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Water and electricity off by Monday
if Exchange's tenants don't move

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coloureds who have drifted into the central areas of cities has become a particularly contentious issue recently

The Government began to crack down on the infiltrators in 1980, prosecuting and evicting them. This led to the birth of Action Committee to Stop Evictions (Actstop) and lawyers have given their services free to fight cases in court

Unlike civil rights movements in the United States, however, the law is not on their side but against them. All the lawyers can do is plead a defence of 'necessity', arguing that the tenants should be acquitted because they have had no option given the lack of black housing

Actstop has had little success in court, but the cases have publicised the plight of the tenants and there have been signs lately that this has made the Government more sensitive

Several prosecutions have been withdrawn and some blocks have been given reprieve notices

This is what happened in the case of Arcuel House, across the road from the gleaming Stock Exchange skyscraper

Mrs Bibi Mohammed of 6 Arcuel House was prosecuted on October 30 for living in a white area. Actstop took up the case. There was extensive publicity as Mrs Mohammed, 56, the mother of nine, told of her desperate search for other accommodation

She and her husband, Ibrahim, had searched in vain throughout a radius of 50 kilometres, she told the court

Mrs Mohammed was found guilty given a suspended fine of R50 on condition she did not break the law again and ordered to leave Arcuel House by the end of December

But a few weeks later, the Department of Community Development which admin-

isters the Group Areas Law relented and gave Mrs Mohammed a permit to stay. It withdrew the charges against the other tenants of Arcuel House and gave them permits too

For Mrs Mohammed the agony is over, reported one newspaper

It was not already Mrs Mohammed had received her notice from the Stock Exchange to be out by the end of the month

Mr Ahmed Dabblin who runs a fruit wholesaler's business on the ground floor has rented the building from the Stock Exchange since 1974. He inherited the tenants in the flat above and continued subletting to them

He plans to fight the Stock Exchange

It is like a flea fighting an elephant, he said, but I am a determined man

The Stock Exchange committee appears unmoved at the plight of the Indians. The

secretary Mr Robert Newton, said this week that he regarded the question as irrelevant

The acting president Mr Paul Ferguson said: I am sure there is concern but it is not in our power to find alternative accommodation for them

We did not think we had any choice because we have a great shortage of parking

The Stock Exchange's public relations officer Mr Gordon Uys said: I do not think we considered their accommodation problem to be our business

Mr Uys said the Stock Exchange would seek a court order to evict the tenants and had written to the City Engineer to ask that water, electricity and other municipal services be cut off from Monday if the tenants were still there

Actstop members expressed their disgust

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Stock Exchange intends to evict Indian tenants for more parking space

By ALLISTER SPARKS

JOHANNESBURG — Twelve Indian families, granted a reprieve by the Government a month ago to allow them to stay in the officially "white" downtown area of Johannesburg, are now being evicted by their landlord instead — the Johannesburg Stock Exchange

It wants to knock down their apartment block for a parking lot, and has served notice on the Indians — 50 people in all — to move

If they refuse — and the Indians say they have nowhere to go — City Hall has been instructed to cut off their water, lights and sewerage services from Monday

The confrontation is bound to cause a major outcry be-

cause the Stock Exchange epitomises the English-speaking business community, which likes to distance itself from the harsher aspects of the Government's racial policies

Leading businessmen have been critical of the Government's slowness to change apartheid, and are particularly anxious to project a more liberal image to their business associates abroad

The Government, for its part, often accuses members of the business community of hypocrisy — of privately approving of apartheid while publicly trying to dissociate themselves from it

These accusations will now be intensified

Action against Indians and

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Houses in Lenasia 'crack up'

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By Yussuf Nazeer

People who claim they were sold water-saturated dolomite ground in Lenasia extension 7 — which has resulted in their homes "cracking up" — want the South African Indian Council to take their complaints to the Ministers of Community Development and Internal (Indian) Affairs.

A member of the Lenasia Management Committee on the SA Indian Council, Mr Abe Choonara, had received complaints from unhappy people in extension 7 about cracks that have appeared in the foundations, walls and floors of homes

Mr Choonara is now advising homeowners to obtain geological reports along with those of builders to hand to the two Ministers through the SAIC.

Earlier this year some residents complained to newspapers about the dolomite ground which they said they had purchased from the Department of Community Development in good faith.

Department spokesman have repeatedly denied they had sold ground which was unsuitable for building

A spokesman told The Star it had obtained a geological clearance report on land which was used for home-building

But residents do not agree with this

A large Muslim organisation, the Central Islamic Trust was last week warned by a geological engineer not to go ahead next month with the building of its R7-million religious and cultural complex in extension 7.

Following reports about dolomite ground in the area, the Islamic Trust engaged Johannesburg geologist Dr Tony Brink to investigate the suitability of the ground which is the size of about six football fields.

R100 000

In a report to the trust, Dr Brink said the site was not suitable for a complex of the size planned.

The problem with dolomite ground was its rapid water accumulation and large structures, including density home building, would eventually suffer cracks.

The trust bought the land for R100 000. It was paid for out of public money which the Muslim welfare organisation collected.

Officials of the trust are remaining silent on the matter, but it was reliably learned that legal opinion is being sought before calling on the State to exchange the site for a more suitable one.

The department said it had not yet been approached by the trust.

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Manthata's makgotla forms rent committee

By N. OPANF
MAKOBANE

A RENT remission committee to help pensioners and families whose monthly income was below R200 has been formed by Soweto.

It is the idea of Mr Siegfried Manthata's Soweto Makgotla. Disclosing the formation of the committee yesterday Mr Manthata said this was prompted by the number of complaints he had received from families who said they could not afford the monthly R38 rent for their houses.

At yesterday's first meeting of the committee, Mr Manthata called upon families who were hard-hit by the new ren-

tal to supply the committee with information of their dependants and monthly earnings. He said such information would be relayed to the Soweto Council for a possible remission.

Mr Manthata also said that his committee was against parents who forced their children to pay rent because, according to their experience, this led to strife within the families.

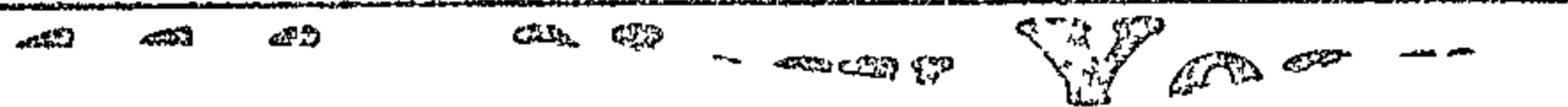
"It is our feeling that a child should help to pay rent voluntarily because he has his future to look forward to and therefore must also save his earnings," he said.

Citing a number of incidents, Mr Manthata said making children pay

rent has led to disputes in the family where a son fought his girlfriend into the home in retaliation that he was made to leave he also paid rent.

"There has also been incidents where parents were chased away by their children but we are not encouraging children not to visit their families," Mr Manthata said.

In addition, Mr Manthata said he was pleased with the manner in which his men helped fight crime over the Christmas season. He said they had got tremendous cooperation from parents who heeded his call that children should remain indoors in the evenings.



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Private sector cash for black housing

By Anthony Duigan
Money from the private sector may be used to help ease the critical black housing shortage

With an expected squeeze on Government housing funds money from the private sector is likely to be challenged through the Treasury direct to administration boards

This was indicated by Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, which controls Soweto and four other black areas, when he spelt out new directions black administration is likely to take in the next few years

"Negotiations are in progress for private sector money to be made available via the

Treasury so that it can be used for critically needed black housing," Mr Knoetze said

Mr Knoetze gave no further details of how this new financing arrangement would work but it is clear the Government regards this as a way of helping to meet the enormous financial burdens of black housing

Mr Knoetze said blacks were likely to get the lion's share of

the total funds available for housing in the coming year because of previous neglect

Private developers would be able to play a major role in future housing schemes in black areas

"We are also hoping that in the future the Government will allocate annually lump sums to local authorities such as administration boards, for infras-

structural development," he said

It was also likely that the boards of the future would take over the role of metropolitan authorities and increasingly leave all local administration to black community councils

Sectional Title was likely to be applied to black areas in the foreseeable future

Soweto had vacant

stands for only about 12 000 more houses against a conservative official waiting list of 220 000 families

With proper urban renewal and planning Soweto could take at least 250 000 more people

Aerial surveying of the unsurveyed 90 000 houses in Soweto would save enormous time and more than R20 million compared with conventional surveying methods, he said But the long battle to get this method adopted had not yet been won, Mr Knoetze said

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Wrab swoops on rent defaulters

BY JOSHUA RABOROKO

WEST Rand Administration Board policemen yesterday launched a massive raid on Soweto residents in arrears with their monthly house rentals.

Some of the residents raided were in arrears because they had not paid the R8 increase in rents

which came into operation from October 1.

The residents said they were taken to the offices of the superintendent in Phiri township, where they were warned to pay their rents or face eviction.

The early-morning raids have been condemned by residents who claim that the police were rude and arrogant when they woke them up.

The raid was confirmed by the deputy executive officer of the Soweto Council, Mr J Jacobs, who said it was conducted to check on those people who were in arrears.

He told **THE SOWETAN** that the raid was conducted in a most "respectable manner" and about 25 houses were visited by the policemen.

If there were residents who complained that they were treated unfairly by the policemen, they should report to his office, he said.

The board was

prepared to investigate any irregularities experienced during the raids. However, he said, a stern warning has been given to staff as regard their behaviour towards residents.

Mrs Grace Moage, a resident of Mapetla, said police came twice to her house and demanded that she produce documents to show that she had paid her house rent.

"I showed them receipts that I had paid, but I was ordered to go to the office where I was told I owed R23 rents since October. I was given an ultimatum of January 15 or my house will be locked," she said.

Mrs Moage said that much as she owed the money, she was not impressed with the behaviour of the policemen. They behaved as though "I was a criminal."

Mrs Nomsa Masokeyane another resi-

dent, said she was in arrears with her rents for three months. She paid R80. She had not paid the R8 increase since October, but did not know whether the money she paid yesterday covered the increased rentals.

She also complained that the policemen were "rude and arrogant" when they demanded her to report to the office. They did not show respect at all and "it is about time the authorities looked into this issue."

Mr Jacobs appealed to residents to pay their rentals in good time. The council had given residents "leeway" during the festive season, but they should have paid by the end of December.

The authorities would continue with the raids to warn people in arrears with their rents, he said.

JSE seeks an urgent court order to evict 50 Indians

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By ALLISTER SPARKS
JOHANNESBURG — The Johannesburg Stock Exchange is making an urgent application to the Rand Supreme Court for an order to evict 12 Indian families — 50 people in all — from a block of flats it wants to demolish for a parking lot.

The case will be heard today

Mr Ahmed Dadabhai, who leases the building from the JSE and sub-lets the flats while running a fruit wholesale business on the ground floor, with R50 000 worth of cold-storage rooms that he installed, said yesterday he intended to fight the case

The tenants in the block, which is across the road from the Stock Exchange skyscraper, say they have nowhere else to go — and Mr Dadabhai has said he will pitch tents for them on the Stock Exchange lawns if they are evicted

The block, Arenal House, featured in a court case last October and November when the Department of Community Development sought to prosecute and evict the Indian families for living "in a white group area"

A test case involving one of the tenants, Mrs Bibi Mohammed, was taken up by the new civil rights

movement, Action to Stop Evictions (Actstop), which has been formed to defend coloureds and Indians who have moved into flats in central Johannesburg because of the desperate housing shortage in the coloured and Indian areas

Actstop has pleaded a defence of "necessity" in these cases, arguing that the tenants should be acquitted because they have no choice. There is nowhere else for them to live

Mrs Mohammed, the mother of nine, lost her case and was fined R50 (or 25 days), suspended for five years, and warned to be out of the building by the end of December

But because of wide publicity given to her case and continued representations from Actstop, the department relented and gave her a special permit to stay

It withdrew the charges against the other tenants of Arenal House and gave them permits, too

"For Mrs Mohammed the agony is over," said the headlines on December 10

But it was not already Mrs Mohammed had received her notice from the Stock Exchange to be out by the end of December, because it wanted to demolish the building for a parking lot

The acting president of the JSE, Mr Paul Fergusson, explained that JSE members had a parking problem because Anglo American Properties was building an R80 million shop-and-office complex on the site where they now parked their cars

Mr Fergusson said "I'm sure there is concern about the tenants, but it is not in our power to find alternative accommodation for them"

When Mr Dadabhai indicated that he and the 12 families were going to refuse to move, the Stock Exchange Committee — which includes some prominent liberal figures — decided to write to the City Engineer, asking for water, electricity and sewerage services to be cut off from Arenal House yesterday

However, Mr Dadabhai said yesterday this had not been done

"The demolishers were here but they left again," he said

Mr Gideon Uys, public relations officer for the JSE, refused to comment on why the water, lights and sewerage services had not been cut off, but confirmed the JSE would be making the urgent application for the eviction of the families today

By Yussuf Nazeer

The Stock Exchange's Indian tenants under notice to vacate — or be evicted — from the Kerk Street building they occupy warned today that if they were evicted without alternative accommodation being provided they will move into tents on the lawn in front of the Stock Exchange

Mr Ahmed Dadabhai a spokesman for the 12 families affected said he had been served with documents notifying him that the Stock Exchange has applied for a Supreme Court order to have him and the families evicted

Mr Dadabhai said he had handed the matter to his attorneys with instructions to oppose the application

"If we fail to stop the evictions and are thrown into the street without being given alternative accommodation, we will have no

Indians to pitch camp on JSE lawn?

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choice but to camp on the front lawn of the Stock Exchange," he said

He called on the Stock Exchange and the State to build homes for the families in the Fordsburg area where the Government owned land

Mr Dadabhai, who has built two cold storages worth thousands of rands wanted to know where he was going to store his perishable fruit

"I will have no choice but to pack it up against the Stock Exchange building and

carry on my business from there," he warned

A Stock Exchange spokesman said last week it was under no obligation to provide alternative accommodation for Mr Dadabhai and the other tenants he represents. The spokesman could not be reached for further comment

It is understood that the building in Kerk Street where Mr Dadabhai has his business and the 12 families live is to be demolished to provide parking for the Stock Exchange

Optimism over black housing

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Black administration in South Africa is much like two elephants making love, someone once said. It all takes place at a high level, raises much dust but it is years before the results show.

Black housing has been caught for decades in the complicated coupling of ideology and bureaucracy. It has become enveloped in politics and those with commonsense suggestions on tackling the housing shortage — which is, after all, a social problem — have found their paths strewn with obstacles.

To the average white family, used to supplying its housing needs by looking up the houses-to-let columns in the daily paper or taking a Sunday drive to view a model dwelling on which to base a home plan, the disaster of red tape with which a black man has to comply for a roof over his head remains a mystery.

But an event of some hope occurred about eight months ago. A high-level committee chaired by former Association of Building Societies chief Boet Viljoen was appointed by the Government to find ways of streamlining the cumbersome administrative machinery for supplying black housing.

