlands West, Chatsworth, Cato Manor, Malakazi, Orient Hills, Isipingo, Savanna Park, Welbedacht, Dassenbosch, Buffelsbosch and Wyebank.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Charman, I do not want to repeat what was stated during the debate on the Housing Vote, but the intention of this interpellation is to give certain reassurances to people, the majority of them in the lower-income group, in the Durban metropolitan region, which houses approximately 60% of South Africa's Indian population.

As the hon the Minister indicated, when he assumed the Housing portfolio in March 1989, there were inputs from the hon members of Parliament concerned which assisted him in identifying areas of particular need. Now the areas of particular need were identified. The former and first Minister of Housing in the House of Delegates was, of course, consulted, and the consultant very clearly and accurately identified the shortage.

However, we are alarmed about areas that have been identified in a belt between Phoenix and Verulam—not necessarily those around the Mount Edgecombe Mill—where there is the greatest potential for development. Unfortunately, besides the infrastructure, and besides the land that was identified by the Verulam Municipality, there has been absolutely no progress in this particular direction.

As a result, if one excludes the remaining portion of Phoenix, Cato Manor and the Shalcross areas, there are no visible signs of any progress in respect of submissions made by hon members of this House, the hon member for Verulam and

the former member for the Verulam constituency.

We therefore feel that a true and factual picture must be given to those who are on the housing waiting lists of the Durban Municipality and of the Administration House of Delegates. They must know that besides what was identified previously and what was already in the pipeline, there is no tangible evidence of any new projects having been identified or being in the pipeline.

I am not saying this to score any party-political points, but I feel a clear message must be given to those people who are relying heavily on the House of Delegates' taking the necessary initiative and also that we are a financial institution using municipalities or local authorities as our agents to satisfy the housing need.

What is required in this interpellation is a clear, factual message that this is where one can rely on the House of Delegates or our agents, the local authorities. Are we going to undertake any new housing projects in the immediate future, because those who are in the middle-income group, those who belong to the self-help group, will then be able to fend for themselves? [Time expired.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE Mr Charman, I think that this Administration has emphasised the provision of housing for the lower-income group. It is regrettable that, without trying to score points, to use the words of the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition, for many years we did not aim at the lower-income group. If we had aimed at the lower-income group, we would not have had this kind of backlog today. Without casting aspersions, I think the facts the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is asking for should be provided.

The fact is that when we had the opportunity to develop and expand the areas that we had, we ended up buying areas outside the province of Natal. We did this in spite of the fact that 60% of the population was in the Natal region, if one thinks along racial lines. [Interjections.] Hence it seems to me that right now we have the situation that only 30% of the land that is being utilised in the Transvaal, and 60% of the assets which we have acquired, will not be utilised for housing *per se* for the component of the community that we represent. Therefore there was an excess in one

area and a lack of similar emphasis in another area. Notwithstanding the fact that we were presented with a report, we still went ahead and bought land in areas outside Natal.

Furthermore, I would like to say that in so far as the question of demands and delays are concerned, the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition always mentions the fact that they are old projects. These old projects were delayed indefinitely before. The problem was that in Stanger, for example, we battled for something like five years, even before this Administration took over, to get the project started. There were deliberate delays in this particular regard. Many projects of that nature were delayed. Therefore we now have to utilise our funds. We have to use our funds to develop those properties in our possession. We cannot continue to buy land [Time expired.]

Mr K PANDAY Mr Charman, South Africa has the largest concentration of Indian people outside the continent of India. [Interjections.] Durban has about 60% to 70% of the entire Indian population of South Africa. Since the advent of the trilateral Parliament, their fate has been in the hands of the House of Delegates. The de facto situation, although we talk of the new South Africa, is to address our obligation to serve the Indian community. If this is not done soon, an anomalous situation will arise on the repeal of the Group Areas Act. Will the hon the Minister in this House still be responsible to Indians only for the land in the possession of the House of Delegates, or will he merely serve as an estate agent for all the people of South Africa? [Interjections.]

If we do not act swiftly we will go down in history as having failed the Indian community, particularly in the field of housing. The Indian people, through no fault of their own, but because of the treachery and inhumane acts of the privileged class—here I am not referring to the present brand of politician—were paid less, hence they cannot afford luxurious homes. What they need are affordable homes with very low instalments. This is clearly evident from the fact that about 400 000 people, about 60% to 70% of the Indian population, live in the two very large Indian housing schemes, namely Chatsworth and Phoenix, where the rentals or the instalments are reasonable.



There is a waiting list of approximately 25 000 more people on the books of the Durban City Council, not counting those who have applied to the House of Delegates or who have not applied at all. These 25 000 applicants—representing about 100 000 people, assuming that there are four members in a family—earn less than R1 200 per month. The Durban City Council has more or less ceased building houses for Indians, because they do not have the land [Time expired.]

Mr K MOODLEY Mr Chairman, first of all I think the answer to this interpellation was given in the housing report. There was a full debate and all the details were then given. Nevertheless, I do not believe the Durban metropolitan area is the only place where there are housing needs. The Durban metropolitan area may require 47 000 units, but fewer units may be required in the rural areas of South Africa. However, in the rural areas of South Africa we have people, family units, who earn less than R600 per month. I believe that the Ministry of Housing is responsible for housing needs with regard to the House of Delegates throughout the whole of South Africa, and these needs cannot be isolated or cocooned in one area only.

I also believe that it must be made very clear that in terms of the Housing Act it is not the Ministry of Housing or the Housing Development Board which goes out and develops townships. It is the local authority which must establish its needs and motivate and make the necessary application for funds. If local authorities sit back, it is not the job of the Ministry of Housing to go around finding out what they need. Of course the Ministry of Housing does develop townships through the Housing Development Board, but I want to make it clear that the local authorities should not delay and then suddenly come forward and apply for funds which have not been budgeted for because they have not motivated a proper case by making inputs.

Having heard the hon the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture, who said that 60% of the land in the Transvaal could not be used, as well as the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition, it must be said that the previous administration did not do its work properly. If housing is needed in the Durban metropolitan area to the tune of 47 000 units, why did the previous administration buy all that land in the Transvaal? Why did they not concentrate more

of their efforts in the Durban area, knowing what the needs in this area are?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, land in the Transvaal is in abundance because it was bought as a result of the foresight of the first secretary of the Department of Community Development. That is where Lenasia is today. Lotus Gardens was purchased by the former Department of Community Development. The only land which the House of Delegates purchased, was Villa Liza, because the East Rand was bursting at its seams. Today we are proud of the fact that we purchased that land.

For the 47 000 people in the Durban metropolitan region, the picture is very bleak. There is no doubt about that fact. In respect of the identification of land, I want to tell the hon the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture that there was movement in Stanger when I agreed to see a deputation as a result of the efforts [Interjections.] I was the responsible Minister only for a short period.

We knew that there were problems with Minis-tries, but in 1987 we did not have a problem. We identified land between Phoenix and Verulam. There was no movement. Land was identified on the western side of Verulam. There was no movement either. These are the only sections which can save Durban [Time expired.]

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, anybody who took the trouble to read the report I presented during the debate on housing would have discerned from the figures presented that the bulk of the budget of R300 million is to be expended on housing in Natal. However, I believe hon members who participated today are not trying to score points. We have a real problem in and around Durban. Hon members may show me where land is available at the price I want to pay for it, in order to provide homes at R30 000. I will buy it. Hon members can buy it and I will pay for it [Interjections.] That is the challenge.

It is a waste of time to come here and say to me that there is a shortage of housing in Durban. It is the truth, but what hon members need to do is to take me along and point out the land I can buy, and I will buy it.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Not you, the board.

The MINISTER The board, yes. In other words, a joint effort is required here to address the question of housing. The most important thing is to get suitably located land at a price which will make this possible. Therefore, all of us must get together and work in that direction and hopefully we will do so.

The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition identified land in the Phoenix East area and that is very good land, but the price they are talking about there is R14 000 per hectare [Interjections.] What we have to do is go further afield, but this also creates problems. I think what we need to do is put our heads together and see how, in the light of the prevailing situation, we can serve our people to the best of our ability. It is a daunting task and hon members are all welcome to hold my hand in that regard [Interjections.] Debate concluded.

QUESTIONS

For written reply

General Affairs

SAP: recruiting statistics

11 Mr M ABRAHAM asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) (a) How many (i) White, (ii) Indian, (iii) Coloured and (iv) Black policemen have been recruited in 1991 and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished,
- (2) how many of these policemen were officers who re-enlisted? D118E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) (a) (i) 5 822
- (ii) 247
- (iii) 1 703
- (iv) 3 172
- Total 10 944
- (b) 30 April 1991
- (2) 12 members

NOTE

These figures include members of the Municipal Police, Police Assistants and National Servicemen

Lenasia/Lenasia South/Marlboro Gardens. offences

13 Mr D K PADIACHEY asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) How many cases of offences relating to (a) drug abuse, (b) liquor laws, (c) child abuse and (d) murder were investigated in (i) Lenasia, (ii) Lenasia South and (iii) Marlboro Gardens during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available,
- (2) in respect of each of the above-mentioned offences and areas, how many persons (a) were charged, (b) had the charges against them withdrawn, (c) were fined, (d) paid admission of guilt fines and (e) were found (i) not guilty and (ii) guilty in court? D141E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) (a) (i) 225
- (ii) 5
- (iii) 0
- (b) (i) 441
- (ii) 15
- (iii) 0
- (c) (i) 3
- (ii) 0
- (iii) 0
- (d) (i) 30
- (ii) 2
- (iii) 4

(2) Lenasia

Drug abuse

- (a) 225
- (b) 1
- (c) 0
- (d) 0
- (e) (i) 18
- (ii) 206

Liquor laws

- (a) 441

# R500-m plan to electrify homes in Durban area

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Own Correspondent (125)

DURBAN — A R500 million scheme to supply electricity to every house, hut and shack in the Durban region by 1996 has been announced.

The vast scale of the project, unprecedented in South Africa's history, will mean the supply of electricity to an estimated 168 000 homes, including well over 100 000 informal dwellings, all at present without power.

The Durban City Council's electricity committee this week gave its enthusiastic go-ahead to the project, presented in a detailed report by Durban's executive director, electricity, Howard Whitehead.

Indications are that the full council will probably give its approval to the project soon.

This means work could begin as soon as next month, with 2 000 homes receiving power every month. In the second year of the programme this will be stepped up to 3 000 homes a month.

Mr Whitehead described the project as "a milestone in the

history of the Durban electricity undertaking".

It will involve capital expenditure of about R100 million a year and will make use of the latest techniques in low-cost electricity distribution, including the successfully tested pre-payment metering system whereby a customer buys cards worth a fixed number of electrical units which slot into a specially designed metering unit installed in the home.

For the instalment fee of R125 — reduced from the current price of R500 — customers will receive not only the meter, but a double electric hot-plate.

The proposed energy tariff of 16,85c per kilowatt hour is only slightly higher than the rate for conventional electricity users and is designed to recover the huge capital cost of the connection over a long period of time.

An additional bonus to users is that there will be no surcharge for out-of-city customers.

The hallmark of the scheme is the strong emphasis it places on Durban's huge squatter po-

pulation.

Whereas the established townships, which are already relatively well serviced, will not see a great increase in power supply, vast informal settlements — virtually mini-towns — such as Lindelani and Inanda will see electrification on a huge scale.

Mr Whitehead predicted numerous advantages. "The prospects for economic development are tremendous.

"There will be a huge increase in the demand for electrical appliances, and many small business opportunities will be opened up."

The economy would also benefit from time saved in collecting fuel for alternative energy sources.

Coupled with the obvious improvement in general quality of life in the region, education would also receive a boost with night-time study made far easier and the possibility of television education available.

It would also reduce the negative environmental impact caused by the more traditional power sources.

responsibility to construct the road is that of the municipality

However, all the arguments and all the data provided in the debates in respect of the Chatsworth second access road far outweigh those in respect of the Shallcross link road. If one has money to allocate to local government bodies in respect of building a road, absolutely no priority can be attached to the Shallcross link road when compared to the Chatsworth second access road [Time expired]

Mr P I DEVAN Mr Chairman, I have a short answer to this long-drawn-out issue. If bridging finance was not made available for the Shallcross link road, it would not be developed in the foreseeable future. Hence I complimented the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council the other day on funding its construction.

The second access road is a different kettle of fish. For the information of the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition, even if bridging finance is made available here and now, the second access road will not be built along the Coedmore Reserve Route. It is a great pity that the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition did not put it to the test by offering bridging finance for its development when he was administering the House of Delegates, because there was probably a remote chance of succeeding at that time.

The problem with the second access road is not finance, but the siting of the road. The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is aware of the long history relating to the second access road. The question dogging the second access road is not money, therefore the question falls away.

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, we would all like to see all roads built. However, the second access road to Chatsworth was vetoed by the Stanbank family who donated the nature reserve, and the cost of implementing the alternative road plans, which were discussed with hon members of this House in confidence, is enormous and could only be undertaken by the authority responsible for that kind of work. If it had that kind of financial resources. Therefore one cannot equate one with the other.

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I also want to mention, as far as the second access road is concerned, that the hon the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture and I have been conducting negotiations and we intend to meet with the province shortly, when the session is over, to pursue this matter further.

We have not let it lie. We realise that such a road is necessary and we are addressing this problem on an urgent basis. It is hoped that we will be able to give the community some information as soon as we have made further progress in this direction.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, I must honestly say that I am surprised by this interpretation raised by the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition. I say this advisedly and with due respect. The fact is that the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is a member of a multiparty advisory committee. In March, when this committee met, he raised the issue of the costing and financing of this project. An explanation was offered to him at that particular meeting.

The issue of the link road as well as that of the second access road were on the agenda at a subsequent meeting on 4 April 1991. There was unanimity concerning this particular approach and also concerning the fact that we should proceed with the second access road as well. The basis on which we were to proceed with the second access road was also explained, as were the difficulties that we had experienced. The alternative proposals were also explained to hon members at that meeting. I believe we wanted to work in unity and harmony across the party-political divide. Why, then, bring this up as if to create divisions here when we had such harmony at that meeting?

The second access road is expensive. Even the Durban City Council has said that the amount of money required for even the alternative plan is so large that negotiations will have to take place with various other State agencies, including the central Government itself, to ensure that the second access road is built. Nobody denies the fact that the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is right. The second access road is an important arterial road that is required for the people of that particular region. Therefore we

must not spare any effort in achieving that objective. I think that scoring points in this particular regard is nonsensical, because the funds of the Housing Development Board will not be able to sustain the total cost, even with the best will in the world, of providing bridging finance for the second access road.

this because a local authority, the DSB, wanted this road. That is why we are doing it. I am not interested in who benefits from it, apart from the public. Some will benefit and some will not. It all depends on how one approaches this thing.

However, I am not answerable to any individual businessman as far as this road is concerned. I responded to a request made by the DSB and I can also tell hon members at this point in time that the local authority, the city council of Durban, is working out how this whole matter may be resolved to the satisfaction of the House of Delegates, because the city council of Durban and the DSB will each accept responsibility for their share.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE It was on 4 April 1991

What we have done, is to bring some relief where it is possible. Where it is difficult or impossible, we make the effort, as the hon the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture has indicated. We will try our best to do it, but again I want to reiterate that we are not building roads because there are certain businesses there. As I said, the only thing that will be next to this second access road to Chatsworth is a cemetery. That can be a business for some people, and nobody will stop one from becoming an undertaker.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Even if it was on 4 April, I am sure that if a massive commercial development was being planned next to the new road, bridging finance would have been provided. If one wants to talk about priorities, the cost in respect of the new plans contained in the new drawings will be more or less the same as that in respect of the Shallcross link road. Even if it means R10 million [Interjections] It is not a question of sucking up to people, but of what lies next to the road. The question is: What is the motivation? [Time expired]

Debate concluded

[Time expired]

#### QUESTIONS

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For oral reply

Own Affairs

Precedence given to Questions Nos 4 to 6 on Own Affairs

Certain organisation request for financial assistance

\*4 Mr E JOOSAB asked the Minister of Health Services and Welfare

The road which has been authorised, linking Chatsworth Central with Shallcross, will certainly take the pressure off the Higginson Highway. That road in fact meets with the Sarma arterial road, which in turn goes right through to Edwin Swales. In the case of an emergency, people from there can go to Merebank, Jacobs and Durban.

Whether his Department has received a request for financial assistance from a certain organisation, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if so, (a) when, (b) what purpose of his reply, if so, (a) when, (b) what (1) were the reasons for and (11) was his

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General Affairs

Allocation of land/houses: responsibility

\*1 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing:

- (1) Whether his Department will be responsible for administering the allocation of land and/or houses after the repeal of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, if not, which Government Department will be charged with this responsibility; if so, to what extent,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING (for the Minister of Planning Provincial Affairs and National Housing)

- (1) The present constitutional arrangements in this regard remain unchanged
- (2) In terms of Item 5 of schedule 1 of the Republic of South Africa Constitution Act, 1983, community development housing and the development of land, is regarded as an own affair and the various own affairs departments will continue to administer it. The functions of the Department of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing provincial administrations and the Department of Development Aid in respect of housing and the development of land, will likewise be maintained pending the rationalising of functions and deliberations with a view to a new constitutional dispensation

VAT: service charges on municipal houses

\*2 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Who will be responsible, once value-added tax has been introduced, for paying service charges on municipal houses in cases where prices of houses have not been finalised because of delays by the

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Minister of Housing or municipality concerned,

- (2) whether he will make a statement on the procedure that will be followed in this regard?

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The MINISTER OF FINANCE

- (1) Rental of dwellings used for accommodation of a natural person is exempt from value-added tax and municipal rates are not subject to the tax. The supply of services such as water, electricity, gas, sewerage and refuse removal is, however, subject to the tax. The person responsible for the payment of the tax to the State is the person supplying such services. He will normally recover the tax from the person to whom he supplies the goods or services in the consideration he charges for the services
- (2) No. The procedure to be followed depends on the contractual relationship between the supplier of the service and the person to whom the service is rendered

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Charman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is it not correct that he once stated in the Chamber of Parliament that even he does not clearly understand the VAT details? [Interjections]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE Sir, if the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition did not see my tongue in my cheek, it is not my problem! [Interjections] I would gladly have myself subjected to cross-questioning in any circle. However, I must add that if it were expected of me to become so *au fait* with taxes at the lowest accounting level, I would seek other employment, because then I would act as a consultant, and it would not be necessary for me to work at my present salary! [Interjections]

Control of medicines: stock/agricultural remedies

\*3 Mr N JUMUNA asked the Minister of National Health:

- (1) Whether she intends to extend the control exercised over human and veterinary medicines in terms of the provisions of the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, No 101 of 1965, to include stock

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remedies and agricultural remedies presently controlled in terms of the provisions of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, No 36 of 1947, if not, why not, if so, (a) why and (b) what are the relevant details,

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

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The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

- (1) No, there is clear differentiation between a stock remedy and an agricultural remedy on the one side and a veterinary medicine on the other side, according to the respective Acts. They exclude each other,
- (2) no

Mr N JUMUNA Mr Charman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, will she agree that the deletion of the reference to Act 36 of 1947 from Schedule 1 to the Medicines and Related Substances Control Bill, will extend control of Act 101 of 1965 to include stock remedies and agricultural remedies? I have the deletion from Schedule 1 here with me

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH Mr Charman, I shall have a look at the explanation put to me by the hon member. However, I stand by the explanation provided by my technicians, namely that one excludes the other

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Own Affairs

Second access road in Chatsworth: procedure

1. The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether he intends following the same procedure in regard to the second access road in Chatsworth as he did in regard to providing the Chatsworth/Shallcross link road; if not, why not,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

D215E INT

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Charman, the answer is no. The provision of this road is the responsibility of the Durban City Council which mooted the road as an essential requirement when the plans for the development of Chatsworth were formulated

The answer to the second part of the question is no

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Charman, I am surprised that the hon the Minister now says that matter is the responsibility of the Durban City Council. This interpellation is linked to the Shallcross link road which, by virtue of the statement made by the hon the Deputy Minister on 23 May 1991 in this House at the request of the hon the Minister of Housing, is also the responsibility of local government bodies, one of which is the Durban City Council. That is why a loan arrangement was being negotiated

If, however, one were to put the Shallcross link road and the Chatsworth second access road on a scale, the importance of the Chatsworth second access road would far outweigh that of the Shallcross link road. What we want to know is why there are differences in approach. Why are there double standards? According to the last submission made by the hon the Minister of Housing at the housing advisory committee meeting held in Durban, there is a new designed road. Consequently the question of the new designed road cutting across the Stanbank Nature Reserve is no longer an obstacle

I think this House and the community deserve an explanation in that the Chatsworth second access road is a direct link to Chatsworth which is a resettlement housing scheme in respect of which the Durban City Council is only the agent of the State. Therefore, one has to consider, on the one hand, a small population which is benefiting and on the other, the welfare and the benefit of approximately a quarter of a million of South Africa's people

I find it strange and unacceptable that the Department of Housing has not undertaken to appoint consultants to go on tender in order to award contracts in respect of the Chatsworth second access road where we accept that the

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

POWERFUL extra-parliamentary organisations, including the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party, have vowed to block any attempt to develop vacant land in Durban's Block AK for purely business purposes

And with a provision of the recently passed Abolition of Racially Based Land Measures Bill, which allows for the limited redressing of imbalances caused by the Group Areas Act, it appears they now have the legal means to make good their promise.

Both the ANC and IFP view the area (reminiscent of Pageview) as a powerful symbol of apartheid's failure

Any development that did not include a residential component to at least symbolically redress apartheid's wrongs would be seen as "licenced

# ANC, IFP will fight 'licenced land theft'

SOWETAN Correspondent

theft" and strenuously opposed. (125)

The announcements follow opposition by some businesses in the area to a proposal announced last week by representatives of the Durban economic development programme, Operation Jumpstart, to develop

low-income and middle-income housing, including limited business elements, on the land

Several of the businesses operating in the area have said they would prefer to see the area developed solely for commercial use.

The ANC and Inkatha, along with numerous residents' associations, have in principal endorsed Jumpstart's proposal.

They view the limited business element as an acceptable compromise because it would serve to subsidise the lower-income housing aspect of the scheme

But they are vehemently opposed to a development which would involve business only and exclude middle-income and low-income housing

"It would be political idiocy and licenced theft to grant the land entirely for business purposes," said Mr Errol Goetsch, head of social research at the Inkatha Institute.

"If business gets the land, it will be an awful slap in the face for its original inhabitants

"There are now mechanisms to block such a move and if no one else did, we certainly would"

ANC sources have indicated that it too would step in to oppose a purely business development

Sowetan 19/6/91

Administrations or Administration  
House of Delegates

(3) Members of the Ministers' Council of the House of Delegates are entitled to furnished official residences in both Cape Town and Durban Office-bearers have the option to reside in either State accommodation or private residences. Should office-bearers choose to reside in their private residences the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs will, subject to certain conditions, compensate office-bearers for the use of their private residence as official residences. Such compensation consists of Basic rental for the use of the residence, general maintenance, use of own furniture, cleaning and gardening services as well as actual expenditure on municipal services and rates and taxes. The compensation is paid throughout the year as State-owned residences are continuously at the disposal of office-bearers.

**Offences relating to Mandrax: arrests**

19 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Law and Order

(a) How many arrests were made in Chatsworth in respect of offences relating to Mandrax during the period 1 January 1991 up to the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b)(i) how many Mandrax tablets were confiscated during this period and (ii) what is the monetary value of these tablets?

D207E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a) 67

(b) (i) 815 Tablets and 7 capsules  
(ii) Approximately R28 405,00

Note

The figures are furnished for the period 1 January 1991 until 12 June 1991

SAP: fraudulent claims in film industry

20 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether the South African Police have been investigating a claim by the Department of

Home Affairs that certain film producers or distributors submitted fraudulent claims for the payment to them of film subsidies, if so, what are the relevant details? D209E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes, it is alleged that false claims with regard to 64 films were submitted by 26 film producers and distributors, as a result of which approximately R12 million was paid out as film subsidies. The investigation of this matter is of great magnitude and is expected to carry on for quite a while.

*Written replies to questions set down for oral reply on Tuesday, 25 June 1991*

**SABC extension of Radio Lotus service**

\*1 Mr E JOOSAB asked the Minister of Home Affairs

- (1) Whether he or his Department has received any representations to request the SABC to extend the Radio Lotus service to the Cape and Eastern Transvaal, if so, what result,
- (2) whether this request has been conveyed to the SABC, if not, why not, if so, with what result,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D212E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

- (1), (2) and (3)

Except for a request addressed to me by the hon member for Eastern Transvaal on behalf of the hon member for Rylands during the debate on the Budget Vote Home Affairs on 5 June 1991 to extend the services of Radio Lotus to the Cape Province, no representations were received by me or my Department. The SABC itself has received requests in the past from Indian cultural leaders and listeners to extend the Radio Lotus service to other areas in South Africa, including the Cape and Eastern Transvaal.

The Indian communities of the Cape and the rural parts of Transvaal do not receive the Radio Lotus broadcasting service as the provision and hire of additional transmitters for the coverage of the relatively small Indian communities in these geographically large areas is not economically viable.

It is estimated that the introduction of such a service would almost double the present costs of broadcasting. Since the introduction of Radio Lotus it has never shown an operating profit and the suggested extension would require abnormally large subsidies to serve an estimated 16% of the total Indian community of South Africa.

Radio Lotus presently reaches approximately 84% of the total Indian population.

In an attempt to alleviate the problem for the communities which do not receive the normal Radio Lotus programmes, a special two-hour programme is broadcast on Sundays from 11 00 to 13 00 on the transmitters of Radio Lotus and Radio 2000 at a cost of approximately R180 000 per annum. It is also important to note that no additional income is obtained from advertisers in these regions.

**Fraud in film industry: legal action**

\*2 Mr E JOOSAB asked the Minister of Home Affairs

Whether, with reference to recent allegations that certain members of the film industry submitted fraudulent claims to his Department for the payment to them of film subsidies, he intends taking legal action against the persons concerned, if not, why not, if so, (a) what legal action, (b) when and (c) against whom? D213E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

Yes

(a) The Department has instituted civil and criminal actions and will continue to do so, depending on the ongoing departmental and police investigations.

(b) This is done on an ongoing basis whenever investigations are completed.

(c) It is deemed not expedient to divulge names of persons against whom legal steps have been instituted at this stage as none of the persons involved had an opportunity to reply in court to allegations made against them.

Natal Prov Executive Committee: certain members

\*3 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

- (1) Whether he will furnish information on the hours worked daily by and punctuality of a certain member of the Executive Committee of the Province of Natal, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if not, why not, if so, (a) what is this person's name, (b) how regularly is he present in his office in Pietermaritzburg and (c) how punctual is he in arriving at his office,
- (2) whether he has received any complaints in regard to the manner in which this person performs his official duties, if so, what is the nature of these complaints,
- (3) whether he has investigated or will investigate these complaints, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? D216E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

- (1) Yes

(a) Mr I Omar

(b) Whenever he is required to be present

(c) His punctuality is satisfactory

- (2) No Remainder of question falls away
- (3) Question falls away

**Own Affairs**

**Improper land/house allocations: legal action**

43 MR S PACHAI asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 33 on 21 May 1991 in connection with alleged improper land and house allocations in Richards Bay and Howick West, any legal action has as yet been taken against the 18 persons who had sub-let their accommodation, if not, why not, if so, (a) what are the names of these persons and (b)(i) when was legal action taken and (ii) what legal action was taken,
- (2) whether, in respect of this sub-letting, any improper enrichment took place, if so, (a) to what amount and (b) by whom,

- (3) (a) who are the three businessmen to whom improper allocations were established, (b) when will vacant land be allocated to them and (c)(i) as from what date were they required to pay market-related rentals and (ii) what are these rentals in each case?

D183E

- The MINISTER OF HOUSING
- (1) No As indicated in my reply to question No 33, the allocations were made on the basis of information contained in applications received which after the investigation proved to be false. The lease agreements have been terminated and the arrear rentals are being recovered departmentally, should any amounts be outstanding then these cases would be referred to the State Attorney
- (a) Falls away  
(b) (i) Falls away  
(ii) Falls away
- (2) Unknown  
(a) Falls away  
(b) Falls away
- (3) (a) The names will be made known to the Member of Parliament personally  
(b) when land becomes available in Brackenham Phase IV  
(c) (i) 1 March 1991  
(ii) The rentals paid will be furnished to the Member of Parliament personally

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## Housing race bar to go

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South  
18/7-24/7/91

THE Durban City Council is likely to scrap all race allocations in municipal accommodation when its Community Services Committee meets to discuss the issue this week.

Sources within the council said they believed that, with the scrapping of the Group Areas and Population Registration Acts, the council would have no option but to open all corporation-owned accommodation — not only in white areas.

The issue — which could become a national test case — was highlighted last month when Mr Colm Ogle applied for a council flat in Umbilo. He was refused because he was coloured and the Durban Housing Action Committee took legal action.



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its historical value of about R1,9m Their proposal, which has been put to the city's management committee, advocates establishing a low-to-medium-income residential area in Block AK, cross-subsidised by a commercial component

In this they have support from the ANC and Inkatha which, in a rare show of unity, have warned they will oppose any redevelopment without housing.

The political considerations are undoubtedly significant But what is at stake is rational town planning — Durban's orderly development should not be compromised by the emotions surrounding past injustices The outcome could create a precedent for the handling of other expropriation issues

This is recognised by Durban's management committee Chairman Derrick Watterson says the estates department has been instructed to try to secure the land from government at its historical price or, at the very least, at below market value However, he stresses this doesn't imply council endorsement of Jumpstart's proposals.

Developers appear split on the issue Sapo believes few would be interested in bidding for the site unless a deal is struck on the residential component. The opposing argument is that the resource would be better used if rezoned and sold for commercial development The substantially higher proceeds could then be ploughed into low-cost housing at other more appropriate sites, like Cato Manor

Organised commerce and industry endorses this view, saying the land should be put on the open market for commercial development ■

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DURBAN'S BLOCK AK (125) (22/6)

## **PUTTING IN PEOPLE**

**Durban City Council** has decided to hedge its bets until it has greater clarity on options for the controversial Block AK site just a stone's throw from Greyville racecourse

The area is, like Cape Town's District Six, a victim of the Group Areas Act — a mixed residential neighbourhood before government rezoned and expropriated it in the early Seventies Most dwellings were razed and redevelopment was frozen With the scrapping of the Act, Block AK has become the centre of a political, economic and emotional tug of war (*Property* May 31)

The basic argument, now that government (the House of Assembly) has agreed to sell the land, is whether there should be some form of market intervention, to redress the wrongs of apartheid past, or whether Block AK should simply be offered to the highest bidder in the private sector

Some members of the business community have reasons for opposing the free-market option Through an initiative known as Operation Jumpstart they want to promote rapid economic development and job creation in Durban — and so have become among the most vehement exponents of intervention The city, on the other hand, seems reluctant to take this route

Block AK is in the heart of one of Durban's commercial growth points so market forces should dictate zoning for offices or factories rather than homes In such circumstances the land should fetch about R20m

However, the jump-starters are adamant that government should not profit from apartheid and that the land should be sold at

## De Klerk helps pensioner get into hot water

DURBAN — A letter from Lilian Holtzkampf to the State President complaining about a lack of hot water in her block of flats received his personal attention recently *Star 24/8/91*

"At least they do help you if you write to them personally," she said, after the State President got the then Minister of Housing, Sam de Beer, to intervene on her behalf.

Mrs Holtzkampf's problems started when the ownership of her block of flats changed hands. *(125)*

"Within a few months the rents increased, but then there no hot water," she said *(500)*

She then reported the matter to the Department of Health and to the State President.

Within a month the hot water system was restored  
— Own Correspondent.

## Takeover (25)

called off 2/9/91

PRETORIA — The planned takeover by the homeless of 150 houses intended for Indian residents in Lotus Garden, near here, failed to materialise yesterday.

The campaign was apparently discouraged by a police presence at the outskirts of the Atteridgeville township, where a march to Lotus Gardens was to start.

The move was organised by the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation — Sapa

## DURBAN REDEVELOPMENT

**LA life**

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FM 20/9/91

**One of the last hotels left on Durban's Berea** has been sold for redevelopment as a retirement complex after notice has been negotiated with the 60 permanent residents

The sale of the Los Angeles Hotel to property developers Grovewalk Holdings caused a stir among the residents — mainly pensioners and students — particularly since they were given only a month's notice to find other accommodation DP MP for Durban Central, Peter Gastrow, took up the issue, arguing that pensioners would not have time to find somewhere else to live The University of Natal objected on the grounds that students staying in the hotel would have their end-of-year exams disrupted

Now it seems they will get a reprieve Grovewalk Holdings CE Gerard de Rauville says developers will consider postponing work on the hotel until the end of November and that accommodation will be sought and offered to people now in the hotel

The Los Angeles Hotel has become run down in recent years even though it occupies a prime site on the Berea, bordered by Musgrave and St Thomas roads Before buying the hotel, Grovewalk unsuccessfully applied to the province to have the land rezoned for commercial use with a proposal to build an office block Both the city council and provincial authorities, aware of the small pool of lettable accommodation in central Durban and the high rentals, argued that any development on the site should retain the residential character of the area

De Rauville says his company now plans to gut the hotel and develop a R15m, four-storey retirement village of about 150 units There are also plans for a landscaped park around the new complex

Grovewalk will not disclose what it paid for the 10 000 m<sup>2</sup> site but it is believed to be less than the R5m the owners of the hotel were asking

Closure of the hotel is being welcomed by many neighbouring property owners, including the nearby St Thomas's Anglican Church, which often complained of the patrons' late-night behaviour But the Los Angeles will be missed by the hundreds of lunchtime visitors who pack the hotel during the week to watch its popular strip shows ■

## From exile to Durban

*B.P. ay 16/10/91*  
Business Day Reporter

FORMERLY exiled South Africans are finding a haven in Durban, says RMS Syfrets residential property broker Kevin Dunkley.

"There are certainly people coming back as the political situation changes. Some whites have been frightened off but the reverse has also happened," he says.

Another significant development in Durban's residential property market is the movement of Indians closer to the city and their businesses as the Group Areas Act becomes history.

Post-Group Areas buying is also pushing up prices in Berea, Dunkley says.

# Land and rental values are going up

(125) BIDWY 6/11/91

THE latest Russell Marriott & Boyd Trust (RMBT) industrial review indicates a rise in land and rental values, but mainly in the Johannesburg northern areas.

This compares with virtually no movement in the previous quarter, says RMBT industrial manager Simon Noyes-Lewis

"Average rentals for areas such as Eastgate and Wynberg have risen by about 4% to R11,50/m<sup>2</sup> and R11,00/m<sup>2</sup> respectively, with land values increasing about 2% to R215/m<sup>2</sup> and R210/m<sup>2</sup>."

Other industrial areas had remained fairly static except for Isando, where increasing demand had pushed values up to more than R100/m<sup>2</sup>.

"The review may mislead those

who are still not aware of the inclusion of VAT for land sales and rentals. VAT may be deducted where buyers or tenants are registered for VAT and, because most are, the effect of VAT on these values is negligible," Noyes-Lewis says

Optimism in the market is spreading as demand improves, with the feeling that values will start rising considerably by the middle of 1992, he adds

Propco director Grant McLeod says prime industrial properties in Durban are in good demand, with investors seeking opportunities to place "abundant funds".

"Institutions and private investors still have an enormous amount of money to invest, but prime properties are in short supply and those that

come on the market are quickly taken," he says

The RMBT survey shows land values in the Durban region vary from R5,50/m<sup>2</sup> in Hammarsdale to R220/m<sup>2</sup> in Springfield Park.

A modern, purpose-built factory at Springfield Park was recently sold by Durban-based industrial property brokers Propco to a McWilliam-Murray investment syndicate for R1,6m

"Terms include a leaseback over five years with escalation at 12% and an option for a further five years. The factory has 1 700m<sup>2</sup> under cover with 240m<sup>2</sup> of carpeted, air-conditioned offices," McLeod says.

In another sale, a 1,5ha property with two road frontages at Mkonjeni in Maritzburg was sold for R1,15m to a local industrial developer.

## **DURBAN**

### Buying homes no longer a novelty

South 5/9-11/9/91. (122) (125)

**B**UYING HOMES in white suburbs for blacks is no longer the novelty it was before the scrapping of the Group Areas Act. This was said by Mr Mike Helman, owner of Helman Properties which sells homes to black people in places like Westville, Cowies Hills and Sherwood.

Despite the 7-000 properties available in Westville, only about 60 black families live in the area, he said

He estimated that there were about 400 Indian families living in white areas and attributed the slow influx to "tradition" and the huge costs of buying a decent home.

A black Westville resident, Mr Loyal Ndwandwe, said: "Black people are still coming here in dribs and drabs. The high prices involved in buying a decent house tend to work against the good intentions of the scrapping of the Group Areas Act."

Mr Vick Henry of Viking Real Estate Agents, who specialise in selling in black areas, said no white people had approached his company to buy houses there.

His company was, however, selling houses to black people in the satellite areas close to black townships — *New African*

RESIDENTIAL

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## Sugar coating

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**Moreland Estates**, a subsidiary of the giant Tongaat-Hulett Group, is to establish a new town north of Durban, centered around two golf course estates

The development will be an expansion of what is now the company village of Mt Edgecombe

The development's first phase, of about 240 houses, is scheduled for completion by the end of next year. The second phase will include a new golf course adjacent to Mt Edgecombe Country Club course. About 740 houses in total will be built around the golfing facilities. An application to establish Mt Edgecombe as a separate local authority is being processed and proclamation is expected before the end of the year.

At the same time, the group's property development company, Moreland Estates, is selling prime sites overlooking Umhlanga Rocks, probably the most sought-after land

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around Durban. Though not yet officially launched, 56 of the 86 phase one sites at Umhlanga Ridge have already been bought for prices starting at R140 000 and going up to R200 000. The 31 ha of Tongaat-Hulett-owned land making up Umhlanga Ridge is worth about R30m and has been divided into 177 sites. Most have sea views.

"We've been pleasantly surprised by the take-up so far. It certainly bucks the trend," says Moreland Estates marketing manager Rob Raven.

The agricultural and industrial conglomerate has over the years established several towns in Natal but the Mt Edgecombe development will be the first not directly related to Tongaat-Hulett's sugar activities.

With land holdings of more than 50 000 ha in the province, observers have been wondering when and whether the group would begin selling some of it near Durban. In a recent report by Frankel Max Pollak Vinderine, analyst Teigue Payne notes the potential return for Tongaat-Hulett in selling some of its extensive land holdings.

He warns that land not being fully used could be targeted by a future government for housing.

Moreland Estates development director Helgaard Botha says there are plans to develop an industrial base and housing for a wide economic spectrum in the Mt Edgecombe area. "We see Mt Edgecombe playing a similar role on the northern corridor of Durban as Pinetown does on the western corridor," he adds.

Initial work has been done to upgrade the Mt Edgecombe Country Club at a cost of about R2,5m. This includes rebuilding all the greens to meet US Golf Association specifications, designing four new holes and a new irrigation system, and building a new pro shop and refreshment centre.

Work is due to start on the first phase around the existing golf course next month and a show village should be ready by the end of March. Starting prices will be around R300 000 for a two-bedroom, two-bathroom unit on sectional title.

Phase two will be the new golf course, expected to cost about R7m, and about 500 more houses.

"We want to position ourselves quite differently to other golf course estates," says Botha. "We will aim less at corporate clients and believe our market will be primarily residential. Security is an important feature and the entire estate will be fenced and have electronic security."

There will be some control of exterior features of the houses which, Botha says, will be in Victorian style. For example, no internal fencing will be erected and the colour of roofs will be standard.

Independent businessmen involved in property believe the concept is good and Moreland Estates will be able to attract a permanent residential market because of the estate's closeness to both Durban and Umhlanga Rocks. They note that the development also fits the current trend of families

moving out of houses into townhouse complexes for better security.

Moreland Estates has spent about R3,5m on the land at Umhlanga Ridge, including R500 000 on landscaping. Besides the usual services, features include a pond at the entrance and fountain in the centre of the development, brick-paved roads, cluster street lights and wrought-iron benches.

Plots vary from 1 250 m<sup>2</sup> to 1 900 m<sup>2</sup> ■



The need for whites to resist

# Squatters must go, says mine hostel's owner

B11200 31/12/91 (125) (244)

VERA VON LIERES

ABOUT 700 squatters due to be evicted this week from Durban Roodepoort Deep gold mine's A hostel had appealed to government for a reprieve, a spokesman for the group said yesterday

However, a Durban Deep spokesman said the mine needed the accommodation for its own employees and their families and had told squatters it would stand by an eviction order awarded by the Supreme Court

Vulindlela United Community of SA president Eric Ntshigela said his organisation — established in 1989 as a result of mass demolition of shacks in the PWV area — was acting on behalf of squatters and had asked for the deadline to be extended to January 31

## Intervene

It had appealed to Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wesels, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee and Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel to intervene in postponing the eviction

The squatters — among them a small percentage of miners — had to leave the mine premises by January 2 in terms of the court order granted to the company on December 4, Ntshigela said. He said the organisation was only informed of the eviction date two weeks before Christmas and had been unable to make arrange-

ments to help people due to be evicted

The Durban Deep spokesman said the squatters "took it upon themselves to occupy the hostel when a Mr Jack Morebudi approached the mine about a year ago to purchase the hostel" The sale had not materialised

The building had been extensively vandalised and numerous attempts by the mine management to solve the problem had failed. Overcrowding and unhygienic conditions had left management with no alternative but to approach the court for relief, the spokesman said

"Management is prepared to provide transport for A hostel occupants and their belongings to within a radius of a 100km in order to facilitate a smooth evacuation"

The judge had asked the mine to defer eviction until the beginning of January because of the approaching Christmas season, the spokesman said. Although management had been asked for a further deferment it had indicated to the squatters that it would stand by the court order

"The mine intends to repair the damage and convert the hostel into married accommodation for its own employees as soon as it is practically possible"

Ntshigela said possible options available to squatters included accommodation in Nigel and in Pootjie, near Lenasia

## Incidence of flu declines

SUSAN RUSSELL

THE number of South Africans falling prey to winter ailments, such as colds and flu, is declining, a survey has found

The four-year study by consumer research company Research Surveys has monitored the use and awareness of a comprehensive range of cold and flu remedies among 800 black and 800 white women over the age of 18 in major metropolitan areas

Research Surveys director Binky Kellas said the incidence of colds and flu among white respondents had decreased from 58% in 1988 to 51% in 1991. While the incidence of winter ailments was generally higher among black respondents, there had also been a decline in this group

"In 1988 about 66% of black female respondents suffered from winter related illnesses, compared with 55% in 1991"

Generally the winter of 1991 was not severe and "it is hypothesised that the severity of the symptoms of the ailments was lower"

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**Showing the way** (224)

**While political** parties wrangle over the intricacies of running a nonracial SA, a Natal community has set up its own form of grassroots multiracial government

Westgate, a former white Maritzburg suburb of about 1 500 households, has become predominantly black since the beginning of the reform process. It is now establishing a neighbourhood charter which it hopes will give it considerable control over its own affairs.