It reported some months ago and another committee is now investigating financial aspects of some of its recommendations.

The delays in implementing these recommendations are further frustrating in an area like Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging where at least 70 000 black families, living in crowded rooms and shacks, are hoping for a decent home.

But still, says John Knoetze, a member of the Viljoen Committee and administrator of five black areas in the PWV with more than 1.5-m inhabitants, "I am more optimistic now than when I came here two years ago." The Viljoen committee report and the Government's broad acceptance of it has given him an added boost.

As chairman of the West Rand Administration Board with Greater Soweto and four other West Rand townships under its control, Mr Knoetze has one of South Africa's thorniest administrative problems.

Taking over an area devastated by the destruction and abysmal administration of the seventies he has had to endure the criticisms of past mistakes which are still evident in the

Events of the past year have shown the first signs of hope that South Africa's critical black housing problems will be tackled constructively. John Knoetze, in charge of housing and administration for the black areas of the West Rand, speaks to ANTHONY DUGAN.

poor living conditions of so many.

"You cannot do much about providing new housing and upgrading old unless your services are in order and here we had a hopeless mess," he said.

"Since the 1976 riots very little was done. Services were allowed to deteriorate. Instead of using income for maintenance it was used for subsidising the cost of administration."

A complete overhaul of infrastructure, particularly in Soweto, was essential before large-scale housing schemes could be undertaken. A capital injection of R150m from central Government — to be repaid over 19 years — was raised for the re-

disorderly rate by the Government for people whose preferences and rights were ignored.

The fact is that three-quarters of the people in Soweto can afford to pay an economic rental and service charge," he says.

"Since I have come here we've managed to increase charges by 133 per cent. But still we are running at a loss. It is essential that black housing be depoliticised and made economic."

"When Eskom or the Rand Water Board tells me their charges are being increased they don't ask me whether I want to pay more. They just do it. It should be the same here."

"But things are such

will primarily be used for land and infrastructure in the future and whatever subsidies there are will be paid on these and on housing for the underprivileged."

New approaches to financing of black development are being examined.

For instance, negotiations are presently in progress for private sector money to be made available through the Treasury for black housing, he added.

If the private sector makes use of this channel — with a Government-guaranteed interest rate on their investment — and the Government allocates lump sums annually to administration boards

flats and urban renewal to accommodate up to 1.5-m people comfortably," he added.

Additional land for unsatisfactorily housed people in Soweto was under consideration but it was 'too politicised' an issue to comment about.

"The single most rewarding development in Soweto will be to extend the existing housing stock," he said.

"With the improvements to infrastructure the investment is underutilised in most areas where there are the old four-roomed homes."

"These houses need to be extended or even completely replaced. For instance, if each householder in Soweto had to add on one room to the existing 105 000 homes, there would be room for 250 000 more people."

"We are campaigning to get people to add on one or more bedrooms to their homes and borrowing money from financial institutions so that the residents can get loans for these additions."

In older areas like Orlando East in Soweto there is nothing stopping a few neighbours clubbing together and putting up a highrise.

Sectional titles are likely to come to black areas in the foreseeable future and the renewal that will follow will make more efficient use of infrastructure and the townships will become more viable."

Besides the uncertainty of the subsidy issue and other financial aspects the one big bugbear of Mr Knoetze's life is the surveying of Soweto's 90 000 unsurveyed houses essential for the registration of 99-year leasehold titles.

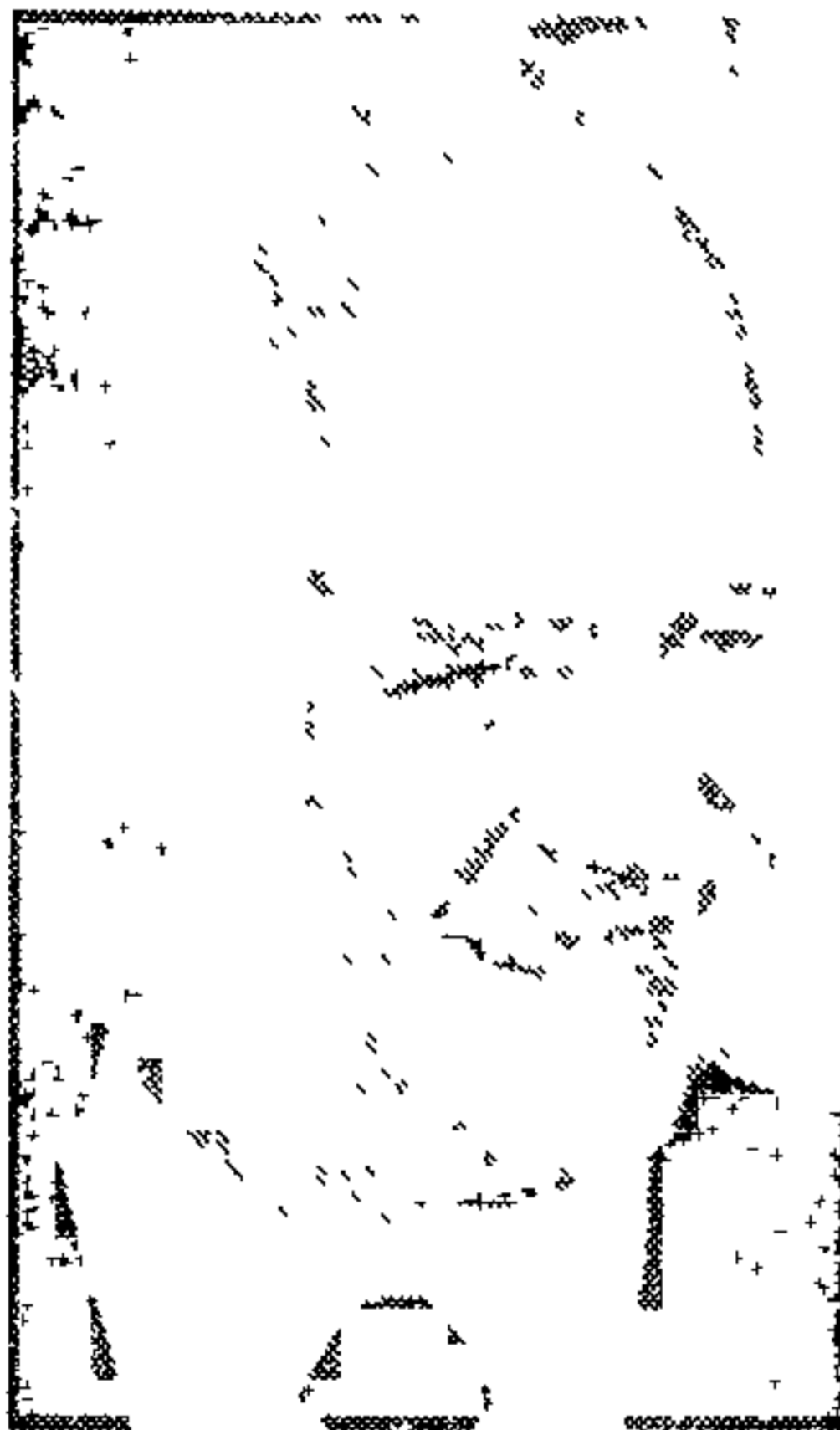
He has been pressing for more than a year to be allowed to survey the whole of Greater Soweto by air.

This would cost about R50 per house against R300 each for individual surveys," he said. "And the time saving would be huge."

Looked at in terms of rands and cents Mr Knoetze's method to get Greater Soweto surveyed would save in excess of R20-million.

But in spite of the problems peculiar to black area administration Mr Knoetze maintains there is more that he can do within the framework of existing legislation than he has money for.

"There are restrictions," he says. "But that's what I'm here for — to find ways round them."



Mr John Knoetze, chairman of Wrab... optimistic about housing.



Mr A F V (Boet) Viljoen... finding ways to streamline Wrab.

construction of sewerage systems, water reticulation and roads.

A further R216m was raised for the electrification of Soweto. Completion date for both programmes is 1984.

"The point is, you cannot save on service whereas you can save on a house," says Mr Knoetze. "You can always break down an old house but you cannot just go and dig up a sewerage pipe because it is too small. You must put it in for all time."

But as John Knoetze knows, he will be judged on how successful he is in housing the maximum number of people for the minimum cost in the next few years in the face of tight money and rising prices.

Top of his priority list is to change the time-worn attitude, reinforced by the "political" administrators of the past, that housing and services are provided at a subsidi-

that I have to go and ask the townships whether they wouldn't mind paying a little more. They'd be bloody fools if they said they would be happy to pay more."

"I do not expect those to pay who cannot afford it — widows, unemployed, those thinking they earn too little. They can always get exemptions from paying if they have good reason. "But those who can afford it must pay economic charges."

His insistence on balancing the books and making West Rand townships pay their way is reinforced by the knowledge that capital will be severely restricted in the coming year.

The individual and private enterprise will have to play a far bigger role in providing black housing, he says — which is in line with the Viljoen Committee report.

Government funds

for infrastructure it will be possible to plan better and speed up development immeasurably, he said.

"In future the administration boards are likely to function as metropolitan authorities and all local administration will increasingly be left to the individual community councils in the townships," he added.

"This is what we are working towards."

Following the latest surveys of available stands in Greater Soweto it appeared that only about 12 000 more houses could be built there, he said.

This was less than originally estimated and meant that only just over half the present official waiting list of families — 21 000 — could be accommodated this way.

"But I am not worried about this because Soweto is large enough, with the upgrading of existing housing stock,

was NOT asked to plead and the hear-

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Court refuses JSE eviction plea

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A Rand Supreme Court judge declined to grant the Johannesburg Stock Exchange an eviction order yesterday because the court had not yet heard the other side of the story

The JSE and a subsidiary firm, Aranel Company, submitted an urgent application seeking an order to evict A Dadabhai and Company (Pty) Ltd from Aranel

House, Kerk Street, Johannesburg.

The court was told that the JSE owned property on six stands in Kerk Street and that all the buildings — including Aranel House — were to be demolished to pave the way for a parking lot for the staff and members of the JSE

Mr S Sapire, appearing for the JSE, said that a notice had been served on Mr Ah-

med Dadabhai, owner of the company, to vacate Aranel House by December 31 last year

But Mr Dadabhai did not do so and the demolition work, which was to have started this week, was being held up. The problem was that the building leased by Mr Dadabhai was in the middle of the six stands

Mr Sapire said that, as the JSE did not enter into a lease with

the 12 tenants who were allowed by Mr Dadabhai to occupy the flats in the building there was no need for his clients to serve notices to leave the premises

Mr P Bleden, for Dadabhai and Co, said the matter was not urgent and Mr Dadabhai was entitled to remain there in terms of a four-year verbal lease with the JSE.

Mr Bleden also asked the court to consider the 12 tenants who did not receive notices of the urgent application

He pointed out that two of the tenants had been granted a permit by the Department of Community Development to live in Aranel House

Mr Justice le Grange postponed the hearing to February 2

A small victory has been won by the

ing Johannesburg suburb of Pageview

An out-of-court settlement was reached yesterday between the Save Pageview Association and the Department of Community Development in which the department agreed to remove the rubble blocking 10 streets by not later than January

Anger over homes threat

Mail Reporter

FRUSTRATION and resentment are seething among Indian families facing eviction to make way for a parking lot for the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. Twelve families -- about 50 people -- are affected by the months' notice served in December on the lessee, Mr F A Dadabhai, who rents the building from the Stock Exchange and in turn leases the flats to the families.

An urgent application by the Stock Exchange against Mr Dadabhai, a businessman, was postponed in the Johannesburg Supreme Court yesterday.

With a crisis already facing Indians looking for housing on the Witwatersrand, the 12 families are desperately worried they will not be able to find somewhere else to live.

And they are bitter that they will lose their homes to make way for cars.

Mrs Giorie Daya, her husband and four teenage children are facing their second eviction.

Ousted

The family moved into a spacious three-bedroomed flat opposite the Stock Exchange after being ousted from Fordsburg.

"Now it is the same thing again. It is disgraceful," she said. "I have lived here seven years and now our home must go because people want to park close to their office."

"We are also human beings, who want to bring up our children and live out our lives in peace, but we can't live where we want to."

One of her neighbours, elderly Mrs Ayisha Ebrahim, said: "We just want to be allowed to live in town."

"I suffer from TB and asthma and my husband is crippled with arthritis and can't drive. I was born here in town and brought up my 12 children here. Why do we have to move now?"

Mr Dadabhai said he was angry that JSE was "denying the existence of the tenants."

"They say that I am the only one. But they know that people are living in the shadow of their building."

"If they are so desperate for space, why don't they bulldoze their beautiful gardens, which I believe cost R200,000?"

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Agreement was reached after an urgent application was postponed in the Johannesburg Supreme Court yesterday to give the department and the residents' association a chance to discuss the matter.

The application to have the building rubble removed was brought by the association after talks late last year with the department had failed to resolve the issue.

The rubble -- mostly building material from houses demolished in the area after evicted Indian families moved out -- blocked all except two streets.

Crash

Many roads in the area are one way and the remaining residents complained that not only were they having to break the law to get to their homes but there had been several near accidents and one crash last week.

A spokesman for the Save Pageview Association said he was "happy with the out-of-court agreement" and that the association had achieved its aim.

"We did try to sort out the problem before but were not successful. We were told the blocking of roads was because people were driving into the area and dumping. We told Community Development that this was not so."

Moved

"After the application was postponed, we went to the area and pointed this out."

The agreement states that all rubble on pavements along Delarey Road will be moved back 1.5m from the kerb and 1m from the edge of the street.

"This will make it safe for people to walk on the pavement. We have had several minor accidents involving people having to climb over the rubble."

The parties will pay their own costs.

Hurt

A mother of two young children in Pageview -- who asked not to be identified -- said her children had hurt themselves on loose bricks and that the rubble was seen by many people as harassment.

Another resident said he was "surprised" at the successful outcome.

"We didn't expect things to go so well and are rather pleased."

Mr Dirk Rossouw, regional director of Community Development, was not prepared to comment.

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By Yussuf Nazet

The Department of Community Development acted yesterday to remove all rubble dumped on 10 Pageview street crabs which has stopped Indian residents there having easy access to their homes.

The department agreed to have the piles of building material and other rubbish removed not later than January 15, following an urgent application yesterday by the Pageview residents to the Supreme Court.

Mr Justice le Grange was told an agreement had been reached by the Save Pageview Association and the department and the application was therefore withdrawn.

Residents told The Star they were forced to turn to the law when pleas failed to persuade the department to remove the rubbish.

Residents were supposed to have quit Pageview by December 31.

They accused the department of harassing them. Association spokesmen said the Group Areas Act was an unchristian, immoral and racist ordinance they were morally bound to oppose.

More than 90 families are still living in Pageview.