The experiment is based on establishing "cells" of about 10 homes which set out their own rules — a mixture between a body corporate in a townhouse complex and a neighbourhood watch. These cells then appoint representatives to a neighbourhood committee, which, in turn, lobbies the official ward councillor to gain influence at a municipal level. However, it is possible, under existing municipal legislation, that the cells could in future be given the authority to create some of their own by-laws.

Ironically, according to the ward councillor George de Beer, an independent, the area used to be largely conservative. But that began to change even before the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, with other races buying through nominees. There was another surge of buying and an influx of black tenants when the Act was scrapped.

It is estimated that 60% of the community is now black, says De Beer. "These blacks had no official representation and I started canvassing the idea of a neighbourhood charter to give them a voice about five months ago. The result was the establishment of a steering committee of four blacks and three whites. On their recommendation, the inaugural committee of the Southgate Neighbourhood Charter was officially formed at a meeting a fortnight ago attended by 450 to 500 people."

The name Southgate was chosen in preference to Westgate because it covers more than one geographical area.

"Now begins the hard work of getting the rest of the community to adopt the concept," says De Beer.

A commentary on the success of the racial integration of the area is that in 1989, average house valuations in Westgate were about R80 000. These dropped to about R50 000 when the Group Areas Act was scrapped. Now, in spite of the depressed state of the housing market, they have bounced back to

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their 1989 levels, according to De Beer (125)

This small experiment in a tiny corner of the country does two things: it indicates that the spirit of reform, reconciliation and negotiation are filtering down to grassroots level and it flashes a clear signal to rightwing and other sceptics that South Africans of all races can live together in harmony. ■

# A change of style, but not of heart

**A**RMED with maps and reams of paper promises, the Clairwood Ratepayers' Association this month prepared for another battle in its ongoing war to win services for the township from the Durban City Council

But the charges of mismanagement and neglect it directed at the council were countered by the management committee's latest weapons — reason and pragmatism

Wielding these to great effect, committee chairman Peter Mansfield charged to the moral highground "The management committee recognises Clairwood has been treated disgracefully in the past and is ready to discuss ways to improve the lot of the residents," he said

The Durban City Council has always regarded Clairwood as an industrial area — despite the fact that some 300 families live there

Since before 1969, when the council froze development in the area, the families have had to use an antiquated bucket system of sewage removal, the roads have remained untarred and they have had no access to the finance needed to improve their homes. And while they have not received any services, they have had to pay the city industrial rates, which are substantially higher than residential rates

By the end of this month's meeting, not only had the management committee agreed to assist the residents while a waterborne sewage system is installed, it had also initiated a joint working group which will discuss how best to upgrade the area

Negotiations completed, civic activists who 18 months earlier had been dragged out of the city hall while protesting their living conditions stood chatting to suited city councillors once held responsible for those conditions

The Clairwood meeting represented a major change in attitude on the part of white city councils, which for decades have ignored the need for essential services in black townships

Among the civic associations affiliated to the Durban Housing Action Committee (DHAC) there is agreement that "there has been a change in the way the Durban City Council operates"

Says Peggy Pillay, of the Phoenix Working Committee "Now they respond to our memorandums, grant us meetings and co-operate with us where possible. Although they are not able to solve our problems, at least they are willing to negotiate with us"

However, despite this acknowledgement of a change of style, civic activists are not convinced there has been a change of heart "They are negotiating because of the changes in the country, not because they want to," says the Bayview Civic Association's Kevin Naidoo

Lacheesa Tsenoli, an executive member of the Lamontville Civic Association, adds "We are still dealing with the same little officials and during negotiations we often feel they are not part of the sprint abroad in the country"

Surprisingly, the deputy mayor of Durban, Margret Winter, is also reluctant to speak about a change of heart "I do not know about a change of heart, but there has been a recognition that civic associations are an important factor where before they were seen as a nuisance. There has been a basic change in philosophy in the council as to what is a ratepayer and we are prepared to look at the expenditure of the council in this light and be pragmatic"

Mansfield differs slightly "A gradual genuine change of heart is taking place under the present leadership of the council. However, while the officials of Durban may be happy to move forward, many councillors do not want to look at the future," he says

Mansfield's last point may be the key to the different signals the council is sending to civic associations. While some members of the management committee and its present leadership may be committed to change, it still has to win the support of the majority of councillors to

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implement any action decided upon — a task Mansfield describes as "sometimes near impossible"

One solution is a non-racial city council, allowing the black townships, which have no representation on the council, a decision in the sharing of the city's resources. Last year, in a step towards this solution, the DHAC began to campaign for a single democratic city

According to DHAC fieldworker Trevor Bonhomme, the campaign is presently being

revitalised "Work on the campaign stopped in November last year as we were drawn into the establishment of a national civic structure," he says, "but we have started meeting again"

By November, a meeting of 297 organisations which supported the campaign had established a committee to co-ordinate work. Explaining the large number of organisations involved, Bonhomme says "We want to develop the campaign from the bottom up so everybody understands what is meant by an open city and so joint pressure is applied to the local authorities"

DHAC treasurer Ishmael Marahaj says he does not see a return to campaigning and protest as a step back from negotiation "There is nothing stopping the city council from scrapping the local authorities councils and taking other steps towards a non-racial city council. If they are not prepared to enter into genuine negotiations, we will resort to mass action," he warns

Winter suggests the formation of a forum of "civic and political groups which will decide jointly the future of the city", adding that "such a

forum is on the cards"

The DHAC has already entered discussions with the city council about a non-racial housing list and the review of city by-laws

Citing the example of a by-law which forbids horses to wander loose in the city, Winter explains "There are a number of antiquated city by laws in force which affect everybody's lives. We want to draw everyone in the city into reviewing these laws"

Even if civic associations do not have strong views on horses' right of access to the city, horse-trading with the city council will be a new experience for both the civics and the management committee

Says Mansfield "We are operating from different perspectives. The civics are sometimes hyper-democratic, which could be a result of a lack of decision-making experience, but they have brought us a concern with accountability that has been lacking in local government. We will most likely end with a compromise between the two"

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# Osizweni residents cry foul

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By THEMBA KHUMALO

RESIDENTS of Osizweni Unit D in Newcastle are up in arms over defective houses which they bought from KwaZulu's Finance Investment Corporation (KFC).

Besides complaining about the lack of electricity, they say their roofs leak and there are no ceilings and bedroom doors

Residents have not paid their monthly premiums for 14 months in protest at these conditions.

Vice president of the Civic Association of Northern Natal, Bongani Malevu, said most residents in the area were unhappy with their houses.

KFC spokesman and head of Madadeni township's housing department, L Dixon, conceded the houses were defective, but said there were ongoing meetings with residents to address the issue.

Dixon said plans were afoot for Eskom to take over the electricity project in Unit D. The Independent Development Corporation would also help improve the standard of the houses.

# Muslims angry over council's slaughter ban

St Times 23/2/92 (125)

MUSLIMS in Natal are so angry about a proposed ban on the slaughtering of animals during religious festivals that they plan to complain to President FW de Klerk

The Muslim community of Westville, a multiracial suburb lying between Durban and Pinetown, are furious about a decision by the all-white Westville borough prohibiting them from slaughtering animals in their gardens during religious ceremonies.

The controversy follows two incidents when the town council:

- Ordered the local mosque to tone down its loudspeakers after complaints from white residents about the "noise level" of azaan, the Muslim call to prayer.

## Challenge

- Attempted to outlaw fireworks during Diwali, a Hindu religious celebration.

"This is not acceptable," said Mr Yacoob Dasoo, chairman of the Westville Local Affairs Committee

"The prohibition of the slaughter of animals is going to reach the ears of President De Klerk."

"This may become a national issue affecting Muslims in other towns.

"We will not toe the line. I challenge health inspectors to prosecute me."

Mr Dasoo, head of the faculty of engineering at

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ML Sultan Technikon, said Muslims in the old Indian section of Westville had slaughtered animals for almost 20 years without any complaints

But the issue attracted attention after Muslims, who bought homes in Westville previously owned by whites, began slaughtering animals in their backyards.

"It became an issue after neighbours complained to the borough and the SPCA. The finance and policy committee drafted a by-law prohibiting the slaughter of animals without consulting us," Mr Dasoo said

He said this year Muslims would perform the sacrifice during June.

"Whites want to maintain the status quo and expect everyone else to live by their standards and morality. They have to be tolerant to a changing political and cultural society," he added.

# Hostel leaders to meet in Durban

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THE South African Hostel Dwellers Association is to launch a programme to upgrade hostels and improve the lives of hostel dwellers throughout South Africa

Announcing the programme at a news briefing in Durban yesterday, Saha spokesman John Hlongwa appealed to hostel leaders throughout the country to send two delegates to a meeting in KwaMashu to launch the upgrading of hostels countrywide

The meeting will be held at KwaMashu Hostel's Rotary Stadium on Sunday Hlongwa said the meeting would discuss the upgrading and cleaning of hostels and the effects of violence on hostel dwellers - Sapa



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cost housing, to cater for families as referred to above (125)

**The MINISTER OF HOUSING** Mr Chairman, for the information of hon members, these two areas are within Chatsworth as we know it, and not outside. If we could lay our hands on that land, we could make a contribution towards housing people in the low-income group.

**The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, notwithstanding the fact that this is a local authority project, would the hon the Minister accept that this is part of a resettlement scheme of the former Department of Community Development? In view of this, would the hon the Minister agree that there is a moral obligation on the part of the House of Delegates to assist?

**The MINISTER** Mr Chairman, there is no question about that. We are all in agreement on that. I should just like to reassure the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition that we have been talking about Welbedacht. In addition to that, I am talking about land that is within the area of Chatsworth as we know it. A report is being sent out and I shall be able to indicate at some time in the near future what progress we can make with this. I am optimistic that we have an answer in that area, if we can lay our hands on that land very quickly.

I do not want to refer to the area in question, because I might be laying myself open to criticism.

#### Dental facility: Durban-Westville

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(1) Whether a final decision has been taken on the establishment of a dental facility at the University of Durban-Westville, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,

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

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**The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE**

(1) No, a final decision has not been taken.

(2) Yes. This Department has established the need norm to erect a 61 chair dental

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training hospital and the University has agreed in principle to bear proportional costs as required by the Department of National Education.

The Cabinet has placed a moratorium on the building of any new hospitals. The Department of National Health and Population Development has ratified the need norms and all documentation is in their possession for transmission to Central Treasury and Cabinet for a decision. The academic norms have also been submitted.

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, would he give this House an indication of when the Treasury is expected to take that decision?

**The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE** Mr Chairman, once the Cabinet has decided on the moratorium I presume the Treasury will release that information. The Treasury has advised that no further action can be taken until the moratorium has been lifted. This matter is going to be submitted to the Cabinet. We hope that the financial position in the country will result in the lifting of the moratorium on not only this hospital, but also others.

**The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** Mr Chairman, I do not want to ask a question, but I suggest that the hon the Minister check his facts.

Mr M MOHANLALL Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, am I to understand that the hon the Minister has indicated that there is a moratorium on the building of new hospitals?

**The MINISTER** Mr Chairman, according to the Cabinet decision there is a moratorium on all hospitals. May I also say that as far as my facts are concerned, a decision in principle was taken by the Cabinet.

**The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION** That is a final decision, a monetary decision [Interjections.]

**The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE** Order! The hon the Minister is speaking.

**The MINISTER** If the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition has any other facts which

could possibly assist us, I am quite amenable to accept that.

Mr M MOHANLALL Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, it is a pity that in reply to my question he brought in other aspects, thus deviating from the essence of my question. Do I understand that the Phoenix Hospital will not be put up?

**The MINISTER** Mr Chairman, I am not in a position to say "yes" or "no" with regard to that matter. As I said, the Cabinet will have to decide on these matters. Representations with regard to all hospitals are with the Cabinet at present.

For written reply

General Affairs

Crime statistics: Sydenham police station

9 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Law and Order

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) burglary of residential premises, (g) robbery with aggravating circumstances, (h) robbery, (i) common theft, (j) theft of vehicles and cycles, (k) possession of drugs and (l) dealing in drugs were reported at the Sydenham police station in the Durban police district in 1991?

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**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER**

(a) 41  
(b) 34  
(c) 150  
(d) 329  
(e) 27  
(f) 547  
(g) 129  
(h) 13  
(i) 524  
(j) 175  
(k) 107  
(l) 172

Note.

(j1) — vehicles

(j2) — bicycles

Crime statistics: Reservoir Hills/Newlands/Asherville/Overport

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**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER**

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|-----|-----------------|----------|----------|
| (a) | 45              | 13       | 41       |
| (b) | 54              | 12       | 34       |
| (c) | 98              | 23       | 150      |
| (d) | 424             | 200      | 329      |
| (e) | 50              | 25       | 27       |
| (f) | 206             | 67       | 76       |
| (g) | 298             | 72       | 142      |
| (h) | 324             | 288      | 175      |
| (i) | 502             | 152      | 231      |
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| (k) | 130             | 106      | 172      |

Note

Reservoir Hills and Asherville fall under Sydenham, Newlands falls under Greenwood Park and Overport falls under Mayville police stations. These figures include White areas.

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The hon the Minister will be taking the in-service programmes yet another step into the future when he signs the accord with his counterpart in the KaNgwane Government on 28 April this year. Other Black governments such as KwaNdebele, Venda, Gazankulu, Ciskei, Bophuthatwana and Lebowa have shown a keen interest in allowing the poorly qualified or unqualified teachers in service to take advantage of the training programmes offered by our Department of Education and Culture by means of tele-tuition.

These in-service teacher training programmes are the fundamental blocks in nation-building. We have the expertise of highly trained and experienced professional and administrative staff to assist our long deprived Black countrymen in their quest for quality education. With the drop in numbers for our requirement of teachers, we also have available ample material resources which could be utilised in the in-service programmes. The hitherto so-called Indian education is now becoming truly national, or should I say international.

Hon members must also note that the Black states participating in this in-service programme are willing to pay for the service. The KwaZulu Government is paying more than R1 million for the training of approximately 500 teachers a year. Hence, we must refrain from complaining that we have been charitable and that that is why we are so short of funds.

The goodwill generated by these in-service programmes is tremendous. It is to the distinct credit not only of the teaching fraternity, but of the Indian community as a whole. [Time expired.]

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, I was very pleased to hear that very positive contribution by the hon member for Montford. I must agree with what has been said in this interpellation thus far. The Springfield College of Education has played a very important role in the history of teacher training in this country. I believe it is also playing a very important role in the training of Black teachers, and we appreciate that.

However, with great respect, I do not agree with the submission made by the hon the Minister that it would make economic sense to increase our facilities at Springfield rather than to encourage the University of Durban-Westville to enlarge its

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intake of students who would like to qualify for the teaching diplomas there.

I say this, because it does not really matter in the final analysis whether costs are portioned over various disciplines. What is important, however, is the total cost that would be attributable to a particular programme. [Time expired.]

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE Mr Chairman, I would like to thank the hon member for Montford who made some positive news known in this House. It is definitely understood that the Department is looking to sister departments to help with teacher training. The Cabinet has agreed that the KaNgwane people in particular should look to our department for upward mobility for the teachers. I appreciate that call.

I would like to dwell a bit more on what the hon member for Springfield has said. I understand that he is looking at rationalisation and at whether it will be cheaper to expand the facilities at the University of Durban-Westville rather than to expand the facilities at the Springfield College of Education. Let us look at this in a table-top situation.

Facilities at the Springfield College of Education do exist. Buildings have been built there for the past 20 years. To erect a structure such as the University of Durban-Westville today will cost more than R150 million. There is no point in saying one should put the structure there. We have the structure here. The administrative factors should rather be transferred and the University of Durban-Westville should control them as off-shoot campuses. That would be better than to say one should build there now. That would not be prudent at all. [Interjections.]

Mr M RAJAB I did not say that. The MINISTER That is as I understand it. If that hon member means that we should expand the situation, we said it has already been accepted that we should have one tertiary institution for teacher training in South Africa and one certification. I agree with him in that particular regard. I think that will be most prudent for the future in South Africa.

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

Indicates translated version  
For oral reply  
Own Affairs

Teaching of Afrikaans: new policy

\*1 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) Whether a new policy regarding the teaching of Afrikaans has been introduced in schools under his control, if so, (a)(i) by whom, (ii) why and (iii) when was this policy introduced and (b) how will this change affect pupils in regard to Afrikaans as an official language.
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (1) No
- (2) Yes Towards the end of 1991, the Committee of Heads of Education Departments (CHED) released a Discussion Document on "A curriculum model for education in South Africa".

On the matter of languages, the model proposes the following for the future:  
Junior Primary Phase  
Class 1 1 or 2 languages  
Class 2 2 languages  
Class 3 2 languages from Afrikaans, English and an African language  
Senior Primary Phase  
Std 2 2 languages  
Thereafter 3 languages  
Junior Secondary Phase  
2 languages from English, Afrikaans and an African language  
An optional third language  
Senior Secondary Phase  
Sids 8 & 9 2 compulsory languages, and a third optional language, if desired

St 10 Only 1 language is compulsory

In its response to the above, the Department has recommended (to the Department of National Education—DNE) that there be just ONE compulsory language and that pupils be allowed to choose a second language from a list of optional languages, including the Indian languages and Arabic.

Housing needs: Chatsworth area

\*2 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Housing

Whether he recently carried out any on-the-spot inspections, or caused such inspections to be carried out, to determine the housing needs of the Chatsworth area, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) what were the findings?

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THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

- (a) Falls away
- (b) Falls away

I wish, however, to point out that on direction of my predecessor, the Deputy Minister of Housing recently has had a meeting with the Deputy Mayor of Durban, Senior Officials of the City Council and Members of the Southern Durban Local Affairs Committee to discuss various issues, inter alia, the provision of further low cost housing on remaining sites/land within Chatsworth. Following a number of subsequent inspections-in-loco by the Deputy Minister of Housing and others, certain sites within Chatsworth had been identified for this purpose.

Furthermore, my predecessor has taken a firm decision to proceed with low cost housing in the area contiguous to Croftdene and Westcliff to the east of the R K Khan Hospital and it is anticipated that the Local Authority, in the light of information presented to it, will release the sites in question to this Administration for the purpose of providing much needed low cost housing thereon.

It must also be made quite clear that it is the Local Authority's responsibility and obligation to provide low-cost housing for the needy.

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in the community, with the Administration House of Delegates merely acting as the funding authority

However, because the Local Authority in this instance, failed to take the necessary remedial action, the House of Delegates out of concern for the plight of those low-income families who desperately need to be assisted, decided to departmentally execute a housing project as indicated above

*(125)*  
The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Charman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware of the fact that, firstly, there was no request from the House of Delegates to take over these sites for low-cost housing, and secondly, a city councillor by the name of Mr Peter Corbett is adopting an obstructionist attitude, is playing cheap party politics and refuses to accede to the reasonable request of the LAC? In view of this, is the hon the Minister now prepared to wield the big stick and to use his powers in terms of the Housing Development Act (House of Delegates)?

The MINISTER Mr Charman, the Department of Housing is fully aware of the situation in Durban, and particularly in Chatsworth, and I want to tell the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition that a meeting is scheduled for this Friday to discuss two projects in Chatsworth. If the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition has any special matter to raise, he can write to us and we shall look into the matter and furnish him with an answer

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Charman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, and in view of the fact that when he was an ordinary member of Parliament he condemned the fact that a meeting of the Housing Advisory Committee was not called, is he now prepared to call a meeting to discuss this matter within 24 hours?

The MINISTER Mr Charman, although the question is not relevant to the issue under discussion [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order!

The MINISTER I want to assure hon members that only this morning the hon the Deputy Minister and I discussed this issue and hon members will be notified of that meeting in due course

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Community hall: Newlands West Area

\*3 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether he intends building a community hall in the Newlands West area, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) what are the other details in this regard,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? *(125)*

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) In view of the fact that the limited funds which are available in the Housing Development Fund, is urgently required to provide housing for the many poor families desperately awaiting a roof over their heads, Community Halls is not regarded as a priority

(a) Not applicable

(b) Not applicable

(2) No

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Charman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, in view of the fact that he indicated that there was a shortage of funds, will he demand the R5 million for the Shalcross Link Road to provide facilities such as this?

The MINISTER Mr Charman, I must again point out, with reference to precise thinking, that that question has no direct relevance to this issue. I made it clear that the Department of Housing has a policy with regard to such issues and we will pursue the matter. When funds are available, we shall certainly provide the hall

Mr K PANDAY Mr Charman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, would he say that community halls should not be built at all?

The MINISTER Mr Charman, the hon member misinterpreted my answer. I did not mean that at all, nor did I say that

Mr K PANDAY Mr Charman, will the hon the Minister agree that there is a need for a community hall in the very fast growing area of Newlands West?

The MINISTER Obviously and precisely

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Mr M MOHANLALL Mr Charman further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware that community halls are provided from what one calls community facility funds. These are collected over and above the sale price of the houses and over and above the rentals that are paid. Why can that money not be used to build such a hall? [Interjections]

The MINISTER Mr Charman, I ask the hon member for Clare Estate to pose that question to the local authority concerned

*(125)*  
Sandfields Primary School: representations

\*4 Mr M ABRAHAM asked the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture

Whether representations made by the Sandfields Primary School in Tongaat for land under the control of his Department to be used as school grounds have been referred to him, if so, (a)(i) by which Department of the Administration House of Delegates, (ii) why and (iii) when were they so referred and (b) what was his Department's response in this regard?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

No

(a) (i) Falls away

(ii) Falls away

(iii) Falls away

(b) The land which the Sandfields Primary School wishes to use as a sportsfield is presently zoned for special residential purposes. As soon as it has been rezoned for educational purposes the matter will be referred to me for final approval

I also wish to point out that the Principal of the School has been informed that the Department has no objection to the school using the property as a sportsfield in the meantime

Mr M RAJAB Mr Charman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, could he please tell this House when the principal was informed of that decision?

The MINISTER Mr Charman, I do not have the answer readily available, but I shall certainly

find out and inform the hon member of the facts he requires

Mr M ABRAHAM Mr Charman, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, he has just mentioned that he did not receive any representations from a school How, then, did he respond to the principal? [Interjections]

The MINISTER Mr Charman, it is very obvious that I assumed the position of Minister of this portfolio only very recently. I got this information from the Department and I think it is understandable that I do not have all the information at my disposal. I ask for hon members' understanding in this regard

Mr M ABRAHAM Mr Charman, I fully understand the hon the Minister's position. I shall take this matter further with him later

Sale of Stand 6876 Portions 3 and 7, Lenasia

\*5 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether Stand 6876 Portion 3 and Stand 6876 Portion 7 in Lenasia Township were sold by tender by his Department, if not, (a) why not and (b) how were they sold, if so, when,

(2) whether these stands were repossessed at any stage, if so,

(3) whether they were repossessed owing to the failure of the awardees to pay the tender price, if not, why were they repossessed, if so, what is the present status of these stands?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) No

(a) Both of these properties were sold by the former Community Development Board

(b) It is not clear from the records inherited from the former Department of Community Development whether the properties were sold by public tender. Portion 3 was sold on 23 April 1982 and Portion 7 was sold on 21 May 1982

(2) Yes

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(3) Both properties were repossessed because in each case the purchasers failed to comply with the two year building clause and the accounts were both in arrears

On 13 December 1991 the Housing Development Board approved the re-instatement of the original purchasers of each property subject to certain conditions. However, it was subsequently reported that both companies which were the original purchasers have been deregistered. The legal issues are being investigated at present by the Department and the properties are consequently not available for re-sale until these issues have been clarified.

Allocation of Stand 6870: Lenasia

\*6 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether Stand 6870 in Lenasia Township was allocated recently owing to representations made by a member of Parliament, if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, (a) what was the purport of these representations and (b)(i) when and (ii) to whom was the stand allocated,

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Charman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, does he have any knowledge of who the purchaser was?

THE MINISTER Mr Charman, if the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is seriously interested in the answer, I shall find out and let him know

Mr M RAJAB Mr Charman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, in which he said that some time in December 1991 the Housing Development Board decided to reallocate these two sites, could he tell this House on what basis that decision was taken?

THE MINISTER Mr Charman, I am not aware of the basis on which this was done, but I can find out from the legal advisers

Mr M RAJAB Mr Charman, in view of those circumstances, will the hon the Minister please communicate to me the full series of events relating to this matter

THE MINISTER Yes, I shall do that

Mr P PADAYCHEE Mr Charman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, does he know that, although the companies were deregistered, permission has now been given for Mr Thambi to purchase that site? Is the hon the Minister aware of that?

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Charman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he prepared to submit the first Minister of Housing in the House of Delegates to a judicial commission of inquiry?

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The MINISTER Mr Charman, that is a matter to be considered

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION The first Minister was a crook!

Allocation of Stand 6870: Lenasia

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(2) whether he will disclose the name of the member of Parliament in question, if not, why not, if so, what is his or her name?

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THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) No

On 23 August 1991 the Housing Development Board approved the sale of the property to Mr Y Govender. However, the Board's decision was not conveyed to Mr Govender because the Regional Representative of the Johannesburg office of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture reported to the Chairman of Board that Mr Govender had produced a Deed of Sale in respect of the property which was suspected to be fraudulent. The Chairman requested that the Board's decision be held in abeyance.

(2) Falls away

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

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Representations re private loan: Greylands housing project

\*7 Mr M ABRAHAM asked the Minister of Housing

Whether he has received any written representations from the Tongaat Town Board concerning a private loan for the financing of the Greylands housing project, if so, (a) when and (b) what was his Department's response in this regard?

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THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

Yes

(a) 10 December 1991

(b) The Department responded on 22 January 1992 by indicating that it would only be prepared to consider the request of the Town Council when a detailed revised development strategy, its

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financial implications and other relative information has been placed at its disposal. As a result of subsequent correspondence and meetings between officials of the Department and the Mayor of the relative Town Council and his officials, it has been decided to divide the proposed project into two phases for the sake of expediency. The first phase will comprise the acquisition of land and servicing of sites whilst the second phase, in the event of it being found viable, will involve the construction of houses.

The local authority's application will now be submitted for consideration by the Housing Development Board but on the basis that the local authority will procure the required private funding and be subject to the proviso that the required Housing Development Funds are available to underwrite the expected subsidy to the end user.

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NATAL SOUTH COAST

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**A seaside sale**

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**Seaside village** for sale complete with its own railway station, garage, caravan park and shops — lock, stock and beachfront. The price is a mere R8m. The railway station, alas, is not part of the property.

The village is Kelso — a relatively unspoiled 127 ha on the Natal south coast, some 70 km south of Durban, between Scottburgh and Pennington. It's where Spoornet's south coast passenger service terminates.

The property — originally two farms — was granted to Natal settler Henry William Cook in 1858 by Queen Victoria in recognition of services to the crown. It has been owned by his descendants ever since and is now in the hands of nine people who hold

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title through undivided shares. Though some shareholders live in and manage the village, which has evolved into a seaside holiday resort, others are in Australia, Hong Kong, England, and two cannot be traced.

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Now — with different degrees of enthusiasm — the shareholders have put Kelso on the market. The asking price is based on an independent valuation.

Mary Osborne, one of the resident shareholders, says the village has tremendous potential — though “preferably not for time-share” — but has been undercapitalised over the years. “In the past profits have been siphoned off as income rather than reinvested in Kelso,” she says.

The property assets include the service station and a house to go with it, the caravan park which attracts about 600 visitors at peak season, a few shops, and land on which the provincial administration based a road construction camp — though houses built on this land are not owned by the family.

The land has the potential for more residential development. The village railway station and the railway cottages are owned by Spoornet. ■



Sivan Naidoo ... Looking after Bez Valley

# Bez Valley blossoms with Siyan's guidance

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By BEATHUR BAKER

WHEN the people of Bez Valley elected a new chairman for their residents and ratepayers association three weeks ago, they gave suburban South Africa a glimpse of things to come.

Not because Sivan Naidoo is not white, but because he refuses to make race an issue in his position. The interests of residents are his first priority.

Naidoo has already served one term as vice-chairman of the Bez Valley Residents and Ratepayers Association (BVRRA) Until Naidoo's first appointment in 1991, it had no black members

Naidoo's interest in community structures, he says, goes back to his involvement in the work of civic organisations in Natal

Originally from Sydenham in Durban, he bought a house in Bez Valley 18 months ago after discovering the Group Areas Act was to be scrapped. He started attending local meetings soon after moving into the area

"I thought that if I am going to be living in the area and paying rates and taxes, I should know what is happening

here," he says "I had no problems at meetings as the only black person"

Naidoo rejects suggestions that people might regard him as a token. He says that he would be involved in the community regardless of where he was living

"I am not speaking as a black man or seeking to promote the interests of blacks"

He says his main roles are promoting the interests of residents and acting as their go-between with council members

He has already started implementing measures aimed at improving the BVRRA's image and its relationship with residents. At its last meeting, he made several suggestions which were adopted. These included better publicity within the community, drawing up circulation lists of facilities available in Bez Valley and setting up a neighbourhood watch.

Naidoo feels that once people know what is happening in their area, they will start taking a keener interest in being a part of the community and having a say in decision making.

Natal Provincial Administration

(1) 1 Bactrim negligently prescribed to patient who was allergic to it. Antidote was given whereafter dark spots and cysts developed on his body

2 After treatment of cut patient's finger became bent

3 Patient sustained burns during operation

4 Patient dehydrated during operation and allegedly sustained brain damage and

(u) 1 Case pending

2 Claim withdrawn

3 and 4 Cases pending

*Transvaal Provincial Administration*

(1) (b) yes,

(1) 1 Alleged negligence during operation

2 Alleged negligence during operation and

(u) 1 and 2 Cases pending

(2) (a) Minister of National Health

(1) and (u) no

(b) Chief Executive Director of Provincial Hospital Services

*Cape Provincial Administration*

(1) yes,

R19 000 plus costs (notice of appeal was given and judgement is being awaited)

R15 715,32 and

(u) yes,

R 8 500,00

R 7 500,00

R107 552 00

R 60 000 00

R 96 500 00

R 3 000 00

R 42 550,00

R 25 000,00

R 10 016,37

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QUESTIONS

† Indicates translated version

For written reply

*General Affairs*

**Steering committee: Greater Cato Manor area**

29 Mr M ABRAHAM asked the Minister of Regional and Land Affairs

(1) Whether he has appointed a (a) chairman and (b) vice-chairman of the negotiating forum and the steering committee for the Greater Cato Manor area, if not, why not, in each case, if so, (i) (aa) what criteria were applied in, and (bb) whom did he consult before making each appointment, (ii) (aa) when and (bb) for what term of office was each appointment made and (iii) what salary and/or allowances are payable to each incumbent.

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

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**THE MINISTER OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS**

(1) (a) No The Administrator of Natal has, however, appointed a chairman on the recommendation of the negotiating forum

(b) As for (1)(a) above

(i) (aa) The names of both the chairman and the vice-chairman were unanimously agreed upon by the negotiating forum. The chairman was appointed

because of his acceptability to the negotiating forum, as well as the broad community. The vice-chairman was appointed in view of his experience in matters relating to planning and development

(bb) Both the chairman and the vice-chairman were appointed by the Administrator of Natal, after consultation with Deputy Minister André Fourie MP

(u) (aa) The negotiating forum was informed on 28 March 1992 of the appointment of the chairman and vice-chairman, and a public announcement was made in a press release on 29 March 1992. Formal letters of appointment to the chairman and the vice-chairman were signed by the Administrator of Natal on 1 April 1992 and 8 April 1992 respectively

(bb) One year from the date of appointment with the option to renew the appointment

(iii) For the chairman, the standard remuneration as laid down by the Department of State Expenditure, namely R438,00 per day. The remuneration of the vice-chairman is still being negotiated by the parties concerned

(2) See (1)(b)(u)(aa) above

**Balance in Central Energy Fund**

251 Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs

What was the balance in the Central Energy Fund as at (a) 31 December 1991 and (b) the latest specified date for which figures are available?

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The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS

(a) R2 158,7 million

(b) On 30 April 1992 R1 994,6 million



## KFC provides loans for clean housing

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HOUSING for the rapidly growing and urbanising population in the Durban Functional Region is one of the greatest challenges facing the area

Kwazulu Finance and Investment Corporation (KFC) divisional manager housing Angus Herselman says the formal housing shortfall estimates range between 150 000 and 200 000 units locally

"The scale of the problem is put into perspective when it is considered that in 1990 only 35 000 houses were generated nationally

"The KFC runs a housing finance section. It operates on a similar basis to a building society. We grant loans against security

### Focus

"The difference is that our focus is on low income and our average loan balance last year was around R21 000, whereas the traditional building society would be looking at loans of R35 000 and upwards

"We are also a little more flexible as to the type of security we will accept. We have some loans which we accept on the basis of acknowledgement of debt rather than registering mortgage bonds

"We also advance loans against a tribal certificate, permission to occupy rather than freehold

rights," says Herselman

KFC also has a project section which takes raw land and provides services such as water and sewage. The corporation then sells the land as would any other property developer

Another important facet of the KFC's work is the community liaison section which aims to educate new home owners.

### Orientation

Says Herselman "The community housing information centre goes to any project on which we are working and it stays there as long as needed. It runs orientation sessions. Anyone who wants finance from the KFC is required to attend. It is a formal education process and people are taught about all the aspects of home ownership

"If you look at the problems being suffered in the low cost housing market, many of them relate back to education and understanding of home ownership principles. People overcommit themselves as they do not realise the impact of interest

"We regard education in this area as critical. We believe the scheme will not only limit our risk but also that of developers and other financial institutions involved. The response has been very positive"

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# Cash bid for Natal hamlet

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A Rustenburg, Transvaal, man has made an offer for the small Natal South Coast town of Kelso, which was put on the market in March with an R8 million price tag.

But the family which has owned the rustic, unspoiled town since 1858 is not saying who the possible buyer is.

Manager and co-owner, Phil Abrams said the Rustenburg man had offered "a little less" than R8 million.

Residents who have been paying rent in Kelso for years have also said they are worried that they will be forced to move out of their homes to make way for new developments.

Kelso is about 65 km from Durban and is the end of the passenger railway line on the South Coast.

|                        | Families      |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Natal                  | 88 003        |
| Transvaal              | 33 083        |
| Cape Province          | 644           |
| Orange Free State      | Nil           |
| Less Other race groups | 121 730       |
|                        | 36 783        |
|                        | <u>84 947</u> |

**NOTE:**

The above-mentioned figure does not yet take into consideration the settlement pattern of communities following the scrapping of the Group Areas Act Furthermore, in the Natal area it includes approximately 36 783 applications received from other groups in respect of the Cato Manor area Duplications between waiting lists administered by Local Authorities and the Department have not yet been eliminated The Department is presently giving the amalgamation of waiting lists priority

(2) (a) Houses built 1990/1991 2 084  
1991/1992 7 074  
(expected) 9 158

(b) All houses so far completed, with the exception of 35, have been allocated to members of the Indian community

**Rent increases: Durban Bay/Brickfield**

23 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing  
**(125)**  
Whether any applications were received in 1990 and 1991 for rent increases in respect of rent-controlled dwellings in the electoral divisions of Durban Bay and Brickfield, if so, (a) how many, and (b) what was the average percentage increase granted, in respect of each of these electoral divisions in each of the above years?

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**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE**

(a) The Regional Representative of the relevant Department, within the Administration House of Assembly which is responsible for this function, reported that they will not be able to distinguish between the two electoral divisions as all cases dealt with by the Natal Rent Board in respect of the Natal Region are done in such a manner without there being a distinction between electoral divisions However, they were able to extract the number of cases dealt with in respect of the Durban Central Region which also includes the Brickfield area In this sub-region, 47 cases/blocks, viz 527 units/flats and 18 houses were dealt with during the period 1 January 1990 to 31 December 1991

(b) In respect of your request to supply the average percentage increases granted, such information can unfortunately not be given due to the large volume of files which will have to be perused to obtain the necessary information This task will, of necessity, take some weeks to complete

My Department has not yet requested the Administration House of Assembly to undertake the investigation as it would be a time-consuming and labourous task requiring many officials In the light hereof, I have to respectfully enquire whether you still require the relevant information

**Selling of business sites involvement of department**

32 Mrs R EBRAHIM asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether his Department was involved in the selling of any business sites in (a) Lenasia and (b) Lenasia South by (i) public tender and/or (ii) private treaty during the latest specified period of 24 months for which information is available, if not, why not, if so,

(2) (a) who were the tenderers or applicants and (b) (i) when, (ii) to whom and (iii) at what price was each tender awarded,

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

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**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE**

(1) The Department was involved in the selling of business sites in these areas but certain irregularities were detected The South African Police were requested to carry out criminal investigations and the matter is still *sub judice*

(2) Falls away

(3) No

**Sites in Lenasia/Lenasia South**

33 Mrs R EBRAHIM asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether any (a) religious, (b) crèche and (c) nursery school sites have been allocated or approved for allocation in Lenasia and Lenasia South owing to representations made by members of Parliament since September 1989, if so, (i) what are the names of these members of Parliament, (ii) what were the dates of the representations, (iii) what erf numbers were involved and (iv) on behalf of which organizations were these representations made,

(2) whether he intends rezoning any land to meet the demand for religious or cultural sites in these areas, if not, why not, if so, when,

(3) what is his Department's policy in regard to the implementation of the two-year building clause in regard to religious, crèche and nursery school sites,

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

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**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE**

(1) (a) Yes

(b) Yes

(c) No

(i) Mr R Daya, MP  
Mrs R Ebrahim, MP

(ii) Mr R Daya, MP—10 May 1991  
Mrs R Ebrahim, MP—16 May 1990 and 12 April 1991

(iii) Mr R Daya, MP  
Erven 12129, 12130, 12131,  
12132 and 12133, Lenasia Extension 13  
Mrs R Ebrahim, MP  
Erf 6298, Lenasia Extension 5

(iv) Mr R Daya, MP—Radha Soami Satsang Beas  
Mrs R Ebrahim, MP—Lenasia Muslim Association

(2) The rezoning of land in Lenasia Extension No 13 is under consideration but will only proceed once the township has been proclaimed

(3) The sale of all properties owned by the Housing Development Board is subject to a two-year building clause The requirement is that all purchasers are to adhere to this condition Extensions can however be granted in valid cases

(4) No

**Representations on behalf of residents of Blybank**  
34 Mrs R EBRAHIM asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

Whether he or his Department recently received any representations on behalf of the residents of Blybank in the Transvaal, if so, (a) when and (b) what was (i) the nature of these representations and (ii) his response thereto?

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At Imbali Lodge, the beer is cheap and the atmosphere playful

Photo: PERCY KHUMALO

**B**ECAUSE the word "hostel" conjures an image of bloodshed, Spoornet changed the name of its quarters a few months ago to "lodge"

Centred in the violence-ridden township of Imbali, the Lodge has never experienced violence, says its co-manager, Arthur Knox. Nearly all residents are Zulus, but they range from conservative to progressive, belonging to a spread of political parties and trade unions.

"We have Inkatha and the ANC here, we have Blatu and Sarhwi unions here, but you will never hear of fighting factions according to affiliations," Knox says. "They all know that political meetings or rallies are out-of-bounds business here. Outside, yes."

Evidently what makes the Lodge an oasis of peace in a harsh and violent environment is its sound administration — there are two managers, Knox and Abraham Ndlovu — and its open-door policy — the community is allowed to share in its facilities without constraint.

While the country experiences an ideological rift and walls of demarcation between residents and hostel dwellers in many urban settings, at the Imbali Lodge there is a mix of about 60 and 40 percent of Spoornet inmates and families from the community respectively. Two years ago, the hostel invited families on the waiting list for houses in Imbali to move in. There are 378 flats for "private" residents and two-man flats for 566 single males. Another family block is planned, for hostel inmates, if they want to bring their families to Imbali, or for people in the community.

The community around the Lodge and in surrounding areas view the hostel as part of their neighbourhood. But ironically, when the violence was at its peak in 1987, the hostel was used as a base for the riot unit of the South African Police, accommodating special units

## Hostel of peace in a hostile world

*W/ mail 29/5-4/6/92*

*When residents of Imbali, in Pietermaritzburg, need a hall or a soccer field, they turn to the hostel — for the Imbali Lodge may be the most enlightened, least hostile hostel in the country,*  
writes **KHABA MKHIZE**

from the Transvaal and other parts of the country. This arrangement tainted the image of the hostel, until its doors were opened to the general public. By that time the Imbali community hall had long ceased to be utilised as a venue, because of the nature of the violence.

The Lodge's sporting and recreational facilities were made available to members of the community. A spacious hall is used for wedding ceremonies and funeral services, a rehearsal room for a popular traditional dance group, and a ballroom practising centre. There is a gymnasium and three standard sized soccer stadiums which serve as playing fields for local youngsters and schools. Games run until late as the stadiums are fully flooded.

The hostel's 64-seater bus and minibus are

often borrowed by dance groups and teams.

The canteen inside has become the food basket for lunches in the area. Teachers and workers from local schools drive into the Lodge to buy their "tasty, cheap and satisfying" meals. Catering manager Themba Mbatha says "we serve plus minus 700 customers every day. I like it very much here, it's so peaceful you can't believe it is a hostel."

The bar, which sells all kinds of liquor, from sorghum beer to whiskey, also attracts outside patronage. "We drink here because we find the cheapest prices for anything, a quart of beer is R2,50."

There are two snooker tables in the spacious pub and a number of tables to play draughts and mlabalaba.

"Why do you take our pictures?" asks one worker, Anthony Memela. After the concept of "a hostel with a difference" has been explained, he grumbles that the story will invite trouble from "grapes-are-soured" people.

Last Christmas they hosted a party for Ekukhanyeni Training Centre for mentally retarded children at a cost of R10 000 — and all that money came from beer profits.

A television set and videos — on boxing, soccer and what Knox calls "community-related stuff" — provide more entertainment. Piped music which flows from mounted speakers and adds to the liveliness of the Lodge, follows one everywhere. Palm trees and oaks are planted throughout, rockeries with indigenous flowers form part of the environmental friendliness of the landscape of the Lodge.

"We have a professional horticulturist taking care of this place," Knox says. "Our workers are also motivated to keep it spic and span." — Courtesy of the Natal Witness



senior ANC official Thabo Mbeki at knife-point after Giddy and Brian O are investigating

## Mayor suggests visitors pay toll to enter Durban

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Mayor Gys Muller last night suggested that a boundary be erected around Durban and that non-residents pay a toll to get into the city if they want to enjoy its facilities. (125)

Moving that "this house welcomes moves towards the establishment of a Greater Durban" at a sitting of the Durban parliament, Muller claimed the boundaries between the city and its neighbouring townships — both black and white — were "ill-considered and inappropriate" and were "separate in name only".