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Tembisa calls for shacks

by Mzikaise Edom

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THE management committee of the Tembisa Community Council will call an urgent meeting within the next few days to discuss the possibility of building shacks in the township as temporary accommodation

At a special meeting held in the township at the weekend by Ward One committee under Councillor Charles Sithole, it was decided that the 300 families on the housing waiting list should be allowed to build shacks as temporary accommodation until houses are build

Some of the families have been on the waiting list since 1973 and there are no signs that they will be provided with houses in the near future

Meanwhile, the community council was also criticised at the meeting for requiring a bank balance of R20 000 from people who applied for business sites

The committee also called on the community council to build market stalls in the township and to give trading licences to pensioners and widows who were now trading "illegally"

GENERAL NEWS

State funds for homes: talks planned

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By Lucille McNamara,
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg City Council has been trying for several months without success to meet members of Parliament to try to arrange additional housing loans.

Often sharply criti-

cised for failing to build enough homes for coloured residents, the city council has been thwarted by lack of sufficient Government funding.

For more than six months it tried to arrange an interview with the Minister of

Finance, Mr Owen Horwood, and the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, to put its case.

The United Municipal Executive of South Africa (UME) has been preparing representatives in a deputation.

In a letter to the city council the secretary of the UME, Mr J N Jonker, says he has already contacted the private secretaries of the two Ministers and the meeting is likely to take place during the first two weeks of February.

ONE YEAR TO WRITE CONTRACT

Houses finally being allocated

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By RIZIKAYIWE JEDOM
THE East Rand Administration Board (Erab) has started allocating some of the 200 houses which have been standing empty since February last year in Kwa-Thema, Springs.

Erab and the local community council started with the building of 421 new houses in June 1979 but had only completed about 300 early last year.

A spokesman for Erab said yesterday the delay in allocating the houses was caused by the fact that they were still busy drafting the

contract to be signed by residents. He said this took the board about a year to complete.

The deputy chairman of the council, Mr H. L. Pale, told The Sowetan that the council was also puzzled why these houses were still standing empty because they were completed in February last year. He said they were not informed by Erab what was causing the delay.

The spokesman said they started allocating the houses about a week ago and that they hoped to complete the rest of the houses within the next few months.

Rent for the houses is believed to be about R50 a month and the selling price about R4500.

Pensioners with Jobs Lose

By Lucille McNamara, Municipal Reporter

There will be no birthday celebration when Mrs Minnie West turns 80 this month. She probably will not even be able to buy any food because she has to meet a rent increase on her flat in the centre of Johannesburg.

Mrs West lives at Britton Court in Trovost Street.

Like 12 other social pensioners in the block, she is faced with a rent increase from R66 to R108 a month — retrospective to October.

Their pension is R122. They also have to pay for electricity and monthly losses of

Rents nearly doubled as Council of elders

R3 for a sewer and R2 50 for a store that leaves R7 62 — excluding electricity bill — on which she lives. Mrs West is stunned.

"How can they do this to us?" she asks. "I won't be able to pay, so that will just have to throw me out. But where will I go?"

Another resident is Mrs Patricia Woods.

She believes she is luckier than most because her son helps her — she works for him as a sort of girl Friday.

This handful of old people represents just the tip of the iceberg of loneliness and hopelessness suffered by hundreds of Johannesburg old citizens.

Councillor Mrs Moll Kopel has taken the

initiative to set up a committee to look at the problem of old people in the city. She has already written to the council and the council has agreed to set up a committee to look at the problem.

She appeared at three recent Board hearings to fight the case of the 80-year-old Britton Court and lost.

She then turned to her "network of citi-

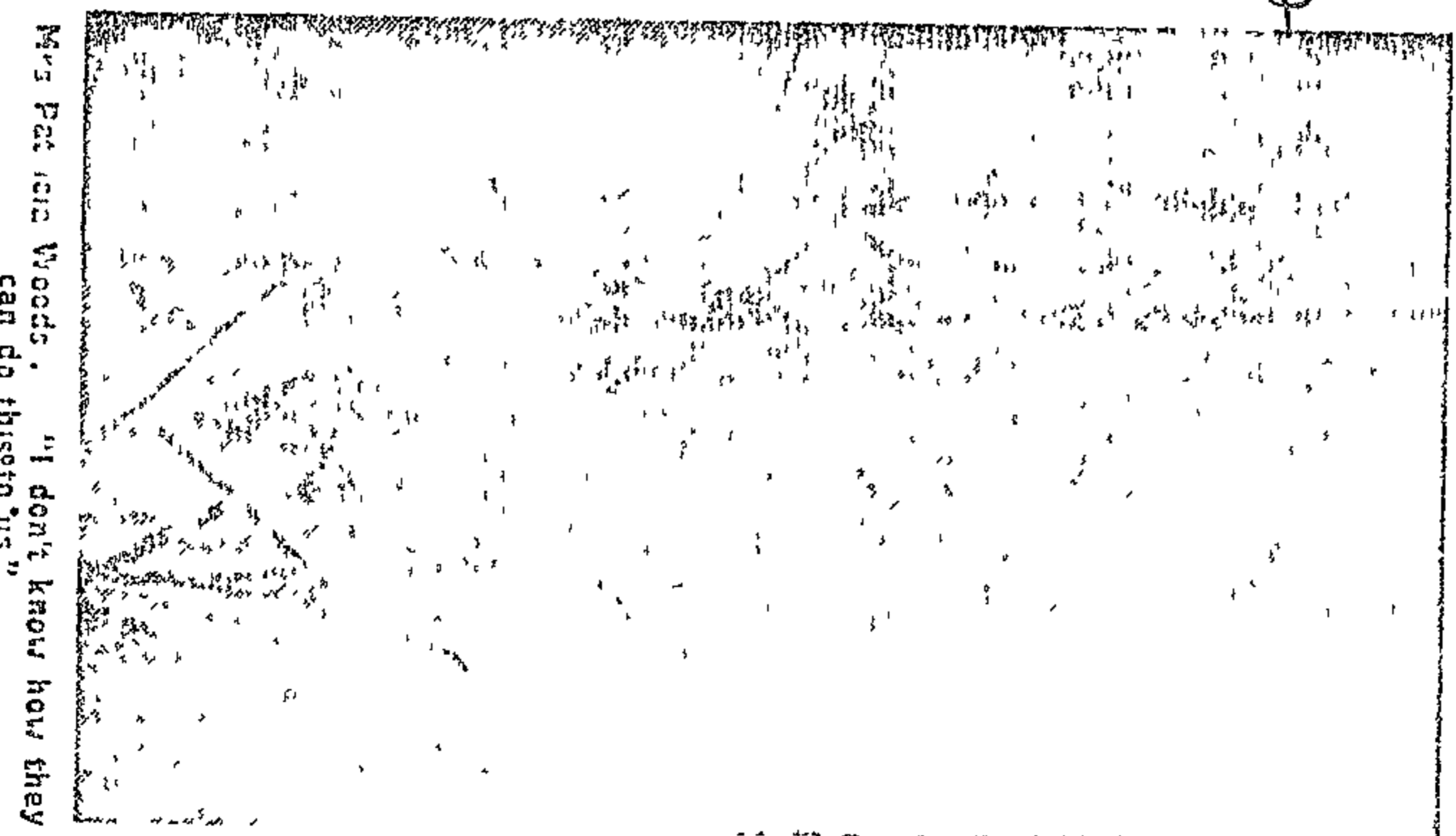
zens' care-takers" to find out what the council could do for them.

"These people will literally die of hunger because they cannot afford to pay the rates," she said. "And because they can't pay, they will be evicted."

She and Mrs Rae Gidman, another city councillor, recently started an "adoption scheme" for the purpose of giving food, clothing or a day at home to a lonely old person.

"But food and love won't pay their rent," said Mrs Kopel.

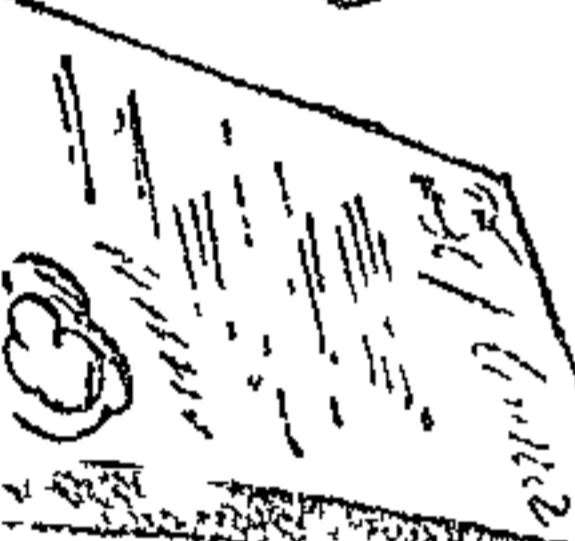
No one, she says, has been able to trace the owner of owners of Britton Court.



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Eviction case put off

By NKOPANE MAFOANE

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THE case against the Dalobung Town Council in which a total of 91 Reiger Park students are opposing their eviction was yesterday postponed to February 23 in the Rand Supreme Court.

The case against the council was brought by Mr David Klein, a possessor, on December 3 — the day he and other residents living in leased premises would have been evicted for being in arrears with the council.

The last hearing of Justice Froneman ordered a temporary interdict restraining the council from evicting Mr Klein and called upon it to show cause in the next hearing why a final order should not be issued ordering Mr Klein to pay R9 12 — and for the increased rental of R30.

In papers before court, Mr Klein had said residents of the coloured township had refused to pay the sharply increased monthly rentals. He said he had ignored to pay the new amount because the notice he received on September 2 although dated the previous day, had been served on him after that date.

He also said through his attorney he got an assurance from Mr Joubert, the council's treasurer on November 19 that he would not be evicted for owing an amount of R30,80.

Mr Joubert told him that if he did not pay to him and certain tenants would be evicted and the council would accordingly ignore as revised accounts would be sent out during the same.

Everite and Schachat team up to build houses in Diepkloof Ext

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By Penny Cummins

Everite and Schachat Homes have teamed up to grab a foothold in the black housing market.

They have already completed their first batch of ten houses on WRAB-owned land in Diepkloof Extension

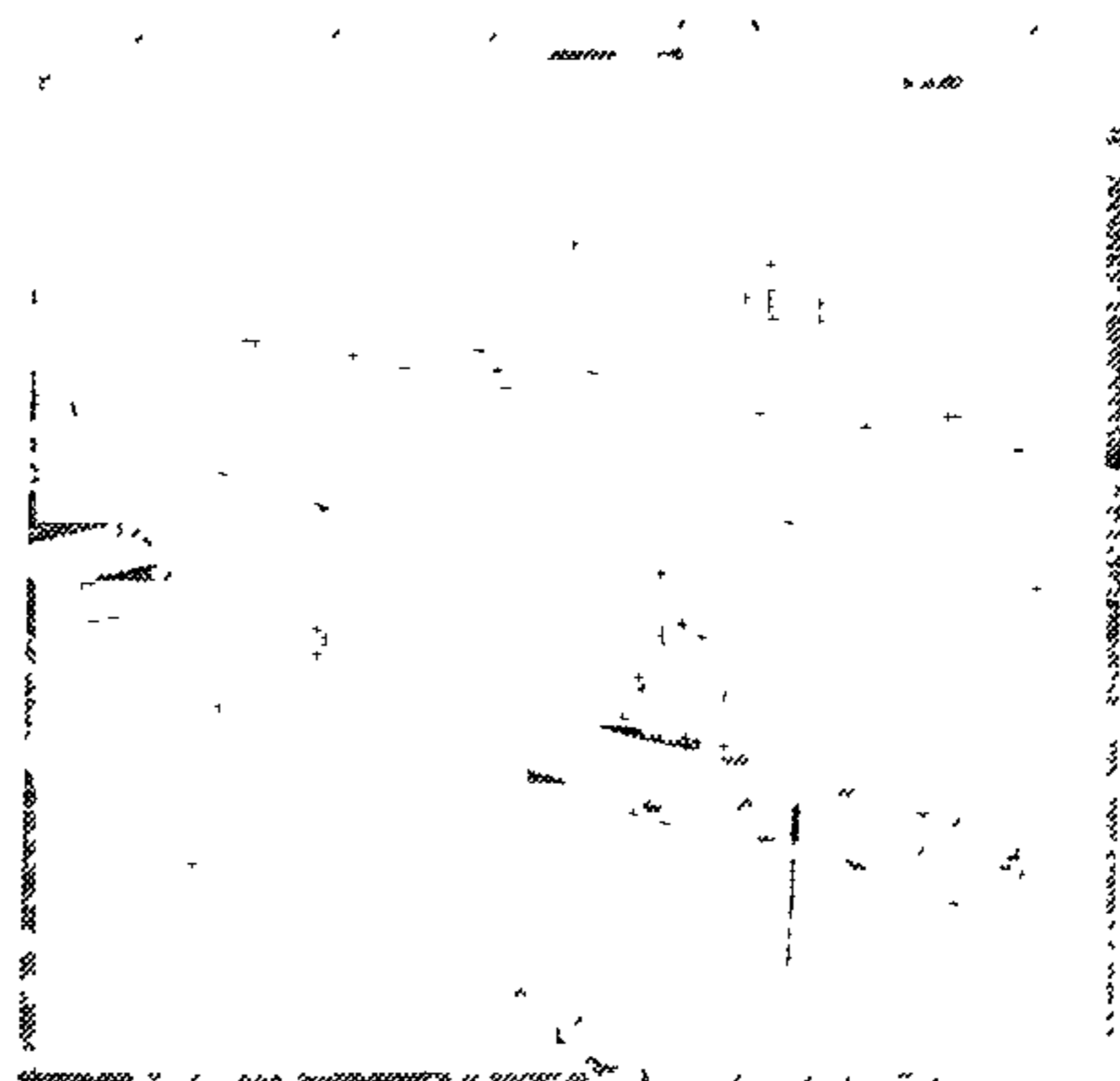
The dwellings are built to Schachat standard designs, modified to incorporate Everite products, such as the roofing. Prices range from R19 000 to R41 000, and all the houses were sold on 99-year leases before they were completed.

The cheaper houses, on stands ranging from 280m² to 340m², are "liveable shells" according to Mr I K Christie, Schachat Homes MD.

"The most basic units leave out all non-essential construction to bring them into the price range the customers could afford. For instance we have left out carpeting, ceilings and door frames," said Mr Christie.

The most expensive house, with two garages and two and a half bathrooms on a double stand of 560m² costs R41 000.

The scheme was initiated and marketed by Everite, who provided project management. Schachat shared the cost and undertook the



Everite and Schachat's luxury houses in Diepkloof Extension

construction

Plans are afoot for another group of about 20 houses, and then, says Dr LB Lewis, marketing manager of Everite, his firm will probably pull out of similar projects.

"We regard this as a

showhouse scheme in the better class areas, to demonstrate the use of our products, especially the roofing."

Mr Christie is guardedly enthusiastic about further projects in black areas.