"There is a high degree of economic interdependence between us ... look at Westville, its residents may live there but they work and play in Durban.

"And what do Kloof residents do when they want to go to the beach? Kloof, Westville and their neighbours drive to Durban to use our beachfront facilities, recently revamped at great expense to Durban's ratepayers. 510 am 9/6/92

"Is it right that residents of Queensburgh come to a show at the Playhouse when their tickets are, in effect, subsidised by the Durban ratepayers?"

Muller said an acceptable format should be worked out by which adjoining boroughs could contribute to the coffers of the city.

"In the absence of co-operation ... there is always the option of erecting a boundary along the city limits and subjecting non-residents to a toll. It would not be the first time ... in the old days when wagons drove down West Street they had to pay something in the region of two and six to come into Durban."

**R30-m Durban  
property deal**

By Frank Jeans <sup>125</sup> ~~STAR~~ 9/6/92

Estimated to be one of the biggest-ever property deals in central Durban, the NBS has sold its head office in Smith Street to Old Mutual Properties (OMP).

The price has not been disclosed, but market sources say the building changed hands for more than R30 million.

NBS is scheduled to move to its new headquarters at Kingsmead in October 1993.

● OMP acquired the NBS's Randburg and Roo-depoort buildings in 1990.

PROPERTY

# Mount Edgecombe estate defies market conditions

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By Day 24/6/92

PETER GALLI

IN SPITE of tight market conditions and a limited number of buyers at the upper end of the market, the R450m Mount Edgecombe Country Club Estate on Natal's north coast was launched last week.

The permanent residential development just inland from Umhlanga has been undertaken by Moreland Estates, the property development subsidiary of the Tongaat-Hulett Group. It will be built around the well-known golf course, which is regarded as one of the best in the country.

Management was confident about the success of the development despite the harsh economic climate, citing sales of nine homes before marketing started.

The first phase of the development comprises 308 homes, ranging from two-bedroomed semi-detached houses and condominiums to four-

bedroomed homesteads, at prices ranging from R320 000 to R750 000.

The average levy is expected to be about R650 a month. "We are not actively targeting the offshore market, but a home has already been sold to a German."

"While the economy is tight, we expect the community living concept combined with the excellent security to produce good sales," said Tongaat-Hulett chairman Chris Saunders.

Sales of between 80 and 100 units a year are expected. This means the first phase would be sold out in three years. Then Phase 2 would come on-stream. It is planned to have another 500 homes, developed on a new, second golf course, said Saunders.

One of the features of the development is that Moreland Estates is in the process of establishing an inde-

pendent local authority for Mount Edgecombe.

"We had to go to a great deal of trouble to get this concept established and we regard this as the first phase of a far bigger development. While this development is upmarket, if it is successful we aim to repeat the concept at a variety of levels throughout the country," Saunders said.

Moreland Properties was ready to develop a further two townships almost "on Mount Edgecombe's borders." The 100ha site would be able to accommodate 45 000 people in time to come, and would prove "a model town in the new SA", suitable for total community living.

The eventual ownership of the golf course and the clubhouse was a "difficult issue" and it was not Tongaat-Hulett's intention to own them in the longer-term, Saunders said.



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By CARMEL RICKARD

SCORES of hostel dwellers in the greater Durban area made their needs clear this week: they want swimming pools, more football fields, clinics and night school facilities. No one said a word about bulldozing or closing down the hostels.

Representatives of five hostels and members of organisations in their immediate vicinity held an all-day workshop with officials of the Natal Provincial Administration (NPA) and planners involved in a R19-million upgrading project.

Sue Rubenstein, who works for a Johannesburg consultancy which since early 1990 has been conducting interviews with hostel residents on

# Hostel dwellers spell out their needs

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the changes they favour, said some wanted to bring their families to the urban areas because this would save money and foster family life. Others wanted to leave their families in the rural areas as they feared the corrupting influence of the cities on their children. A third group wanted a range of other possibilities to be offered, like secure premises for temporary family visits. She pleaded that various options should be made available to suit the individuals concerned.

Rubenstein stressed that it was essential to "depoliticise" the

upgrading process. Her research had found that, since the violence began, hostel dwellers felt pressured by organisations into taking positions on the future of the hostels.

The chief director of the NPA's planning and development department, John Johnson, urged hostel dwellers and township organisations to put aside political differences so that work on upgrading the hostels could begin.

Johnson said more than R19-million had been allocated to Durban's five hostels by the government, while

another R10-million was to be spent on hostels elsewhere in Natal.

In sharp contrast to former years, the NPA is insisting that upgrading will begin only after "all those parties directly involved" have been consulted and have agreed on how the money will be spent.

Despite political divisions among the workshop's participants, group discussions produced a surprising degree of consensus.

A number of hostel dwellers said they were downcast at the lack of progress and that they believed off-

icals were "dragging their feet" about getting the project started.

Several speakers said that developers involved in the upgrading project should employ people living in the hostels who have no work, instead of hiring "outsiders".

Residents also said hostel rooms should not house more than three people and that more halls should be built for entertainment. Some suggested that if land was a problem, the developers should put up "12 storeys" to accommodate more people.

The steering committee of the Natal Hostels Initiative, which organised this week's consultation, will meet later in the month to consider the proposals made during the workshop.

# Hostel men talk tough

DURBAN The South African Hostel Dwellers' Association at the weekend rejected key Goldstone Commission recommendations, decided to kick out the ANC and wants to force all Sahda members to resign from Cosatu.

The meeting was attended by about 3 000 hostel dwellers from Durban townships, Sahda general secretary John Hlongwa said yesterday.

The meeting had decided **125**  
 To reject Judge Richard Goldstone's recommendations that hostels be fenced, because this revived apartheid and "hostel dwellers are not lunatics who should be kept in isolation". Hlongwa said, **19/18/92**

The ANC should withdraw from the Natal Hostel Forum discussing the future of hostels in Natal because their presence made a mockery of Sahda.

ANC members living in hostels should reconsider their stay because their president (Mandela) did not see the need for them, and;

All Sahda members should resign their Cosatu membership because of its "unholy alliance" with organisations wanting to phase out hostels. "Mr Mandela is free to join his mates in hostels since he is also a bachelor," Hlongwa said

The meeting also decided to ask President F W de Klerk to meet Sahda and the ANC to discuss allegations of violence emanating from the hostels. — Sapa.

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# Best yields from Natal resorts, say developers

PROPERTY developers are divided as to which coastal area offers the highest capital growth and the best return on the investment. Anglo American Property Services (Ampros) estates development director Peter Gardiner says the return on coastal property investments in Natal has been far better than in the Cape

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## Seasonal

"Natal is better off than the Cape for two reasons. Firstly because of the Cape's seasonal weather and, secondly, it is closer to the Reef. For these reasons, Natal has higher usage and better returns," he says.

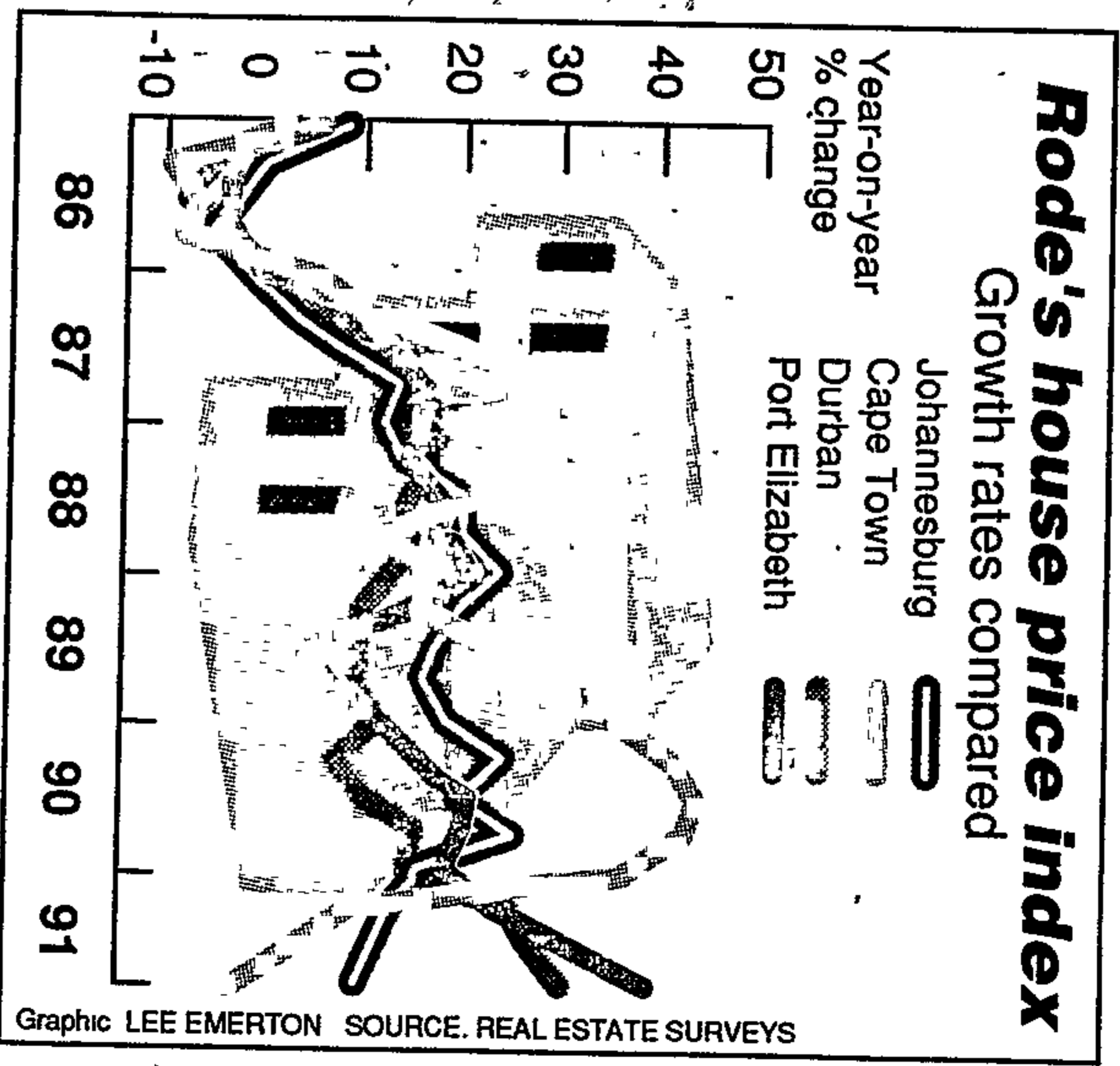
Rode Report editor Irwin Rode agrees, saying that since the end of 1990 Durban properties have been showing better capital appreciation than other areas. "Durban is merely catching up with the rest of the market after underperforming in the late 80s after being seriously hit by a lack of investor confidence following violence at that time and is presently showing annual growth of about 30%" he says.

## Proves

"A recent study by our company of rises and falls in coastal property values over the past 18 years proves the conventional wisdom that has seen the North Coast become a haven for smart money," he says.

Gardiner says many families have begun to feel their annual holiday costs are too high and are therefore thinking about buying a second home at the coast, which often becomes the home to which they intend to retire.

Some 65% of buyers at



Ampros's Santorini complex on the Natal North Coast have been Reef dwellers, but this is changing as the new freeway has brought it within 20 minutes of Durban.

Another North Coast development, The Islands at Chaka's Rock, has seen 17 of the 20 sim-

SA economy". Gardiner says the lack of political consensus remains an investment disincentive, and resorts are the first to get knocked in a depressed economy.

Developer Jack Pearson says "The development has escaped the rigours of an ugly recession because it caters for a niche market drawn from families with a tradition of wealth and less prone to the cyclical moves of the

# Umgeni site redeveloped

ESKOM's Umgeni Power Station site in New Germany, Natal, is to be redeveloped into an industrial township by a consortium led by Russell Marriott & Boyd Trust (RMBT) and Grinaker Construction

RMBT executive director Mick Hyatt said Eskom would not participate in the establishment of the industrial park and the consortium would finance all infrastructural costs *BIDM 14/10/92*.

"The 86 sites will then be sold for about R35m and the profits shared in terms of our agreement. We expect infrastructural costs of about R24m," he said

The four cooling towers and three chimneys — a distinctive feature of the Pine-town and New Germany skyline for 40 years — will be imploded next year to make way for the 30ha industrial township

"The development will bring 86 prime industrial sites to the region, ranging from 1 500m<sup>2</sup> to several hectares. We expect strong demand for the sites, which will create much needed jobs and assist depressed trade in the area," he said

The township will be known as Falcon Park and serviced by a new major arterial road due for completion next February. The highway, known as Route 19, links the

N3 through Pinetown and New Germany with Durban's outer ring road

The first two zones are expected to be released in early 1993 when the bulk of the infrastructure is in place *(265)*

The development will be environmentally sensitive, and one of the chimneys housing a nesting box for falcons will be demolished only when the current brood of chicks is fully fledged *(125)*

"The nesting box will be relocated in the hope that the pair of lanner falcons, which have frequented the neighbourhood for some time, will return," Hyatt said

Eskom had a warehouse, regional office and a plant that were still in operation and these would be retained, he said

□ In a Transvaal development, Sanlam Properties is to expand its lettable space in Strijdom Park, Randburg, by 6 753m<sup>2</sup> to 29 953m<sup>2</sup>

Sanlam Properties' regional manager-investments Hugo Mocke said a mini-factory complex worth about R9,1m would be built on one of the last industrial sites in the area, and 15 units ranging from 357m<sup>2</sup> to 1 136m<sup>2</sup> were planned on the 9 754m<sup>2</sup> site in Factory Street

## Refugees stream back

ABOUT 300 ANC refugees moved back into an Inkatha-controlled township near Richmond in Natal yesterday while police and soldiers kept the peace *S Times*

Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said the people who were returning to the Patheni township had fled political violence last year.

"Everything is quiet But we are going to be in Patheni as long as necessary There is definitely tension," he said *18/10/92*

GROVEWALK HOLDINGS <sup>FM</sup> 13/11/92  
**Walking a tightrope** (125)

Low-cost housing and timeshare have again proved how fickle they can be in investment terms, with Durban-based listed property

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group Grovewalk Holdings having burned its fingers in these areas

In its preliminary profit announcement for the 16 months to June 30, released this week, Grovewalk attributes losses — for the second year running — of nearly R5,2m to its commitment to township land and affordable housing. At its February year-end, Grovewalk had chalked up a R4,9m loss for the same reason.

CEO Gerard de Rauville says "The acquisition of The Palace hotel and timeshare development on Durban's Golden Mile has also fallen short of expectations"

But it's not all doom and gloom.

De Rauville says "We now have the people and controls in place to turn The Palace into a profit centre in the year ahead"

Meanwhile, Grovewalk has a declared R6,7m loss (1991 R6m), in spite of its traditional business, property dealing and development, having posted a 10% profit increase and the profitability of its service division having risen by 30%

De Rauville is quick to point out that the past two years' losses follow 12 years of successful trading. Regarding the low-cost housing market, he says. "We are still committed to remaining in this market, though at a reduced level of investment"

"This sector has had more than its fair share of 'fly-by-nights' and where even the major institutions now fear to tread, we have established a level of credibility that is now beginning to stand us in good stead"

"A successful application for funding from the Joint Services Board and Durban City Council has enabled the group to provide sites and services to more than 1 100 poor families in KwaDabeka"

He adds "Development of the Garden Grove retirement complex on Durban's Berea is proceeding in line with our expectations. With phase one due for completion only next February, more than half of the available units are already accounted for"

"All told, we believe we have turned the corner and will show a small surplus in the year ahead," says De Rauville, who also announced an R8,4m reduction in borrowings "in line with stated objectives" ■

# news in brief

## Hostels on the agenda

THE SA Hostel Dwellers Association is to hold a meeting at the Wema Hostel in Merebank, Durban, this weekend. (125)

The gathering will focus on violence, the upgrading of hostels and decisions affecting hostel dwellers as set out in the Record of Understanding. (232)

Sahda chairman Mr Obed Gumede said yesterday his organisation was "totally opposed" to, and would resist, the fencing of hostels as agreed to by the ANC and the Government. "We are bitterly opposed to it and we will see to it that it doesn't function. We were not consulted and this is unacceptable."

*So wefan 26/11/92*



**Lighting up** (125)  
**their lives** (38A)

A R500 million project, aimed at improving living conditions and creating employment in 26 areas around Durban, is to be partly funded by the Development Bank of Southern Africa

The money will be used for an electrification programme that will give 140 000 people access to electricity for the first time - *Sapa*

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# Inmates no longer sitting on the fence

By CARMEL RICKARD

THE kwaZulu administration has fenced an African National Congress hostel despite its declared abhorrence of the ANC's proposal of fencing hostels on the Reef.

But the situation at Sinqobile hostel is unusual. First, the hostel dwellers themselves asked for the fence to be erected. Second, it is a strongly pro-ANC hostel, one of the few strongholds of the organisation in northern Natal. It was one of two stop-off points for ANC president Nelson Mandela during a brief visit to the region earlier this year.

Township manager Armstrong Majosi said the request to put up the

fence came from a hostel committee which met him and the Esikhawini council on June 10 this year. They agreed to the request and wrote a letter to Ulundi after which the Department of Works had the fence erected.

Majosi said the hostel representatives told his committee that they would feel safer from attack if the hostel were fenced. They wanted the neighbours' cattle kept off the premises and they also said since every decent house had a wall or a fence, they did not see why hostels should be any different.

Hostel committee member Sam Mthembu and a man who would only give his name as "Sixhlagaxhla-

ga" said residents were motivated to ask for the fence because of two attacks on their hostel this year allegedly by the kwaZulu Police and Inkatha.

Residents felt a high fence would protect them, but only if the gates were staffed by a private security company. They want independent guards to control access and exit. If the KZP want to raid, they will have to show a permit before they can get in.

The hostellers say they feel much safer since the fence went up. In fact they are now asking the township manager for razor wire across the top and bottom of the fence.

immediate building of a high school in Praga-  
men, a living wage, and government agreement  
bidding the display of posters in the municipal  
the township.

# 'Sound tenants needed'

PETER GALLI

PROPERTY funds needed to find and keep financially sound tenants to survive in the present stringent economic climate, Umdom Property Fund chairman Michael Noyce said in the latest annual report.

He said the fund had experienced only a few problems with rental collection in the year under review. "The vacancy factor in the portfolio was only 1,8% of lettable space, which compares favourably with the vacancy levels currently being experienced in the property industry"

About 17% of the fund's leases were reviewed or renewed over the year and most of these were at levels above those in force at the time. Escalations of 11%

12% had been achieved under the new leases

Umdom invested R1,7m in the development and upgrading of properties and sold its investment in Sara-

sota Property Holdings — which owned an industrial property in Durban — for R2,5m, resulting in a capital surplus of R1,8m

Since the year-end an industrial property was acquired for R2,6m and another property sold for R2,6m. Cash resources of R5,6m were available for investment, Noyce said

Net distributable income for the year to end-September rose to 18,45c a unit from 17c in the comparable period last year

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insisted that the projects be trimmed by R100m

Earlier there were fears that the NPA would block the establishment of a R400m capital development account by Durban City Council altogether and that the projects would be stillborn

The city has been waiting for approval since August and has also claimed that the delays have been costing it R1m a month

The NPA's threat was based on accusations that the proposals — which include the construction of a convention centre, a regional library and the infrastructure for the Point redevelopment project — are intended to "glorify the council" instead of channelling the capital into upgrading facilities in black areas

The irony is that the accusations weren't levelled by the ANC or IFP — who, with some reservations, are actually backing the council

Instead they stem from two Indian Local Affairs Committees (LACs)

The LACs were established in Natal in terms of Nationalist apartheid policies as advisory bodies for the administration of Indian areas (their counterparts in other provinces are Coloured Management Committees and Black Urban Councils and Community Councils)

The result is that the NPA's reluctance to agree to the establishment of the development account is seen in some circles as a retrogressive step "smacking of an attempt to entrench apartheid systems"

Funds for the development account — or what is left of it — are to be raised through the sale of council-owned properties rather than rates

ANC development spokesman Michael Sutcliffe dismisses the suggestion that disenfranchised people are not being given a say in the development "We are involved in discussions and getting effective representation through a variety of projects. That money is not going into some individual's bank account. It will be an accountable process"

He believes that attempts to torpedo the projects were instigated by the more "right-wing elements in government" trying to force the administrator to accede to the wishes of some of the LAC members

NPA Administrator Con Botha, however, stresses that the administration has a responsibility to ensure that there is complete consultation with all communities

Botha's green light came last week after a meeting with city management committee chairman Peter Mansfield and mayor Margaret Winter, a R300m fund will be established and there is a promise to reconsider approval for the R100m balance in a year

The projects can now proceed

Mansfield warns, however, that a negative decision on the R100m 12 months down the line could result in hundreds of millions of rand worth of development work being left half complete. However, he is confident that this will not come to pass when the review is done

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## Trimmed down

**Any joy over** Durban City Council's decision to give the nod to over R400m worth of city development projects has been short-lived

In what is seen as a political decision, the Natal Provincial Administration (NPA) has

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# Women cook up a storm for Eskom

## Own Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG** — A group of women from the East Rand township of Vosloorus vented their anger at electricity switch-offs by turning Eskom offices into laundromats and kitchens.

A source close to the Vosloorus Civic Association said the women

descended on the utility's offices in Germiston on Tuesday.

The source said four minibuses transported the women to Eskom's offices "where they did their cooking and ironing".

The women apparently connected their appliances to power sockets in the offices.

The source said the women had

not been acting under instructions from the civic association.

Vosloorus has been without electricity for the past two weeks, allegedly because less than 10% of residents are paying accounts.

Eskom sales and customer services manager Ms Laetitia van Staaden confirmed the incident. She said the women were told they

would have to deal with the Vosloorus Town Council as the service provider.

Ms Van Staaden said Eskom had proposed to the council that it lease Vosloorus's electricity distribution system at a nominal rental in return for supply rights.

In terms of the proposal, tabled at a meeting on Tuesday, Eskom

would hold off its claim for about R30m owed by the council.

However, negotiations were on hold as the council is in recess and the agreement could not be signed before January 7.

In terms of the proposal, Eskom will sign individual contracts with end-users, a scheme already working in Tsakane, near Springs.

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# Just R1-m for a coastal hideaway

FOR just more than R1-million, you too could own an exclusive, ultra-luxury apartment on the Natal South Coast

Stocks Leisure Development, a subsidiary of Stocks and Stocks Construction, this week completed The Admiralty, a luxury complex on the site of the old Southbroom Golf Course Hotel, overlooking the sea.

The complex consists of eight air-conditioned apartments each with a living area of 230 m<sup>2</sup>. They consist of a spacious Italian tiled lounge and dining area, two large entertainment balconies, four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a large fitted kitchen, scullery, double garage, staff room and store room.

The garden, which extends from the beach includes a

## Business Times Reporter

tiled sun terrace and swimming pool

The development is being sold on sectional title with the option of either whole ownership for R1 072 500 or in modules of six weeks at a price of R175 000. Modular ownership apartments are furnished. It is expected that about half of the complex will be sold on whole ownership and although only just completed, two have already been purchased.

Stocks Leisure Development has already successfully developed Kwa Maritane, Bokubung and Cote D'Azur and is presently developing a number of other leisure resorts.

# HOUSING & HOSTELS - NATAL

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Bruntville <sup>(25)</sup>  
hostel to  
be upgraded

DURBAN. — The Natal Provincial Administration is to provide R250 000 to urgently upgrade the hostel at Bruntville, near Mooi River, to enable as many as 1 000 residents, returning from holiday to have emergency accommodation, it was reported yesterday

Part of the hostel was destroyed when arsonists torched the building

The NPA stepped in after other accommodation for the hostel dwellers could not be found

Meanwhile, Natal police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram yesterday called on all parties to exercise restraint and help bring the criminals to book.

He was reacting to IFP criticism that police were ineffective after repeated attacks on Bruntville hostels and beer halls used by IFP members. — Sapa

# Burnt Natal hostel to undergo urgent repairs

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MARITZBURG — An emergency sum of R250 000 has been allocated for temporary repairs to the fire-ravaged Natal Midlands Bruntville hostel — to be completed in time for the return of hostel dwellers who are due to resume work in Mooi River on Monday.

Bruntville mediator Nico Coetzer said the Natal Provincial Administration was granting the R250 000, which would cover short-term repairs to the hostel until insurance pay-outs were received. Total damage was estimated at R2,5 million.

Security forces will also be doubled, as political leaders fear violence when the hostel dwellers return to find their homes burnt.

The repairs will include the removal of the burnt rubble, the salvag-

ing of hostel dwellers' possessions and the restoration of water and sewerage facilities.

Plans had been put into action immediately and, by lunchtime yesterday, tenders were being called for.

Political leaders fear violent retaliation when the first 450 of the 1 200 hostel dwellers return to their quarters, which have been damaged in at least seven arson attacks since the beginning of their Christmas holiday.

In all, 26 sections of the hostel were gutted by petrol bomb and other arson attacks. Hostel residents' belongings have also been looted.

The NPA also offered the services of its relief workers to assist the Bruntville Town Council with mopping-up operations, and to supply tents to accommodate hostel dwellers — Sapa.





The MINISTER I agree with the hon member for Arena Park. Let us take the particular case of the Maharaj brothers in Kranskop. Thirteen years ago land was bought for the purpose of establishing homes. To this day no homes have been built. Naturally that land should revert to its original owners, because it was not used for the purpose for which it was bought.

Mr S PACHAI What did the local MP for that constituency do?

The MINISTER The hon member for Natal Midlands has asked me a pertinent question. I like the way he smiles. [Interjections.] Between us he and I were able to save that land. The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is also fully aware of this. Documentation for the building projects was ready just when the Group Areas Act was repealed. [Time expired.]

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version  
For oral reply  
Own Affairs

Resettlement: application from certain family

1 Mr A RAJBANSI asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether his Department received an application for resettlement from a certain family, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if so, (a) when, (b) in respect of what property and (c) what is the name of this family,

(2) whether the application referred to above is connected with property acquired in terms of the Group Areas Act, if so, what are the relevant details? D6E

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) Yes

(a) On 19 January 1989

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Trading sites: sale at 50% of value

\*2 Mr A RAJBANSI asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture

Whether he or the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates has decided to sell trading sites at 50 per cent of their value, if so, (a) when and (b) why?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

No

(a) Falls Away

(b) Falls Away

Mr A RAJBANSI Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, since he has stated that the answer is no, is he prepared to check the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Development Board to ascertain that the last director-general, who is now Chairman of the Ministers' Council, conveyed the resolution of the Ministers' Council to the board, and that it is minuted accordingly?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I will cross-check those minutes

Mr P NAIDOO Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I would like to know whether it is the policy of the NP that all State assets should only be alienated by an interim government of national unity?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I am now being asked to answer a question about national politics. In my own mind, no matter whom we belong to, we have been oppressed. There are issues in terms of all the discriminatory legislation which have to be addressed as far as the Indian community is concerned, and therefore, even if we have only one hour left, we should do our utmost to see to it that those issues are addressed

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, if I heard the hon member correctly, he wanted to know from the hon the Minister what the attitude of the NP would be. The hon the Minister went ahead and replied. Arising out of that, I would like to ask the hon the Minister when he changed his allegiance?

The MINISTER I am quite prepared to answer that if that hon member has any more information about allegiance. [Interjections.] I have not changed my allegiance. I am independent.

Phoenix: development of a hospital

\*6 Mr A SINGH asked the Minister of Health Services and Welfare

(1) Whether his Department is giving consideration to the development of a hospital in Phoenix, if not, why not, if so, what is being envisaged in this regard,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D17E

The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE

(1) Yes. The planning of a 500 bed hospital is being proceeded with. Negotiations are at an advanced stage.

(2) No

Mr A RAJBANSI Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, is he aware that the first Minister's Council of this House obtained Cabinet approval in this regard? I also want to know why they have not presupposed the Treasury for funds over the years?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, the hon member for Arena Park is quite correct. Such approval was obtained by the previous Ministers' Council, but unfortunately I cannot vouch for the Ministers' Council of my previous party.

Richards Bay: single-sex village for contract workers

\*3 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture

Whether his Department has concluded an agreement with a certain company at Richards Bay, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, concerning plans to build a single-sex village for approximately 4 000 contract workers at that town, if so, (a) when was the agreement finalised, (b) by

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# ANC, AWB object together

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — ANC and AWB representatives have found themselves on the same side in voicing disapproval of the construction of a R23 million housing development for blacks on the border of Kingsburgh on the Natal South Coast

(125) CT1/3/93  
This emerged at a protest meeting at the building site, called by

the ratepayers association at the weekend at which about 50 placard-bearing people turned up

Association member Mr Daniel McCabe said the ANC Southern Natal region was "totally against the housing project"

"I have spoken to a senior official, Mr Bheki Cele, who said proper houses should be provided," he said "They are not

interested in squatter development"

Kingsburgh Ratepayers' Association chairman Mr Mike McGivern said the Natal Provincial Administration was going-ahead with the project for 80 000 people, in spite of objections from residents

AWB southern Natal leader Mr Nick Fourie also expressed his concern as a ratepayer

Star 2/3/93  
**Objection to hostel raised**

Emotions are running high in Richards Bay about the siting of a massive "construction village" to house thousands of temporary workers for the multimillion Alusaf expansion project.



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## INTERPELLATION

The sign \* indicates a translation. The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language.

## General Affairs

Illegal occupation of houses in Cato Manor:

*HANSARD* discussions 24/11/93 (125)  
1 Mr M RAJBAB asked the Minister for National Housing

Whether he or his Department has been involved in any discussions regarding the recent illegal occupation of houses built in Cato Manor by the Administration House of Delegates, if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, what was the outcome of these discussions?

D341E INT

The MINISTER FOR NATIONAL HOUSING Mr Chairman, even before the illegal occupation of the houses at Cato Manor, when it was observed by my Ministry and the department that the Greater Cato Manor Development Association—as hon members know, this association is a section 21 company formed especially to undertake the planning of Cato Manor—had not been carrying out its functions properly, I took the initiative of calling a meeting which coincidentally followed very soon on the illegal occupation of houses in Cato Manor. This meeting took place on 11 November 1993.

It was an open meeting to which all the various role-players, people and groups who have an interest in the area and the media were invited.

The squatting that has taken place in Cato Manor is in an extremely important area of Durban, which is within seven kilometres of the central business district. Quite apart from the other social and economic factors involved, we in the Government have been prompted for a long time to regard Cato Manor as an urgent

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development planning area. Regrettably, the organisation which was set up in conjunction with the communities involved there has not been able to carry out this function.

Mr A RAJBANSI Sack them!

The MINISTER: It is quite possible that we will do exactly that.

The illegal occupation of homes will, however, not be tolerated as this impinges on basic property rights and could lead to similar actions in the rest of the country. In fact, in my opinion this could lead to anarchy throughout the rest of the country.

During the meeting it became clear that much frustration exists on the part of the homeless people and that this frustration largely emanates from the fact that the Cato Manor Development Association has, for various reasons, not been able to develop the area. It was therefore decided that an acceptable alternative development vehicle should, as a matter of urgency, be identified in order for it to continue with the holistic planning and rapid development of the area. Whether this should be the development association we have now or a new one is still to be determined.

I decided that the only practical way in which to proceed at the present time was to call for written proposals, within 10 days, after which my department would evaluate these proposals in an effort to formulate a new more workable basis. I gave the people attending an undertaking that these proposals would in fact be discussed immediately afterwards with all the role-players.

We received the last of those submissions yesterday. They will be collated over the next few days and we hope to call an additional, more specialised meeting with those people who can be of practical assistance in Cato Manor and go ahead with planning something productive in that area.

At the above-mentioned meeting the hon the Minister of Correctional Services, Mr A J Vlok, and the hon the Minister of Housing and of

Welfare, Mr S V Naicker, who apologised to me and to the House for not being able to be present today in view of urgencies in Cato Manor, undertook to make certain land, which is at present owned by the Administration House of Assembly and the Administration House of Delegates, available to a development body in order to provide further support to such a body. My own department is also prepared to procure funding and other infrastructural support as soon as a body is established to fully represent the interests of the various communities and to coordinate the development of the area.

We are going to do our utmost to ensure that development commences early in the new year. It is the intention that housing be provided for the broader community and not as such to the illegal occupants. Hopefully this development will be one of many others elsewhere in Natal and the rest of the country.

The solution is to solve the housing problem for people who have been deprived for a long time and really not to see it as a question of the occupation of houses. That has to be dealt with as an emergency, the rest of it has also to be dealt with in an immediate fashion.

Mr M RAJBAB Mr Chairman, the DP believes that, despite what the hon the Minister has said this afternoon, the continuing crisis in Cato Manor is being treated with cavalier disrespect by all parties concerned.

It is now 24 days since the crisis began and apart from some meetings and a request for written proposals, nothing concrete appears to have been done regarding this problem. The Government has yet to act decisively, and I mean the Government in all its ramifications. Even Mr Mandela appears to have walked away from the problems in Cato Manor despite his earlier intentions.

The illegal invasion and occupation of the approximately 800 homes there had two dimensions, namely the criminal aspect as well as the festering problem of squatting and the necessity of providing homes for squatters. Added to

these now is the potential health hazard that is slowly emerging.

Let me say immediately that in so far as the criminal aspect is concerned this cannot be allowed to succeed, because the logical consequence of such action would be eventual chaos and anarchy. I am very pleased that the hon the Minister supports us in this regard. The breakdown of law and order and respect for property rights in Cato Manor, coupled with the endemic criminal violence that already exists in South Africa, does not bode well for the birth of a new order in this country. In fact, the events at Cato Manor have sent shivers of fear down the spines of decent law-abiding people and have frightened them to the bone. We therefore condemn the failure on the part of all those responsible for allowing this chaos and anarchy to continue and for not taking decisive action.

Having said this, let me also say without any equivocation that we have great sympathy for the plight of the squatters in Chesterville and elsewhere. Without doubt the Government must accept the blame for its failure to address adequately the rapidly escalating Black demand for homes, for failing to address the housing crisis in this country and for the provision of homes along racial lines. The appointment of the hon the Minister last year was a clear endorsement of this particular fact. We have nothing against him. He has inherited a legacy of problems and is trying his best to do whatever he can. However, the following question can well be asked: Why were serviced sites only made available to Black communities, whilst other groups were offered the option of low-cost housing as well?

To get back to Cato Manor, it seems to me that this lame-duck Government will not be able to find timely and effective solutions to the problems there. What needs to be done is for the Government actively to involve both the ANC and the IFP in this issue, and we in the DP are quite prepared to facilitate this. Unless this is done urgently, the crisis of Cato Manor could well become a disaster. [Interjections.]

The hon member for Clare Estate has a habit of

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# Alusaf village given go-ahead

(125)

10/3/93

ALUSAF has reached agreement with the House of Delegates to house the 4 000 construction workers for its new R7,2bn Hillside smelter project in Richards Bay in a main-town at Brackenham for the duration of the construction phase

The House of Delegates administers the land in Brackenham and has agreed to allow the land to be used for the proposed construction village

The Housing Development Board will lease the land to Alusaf, which will develop the suburb at its own expense.

After the construction phase the board will buy back the entire village at predetermined prices and sell the homes to people who qualify for low-cost housing

Prices of these homes are expected to be considerably lower than the cost of construction and this saving will be passed on to the new homeowners

Rather than break down the construction

Alusaf has committed itself to not only providing adequate housing but also to providing additional services such as catering and entertainment facilities, a post office, bank and sports grounds

A study, which evaluated the effects of the proposed Alusaf smelter on the environment and community of Richards Bay, recognised that an additional 4 000 workers could severely disrupt the lifestyles of local residents

It recommended that the construction village to house the artisans and workers for the smelter project should be a permanent village rather than a temporary settlement.

Alusaf endorsed this recommendation and investigated many sites.

Brackenham was finally chosen because of a Housing Development Board "buy-back" arrangement and being in a situation to meet a tight schedule.

The houses left behind by Alusaf will be sold to applicants who qualify for low-cost housing

Reports by PETER GALLI

camp on completion of the building phase, as is the norm with projects, Alusaf will leave the community with something of value," says Hillside Smelter project manager Norman Green.

The decision to pursue the Brackenham option was taken following considerable negotiation and a door-to-door survey which indicated that the majority of the Brackenham community favoured the scheme.

Green says a developed suburb will be left behind for Richards Bay residents when construction work is completed.

"Alusaf is proud to be the main player in what is essentially a 'win-win' situation.

"Brackenham is ideal as it already has some houses, the necessary basic services and is close to the site where the smelter will be built"

also as far as Black local authorities are concerned

I further stated that an inclusive package approach will be followed and that I do not intend to deal with the matter of representation of areas of jurisdiction of management and Local Affairs Committees in City Councils in isolation, but as part of a comprehensive process. The package that I envisage will include the present black local authority areas

**Medical aid schemes: false claims**

\*18 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health † ~~125~~

(1) Whether, with reference to certain information that has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of her reply, her Department has investigated a claim that approximately R2,5 billion or 25 per cent of payments made by medical aid schemes are in respect of fraudulent or false claims, if not, why not, if so,

(2) whether any substantiation has been received of such payments, if so, what are the relevant details,

(3) whether she will consider recommending the appointment of a commission of inquiry and/or appointing a departmental committee of inquiry to investigate the payments allegedly made in respect of such fraudulent or false claims, if not, why not, if so, what steps is it envisaged will be taken in this regard? B329E

**THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH**

(1) No, there is no substantiation or scientific grounds on which the estimated figure is based,

(2) no,

(3) no, since medical schemes apply controlling measures and take action against such parties. This action includes:

- the termination of such members' membership of the scheme and the collection of amounts due, and
- litigation and/or reporting unethical behaviour by suppliers of services to statutory bodies

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**Cost of medicine: forum**

\*19 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health † ~~125~~

- (1) Whether a forum entitled "Curtailing the Cost of Medicine" was held on or about 28 February 1992, if so, what are the names of the members of the working group appointed to investigate the recommendations of the forum,
- (2) whether this working group has completed the investigation; if not, why not, if so,
- (3) whether she will release the recommendations referred to above; if not, why not, if so, in what manner,
- (4) whether this working group consulted with interested parties in the private sector; if not, why not, if so, with whom,
- (5) whether she will make a statement on the matter? B330E

**THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH**

(1) Yes, a working group has not yet been constituted. Some of the proposals were referred to the statutory councils—the South African Medical and Dental Council, the Medicines Control Council and the Pharmacy Council. Even before the forum they were attending to these proposals. They have already implemented some of these proposals. The amendments to the Medical Schemes Act also make it possible to implement some of these proposals. The only proposal which cannot be implemented at present is generic replacement. A working group will be constituted should it become clear that the implementation of the other proposals do not have a meaningful influence on the cost of medicines

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

(5) No

**Armscor: LM4s/LM5s sold to Transkel**

\*20 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Defence ~~125~~

- (1) Whether Armscor or any of its affiliates have sold and/or are selling LM4s and LM5s to (a) the Government of and/or (b) any private institutions in Transkel,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B333E

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE**

(1) and (2) The disclosure of details regarding the sale of armaments by Armscor is prohibited by Sec 11 A of the Act on Armaments, Development and Production, Act No 57 of 1968, as amended, unless so authorised by the Minister

I am, however, prepared to make a once-only exception to the rule and announce that some 5 years ago, in July 1988, a single consignment of 15 LM5s was sold to the Transkel Development Corporation. In passing it should also be mentioned that since 1 April 1992, Armscor no longer has any affiliates which produce armaments and Armscor itself is in no way directly involved with the manufacture of armaments anymore

**Hijacking of motor vehicles: Johannesburg**

\*21 Mr D H M GIBSON asked the Minister of Law and Order ~~125~~

- (1) Whether there has been an increase in hijackings of motor vehicles in the northern eastern suburbs of Johannesburg during the past year, if so, to what extent,
- (2) whether any steps are contemplated in this regard, if not, why not, if so, what steps? B334E

**THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER**

- (1) No
- (2) The steps which have already been taken and which are being taken on a continuous basis are
- Increased police patrols,
  - Quicker reaction to cases which are reported, and
  - A special unit has been established in order to deal with the hijacking of vehicles

\*22 Mr J A JORDAAN—National Health † [Question standing over]

**Ballito: electricity supply**

\*23 Mr J A JORDAAN asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs † ~~125~~

(1) Whether any communities in the vicinity of the municipal area of Ballito have made direct or indirect representations to the Electricity Control Board for the supply of electricity to them to be taken over by an institution other than that municipality, if so, what are the relevant details; ~~125~~

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B339E

**THE MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS**

(1) Yes, the relevant details are as follows

(a) The Borough of Ballito supplies electricity to extra-municipal consumers in the vicinity of its municipal area under the authority of a licence which was issued by the Electricity Control Board (ECB) on 1 April 1987

(b) From the outset the Borough of Ballito experienced problems with the poor electricity supply network which had been taken over from a previous operator and which had to be upgraded at a considerable cost. This expenditure had to be recovered in the form of increased tariffs to the consumers

(c) The Durban City Council applied in a letter dated 10 December 1992 for the transfer of the right of supply in Ballito's extra-municipal supply area to that council. The ECB considered this application together with the Borough of Ballito's objection on 12 February 1993 and has called for the Durban City Council's explanation of how it intends supplying the consumers in the Borough of Ballito's extra-municipal supply area, ie whether it intends using Ballito's existing facilities such as its substation and/or transformers or whether it intends obtaining a direct supply from Eskom. The said council was also requested to inform the ECB of whether there would be separation costs and if so, what this would amount to. Ballito was also requested by the ECB to furnish its comments on these matters

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(d) The ECB will consider the comments of Durban and Ballito on 17 March 1993. In terms of Section 13 (5) of the Electricity Act, 1987 the ECB may, at its discretion, hear the objections in public at a time and place of which at least 14 days notice shall be given to the applicant, the transferor or transferee, as the case may be, and every objector.

(e) The ECB will decide on 17 March 1993 on the next step to be taken in the search for a solution, to ensure that a correct decision is taken which will be in the interest of the efficient supply of electricity, the consumers of electricity and in the public interest, in terms of the provisions of the Electricity Act

(2) No

#### Broadcasting licences: moratorium

\*24 Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Home Affairs

(1) Whether a moratorium has been placed on the granting of new broadcasting licences and the upgrading of broadcasting facilities, if so, what are the relevant details,

(2) whether any services of the South African Broadcasting Corporation have been extended and/or upgraded while this moratorium has been in force, if not, why not, if so, what services,

(3) whether any extension and/or upgrading of services is being envisaged, if not, why not, if so, what is being envisaged,

(4) whether any permission for new licences or the extension and/or upgrading of facilities has been granted to other radio stations during the moratorium period, if so, what are the relevant details? B340E

#### The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(1) The Task Group on Broadcasting in South and Southern Africa recommended that no further broadcasting licences or extensions on existing licences be granted until the recommendations of the Task Group's Report have been evaluated and implemented, but no final

decision has been made to implement a moratorium

In accordance with the spirit of the task group's recommendations, no further new licences or extension of any existing licence has been issued to the SABC, since the publication of the above-mentioned report

With regard to the upgrading of broadcasting facilities no moratorium has been recommended by the task group or been implemented.