Money there for ⁽¹²⁷⁾ homes, say ^{13/1/82 Star} Indians

By Yussuf Nazeer

White financiers are ready to lay out "millions of rands within 24 hours" to build flats for Indians in Fordsburg — if the Government makes land available to the developers

This was disclosed by spokesmen for 100 Indian families in Pageview and other homeless families around Johannesburg

Among the firms prepared to develop Indian housing in Fordsburg are mining and industrial companies, banks and a property developer. They do not want to be named at this stage

The Indian spokesmen met the financiers last week to find out if they would be prepared to put up money for the development of Indian housing in Fordsburg

One of the spokesmen, Mr C H Soni, said the Government was now the "only obstacle" in the way

"The State owns about 24 percent of land in Fordsburg which can take several high-rise flats," Mr Soni said

He pointed out property which he said could be made available within weeks for home-building. One

was the portion of land in Fordsburg separated from Pageview by a railway line.

"The Government says it has not got the money for immediate development of Fordsburg, well, we got the money. We had a meeting with Johannesburg's largest financiers and they assured us they would pump millions into Fordsburg within 24 hours," Mr Soni said

The Group Areas Board will be listening to evidence on the rezoning and development of Fordsburg in two weeks' time

Jo'burg slams red tape obstructing townships

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By Lucille McNamara
Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council is harshly critical of the red tape which bogs down applications for the development of new townships in a memorandum which will be submitted to the President's Council on Friday.

The memorandum has been prepared at the request of the Committee for Community Relations of the President's Council which is investigating problems concerning township proclamation.

TIME LIMIT

Johannesburg has called for the right to approve the development of new townships within its area and suggests that a time limit be imposed on the statutory bodies involved with township proclamation.

In its memorandum the city council lays

While thousands anxiously await relief from an acute housing shortage, red tape bogs down applications for township proclamation, says the Johannesburg City Council in a memorandum prepared for the President's Council.

the blame on statutory provisions which impede the establishment of residential townships and, in particular, Group Areas proclamations.

Citing a number of examples, the city council points out that Eldorado Park Extension Two was proclaimed seven years after application, while there are nine other coloured townships still waiting for the official go-ahead.

"Proclamation of land for use by non-white race groups takes a great deal of time and the amount of land available for these groups usually falls far short of requirements."

An added annoyance was that statutory

bodies often had rights across land proposed for township development, were usually uncertain about their long-term requirements, known their exact needs and frequently changed their requirements after planning had reached an advanced stage.

"There has been no evidence of any improvement in spite of assurances over many years from officials of the Transvaal Provincial Administration that the proclamation of townships would be expedited."

To provide thousands of badly needed houses, the city council has had to build homes

for coloured people in advance of proclamation. But stands for business, religious or welfare institutions could not be leased or sold prior to proclamation, forcing members of these communities to live in areas which had no facilities other than the houses they occupied.

MOST PRACTICAL

The city council suggests that the most practical method of accelerating the process is

- To review the large number of bodies and Government departments which have to be consulted

- To impose a time limit within which comments from statutory bodies should be received

- To delegate the authority to enable Johannesburg to approve townships within its area

Indians can get homes, official tells court

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By Michael Tissong

A Department of Community Development spokesman told a Johannesburg court yesterday that, in spite of the housing shortage, Indians "can get alternative accommodation if they try"

During the trial an Indian businessman and a white property owner were found guilty of contravening the Group Areas Act.

The property owner, Colin Mervis (38), was charged in the names of the company which let the premises in Park Drive, Mayfair,

and as the person who let the premises in a white area to Mahendra Manilal (40), a disqualified person in terms of the Act

Mervis as a representative of the company was fined R250. He was also fined a further R100, suspended for three years. Manilal was also fined R100, conditionally suspended

The property stands on the Mayfair side of the street which is the border between Mayfair and Fordsburg. Fordsburg is an area classified for Indians

A Department of Community Development control administrative officer, Mr Jacobus Harris, claimed accommodation was available on privately owned property and Indians could get alternative accommodation if they tried.

Manilal had pleaded not guilty on the grounds that there was an absolute housing shortage for Indians.

Mervis pleaded not guilty but changed his plea to guilty after his application for a discharge was refused by the magistrate, Mr R D Curle.

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Township probe by President's Council

A PRESIDENT'S Council sub-committee is investigating problems of home ownership among coloureds and Indians, the SABC reported yesterday

A Johannesburg Management Committee memorandum will be given to the President's Council today which says legal provisions preventing the establishment of townships are mainly Group Areas proclamations and long-term planning needs of statutory bodies.

The memo criticises delays in the proclamation of townships in the Transvaal — it is understood this does not occur in other provinces

Six years

It is estimated that 66 per cent of all townships await proclamation for four to six years, while others take much longer

Private developers and potential home builders cannot take transfer of vacant sites, and consequently are unable to raise bonds.

The memo recommends authority be delegated to the Johannesburg City Council to approve applications of townships within its boundaries, statutory bodies and Government departments are given a time limit for comments on applications, and fewer statutory bodies are consulted — Sapa

Evicted city tailor tells of his plight

By ROBIN FROST

MR HIRA Fakir, 69, stood in the rubble littering what had once been his Commissioner Street office. He was tiny, a frail, nervous man, and he had nowhere to go.

Mr Fakir was one of a number of tenants recently evicted from 50 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg, a building occupied mainly by tailors like Mr Fakir, lawyers and travel agents

The building has been bought by a firm of architects for its own use.

Extensive renovations, involving the demolition of internal walls, are under way.

A spokesman for the estate agents handling the building said tenants had been paying rent of about R60 a month "You just can't get office space at that price anywhere in Johannesburg any more" he said

"We can get alternative accommodation for tenants in the area, but at rentals of between R6/m² and R20/m² That can work out to anything up to R4 000 a month A smallish office would cost about R2 275."

Office space is hard to come by in Johannesburg at the best of times If you are black, it is very difficult

Mr Fakir had been in his premises since 1961. Now he has had to take his equipment home to Lenasia

"I can't do my work from my home Who would come?" he asked

Travel agent

Another tenant, a travel agent who declined to be named, said "Well, they gave us good notice I'm not complaining But I've been here so long

"There are two difficulties facing us First of all, there is no office space available, and secondly we are blacks

"They have Group Areas against us You can't fight the Government If they want to move us, they move us

Our travel agent was one of those lucky enough to have found accommodation

"Asians" wishing to trade in a "white" area must go through a bureaucratic maze before they are granted permission to begin business

As with all businessmen, black traders must apply to their municipal licensing department for a business licence

Blacks suffer a further inconvenience, however Under the provisions of the Group Areas Act, certain areas may be proclaimed as being for certain groups only

Prosecuted

In such cases — most of central Johannesburg is a white zone, although there is a small "open" area — a person of another group may be prosecuted for opening a business in the wrong area.

The only exceptions permitted under the Act are blacks who hold minority shares in white businesses, or those granted permission to trade in the area by the Minister of Community Development

Mr D Rossouw, Regional Representative of the Department, said yesterday that there were only two grounds for such permission in terms of the Act.

First, if it can be shown that such permission would be in the interests of the group for whom the area is proclaimed — in this case the whites — the Minister would consider the application favourably

Secondly, the applicant would have to prove he would suffer "undue hardship", as the Act puts it, if the permission was not granted

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Six-year wait for homes evidence

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By Michael Tissong

Although it would take about six years to accommodate the 5 000 applicants on the waiting list for houses in coloured group areas, each applicant must wait his turn without contravening the Group Areas Act, a Department of Community Development official told a Johannesburg District Court yesterday.

The official, Mr Jacobus Harris, added that many people who lived illegally in white group areas "created the problem for themselves by coming to the city from areas outside Johannesburg."

Appearing before Mr R D Curle, was Mr Edwin Minnie (24) who pleaded not guilty to living illegally in Ellis Park Flats, Beit Street, Doornfontein.

Constable Alfred Isaacs of the Group Areas staff police said that in February 1979 he charged Mr Minnie with illegal occupation after an anonymous complaint that coloured people and Indians were living among whites.

Under cross-examination by Mr G Marcus, for the defence, Constable Isaacs told the court he was a coloured person and it was hearsay that there were housing problems in coloured areas.

Under cross-examination by Mr Marcus, Mr Harris said that there was "overcrowding in the coloured areas."

The case was adjourned to January 20

Two other cases were postponed.

Mrs Wassela Karodia (38) was to have been tried for illegal residence in Seventh Street, Mayfair, but her attorney, Mr Nicholas Hayson, was detained under security legislation last year.

The case was postponed to February 10 for her to arrange legal representation.

Mr John Dugard, who appeared for Mrs Miriam Matthews (48) of Langeman Street, Mayfair, told the court that his client was ill

The case was postponed to February 9.

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Perk for Pretoria council workers

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THE Pretoria City Council is to guarantee 100 percent building society home loans to municipal employees.

This new perk - in line with housing aid given to thousands of public servants - is part of the council's drive to beat its worsening white staff crisis.

But building society sources yesterday warned that the council's plan did not mean there would automatically be more money available for housing bonds.

This means it becomes more difficult for the man in the street - particularly in Pretoria - to compete with the public sector for the few housing bonds available.

Employees wanting to buy a house or flat under the new scheme must be older than 21, married, and have two years service.

They do not qualify if they already own property, or if the monthly repayments on the new home are more than one third of their monthly salary - Sapa.

Homes ^{Jan 16/1/82} claim stirs Indian homeless (127)

By Vusuf Nazeer

A Department of Community Development Official has enticed Indian leaders and scores of homeless people by telling a Johannesburg court that Indians living in white areas could get alternative accommodation if they tried.

The official Mr Jacobus Harris who was giving evidence yesterday when Mr Mahendra Mantlal (10) was accused of contravening the Group Areas Act — he is living in Mayfair — said that despite the housing shortage Indians could get alternative accommodation if they tried.

Angry Indians telephoned The Star challenging Mr Harris to prove his statement by providing homes for all such people living in white areas.

Mr Samad Cassim, who had appeared in court after living in Mayfair said he had been battling for years to find alternative ac-

commodation in an Indian area.

"If we could find accommodation in Indian areas why are we risking prosecution by living in white areas?" he asked.

An Actstop's spokeswoman, Mrs Marina Beck said Mr Harris's statement was "highly irresponsible".

She said Actstop was daily inundated by Indian people who could not find alternative accommodation in Lenasia or other Indian townships — "even a garage Wendyhouse or servant's quarters".

Lenasia management committee spokesman Mr Abe Choonara said Lenasia itself had more than 7 000 people in need of homes.

"If these people here cannot find accommodation, how are those in white areas going to find it?"

Pageview's civic spokesman Mr Chandu Soni challenged Mr Harris to find the alternative accommoda-

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Home-seeker didn't re-apply — official

By Michael Tissong

The Department of Community Development destroys housing applications that are not renewed annually or at least once every three years, a department spokesman told a Johannesburg district court yesterday.

Mr Jacobus Harris, an administrative control officer at the department, said it was possible that Showekt Karachi (26) applied for a house and did not renew the application on an annual basis.

Karachi was found guilty of contravening the Group Areas Act and fined R100 (or 50 days' jail) conditionally suspended. The magistrate, Mr R D Curle, further ordered him to vacate his house in Twelfth Avenue, Mayfair, before June 30.

Karachi told the court that he applied for a house in 1978. He did not renew the application because he

was "not familiar with procedure of the department"

Under cross-examination by Mr Paul Benjamin for the defence, Mr Harris said applicants must apply on an annual basis because incomes and family numbers changed. New application forms were sent out every year to applicants on the waiting list.

He had found no evidence in his records that Karachi applied for a house in 1978.

Karachi was born in Sophiatown which was proclaimed a white group area in the early 1950s. When he was 14 his family was forced to move out of the area. He stayed with his family which settled in Fordsburg.

He moved out when he got married and stayed in a flat in Mayfair, then moved to a house in the same area in December 1979.

Karachi, a computer programmer in Blaamfontein, said he was not aware that he had

broken any laws by living in Mayfair because whites and Indians lived in the area.

He told the court his wife was asthmatic and her health deteriorated if she came into contact with dust. The court refused a defence application for a doctor to give evidence in regard to asthmatics.

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He had pleaded not guilty to living in the area illegally.

Mr Faisal Dhorsey, was fined R30 (or 10 days' jail) for not appearing in court on July 29 1980 in connection with a Group Areas Act contravention.

The magistrate said it was "most irresponsible" that he did not take proper note of his court appearance date. The allegation that Mr Dhorsey (23) lived illegally in High Street, Mayfair from January 1979 was withdrawn.

Prosecutor: If the accused was very drunk he would not have been able to sing properly. Magistrate: Isn't it a fact that people sing better when they've been drinking?

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Defence: Are you sure the accused was wearing a bra?

Witness: Yes, I am sure.

Defence: The accused never wears a bra. What do you say about that?

Witness: Well, I saw it.

Govt attacked over housing shortage

The Secretary of the Reiger Park Tenants' and Ratepayers' Association, Mr George du Plessis, has launched a scathing attack on the Government over the housing shortage in the township.

In a pamphlet distributed in the area, he writes "Overcrowding has reached bursting point in Reiger Park. It is slowly deteriorating into a slum because there is no room for expansion."

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"The Department of Community Development is not interested in building sufficient houses. It seems to be Government policy to keep us in a state of semi-slavery."

Mr du Plessis said in the pamphlet there was a backlog of 2 230 houses in Reiger Park. He argued that the Group Areas Act was partly to blame for the critical housing shortage.

"The housing shortage will continue to deteriorate while the Group Areas Act prevails. Every facet of our lives is controlled by a network of repressive laws determining what we should do, what we should learn and where we should live."

Mr du Plessis said the Group Areas Act in effect compelled two or three families to live together in one house.

"The housing shortage is therefore a Government - created problem," he wrote.

He blamed the housing shortage and overcrowding for a higher divorce rate, a high rate of teenage pregnancies and alcoholism.

"Shelter is without question a basic human right. And the waiting list for houses will continue to grow because of the natural increase in the population," the pamphlet states.

Rosebank flat **127** residents object *Star* *20/1/82*

By **Rob Scutler**

Elderly residents of a block of flats in Rosebank, Johannesburg, last night asked their city councillor for help as they fear they will be evicted.

At a meeting held at Cradock Heights, which is affected by an application for rezoning for office rights, residents asked Mr Christopher Newton Thompson to investigate their predicament. Several have tried in vain to find alternative accommodation.

The residents of the building at the corner of Trywhitt and Cradock avenues have collected almost 3 000 signatures on a petition protesting the application since it was posted in the flats on Christmas Eve. They are also to form a committee to co-ordinate further action.

The application affects about 75 residents in 60 flats. Many of them are pensioners.

Mr Newton Thompson, who chaired the meeting, said the application was contrary to the Rosebank Development plan. If Cradock Heights were demolished "the whole of Tyrwhitt Avenue would go and this would set a precedent for the rest of the area".

A spokesman for the owner, Cradock Heights Investments, told The Star there were good reasons for the application, which was turned down by the town planning department when previously submitted several years ago.

"These flats have not been running profitably under rent control and it is not fair to expect the owners to continue subsidising the residents," he said.

"The cost of keeping these flats in good condition could become financially disastrous—they were built just after the war.

"Furthermore, the residential character of the neighbourhood has altered for the worse," he said.

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Dept can't give widow place to live

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By Michael Tissong

A widow charged under the Group Areas Act for living illegally in a white group area cannot be accommodated by the Department of Community Development, a Johannesburg district court heard yesterday.

The department offers accommodation to families, and not to individuals without dependants, an administrative control officer at the department, Mr Jacobus Harris, said.

Mrs Zubeida Arbi (42), a widow, was charged with Mr Selma Wolk under the Group Areas Act. As a disqualified person, Mrs Arbi allegedly lived illegally in Hanover Street, Mayfair.

Mr Wolk, an elderly man, was charged for letting the premises to Mrs Arbi. Both pleaded not guilty to charges of contravening the Act.

Detective Warrant Officer A van Blerk of the Group Areas staff police said he found Mrs Arbi in occupation

of the house. She told him that she had been there since July 1979.

The policeman said it was the second time he had been to the house. Coloured people had previously stayed there. He had warned Mr Wolk before that that it was illegal for him to let disqualified people stay in a white area.

Detective Van Blerk, who has been engaged in Group Areas Act investigations for four years, added that the area was made up of a "mixed community of blacks, Indians, whites and coloureds."

"Housing for coloureds and Indians is scarce. They have told me they stay in white areas because they could not get housing in their own areas," he said.

The case was adjourned to March 15.

In another case before Mr R.D. Curle, the points marking the perimeter of Doornfontein could not be pointed out on a map by an official of the Surveyor General's office.

Mum of 11 evicted

By WILLIE BOKALA

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THE WEST Rand Administration Board fired a sickly Soweto woman in September last year and this week evicted her and her 11 children from their creche-cottage without alternative accommodation.

Mrs Elisa Zwane (48), her husband, Samuel, and the children sat with their belongings in threatening weather yesterday as new tenants moved into the cottage they have occupied for six-and-half years while she was working for the board.

But Mr A M Conn, assistant director of community services at Wrab, said yesterday that the board had never undertaken to give Mrs Zwane and her family alterna-

tive accommodation, but confirmed she had been evicted.

This sad story of Mrs Zwane started in mid-year last year when she developed heart problems.

'In September they fired me and later the same month they told me to vacate the house I was living in with my children. They said the house was built for the sole purpose of housing people who worked for them at the creche.'

West Rand Board policemen came to the cottage on Monday morning and told her to be out before sunset. On Wednesday another group of policemen came and moved her belongings out and another tenant moved in immediately.

ALEXANDRA

The perils of neglect

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Since the turmoil of 1976, Soweto has stood in the world's mind as the symbol of the wrongs inflicted on SA's blacks. Commendably, Pretoria has taken steps to redress these wrongs. The Greater Soweto Electrification Scheme, for example, should — after many delays — be complete by the end of 1984.

However, there are those, like Jerry Setshedi of the Alexandra Liaison Committee, who charge that government has focused on Soweto's uplift as a political "grand gesture" while other townships remain appallingly neglected — flashpoints in the making.

This is certainly true of Alexandra, Johannesburg's oldest township. Houses are crumbling, stinking garbage litters the untarred streets, and there is no waterborne sewerage. More ominously, conditions have reached the stage where some West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) officials and the health authorities are expressing concern about a possible outbreak of cholera unless an upgrading programme is undertaken with utmost urgency.

The township has virtually been left to rot since 1962, when government decided to remove all families and transform Alex into a hostel-town. A degree of hope came in 1979, when Minister of Co-operation and Development Piet Koornhof granted a reprieve and plans were formulated for the general upgrading of Alex.

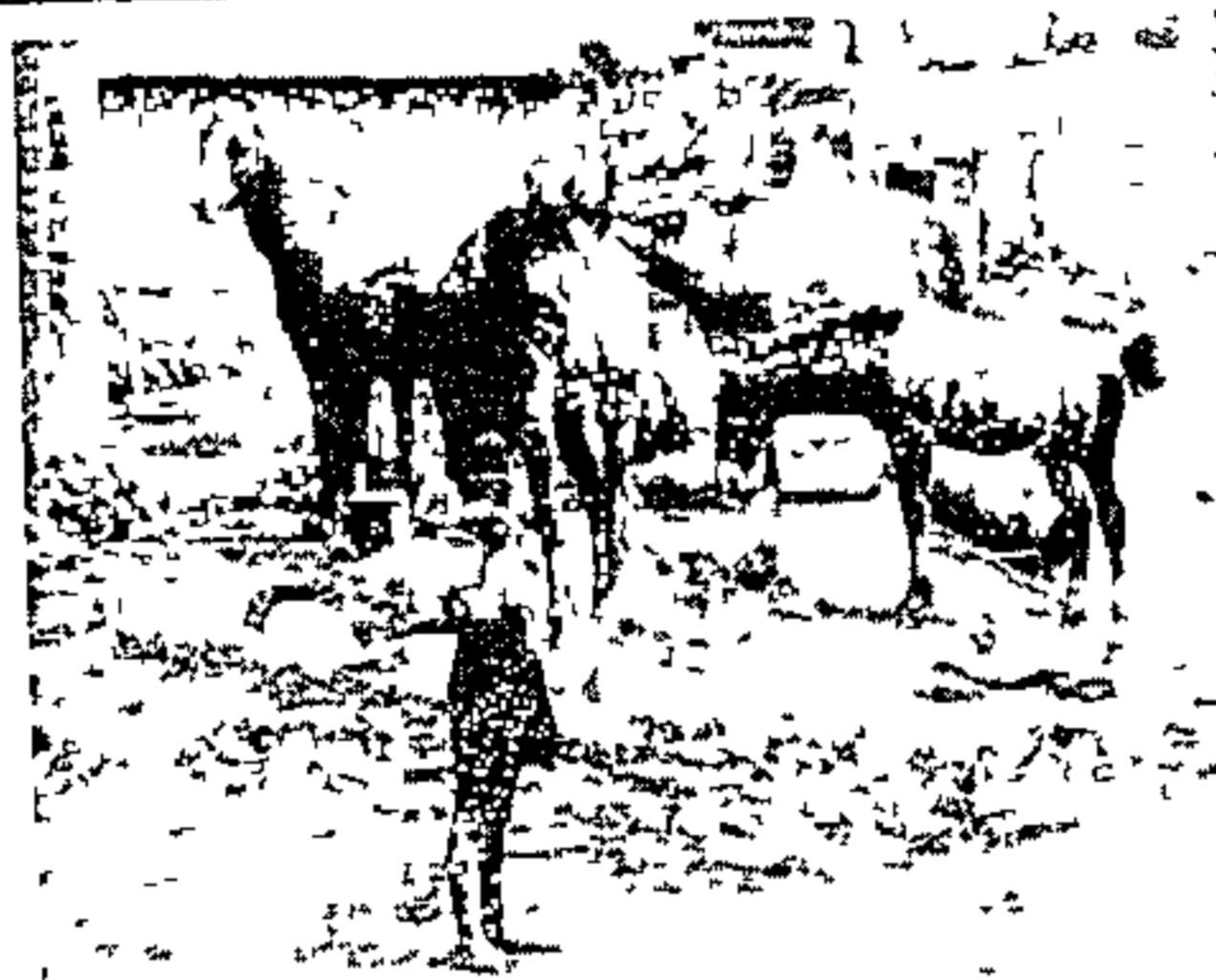
Now, nearly three years later, the only evidence of change is 49 houses, one school and one creche — all built by the private sector. A government-approved scheme for upgrading Alexandra remains in limbo.

According to Wrab director John Knoetze "We've applied to government for R5,4m for the development of 94 houses and 194 flats, but no money has been forthcoming. The scale of the problem requires a capital injection of at least R100m."

The prospect of such a capital injection receded this week when Barry van der Vyver, deputy Director-General of the Department of Community Development, announced a cut-back of Treasury allocations for approved housing projects which had been costed at R500m.

Leepile Taynyane, deputy chairman of the Alexandra Liaison Committee, says "Our problems are worsening. Morale is sinking, and everything in Alex is deteriorating, particularly the condition of housing. People are not prepared to invest in their homes and no-one is prepared to do repairs in the hope that new housing will soon be provided. Conditions were bad before — but they are rapidly getting worse."

A survey undertaken by Unisa's



Alexandra scenes ... disease and disaffection

Professor Tom Lamont at the end of 1979 revealed that nearly 80% of households in Alexandra were crammed into one or two rooms — 57% in one room, and 21% in two. As the average household size in the township is six, conditions leave much to be desired, with overcrowding causing a host of social problems.

Land is also a crucial issue. The township is situated on only 80 ha, and supports a population of between 60 000 and 75 000 (Sandton has 73 000 people on 14 300 ha). Applications for additional land have been made both to government and to the Johannesburg City Council, but negotiations are dragging on.

Services are another major problem. No money has been forthcoming from either government or the private sector, although R100 000 was provided for levelling ground for the new homes. Government funds are tight and the private sector, quite rightly,

does not see the provision of costly services as its responsibility. Says Knoetze "The estimated cost of services in Alex is R7 000 per stand just to achieve parity with the plan for upgrading Soweto."

In fact, Knoetze maintains that "uplifting Alexandra represents probably the most complicated urban renewal scheme ever undertaken in SA. The topography is bad, the soil unsuitable, and the population density very high."

So services and infrastructure are grossly overburdened at present. The existing refuse-removal system is inadequate and garbage lies uncollected in the streets.

The whole of Alexandra (except for the 49 houses developed by the private sector) is still reliant on a bucket-sewerage system, which means, according to Wrab's director of community services Jan Rabie, that "if cholera does break out, we will have to take urgent measures. We want to get the project moving."

While most of Alex now has street-lighting, only the 49 private-sector houses are electrified. The rest of the electrification process will be carried out in accordance with the phasing in of the upgrading project — implementation of which depends on funds which are not likely to be forthcoming soon, given the announcement of Treasury housing cut-backs.

Small wonder that residents have become afflicted by a sense of hopelessness.

BLACK HOUSING (127)

The IBM scheme

FM 22/1/82

Faced as they are with a critical land shortage, one of the logical answers to the black townships' housing problem would appear to lie in sectional title developments

An innovative share-block apartment scheme for IBM employees is planned for Soweto — hopefully to be converted to a sectional title arrangement in the future

The granting of sectional title to black householders in Soweto has been recommended in the as-yet unpublished Viljoen Report, but legislative changes are required for implementation. The report recommends amendments to existing legislation to make this possible

According to IBM's legal adviser Ian Murdoch "We hope that the contract will be signed by month's end and that construction will begin shortly afterwards. Our initial plan is to build an apartment block comprising 13 units to be sold at an estimated cost of R30 000-R35 000 per unit. Most of the units will be sold to IBM employees. Already, a number of large financial institutions have shown interest."

IBM has taken the decision to sell units to non-IBM employees because it does not want a purely company block. The inten-

tion is to initially sell the units in terms of a share-block system, but to convert them to sectional title as soon as this is allowed

In the interim period the apartment block will be administered in the same way as a sectional title development. It will be run by the owner-tenants, who are the shareholders and directors and will supply the management function

Says Murdoch "The share-block system is not as effective as sectional title, although it is similar. One of the advantages of sectional title is that each individual unit is mortgaged directly to the building society. Under the share-block system each block participates in the overall mortgage so the whole property is mortgaged to the society."

If the IBM scheme is successful, it could well be the forerunner of similar schemes

ECC row reaches boiling point.

THE SPLIT threatening the unity of the Evaton Community Council concerning the replanning of the Evaton township reached 'boiling point' when outspoken councillor, Mr Alex Nene walked out of a meeting in protest.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Mr Nene told The SOWETAN this week that the replanning scheme as explained by the council's chairman, Mr Sam Rabotapi, during the meeting was aimed at expropriating residents' properties. He accused Mr

Rabotapi of being a "sell-out" by allowing the Orange-Vaal Administration Board to continue building houses on plots owned by people without the Minister of Cooperation and Development Dr Piet Koorhof's concern. "This scheme is designed to deprive residents of their freehold rights and to take on the leasehold which has been granted urban



NOT WORRIED: Chairman Rabotapi.

blacks

"Evaton residents are some of the fortunate ones in the country where blacks still have freehold rights I am opposed to any move by the council and the board to implement this scheme without a mandate from the residents," he said. According to informed sources the replanning scheme includes the tar-ringing of roads, installation of electricity and water-borne sewerage, building of recreational facilities and proper

housing

It also means that properties will be subdivided into six and property owners would be forced to give five of them to the administration board.

Various opposition groups, including the Ratepayers' Association Isolomuzi, students' bodies and some community councillors have expressed their concern against this move.

Explaining his reasons for walking out, Mr Nene said the council had earlier resolved that the implementation of this scheme would only take place after the minister had given consent.

"What Mr Rabotapi told the council is in direct conflict with this resolution and I tried to draw his attention to this fact. He refused to listen and advised the board to continue even without the minister's concern. "The continuation will bring us into serious confrontation with the residents whom we promised would have their freehold rights retained when the township was developed," he said.

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SADF helped police in midnight raid on hostel

A COMBINED operation by members of the South African Defence Force, the South African Police and West Rand Administration Board police netted more than 600 men in a midnight raid at a Soweto single men's hostel last week.

Eyewitnesses told the Sunday Express they had seen many people being hit with batons and that some were bitten by dogs let loose on those who tried to escape.

The midnight raid, which Soweto police chief Brigadier Mulder van Eyk described as a "normal check", has instilled fear into the more than 5 000 residents of the Diepkloof hostel complex.

Brig Van Eyk emphatically denied the SADF was involved in the raid, but an SADF spokesman told the Sunday Express "It is correct, our men were there."

The combined operation, to rid the massive hostel complex of homeless individuals living there illegally and described by one hostel dweller as the "biggest ever", was carried out late on Thursday night last week and lasted until the early hours of Friday.