(2) Bearing in mind the afore-mentioned approach to honouring a moratorium, no services of the SABC, which would have required supplementary licensing, have been extended. However, various services have been upgraded and/or replaced in the course of the SABC's normal programme of rendering an improved service to listeners

(3) The extension, upgrading and improvement of the SABC's services are constantly under review in terms of the corporation's aim to adjust and improve services to listeners

(4) Apart from a landline link between Radio Bop's studios at Sandton and their transmitter in GaRankuwa and a few very limited and temporary licences which have, *inter alia*, been granted to Radio Tuks, Voice of Wits, Showtime Music Radio and others, no permanent licences or extension and/or upgrading of facilities have been granted to other radio stations

Police cells: detainees

\*25 Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Law and Order

(a) How many persons under the age of 18 years were being detained in police cells as at 31 January 1993 and (b) how many of these persons (i) had been charged and (ii) remained to be charged as at that date? B342E

#### The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a) 722

(b) (i) 611 were charged with a crime at police stations

(u) 75 were not yet charged with a crime at police stations as they were only still suspects

#### Note

36 were released on the same day because investigations revealed that they could not be charged.

#### Department of Forestry: newsletters in English only

\*26. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry †

(1) Whether his Department has distributed a notice entitled "Rationalization of forestry technology—newsletters" in which it is stated that newsletters will in future be issued in English only, if so, (a) how is this justified and (b) what are the further particulars,

(2) whether his Department will consider issuing these newsletters either in both official languages or in Afrikaans and English alternately, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B347E

#### The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

(1) Yes

(a) To save costs by means of rationalizing publications, especially where 75 percent of the readership is English speaking and to allow for changing needs and to achieve new goals

(b) The Forestry Technology Newsletter is an internal publication to keep the Forestry Extension Officers of the Forestry Branch of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry up to date with technological developments in commercial forestry and also contains handy information and hints regarding forestry matters. The Newsletter was initially launched as a service between the researchers and the Extension Officers, but in the course of time this publication was

also supplied free of charge to private timber growers

(2) Yes, for the time being the publication concerned will still be available in both official languages

(3) Yes. There are mainly two aspects which gave rise to this particular decision and on which I would like to elaborate to provide perspective on the decision. Firstly, with the view to the commercialization of the forestry and woodprocessing activities of the State with effect from 1 April 1993 it was necessary to consider the mission of the Chief Directorate Forestry Development of the Forestry Branch of the Department as this Chief Directorate will not be commercialized and will remain under central Government control, and secondly, it was necessary to look critically at all the facets of the future expenditure of this Chief Directorate due to the fact that only limited funds are available.

The Directorate Forestry Extension and Conservation of the Chief Directorate Forestry Development, which is responsible for the distribution of publications such as the one under discussion, will in future focus on the development of agroforestry and not commercial forestry activities. The reason for this change in accent is firstly to be found in the fact that certain parts of South Africa are degrading to such an extent as the result of over-utilization of vegetation that this has become a menace for the country as a whole and secondly, in the commercialization of the commercial forestry activities of the State.

I have already referred to the question of limited funds and, it having been decided that the Chief Directorate Forestry Development will rationalize its publications so as to effect savings on direct and indirect expenditure, I can announce today that it is the intention to cease the publication of the Forestry Technology Newsletter with effect from 1 June 1993. This does not mean, however, that the transfer of information will be impeded by such a step. The Extension Leaflet which was distributed separately in the past, will still be published in

# Couple win back their home

By GEORGE MAHABEER

A DURBAN couple have won a 30-year battle to get their house returned to them after it was expropriated under the Group Areas Act.

Mr Dhoopchand Maharaj, 64, and his wife, Sonpathy, 52, were told this week by House of Delegates officials that they could have their Cato Manor home back.

Mr Maharaj had demanded that the HoD return his home after State President FW de Klerk's decision that any person who was deprived of properties under the Group Areas Act would be able to claim them back if they had not been developed for other purposes.

Legal consultant Rowley Arenstein said it was believed Mr Maharaj's home was the first Cato Manor house to be given back to its original owner.

## Money

The Maharajes, who had lived in their Dunbar Road house since 1954, had refused to move when Cato Manor was declared a white area in 1958. More than 40 000 Indian families were uprooted and their homes bulldozed.

Mr Maharaj only moved out last year when he let the house to tenants.

During his courageous stand against the government, he refused to accept the R6 287 the state paid him for the property.

He returned the money to the Master of the Supreme Court, who has held it in a trust account since 1979.

A condition of the transfer of the property to Mr Maharaj is that he has to arrange with the court to return the money to the HoD.

Mr Maharaj is now anxiously waiting for the property to be officially transferred to him so he can build a new house to replace the present wood-and-iron structure.



Star 16/3/93  
**Water rationing lifted**

Water supplies have been restored in the Natal north coast town of Stanger after three days of rationing. The Stanger Town Council enforced rationing after vandals allegedly sabotaged the balancing reservoir outside the town. (125)

# He's still slaughtering those holy cows!

By FRED KHUMALO

28/3/93  
Press

NKOSINATHI Maphumulo has grabbed the bull by the tail again! Enfirepreneur Nkosinathi, who lives in Amanzimtoti, a swanky, formerly whites-only suburb in the Natal south coast, has held another rip-roaring feast

His aim was to appease the heavenly ancestors - and perhaps to tell white mother grundies in the suburb to go to hell!

Some whites, it appears, can't stand the notion of a black man slaughtering animals in "their" area

Last weekend he slaughtered two cows, a sheep and a goat for the week-end-long bash

This week white local officials threat-

ened to take legal action against him for breaking municipal by-laws and the new Abattoir Hygiene Act

Maphumulo, 32, found himself at the centre of white outrage last June when, immediately after moving into the white suburb, he slaughtered two cows and four goats "to show the spirits where he was living"

Local animal rights activists were miffed, the local municipality fumed and the health department huffed and puffed about "cruel, unhygenic" acts

Amanzimtoti town clerk Dave Ongley said the health department was phoned on Friday and told "a cow" was seen at Maphumulo's house

But the custodians of law and order were not quick enough! By the time they arrived at the house, a strong

aroma of braai/leis filled the yard - the ancestors had already been appeased!

Ongley said, they had reported the matter to the Department of Agriculture, which was responsible for abattoir hygiene and it was now "up to them" to take action

He said. "Last year when it happened, the old Act applied which had certain exemptions for the slaughtering of animals, but now that the old act has fallen away, all the exemptions have also fallen away"

"Now you can't slaughter anywhere except in a recognised abattoir," said Ongley

Last year members of the local neighbourhood watch pounced upon Maphumulo's house after receiving "tip-offs"

about the presence of beasts in the businessman's home

The police were called in the for of two police reservists - and the animals were temporarily impounded by the SPCA and he was charged with cruelty to animals

When Maphumulo went to collect his animals two weeks later, he had to pay R820 for their "safekkeeping"

Eventually, Maphumulo was given a permit to slaughter the animals

Maphumulo said "We get on quite well with the neighbours. They understand me and do not object to the slaughtering as we never interfere with their lives. After the feast, we clean the yard and there is hardly a smell"

"I'm an African. I have to keep in touch with my *amadlozi*"

changing this policy, if not, why not, if so, (a) in what manner and (b) when;

- (3) whether she will make a statement on the matter? **D122E**

#### The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (1) *General Policy*

The policy for the introduction of Indian languages and Arabic, with effect from January 1984, is clearly set out in Paragraph 5.2 (pp F5 and F6) in the Principal's Handbook. In summary the policy is as follows:

The initial choice between an Indian Language and Cultural Studies rests with the parent/guardian of the pupils concerned.

The institution of an Eastern language teaching unit at the Std 2 level in a school in any year shall be conditional on

- (i) A minimum of 15 pupils being enrolled for the language chosen, and  
(ii) A teacher for the language chosen being available at the school concerned.

If there is a viable demand for an Eastern language, but a teacher is not available at the school, the principal may arrange to engage the services of a part-time teacher in consultation with the Superintendent of Education (Management) for the school and Staffing Section.

With the appointment of Language Promoters the responsibility for approving institution of teaching units and the appointment of part-time teachers are handled by them.

- (2) (a) and (b)

No, in respect of the following policy issues:

The policy in respect of the following will not be changed in the immediate future.

was no possibility of uniform syllabus coverage for all pupils,

— organisationally disruptive to the school,

— detrimental to the image of Eastern languages as a subject in the curriculum as no other subject was organised in this manner,

— fiscally irregular in that funds could not be accurately budgeted.

The accelerated creation of class units will minimise the consequences noted above. Nevertheless, adequate time was allowed to Language Promoters in that the task of creating class units was extended into March. The effectiveness of this policy can be inferred from the fact that as at 13 August 1992 the Department had employed 460 part-time teachers of Eastern languages. The number projected for 1993 was 511 part-time teachers. But, as at 24 March 1993 the Department has employed 644 part-time teachers for the 1993 academic year. The pupils in the charge of these teachers are thus guaranteed at least three full terms of instruction in Eastern languages.

#### State financed dwellings: hardships

\*6 Mr G MARI asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture

- (1) Whether the Durban City Council has approached his Department in respect of hardships allegedly experienced by persons occupying State financed dwellings as a result of the application of the 1987 rental formula, if so, when?

(2) whether any steps have been or are to be taken to deal with this matter, if not, why not, if so, what steps, **(12S)**

- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? **D141E**

#### The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

- (1) No

- (2) Falls away

- (3) Yes. On 3 March 1993 the Durban City Council made an application to the Department to transfer an amount of R1 million from the Community Facilities Fund to the hardship fund to assist tenants who are experiencing difficulties in paying their rentals. This matter is being investigated at present and should there be sufficient monies in the Community Facilities Fund, the matter will be referred to the Housing Development Board for a decision.

#### For written reply

#### General Affairs

#### Short-term insurance: regulation by legislation

21 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Finance

- (1) Whether he intends introducing legislation to regulate the short-term assurance industry, if not, why not, if so, (a) for what reasons, (b) when and (c) to what extent will such legislation amend existing legislation in this regard,

- (2) what (a) persons and/or (b) bodies have been consulted in this regard,

- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? **D108E**

#### The MINISTER OF FINANCE.

- (1) (a), (b) and (c)

The insurance industry is presently regulated in terms of the Insurance Act, 1943 (Act No 27 of 1943). Due to the fact that this Act is outdated and in need of reform it has been decided and in need of reform to regulate the short-term and long-term insurance industry should be formulated to replace the Act.

- (2) (a) and (b)

The representative organisations of the long-term and short-term insurance industries, academics and other interested

# Indian couple in flat race rumpus

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By CARMEL RICKARD

IN what is believed to be the first such case to get to court in this country, an Indian couple are claiming they are the victims of a racist board of directors who are blocking the sale of a flat they want to buy.

Bipin and Daksha Bhoola have gone to the Durban Supreme Court to contest the opposition of Ronald Penney, director and chairman of the board of Bay Towers, to their buying a flat in the building.

The Bhoolas want to buy the flat from a deceased estate. The executor of the estate, Syfrets official Mark Wilson, sold the flat to them in March last year.

However, because it is a share-block building, both the sale and the transfer must be approved by the directors of the share-block company.

According to the affidavits of Mr Wilson and Mr and Mrs Bhoola, Mr Penney initially indicated that approval would not be given because Mrs Bhoola, in whose name the flat would be bought, "was a non-white".

However, the Bhoolas claim they subsequently received a call from Mr Penney saying that consent had been given. Mrs Bhoola then spent about R20 000 renovating the flat.

When she tried to let it, the tenant was told by the board that Mrs Bhoola was not the owner and had no rights to the flat, and that if he took occupation he would be evicted.

Mr Penney then had a new padlock installed on the burglar door of the flat.

The matter will come back to court next month but, meanwhile, Mr Justice Noel Hurt has ordered that the padlock be removed and that Mr Wilson must be given access.

# Better deal for Durban's 'Block AK' squatters

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By FRED KHUMALO

FOR years they lived like hunted animals, attacked by white rightwingers and despised by some Durban city councillors for being "pests and parasites" who gave the city a dirty image.

But the trials and tribulations of hundreds of people squatting on a small patch of land called Block AK near Umgeni Road could soon be over following a decision by the council management committee (Manco) to build a complex for the squatters - at a cost of R3-million.

Justifying why it was important that the council spend this amount of money resettling the squatters, the committee said customers from rural areas spent R120-million in the city each year and it was only logical that the Block AK squatters - many of whom are traders - be provided with proper facilities and accommodation.

The setting up of this complex could give a boost to the earnings made by the city from rural people, said Manco.

The squatters, who come from as far afield as Transkei, sleep and ply their trade under unhygienic conditions in the overcrowded squatter settlement.

The new complex, to be completed in eight months, will provide them with accommodation and basic facilities they need for carrying out their business.

Said Manco chairman Peter Mansfield "A study group looked at the situation and have come up with an innovative plan which will serve these customers, traders and all other people connected with them."

The squatters' shacks border on the

pristine Greyville race course on the one side and modern office blocks on the other.

The squatters are to be resettled on a patch of land on Mansell Road, between the railway line and Umgeni Road, near Old Fort Road.

The decision was arrived at after months of debate, with conservative councillors calling for the complete removal of the squatters from the city.

But a strong liberal lobby within the city council succeeded in its campaign to have the squatters resettled elsewhere in the city where they could continue plying their different trades.

Many of the squatters peddle huge plastic barrels, cushions, second-hand clothes, cakes, juices, cosmetics, detergents and vegetables.

Meanwhile, the city council has come out strongly against the unhygienic conditions at yet another squatter settlement a stone's throw from the Durban CBD on Brook Street.

A recent municipal report said the approximately 70 families squatting would be removed with immediate effect if they didn't clean up.

The 70 families who live in shacks made of planks rely on one tap and use three portable toilets.

The area is constantly awash with dirty water mixed with litter from overflowing rubbish bins. The squatters blame the squalor on the shortage of rubbish bins.

Known as Ekuhluphekeni (Place of suffering), the squatter camp has been in existence for three years. Many of the inhabitants are refugees fleeing violence in such areas as Umbumbulu, Inanda and Umlazi.

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**Neither love nor money**

The empty nest syndrome, coupled with a growing demand for the security and convenience townhouse living affords, could be turning large luxury homes on Durban's Berea into an anachronism.

There's no doubt that the ridge above Durban — including Glenwood, Berea, and Morningside — with its panoramic views of the harbour and the Indian Ocean, is one of the city's premier residential locations. However, there are signs that, following the national trend, large properties in this area at the top end of the price range are not in as much demand as they used to be.

Berea has become a buyer's market. There are seldom more than four or five R1m-plus homes sold on the ridge each year but one estate agent estimates that there could be as many as 24 properties in this price range now up for sale. He believes some of the slack could be taken up by foreign buyers.

Marc Lurie, who has just bought the Pam Golding Berea franchise, says that despite suggestions of a slump in residential sales because of politics, his organisation had a bumper month in April and was expecting May to be even better. Nevertheless, he concedes. "It's still a buyer's market with a preponderance of sellers. Sellers often have to accept substantially less than they're asking if they want to close a deal. We're seeing anything up to a 30% difference between list and selling prices."

Lurie notes there's also an emerging trend of owners of large properties buying down. "People are selling R1m-plus homes to move into more secure flats and townhouses. Though this may be healthy for the townhouse market, it is creating a bit of a vacuum at the top end of the property market. There is a need to stimulate interest in the higher-priced, larger properties," he says.

He estimates there are about 25 properties each worth more than R1m for sale on the Berea — a large number for a small area. "The trouble is that buyers in that price range are few and far between," he says.

JHI residential director and Berea manager Peter Lowe agrees, adding that a number of expensive properties have come on to the market recently. "I don't know whether

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this has anything to do with the economy or politics. There is a significant segment of people looking for smaller properties. Those in this category are generally suffering from the empty-nest syndrome and now want something smaller.

Lowe says only a few property owners in the upper price brackets have been selling to emigrate.

Turnover in the R1m-plus price range, he says, is slow. "Berea sees only five or six of these properties change hands annually," he says. The highest demand for townhouses is at almost R300 000.

It's not all doom and gloom for the city's top properties. Golding's Lurie says "We're still receiving many inquiries from our London office for people wanting to buy properties in Durban, Johannesburg and Cape Town. We've just sold two top Durban properties to British and Spanish buyers."

He adds that interest in local properties from foreign buyers remains strong despite their having to use the commercial rand to buy residential property unless they immigrate.

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**The MINISTER OF HOUSING**

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**The MINISTER OF HOUSING**

- (1) Refer to attached schedule
- (2) (a) 9  
(b) 118

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**THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL**

The answers to (a), (b) and (c) are no

It appears that the former Ministers' Council, which during 1991, dealt with the matter, did not follow up its initiatives as indicated in the answers given previously, during its term of office which terminated during February 1993

In view of the reassignment of portfolios to the members of the present Ministers' Council together with the concomitant relatively severe re-organisation of duties and the myriad of inherited problematic issues, which the responsible Ministers have had to deal with, this particular issue has not received any attention thus far Nevertheless, now that the matter has been raised with me, I will pursue the matter regarding the second access road to Chatsworth with the relevant authorities

**Mr T PALAN** Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council, is he aware that as time drags on the accident rate on Hugginson Highway is increasing at an alarming rate? According to the available records, there were 644 accidents in 1989, resulting in 14 fatalities and 115 injuries This rate is showing an alarming increase every day I think the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council should give this matter urgent attention He should not wait for MPs to raise matters, but should take them up from where others have left off

**Mr A RAJBANSI** Mr Speaker, further arising out of the reply of the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council, in view of the fact that he has indicated that his colleagues had to attend to a myriad of problematic issues, and that he will give the matter his attention since it has been raised now, has he considered the importance of this particular issue in order to give it priority? Secondly, does he function like a football, that moves only when it is kicked?

**THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL** Mr Speaker, the question of the second access route to Chatsworth is a matter which should have been resolved ages ago It is, in fact, shameful that it has not been resolved I have been involved in this issue at provincial level—this was more than 10 years ago—and I

believe that it must be resolved I intend giving the matter my attention

**Mr M RAJAB** Mr Speaker, further arising out of the reply of the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council, is he prepared to give this House an undertaking that he will resolve this issue within a specified period of time? [Interjections]

**THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL** Mr Speaker, I chose my words carefully I shall try, and try I certainly will

**Ministers**

**Social upliftment: funds obtained through insurance company**

\* **1 Mr M F CASSIM** asked the Minister of Welfare

(1) Whether his Department recently obtained funds for social upliftment through a certain insurance company, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, below the market interest rate, if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, (a) when, (b) what is the name of the company in question, (c) what amount and (d) under what conditions;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D283E

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF WELFARE**

- (1) No—not applicable
- (a) falls away
- (b) falls away
- (c) falls away
- (d) falls away
- (2) No

**Mr M F CASSIM** Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, I wish to ask why, if money is available for social upliftment at below market rates, the Ministry is not taking advantage of that?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER** Mr Speaker, if I remember correctly the hon member posed this question to the Ministry of Housing He has now posed it to the hon the Minister of Wel-

fare Perhaps next week he will pose it to the hon the Minister

**Vacant plots in Heathcote Rd, Durban: rezoning**

\* **2 Mr T PALAN** asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether it is the intention to rezone certain vacant plots in Heathcote Road, Durban, as residential plots, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) how will the land in question be disposed of,
- (2) whether this land was expropriated in terms of the Group Areas Act, if not, what is the position in this regard, if so,
- (3) whether the said land is to be returned to the original owners thereof, if not, why not, if so, when? D307E

**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING**

(1) Yes The land in question is owned by the Durban City Council and was formerly designated a "controlled area" in terms of the now defunct Group Areas Act Following representations by the hon member, my Department approached the Durban City Council to rezone its land in the Heathcote Road area from its existing "Open Space" zoning to "Special Residential" zoning

(a) The Durban City Council was approached in March 1991 to consider rezoning its properties as residential plots The rezoning was advertised and no objections were received It is expected that the rezoning will be finalized within the next two to three months

(b) It is understood that the Durban City Council intends offering the rezoned sites for sale by Public Auction

- (2) No The land was reserved for a "public open space" in terms of a resolution adopted by the Durban City Council on 16 November 1970
- (3) Falls away

**Mr T PALAN** Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Ministers' reply, will he concede that, in terms of the announcement made by the hon

the State President, land which was expropriated as a result of the Group Areas Act shall now be given back to the original owners if it is still lying idle?

**THE MINISTER** Mr Speaker, I concede that such a statement was made Perhaps I should ask the hon member in turn whether he has contacted the relevant authorities, the Advisory Commission on Land Allocation, for example, with regard to this matter His question falls within the ambit of their activities

**Mr T PALAN** Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Ministers' reply, the Durban City Council is now proposing to sell those residential sites by public tender That is why I posed this question Could the hon the Minister not intervene to stop the Durban City Council from proceeding with the sale of these sites by public tender?

**THE MINISTER** Mr Speaker, I am sure the hon member is aware that that particular property belongs to the Durban City Council I advised him during the debate on my budget Vote that I was on the verge of making a close inspection of all matters pertaining to the Chatsworth region, and should he require that land for a specific purpose, I shall take another look also at this aspect and take matters from there

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**THE MINISTER** Mr Speaker, I am sure the hon member for Arena Park is fully aware of the circumstances pertaining to this vexed problem which is a problem throughout the country at the moment The legislation he referred to has not been passed as yet These are issues that have to be addressed, however, in order to resolve the political situation I shall address this matter timeously



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## HILTON VILLAGE

### All het up

The normally tranquil Natal village of Hilton near Maritzburg, better known for its college than its commerce, is working itself into a tizz over plans for a shopping mall and office development

The residents' association has slammed what it claims are attempts to sneak the scheme through the back door. It maintains the scheme is being promoted on the basis that it will improve local shopping facilities.

On the contrary, the association argues, there is a danger that the unique fabric of the village will be destroyed in the name of rapacious commercial interests.

The association holds that if the project proceeds it will hit both traders and customers.

However, the thrust of its campaign was severely dented last week when a vote taken at a public protest meeting it had organised showed substantial support for the development.

The heart of the matter, as Hilton Town Board chairman Jon Price explains, is that

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additional shopping facilities for Hilton are badly needed. This was identified in a recent structure plan for the village which apparently still needs NPA approval. However, it's the location of this additional shopping that's presenting the problem.

Town planners estimate that 1,1 m<sup>2</sup> of shop space per resident is needed in Hilton but the greater Hilton area has 6 000 people served by about 2 000 m<sup>2</sup> of shopping space. The proposed development, says Price, would bring Hilton roughly into line with the guideline ratio in the structure plan.

Opponents of the plan, principally the ratepayers' association, say the developer, Collins Construction, last year obtained approval from the town board for a relatively limited scheme.

However, before construction began an application for a substantial expansion of the project was lodged and then withdrawn after public disapproval was expressed in a petition.

#### New applications

Subsequently, however, a third application for an even bigger expansion of the originally approved scheme was lodged.

The association claims that this is in direct contradiction of the mandate on which the board was elected, namely it promises to protect the the village environment.

Price, however, maintains that the aesthetic and environmental value of Hilton are of paramount concern to the board. "The basis on which it was elected was its opposition to the widening and straightening of the main NPA road through Hilton to accommodate a proposed 12 000 m<sup>2</sup> shopping centre in the shopping node. There is a need for additional shopping facilities in Hilton. The question is where?"

"The Collins proposal appears to be in a much better position. It is bounded by private open space, the Hilton open quarry, and land zoned as light industrial so it doesn't impinge aesthetically, disturb too many residents and no costs for infrastructural upgrading will accrue to ratepayers," he says.

The deadline for objections was last week and the matter will be debated by the town board at its meeting this week. ■

# Pensioners demand their homes back

By GEORGE MAHABEER

WHITE pensioners have joined more than 100 Indians in demanding the return of property expropriated under the Group Areas Act.

The claimants are former residents of the Durban suburb of Bellair and their applications will be decided by the Advisory Commission on Land Allocation.

Retired motor spares parts manager Allen Sydney Bodil, 70, is now renting his own home from the government.

He was paid R31 500 for his three-bedroom house, which had a garage and pool.

Mr Bodil said he would gladly return the money to the government.

"They took away my house in Ratcliffe Drive in 1981 and since then I have been living in it as a tenant at R150 a month.

"It's a reasonable rent but, by the same token, the amount they paid me for the house was small I could have sold it at a higher price" (125)

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice SW McCreath, will hear evidence at a public hearing at

the Arena Park Regional Hall, Rose Height Road (Road 604), Unit 6, Chatsworth, at 9am from Tuesday to Thursday.

Most claimants will be represented by Durban attorney Mr Rowley Arenstein who has been instructed by the Victims of the Group Areas Act committee.

The commission has advertised details of 202 properties in the Bellair area calling on previous owners to claim them.

Committee chairman Mr Celvan Naiken said more than 100 claims — mostly from Indians — had been lodged.

"In their greed for land power, the former Community Development Board expropriated almost 30 properties from white owners in an area which had been declared white.

"Six homes expropriated in Ratcliffe Drive are still standing and are occupied by tenants," he said.

Mrs Florence Vechranges, 80, whose house was bulldozed, said: "The government paid me R27 500 for my house. I am now demanding compensation."

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# Squatters seize homes in Natal

Legal house-owners stand guard — armed with clubs and sticks

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — The mass occupation of House of Delegates-owned homes in Cato Manor continued today

Groups of squatters, mainly women, ran from house to house searching for unoccupied dwellings amid scenes of wild excitement

Most houses occupied had names of the new "owners" scratched or drawn on them

Squatters were planning to march on the building contractors to seize the keys to their new homes

Few of the legal home-owners in Wiggins went to work today, opting instead to stand guard at their homes, armed with an assortment of clubs and sticks

There was no sign of any police presence

One group of women went "house-hunting" today

When they discovered an empty house, they used a length of steel reinforcing to prise open a window. While several women climbed into the house, another scratched her name on the wall next to the door

Those inside the house ran from room to room shouting with excitement

"There's a bath," shouted one and those standing guard outside took up the cry "Bath! Bath!"

Another spotted the toilet and sat on it, calling her friends to look

There was evidence that even occupied houses were being reoccupied by groups of "poachers"

Several houses had the names of their "owners" scratched out and new names added, but one group were determined that this would not happen to them. Besides the name on the door, they went from room to room writing their names under sinks and in other hidden places.

These, they said, would be produced as evidence if their claim to the house was challenged by poachers.

The squatters, living in what they called chicken shacks, have watched the 1 000 or so houses go up and have grown increasingly angry. Land earmarked for the extension of Chesterville has been lying unused for years

The invasion has pushed the Cato Manor Development Association to the verge of collapse

A meeting billed as a community meeting is to be held in Chesterville tonight at which they will consider how to acquire the handful of empty homes still left in Cato Manor and what to do next.

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# Cosatu man calls for election holiday

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THE first day of the general election should be a paid holiday to ensure a high turnout for the poll, Cosatu election co-ordinator Jesse Maluleke suggested yesterday.

Speaking at an Innes Labour Brief seminar, Maluleke also called on business to train election monitors and release them for monitoring duty before, during and after the election.

He said monitors would play an important role in defusing tension in volatile areas in the run-up to April 27. On the voting days, they would ensure voting practices were adhered to and afterwards they would ensure the result was accepted.

He emphasised that monitors should be recruited from management as well as the shop floor as skilled workers could make specific contributions to the process. So far Cosatu had not devised a special training programme for monitors, but was looking into the qualities and skills required.

On workplace voter education, Maluleke said Cosatu itself would not train workers, but trade union representatives and management should jointly select an outside agency to conduct an education programme.

Employers were expected to pick up all

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costs involved, grant paid time off to enable shop stewards to be involved in the process, preferably allow training during company time and the use of company facilities, and allow mobile voting stations on their premises if their size warranted them.

He also urged business to offer assistance to workers who required identity documents before they could take part in the election. As things stood, Home Affairs would be unable to cope with the demand for documentation of the 4- to 5-million eligible voters without them, he said.

Maluleke said indications were that the election would take place over two days and not three as first suggested.

Speaking at the same seminar, Independent Mediation Service of SA elections project co-ordinator Drene Nupen said indications were that a second ballot would be allowed if a voter spoilt his paper before placing it in the counting box.

She said it had also been agreed in the most recent Bill on elections that an indication of intent to vote for a particular party would be counted even if the mark made were not a cross. A dot, tick or other mark would be accepted.

## ANC calls for whites in Popcru

THE ANC's PWV region resolved at the weekend to encourage the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) to open its membership to whites "to create further divisions in the SAP".

At its fourth annual conference in Johannesburg, the region also agreed to create "disciplined, community-based policing" that would be accountable to communities.

It resolved that the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, should increase its profile in local communities.

The conference noted that political violence was encouraged and financed by "government elements" in the SAP and SADF and the black and white right wing.

Violence was also being fanned by government's refusal to remove "instability units" from troubled areas. Delegates also demanded that the SADF be confined to barracks during next year's election.

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They agreed to campaign to strengthen the national peace accord, to convene a national peace summit and to campaign for a national peace corps.

The region resolved to "move speedily" towards the conversion of hostels into family units.

Responding to the call to open Popcru's membership, SAP public relations chief Maj-Gen Leon Mellet said the call was "indicative of the racism" practised by Popcru and its masters.

"It also confirms that Popcru is nothing but a political pressure group trying to politicise the SAP. Whatever their devious aims are, it remains illegal for any member of the SAP to become a member of a union such as Popcru or to become politically involved in any political organisation," Mellet said.

## Shack dwellers swarm into 400 new houses

DURBAN — Shack dwellers from Chesterville swarmed into about 400 recently built homes in the nearby Wiggins area of Cato Manor in Durban on Monday night.

Sapa reports that House of Delegates chief housing director Martin van Zyl said about 400 of the houses

had been claimed illegally by yesterday afternoon.

The squatters had reportedly grown angry at waiting for years for housing.

Van Zyl said: "We believe we can find a solution and we are getting co-operation from all parties concerned. There is no acrimony."

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spondent reports that city planner Neville Riley has said all the illegal tenants of Area L in Tafelsig, Mitchell's Plain, should be out by mid-December.

In the meantime, the illegal tenants would not be evicted. Riley declined to say whether the council would charge them rent

# Minister may give homes to squatters

Star 3/11/93

Durban — A meeting between representatives of the House of Delegates (HoD) and the Chesterville Residents' Association (CRA) to discuss the Cato Manor housing controversy adjourned on a friendly note last night.

Housing Minister S V Naicker had agreed to consider allocating 63 houses to Chesterville residents.

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The meeting with about 150 CRA members, who occupied houses in the HoD residential complex at Cato Manor, was an attempt to defuse the potential for conflict after shack dwellers had swarmed into the newly built homes, a spokesman said.

The CRA claimed the HoD was discriminating by allocating low-cost housing to Indians only.

Many homes had been bought or deposits paid, said HoD chief director of housing Martin van Zyl. The HoD had contracted for about 1 000 houses to be built.

About 400 houses had been claimed by squatters by yesterday afternoon, he said.

The shack dwellers had reportedly grown angry at waiting for years for housing development in Chesterville.

Naicker said National Housing Minister Louis Shill had requested a meeting on the crisis — Sapa.

# Squatters in Durban cause crisis

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Squatters remained in nearly 400 houses in the Wiggins area of Cato Manor here early today — more than 24 hours after an organised invasion of the area by toyi-toying Chesterville residents.

Urgent meetings were held last night to resolve the crisis and to defuse simmering racial tensions.

Police spokesman Major Hamilton Ngidi said "a few charges" of trespassing and malicious damage to property had been laid, but arrests were suspended pending the outcome of negotiations between squatter representatives and the House of Delegates.

Mr S V Naicker, the HoD housing minister, met squatter leaders last night and offered to give 63 new houses to Chesterville residents. The meeting ended with no immediate solution in sight, and was adjourned till this afternoon.

However, concern was mounting in several quarters that anarchy could result in other areas unless the situation was resolved quickly and decisively.

There were fears that fighting could break out among squatters themselves. About 400 unoccupied houses were taken over on Monday night by Chesterville residents who scrawled their names onto doors and windows to stake their claims.

But yesterday morning other would-be squatters had arrived and some were busy erasing the names of previous occupiers and painting in new names.

# Officials stay clear of Natal squatter crisis

CT 4/11/93

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Local authorities in Natal yesterday distanced themselves from the housing crisis in Cato Manor, while the ANC and NP accused each other of being responsible.

By late yesterday there was still no solution to the illegal mass occupation of 400 House of Delegates homes at Cato Manor and the various parties were locked in negotiations.

Police spokesman Major Hamilton Ngidi said that as negotiations were taking place police had temporarily suspended arrests on trespass

charges, although they were constantly monitoring the situation.

Mr Dumisani Makhaye, ANC Southern Natal media officer, said the NP was trying to use the crisis in Cato Manor to vilify the ANC. "It is not the ANC that created the corrupt HoD which allocates houses in Cato Manor on a racial basis," he said.

NP spokesman Mr Johan Steenkamp said the blame for the illegal occupation of houses must be placed squarely on the ANC, which "diligently encourages people to occupy empty property and squat illegally".



# Cato illegals may stay in homes for 3 months

Political Staff

DURBAN — People illegally occupying 799 houses in Wiggins, Cato Manor, could be in them for at least a further three months, as all sides are now looking to National Housing Minister Louw Shill for a R30 million solution

Initially it was reported that 400 of the homes built by the House of Delegates for low-income Indian families were occupied by Chesterville people on Monday night

But at a meeting yesterday between the Chesterville Residents Association and the HoD, the CRA said 799 houses were occupied

The CRA and HoD decided yesterday to turn to Mr Shill for answers. They want him to spend R30 million to build 1 200 homes in Chesterville extension

The land is owned by the Durban City Council. A few years ago the Natal Provincial Administration laid out roads and provided services there. But the sites have not been allocated yet because of a squabble between the Ngingizimu Town Committee that controls the area and its political opponents

HoD Housing Minister S.V. Naicker met Mr Shill in Pretoria today to discuss this plan

Tomorrow the CRA wants to

meet Mr Shill and Eric Molobi, chairman of the National Housing Forum

If Mr Shill comes up with the money, the government could waive tender rules and ask Bester Construction to build the homes. Bester Construction has delivered 1 039 of the 1 300 planned houses in Wiggins to the HoD

Work in Wiggins has now stopped because of the invasion. This is costing the company R60 000 a day in wages

Bester could be on site in Chesterville within 24 hours of being given the go-ahead, and within eight working weeks could be delivering 10 houses a day

But, this timetable could be extended by the builders' Christmas holiday

Meanwhile, Wiggins is volatile. In spite of a permanent police presence, problems could develop between the legal Indian owners and the illegal African occupants

At least 10 occupied houses have been vandalised through having their ceilings and windows removed

The squatters painted their names and numbers on all 799 houses, and the vandalism bill so far is R1,5 million, according to Mr Naicker

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# Plan for Cato housing

DURBAN — The Cato Manor Development Association has agreed on a seven-point action plan for the development of Cato Manor in Durban.

The association said yesterday land should be identified immediately for housing development in the Cato Manor and Chesterville areas.

It called for the formulation of a policy on housing allocations.

Referring to the occupation of vacant low-cost houses by squatters, the association said the issue was highly sensitive and complex.

The houses were built by the House of Delegates for local Indian residents but 400 were invaded by

homeless people from nearby Chesterville. (125) CTS/11/93

HoD director of housing Mr Johan Steenkamp confirmed the R30 million required to build houses on more than 1 000 serviced sites in adjoining Chesterville had been discussed at yesterday's top-level government meeting.

In the interim, the HoD had offered squatters 63 homes in the area.

Mr Steenkamp said Chesterville community leaders had given the HoD "an undertaking that they would motivate the squatters to move out" — Sapa

# HoD blamed for Cato Manor home invasion

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THE House of Delegates has been squarely blamed for the forcible occupation of homes earmarked for Indians in Cato Manor township by hundreds of black families this week.

Remarked Durban city councillor Peter Corbett: "In areas that the (Durban) city council administers, the HoD still insists that the housing waiting list be drawn up on a racial basis — that homes in Indian areas be reserved for Indians. We have appealed to them on many occasions to have non-racial waiting lists — but they refuse to agree to this."

There are no parallels with the squatter invasion of coloured housing in Tafelsig last week, which sparked speculation of "third force" involvement.

In Cato Manor, residents from the nearby African National Congress stronghold of Chesterville moved in after months of fruitless negotiations with the HoD. They want to buy the three-bedroomed houses, which are priced at R35 000 and require a R300 deposit.

Chesterville Residents' Association (CRA) spokesman Ernest Zwane said: "The HoD wants the homes only for Indians — and we are saying that all race groups must be allowed to live in Cato Manor. Affordability and whether you are employed must be the criteria, not race. These homes have been unoccupied for three months." He added that if any of the blacks who had moved in did not meet these criteria, they would have to move out.

At the time of writing, there was no sign of the impasse being broken. HoD spokesman Nagoor Bissety said many of the homes had already been allocated to Indians and that blacks would have to move out. He said the HoD did not want to forcibly evict the occupants and hoped that they would leave as a result of negotiations.

HoD Housing Minister SV Naicker was scheduled to hold a meeting with the Minister of National Housing, Louis Shill, yesterday to urge him to earmark land and money for black housing. Bissety said that Naicker — "out of compassion" — offered the black families 219 of the 400 homes — but they had rejected the proposal.

"The minister sympathises with the blacks. He also comes from the deprived class," added Bissety.

The occupation has turned the spotlight on the critical shortage of housing for Durban's blacks. Said Zwane: "The last home to be built in Chesterville was in 1942. The population has grown since then. In some cases, 30 people live in a single home." Said Corbett: "The dwellings of about 50 percent of the population in the Durban Functional Region need to be upgraded. We are looking at about two million people."

Fears of clashes between blacks and Indians were defused as a result of close co-operation between the CRA and the Cato Manor Residents' Association, which works primarily among Indians. According to local reports, members of the two organisations are jointly patrolling the area to ensure that there is no intimidation or harassment.

Reassuring Indian residents, Zwane said: "There is nothing to fear. We want to live in harmony."

# Squatters urged to leave houses

Durban — ANC president Nelson Mandela on Saturday urged squatters who had taken occupation of homes earmarked for Indians in Durban's Cato Manor, to vacate the houses.

Mandela was speaking to a crowd of about 5 000, most of whom were squatters, at a peoples' forum gathering in Inanda, north of Durban. *Star*

The ANC president was referring to the recent squatter occupation of homes — built by the Indian House of Delegates — and the surrounding controversy which has highlighted Durban's housing crisis. 15/11/93

He said he realised the National Party Government was not interested in the housing crisis facing blacks

However, it was wrong for squatters to take over houses earmarked for Indians.

He would return to speak to Cato Manor squatters next week to formally request that they move from the homes.

"Using force (to invade homes) can lead to force from those communities," he cautioned. (125)

An ANC government would ensure that adequate attention was applied to the country's housing crisis, Mandela said. — Sapa.

# Cato Manor: 'Department erred'

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THE Department of National Housing had erred by not intervening within the first nine days of the housing crisis in Cato Manor near Durban, National Housing Minister Mr Louis Shill said yesterday.

Speaking during an interpellation debate on the illegal occupation of houses by squatters, he said no direct action had been taken at the outset because the occupied homes were the

responsibility of the House of Delegates administration

The area was now surrounded by a large group and any attempt to forcibly evict the squatters would invite a serious racial confrontation.

His department had convened a meeting of interested parties on November 11, and a follow-up meeting would be held in the next 10 days

He said the Cato Manor Development Association (CMDA), a Section 21 company appointed to co-ordinate development there, had not carried out its functions properly, and an alternative body was being contemplated.

Mr Shill also said the National Housing Forum had refused to attend the November 11 meeting.

The Department of National Housing,

with the help of the private sector, had embarked on a new programme to provide low-cost housing to black people.

Mr Shill's statements came as a Durban developer announced a major housing scheme comprising 460 houses for the middle-income black market to be built at Umlazi on what used to be the township's golf course.

— Sapa, Own Correspondent

## Land provided for Dukuduku squatters

EMPANGENI — Squatters in the Dukuduku forest in northern Natal are to be resettled on land made available by the Natal Provincial Administration

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This follows a judgment in the Mtubatuba Magistrate's Court after the withdrawal of the squatters' legal representatives

Magistrate Mr F W Pienaar also empowered the provincial administration to dismantle all "squatter structures" erected in the indigenous forest. — Sapa

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Shill the power of the cheque book

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jam that has largely stymied development of Cato Manor — a stretch of largely vacant land 6 km west of central Durban, laid waste by a succession of Group Areas expropriations and blunders

All efforts by politicians, including Shill, ANC president Nelson Mandela and HoD Housing Minister S V Naicker, failed to dislodge the invaders. Instead — and this is hardly surprising, given that no action has been taken — numbers have risen steadily. Shill, who visited the homes last week, tells the FM that about 1 200 families (from an initial 400 or so) have now entrenched themselves illegally (125) (~~300~~)

Shill is confident the solution thrashed out last week by himself and about 30 interest groups will solve both the illegal occupation problem and break the broader development log jam. "We tried some lateral thinking. Rather than pushing policing as a solution, we found alternatives by looking at the needs of those who have to leave and those who have been dispossessed. The creation of a temporary city was one. However, the best solution seems to be for the community to resolve the issue itself."

Is this a solution? Hardly, if it does not establish that private property must be protected. The squatters are being allowed to stay in the houses until alternative accommodation is found, while construction of new homes for the dispossessed begins in neighbouring Bonella.

In essence the plan involves:

- The formation of a fully representative Cato Manor Development Association (involving 30 organisations), with a full-time executive team to plan and build about 40 000 houses in five years (including the 800 at Wiggins Road),
- Infrastructural development by Durban City Council;
- Pooling of all land owned by different interest groups into a trust;
- Provision of adequate State finance when the new housing subsidy scheme begins, and
- Recognition of the need for complementary private sector finance for Cato Manor development, resulting in R100m-

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## Principle at stake

Durban's Cato Manor squatter crisis has been resolved — at least temporarily — by the local community, along with National Housing Minister Louis Shill's cheque book and some lateral thinking. (~~300~~) (125)

The crisis erupted on November 1 (Currents November 5) when shack-dwellers from the overcrowded Chesterville black township spilled over the N2 highway to Wiggins Road in Cato Manor. They occupied about 300 new homes that had been built under authority of the House of Delegates (HoD) and allocated to low-income Indian families.