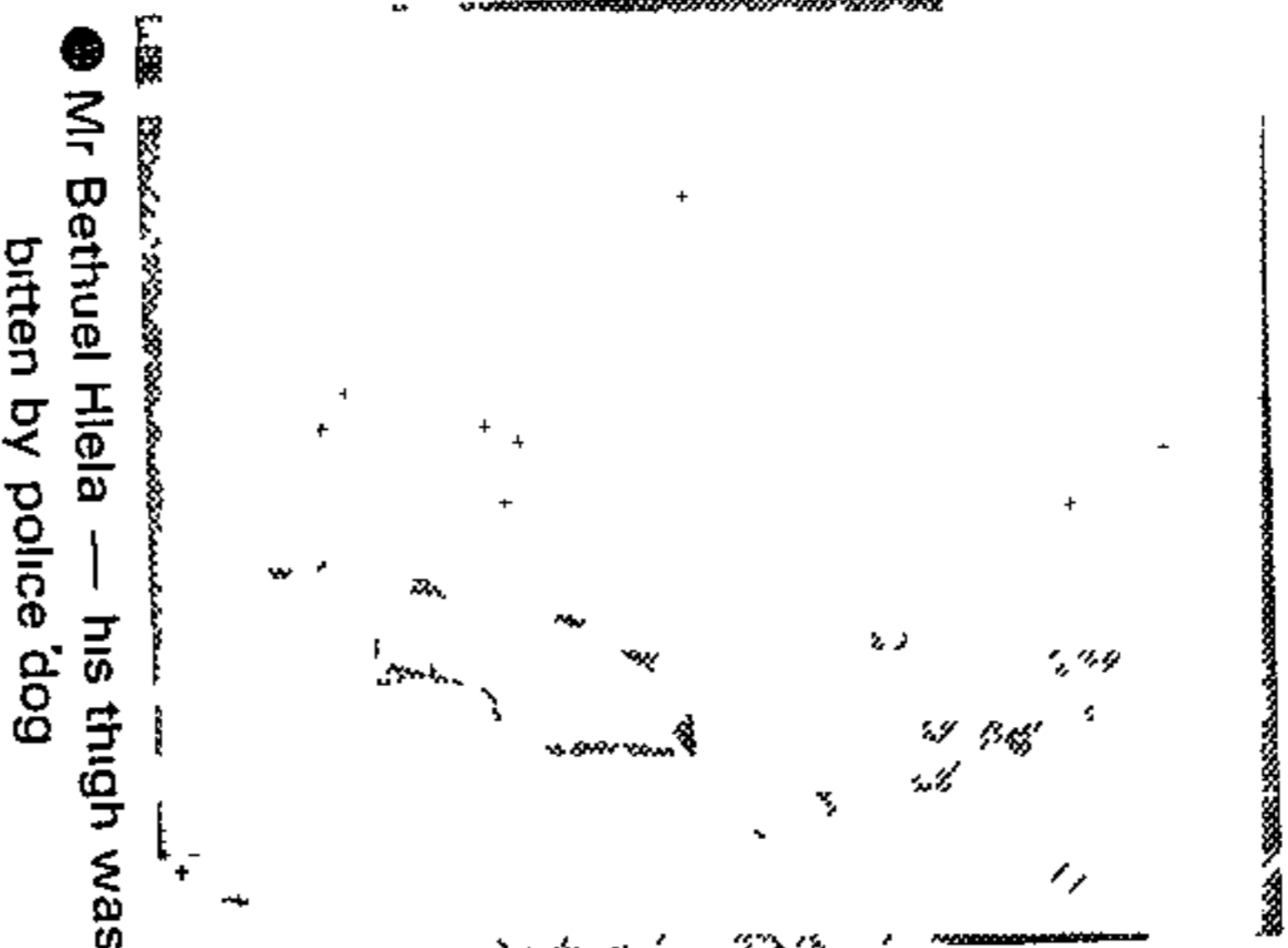
About 300 soldiers from the Doornkop army base, across the road, arrived at the hostel about 11pm, cordoned off the complex while armed Black and White policemen in camouflage uniform — with dogs and batons — accompanied by Wrab "blackjacks" combed the premises for illegals. Dog handlers were also posted at strategic points.

The residents were roused from their sleep and many who tried to escape in the confusion were bitten by police dogs and baton-charged. Brig Van Eyk denied any one was injured during the raid.

The Sunday Express spoke to people who were bitten by dogs and those who were baton-charged. The men are so angry one man hinted at forming a vigilante group for "self-protection" should such a thing happened again.

Eyewitnesses claimed the injured were attended to in an army ambulance which accompanied the raiding party.

Asked about the purpose of the raid, Brig Van Eyk said "Oh, it was the same as always — stolen property and people taking other people's beds. We had complaints from people there." He refused to say how many of his men were involved in the raid which he confirmed took "something like three hours."



● Mr. Bethuel Hlela — his thigh was bitten by police dog

● The massive Diepkloof single men's hostel complex (top right) was surrounded by members of the SADF while the SAP and Wrab's "blackjacks" raided it. Hostel inmates were loaded into vans which were parked on a nearby sportsfield (below right), before being taken to Orlando police station.

By MURRINI MAKARINGE and BARNEY MTHOMBOTI

Eyewitness estimated the number of police at 400, including the "blackjacks".

Brig Van Eyk referred further inquiries on the matter to Brigadier J J Viktor, Soweto CID chief.

Brig Viktor refused to speak to us because we did not have Police-Press cards.

The SADF spokesman said the army took part in the raid at the request of the police. He referred all questions to the police.

"Our men were there at the request of the police. It is their baby and they will have to answer all the questions. We don't take part in investigations or anything. We were there in a purely supportive role."

Diepkloof Hostel is run by Wrab and many of the residents are friends and neighbours from the homelands. All need permission to be in Johannesburg and permits to stay at the hostel.

Wrab's director of labour, Mr A Steenhuisen, referred reporters to the Dieprenedo Community Council.

Mr G H Brophy, the acting chief executive officer of the council, warned that raids of this nature would be conducted regularly in future to "clear up the hostel".

Mr Brophy said between 600 and 700 people were arrested for trespassing during the raid.

They were taken to Orlando police station where they were held, some for more than three days, before friends paid admission of guilt fines for them.

Others are believed to be serving jail terms at Modder Bee prison in the East Rand.

Some of the men claimed they were kept in a roofless room at Orlando police station. It was so overcrowded they could not sleep. Those who did not pay the R25 admission of guilt fines

were kept in jail until Monday this week.

Mr Bethuel Hlela, 22, was savaged by a police dog when he tried to run away from raiders.

"The police caught me in the dormitory. I managed to get away but a police dog bit

DOGS AND BATONS USED TO ROUND UP 600 MEN

me in the thigh. "I was then taken to an ambulance where my wound was attended to before I was bundled into a waiting police van," he said.

Mr Hlela was released from Orlando Police Station on Friday morning. He went to Baragwanath Hospital for further treatment but, he claims, was told to go back to the people who initially attended to his wounds.

Mr Ephraim Bengu showed the Sunday Express a gash on his knee which he claimed was a dog bite. He has weals on his back and had a black eye.

"I was attacked by three policemen who also let a dog loose on me. I didn't fight

van and taken to Orlando. Mr Patrick Mazubuko, 23, told us he was going to the toilet, dressed in his underpants, when he saw people running around in the yard. The police demanded to see his permit.

"I told them my permit was in my dormitory. They did not give me a chance and started hitting me all over my body with batons. I was dragged to a police van and later taken to Orlando Police Station where I paid a R25 fine." Mr Mazubuko said.

Mr Mazubuko is legally staying at the hostel but when he asked for a refund of his money from the hostel superintendent, he said, he was told he would not get it.

Mr Tshela Mdletshie from Esikhwini in Zululand was also among the residents arrested.

Mr Mdletshie said he was asleep when Black and White policemen in camouflage uniform loudly knocked on the dormitory door at about 11.30pm and burst into the room, woke them up by flashing torches in their eyes and demanded reference books and permits.

"Because I did not have a permit and my reference book was not yet in order, I was dragged into a waiting van in the yard. When the van was full, we were taken to a nearby sportsfield where several police trucks were assembled." Mr Mdletshie said.

He said they were later taken to Orlando Police Station where he spent three days. He was released when a friend paid his R25 admission of guilt fine.

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Toilets blocked for six months

By **MZIKAYISE EDOM**
KWESINE hostel dwellers have had their toilets blocked for the past six months and the inmates have had to use the veld to relieve themselves.

Only the toilets at the entrance gate are functioning and the Y-block is the worst hit. All the toilets in the block are overflowing with night-soil and floors are a mess.

Inmates claim that they have reported the toilets to the local offices

of the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) but a spokesman for Erab denied this.

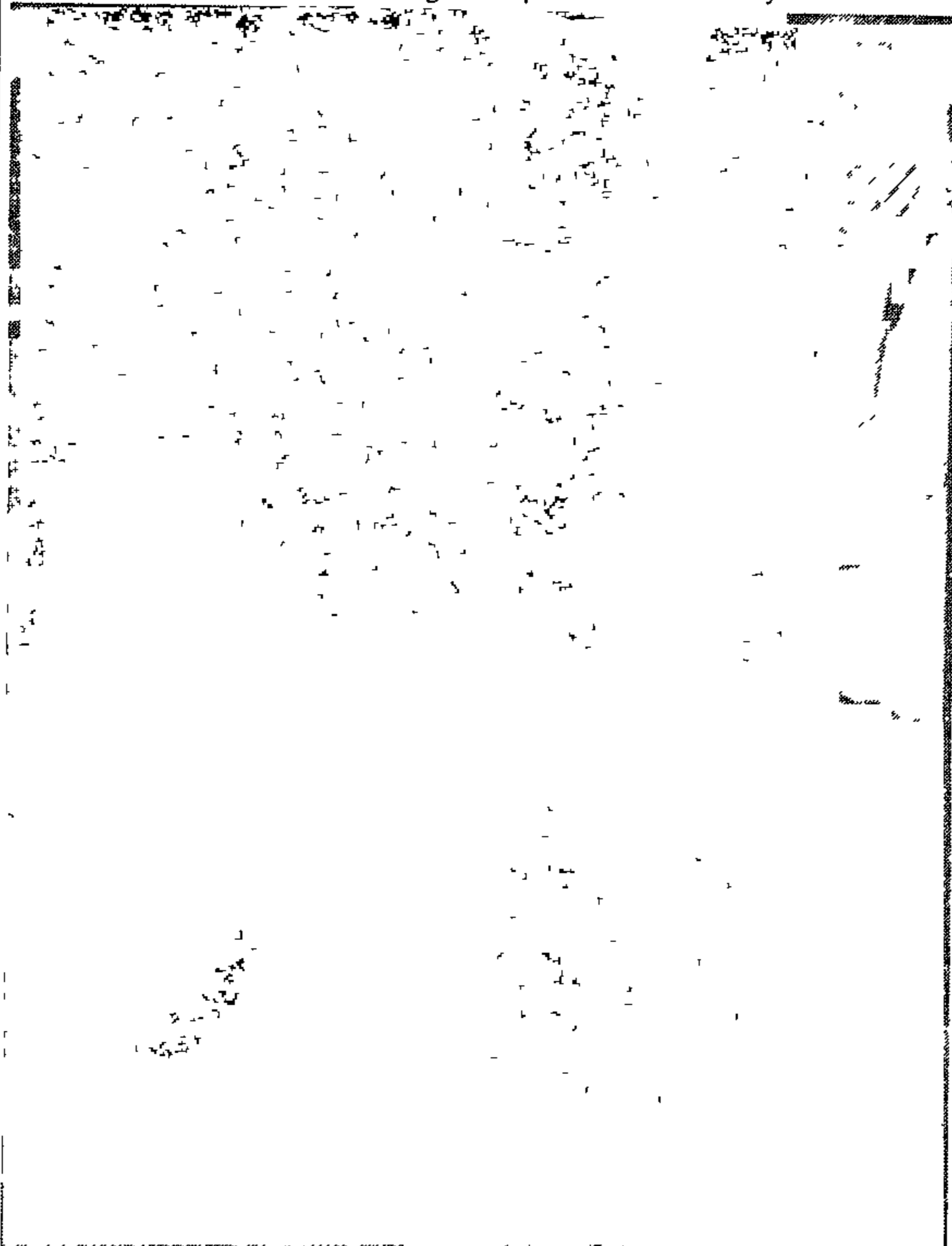
Mr Sammy Molete, whose butchery is situated next to the toilet in block-Y, told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that if the toilets were not repaired immediately, he feared that he would have to close his shop because his sales had gone down.

"The toilets have been blocked for the past six months and I have reported them to Erab but until now they have done nothing to repair the

toilets", he said.

"How can customers buy meat where there is a big pool of dirty smelling water next to the door. In order to keep the flies away we have to keep the door and windows closed and this affects our business a great deal."

A spokesman for Erab said it was the first time he had heard that most of the kwesine hostel toilets were out of order. He promised to investigate and to see to it that they were repaired immediately.



FOUL. A hostel dweller points out a typically blocked bowl

Over 500,000 in the Ground Areas

By Yusuf Nazeer

Half a million black, Asian and coloured people — more than 100 000 families — in the Pretoria, Witwatersrand and the Vaal complex are in need of proper housing.

And the waiting list for houses is growing all the time, according to black spokesmen.

These figures, 1971, related by The Star are significant in the light of huge cutbacks in State spending on housing and the Government's admission that urban black housing could slide into total chaos unless drastic steps are taken soon.

Projects worth R500 million for black and white housing are being delayed or shelved according to recent admissions by the Government.

The Minister of Co-Operation and Development Dr Koorndorp, last night unveiled a plan to combat the increasing black housing crisis.

His announcement came after the release yesterday of the Viljoen Commission's report on black housing.

The report calls for urgent and immediate changes to the Government's approach to black housing.

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The Chief Opposition spokesman on housing Mr Colin Eglin, has said that unless a solution was found to the growing housing crisis, far-reaching consequences — including an increase in social and racial tensions — could result.

Attorneys to civic hundreds of people have been on the waiting list for 15 years or more.

The situation was worst among blacks, they said.

Thousands were living in shacks and other crude makeshift homes.

The situation was particularly bad there said in the F.S.P. and 141 washbips.

In Kallahong 21 000 black families were living in shacks. In Daveyton 2 500 were living in shacks.

The coloured and Indian situation was just as bad.

In Wynburg, Sandton, spokesmen claimed about 2 000 Indians had no space to expand.

Families who had been there since the pre-war years slept in their shops with their grandchildren.

The promised new Indian area, Marlboro Gardens, near Alexandra, supposedly ready for occupation this year, was still on the drawing board.

The State's R500 million cutback on housing projects will slow further development of the Department of Community Development's plan.