Two main problems were created by the invasion: what to do about the illegal occupants of other people's homes, and what to do about those whose new homes were snatched away before they could move in themselves.

It also drew attention to the political log

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R200m annually going into the scheme for five years (~~300~~) (125)

Says Shill. "We believe this is the first time these elements — namely management, money, land and the community — have been combined to work together, and it happened because we realised that it will not operate any other way."

But the Minister's optimism could be premature. In the first place, the onus was placed on the community to ensure that squatters left the illegally occupied properties once new homes had been identified (government financial assistance for Cato Manor is conditional on this). The community has failed to do this.

The Minister is only partially correct, suggesting that this is the first time effort has been made to pool resources at Cato Manor. Past initiatives have recognised the need for joint efforts but, after initial optimistic enthusiasm, vested interests failed to relinquish control of their land.

The shock of the squatter invasion may, however, have jarred them into realising that they must work together to stop Cato Manor becoming a giant slum. It must seem unreasonable for the homeless to occupy other people's property if nothing is done to stop them.

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**Cato Manor conundrum**

An Indian family chased from a Cato Manor, Durban, home by a mob has had the property returned. And it now appears that allegations of similar intimidatory evictions are groundless.

Initially it seemed mob rule might be taking over at Wiggins Road where 800 empty houses, built by the House of Delegates, have been illegally occupied since November by families from the overcrowded black settlement of Chesterville across the N2 highway

In contrast to Cape Town City Council's tough line of evicting squatters from 276 homes in Tafelsig, Mitchells Plain, the 1 200 Cato Manor squatter families have been given permission, by National Housing Minister Louis Shill, to stay put until new dwellings can be built for them. The construction of new homes for the dispossessed Indian families is also being given attention.

But the Cato Manor crisis took a sinister turn when an Indian family living there was scared into leaving by a large group of blacks. There were unconfirmed reports that at least four other families were driven out in a similar way (*Currents* January 14). This was interpreted as being the result of Shill's decision, which effectively rewarded the invaders of property and violated the principle of defending private property rights

ANC southern Natal treasurer Albert Dhlomo, who heads the Chesterville Residents' Association which represents the squatters, says the home has been returned to the Indian family that fled and an investigation has not substantiated four other allegations of intimidation (S) (125)

He adds that the association's marshals, not the police, recovered the property and the

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invaders had been opportunists from Kwa-Mashu township south of Durban, not lawless elements from Chesterville. "They simply tried to use the volatile situation as an easy way to obtain a home"

Dhlomo says the residents' association is working closely with police to maintain law and order at Wiggins Road and prevent violent recurrences. The co-operation even led to the recovery of personal belongings burgled from an Indian home

The ANC, he stresses, upholds the rights to and protection of private property ownership. But he says Cato Manor is not a simple

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issue.

"The factors which led to the invasion and occupation are complex. Blacks were excluded from buying at Cato Manor, though they had 1 000 names on the waiting list. The ANC cannot condone this sort of apartheid irrespective of whether the houses had been earmarked for blacks, whites, coloureds or Indians

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"Yet the ANC cannot give its blessing to the property invasion or the continued occupation of the houses. During subsequent negotiations, the ANC insisted on the squatters leaving so that the rightful owners could

regain possession. Shill insisted they stay until new homes are built"

The newly reconstituted Cato Manor Development Association, headed by University of Natal mass housing specialist Dan Smit, is scheduled to hold its first meeting this week.

All the land is being pooled in a trust and the association is responsible for implementing a housing development strategy for the area. It also has the difficult task of ensuring the illegal occupants move out of the Wiggins Road homes once alternative accommodation is available



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# KwaZulu-Natal to get 23 000 houses

Sowetan Correspondent

**OFF TARGET** Applications for projects exceed budget ten-fold:

**T**HE R291 million allocated to KwaZulu-Natal for housing would build about 23 000 houses, Housing MEC Mr Peter Miller said yesterday

While the "Cinderella province" had finally been given the lion's share of the housing budget, he said, it still came nowhere close to meeting the needs of KwaZulu-Natal

Local housing developers said the injection meant jobs would be created in the province and the building in-

dustry would benefit

Housing Minister Mr Joe Slovo announced that the largest allocation of the housing budget had been granted to KwaZulu-Natal. Funds of more than R1,3 billion were given to nine provinces

This comprises 50 percent of funds from the 1994-95 Budget. Slovo said the remaining amount would be allocated as soon as possible after consul-

tation with housing MECs

Miller said he was pleased that the province was finally getting a share of the budget proportionate to its population. However, the money did not come anywhere close to addressing the housing needs, he said

"I have received applications for housing projects which exceed the budget ten-fold. The amount is inadequate"

# Snatchers take over new homes

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DURBAN. — Illegal occupants of a new housing scheme in Lamontville, south of Durban, are reaping the whirlwind of the ANC's pre-election promises of "houses for all"

An estimated 100 residents of a shack settlement near the housing scheme, convinced that the houses had been built as part of the reconstruction and development programme, moved in and took occupation.

About 200 houses had been built by Stocks and Stocks for individual sales. Some had been sold and occupied by their legal owners.

The house-snatchers, who scrawled their names on the walls and windows of the new houses, say the houses and land belong to them. They have named the scheme Dube Freedom Square.

Since November they watched the houses being built on their doorstep and believed the ANC was delivering on its promise of "houses for all", said illegal occupant Sphiwe Mazibuko.

Stocks and Stocks general manager Geoff Griffiths said a number of units had been sold. Many owners had already moved in but others who paid deposits were yet to take occupation.

The shack-dwellers refused to move out and the Internal Stability Unit was called in to evict them. Four people were arrested and charged with trespassing and house-breaking.

Mr Mazibuko said legal occupants would not be intimidated.

Families who had bought houses from the company did not know how to handle the situation. Said Reggie Ntabeni: "I suppose it will become a matter for the police if they (the illegals) kick us out."

Linda Zulu said he would rather die than move out of a Lamontville house he occupied illegally.

"When the ANC was campaigning here during the election they promised that houses would be built in Lamontville for our people," he said.

Mr Zulu, unemployed, lived in a shack with his girlfriend and their two-year-old son before occupying the house. He is prepared to pay about R150 a month rent.

"Those people (who purchased houses from the company) should go back to where they came from if they want peace. They must move out," he said as he raised a clenched fist to illustrate his point.

Mr Zulu insisted that he did not break into the house to take occupation. "I went to the (site) office of Stocks and Stocks and took the keys to the house. I went in through the door. Those people who broke doors and windows to get in are the tsotsis."

Complicating issues are gangsters who have moved into the area to take over the houses from illegal occupants. Some have sprayed-painted their names and car registration numbers on doors.

Mr Zulu and his friend Errol, also a house-grabber, vowed they would defend "their" properties. "We have waited long for houses. Nobody will take them from us."

# 5-year housing project

**DURBAN** — kwaZulu/Natal Housing Minister Mr Peter Miller yesterday announced a five-year housing programme for the region, saying he hoped 250 000 houses would be built by 1999

He said for the first time the province was "pretty close" to getting its pro-rata 25% share of the national housing budget. A quarter of the country's population lives in kwaZulu/Natal.

Mr Miller said it was planned to build

a million houses in the next decade, and these would eliminate the backlog in the province (125)

In the next five years, the province would allocate R4 billion to housing, hopefully matched rand-for-rand by the private sector.

About 20 000 houses would be built in the next year and the figure would rise by 50% every ensuing year, he said. — Sapa

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## Slovo committed to PWV scheme

ROBYN CHALMERS

HOUSING Minister Joe Slovo yesterday reaffirmed his commitment to investigate merging the national housing plan with PWV premier Tokyo Sexwale's scheme to build 150 000 homes in a year

This followed reports that the joint technical committee being set up to look at merger possibilities was effectively a face-saving exercise for Sexwale, as the Housing Ministry had grave doubts about the PWV scheme *BIDAY*

Slovo said the committee was expected to have completed its work by next Thursday "The National Housing Department is therefore not in a position to assess and comment on the PWV plan in detail."

He and the nine regional housing ministers met last week and agreed on a common goal to rapidly create a sustainable framework for mass housing delivery, especially for the poorest South Africans.

PWV housing minister Daniel Mofokeng welcomed Slovo's commitment to discussing the region's plans. He said technical committees from the PWV ministry would meet Slovo's committee next week.

Meanwhile the KwaZulu/Natal government has unveiled a modest housing scheme to build 250 000 low-cost homes in five years at a cost of R8bn, increasing to 1-million units within a decade *18/12/94*

KwaZulu/Natal local government and housing minister Peter Miller said the province would allocate R4bn of the funding over the initial five-year period, and would look to the private sector to match this input rand for rand *(12.5)*

In his first allocation of housing funds to the nine provinces, Slovo gave the highest amount — R291,3m — to KwaZulu/Natal, followed by the PWV with R271,9m



LOW-COST HOUSING

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# Natal's bold new master plan

**A 10-year blueprint** has been drafted to build 1m homes and eliminate the backlog in SA's most populous province, KwaZulu-Natal

Delivery will start relatively slowly, however, with just 250 000 houses in the first five years, at a cost of R8bn

The province's Housing and Local Government Minister, Peter Miller, says the scheme does not involve wild promises. It is achievable but only if funds are forthcoming and the problem of squatter invasion, which is threatening to stop housing delivery in its tracks, can be overcome.

"If anything, the estimates of what we can achieve are conservative because we don't want to build up expectations and then not deliver. But I must state emphatically that, though we are no less competent, capable or innovative, we will not build 150 000 houses in the next year," says Miller in a reference to PWV premier Tokyo Sexwale's ambitious housing plans.

Miller says 1m homes will be enough to eliminate the backlog and provide houses for the next decade. The biggest demand is in the greater Durban area (400 000), Maritzburg and the Midlands (100 000), and a further 500 000 spread over the rest of the province.

The target should be seen in the context of Housing Minister Joe Slovo's proposal for 1m new homes countrywide in the next five years.

"KwaZulu-Natal accommodates 25% of the country's population and I and Regional Housing Board chairman Marius Spies have consistently said we will aim to achieve a quarter of the national programme. But to do so we will need 25% of the national housing budget allocation," says Miller.

Miller expects R4bn to come from public funds with the balance matched rand for rand (as a minimum) from the private sector.

The provincial government's short-term goal, he says, is to deliver 20 000 homes in the next year. "I will be very pleased if we can achieve this target. If we do, then the following year we will build 30 000 homes and work on annual increments of 50% thereafter. If we can achieve that sort of growth, we will meet our five-year target."

Miller points out that the housing programme in KwaZulu-Natal is not necessarily starting from scratch. The province hopes to complete projects started under the previous government. There are 30 000 sites which are either serviced or are in the process of being serviced in the region.

The Regional Housing Board advertised



**Miller** an eye on the province's long-term needs

a series of new projects in July. It received 209 applications to develop 92 000 sites.

But Spies says R1,5bn would be needed to finance the 209 applications and the province has only R100m available.

Another of Miller's objectives is to amalgamate and rationalise all existing KwaZulu-Natal government housing structures into a single department by the end of the government financial year. There is also, he says, a need for a uniform housing policy in the province.

While he has assured Slovo that the province will not "rock the boat," he says it obviously has a constitutional right to pass its own housing legislation. "Though we are a province where the majority party is different from central government, the working relationship between the two in the housing field is probably better than in any other," he observes. ■

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SQUATTING

## Behind the myths

A number of myths about the nature, causes and consequences of squatting have been exploded in an intensive two-year study of the phenomenon in KwaZulu-Natal (125)

Government's housing White Paper just published says that 13% of households in

SA are found in informal settlements and the number of such dwellings is increasing at a rate of 15 000 a year

Putting this into a local perspective, the book, *Here to Stay Informal Settlements in KwaZulu-Natal*, says that about 2,5m people in greater Durban — more than half the city's population and 70% of Africans — live in shantytowns (125)

Contrary to popular belief, however, they haven't all simply arrived as a natural part of the urbanisation process. Nor are they uniformly poverty-stricken communities. Many settlers, though by no means all, live in poverty, many are urban in origin, with most having moved to escape violence. And about 30% are women.

The 230-page book, researched by 35 people, is condensed into 24 papers published by the University of Natal's Indicator Press. Co-editor Doug Hindson of the University of Durban-Westville says "A common misconception exists that informal settlements are uniformly harsh environments containing generally impoverished, relatively socially homogeneous commu-

nities. Our findings, however, suggest a far more complex picture.

"Two outstanding features are a great variation in socio-economic characteristics both within and between different informal settlements" (125)

Among the striking features of the settlements is the range of household incomes. Peri-urban informal settlements in the Durban Functional Region have many households which earn well above the average for settlements — mainly from wages, but also from secondary or primary activities. Settlements closer to the city centre (and sources of employment) tend, surprisingly, to be more impoverished.

Part of the diverse character of the settlements is the result of influx control and housing shortages under apartheid. The settlements close to the city tend to be newer and populated largely by refugees from violence. Many are women who do not have preferential access to core city employment.

Furthermore, regional and municipal authorities have fostered a climate of un-

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certainty about their future, which adversely affects cohesion and stability.

This was compounded by the collapse of local government, a struggle for scarce land and political violence often rooted in power struggles between leaders with clear territorial bases.

With the formation of the new government and the RDP drive, says Hindson, it is now essential to stabilise these communities and bring their leaders under the authority of local and regional administrations — admittedly not an easy task. The first step — a crucial one — is to provide shack-dwellers with security of tenure so as to reduce their vulnerability to arbitrary power. (125)

This, in turn, implies the permanence of the informal housing sector, which can of course be upgraded.

The central finding of the report is that the country and region lack any comprehensive informal housing policy. This is urgently needed so that short- and long-term policy can be developed with a clear understanding of how housing and informal settlement upgrading relate to one another.

The policy should be based on an approach which squarely addresses the dilemma between sustainability and meeting needs in such a way that short-term relief measures and investment in longer term projects are linked and contribute to development that can be kept going.

After all, as the book's title suggests, informal settlements, squatter camps, shanty towns — call them what you may — are here to stay and the primary focus must be to provide basic services and then create an environment where these settlements can, as rapidly as possible, be normalised.

Housing & Hostels

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# Thugs <sup>55</sup> cast a <sup>(125)</sup> 5T 29/1/95 shadow on lights project

By CYRIL MADLALA

CRIME and violence are undermining Durban's drive to provide electricity for all its residents.

Themba Ndlazi, an electrical contractor engaged to service 120 000 consumers in Durban's southern region, has had 10 of his 12 trucks hijacked at gunpoint during the past nine months.

The robbers appear unimpressed by the message on his trucks: "We help the community — we bring light to you"

The vehicles, each worth R60 000 and carrying equipment and installation material worth about R30 000, are sometimes found gutted.

The thefts are hampering the city's four-year-old drive to electrify 168 000 homes in the region, which includes the province's biggest township, Umlazi.

Regional manager Alan Gower said this week that contracts were being awarded to black entrepreneurs to do house connections and attend to electrical faults.

"They speak the language, and they understand the situation better in those areas," he said.

But the spate of thefts has meant that only 65 000 homes have been electrified so far.

This month alone three of Mr Ndlazi's vehicles were stolen. He now spends most of his time trying to track them down

He has also had to negotiate a new insurance deal after the previous company pulled out.

"I am just an ordinary man trying to make a living," Mr Ndlazi said. "My name is clearly marked on the vehicles, so they know it is a black company."

He claims that well-organised syndicates, allegedly involving certain panelbeaters, scrap metal



LIGHTING UP ... Themba Ndlazi at work despite the hijackings

Picture: RICHARD SHOREY

dealers and policemen, are behind the robberies.

On one occasion, he said, he went to a suspect's home to confront him.

"He threatened me with a gun, but later said I could go to a certain police station and get my truck back.

I found it there, but no one would tell me how it had ended up at the station after my discussion with the suspect," Mr Ndlazi said.

He has vowed to fight on rather than deprive his 25 employees of incomes.

The security situation for contractors in black areas around Durban has deteriorated to the extent that the South African Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors has warned that the implementation of the Reconstruction and

Development Programme is under threat unless the violence is contained immediately.

Hijacking and theft of bakkies and vans was a daily occurrence, with at least one vehicle being stolen every day, it said.



## Eastern Cape row over rogue self-defence units

NOMAVENDA MATHIANE

EASTERN Cape premier Raymond Mhlaba has suspended his justice and police services minister Malisa Mphahlele, pending the outcome of an investigation.

The investigation was launched a fortnight ago following a spate of acts of violence in the region related to stock theft and unruly elements in the self-defence units which work within government structures.

Police say the units have been causing havoc in the region, harassing and murdering people.

A number of senior police officers are living in fear of their lives after a unit hit-list naming five policemen was discovered.

According to Col Ntshiki Dlamini, whose name appears on the list, the self-defence units had taken over the work of police in the area. They operate between Umtata, Tsolo and Mqanduli.

Dlamini, who heads the Umtata murder and robbery unit, said the units emerged shortly after April 1994 when stock theft was rife, and for some time they had worked harmoniously with the police.

He said the units — a group of about 55-60 men — had since become a law unto themselves and were now attacking the police who had become critical of their current behaviour.

Our East London correspondent reports Mhlaba told a news conference in Bisho that the government was in control and enjoyed the co-operation of those in charge of policing agencies.

He had telephoned the Transkei police commissioner's office and informed deputy commissioner Gen N Mhlilwana of the government decision. "Gen Mhlilwana told me they would disarm and dissolve the unit."

The unit, which has been operating in the former homeland since last June, has cost the taxpayer at least R1m, with each of the 50 untrained members earning a monthly salary of R2 000.

The regional safety and security minister Malizo Mpehle claimed the government authorised the establishment of the unit after the April election. This was denied yesterday by Mhlaba.

# Govt not consulted on Free State plan

ROBYN CHALMERS

units a year within five years

"The Free State government is of the opinion that the provision of site and services is not enough to ensure the enhancement of living standards in the province."

It said the minimum standard recommended for a house in the Free State would be a structure of no less than 40m<sup>2</sup> divided into rooms.

Many elements of the Free State's proposed scheme, including the focus on housing delivery on a communal basis and the establishment of a credit institution, were incorporated in the Gauteng scheme mooted last year. This was based on a plan developed by Stocks & Stocks and Gauteng premier Tokyo Sexwale, which led to clashes between Sexwale and former housing minister Joe Slovo.

The Free State scheme's focus on delivering homes on a communal basis meant housing associations and co-operatives would begin to play a role in housing delivery. The community would be encouraged to initiate projects from within.

Mayekiso said a document would be distributed from provincial level at a later stage, explaining in simple terms the steps which communities should take to reach certain stages in the delivery process.

He said the Free State housing programme would encompass secure tenure, privacy, security and quality materials

THE Free State government had not consulted the Housing Ministry on its decision to issue a draft housing White Paper, a Ministry spokesman said at the weekend.

The spokesman said while each province had the right to determine its housing priorities, this had to take place within norms and standards set out in the national housing White Paper.

"The national White Paper was agreed upon following wide consultation among the Housing Ministry, provincial government and other bodies."

"Consultation has always been a top priority in discussing housing policy and the Free State housing ministry's White Paper was not presented at the national level."

The Free State document, released by housing minister Vax Mayekiso at the weekend, is critical of certain aspects of national housing policy.

A progressive or incremental approach has been adopted by the Housing Ministry, providing for permanent residential structures with secure tenure which can be expanded over time.

The Free State White Paper says, however, that government's target of 1-million houses in five years will meet only future growth in the market and effectively freezes the backlog at 1994 levels.

"We must set up a framework which enables us to meet the national target of 300 000 units and a regional target of 40 000

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# Natal govt snipes at Ingonyama Trust Act

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EMPANGENI — The controversial Ingonyama Trust Act, which appoints King Goodwill Zwelithini trustee over KwaZulu/Natal tribal land and has led to banks withdrawing their support for mortgage lending to tribal regions, was "a matter of great concern" to the local government, regional housing minister Peter Miller said yesterday.

Miller said at the opening of phase one of the R76m Ngwelezana housing project mortgage lending on land falling within the Trust land was being withdrawn.

He said the situation would receive urgent attention. The local government was preparing amendments to remove the Act's "disadvantageous" portions for Miller to present to central government.

KwaZulu Finance and Investment Corporation executive director Marius Spies said the corporation provided end-user finance for 35% of the Ngwelezana project.

Initially the SA Perm, Standard Bank and First National Bank had agreed to finance the remainder, provided participants met the regular bond requirements.

"However, the Act has placed land ownership at risk and the banks have withdrawn their support. There is an urgent need to rectify this situation," Spies said.

Altogether 20 major housing projects are currently under way in the province and should deliver more than 16 500 core houses during the 1995/96 financial year, Miller said.

"The housing backlog runs at 440 000 units excluding the need for future household formations. This hand-over commemorates a tangible beginning in the synergy-driven process of delivering capital subsidised homes in this province."

He said the provincial housing board had not wasted time in demonstrating it had both the will and capacity to fulfill its role. During 1994/95 the board approved 149 projects worth R316,8m which would provide more than 70 000 housing opportunities for KwaZulu/Natal home-owners.

KwaZulu Finance and Investment Corporation executive director Marius Spies said the four-phase project would construct 295 houses over 18-months. Phase one, begun in October, consisted of 70 houses varying between the 28m<sup>2</sup> starter units to 60m<sup>2</sup> three-bedroomed homes.

The low-cost houses, ranging between R35 000 and R58 000, catered for a wide range of affordabilities.

# Donor agency probes funds

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Ann Eveleth

**S**WEDISH donor agency Olof Palme International Centre has asked the Durban Housing Action Committee (DHAC), headed by Constitutional Affairs Committee chairman Pravin Ghordan, to account for about R250 000 donated to the DHAC over the past three years.

The funding agency asked its Johannesburg lawyers last week to obtain financial audits and activity reports from the DHAC for the period since October 1992. The DHAC was formed in 1980 by the United Democratic Front to co-ordinate housing-related campaigns for its Indian and coloured civic affiliates.

Confirming the request, the Centre's Africa and Asia programme director Jan Hodann said. "I wouldn't call it an investigation. I first need to know if there is a need for an investigation." Hodann wrote to Cheadle, Thompson and Haysom last week asking them to obtain the reports from the DHAC as Olof Palme had "several times requested financial reports without result."

Olof Palme informed the law firm it had donated 600 000 kronor (about R300 000) to the DHAC between March 1992 and March 1994 in four instalments.

Hodann said he had acted after a request by former DHAC affiliate Newlands East Civic Association (NECA) headed by former DHAC organiser Trevor Bonhomme.

Hodann added that when he checked the DHAC's file following Bonhomme's request, "I discovered we had not had reports from them for a couple of years."

Olof Palme was one of three donor agencies which last year called for a financial investigation into Allan Boesak's Foundation for Peace and Justice. Hodann said his agency had terminated funding to the DHAC late last year as part of a "downscaling of our operations in South Africa" and now wanted to close the books.

DHAC chairman Ghordan said he was satisfied that "the financial affairs of the organisation are in a proper state" and added that he had been informed by the DHAC's treasurer that "the books ... have been with the auditors for some time" and were now ready for submission to the donors.

DHAC treasurer Sharm Maharaj said regular audits had been completed but blamed a "lack of administrative capability" for the failure to provide Olof Palme with the requisite copies, as the DHAC had been forced to close shop for eight months last year due to lack of funding.

The DHAC this week produced its financial report for the year ending June 1993. The audited financial statement is dated August 1994 and indicates the DHAC ended the financial year with a R25 000 surplus after spending more than R180 000 on expenses.

DHAC office administrator Eunice David said the 1993\94 report would be provided as soon as it was completed by the auditors.

## KwaZulu hostel dwellers urged to end rent boycotts

(125) FAROUK CHOTHIA 804/5/95

DURBAN — The KwaZulu/Natal Hostel Residents Association called on hostel-dwellers to end rent and service boycotts to pave the way for the upgrading of hostels.

Association secretary Ndumiso Maduna said yesterday that with the proclamation of a Durban transitional metropolitan council imminent, a legitimate structure would exist to administer hostels.

Maduna said funds would be needed to eradicate the "subhuman" living conditions in hostels. Hostel-dwellers should resume payment for rent and services in line with the spirit of the Masakhane campaign, Maduna said.

The provincial legislature's standing committee on housing needed to conduct an investigation to establish whether occupants were living in hostels legally.

Many hostel-dwellers had been driven out, and outsiders had taken their places illegally, he said.

Maduna said Inkatha members, trained at the Mlaba paramilitary camp before last April's election, were now based at the Unit 17 hostel in Umlazi township.

Four people were shot dead in Umlazi after an Inkatha protest march last Thursday, and six people were injured when a rally addressed by President Nelson Mandela was disrupted on Monday.

Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillet said it was no secret that Mlaba trainees were based at Unit 17, and other Durban townships. There was nothing illegal about this as the Mlaba trainees offered local communities protection from outside aggression.

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# Inkatha members invade Ulundi assembly building

ULUNDI — About 200 Inkatha self-protection unit members invaded the KwaZulu/Natal legislative assembly building yesterday, forcing ANC security officials to escort provincial health minister Zweli Mkhize and ANC MPs from the building.

The demonstrators marched past KwaZulu policemen, climbed two flights of stairs and then stormed into the Prince Mnyamana conference room where the legislature's finance standing committee was debating the health budget.

As Mkhize and other MPs sat shell-shocked, the rowdy demonstrators toyi-toyed and chanted "Viva Inkatha" and "Viva SPU's", referring to Inkatha's self-protection units.

The demonstrators said they had not been paid and they were hungry. They surrounded some of the MPs and said: "Give us money." Inkatha MPs were also trapped in the room, along with other MPs.

No policemen or KwaZulu/Natal government security officials were in sight.

The demonstrators left after about

FAROUK CHOTHIA

10 minutes, gathering outside the building, where Social Welfare Minister Gideon Zulu addressed them.

The Inkatha members refused to allow the press to be present, but Zulu later said: "I told them to get away." He declined to comment further.

One source said Zulu chastised the Inkatha members for "playing into the hands of the enemy".

ANC security officials whisked Mkhize and the finance committee chairman ANC MP Dumisani Makhaye out of the building through a back entrance.

DP KwaZulu/Natal leader Roger Burrows said: "There were suggested threats against certain individuals, including Mkhize and Makhaye."

Before leaving, Makhaye said: "The sovereignty of this legislature has been seriously violated. The lives of people, including that of the minister, have been put at risk."

It was not known if the incident had been planned "at the highest level", Makhaye said.

The issue would be debated at a

full sitting of the legislature today, he said, along with the Cadman commission report which proposed that the provincial capital rotate between Ulundi and Maritzburg.

Makhaye said his personal view was that Maritzburg should be the sole capital. "If Inkatha wants to sit in Ulundi, they can sit alone," said Makhaye.

ANC MPs Shakes Cele and Thami Mhlomi said there was no security at their residences: people could enter the compound freely and automatic gunfire was heard intermittently on Monday evening.

When the legislature was formed, ANC MPs refused to come to Ulundi on the grounds that they were not safe, but later shifted their position.

The Cadman commission ruled that security arrangements in Ulundi and Maritzburg were on a par, and a "sophisticated" security system was in place in the Ulundi legislature building.

The cabinet, on which the ANC has three representatives, was believed to have accepted the proposal of a dual capital.

## Housing plan exceeds target

ULUNDI — THE KwaZulu/Natal government had provided 37 000 people with sites and subsidies for the building of homes during its first year in office, provincial housing and local government minister Peter Miller said yesterday. (125)

In a report to the provincial legislature's finance committee, Miller said 3 000 of these homes had already been built. The government did not build homes, but created "housing opportunities" by providing potential home owners with sites and subsidies, Miller said. (201/15)

The KwaZulu/Natal government planned to create 250 000 housing opportunities by 1999, a quarter of the national target.

When Miller took office a year ago, he pledged to create 20 000 housing opportunities in KwaZulu/Natal. This target had been exceeded by 17 000.

The sizes varied from one-room to four-room homes. They cost between R6 500 and R25 000.

In the Maritzburg area 1 044 sites had been made available since June

FAROUK CHOTHIA

1993, but no progress had been made because agreement could not be reached with community leaders.

Community participation was vital, provided the "tail does not wag the dog", Miller said.

With each province bidding for money, the challenge KwaZulu/Natal faced was to be efficient and cost effective. This would place it first in line for further allocations from government.

Government had allocated R351m for housing in KwaZulu/Natal. This money could create 25 000 housing opportunities.

The reconstruction and development programme had earmarked a further R7m for the provinces to provide bulk services to communities. KwaZulu/Natal would push for a quarter of this allocation, Miller said.

More cost effective ways to build homes would have to be found. One option was high-rise buildings in urban areas, while in rural areas village centres could be built.

## Mine worker shot by security staff

RENEE GRAWITZKY

A WORKER was shot yesterday at Libanon gold mine near Carletonville when mine security tried to disperse a crowd who had gathered after attempts were made to arrest a worker for possession of gold concentrate.

A Gold Fields spokesman said this incident was not related to a previous incident at the mine the day before where workers braved a prayer meeting underground following the death of a worker in a rockfall.

At nearby Leeudorn mine, meanwhile, Gold Fields workers embarked on a sit-in underground on Monday following an incident where a mine captain and underground manager allegedly prevented workers from entering the cage at Leeudorn mine near Carletonville. (201/15/95)

National Union of Mineworkers spokesman Archie Palane said workers were persuaded to return to the surface by the shaft stewards.

A Gold Fields spokesman said the incident was being investigated.

UMGENI WATER

# Now's the time for full disclosure

**Independent auditors** are to be appointed to examine the massive borrowings and secondary market-making activities of Umgeni Water.

Umgeni, a semi-autonomous water authority based in Maritzburg, has been the subject of intensive scrutiny by the *FM*, which revealed last week that it raised R2bn in unauthorised loans over its 1991 and 1992 financial years. Water Affairs & Forestry Minister Kader Asmal has responded by announcing that he will appoint independent auditors to investigate these aspects of Umgeni's affairs.

Asmal says the auditors, yet to be selected, will report directly to him. Their brief will be drawn independently but will embrace aspects such as "accountability and good practice".

Rebutting the *FM*, Umgeni CE Brian Walford raises three critical issues. First, he denies the *FM*'s contention that Umgeni is overborrowed. However, after two interviews, many phone discussions and faxes and sight of the *FM*'s final article, Walford never disproved this statement. It was an observation made first by Rand Merchant Bank (RMB) chairman GT Ferreira in September 1992 to Umgeni officials, including then CE GJD Atkinson and current finance director Avison Carlisle.

Some questions relating to RMB's stewardship of Umgeni's borrowings have yet to be answered satisfactorily. RMB, a respected merchant bank, was Umgeni's sole marketmaker at the time the authority raised its large borrowing facility. Events after the massive loan issue led to Ferreira's personal intervention and clearly expressed concerns at the dilemma confronting the bank's client.

The second issue relates to authorisation for these borrowings. In terms of the Water Act, the Minister is required specifically to approve borrowings and the precise intentions for which loan monies are to be applied. Throughout the *FM* investigation, a direct answer was never supplied on the issue of authorisation.

It is now clear that then Minister Magnus Malan never gave authority for the bor-

rowings. Questions on this are deflected by Umgeni by references to capital programmes, which it is said received Ministerial approval. The two matters are not the same. Asmal now confirms that Umgeni "did not obtain approval under the Water Act for making a market in its stock" and adds "in view of its (Umgeni's) interpretation that this was not required".

The application of careful technical interpretation of wording to shed the best light on the water authority's actions has become a hallmark of Umgeni's responses.

The third matter is the Loan Discount, the balance sheet item which first attracted the *FM*'s attention. Walford says, "The Loan Discount is not an indication of bad financial management." But this was never the issue. The *FM* never questioned the comparative size of the Loan Discount. It is aware the Loan Discount is arrived at by computing the relationship between a loan stock issue and par redemption value; the *FM* is also aware that this takes account of the yield to maturity at the time of issue and the interest coupon on the loan.

The *FM*'s simple approach — which we maintain — is that the practice of writing off large trading losses against the Loan Discount is extremely imprudent.

The core issues in the *FM* investigation were the inexplicably large sums raised by a small water undertaking without prior Ministerial authority, the absence of pre-planning for such large

issues and, finally, what happened to the money.

What is clear is that Umgeni raised about a nominal R2bn in loans in a short period. It is also clear that about R200m was lost in



Asmal . . . rooting out all the facts

this exercise, a sum which Umgeni has tried to recover on the advice and with the help of RMB and others through active secondary market trading.

A reading of Umgeni's operations over the past few years shows the authority's biggest business is not water supply but its activity in the gilts and gilts derivatives markets. Surprisingly, therefore, the *FM* notes Umgeni has no specific prescribed accounting policy on the

treatment of derivatives; accounting practice and policy for derivatives is among the most complex and difficult of advanced accounting techniques. The absence of a defined policy may present unusual auditing problems.

Last year, Umgeni received *Business Day*'s SA nonlisted companies award. Its accounts for financial 1995 are expected soon (the year-end is February — three months ago). The *FM* expects full disclosure of the marking-to-market process, including all stocks owned by Umgeni and held either by it or by its appointed marketmakers and other institutions. In addition, all amounts charged to the Loan Discount must be fully described.

Since the February year-end, market rumour is that trading in Umgeni stock has been heavy — and the market has been volatile in recent weeks. Consequently, the *FM* hopes all material post-balance sheet events and potential contingent liabilities will be recorded in the annual report.

Walford's response to Asmal's cautious appointment of independent auditors is to say that "a major part of the brief will be to analyse the benefits which Umgeni Water's consumers enjoy as a result of the trading, compared with the scenario had the company not entered this market." This implies that Umgeni's actions in the gilts and derivatives markets have without question been beneficial and prejudices the independent auditors' assessment.

In discussion with the *FM*, Asmal emphasises his desire to conduct an investigation with speed. "The audit will determine any action I decide to take."

These developments signal the beginning of a concentrated debate about the raising of loan capital in the SA market. It comes not a moment too soon and the *FM* expects this first investigation to be empowered to examine all aspects, without reserve, of Umgeni's activities in this area. *David Gleason*



Ferreira . . . will he find a happy ending?

# Umgeni Water down R68 m

**MAUREEN MARUD, Business Staff**

Umgeni Water has reported a 5,1 percent drop in 1995 retained earnings of R68 million, compared with the previous year

The Pietermaritzburg-based local authority's board yesterday presented its financial statements, and to allay shareholders' fears following financial media charges of undisciplined market making

It is safe to invest in Umgeni Water stock, Avison Carlisle, director of finance and administration, assured an audience of about 100 of Cape Town's "very significant" number of investors in the triple A-rated local authority

He is confident that an independent audit of Umgeni Water, announced by the Minister of Water Affairs, will produce the same positive results as the annual independent audit, completed recently, Mr Carlisle said after the presentation

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He told investors the drop in retained earnings was owing partly to higher-than-budgeted electricity costs incurred during the Natal drought, when, instead of supplying water by gravitation, the local authority had to pump it from the Mooi River

Water sales increased by 14,3 percent in 1995 to R314 million. A 48,4 percent rise in water purchases totalling \$35 million, brought net water revenue to \$279 million in the year. Operating income increased by 1,9 percent to R150 million

Net interest and finance charges rose by 8,6 percent to R81 million. Net current assets increased to R78 million. Value added in terms of capital charges and direct labour costs was R170 million

In terms of Umgeni Water's five-year capital programme, it will be spending in the region of R400 million a year in the next four to five years, Mr Carlisle said

# RDP approves a R50m boost for Cato Manor

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Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — An extra R50m had been made available for the Cato Manor Development Project for the current financial year, KwaZulu-Natal local government and housing MEC Peter Miller said yesterday.

The funds were in addition to an earlier allocation of R30m. The funds would be used to provide bulk infrastructure services in Cato Manor, a poverty-stricken area on the periphery of central Durban.

A five-year implementation strategy and a business plan would be sent to the national housing department, Miller said.

He said the funds were approved by the national reconstruction and development programme office, and another R50m was to be made available in the coming financial years.

Hitting back at critics accusing the KwaZulu-Natal government of failing to implement the RDP, Miller said it was incorrect to draw the "generalised conclusion" that all departments were failing to deliver.

He said he was pleased with the progress made in the two major RDP projects that fell under his department — the Urban Renewal and Extension of Municipal Infrastructure programmes.



# Newhco in KwaZulu-Natal forced to end operations

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**Robyn Chalmers**

NATIONAL housing delivery organisation and non-governmental body, Newhco, has been forced to close its KwaZulu-Natal operation from the year-end due to the slow pace of the low-cost housing programme.

Group MD Rod MacGillivray said Newhco's KwaZulu-Natal operation had built a strong record on low-cost housing since the mid-1980s and was poised to play an important role in the housing delivery programme.

"Unfortunately, it is not feasible for the group to carry the losses that the division will continue to make before the pace of development picks up."

KwaZulu-Natal division CEO Martin Leamy said every effort was being made to ensure staff members were placed elsewhere. But the closure was indicative of the problems Newhco had been facing. In the year ended June 1994, units delivered by its divisions dropped to 3 484 from 9 546 while con-

solidated turnover slipped to R64,4m (R119,7m), leading to a loss of R8,1m.

However, the housing ministry said it had identified constraints affecting project progress around SA as the delivery task team had given its interim report to Housing Minister Sankie Mthembu-Nkondo. The team was appointed last month to devise a short-term delivery strategy and short-term interventions that would operate within government's housing programme.

Mthembu-Nkondo said progress had been made in identifying key blockages in project delivery and in developing strategies to overcome constraints.

She said members of the task team, whose convener was housing director-general Billy Cobbett, included Deputy President Thabo Mbeki's economic adviser Moss Ngoasheng, housing parliamentary standing committee chairman Titus Mafolo, Mortgage Indemnity Fund CEO Nkululeko Sowazi and consultants Johan de Ridder and Nonhlanhla Mjoli-Mncube.

# AML decision jeopardises low income housing project

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Robyn Chalmers  
and Nicola Jenvey

THE Harmony Heights housing project in Durban's Berkshire Downs, New Germany area, has been dealt a blow after the Association of Mortgage Lenders (AML) decided not to extend finance to sectional title developments in the lower income group.

The scheme, which was opened last week by Housing Minister Sankie Mthembu-Nkondo, has been placed in jeopardy by the decision and urgent discussions have been convened with the AML to resolve the problem.

Group Five TransAfrica joint venture spokesman Peter Ridi said legislation and the shortage of property close to metropolitan areas was hampering the development of low-cost housing.

"Unless provision can be made for homes through sectional title, the housing backlog will continue. The AML decision means that the development cannot be sold by the developers to prospective home owners," he said.

The project would have released about 288 ground floor and one-storey walk-up units situated in eight blocks on to the market during its first phase.

They would be sold as sectional

title homes, and provision had been made for a day care centre, clinic, community hall and recreational facilities.

Ridi said the homes were situated on the fringe of the New Germany industrial area and were well located for commuting to and from the greater Pinetown and Durban areas where employment opportunities were greatest.

Speaking at the launch Mthembu-Nkondo said communities had to begin realising elected politicians had powers to take decisions on their behalf, as never-ending consultations were hindering the development and delivery of basic services.

She said consultation had a place within communities, but there were "gatekeepers holding development to ransom for their own reasons and to the detriment of the vast majority."

"Democracy is about delegating decision-making powers to elected officials and we must be firm in resisting attempts to abuse the consultative process."

Mthembu-Nkondo believed local government would create a functioning third tier of government, which would make "an enormous difference" to the national housing delivery process.

Town councils and metropoli-

tan structures could take implementation decisions to motivate housing, water and other infrastructural developments on "the kind of scale government initially promised."

Mthembu-Nkondo said the ministry's plans for the people's housing process were nearing completion in all provinces.

The system, designed to produce "an absolute boom in innovative home construction in SA", was currently operating in Brits, Phillipi and Piesang River.

A formal announcement on housing support centres, the core of the people's housing process, would be made in the near future.

"This housing process will be significant not just because it addresses the shelter needs of the people, but because the process itself will be a massive community-building exercise," Mthembu-Nkondo said.

People would have the pride of ownership, have created viable local structures, get to know their neighbours and be linked by mutual support networks.

Mthembu-Nkondo hoped the Harmony Heights community would gain inspiration from the project's name, particularly with the local government elections due in the near future.

# Emergency water plan launched in KwaZulu

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DURBAN — The Durban transitional metropolitan council yesterday launched a bold water services project, dubbed Metro Water, intended largely to prevent the "total collapse" of water infrastructure in township areas.

However, it will require additional service payment revenue from areas currently unaccustomed to paying their service fees

Council executive committee chairman Obed Mlaba said most township areas in KwaZulu-Natal were suffering the after-effects of underdevelopment during the apartheid era.

"Water piping was not put into place properly as a result the whole infrastructure is collapsing," Mlaba said

Water losses had increased to up to 50% in some areas of greater Durban — a result of leaky pipes.

The Durban Metro Water plan would invest about R60m on upgrading and extending water services in the current financial year

Durban water and waste department executive director Neil MacLeod said the project would receive an immediate R10m kickstart.

Research showed there was a need for investment of at least R500m in water service infrastructure to meet the requirements of the region's estimated

2,6-million population

Only 54% of the metropolitan area's households had access to adequate water supply, MacLeod said

"It will take about 10 years to get everyone to the level of water supply they should have."

The success of the plan would depend upon service payments.

Currently about 12% of customers are not paying water service charges.

Durban town clerk Eddie Morton said payment boycotts were partially caused by the poor quality of service provision

Once the quality of water service was improved, payment would become more regular, he said.

The project was expected to create numerous job opportunities, making a sizeable contribution to the reconstruction and development programme.

Durban mayor Siphiso Ngwenya said the delivery of services required responsibility on the part of the affected communities

"I cannot stress strongly enough that with the delivery of services to areas that have been poorly serviced in the past, or have not had water at all, comes responsibility. And responsibility means payment for services," he said. — Sapa.

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# KwaZulu-Natal hostels to get R406m upgrade

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Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — The KwaZulu-Natal government would spend R406m over a five-year period to upgrade 23 government-run hostels in the province, local government and housing MEC Peter Miller said yesterday

Of the R41m which had been budgeted for the scheme this year, R10,2m had been spent so far

Miller delivered the keynote address at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the completion of the first phase of the upgrading scheme at Dalton Road hostel in Durban. There were 1 331 authorised beds in the hostel, but 4 500 occupants, he said

The first phase of the scheme had resulted in an extra 228 bed spaces being created with shared ablution and kitchen facilities. R4,2m had been spent on the first phase. It was envisaged that R16m would be spent on the hostel over a five-year period

Miller said there was an enormous demand for space in hostels. There was a total of 67 624 beds in the 23 hostels, but about 115 387 people lived in and around the hostel complexes

Miller said more than R10m had been spent on upgrading the 1 000-bed Thokoza women's hostel in Durban's Grey street. It would be officially opened next month

Miller said the initial phases of upgrading programmes were nearing completion at six other hostels in Amanzimtoti, Estcourt, Vryheid and Paulpietersburg.