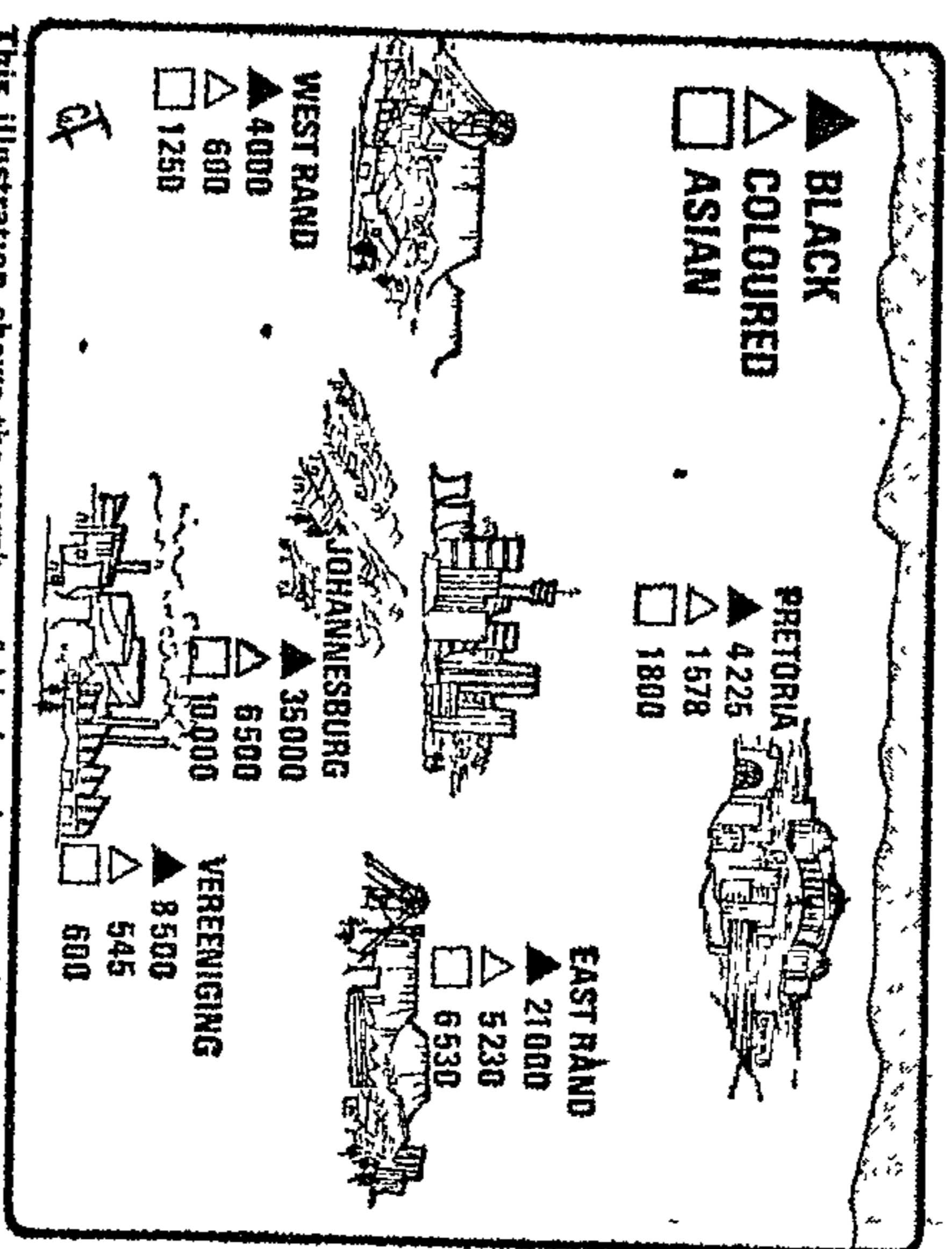
In Verasia about 6 000 families were living in backyards, garages, to end houses.

and single, tened rooms with other families in seriously overcrowded conditions.

The same applied to Fordsburg.

In Soweto a West Rand Administration Board official said the waiting list was about 22 000.

But he agreed with



This illustration shows the number of black, coloured and Asian families on the waiting list for homes in the PWV area.

room for us to sleep at night,' reports a mother of seven whose family lives in one room in the camp -- formerly the Meadowlands single men's hostels. 'We sleep in shifts -- and even so one of the children sleeps on a table which we store on top of the cupboard at night.'

The family has been on the housing waiting-list since 1977. Along with 1160 other families, who had been squatting in Kliptown, they were temporarily accommodated by Wrab in the hostels -- only 60 have been re-accommodated since. 'It's not that we can't afford accommodation there simply isn't any available,' the mother says.

Wrab director John Knoetze comments: 'About 50% of the people living in the hostels can afford economic housing. We accommodated them temporarily in these hostels just as a humane act because they had nowhere to go. These people are just part of Soweto's housing problem -- there are 21 000 people on the housing waiting list' (This is a conservative estimate -- some put the shortage at 36 000).

Although government-funded plans for re-housing the squatters are advanced, recent cut-backs in Treasury allocations for housing have cast uncertainty about when these will materialise. According to Knoetze: 'Two areas of ground have been set aside for the re-housing of 240 families. Another 150 families will be housed elsewhere and the remainder absorbed in areas like Chiawelo.'

The squatters are all Section 10 qualified

people who were squatting illegally at the time of the floods. Now they are squatting legally, but *inside* the hostel buildings. They have erected makeshift partitions, walls and ceilings in a desperate attempt to create privacy.

Inside the 232 hostel blocks, each previously housing 16 single men, there are no interior dividing corridor walls and at least five families live in each unit. This means that family living space is frequently used as a public passageway. To compensate, most people have constructed makeshift interior walls from any available material.

Families of six or more are now squashed into the spaces previously allocated to two single men. The largest family spaces (a four-bed room) are no bigger than a reasonable-sized stable and it is not unusual to find 10 people living here. Cooking takes place in these vermin and bug-infested areas.

Knoetze says, 'the fact that facilities are poor has never been a secret. But the hostels are much better than their original accommodation.' Not everybody agrees. One disheartened resident says: 'Our Kliptown shacks were much bigger and more comfortable although the walls were tin rather than brick. It is so overcrowded here, sometimes at night you feel like you can't breathe.'

There is no electricity and scant running water. Sinks are attached to lavatory blocks meaning about 100 people to a sink. The toilets are filthy, so it is small wonder that diarrhoea is prevalent. A Diepmeadow councillor says the health authorities are 'extremely worried and are watching things very carefully.'

Then there is the problem of security. A resident says: 'You can't go out at night, not even to the communal toilet where you run the risk of rape, if not murder. So people use pots in their rooms and are sometimes forced to relieve themselves in front of their families. It is very humiliating.' Another adds that in the mornings excrement is often emptied near her door.

While there are 44 ablution units, it is difficult to find a shower that works -- residents maintain none do. One of the shower blocks was, until recently, being used as a creche for 80 children before it was closed by Wrab.

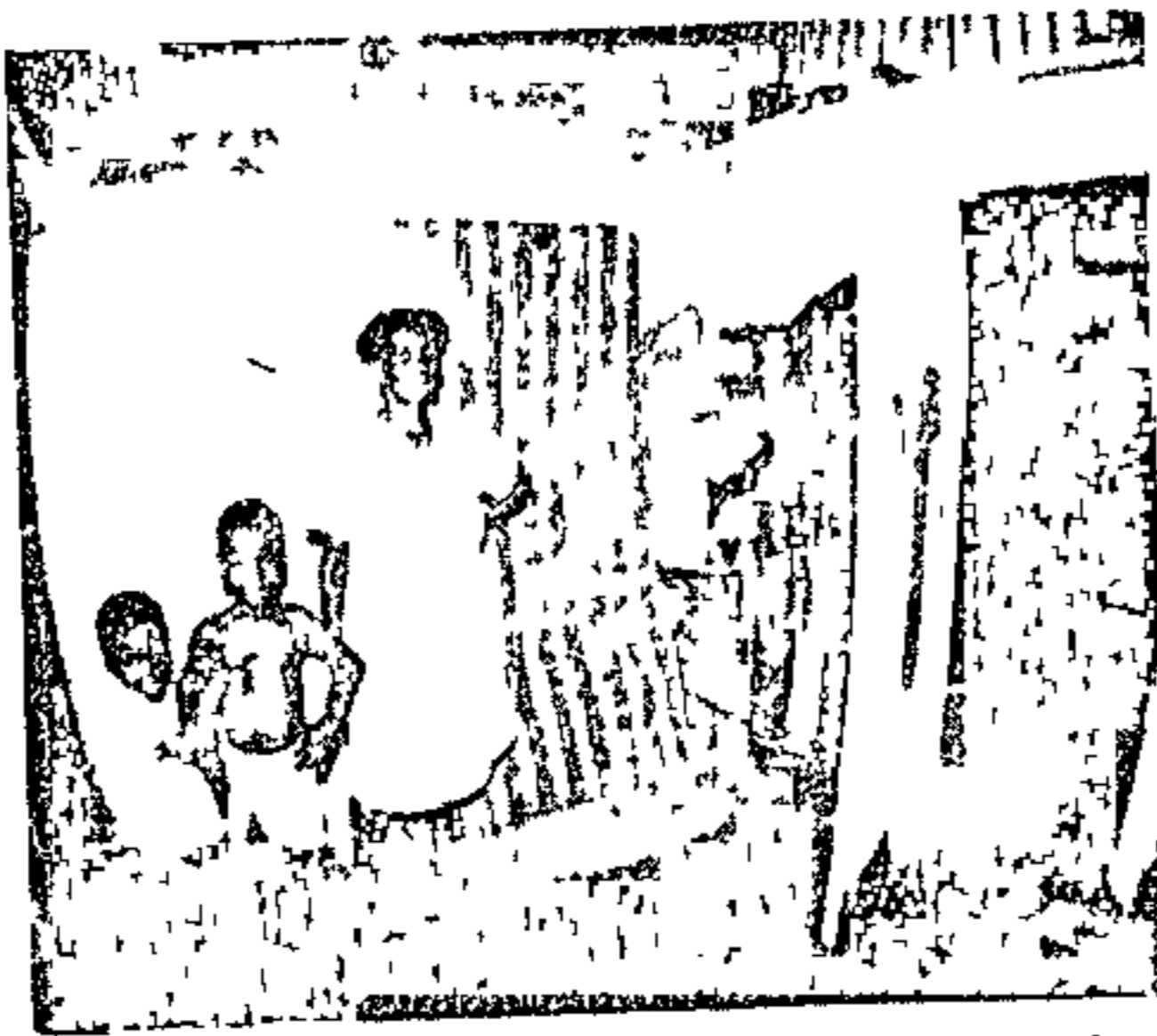
It is time this situation was cleaned up.

SOWETO TRANSIT CAMP (127) After the floods

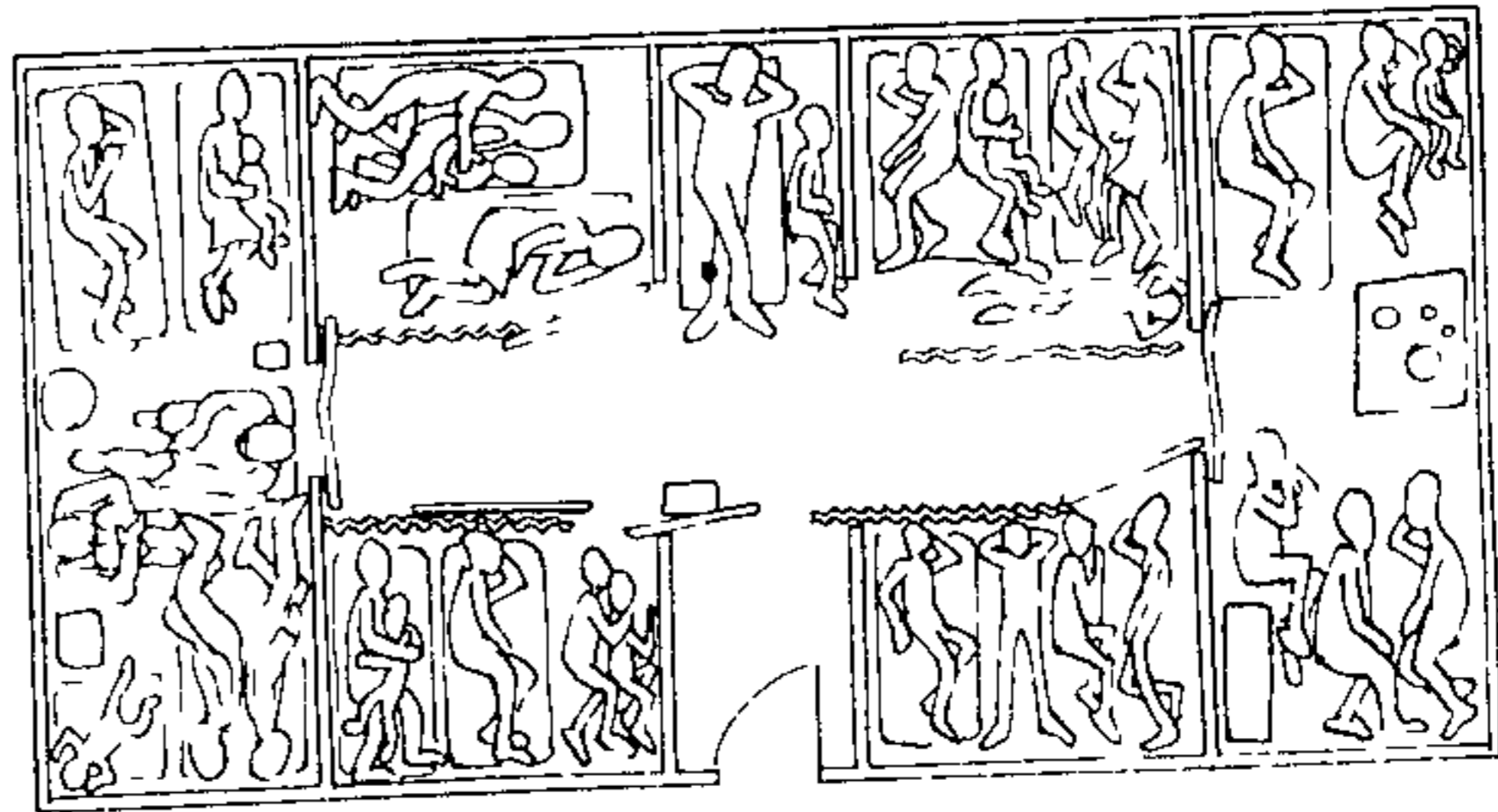
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A year after the Laingsburg floods, most whites have been suitably accommodated in the town once more. That is a commendable action by Pretoria. But what of the 1100 black families (at least 6000 people) who have been living in Soweto's Mzimlope transit camp since the 1977 Kliptown floods? These people are still squatting in makeshift shacks inside brick shells provided by the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab).