Miller said hostel dwellers in Dalton had elected a committee to manage and administer the new complex, and he had confidence that they would address the "all-important" question of payment of services.

First National Bank, meanwhile, has provided assistance to Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini to get his first development project off the ground in KwaZulu-Natal since the launch of his peace and development trust in August

Trust chairman Reverend Khoza Mgojo said the project — to be known as Sonke (all of us) — would help mainly rural women to establish income-generating sewing clubs which would manufacture and market school uniforms

US church minister Carl Conley has donated 150 sewing machines

The trust had raised close to R300 000 since its launch. Trustee Oscar Dhlomo said this was a "drop in the ocean". Business and donor agencies should contribute

Trustee Bishop Stanley Magoba said Zwelithini saw development as a way to bring about peace. His projects would assist communities across the political divide.

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# SAPS accused of blocking inquiries

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — KwaZulu-Natal police reporting officer Adv Neville Melville accused the SAPS and SANDF yesterday of failing to co-operate fully with him in investigations into their role in political violence in the province

His comments came against the backdrop of claims by former Shobashobane station commander Shaun van Vollenhoven that senior police officers were warned of the possibility of an attack on Shobashobane, but failed to act. Van Vollenhoven has since obtained a transfer from his post.

Melville said it was "like hitting a brick wall" when it came to dealing with the police, and there was much "obstructionism". He had received "virtually no co-operation" from the SANDF. This not the case in all instances, but was the general rule.

Van Vollenhoven was quoted as saying that a report was given to senior police officers at southern KwaZulu-Natal joint operation centre, identifying an area in Durban from which the attackers would come. A warning was given that an attack could take place during the holiday period from December 16 onwards.

This information was borne out on Christmas Day when about 600 IFP supporters rampaged through Shobashobane, killing 19 people and burning 87 homes.

Melville said he would be conduct-

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ing an investigation into alleged police complicity in the Shobashobane massacre. He would be assisted by components of the complaints investigation unit and the investigation task unit, which arrested former Defence Minister Gen Magnus Malan for alleged involvement in hit squad activity.

Melville said he was confident of receiving police co-operation in this instance, as it was being dealt with at a "high level".

But on most previous occasions, he said, he had great difficulty gaining access to records and dockets from local police stations. He had experienced similar problems with the SANDF. Melville said he had raised his concerns in a report submitted last year to senior police officers nationally and provincially, as well as approaching the general-designate in the complaints investigation unit, Frank Alton, for assistance. Alton was helpful, but was "swamped with work".

Police spokesman Supt Bala Naidoo said he was unaware of the instances referred to by Melville. Melville had been assured of police co-operation in his investigations into the Shobashobane massacre.

SANDF spokesman Capt Kim van Niekerk said the SANDF had assisted Melville, but allegations of army involvement in violence should be reported to the local police station.

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## 'Politically explosive' situation in Phoenix

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — A politically explosive situation had developed in Phoenix after IFP KwaZulu-Natal MP Haripersad Romalall encouraged home seekers to occupy about 20 unallocated homes in the township illegally. Durban central metropolitan substructure housing committee chairman Trevor Bonhomme said yesterday.

A meeting between Durban city town clerk Mike O'Meara, housing director Vidhu Vedalankar, Romalall and IFP MP Thomas Shabalala to resolve the dispute took a "bad turn". Shabalala had threatened that if the council tried to evict the illegal occupants he would "protect" them,

Bonhomme said (125)  
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Shabalala confirmed he was willing to "guard" the illegal occupants. Romalall said he had acted on humanitarian grounds. Families had been "sleeping on stairs and in schoolyards".

Bonhomme said the council had obtained an interim court interdict to prevent Romalall from encouraging further occupations. Romalall said houses were empty and were being used as gambling dens and brothels.

Bonhomme said there was an allocation policy in place. Those on waiting lists would be given homes first.

He said the IFP component of the committee differed with Romalall. It supported a decision that legal steps be taken to evict the occupants.

# Asmal takes water utility to task after it lost R162-m in high-risk

By ADRIAN HADLAND

Water Affairs Minister Kader Asmal rapped the knuckles of Umgeni Water's board of directors yesterday following the utility's loss of more than R160-million in high-risk stock market deals.

The deals, which took place in the gilts market between 1990 and February last year, were uncovered by an independent

team of auditors appointed by Asmal in June last year.

Expressing "misgivings" over the disclosures, which were published in a report yesterday, Asmal told a press conference that tighter controls would in future be exerted over borrowing by public utilities.

This would include the framing of a code of conduct for water boards, greater scrutiny powers, and ministerial approval of

major transactions.

Asmal said while Umgeni Water was in sound financial condition and no evidence of illegality had been uncovered, aspects of the report were a matter for concern.

These included the participation of board directors in the buying and selling of Umgeni Water bonds and options, the method of appointing financial advisers and payments to the

advisers totalling more than R4-million, inappropriate accounting procedures, and the failure of the board to ascertain sufficient information.

The Fisher, Hoffman and Stihole auditing team found investment managers from Umgeni Water, assisted by its "market-makers" Rand Merchant Bank and FirstCorp Merchant Bank, had entered into more than 2 300 bond transactions over the pe-

riod, involving funds in excess of a staggering R85,9-billion.

Aside from the lack of ministerial approval, the report said, the "extremely large-scale trading" represented the raising of amounts that were far higher than were required in the short or medium term for capital expenditure projects.

"By January 1993, Umgeni Water had issued trade bonds to the extent of R2,6-billion

year in which the majority of these bonds were issued, over R1,8-billion was excess to (its) short-term requirements. There is no normal commercial reason for the current borrowings to match needs beyond the current term," the report said.

Of the R162-million lost in the deals, almost R100-million was the result of "the taking of risk positions that could have been avoided".

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## gilts market deals

Asmal said a new and more representative board had been appointed last year and better control and remedial measures had since been adopted. Water prices to consumers in the Durban and Petermaritzburg metropolitan areas would not be affected, he said. Asmal said the board of directors would be encouraged to investigate the matter further and to take its own action against those deemed ultimately responsible. "As we re-enter the modern world, with its exacting standards of public life, we shall be judged largely by our probity and our decency," the minister said. Asmal added that the report would be tabled in the Cabinet later this month and would be circulated in the meantime to all water authorities and state utility corporations.

# Umgeni Water gets

## a tongue-lashing



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By MARCIA KLEIN

KWAZULU Natal's Umgeni Water has been rapped firmly over the knuckles over its gilt trading activities

Kader Asmal, Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry, ordered the company to implement the findings of an independent audit regarding its activities

The auditors, Fisher Hoffman Sithole, found that Umgeni incurred losses of R162-million to end-February 1995 from its bond trading and bond issues. The report shows that at least R97-million of the loss "results from the taking of avoidable risk positions".

Although the auditors discovered no illegal transactions by Umgeni's directors or staff, Professor Asmal said "I must express my misgivings about some of the disclosures made in the report such as those concerning directors' dealings in Umgeni bonds or options, the quantum of what was paid to financial advisers some accounting procedures, and failure to fully inform the board on all issues."

Professor Asmal released the findings on Friday after appointing Fisher Hoffman Sithole in June to undertake an independent audit of Umgeni and its market makers, Rand Merchant Bank and FirstCorp Merchant Bank.

He censured the Umgeni board for not having sought or received the necessary ministerial authority for its activities and for lack of proper supervision over its officers. He called on its directors to take control of the financial operations and put into place adequate control measures.

By 1993, Umgeni had issued traded bonds to the extent of R2,8-billion. In the year in which most of these bonds were issued, over R1,8-billion was in excess of Umgeni's short-term requirements.

Since the issue of its own stock in 1990, Umgeni has bought and sold bonds to the value of R85,9-billion in nearly 2 400 transactions with its market makers. It

was also involved in 688 option transactions with its market makers involving total premiums of R557-million.

Professor Asmal said the extent of its market-making "got out of hand".

"As a result of the nature, import, ramifications and sums involved, it is considered unacceptable for Umgeni not to have obtained explicit ministerial approval for these activities."

According to the report, an Umgeni director bought Umgeni bonds and traded in options in those bonds, making a net profit of R19 000. Trading in these bonds by a director or employee was "inappropriate and unacceptable", but no illegal transactions were identified.

Umgeni had appointed a partnership of financial advisers "in most inappropriate circumstances" and they had been paid R4-million to date. One of the advisers was employed by RMB although RMB was unaware of this.

Professor Asmal said Umgeni was found by the auditors to be in sound financial condition, and that "there is no question of any compromise of its ability to meet its obligations." Water prices to consumers had not been affected. The new board, appointed in 1995, had been restructured and was now more representative.

Professor Asmal emphasised the importance of the capacity of public utilities to raise money by way of borrowings.

Umgeni's problems had arisen from the need to raise funds on the bond market to finance its water supply activities.

He said the report suggested "a basis for a code of conduct for public utilities and other public bodies" with regard to risk management, controls, disclosure and conflict of interest.



NOT AMUSED: Water Affairs and Forestry Minister Kader Asmal

Non-profit company ordered to pay R26 million

# Accusations fly after collapse of housing venture

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Business Reporter

IN yet another controversy to hit a non-profitmaking company, a bitter legal battle has erupted between a Cape Town businessman and some members of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) over a soured joint venture to provide low-cost housing.

The Ulundi-based Portfolio for Empowerment Programmes (PEP), which directors intended to be a conduit for RDP funding, has been ordered to pay Geoff Hale's building business Maxiseal Housing R26 million over the collapse of the deal.

PEP chairman and IFP member Vincent Ngema said he had heard only on Thursday of the judgment handed down by the Supreme Court in Natal on February 9.

No evidence was heard. Judgment was made on the

strength of an undefended summons.

Mr Ngema said the company, which was established in 1990 and survived on donations from business and religious bodies, had no money and was being wound up.

Mr Hale claimed his involvement in the joint venture has cost him and his family millions of rands and is obstructing his dream of building houses for the disadvantaged.

He remained determined to press on "I'm going to build houses — not even the Zulus are going to stop me."

He said Malaysian investors were still interested in the project along with the International Finance Corporation, the commercial banking arm of the World Bank.

IFC officials were unavailable to confirm this.

Officials from PEP hit back at Mr Hale, alleging he did not meet some of his requirements in the joint venture agreement signed on May 6, 1994.

They claimed Mr Hale's Maxiseal failed to raise necessary finance on behalf of the joint venture.

Mr Hale rejected this, saying he had secured R20 million financing commitment in June/July 1994 from the Independent Development Trust, one of South Africa's largest non-governmental organisations.

But despite Mr Hale's assurances that the facility was negotiated, IDT officials could not verify its existence.

The joint venture was to build 10 000 homes a month at a Natal-based plant using cheap building techniques and corrugated cardboard materials which Mr Hale said he had patented.

Central to Mr Hale's evidence that PEP failed to fulfil its obligations is a letter addressed to him from Mr Ngema on March 7, 1995.

It said "We are now able to confirm to you that we are confident of commencing with our schedule of payments to

honour our commitment within a period of ninety (90) days.

"We anticipate contributions of R100 000 per month on a monthly basis thereafter."

This letter was followed by confirmation from lawyers Shepstone & Wylie on March 30, 1995.

Mr Ngema confirmed he wrote the letter and added he did so without the consent of his fellow members.

In a curious twist Mr Ngema said he did not think the letter meant he owed Maxiseal the money.

He claimed Mr Hale had asked him to write the letter to support his efforts to secure international financing.

Mr Hale denied this. He said the payments related to various expenses, not least of which was PEP's agreement to buy 50 percent of the joint venture company established by Mr Hale at a total cost of R4 million.

Both Mr Hale and Mr Ngema said discussions with their lawyers were continuing.



## Cato Manor 'to take off'

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Nicola Jenvey  
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DURBAN — Forty-six low-cost housing and infrastructural projects worth R330m would take off in Cato Manor this year, Cato Manor Development Association CEO Clive Forster said yesterday.

He told the association AGM the project would need R1,2bn during the decade-long development. About 80% of public funding had been secured and private investment was expected later this year.

Forster said the high crime rate in Cato Manor was a constraint to development, but it was hoped the scheduled projects would provide large-scale employment and reduce crime.

# 'Reward plan' for the payment of rates

*'The longer the problem remains the more intractable it will become'*

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**PHILANINGWABA**  
The Argus Correspondent

A LEADING firm of accountants, Deloitte and Touche, has proposed a "reward" strategy to encourage communities to pay their rates and service charges in the Durban metro area

The proposal comes amid the apparent failure of the national Masakhane campaign which was launched in 1994 to encourage communities who had been boycotting service charges for political reasons, to pay for services

The proposal, which is to be presented today by Deloitte and Touche's Alan Gitsham to the metro council's RDP and Planning committee, calls for a campaign to ensure that the Durban metro and local council customers pay for the services they receive

The firm says the biggest challenge facing the Durban metro and its structures is the extension of services and facilities to disadvantaged areas, facilitating housing, development and the creation of employment opportunities and ensuring that the councils have sufficient funds to meet these challenges

However, the company says, it is now clear that local government will not be able to depend on central and provincial governments to provide these funds

"They are having difficulty meeting their own priorities and their assistance to local government is likely to reduce rather than increase."

The company says that to encourage payment for services, a reward system that directs development and provision of services to those wards and communities that outperform others in terms

of payment improvement should be adopted

"The approach must not be one that rewards the affluent at the expense of the poor but one that rewards those communities that outperform comparable communities."

The proposal also calls for the creation of a multi-disciplinary task force including politicians, administrators and "outside" skills to develop a strategy to ensure a rapid increase in payments

The document notes that there is a significant need for urgency

"The longer the problem is not effectively addressed, the more intractable it is likely to become"

"In addition, the existing problem could be exacerbated by a spread of the non-payment syndrome to currently non-defaulting areas."

# Housing on the cards for Moriah

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Nicola Jenvey

DURBAN — Tongaat-Hulett's property arm Moreland Estates launched a R500m private sector initiative yesterday aimed at developing 8 000 low-income houses for subsidised buyers

Morelands planning director Neels Brink said the company had joint venture agreements with developer JH Isaacs, Murray & Roberts subsidiary Condev, Shire Group subsidiary Siyaphambili Construction and Nedcor for phase one of the project, which involved medium-density housing at Mount Moriah, 15km north of Durban.

Contractors had moved onto the 155ha site in February to install services for the R25m first phase, he said. This included 400 homes priced between R40 000 and R110 000 and scheduled for completion from August

Nedcor GM Kevin Gibb said al-

though it was unusual for a banking group to accept development risk, Mount Moriah provided the opportunity to prove that innovative financing enhanced affordability.

Nedcor had looked for major partners to find ways of making homes available in high-demand areas.

Mount Moriah had lowered serviced land costs through efficient design, while the project scale translated into price and affordability benefits for buyers Brink said Mount Moriah was the first private sector-led project of its size and one of the first significant housing deliveries since the current government took office

The project formed part of Moreland's overall plan for the city's northern corridor. The company had earmarked an industrial area in nearby Effingham with an employment potential of 10 000, he said.

## Basic services in spotlight

Nicola Jenvey

DURBAN — The KwaZulu-Natal government's "commitment to provide basic services to disadvantaged people" will be highlighted again in the provincial budget which is due to be unveiled tomorrow

KwaZulu-Natal finance minister Senzele Mhlungu told the Inyan-  
da Chamber of Com-

merce business summit last week that 97% of the 1995/96 provincial budget had been allocated to education, health, social welfare, public works, local government and housing and transport

Mhlungu said initiatives outside basic services — including the international airport and Point development projects — required partnerships between business and government that were driven by private sector funding

Trade and industry small business chief director Alastair Ruiters said central government would stand surety on a national credit guarantee scheme which would be launched through the banks in July

The credit scheme aimed to promote small, medium and micro-enterprise businesses

# Most of KwaZulu-Natal's housing funds 'unused'

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — The KwaZulu-Natal government has failed to spend about R640m out of R700m allocated for housing development by central government over the past two-and-a-half years, says KwaZulu-Natal Institute of Professional Land Surveyors' outgoing president John Goosen.

He told an institute meeting last week that he had reliably learnt that R700m had been allocated to the KwaZulu-Natal housing board for identified housing projects since the new government came into office. However, only R57m had been paid out to conveyancers to be held in trust until development reached the required stage, and only R2,5m had actually been paid out to developers.

"This means that almost R640m is presumably lying dormant in the provincial state coffers," Goosen said. "It is absolutely criminal that this vast sum remains unspent and that as a re-

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sult very little large-scale formalised housing development is taking place."

Several disillusioned companies, including Innova Homes and LTA, had left KwaZulu-Natal for provinces such as Mpumalanga, where development was taking place at a "brisk pace". He expected other firms to follow suit.

The provincial government's "inability to govern properly" was a result of the scramble for power between the IFP and ANC, and he doubted the two would agree on anything. Cumbersome provincial planning procedures and protracted consultations with communities also contributed to the logjam.

Goosen said a task group had rewritten planning regulations but nothing had come of this yet because of bureaucratic wrangling. Draft legislation which sought to cut red tape had been fiercely resisted by senior officials in the provincial planning department. "Some of the proposals are viewed as threatening to the comfortable positions of these people," he said.

# Top urban project bogged down by 300 land claims

Louise Cook

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PRETORIA — The R1,4bn urban renewal development planned at Cato Manor, one of the largest of the RDP's presidential lead projects, has been halted amid a string of land claims

A group claim from about 300 claimants, representing some of the 160 000 people ejected from the site 40 years ago, has already been gazetted, legally barring further development of the KwaZulu-Natal scheme

The Cato Manor Development Corporation said yesterday it had appealed to the Land Claims Court last week to give a special ruling preventing restoration of the land

The corporation's land director Dave Smiley said the project was in the public interest, and that macro-delivery was being frustrated by "land claims popping up all over the place"

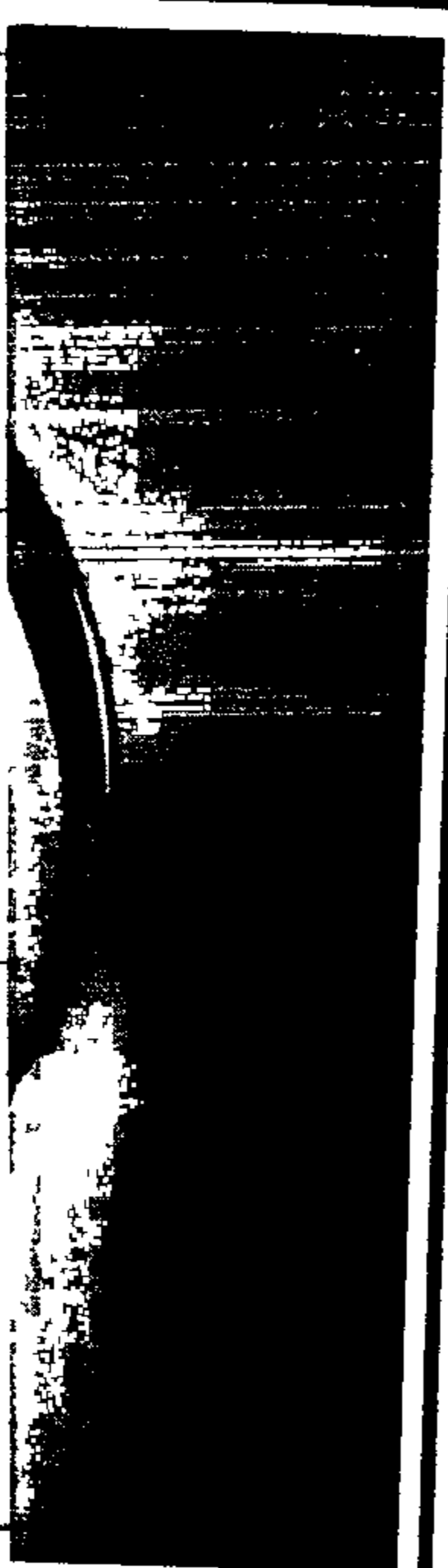
Regional land claims commissioner

Sheryl Walker confirmed that talks between the parties were held last week "We are impartial," she said "Hopefully they will reach a settlement"

The project — aiming to provide 30 000 houses, alongside clinics, schools and an industrial node in Cato Manor over the next 5 to 8 years — has been plagued by problems, especially funding between various institutions

The cost is being shouldered by local authorities, the province's health and education departments and the European Union. Just R30m has been secured from the RDP. The corporation has spent much of the past two years drawing up a comprehensive business plan to attract further funding.

Part of the land claimed includes a slate quarry currently run by a Murray & Roberts subsidiary. Ready Mixed Materials MD Desmond Eriksen said the company was caught in the middle — it was renting from the council



## KwaZulu-Natal govt to tackle housing problem

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Farouk Chothia

MARTZBURG — The KwaZulu-Natal government would start developing and providing homes to lower income groups as a totally new approach was needed to get housing delivery started, local government and housing MEC Peter Miller said in his budget speech yesterday.

Miller said despite efforts by central and provincial governments very few houses had been built in SA.

He said the private sector was reluctant to get involved in the lower end of the housing market because of violence, while mortgage indemnity scheme coverage could not be obtained for certain areas also because of violence.

"Drastic action" was now needed to start housing projects and the provincial housing department would assume the role of developer to provide homes to persons earning less than R800 a month. The department would use the maximum site cost as a starting point and would establish interdisciplinary project teams to get developments off the ground.

Miller said the KwaZulu-Natal government was expected to spend R480m on housing during this financial year. However, it was not in an immediate position to spend the monthly average of R40m, and virtually double this sum would have to be spent in the months closer to the end of the financial year.

Economic affairs and tourism MEC Jacob Zuma painted a gloomy picture of the RDP in KwaZulu-Natal, saying R1,55bn remained unallocated from the 1994/95 and 1995/96 financial years. Only R500m had been spent and R325m committed.

# Housing department will list 'suitable' contractors

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THE Durban metropolitan housing department, which wants to accelerate low-cost housing delivery, is compiling an in-house database of "appropriate" consultancies and contractors it plans to invite for tenders when contracts are made available.

To demonstrate its commitment to the empowerment of disadvantaged communities, it has asked applicants to fill in a questionnaire on their own empowerment exercises

"While low-income housing delivery is the department's primary focus, it is also committed to the empowerment of disadvantaged individuals, communities and businesses, to enable their full and equal enjoyment of all rights and freedoms in the constitution," the department says in the questionnaire

Durban central substructure housing manager Julian Baskin said the council was embarking on a concerted effort to create about 7 000 housing opportunities a year. Durban needed to build about 14 000 houses a year during the next 10 years to address its housing backlog.

The council had already launched an incremental housing project in West Ridge and this would, through the government's subsidy scheme, provide more than 2 500 serviced sites

Baskin said the council also planned to build about 500 flats in Hoel Road, for earners of less than R3 500

The questionnaire sent out to the building and construction industry would provide the council with ready knowledge of companies which were "appropriate for the successful completion of specific projects"

Baskin said that respondents had to prove — through their employment policies and community involvement — that they were "new SA companies. They can't go on with the old style of doing things"

Established companies which were awarded the bigger projects would be required to form joint ventures with emerging contractors.

"Delivery is the primary goal and empowerment is part of that. We're looking for people who are willing to deal with communities," Baskin said



## KwaZulu Natal to boost Masakhane campaign

By Stuart Rutherford

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Durban — KwaZulu Natal, which has been lagging behind the national Masakhane campaign, intends to kick-start its efforts after the successful municipal election in the region

The campaign is to encourage the payment of rates and taxes

Bulelanu Bunyonyo, the provincial co-ordinator of the campaign, said R7,5 million would be spent on increasing the number of paypoints, computerising systems at local coun-

cils and training staff

He said they were working on a pledge, which would be signed by local authorities and communities committing themselves to the campaign, and a provincial stakeholders meeting late next month

The focus was on getting the local authorities to drive the Masakhane campaign themselves, rather than at a provincial level, said Bunyonyo

He hoped people would feel bound to pay for their rates and services now that the democratically-

elected councils were in place

"It has been proven in the other provinces that, after a few months of having elections, the levels of payment began to improve, and we expect the same thing to happen in KwaZulu Natal," he said

A spokesman for the KwaZulu Natal ministry said local councils would be pressured to balance their budgets

They would be forced to take action against defaulters, improve services and set economic tariffs

# Housing benefit extended to all of KwaZulu-Natal

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — KwaZulu-Natal's housing benefit scheme was to be extended to the whole province, opening the way for a R7 500 discount on home purchases in previously excluded areas, KwaZulu-Natal housing and local government MEC Peter Miller announced yesterday.

The areas which would benefit were mainly in the former KwaZulu homeland. The scheme would come into effect retrospectively from July 1, he said.

Miller said deeds of grant which complied with proclamation R293 of 1962 would constitute sufficient title for the purpose of applying for the discount.

All buyers who lived in state-financed housing units, and still had an outstanding debt, could apply for the maximum discount of R7 500, he said.

However, this was conditional on them not having already received a discount, and the unit being built prior to the extension of the new capital subsidy scheme.

This meant that homeowners who purchased their properties be-

fore March 15 1994 qualified for a discount of up to R7 500 on the loan amount outstanding.

He said tenants who had entered into lease agreements before March 15 1994 could apply for the benefit scheme, or could make use of the new capital scheme.

Miller also announced that more than R270m would be provided to local authorities in the Durban metropolitan council during the current financial year in the form of transfer payments or subsidies to help cover operational expenditure in black townships.

The provincial administration would be supporting newly amalgamated local authorities for the next five years at the same level as the 1995/96 financial year, and for the subsequent five years on a diminishing scale.

There would be no assistance thereafter, Miller said.

This meant the Durban metropolitan council would have to address the serious discrepancies which existed in former township areas between expenditure and income levels in the next 10 years.

Miller said his department estimated that only 11% of expendi-

ture was being recovered in former townships. A rise in rates and levies would be inevitable in Durban, as more affluent areas would initially have to subsidise disadvantaged areas, he said.

Sapa reports Miller said another R13,2m had been earmarked for the upgrading of the Durban metropolitan area.

"This represents an enormous subsidisation of the costs of upgrading and installing much needed infrastructure in especially disadvantaged areas."

Miller said it was inevitable rates and levies would rise in the short term as services were improved and infrastructural backlogs eliminated.

Financial support would be afforded to needy local authorities on a diminishing scale over the next ten years to address discrepancies, he said.

Miller warned, however, that neither the provincial nor the central government could afford to continue subsidising local authorities indefinitely and that authorities would have to introduce urgent measures towards becoming financially independent.

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## New scheme for KwaZulu-Natal housing

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**Nicola Jenvey**

MARITZBURG — KwaZulu-Natal would inject R126,6m into 8 440 new housing units within four months by broadening the development agencies and mobilising private-sector participation, local government and housing MEC Peter Miller said yesterday.

Miller said the provincial housing board would be a facilitator while local authorities, the private sector and a joint venture project management initiative, Sakha-

sonke, ensured houses were built. Board deputy-director Nico Malan said KwaZulu-Natal had utilised just 10% of its R1,1bn allocated for 1995/96 as administrative problems and high expectations hindered the process.

Another R590m was available for the current financial year.

Phase three of the housing scheme, Lovu, situated on the south coast, would become the first development under the new administration and would yield 5 500 houses over four years.

*KwaZulu-Natal government to enter into joint venture*

# Housing given a kick-start

CT (P.M.) 13/8/96 (125)

By Stuart Rutherford

Durban — The KwaZulu Natal government, which has spent just 9 percent of its R1,059 billion housing budget for this financial year, has announced a plan to kick-start low-cost housing development in the province

The involvement of local authorities, the private sector and the Sakhasonke joint venture is central to the plan

Sakhasonke comprises multi-disciplinary consultants LH Kunene and Associates, Yakhani, Africon, Proconsult Holdings, Ethusini, and ZAI Incorporated

The venture, which will report to the local government and housing ministry, will try to achieve the

government's housing objectives by facilitating development on state-owned land

It will be involved in projects that are fully developed and managed by the provincial administration and in the turning over of state-owned land to private developers

Peter Miller, the minister of local government and housing, said Sakhasonke and the housing department had identified 12 urgent projects that would start within the next three to four months

He said the two parties would provide 8 000 houses at a cost of R126,6 million

The government has also established a housing task team to

unblock housing projects, thereby speeding up delivery and the payment of subsidies

Nico Malan, the province's deputy director-general of housing, said this task team had identified 144 projects battling to get off the ground and had appointed project champions to investigate them

Miller said that the delivery of housing in the province was not up to scratch and he had not been able to pay enough attention to his portfolio in the past 12 months because of the local elections

He promised that his department would try to facilitate housing development by "using any avenue within the housing policy to achieve the objective of creating housing on the ground"

He said local authorities would be encouraged to act as developers

Meanwhile, Condev KwaZulu Natal, a member of the Murray & Roberts group, has announced plans to build 5 550 houses in Lovu, south of Durban, at a cost of R245 million

The houses will be built by a partnership consisting of Condev, Nedcor, the local government and housing ministry, the provincial housing board and the South local council. The project will take four years and will provide houses worth between R17 250 and R120 000

Condev wants to be on site by October, begin marketing and selling by November and complete a show village by December.

## HOUSING KICK-START

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KwaZulu-Natal local government & housing MEC Peter Miller has launched a four-pronged plan to kick-start the province's stalled low-income housing programme. The initiative has become imperative because, though the province has a R1bn-plus housing budget, less than 10% of it has been spent four months into its financial year.

Miller stresses that KwaZulu-Natal is not alone in trying to get mass housing delivery started. But with the local government elections behind him, he's now able to concentrate on housing. "We should be handing out at least R40m a month in subsidies. But we have not handed that amount out in the whole year. Clearly, something's wrong. If we're to get back on track, the monthly allocation must be increased to R60m-R70m."

The new plan has been worked out with the provincial housing board. Though conforming to the national housing policy, it will "bend and flex" to achieve the desired results and use a range of development options. The plan's four legs are:

- Continued support for schemes begun under the existing process of joint formulation by communities and developers and funded through subsidies,
- Partnerships between the province and local authorities, whereby the local authority becomes the developer and the province provides the subsidies,
- *Sakasonke* (working together) ventures, with the provincial housing department acting as the developer by identifying projects and then appointing specialist project management teams. It will concentrate on smaller local authorities which don't have the resources to initiate housing developments, and
- Encouraging private-sector projects.

According to Miller, a new ingredient to the first prong (existing schemes) is the creation of a trouble-shooting task team to identify and clear bottlenecks.

Deputy director-general of housing and task team head Nico Malan says that the team has been operational since April and has identified 144 housing projects, which have either not yet started or are at a halt. "To date, we have resolved the problems at 17 of these and are on the verge of clearing the way for a lot more," he says.

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On the second plan, Miller says preliminary talks have been held with some local authorities and that, once they produce "some substance," the province will hand over its entire stock and asset base to the local authorities, so they become the developer.

Preliminary planning and land audits have begun on the *Sakasonke* plan to formulate a five-year development strategy and a detailed two-year business plan. These projects will range from schemes developed and fully managed by the department to simply making land available for housing. In this sector alone, R126m is immediately being invested in projects involving more than 8 500 housing units in three regions.

One of the first developers involved in the fourth plan is a Condev/Nedcor partnership, which has taken just six weeks to reach agreement with the housing board to build 5 500 homes in the second phase of the Lovu scheme on the Natal south coast. Previously, such negotiations could have lasted two years or more.

According to Condev MD Trevor Griffiths, a key element in the speedy conclusion of the deal was the signing of a re-

cord of understanding between all the players to set out the ground rules. "The result is that we should be on site in October and have a show village completed by December."

Griffiths says that violence, theft, intimidation, illegal squatting and red tape have driven most developers out of the low-income housing market. "There are only about four of us left, and it's essential that mass delivery gets under way immediately or they will also be lost." ■

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# R126-m for housing in KwaZulu

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By Joshua Raboroko

THE KwaZulu-Natal government has launched a massive plan to start low-cost housing development involving local authorities and the private sector in the province

The Sakhasonke plan – “we are building together” – is a joint venture involving the provincial government and business aimed at obtaining speedy delivery of housing needs to the poor communities

It comprises consultants LH Kunene and Associates, Yakhani, Africon, Proconsultant Holdings, Ethusemi and Zai Incorporated

Provincial MEC for housing and local government Mr Peter Miller said Sakhasonke and his department had identified 12 urgent projects that would start soon

Under the plan, 8 000 houses will be built at a cost of R126 million. The government has also established a steering committee to “unblock bottlenecks and cut red tape to housing projects, thereby speeding up delivery and payment of subsidies”

Miller said delivery of housing had been slow in the province in the past 12 months, apparently because the local authorities were not in place

His department would expedite housing development “by using any avenue within the housing policy to achieve the objective of creating housing on the ground”

Local deputy director-general of housing Mr Nico Malan said the province had spent just 9 percent of its R1,59 billion housing budget for the 1996-97 financial year. Nationally, 200 000 subsidies were approved during the 1996-97 fiscal year, and of that number 39 000 were allocated to KwaZulu-Natal

Malan said they had appointed a task team which identified 144 projects battling to get off the ground. He said the primary objective was to grant “housing opportunities” to as many needy households as the budget allowed

Meanwhile, Condev KwaZulu-Natal, a member of the Murray and Roberts group, has announced plans to build 5 550 houses in Lovu, south of Durban

The R245 million project, aimed to provide houses valued at between R17 250 and R120 000 – will take four years to complete

## Natal to start housing transfers

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — KwaZulu-Natal's cabinet had approved the transfer of all rental housing units and serviced stands to transitional local authorities to facilitate housing delivery in the province, local government and housing MEC Peter Miller said yesterday.

The local authorities would be allowed to keep the proceeds from the sale of the houses as a contribution to their capital base. However, the cabinet's decision was subject to treasury approval.

Miller said the provincial administration would transfer about 75 000 housing units, as well as residential, industrial and commercial stands. The first transfers were expected by the end of the year.

The cabinet had also decided that all rental stock and serviced sites in proclaimed towns, which fall under the National Housing Board, be transferred directly to local authorities. He would enter into negotiations with the board and treasury in this regard.

He said all province-owned official residences which were no longer needed would also be transferred to local authorities.

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# Media needs positive stories — Naidoo

Bonile Ngqiyaza

THE future of a free and independent media in SA would depend on the media's demonstrable willingness to be accountable — not to government, but to the community, Posts and Telecommunications Minister Jay Naidoo said yesterday.

At the Sowetan Media Freedom Day, Naidoo said, "We need a strong, independent media to be the watchdog of our democracy. But that media should be diverse and representative of the population of our country."

He said a "fiercely independent" Press committed to thorough, impartial and accurate reporting was desirable. "A stricter adherence to a Press charter on the basic ethics of professional journalism will greatly

strengthen the credibility of the Press". A partnership between government, communities and the media had an essential role in building up SA and the common challenge for these disparate sectors was to bring the benefits of the global information society to citizens from all walks of life.

"Let us not fool ourselves. There will also be a tension between the media and the state. This tension is healthy for democracy."

Naidoo said the challenge was to balance society's excesses with the stories of ordinary people "turning adversity to triumph. The bridges of peace, the waves of generosity and achievement must not be buried under the baggage of the negative aspects of our transformation."

(In an earlier address, Nigeria's The Guardian newspaper editor Emeke Izeze spoke about the demoralising gloom journalists in Africa worked under.

He sketched out the threat of government clampdowns faced by many, and said the civic requirement of patriotism was used to restrain free comment. "Government officials often admonish the Press to be 'responsible'. Responsibility to them ranges from extreme self-censorship, to blatant praise-singing of government."

National security, Izeze said, was another ready excuse used by governments to curb Press freedom.

Sapa-AFP reports that French Press defence group Reporters sans Frontières (RSF), in a report issued in Paris yesterday, said at least 10 countries deliberately violated the African

human rights charter with regard to the freedom of information, notably by imprisoning journalists.

Marking the 10th anniversary of the OAU charter, RSF urged the signatories to respect their pledges, saying that since the beginning of this year eight journalists had been killed in Africa, eight were missing and more than 20 were in jail.

RSF singled out Nigeria, where four journalists have been imprisoned. It said some journalists continued to defy the military regime, but most had given up for fear of reprisals. Four journalists were jailed in Rwanda, two in Burundi and three in the Ivory Coast. RSF also criticised Gambia, Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe, attacked censorship in Algeria and said the Press had been "brought to heel" in Tunisia.

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — Durban north central deputy mayor Trevor Bonhomme has encouraged his constituents to institute legal action against the city's metropolitan council's water department for having their water supply disconnected due to payment arrears.

Bonhomme said yesterday that he was justified in referring affected residents in his Newlands East ward to the Legal Resources Centre with a view to taking legal action because he had not become a councillor to be part of an "oppressive machinery".

Bonhomme said the department was failing to implement the north council's policy that families in arrears were entitled to the supply of 200l of water a day. Officials were difficult to get hold of to discuss the matter, and they left him infuriated, he said.

He said that during constituency work recently, he had come across 15 poverty-stricken families who had no water at all.

One family was unable to wash baby nappies, while another did not have money even to buy matches to light a fire to boil stream water. Families had been without water for a considerable time. Some families owed R500.

Bonhomme said water was a basic need, and the failure to provide residents violated human rights principles in the constitution.

If a death occurred, he would be "roasted alive" by his constituency.

Department director Roy Pinkerton said the department's lawyers were "quite happy" to go to court as they did not believe the constitution gave a right to water "for nothing". Pinkerton said the affected residents lived in privately owned homes, and the council's decision applied only to those who were living in rented accommodation.



## Pietermaritzburg council refuses housing project

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Pietermaritzburg — Local government opposition to one of KwaZulu Natal's largest low-cost housing developments to date, situated outside Pietermaritzburg, has resulted in the abandonment of the project, which would have provided about 2 500 new homes

Owen Greene, who has been driving the R60 million project for the past year, said opposition from Rob Haswell, the acting town clerk of the Pietermaritzburg-Msunduzi transitional local council, had finally convinced him to scrap the project.

• "I fought for a year to get nowhere. The development and economy committee (now the land use and housing committee) met twice and referred it back for a full report that never appeared," Greene said.

William Cooper, the town clerk's representative at the land use and housing committee, said council officials felt development

of the land would have been premature and that the land lacked the necessary infrastructure for development.

Greene slammed this opposition to the project. "Studies show that there will be a backlog of 55 000 housing units in Pietermaritzburg by the year 2000. The city has got to open new areas for development."

He said he had abandoned the project in 1992 owing to opposition and since taking it up again a year ago he had only managed to get it as far as the development and economy committee.

"We were looking for a motion of support from the city for the development. The province would not have moved without their support for the development," Greene said.

According to Greene's submission to the city, bulk water and electricity were available for the site, and developers were prepared to pay for all development costs and the provision of other services.

# Drummond could face a rates hike of up to 111%

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — The ANC-dominated outer west substructure of Durban's metropolitan council last night approved a R39m budget, providing for a rates increase of up to 111%, with the IFP and DP's backing.

DP councillor Vernon Webber said the party voted in favour of the budget with "serious reservations". The substructure was not viable, and had struggled to put together its budget.

KwaZulu-Natal local government MEC Peter Miller would be informed that financial aid was likely to be required in future in order to avoid inordinately high rates increases, Webber said.

The substructure includes wealthy suburbs such as Kloof and Hillcrest, but also large poor areas such as Mpumalanga township.

The substructure had to take a loan of R3,5m from the council, and a capital grant of about R6,5m. It also had to take about R1,4m from a reserve fund set aside for emergencies, such as disasters, before balancing the R39m budget. A total of R2,6m was allocated for the allowances of 41 councillors.

The substructure decided on a 20% across-the-board rates increase. However, the council also decided to adjust the rates of areas such as Hillcrest to bring them to the same level as Kloof. This meant that while Kloof ratepayers faced a 20% increase, other areas could expect increases of up to 111%.

Webber said a 111% increase for a four bedroom and two bathroom house in an area such as Drummond, where the previous rate payment was R600, "is not a train smash". If there was a 111% increase in Kloof, where R4 000 was previously paid, "it will be a train smash", Webber said.

ANC councillor Brian Nair said he believed the substructure would become viable. There was much vacant land which would be used for economic development. He said a problem this year was the fact that Miller had provided the substructure with a subsidy of R4,5m for Mpumalanga, when its expenditure was R6,2m. Miller would be asked to increase the subsidy, Nair said.

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## Council hopeful on rates payment

Nicola Jenvey

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DURBAN — The city's south central local council planned to invest R47m in developing and upgrading the previously disadvantaged areas within its metropolitan region, with executive committee chairman Joe Nene still optimistic that communities would be persuaded to pay rates once physical evidence of services existed.

The south central council presided over the port and harbour, the southern CBD and townships, including Lamontville, Umlazi and Chesterville.

Presenting proposed development projects for this financial

year, Nene said the executive committee saw services demanded in township areas as a priority. Expenditure would focus on road and stormwater developments and recreational facilities.

"Before the council can introduce rates to residents, there must be an education process explaining the reasons behind the payments," he said.

Despite the national Masakhane campaign's failure elsewhere in SA, Nene was confident the current educational workshops being undertaken throughout the communities would promote payments. Rates would be due in January.

## Lovu scheme yardstick for 'big bang' housing plan

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Nicola Jenvey

DURBAN — Effective fast-track housing provision for low income earners demanded a "big bang" approach, with a large tract of state-owned land being put out to tender for development by a single group with the backing of a major financing institution, KwaZulu-Natal housing MEC Peter Miller said yesterday.

Launching phases two and three of the R230m Lovu scheme, which will see about 5 500 starter and medium-sized houses built on the province's south coast, Miller said other schemes had been "piecemeal" in approach.

The Lovu scheme, launched six months from conception, proved that the "big bang" approach worked. Having identified a 500ha site, a steering committee had been formed in July last year, with the land availability agreement being secured a month later.

Developers had two weeks to submit proposals and development rights were awarded to Condev and its financiers Nedcor Bank. A show village was built.

"The provision of housing need not be a long drawn-out process. Even major projects can be planned and commenced within a few months, provided there is sufficient co-operation and teamwork between the role players involved," Miller said.

He challenged local developers and financiers to fast-track other large-scale housing projects in the province to reduce the backlog, saying they should aim for another 10 Lovu-sized schemes before December.

Nedcor Bank GM credit Kevin Gibb said the Lovu project proved that the private and public sectors could work together successfully.

"The banking industry, which has sufficient capital to back these types of schemes, wants to get more involved in the low-cost housing market but demands the availability of schemes from developers."

Gibb said there was limited risk for banks provided the schemes offered new home owners with holistic towns and environments.

Condev chairman Chris Cudmore said small and large developers had to work together to address the backlog.

# Council launches rates education

Nicola Jenvey

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DURBAN — The city's inner west city council launched a six-month education campaign at the weekend to try to bring nearly a third of the region's 52 000 land owners into the rates and services tax network.

Executive and finance committee chairman Derrik Naidoo said the R750 000 campaign, which was being administered and marketed by a private public relations company, highlighted the need to modify attitudes among the communities in previously

nonrated areas, while the council delivered "an acceptable service".

The council had a R118m capital budget for the current year and would invest more than R400m in housing upgrades and new developments over a two-year period.

Town clerk Hercules Hattingh said the council was "confident" the education campaign would encourage the payment of rates and services, complementing a national call for an end to the rates boycott. Educating people about the need for rates would help alleviate any misunderstanding, he said.

## Councillors given until month-end to pay rates

Farouk Chothia

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ULUNDI — The KwaZulu-Natal legislature's local government committee decided yesterday that councillors in arrears with their rates and service payments should be given until the end of the month to settle their debts

This follows pressure from provincial local government MEC Peter Miller for councillors who had been in arrears for more than three months to be dismissed. This was in terms of a ruling in the Cape High Court and provincial election regulations.

Miller had wanted all councils to brief him on the payments issue by March 15, but the committee decided the deadline should be extended to the end of the month. A resolution to this effect would be adopted in the legislature next week.

Committee chairman and African National Congress (ANC) MP Mike Sutchfie said that a large number of councillors were in arrears. Some of them had not been billed while others disputed the amounts which they had been charged.

The KwaZulu-Natal Local Government Association said there were different legal opinions on whether councillors in arrears for more than three months should be dismissed.

The committee decided that a workshop should be held to develop a clear rating policy for the entire province and a charter on rates be adopted.

ANC MP Nhlanhla Ngide said a rating system based on the principle of equity was needed. The system would have to address the "problem of those who blindly call for equal rates". They needed to realise that the playing fields first had to be levelled.

# Team to probe Cato Manor conflict

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Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — A special task team had been appointed to investigate the reasons behind growing conflict over housing in Durban's Cato Manor area, KwaZulu-Natal local government and housing MEC Peter Miller said yesterday.

Miller said the escalating conflict over housing in the Bonella and Wiggins 1 areas of Cato Manor had the potential to boil over into violent confrontation. There were also racial tensions between blacks and Indians.

He said the team, which had been given two months to com-

plete its investigations, would be made up of provincial MPs Willes Mchunu, Amchand Rajbansi, Roger Burrows, Belinda Barrett, and two members of the Durban metropolitan council, Bheki Mbatsha and one other yet to be named.

Observers said that conflict over housing in the Bonella and Wiggins areas had been raging since before the 1994 election, when black residents from Chesterville township invaded homes earmarked for Indians.

The areas form part of an axis, which government has identified for housing and industrial development in the metropolitan area.

Miller said there were allegations of houses being invaded, of owners subletting houses, and of state officials being involved in "improper" conduct.

There were also allegations of intimidation and violence.

He said that numerous committees had failed to find solutions. The appointment of a team of senior politicians would help resolve the conflict "once and for all".

The team would have to investigate all the allegations, and recommend remedial action. Any unlawful activity conducted while the probe was under way would be referred to the police, Miller said.

## Reduction in housing budget affects efficiency — Miller

Nicola Jenvey

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MARITZBURG — A 12% cut in the local government and housing provincial budget allocation to R996m would severely hamper efficiency, KwaZulu-Natal local government MEC Peter Miller said yesterday.

Speaking at the opening session of the budget review debate yesterday, Miller said his department hoped that township areas which previously had not operated in a local government system would have the necessary structures within the next decade.

However, capital had to be injected into projects before this became a reality. Slashing the budget allocation by 12% hindered the development of capital works projects.

The department had been awarded R996m (1996/97: R1,02bn) of which salary expenditure accounted for R282m (R216m). Local government had been allocated R695m (R796,3m), and housing promotion and investigation R28,9m (R8,8m).

This did not include national housing funds which would become available once housing projects were established. Miller said the department was on track to co-ordinate more than R60m per month for new housing developments throughout KwaZulu-Natal.

The department had been forced to use consultants, at R180 per hour, as employment figures and the management structure had not been finalised.

Miller had approached the provincial services commission in 1994 with the appropriate managerial structure required, but the authorities had yet to approve his proposals. The department was considering legal action to resolve the issue.



KWAZULU-NATAL (125)

**HOUSING TARGET ON TRACK**

PM 18/4/97

KwaZulu-Natal is on target to achieve the ambitious delivery target of 250 000 houses over five years set in 1994

This is despite the drawing of only R100m (10%) in housing subsidies approved in the first three years

To fulfil the promise, though, the province is turning to private contractors. This is partly because they can deliver in volume and because economies of scale and the reduced need for exhaustive consultation lead to significant time and cost savings, which are passed on to subsidy home buyers

In addition, the reality of need versus means has prompted the authorities to revert to providing site-and-service schemes — once described by then national Housing Minister Joe Slovo as an abomination — repackaged under the politically acceptable title of "incremental housing"

Housing MEC Peter Miller says his department hopes to dispense R50m/month in subsidies and prospects look promising. But the proof will be in the delivery. "I believe our housing delivery is gaining pace exponentially, though there are still obstacles to major progress"



Peter Miller

Not least of these is the continuing problem of organised land invasions. Then there's the possibility of the province's most ambitious scheme — the Cato Manor presidential lead project involving the development of more than 50 ha of vacant land near Durban — being scuppered by the Land Claims Court, and the inefficiencies of so-called people's projects

Another problem area is the Ingonyama Trust Act, which has frozen R150m of projects for almost three years

Imminent amendments to the Act should allow these schemes to start

Private developers have been frustrated by the delays in releasing land and there are rumblings that a few may pull out of mass housing

The complexity of the Cato Manor issue was highlighted last week when the

Greater Cato Manor Group (GCMG), claiming to represent the nine largely black communities in Cato Manor, threatened legal action following an interdict by the largely Indian Cato Manor Action Group to halt all infrastructural development in the area pending the outcome of Land Claims Court hearings this month

The GCMG says development should continue. It favours financial restitution for, rather than physical restoration of land to, successful claimants. It also claims that despite repeated appeals, the GCMG has been denied the opportunity to present its case to the Land Claims Court, though some of the families have lived on the land for generations, even "ducking and diving" to avoid eviction during apartheid

The GCMG should have a ready ally in Miller, who believes the whole Cato Manor project could be jeopardised if the court decides individual rights to land override the greater community interest

Where land is available for development, Miller says that of the three housing development options — politically or community driven people's projects, State or administratively driven schemes and commercially driven development — the commercial route is proving by far the

most effective engine of delivery

"Developers and financial institutions work in tandem, are unhindered by social compacts, can develop speculatively and achieve the economies of scale necessary for real delivery"

People's projects are slower to get going largely because of the "endless" process of consultation over detail and because the communities simply do not have the capacity for large-scale development. In one case near Maritzburg, three years of effort by public officials saw just 20 new homes built

As a result, serviced site establishment averages about R12 000, leaving just R3 000 to build the structure. In contrast, commercial developers, on a competitive tender basis, are delivering serviced sites from R8 000, leaving up to R7 000 for the dwelling. *Herb Payne*

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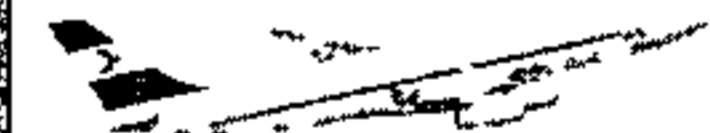
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# New life for living areas

By CHRIS HLONGWA

CP 20/4/99

(125)

SEVERAL MAJOR development projects for Durban's historically neglected areas are on the cards.

This week the mayor of the south central council, Theresa Mthembu, said they were busy with two major strategic environmental assessment studies.

One is in Merewent area, where residents are experiencing terrible problems with air and noise pollution, and another in the Cato Manor area.

These studies will determine the causes of the environmental degradation and propose a sustainable development strategy which will ensure that the problems are minimised.

Two other projects have been approved recently:

"R2,8 million for the completion of the development of two taxi ranks in Warwick Avenue, and R3,8 million to be spent this financial year on the redevelopment of the Early Morning Market"

And, regarding housing, it was decided late

last year that the former R293 housing areas, including the huge township of Umlazi, would not be taken over by the local authority, with the resulting financial burden to the council.

"Instead, my council will work with the province to facilitate the transfer of tenure to the occupants of the houses. This will be done in terms of the government's R7 500 capital discount scheme," said the mayor

She has been told that the consultant of the province has audited the housing stock, and says: "I believe that we will shortly see the establishment of housing bureaux which will facilitate the process of transfer of tenure."

Selling of other housing stock is expected to be ratified by the council at the end of the month, "to sell some 5 000 units in the south central area.

"This plan encompasses a social compact with the community, including providing information and education about what is involved, receiving feedback, and if possible addressing the concerns and problems of the community," said the mayor.

**EU development aid (125)**

**CT 7/5/97**

**DURBAN** The European Union has given R122 million towards the development of Cato Manor, a squatter area that has the capacity to house about 160 000 people. It is the EU's largest grant for a single project in SA. The project is to cost R3,455 billion.

## Minister's housing board plan criticised (125)

Farouk Chothia

BD 12/8/97

DURBAN — KwaZulu-Natal local government and housing MEC Peter Miller opposed yesterday Housing Minister Sankie Mthembu-Mahanyele's plans to "disband or restructure" provincial housing boards, saying this would jeopardise meeting housing targets in time for the 1999 elections.

KwaZulu-Natal housing board chairman Charles van Eck said Mthembu-Mahanyele's reported proposal to replace existing boards with consultative councils and housing development boards was as "futile as rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic".

Miller said the proposals could jeopardise plans to have 195 000 houses completed or under construction in KwaZulu-Natal by 1999.

Van Eck said he took offence at Mthembu-Mahanyele's reported comments that she was keen to see an end to the boards in order to prevent irregularities in the allocation of contracts.

On Mthembu-Mahanyele's reported proposal that housing authorities not be allowed to be involved in the housing industry, Van Eck said: "It is crazy to think that individuals with no knowledge of the industry can be expected to make intelligent decisions on housing matters."

Mthembu-Mahanyele's spokesman, Mandy Woods, said last night that the minister might comment later. Woods said, however, that Mthembu-Mahanyele did not intend disbanding the boards, but merely restructuring them.

## IFP berated over services boycott call

Farouk Chothia

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DURBAN — Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) KwaZulu-Natal MP Gobizwe Bhengu had called for a rate and service payment boycott at a public meeting on Sunday in KwaMashu in order to stifle development in the African National Congress-led metropolitan council, the ANC said yesterday.

Bhengu dismissed the ANC's claim as a "blue lie", but said he believed demands for rates payment should not become a "weapon" to destroy the lives of poor people.

The ANC said IFP leaders such as Bhengu were waging a "dirty campaign", and needed to be disciplined by their party. Bhengu said the council had given letters to residents demanding payment of up to R1 000 for rates arrears.

Residents had been warned they would be evicted if they failed to pay. Such an approach was insensitive as many pensioners would be affected and the council needed to consult communities before making such decisions.

The ANC said the IFP's advice should be ignored. Its councillors in the former KwaZulu homeland had helped themselves to houses without paying "a cent". Residents should become active participants in the Masakhane campaign so development could take place.

It is understood an ANC councillor arrived at the meeting to urge residents to pay Bhengu. He denied reports that a fist-fight had developed between ANC and IFP supporters.

# New legislation to cut housing bureaucracy

Nicola Jenvey

DD 9/7/97 (125)

DURBAN — New legislation launched yesterday was intended to cut bureaucracy and fast-track land development schemes, which would benefit several hundred thousand people queuing for proper housing in KwaZulu-Natal

Local government and housing MEC Peter Miller said yesterday that the Development Facilitation Act, coupled with the Provincial Planning Development Act, aimed to eliminate bureaucracy for developers and paved the way for major financial benefits for the province

The act provided for a ground-breaking "one-stop" application procedure, that is an application which met the act's requirements would be approved by a single body rather than several authorities

Miller said this implied that a large housing development proposal would obtain planning approval, registration clearance and have restrictive conditions removed through one application to the development tribunal

Since 1994 KwaZulu-Natal had built about 33 000 new houses and was aiming for the provincial target of 190 000 by 1999 Miller said the provincial department had R50m a month for housing and was on target to spend the allocation

The act confers far-reaching powers on the tribunal. It may summon people to attend and make presentations at hearings, bypass restrictive laws and remove servitudes and restrictive conditions

Another benefit of the act was that it provided quicker access to grants and loans

# Housing project flounders while homeless wait

CRAIG DOONAN

ST 13/7/97

(125)

A R54-MILLION housing development project — the biggest in Kwazulu Natal — has been suspended after an outcry over the alleged poor quality of the one-roomed structures

Almost 7 000 prospective home owners in Newcastle are now uncertain whether their government-subsidised homes will ever be built

New construction was halted about two weeks ago after many of the owners of the 400 houses already built complained of unstable foundations and cracking walls

They were also upset that the subsidy of R7 500 could get them little else but four walls and a roof

The ANC called a mass meeting in Newcastle's Madadeni township after complaints mounted, and called for construction to be suspended

Northern Kwazulu Natal ANC secretary Mbuso Khubeka said residents were also dissatisfied that almost R11-million of the R54-million set aside for the project was going towards administration and wage costs

Khubeka said the main concerns were:

- Poor quality houses,
- Residents had not expected the 22m<sup>2</sup> structures to be so small,
- No ventilation,
- The composition of the development forum — the ANC claims some of the members have financial interests in the project

Kwazulu Natal's housing board is proposing that an urgent investigation

into the complaints takes place to rescue the floundering project

But the board has warned that each day the project remains stationary, badly-needed funds are lost

It also warned that any significant restructuring of the project could lead to further delays, mounting expenses and possible legal action by contractors

The board has called on the Madadeni development forum to decide the fate of the project by next weekend

Meanwhile, Ralph Sarjoo, an area manager for Sakum Phakati, one of the contractors in the project, denied the houses were below standard

He blamed the ANC for politicising the project in an attempt to win votes and for trying to control the substantial funding for the plan

Sarjoo said "You may find a crack here and there in one or two houses," but added that there was an agreement that the problems would be solved

Khubeka said inspectors passed the houses soon after they were completed while the cracks only began to appear weeks later

Pieter Snyman of Com Housing, the project managers, said he was unable to comment, but added that the houses had been approved by the provincial housing department

A source involved in the project said part of the problem was the ANC's realisation that the R7 500 subsidy was not enough for a decent structure

"Not only do you have to build with that sum, but also pay salaries and administration costs," he said

"The ANC has realised this and is finding it difficult to fulfil promises of decent housing"

# Space Frame punts cheap, low-tech mass housing

RAVIN MAHARAJ

ET (BR) 17/7/97 (125)

Durban — Space Frame, the KwaZulu Natal-based low-cost housing manufacturer, was poised to break new ground in the mass housing market with lower construction costs, the company said yesterday

Mike Graham, the managing director of Space Frame, said the company's low-cost housing technology, in which no bricks or blocks are used, was being touted as "one of the answers" to South Africa's critical housing backlog

Houses are constructed from 50mm panels consisting of 2mm reinforced steel wire with a cen-

tral core of foam insulation. Panels are erected on site and are plastered with a plaster mix to produce strong and well-insulated walls. These walls are waterproof, vandal-proof and up to 20 percent cheaper than conventional houses, Graham said

The company had completed a R15 million joint venture contract with the education department in the former Transkei to build 278 classrooms

Space Frame has also been chosen for a low-cost housing project at Hambanathi, north of Durban. The company was hoping to construct 300 houses worth R7 000 each before Christmas



## Housing board makes changes to accelerate delivery

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — The KwaZulu-Natal housing board yesterday announced new measures to accelerate housing delivery, saying it would accept applications for project-linked, consolidation and institutional subsidies at any time of the year.

This was in contrast to the previous approach, where subsidy applications were accepted only on a tranche basis and at specific times of the year.

Board CEO Seymour Bedderson said the board had been mandated to allocate a minimum of R50m a month for the provision of housing in KwaZulu-Natal.

Housing delivery had fallen short of the target because developers had not taken advantage of the subsidies available to them. The board believed there would now be an improvement in the allocation of funds as a result of the new applications policy.

Bedderson said that developers who had applications refused for any reason should reapply.

Applications would be considered on merit.

(125) BD 29/7/97

## Scheme launched to boost growth in cotton production

Louise Cook

THIS year could see hundreds of farmers taking up cotton production with the introduction of contract growing in SA for the first time, sources said yesterday.

Ginner Clark Cotton and the Vaalharts Co-operative in North West Province confirmed they were hoping to attract between 25% and 50% more farmers than last year and were offering a 9% higher price (R2,50/kg) for this year's seed cotton.

Clark Cotton MD Trevor Wilkinson said that last year farmers did not know what price they would get until three weeks before harvesting.

"But drought pushed the yield down to 1,75t/ha compared to 5t/ha in Zambia. This time we are hoping for better conditions. Transport costs make imports from neighbouring countries expensive," he said.

Clark Cotton deputy MD Dries Fourie said that further price improvements due to a stable world market and weaker rand/dollar exchange rate were likely.

SA's main producing areas were the Makatini Flats in

KwaZulu-Natal and Vaalharts at Hartswater.

Vaalharts Co-operative said it had been involved for the past three weeks in canvassing new farmers. Planting was due to begin in October.

Co-operative manager Louis Olivier said "We are hoping for a crop of 6 000 tons, more than double that of last year."

SA's cotton production compares poorly with neighbouring states such as Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique, Uganda and Tanzania, where 2-million small farmers made up SA's annual shortfall of 44 000 tons cotton lint a year through exports.

Only 6 000 small farmers grow cotton locally — 80% of the SA crop is cultivated by about 900 commercial farmers.

Cotton Board GM Hennie Bruwer warned that unless production was increased, SA would soon be forced to spend R500m a year on imports for the production of cotton lint. "Cotton's unique resistance to drought and the non-perishable nature of the product provide a low-risk solution, particularly for dryland producers," Bruwer said.

BD 29/7/97

## Phosa tried to intimidate me — witness

Nomavenda Mathiane

MPUMALANGA premier Mathews Phosa had tried to intimidate former Inkhonto we Sizwe (MK)

fighters, MK members or hostel inmates

Winnie Makhubela said she had been a Std 1 pupil in Thokoza when she was abducted with three friends to the hostel where she was kept for

what percentage of the economically active population does this figure constitute? N1980E

The MINISTER OF LABOUR

Yes The information which is obtained from the Registrar in the Department of Labour is as follows

(a) As at the end of 1996 twenty (20) trade unions were affiliated to the federation. As at end of 1996 the federation's affiliates collectively had 1 743 172 members

(b) This figure represents 12,02% of the 1996 estimate of 14 497 000 economically active population or 22% of the 7 723 300 people estimated to be in registered jobs

\*24 Mr D DE V GRAAFF - Trade and Industry [Question standing over]

**Transnet: monitoring devices detected**

\*25 Mr D M STREICHER asked the Minister for Public Enterprises f

(1) Whether her or her Department's attention has been drawn to allegations that monitoring devices have been detected in the telephones of any senior managers of Transnet if so,

(2) whether she or her Department has investigated the matter, if so,

(3) whether any persons or bodies have been found to have been responsible for the installation of such devices, if so, (a) who was responsible and (b) for what reasons were such devices installed,

(4) whether she will make a statement on the matter? N1982E

The MINISTER FOR PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

(1) Yes

(2) Transnet Limited is investigating the matter

(3) As the matter is currently under investigation, it is *sub judice* and no further comments can be made at this juncture

(4) No

**Building of houses in Madadeni area stopped/delayed** (125)

\*26 Comdt A BLAAS asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether the building of houses in the Madadeni area near Newcastle has been stopped or delayed if not, what is the position in this regard, if so,

(2) whether this has resulted in a financial loss, if not, what is the position in this regard, if so what amount is lost daily,

(3) whether she will make a statement on the matter? N1983E

The MINISTER OF HOUSING

By courtesy of the Department of Local Government and Housing of the Province of KwaZulu-Natal

(1) There has been a dramatic loss in production as a result of direct interference in the project by community leaders. Project managers and construction leaders have reported that the projected estimate of 300 houses per month has not been met as a result of this interference. Project leaders also allege that the approval format of the Provincial Housing Board of KwaZulu-Natal (in phases) has also contributed to the project delivery being delayed. The first phase of 1 000 sites has almost been completed. The approval of the second phase of this project was given on 3 September 1997 for an additional 1 500 sites and it is anticipated that the project will once more gain momentum

(2) It is the contention of the project managers and the construction leaders that they have thus far collectively suffered a loss of ±R250 000 as a result of the political interference experienced, in the project. As can be inferred from paragraph 1 approximately 300 units must be delivered per month, for both parties to realise their targets. It is confirmed that this target has unfortunately not been attained due to pressure being brought to bear on the contractor and workforce. Whilst the delay at

this stage has not impacted directly on the beneficiaries, sustained interference will no doubt eventually have a negative impact on the product delivered to the beneficiary on the ground

(3) No

**IBA: persons appointed as councillors**

\*27 Mr J J DOWRY asked the Minister for Posts, Telecommunications and Broadcasting

Whether the persons initially recommended by the Portfolio Committee on Communications were appointed as councillors to the Independent Broadcasting Authority, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? N1984E

The MINISTER FOR POSTS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND BROADCASTING

The President requested the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Communications to reconsider its original five nominations for the IBA Council after one of the nominees (Mr S Mokoetle) withdrew for technical reasons. The President could not proceed with the appointment of the remaining four candidates as the Council might not then have been representative of the "broad cross-section of the population" as is required by section 4 (2) (C) of the IBA Act, 1993. The appointment of the following five Councillors was subsequently approved by the President with effect from 1 September 1997

|                 |       |               |
|-----------------|-------|---------------|
| Ms F L Sekha    | until | 30 March 1999 |
| Mr L S Mkhumela | until | 30 March 2000 |
| Mr M Booie      | until | 30 March 2000 |
| Ms L Lloyd      | until | 30 March 1998 |
| Dr R T Williams | until | 30 March 1998 |

The only change from the original nominations, was the appointment of Mr M Booie in the place of Mr S Mokoetle

**Practicable defence plan/budget drawn up**

\*28 Mr J A MARAIS asked the Minister of Defence

Whether he or the South African National Defence Force has drawn up a practicable defence plan and budget on the basis of the Defence Review and the White Paper on National Defence for the Republic, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? N1985E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

No, the Department of Defence has not yet drawn up a practicable defence plan and budget on the basis of the Defence Review and the White Paper on National Defence for the Republic

The White Paper and Defence Review are two important steps in the development of a national consensus on defence in South Africa. This process has, however, not yet been completed and further chapters of the Defence Review are still to be submitted to Parliament following consultations with the Parliamentary Defence committees and approval by Cabinet. These will include such important matters as transformation and the structure of the Department of Defence, with particular attention to the command and support structures of the SANDF

The complete structure of the Department, which includes its Force Design, is the basis on which the medium and long term defence plans and budgets are to be based. The determination of the administrative, command-and-control, force-support and training structures of the Department is dependent on its Force Design and is one of the subjects of the transformation project. This transformation project is a scientific process aimed at greatly improving efficiency within the Department of Defence in order to, amongst other things, reduce the cost of Defence to South Africa. This project is well advanced but has not yet been completed. Therefore, it has not been possible to draw up a practicable defence plan and budget on the basis of the Defence Review and White Paper at this stage

The Department of Defence is presently advancing the transformation process with all haste, but also with the required caution so as to maintain the scientific basis and integrity of the process. At the same time the effect of transformation and the budget cuts on the Force Design are being continually reviewed. All these factors are being taken into account in the

# KwaZulu-Natal cabinet 'not paying rent'

Farouk Chothia

(125) BD 12/9/97  
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DURBAN — Preliminary investigations showed that KwaZulu-Natal premier Ben Ngubane and his cabinet colleagues were not paying rent for their official residences in Ulundi, even though they were required to do so, provincial acting auditor-general Ted Kimmence said yesterday.

He said the probe was at an early stage, and he could not say how much was owed and over what period.

Kimmence confirmed that an inves-

tigation was under way on whether it was ethical for Ngubane to have stayed at taxpayers' expense at Durban's five-star Royal Hotel, even though he had an official residence in Durban.

Ngubane was caught up in another row yesterday with claims that his department had not budgeted for an official two-week trip he was on to Germany. The funds would now come out of a special fund in the finance department for "priority projects" such as building toilets at schools and roads in rural areas.

# Rise in electricity tariffs questioned

BD 3/10/97

(125) (43)

Nicola Jenvey

DURBAN — Eskom's announcement this week of an average 5% hike in electricity tariffs next January has raised questions about a planned 11% increase by Durban Metro Electricity.

Eskom customer manager Hugh McGibbon said yesterday that subject to the National Electricity Regulator's approval, the increase to Durban Metro Electricity would be 3,45% — in other words, well below the national average

Eskom raised Durban's rates 3% this year, compared with the 5% national average. Last year's hike was 2% compared with 4% nationally.

Durban Metro Electricity executive director Howard Whitehead insisted that stiff increases would be necessary from January 1 for the distributor to sustain its service.

He also warned that Eskom's electrification programme could be cur-

tailed. Whitehead also said that Durban customers carried "a double burden" by contributing to the electrification drive

He claimed Durban Metro Electricity would lose R250m annually if it sold electricity at the Eskom retail price.

However, McGibbon disputed these allegations, claiming Durban Metro Electricity paid the lowest tariff countrywide for some voltages

McGibbon said Eskom's tariff to Durban had decreased more than 33% in real terms over the past decade and Durban customers qualified for Eskom's customised pricing deals

"It is Eskom's goal to become the world's lowest cost producer of electricity and we continue to honour our commitment to lower the real price of electricity by a further 15% between 1995 and 2000," McGibbon said

"This can be seen by the 5% increase for next year, which is below the expected inflation rate of 7,5% "

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# Housing project fails as board breaks budget

Louise Cook

(125)  
A PROJECT to build houses for up to 6 000 farm workers in Bothaville in the Free State has been scuppered because the Free State Housing Board's budget is overextended by R120m.

The project, which began two years ago under the province's previous housing board, ran out of steam when it failed to get the go-ahead for a government housing grant of R15 000 a family.

About 100 Bothaville farmers started investing in the project two years ago, buying stands for their workers and providing them with interest-free loans, repayable at R50 a month, to pay for the land.

However, the project could go ahead only with a government housing grant of R15 000 a family to build houses on the stands. This money had not been forthcoming because the Free State Housing Board was grossly overcommitted.

Bothaville farmer Johan Hofman said the farmers had been assured when the project started that there would be no problem in getting the grants for the workers. "The workers have waited all this time to see construction begin. But they no longer believe us — they

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think us farmers are taking them for a ride," he said.

Free State housing board director Mpho Makwena confirmed that the board's budget was overextended by R120m.

Farmers, fed up with waiting, eventually approached the land affairs department for help, but it too could do nothing as the money was required for housing, not land. The department administers R15 000 grants for buyers of land in rural areas.

Sources from the department who asked not to be named said the farmers were "probably" forcing the workers to move closer to the town to get them off the farms.

But Hofman denied these allegations, saying workers turned up in droves at more than one land affairs meeting in the area to prove that they "prefer houses to empty land".

"They feel that to opt for a house is better than to opt for land, which is far away from clinics, schools and other infrastructure," he said.

Bothaville town clerk Ben Havenga confirmed that 1 000 stands had been set aside at Kgotsong outside Bothaville for the project before June last year. If the project was completed, it could improve the lifestyles of between 4 000 and 6 000 families, he said.

# 100 000 to buy homes under discount scheme

Nicola Jenvey

BD 3/12/97

(125)

DURBAN — The KwaZulu-Natal local government and housing ministry has earmarked R750m for the provincial discount benefit housing scheme, effectively enabling about 100 000 families to purchase their rented homes at a substantially discounted rate or settle the outstanding balance on bonds.

Unveiling the scheme yesterday, local government and housing MEC Peter Miller said occupants of houses originally provided by the former KwaZulu government or development aid department would qualify for a maximum discount of R7 500 on the cost of buying their rented houses or on the cost of paying off the outstanding balance.

Arrear rentals would be included in the discount and since no finance charges or transfer fees would be levied, the move meant qualifying beneficiaries might become homeowners without outlaying additional capital.

Qualification criteria meant the applicant had to either have been the legitimate tenant prior to June 1993, be the legal claimant to the property, but not living in the dwelling, or to have purchased the property and be paying instalments, but still owing a balance.

The scheme precluded anyone who had previously benefited from a government subsidy.

Miller said the department had established an extensive infrastructure in KwaZulu-Natal to provide the services necessary to facilitate the process. This included specialist teams, under the guidance of regional project managers, working in co-operation with local councils and community-based committees.

However, he emphasised that no one would be forced into the scheme against his will.

Angry township residents are shocked at the workmanship, but some say it is better than living in a shack

# Taxpayers' R30-m for housing chairman's firm

By JACKIE CAMERON

Taxpayers will be forking out more than R30-million to a property development company owned by ANC politician Vax Mayekiso - the sacked Free State housing MEC who is still the chairperson of the portfolio committee which presides over provincial housing.

Mayekiso, a member of the provincial legislature, has been allocated more than R30-million in RDP and National Housing Board funding for low-cost housing projects in the province. Free State MEC for Local Government and Housing, Benny Kotsane, confirmed this week.

Kotsane's office said money had already been handed over to Mayekiso, but that it would be a lengthy accounting exercise to determine the exact amount.

Mayekiso's company, LGV Developers, also secured the "rights" to control the tender process for low-cost housing in Virginia, town clerk Ranne Jan-sen told the *Saturday Star*.

He said the decision by Virginia Transitional Local Council members to "cede its developmental rights to LGV Developers" had been "political", and he was therefore not in a position to comment further.

In yet another twist to Mayekiso's business dealings, Glen Loser - a director of LGV Developers - has a subcontracting firm which has also secured a number of contracts for low-cost housing projects in the province.

Mayekiso has not disclosed his business interests to the Free State provincial government.

There was an outcry in Meloding, Virginia, last weekend after strong winds whipped off

the roofs of several houses which LGV Developers had built for poor people.

Angry residents in the dusty settlement told the *Saturday Star* this week that they were unhappy with the shoddy workmanship, but it was nevertheless better than living in shacks.

About 350 houses have been built at the Meloding site. Many of the thinly plastered homes have cracks erupting from the foundations and eaves. Wire cable holds down some roofs.

Another 700 houses are in the pipeline for the area. Residents have each received government grants of up to R15 000 towards their homes, and many have taken short-term loans - facilitated by Mayekiso - to meet the cost of the houses, priced at about R21 000.

Free State Freedom Front leader Abrie Oosthuizen has called for Mayekiso's resignation from the portfolio committee on services, which includes housing, "because he has access to information on all housing projects before the public and other contractors are even made aware of such projects."

"He must resign as chairperson of this committee, and a disciplinary hearing should be held. He has contravened the regulations contained in the provincial legislature bill by taking part in political discussions about housing."

"There is a lack of transparency about this whole matter. We demanded an investigation a



HOME NOT-SO-SWEET HOME: A youngster on the window sill of one of the sub-standard houses

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year ago when rumours surfaced about his involvement in the housing industry, but the Speaker (the Rev M Chabaku) refused to do anything. She must be on his side," Oosthuizen said. A busy, but cheerful, Mayekiso told the *Saturday Star* this week that he did not believe there was any conflict of interests or ethical problem about wearing two caps.

"I'm not making any decisions about housing in the province. I don't have access to any privileged information, and I do not have an unfair advantage over anybody. The person who decides on the allocation of houses is the MEC. I only work on policy issues and the law."

Mayekiso said he met Loser "less than a year ago" and that LGV Developers was started in 1992 but had been "inactive" during his tenure as housing MEC.

Mayekiso was axed from his chairmanship of the committee that deals with housing, I have, on several occasions, requested another post from those in control of allocating posts. I did not want ethical problems to be raised where they don't exist.

Both men are currently appealing against the sentence.

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"I am still waiting for a response," Mayekiso said. He was "advancing job creation" and empowering black businessmen by subcontracting work to locals, but admitted that some of the workmanship at Meloding had been "problematic".

One unskilled labourer who was plastering cracks in walls at the Meloding site told the *Saturday Star* that he was paid R25 a day.

Mayekiso said, "There were allegations that the cement mix was not up to standard. Also, some was stolen. I cannot control the theft of cement. An independent consulting engineer has proved that the houses are sound constructions and comply with the building requirements."

He said he was planning, at an official launch later this year, to reveal "all his secrets" about special funding for the residents who have moved into his houses.

Despite Mayekiso's enthusiasm for politics, he said he was seriously considering leaving the public realm to concentrate on business.

# Zuma in court for ducking bond payments

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**Mungo Soggot and  
Wonder Hlongwa**

**T**he man who is likely to become deputy president of South Africa has been taken to court for not repaying his R120 000 overdraft and for failing to honour payments on a R400 000 home loan

Standard Bank confirmed this week that it successfully obtained judgment against Jacob Zuma — the deputy president of the African National Congress and MEC for economic affairs and tourism in KwaZulu-Natal — in the Durban High Court last October

But the bank has taken the unusual decision not to foreclose on Zuma and, three months later, is still talking to his lawyers about finding an "amicable settlement"

Standard Bank's representative, Eric Larson, said before taking Zuma to court the bank engaged in "lots of discussions" to resolve the issue "Unfortunately, we could not resolve it, so we followed a legal course of action"

The *Mail & Guardian* attempted to obtain the papers from the high court, but the file at the Durban courthouse which is supposed to contain the case's key documents was empty. In terms of South African legislation, all court documents are public documents.

Standard Bank declined to disclose the details of Zuma's debts, but the *M&G* has learned that in October last year his arrears amounted

to at least R70 000 on a home loan of more than R400 000 for property in the Johannesburg suburb of Killarney

Zuma, who has two other houses in KwaZulu-Natal, did not pay his bond instalments for eight-and-a-half months. He has been talking to the Malaysian-owned New Republic Bank about transferring his overdraft and bond.

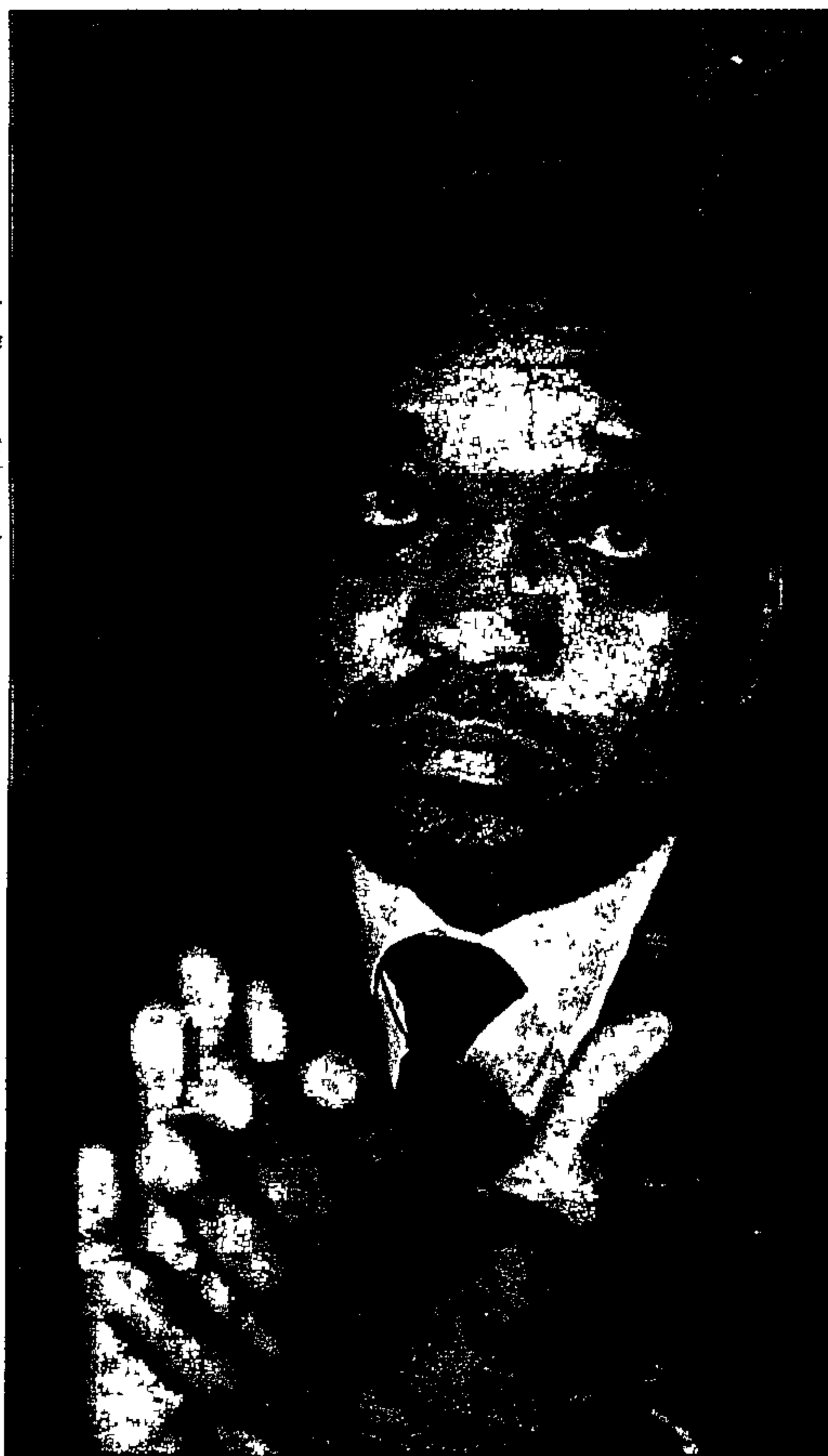
He said this week he was angry that news of his debt judgment leaked out, saying it was a "private matter. I am dealing with the bank, not everybody"

He said if he found out the Standard Bank leaked the information — the bank was not the *M&G*'s source — he would pursue the matter with the bank

Zuma said Standard Bank was "not happy" when he left as it considered him a "VIP customer". He added that he told the bank "financial institutions are not transforming

**I**'m very concerned you got this information. Some people are using these things for their own political purposes. This is a personal matter, it is not for the public"

Zuma said he did not make plans to move his account to New Republic Bank after the case but before, claiming he was not taken to court because he had "financial problems. I firstly moved the account which I discussed with Standard Bank. As we [Zuma and his financial adviser] were transferring the account, there



**Jacob Zuma: Standard Bank's 'VIP customer'.  
PHOTOGRAPH: RODGER BOSCH/I-AFRIKA**

were some months that we didn't pay" He declined to comment further

New Republic Bank, which is controlled by Malaysian tycoon Dato Samsudin, said it is policy not to discuss any client. It could not con-

firm or deny any discussions with Zuma

Chief executive Johnathan Scott said the bank, like most financial institutions, would take a "conservative" view if a prospective client had a judgment against him



# 'Matchbox houses to be reconsidered'

Farouk Chothia

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MARITZBURG — Newly appointed KwaZulu-Natal housing MEC Narend Singh said yesterday that he would explore innovative ways to deliver houses, including the possibility of replacing the "matchbox-styled" model with the thatch-roofed rondavels found in rural areas.

Singh said at a news briefing that he would also like to see housing development move away from being concentrated only in major urban centres to encompass rural and semirural areas.

He said the government faced valid criticism that only matchbox-styled houses were being built. Consideration should be given to building rural-styled rondavels, which might be cheaper and more spacious. There was no need for houses to be built only with "mortar and bricks".

Singh took over as housing MEC yesterday, following Peter Miller's appointment as finance MEC. Singh would retain the agriculture portfolio, while Miller would retain the local government portfolio.

However, Jan van der Walt would remain the director-general of local government and housing, serving both Singh and Miller. There are separate deputy directors-general.

Singh said the housing component of the department was a "well-oiled machinery", and the R570m allocated for subsidies this fiscal year would be spent on providing about 45 000 houses.

Miller said that all impediments in the way of housing delivery in the province had been removed to the extent that R1bn could now be spent annually, but the problem was that this amount of money was not available.

KwaZulu-Natal had spent R836m last year, a figure that would have reached the R1bn mark had central government not decided to withhold funds in order to lower the national deficit. In March this year, a record R220m was spent, of which R150m was on "new business".

"Because of budget constraints, Singh's problem will be how not to spend R1bn," Miller said.

Singh said that with the provincial housing budget cut of R300m, compared to last year, he would look at raising funds from other sources. He would also push central government to increase KwaZulu-Natal's housing allocation.

Miller said central government was using "outdated" population figures, which led to Gauteng receiving a larger slice of the budget because it was assumed to have a bigger population. However, the new census figures showed that KwaZulu-Natal was more populous than Gauteng.

Miller said it had been proposed to Housing Minister Sankie Mthembu-Mahanyele that an independent body such as the Finance and Fiscal Commission be asked to look at base figures being used in budget allocations to provinces.

# Private sector funding for Edupark will benefit business — Mandela

Primarashni Pillay

PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela told private sector donors in Midrand last night their financial support of the Northern Province's Edupark project would benefit them later, when they would employ the high-quality graduates who were currently studying through the institution.

Edupark is an education centre on the outskirts of Pietersburg which will house branches of a number of top educational institutions, with the University of the North as anchor tenant.

Scheduled for completion in 2005, Edupark will comprise nine major learning institutions that will offer professional teaching skills, resource centres, and study centres. Stage one of Edupark is under way, made possible by sponsorships from countries including Ireland, the US and Australia.

Edupark has the backing of Mandela, who last night told dignitaries at

the launch of the complex's Chancellor Nelson Mandela Fund that they should support the project because it made "good business sense".

"You should support it because it will be self-supporting and, in your language, eventually even make profits which will be ploughed back into education. But most of all you should support it because by doing so you are helping yourselves; you will be investing in your own companies' future by helping provide the high-quality graduates you would be happy to employ."

Mandela praised the concept behind Edupark, describing it as an institution "which, amidst all the travails of changing times — transformation, student and staff unrest and limited resources — had the determination and vision to develop an educational facility so different and unique that many people believe it will set a new benchmark for tertiary institutions in this country for the next millennium".

# Mbeki

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ern affairs, Song Young-Oh, took a broader view of the agreement, which he said had already passed all the legal and political hurdles in South Korea. Seoul was "looking for every type of cooperation" under the accord, including in the military field, and South Korea was "ready to sign". It was now up to Pretoria to process the text, which had already been forwarded to SA.

Song said his government was aware of SA's defence capacity, and had received a proposal from Defence

Minister Joe Modise via Trade and Industry Minister Alec Erwin late last year for co-operation between the defence industries of the two countries.

An SA embassy source said Seoul appeared less interested in buying SA weapons than in acquiring the research, development, and skills associated with such systems as the Rooivalk attack helicopter.

Mbeki said he and South Korea's leaders had agreed to put significant effort into strengthening bilateral mechanisms, particularly to identify trade and investment opportunities.

Mbeki had passed on an invitation from President Nelson Mandela for President Kim Dae-Jung to visit SA.

# PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz



# Proclamation to probe R300m housing subsidy fraud expected this week

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A PRESIDENTIAL proclamation is expected to be issued on Thursday to investigate alleged widespread fraud in housing subsidies in KwaZulu-Natal which could amount to up to R300m

An expected probe by the Heath special investigating unit into housing subsidy fraud could involve as many as 53 000 individual subsidies

Government sources said yesterday there was also a growing suspicion that other provinces were affected by subsidy fraud, including the Eastern Cape and the Northern Province

Unit head Willem Heath said at the weekend he understood that a presidential proclamation would be issued on Thursday to investigate the alleged fraud "As no formal investigation has yet been launched, I cannot give firm details. However, it could be in the magnitude (of 50 000 to 53 000 cases)

(involving) both housing officials and beneficiaries," he said

The suspected fraud is understood to involve syndicates made up of lawyers, officials and consumers using fictitious names to gain access illegally to housing subsidies

Housing ministry spokesman Gege Kekana said the ministry was aware of subsidy fraud allegations in KwaZulu-Natal, and had "heard rumours" that other provinces could also be hit "The minister views this matter very seriously and will be issuing a full statement later this week," she said

Housing Minister Sankie Mthembu-Mahanyele said last week there were early indications that the housing backlog could be about 4-million units against a previous figure of 3-million homes.

Government sources said that in light of the growing housing backlog and the millions of people living in squalid housing conditions such as squatter camps, subsidy fraud was "callous and inhumane". It was also threatening the housing programme

A review of housing policy and progress by the housing ministry showed that KwaZulu-Natal had approved almost 130 000 subsidies between March 1994 and September last year. Latest figures showed that 740 000 subsidies had been allocated in SA to date. This trend meant KwaZulu-Natal had approved up to 250 000 low-cost housing subsidies

In February an investigation by the offices of the public protector and auditor-general was launched into allegations of housing subsidy fraud in Gauteng

This was prompted by Gauteng provincial housing and land affairs MEC Dan Mofokeng after an earlier audit into the SA Housing Fund from 1995 to date had identified R6m in subsidies that could not be accounted for in the province

# Law firms handed over after failing to submit subsidy statements

Farouk Choithia

DURBAN — The KwaZulu-Natal housing board has referred about 10 law firms in the province to the Natal Law Society for investigation after they failed to submit monthly reconciliation statements on housing subsidies they handled.

The board's action came against the backdrop of an imminent proclamation by President Nelson Mandela authorising Judge Willem Heath's special investigating unit to probe alleged widespread housing-subsidy fraud in several provinces. These include KwaZulu-Natal, North West and Northern Cape.

Malan said he was unaware of the unit's possible investigation. However, he could confirm that the board had referred several law firms, including large, established companies, to the society for investigation.

He said the firms were required by the board to submit monthly reconciliation statements relating to the depositing of subsidies into their trust accounts. However, the firms had failed to do so despite reminders by the board. In some instances, the firms had not made submissions for more than a year, Malan said.

He said "quite a lot" of money — "it could be millions" — was involved.

Malan declined to speculate on why the firms had failed to submit the reconciliation statements. However, he confirmed that one of the firms was Durban-based Mlaba & Makhave.

City Press reported recently that the firm had allegedly mismanaged R19m deposited into its account as subsidies for the poor and unemployed.

A co-director of the firm, Kwenza Mlaba, had been struck off the roll of attorneys by the Murrumbidgee High Court after an application by the society. Mlaba has been appointed honorary counsel in Durban by the Philippines government.

Heath unit senior legal adviser Gerhard Visagie said several other provincial governments, including North West's, had also been allegedly affected by the abuse of housing subsidies.

It was alleged that some lawyers were making false claims for the R15 000 subsidy by entering claims on behalf of non-existent people and for properties that did not exist, Visagie said.

Heath was earlier quoted as saying that between 50 000 and 53 000 cases, involving housing officials and beneficiaries, might come under investigation.

A government source said the fraud in KwaZulu-Natal, the province believed to be worst affected, could amount to R300m.

# Housing fraud to be probed

By Joshua Raboroko

THREE provinces are probing claims of massive housing subsidy fraud amounting to millions of rands allocated to struggling homeseekers who unwittingly signed papers that made it easy for officials to enrich themselves.

More than 300 such cases involving government officials have been reported in Mpumalanga, Gauteng, and KwaZulu-Natal. The affected housing boards have already started investigations.

The homeseekers who were used by allegedly unscrupulous officials, are now calling on the Government to address the situation as a matter of urgency.

Mr Craig Padayachee, Mpumalanga MEC for housing and local government said his department, together with the South African Police Service had started investigations into allegations of housing subsidy fraud.

The areas included the former self governing territories of KaNgwane, KwaNdebele and Lebowa; whose jurisdiction now falls under Mpumalanga.

He said 240 housing subsidies were supposed to provide poor communities with up to R15 000 for homes which were meant to be constructed, but these houses were either incomplete, did not exist or were in the planning stages.

In some instances, he said, officials paid out the subsidies to unknown people while in others money was abused. His department was interviewing several officials regarding the cases.

"We will not hesitate to press criminal charges against anybody who has abused the government's help" said Padayachee.

In Gauteng, MEC for housing and local government Mr Dan Mofokeng has referred several cases of housing subsidy fraud to the Public Protector Selby Baqwa to investigate. A source estimated the amount at R6-million.

The Kwazulu-Natal housing board has referred cases relating to about 10 law firms in the province to the Natal Law Society for investigation after they failed to submit monthly reconciliations on housing subsidies that they handled.

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# Durban council to attach properties

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DURBAN — The Durban High Court granted an order yesterday allowing city authorities to attach and sell the properties of 800-1 000 people, mainly home owners, after they defaulted on rates payments

The order was granted after an application by the Durban south and north central councils, controlled by the African National Congress. This is the first known instance since the ANC came into power that such an application has been sought by a major council against rates defaulters

Krish Kumar, the executive director of financial services for the two councils, said previous orders obtained in Durban were for the attachment of moveable assets. The councils decided to press for the attachment of properties because rate arrears stood at more

than R30m for the 1994/95 and 1995/96 financial years

The councils also sought an order against central government and the KwaZulu-Natal government, claiming they owed R1,2m in rates on 47 properties they owned in the city

However, the two governments were opposing the application. About 120 private owners also indicated that they would oppose the application

Adv Patrick Smith, representing the governments, said the application was being opposed because the State Liability Act prevented the attachment of any state property. He said if the state had defaulted on rates payments, the money would be paid

The order Judge Kenneth Mthiyane gave against the private owners said the properties would be sold through public auction. The proceeds would cover rates arrears, and then bonds

Few of the people against whom the order was granted were in court. Most of those present were black or Asian, although an official said whites were also affected

Kumar said that if anyone paid the full amount due, including interest and a fee to cover legal costs, the council would drop proceedings. He understood that people were experiencing economic hardship, but continued non-payment would create "anarchy"

Kumar said alternatives to the rates system were being looked at. One "very tentative" suggestion was a 5c fuel levy, which would raise about R1bn annually — the amount that ought to be collected through rates. Another option was a surcharge on electricity to replace residential property rates

The question was whether central government would allow revenue to be collected in such ways, Kumar said

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# Durban says it is seeking alternatives to property taxes

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DURBAN — Property taxes may become history and instead residents in the Durban metropolitan region could pay an electricity surcharge or an additional fuel levy if research conducted by the central councils proves this would be viable.

The research followed concern that property ratings were not always an effective or sufficient way of funding council services.

Krish Kumar, north and south-central councils treasurer, said property taxes were an effective means of revenue collection but the incorporation of townships into the rating system had revealed loopholes. In these areas, title deed owners could not always be traced and in areas governed by the Ingonyama Trust Act, residents' permission-to-occupy permits were not rateable.

Kumar said by imposing an electricity surcharge more people would contribute towards city services. However, the business community would continue to pay rates as an electricity charge could make their businesses unviable.

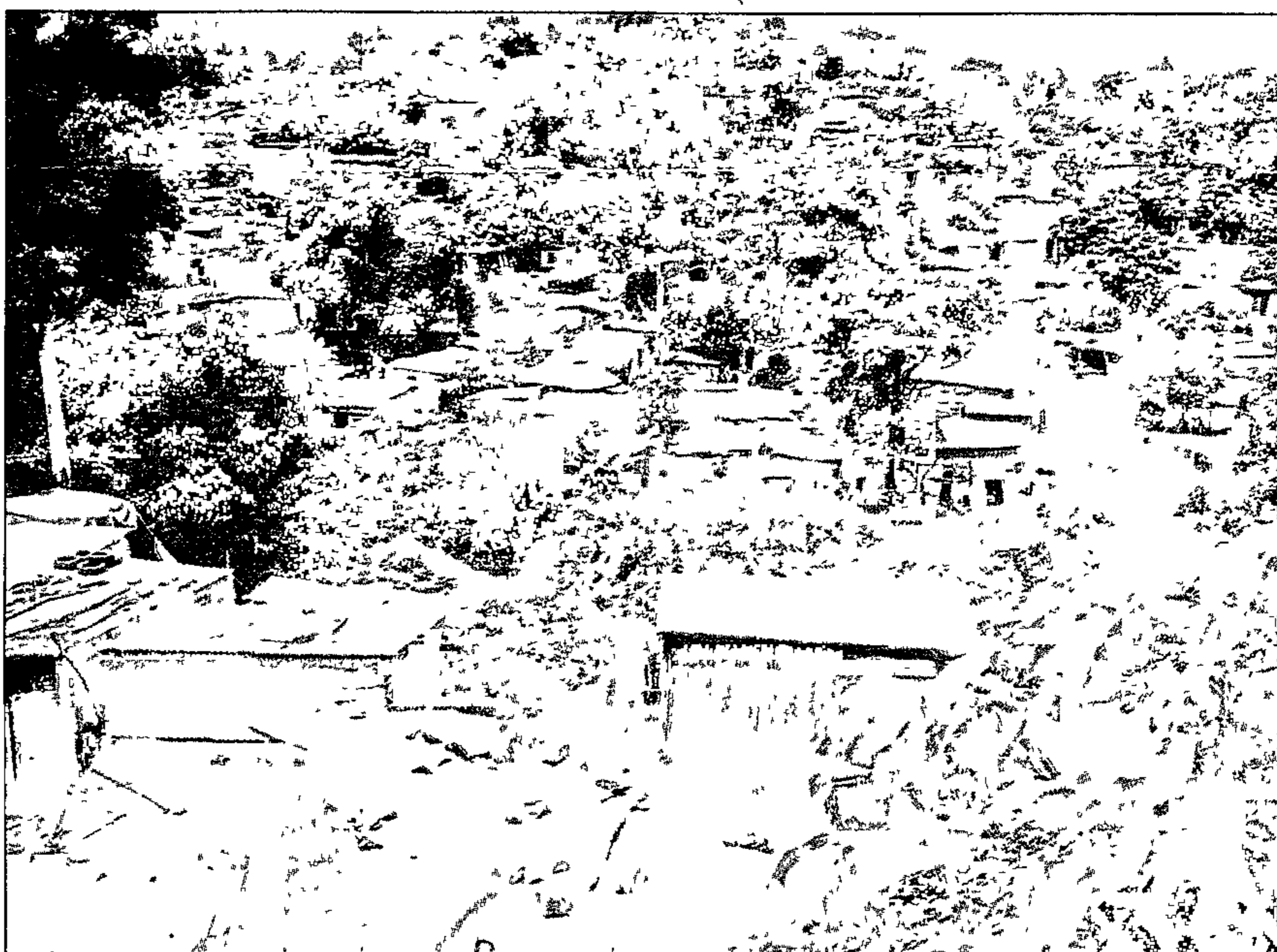
Another possibility was the introduction of a fuel levy in the metropolitan region.

During his budget presentation yesterday, north-central council chairman Nomsa Dube said the issue of "creative means of generating additional revenue to avoid an overreliance of rates income" must be debated among all stakeholders.

Meanwhile, the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry has condemned the 9,83% rates increases approved by the south-central and north-central councils.

Richard Parsons, chairman of the chamber's central committee, said coming on the back of last year's 13,25% increase, this year's rise was regrettable. The chamber accepted the high rates last year due to the need to uplift disadvantaged areas, but it was unacceptable that this continue.

No place like home: Cato Manor (right) has a tragic history of forced removals, but there is a happy ending in sight with housing and service development moving ahead rapidly. Soon women like the one below right won't have to walk long distances to fetch water  
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# Cato Manor on the fast track

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Swapna Prabhakaran

**T**he tale of Cato Manor has always been a tragedy — an old South African tale haunted by the horror of forced removals and the ghosts of families split asunder

Old men remember it with nostalgia as a once special place and a community which was crushed to nothing under the weight of the Group Areas Act

Now the new government is trying to reshape the tale, hoping to change the ending with new words like empowerment and development. Pre-election dreams of land, housing, clean water, electricity, schools, clinics, roads and parks are now a reality for almost 60 000 people who live in Cato Manor

And if all goes well, a further 100 000 people will be given the same services within a few more years

The Cato Manor Development Agency (CMDA) started off as a small unit with only five staff members. Thanks to an increase of funds from the government and abroad, 35 people now work there full-time, and in their hands lies the huge task of co-ordinating delivery of services to the poorest of the poor in Durban

Delivery has been happening here at a tremendous pace, massive infrastructure for roads, electricity and water has already been put in place, and thousands of houses have been built

The scheme has recently become a presidential lead project, the star of the show in the government's Reconstruction and Development Programme, and has attracted massive donations from the European Union. Unfortunately, development has happened faster in some parts of Cato Manor than in others

A member of the CMDA and a resident of Cato Manor, Mazwi Ngcobo, says while areas like Wiggins and Chesterville are rapidly becoming fully serviced, other areas lag sadly behind. Ngcobo believes community involvement is the key to speeding up delivery

"In Wiggins, for example, the community leadership has been strong in getting people together, getting things done. Now they have a clinic. The people of Wiggins were not the first to move to this place, but have managed to provide homes for their constituents the fastest," Ngcobo says

In other areas residents are still waiting for services, and while they wait they live as squatters on tiny bits of land that they call home

Lydia Nhlangulela, a 37-year-old divorcee, lives in a mud shack that she and her sister built in 1994. Nhlangulela is a sangoma, and she used to practise her craft from the shack, but she has been unemployed for months

"My house is cold and when it rains it leaks and the mud walls fall down," she says. "I don't have electricity, I cook on a paraffin stove and buy my fresh water from the water bailiff, just up the road. He charges 20 cents for a five-litre drum of water."

Nhlangulela has two children, but they live with her parents on a farm on the North Coast. "Once they finish building the new school in Cato Manor [due to open doors next January], then my children will come and live with me here," she says. "The CMDA has also promised me a house and I still have hope."

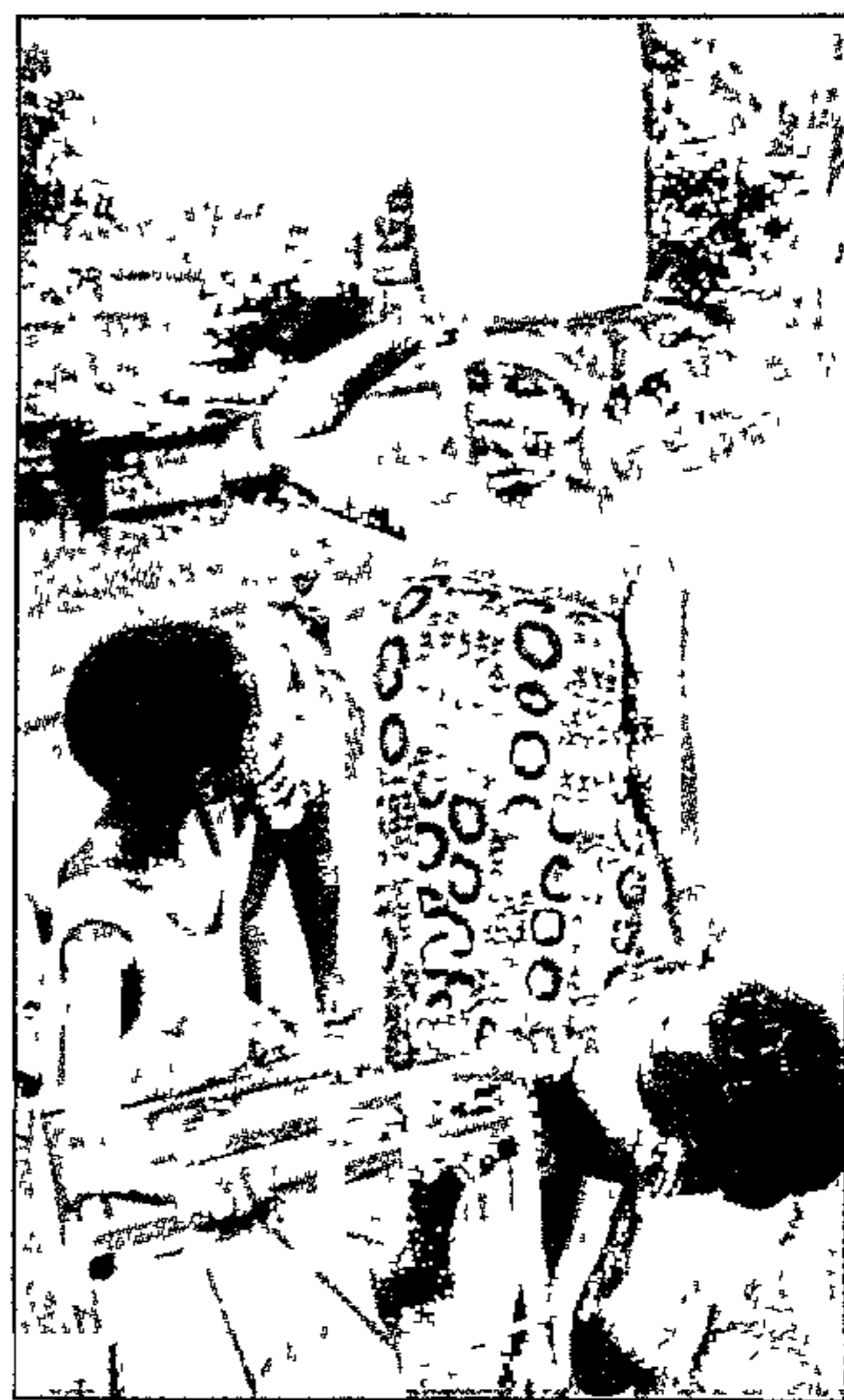
Until a few years ago, Cato Manor was a blank spot on Durban's map, undeveloped empty land separating the city centre from the plush residential area of Westville

Now houses and tarred roads stretch from the University of Natal in the east to the Pavilion Shopping Centre in the west, making the city easily accessible to dozens of previously isolated suburbs. Plans to build an off-ramp connecting Cato Manor to the N2 highway are also in the pipeline

For many residents, the government's housing subsidy has become a stepping stone to achieving a dream house. They use half the subsidy to buy land, and the other half to buy building materials, and then they build the house themselves. They call it the "fast track" and it cuts out the costs of hiring housing contractors

Moses Ntuli went on the fast track in 1996, and today he is building extensions to his house. "I'm putting on an extra two bedrooms and I hope to build a garage and a verandah one day," he says. Ntuli and his neighbours pooled their efforts and built their houses together, sharing labour and effort. "This is much better than the shack where I used to live before. Here I have electricity, water and even a telephone," Ntuli says

The new Cato Manor has had its share of teething troubles, not least of which is the



problem of illegal invasions. In the early 1990s, the House of Delegates built 800 houses in Cato Manor. The houses — modest two-bedroomed affairs — were intended for Indian families who had been evicted from their land decades ago under the Group Areas Act

But black families from Chesterville invaded them and refused to budge. Ngcobo's family was one of them, and he says his family invaded because they felt entitled

"There was a feeling that those houses should not be reserved for one racial group at a time when the whole country was moving towards non-racialism," Ngcobo says. "My family moved in and then replacement houses were built for those who were still waiting about 18 months later."

Soon after the elections, unscrupulous warlords invaded the empty stretches of land in the area. They divided it up and sold it in lots to naive individuals and families who believed they were legally buying land in the new South Africa. Once they had made their fortune, these opportunists vanished, leaving behind chaos and overcrowded settlements

One such area is Cato Crest — a highly visible eyesore close to some of Durban's most elegant neighbourhoods. The CMDA is attempting an *in situ* upgrade of the area, to displace as few residents as possible while still providing roads and services

Many of the present-day residents do not know the details of the forced removals of the 1950s. For them, Cato Manor is just land that has been lying empty and is now rightly theirs. As a result, there is a fierce sense of community pride, even in the areas which are technically still squatter camps

# Durban's hostels

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*Project launched this week to rid migrant workers' homes of regular crime and violence*

Hostels in Umlazi and KwaMashu townships may stop being no-go areas for surrounding residents if plans by the KwaZulu Hostel Residents Association and National Hostel Residents Association to revive the former popular social drinking holes succeeds, says **CHRIS HLONGWANA**.

**A**S YOU drive into Umlazi, the biggest township in KwaZulu Natal, you can't miss the huge red brick hostel block in Glebelands

It is devoid of people, has broken windows, and fearsome bullet holes in the walls

No one in their right mind goes near, for fear of getting shot or having a grenade explode in their face

Township residents and visitors alike merely pass by on their way into and out of the township

Hundreds of inmates have been killed or fled the sporadic violence

The violence at Glebelands and at SJ Smith (an other hostel about 2 km away) continues to affect residents' lives today, despite the deployment of the army and police said Ndumiso Maduna, a hostel resident and leader of the KwaZulu Hostel Residents Association (Khora)

"Apart from the cost to taxpayers, this violence threatens the lives of everyone in the broader society," adds Cyril Zulu, the association's president, who is also a hostel dweller and a member of the Zulu royal family

Some 50 kilometres away is the KwaMashu men's hostel

You also have to think twice before you enter it

Township residents who live alongside these hostels which house several hundred thousand of men, women, and children, are pitied by others

These hostels and others around Durban have always been associated with death

"You are not even sure when you sleep whether you'll wake up alive," said Maduna

Independent violence monitors maintain scores of people die almost every month in some of these hostels because of political violence, tribal battles, and common crime

Khora and other organisations announced this week a campaign to turn these hostels into homes-away from home for migrant workers

Despite all the doom and gloom, there is light at the end of the tunnel

However, it's quite unbelievable that they are about to undergo a transformation and become the much loved places of traditional songs, beer drinking and story telling they once were

"We are going to political parties in the hostels, particularly the African National Congress (ANC) and Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), to explain our stance against the ongoing violence," said Maduna

Khora and the National Hostel Residents Association (Nahora) are working together to bring back sanity, which has been lost in the area since the late 1980s

Explains Nahora's Bongani Hlongwa

"Nahora and Khora were formed in 1990 to improve the living conditions of those who stay in the hostels

"Although both hostel residents associations differed in their original approach, they began to dis-

cuss ways of establishing peace in the hostels in 1997"

As a result, the organisations two leaders have formed a Section 21 company, Hlanganani Hostel Development

Its main aim is to broker a peace deal between the hostels so that living conditions can be improved

"We explain there is a need for peace and tell our members to facilitate meetings between parties that are at war," said Maduna

The two organisations have already sent letters to the IFP Secretary General, MZ Khumalo, and his ANC provincial counterpart, Siphso Gcabashe

Some hostels have experienced relative peace since a summit was held on the South Coast last year in January

"There was some tranquility but towards Christmas, violence erupted in Glebelands

"There is also renewed political violence at SJ Smit hostel

"This is of serious concern to us," said Maduna

One major problem is easy access to the hostels

"Access should be thoroughly controlled as these hostels are not properly managed," explained Zulu

Perimeter fencing around several Durban hostels has now been erected with the aid of funds from the provincial housing board

The money was earmarked by government for the upgrading of hostels

"In Wema (SJ Smit), there is a perimeter wall to control access

"There has been a marked decrease in the level of crime and of hijackers delivering vehicles into the hostel," says Zulu

Part of the security plan is to limit access points and place special security guards at all the hostels They will be paid by the local councils

Residents are also being registered to weed out non residents who crowd the hostels

"The registering of residents at Wema has begun and they will be issued with cards

"All visitors will also be registered," said Zulu

The associations are also calling for co-operation from the police

"Where the South African National Defence Force has been deployed, there is definite peace but the South African Police Services is not co-operative

"There are remnants of the previous regime who don't care," said Zulu

The plan of action includes appealing to service organisations to become involved in health, literacy and training programmes among hostel residents

It also includes "joint rallies and meetings to re-establish a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood that used to exist in the hostels, especially in terms of religious, cultural and sporting events", explained Hlongwa



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**CRIME STOP** Hostellers in Durban are clubbing together to stamp out violence & crime in their hostels

*like erecting razor wire around hostels.*



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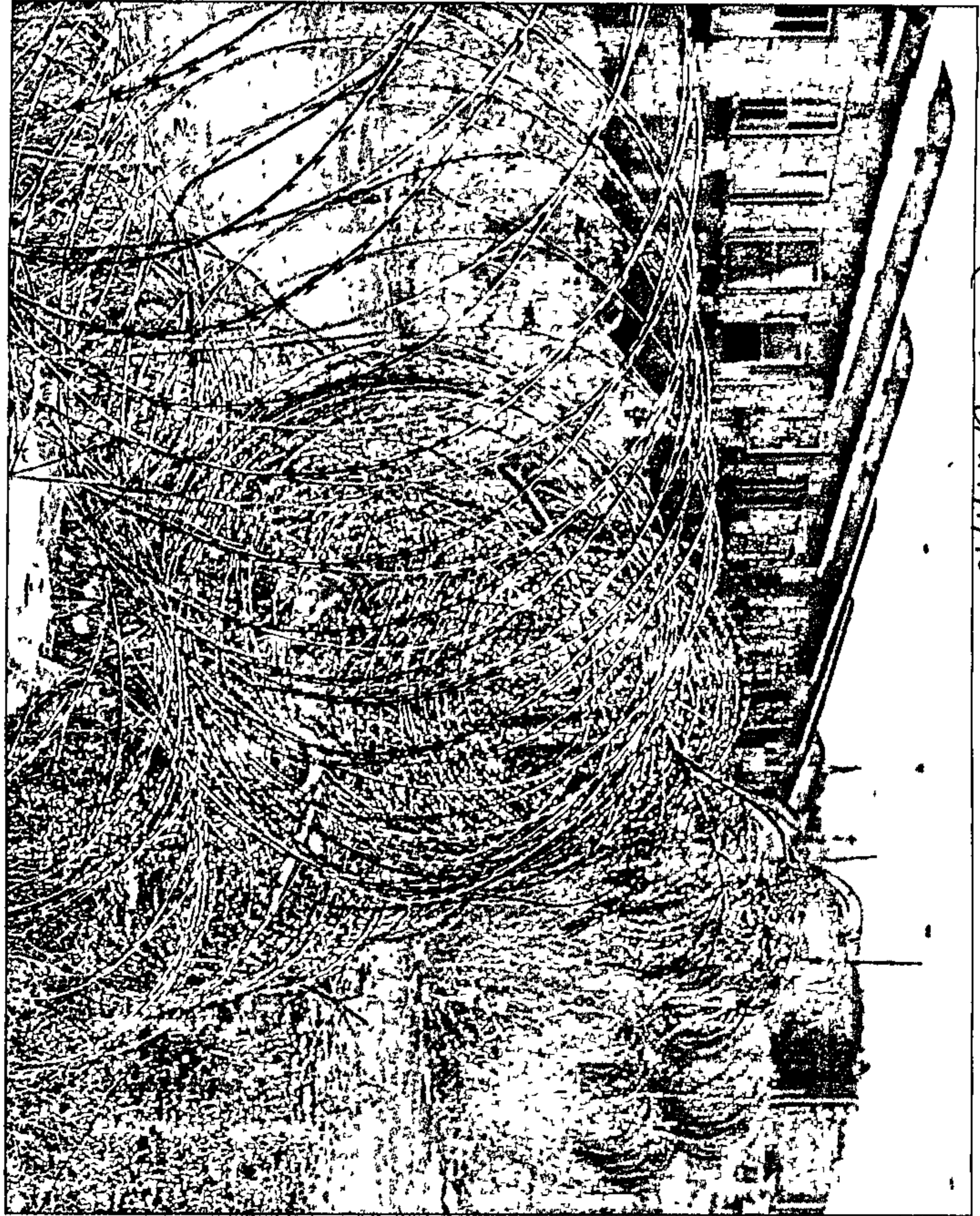
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Hostels in Umlazi and KwaMashu townships may stop being no-go areas for surrounding residents if plans by the KwaZulu Hostel Residents Association and National Hostel Residents Association to revive the former popular social drinking holes succeeds, says **CHRIS HLONGWANA**.

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Khora and the National Hostel Residents Association (Nahora) are working together to bring back sanity, which has been lost in the area since the late 1980s

Explains Nahora's Bongani Hlongwa

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"Where the South African National Defence Force has been deployed, there is definite peace but the South African Police Services is not co-operative

"There are remnants of the previous regime who don't care," said Zulu

The plan of action includes appealing to service organisations to become involved in health, literacy and training programmes among hostel residents

It also includes "joint rallies and meetings to re-establish a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood that used to exist in the hostels, especially in terms of religious, cultural and sporting events", explained Hlongwa



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CRIME STOP... Hosteliers

# Privatisation of water shocks unions

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THE controversial privatisation of water delivery on the Dolphin Coast in KwaZulu-Natal stirred up a bitter feud this week between the departments of Constitutional Development and Provincial Affairs and Congress of South African Trade Unions affiliates

Cosatu spokesman Mr Mukoni Ratshtanga said the federation was shocked by the green light given to the privatisation deal won by French multinational company SAUR. This was done before further discussions had been finalised at a sectoral forum agreed upon in terms of the Municipal Services Partnership agreement.

He said Cosatu was considering other ways of trying to get the deal cancelled and that the matter had been discussed by the alliance.

The South African Municipality Workers Union had discussed a programme of action to be taken to quash the deal, he said.

Department of Constitutional Development deputy director-general Dr Chrispian Olver said in a statement yesterday that the Dolphin Coast municipality had to proceed with the signing of the contract since Cosatu had failed to respond in time to a letter from Minister Valli Moosa requesting the federation to examine if the contract complied with the framework agreement.

"On the basis of legal consultations, the department remains convinced that the Dolphin Coast contract complies with the framework agreement. It has also to be pointed out that during the negotiation process it was agreed that contracts would be reviewed by the parties concerned and at no stage was reference made to specific contracts being referred to the sectoral forum," Olver said.

Ratshtanga maintained that the sectoral forum, set up to discuss privatisation contracts on a case-by-case basis, agreed that the contract would need to be discussed at a specially convened meeting of the forum.

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# SA company to administer EU housing project

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THE Homeloan Guarantee Company (HLGC) announced yesterday that it has been appointed fund administrator for a European Union-backed housing project in the suburb of Cato Manor.

HLGC chief executive officer Charlene Lea said it was the first time the company had acted as a third-party administrator for a scheme financed by an international donor.

HLGC was one of six non-governmental organisations to apply for fund administration contracts linked to the redevelopment of Cato Manor – a five-year project for which the EU has pledged a total of R150 million.

The company will administer a R7 million fund with the objective of maximising the number of loans granted to Cato Manor residents through increased underwriting leverage.

The company is to assist families with income of R1 500 a month or less to gain access to loans to supplement the state subsidy.

These are families who are ordinarily unable to access loans.

The Cato Manor scheme makes available small housing loans which are repayable over a maximum period of five years. The Cato Manor Development Association expects the flow of guaranteed loans to begin by the end of this month.

Said Lea: "It is a challenging assignment as our mandate targets those unable to guarantee repayment through recourse to retirement benefits and where their employer does not arrange payroll deductions."

Over the last 10 years, the HLGC has provided guarantees to a value of more than R1 billion.

The company's core activities are making available mortgage-based transactions whereby the HLGC covers banks against loss of up to 20 percent of the purchase price – in effect, covering the deposit.

The company also secures lending so that the bank's risk is contained by both a guarantee from the HLGC and the applicant's cessation of part of his retirement fund. —Sapa

## Partnership will bring water to deprived sectors

Nicola Jenvey (126)

DURBAN — A local partnership has been formed in KwaZulu-Natal that aims to provide improved water service to deprived urban communities.

The move forms part of the World Bank Business Partners for Development programme, initiated to unite the resources, expertise and perspectives of the business and public sectors and civil society, represented by nongovernment organisations.

The partnership involves French water company Generale des Eaux Vivendi, the World Bank, London-based organisation Water Aid, the Durban metropolitan council, the Maritzburg council, Umgeni Water and Mvula Trust.

The partnership aims to improve water service delivery using sustainable technology via pilot projects in Edendale north of Maritzburg, and Inanda-Ntuzuma on the outskirts of Durban.

The three-year project, costing R15m, will also concentrate on initiating water, health and hygiene education programmes, improving customer service and implementing the appropriate technology solutions to monitor water losses in these areas.

Durban Metro Water Services CEO Neil Macleod said the challenges facing the metropolitan area were "enormous".

The amalgamation of more than 30 local authorities and the incorporation of townships into the metropolitan area have lifted the customer base to 2.5-million people from 1-million.

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# Hostel bodies to promote rent payments

By 21/7/99 (129)

## Pule Molebeledi

DURBAN — Two hostel associations based in KwaZulu-Natal undertook yesterday to encourage hostel residents make sustained payments of rentals with annual increases after they met the new provincial housing MEC, Dumisani Makhaye.

Makhaye said in Durban that not one of KwaZulu-Natal's 24 public sector hostels was self-sustaining and all were run at substantial losses.

He said after meeting representatives of the National Hostel Resident Association (Nahora), the KwaZulu-Natal Hostel Residents Association (Khora) and the provincial housing board that hostel rental arrears were rising. "Rental agreements that have been reached are not honoured," he said.

The meeting was called to strengthen relations between the housing department and

the associations and to discuss public sector hostel redevelopment and problems like informal settlements in hostels and political intolerance that sometimes led to violence.

There are 24 public sector hostels in KwaZulu-Natal with 60 382 registered beds and an extra 47 000 informal residents, making for a total provincial hostel population of 107 382. Overcrowding is put at almost 80%.

Although officials from the Durban metropolitan council reported a great improvement in payments, Makhaye said the average monthly income on a registered bed in Durban's five largest hostels was R6,55 against monthly expenditure of R100,08.

"If these average (figures) should be applied to all hostels in the province, the annual operating loss would be R67m," he said.

The provincial housing development board and the former Natal provincial administration had spent R143,8m since the

upgrading programme began. The board approved another R100m for the programme in financial 1999/2000, 2000/01 and 2001/03.

"The basic rationale for the hostel upgrading programme is to improve the infrastructure and physical situation of the hostels on condition that hostel residents agree to pay more sustainable rental on an incremental basis," he said. "Nahora and Khora undertake to urge their respective constituencies to meet this condition."

Makhaye said a small committee would urgently be formed to deal with informal settlement in hostels, which led to extra services use that was not paid for. Illegal power connections posed a danger to hostels and surrounding communities.

The committee would consist of the chief housing director, the secretariats from the two hostel associations and members of the Durban metro council and fire brigade.

## Durban councils write off R49m in arrears

### Pule Molebeledi

DURBAN — Two Durban metropolitan substructures have decided to write off R49m in arrears owed by ratepayers from six surrounding townships following a high court order ending a three-year dispute between the KwaZulu-Natal government and the councils over payment of rates.

Councillor Nomvuso Shabalala, of the north and south central local council, said yesterday resi-

dents had been uncertain about whether they were liable to pay rates as a result of the dispute.

She said the councils had believed that the Ingonyama Land Trust Act — rendering township land under the then-KwaZulu homeland — absolved the townships from rates. However, the provincial government believed that the residents should pay.

She said the residents were not legal owners of the property that they occupied. However, Judge J

Thirion has now ruled in the High Court that individual homeowners are responsible for the rates.

Shabalala said the administrative costs of collecting outstanding rates would be substantial, and the councils had resolved that it would be impractical. In many cases, she said the townships had no meaningful addresses.

The townships affected by the write-off are KwaMashu, Umlazi, Ntuzuma, Chesterville, Lamontville and Inanda.

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# KwaZulu housing board chief stresses service delivery

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## Nicola Jenvey

DURBAN — Housing delivery must incorporate the broader objectives of employment creation, forming partnerships for effective service delivery and improving the quality of life for individuals, says newly appointed KwaZulu-Natal housing board chairman Nathu Kunene.

Accepting his position from

provincial housing MEC Dumisani Makhaye yesterday, Kunene said the new board would steer its efforts towards making a significant contribution to the delivery of services.

"If housing is delivered within this context, not only will the objective be achieved, but delivery will be relevant to the time of its need," he said.

Kunene urged the 12-person

board to form stronger relationships with the developers, non-governmental organisations and hostel residents' associations.

"It is relevant and appropriate to mobilise all resources responsible for providing shelter to (ensure) an acceptable product to the masses requiring houses," he said.

Makhaye said creating a climate in which people could

house themselves required an agreement with the private sector and co-operation with the trade unions to channel investments into housing.

The department should also improve the subsidy programme, including efforts to uplift conditions of the urban poor in informal settlements.

Makhaye wants to seek other affordable ways of financing

houses, like micro loans, while building sufficient rental stock in the province.

However, he said the challenges facing the housing department were not limited to the backlogs caused by apartheid, but extended to the HIV/AIDS crisis and the effects of two decades of political violence in KwaZulu-Natal.

Thus, two weeks ago, the out-

going housing board members approved R1m for homes to be built to accommodate AIDS orphans in Cato Ridge, while another R1,5m was approved for the Lily of the Valley Children's Home in Eston.

KwaZulu-Natal, Makhaye said, is "the first province to implement a specific AIDS housing policy - This is a national crisis which needs a national effort."



# Industry to use water converted from effluent

**Nicola Jenvey** — Durban Metro Water Services has sealed a R74m public-private partnership that will result in industrial quality water, converted from partially treated effluent, being supplied to industry instead of drinkable water.

Far from being unhappy about receiving water with a distinctly brownish tinge, large industries and the environment will reap benefits from the deal, which will also ease the demand for drinking water in Durban.

A consortium, Durban Water Recycling, has won the tender to treat about 25% of the Durban Metro Services' waste water.

It will receive partially treated effluent from the Metro Water Services, effectively alleviating the pressure on the

metro services, which are struggling to cope with the inflow of water to its treatment plants.

The consortium includes French group Omnum de Traitement et de Valorisation, Marubem Europe, Khulani Holdings, Umgem Water Services and Zetachem.

The project, financed jointly by Rand Merchant Bank and the Development Bank of SA, allows the consortium to convert the effluent into industrial quality water and pass it on to contracted users.

The project received the green light when pulp and paper group Mondi signed up as the biggest user of the treated water, replacing its demands for potable water in the production process. Oil refinery Saprèf has followed suit and Durban Water Recycling is ne-

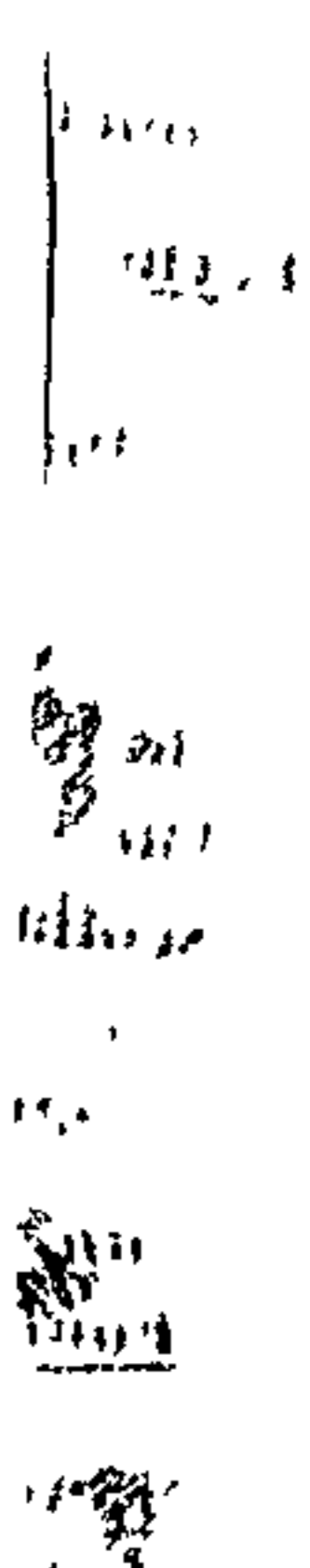
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gotiating with more industries. Durban Water Recycling MD Oliver Marche said the participation by Mondi was significant, since the water demanded had to be consistent and without contamination that would disrupt the paper manufacturing process.

The close proximity to Durban Metro Water Services and the possibility of constructing the treatment plant next to Mondi further added to the project's viability.

Durban Metro Water Services executive director Neil Macleod said the project was "an ideal opportunity" to prove what was possible given co-operation between the public and private sectors.

Marché said, "Particularly pleasing is the environmental saving for Durban and its surrounding areas." The plant will be operational in 20 months.



## R100m deal opens doors for housing

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Nicola Jenvey

DURBAN — The R100m deal concluded between the National Housing Finance Corporation (NHFC) and McCarthy Retail subsidiary Home Build Finance at the weekend will open the door to housing opportunities for low-income families.

The loan facility, which became effective on Friday, is aimed at households earning below R5 000 a month, among whom the backlog amounts to 2 million houses.

The facility will be used to finance building materials for the owner-builder and for home improvements. Households will qualify for building material loans over two, three and four-year periods.

The loans, ranging between R1 000 and R30 000, will cater for households that fall outside the R16 000 government subsidy and cannot obtain a home loan from commercial banks.

The corporation's CEO, Samson Moraba, said the key to housing delivery at this level was to look beyond the owner-secured loan. He said loans advanced to end-users were "misappropriated and not used for the specific purpose of housing".

Financial services company Home Build Finance will provide the most cost-effective package to suit the individual and pay the building merchant, McCarthy Bonus Supplies directly.

Home Build Finance and McCarthy Bonus Supplies evolved from the restructuring of Bonus Building Supplies into two entities, namely one selling building materials and the other being the financial services arm.

"The payroll deduction option provides a major cost saving to the employee at no risk to the company," said McCarthy Bonus Supplies MD Trevor Herbert.

"The housing crisis in SA requires the mobilisation of all parties, including the companies in relation to their employees,"