On-the-spot investigations by the FM showed that the crowding is severe (see diagram). 'My husband and I work as cleaners on night-shift because there is no



The Mzimlope transit camp inside (top), exterior (left), artist's impression (right). Health authorities 'extremely worried'



Govt 'yes' to 5-year Soweto housing plan

Call Title 29/1/82 (127)

A R770,7 million "five-year plan" to provide a minimum of 55 000 housing units in Soweto has been recommended by the Viljoen Committee investigating private sector involvement in housing in the township

The plan is included in the committee's recommendations which were accepted in principle in a joint statement by the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, and the Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr Danie Steyn

The committee recommended that black people should be granted "a stake" in Soweto and called for the urgent introduction of a subsidy scheme for prospective home owners in Soweto

Reason for crisis

The report, following an investigation into private sector involvement in resolving the housing backlog in Soweto, cites as a reason for the present housing crisis there, the policy "to regard the urban black population as a temporary phenomenon only"

This policy resulted in the obligation being placed mainly on the State to provide a limited amount of temporary accommodation for the temporary sojourners, without offering any security of title or tenure

"The private sector at large remained largely uninvolved while the individual black household remained passive to the system

"Because of this basic philosophy of provision of accommodation for temporary sojourners (as opposed to a housing process in which all elements and resources are involved and motivated towards the creation of a stable and vibrant community), the accumulated "backlog" is being addressed almost solely by the State"

The committee's report recommends a top level and urgent examination of the financial implications of subsidising "the individual who borrows private sector capital either to buy a house or to build a house"

Such an examination should be conducted by a committee consisting of strong private sector and State representation, which should prescribe the manner of calculating the subsidy and the criteria for determining who should be entitled to it

The same subsidies and criteria should be applicable to the individual regardless of the sector from whom he buys the housing, obtains a loan or the method of constructing the housing

Utmost urgency

The subsidies should be determined, the criteria set and the revised subsidy scheme introduced as a matter of utmost urgency

A further recommendation is based on the existing security of title and tenure for the black householder by means of the 99-year leasehold title. Pointing out that no such security had been offered to the developer or employer, the report states "Such security is a fundamental prerequisite, not only for confidence but also to enable the developer or employer to mobilize the necessary loan finance

"Leasehold title must, therefore, be granted to housing developers and employers"

The report also recommends the establishment of a utility housing corporation or corporations to help mobilize private sector resources

Unnecessary control

Referring to fundamental prerequisites to private sector involvement in black housing, the Viljoen Committee stresses that "unnecessary control, red tape and discretionary interference should be eliminated if an active housing market is to be established"

Government funded housing and private sector housing had to be allowed to compete on the same terms

Furthermore, the report says, its recommendations regarding greater involvement by the private sector "should not in any way be interpreted to mean that the public sector involvement should be reduced"

It points out that private sector finance should not be seen as "the panacea for all housing problems"

Regarding subsidies for rental and ownership schemes, the report states that while the government is likely to remain primarily responsible for providing housing for those with an income between R10 and R150 a month, subsidies should be applicable to both rental and ownership schemes at all levels of income — Sapa

Soldiers DID help police in hostel raid

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By BARNEY MTHOMBOTHI

THE DIVISIONAL Commissioner of Police in Soweto, Brigadier Mulder van Eyk, this week refused to discuss a recent midnight raid on a hostel.

The Sunday Express reported last week that the police, with Defence Force men and West Rand Administration Board police, raided the Diepkloof hostel, arresting more than 600 people for trespassing.

Many of those arrested told the Sunday Express that brutality was applied during the arrest. Some had dog bite wounds. This has been denied by the police.

Soldiers from the nearby Doornkop army base cordoned off the massive complex, while policemen and Wrab 'black-jacks' — with dogs and batons — went in searching for people living at the hostel without permits. Dog handlers were posted at strategic points.

Many residents told the Sunday Express they were bitten by dogs and baton-charged. They also claimed an army ambulance was in attendance during the raid.

Brig van Eyk emphatically denied that soldiers were involved. However, a Defence Force spokesman confirmed that the army took part.

Asked to comment about the contradiction, Brig Van Eyk said he was not going to get involved in arguments.

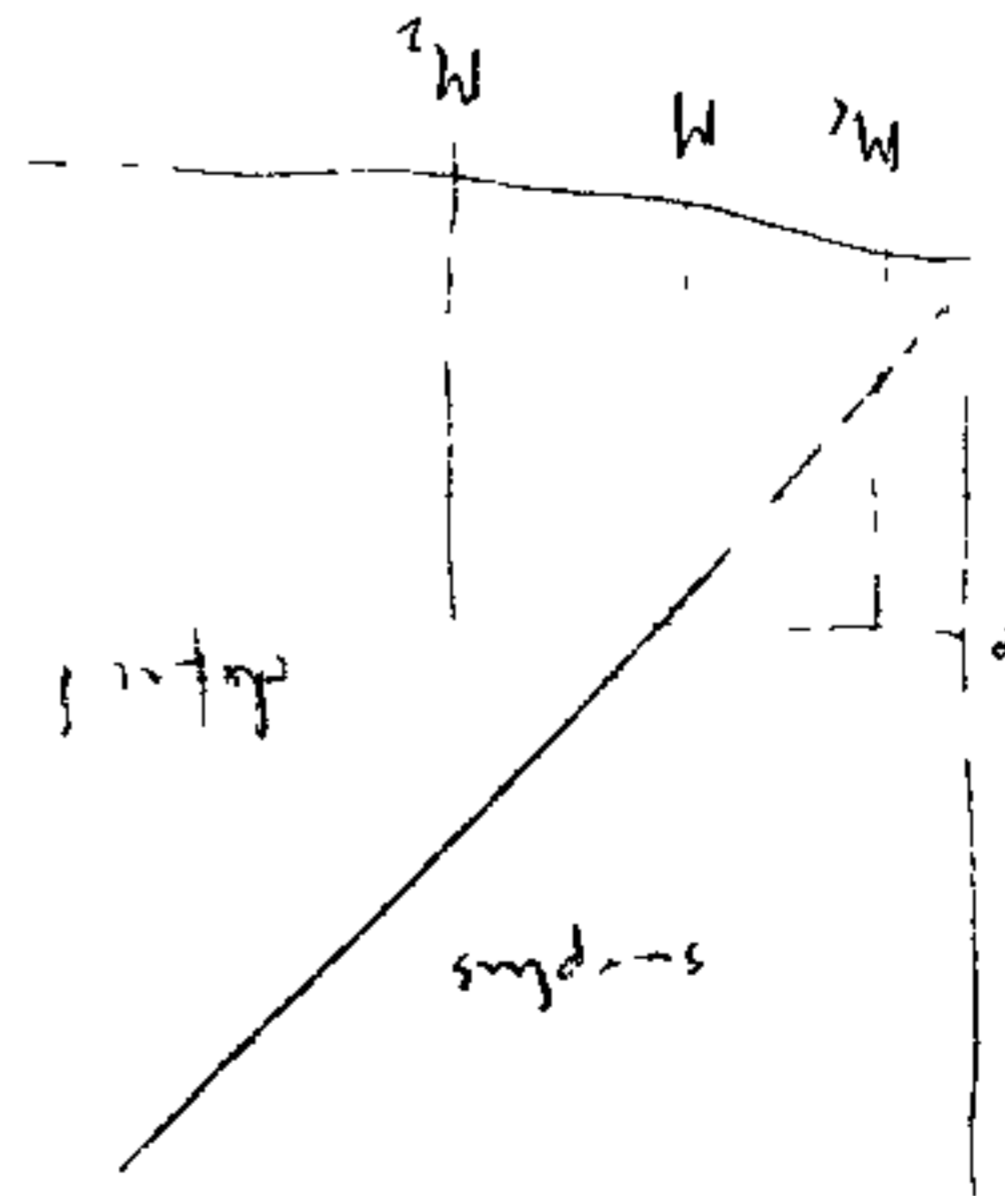
The Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria confirmed that the Defence Force had been involved.

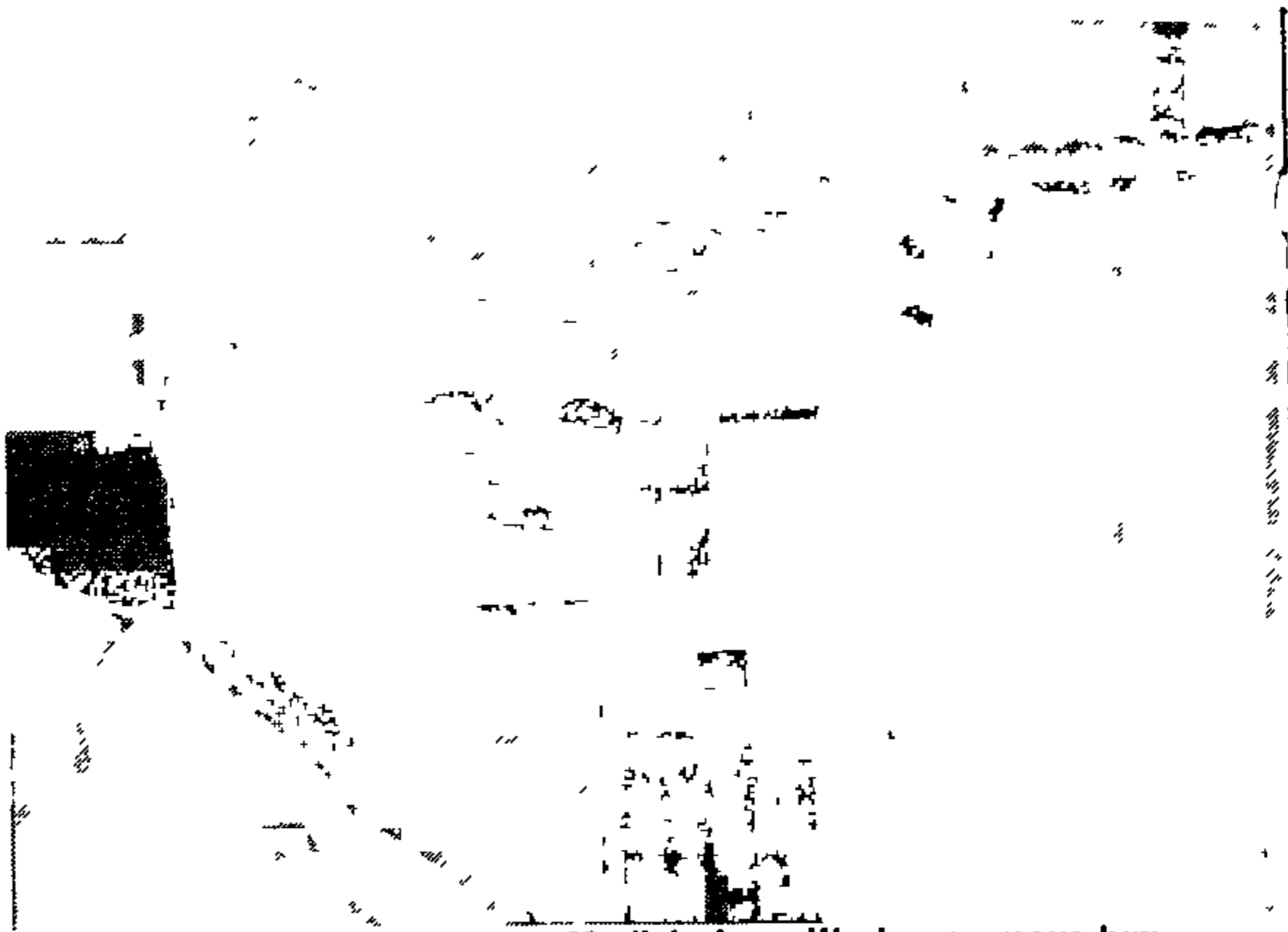
A spokesman said the army was only used to form a cordon around the complex while the police searched the premises for illegals.

"They did not take part in the actual raid," the spokesman said.

However, one hostel resident, sporting a black eye, told the Sunday Express he had been kicked by a soldier.

The police spokesman said it was unnecessary for him to answer further questions. All the men arrested, he said, had been fined.





WORRIED. Mr Ernest Madlala fears Wrab may move him.

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Threat to move family

A Soweto family is being haunted by fear of eviction from their home in Orlando West — although a Supreme Court has ordered otherwise.

Mr Ernest Madlala of Goat Site Number 2, Orlando West, claims he was approached by a Wrab employee last Wednesday and told to move. He says the messenger told him his house was to be demolished to make way for a highway which is being constructed in Orlando West.

Late last week, the Rand Supreme Court ordered Wrab and the contract company constructing the highway, Peter Faber (Pty), to show cause why they could demolish the house without a court order.

Mr Madlala also applied for alternative accommodation.

A Wrab spokesman said Mr Madlala and his family were "illegals" in the area.

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Rents up R10

127 By JOSHUA RABOROKO

HOUSE rentals in townships falling under the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board are to go up by R10 as from March 1.

In addition, residents occupying houses with electricity where the consumption is metered, will have to pay an additional increase of about R2-R4 a month, depending upon the number of units consumed.

The Vaal Community Council jointly with the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board resolved to increase service and house rentals in the area during a meeting last week.

The increases were confirmed to **The SOWETAN** by the chief director of the OVAB, Mr D C Ganz, and community council chairman Mr Josia "Knox" Matjila yesterday.

The announcement has provoked dissatisfaction among residents and opposition groups, who maintain the hikes are unnecessary.

In a statement, Mr Ganz said the council resolved to levy a general increase in services charges of R5,00 a month and an increase in house rentals of R5,00 as from March 1.

The increase in regard to electricity, he said, is due to an increase in the unit cost of electricity provided by Escom. Residents occupying houses where electricity is not metered, will have to pay an additional levy of 50 cents per month.

Mr Ganz said inflation alone caused a rise of 7 percent annually in service charges.

The postponement of any capital projects for one year would cost approximately 12 percent more the following year, he said.

Several meetings to



MATJILA: Announces hike.

explain the new rentals were held in various townships in the Vaal complex at the weekend.

A contingent of policemen kept the meetings under surveillance, but no incidents were reported.

At a meeting in Sebokeng, Councillor Edwin Mofokeng told residents that he was opposed to the hikes, but was outvoted by other councillors who favoured the increased rentals.

He was opposed to the increases because most black people were still reeling under the escalating cost of living and did not earn wages that could keep "their home fires burning".

He was booed and jeered by residents who said that he was only "bluffing them" when he said he was opposed to the hikes because he was part of the council and he did not consult them before the resolution was taken.

At one stage, Mr Mofokeng was threatened with assault by some angry residents who accused the council of being "rubber stamps" for the administration board.

To this threat, Mr Mofokeng, who carried a

gun, replied: "I am not afraid of anybody here, I am a tsotsi councillor. I can fight anybody anywhere." After this exchange of words some residents left the meeting in protest.

But Mr Mofokeng went on with the few who remained and told them that the council would speed up most projects proposed by the council last year.

The council will improve street lights, tar all roads and provide electricity to all houses in his ward. He was also "sick and tired" of empty promises by the Government.

But, Mr Mofokeng said, all these projects could not get off the ground if the residents were not prepared to pay for them. The residents' co-operation in adjusting their payments was appreciated.

He promised to represent the residents' complaints to the administration board and the community council before the new rents were introduced.

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Reiger Park's leaders slate cut in housing

By Tyrone August

Reiger Park community leaders are furious about the huge cutbacks in State spending on housing because this has resulted in the shelving of plans to build 260 houses in the area.

"Why should there be a \$500 million cut-back from such a sensitive area as housing?" asked the secretary of the Reiger Park Tenants' and Ratepayers' Association, Mr George du Plessis

"We were promised that 52 houses would be ready by the first week of March, and that work would start on another 104 immediately afterwards

"We are tired of promises. We are beginning to regard them as nothing but shrouded deceit and hypocrisy"

The riots in Reiger Park last May indicated how critical the township's housing shortage was. "Immediately afterwards it was announced that \$1 million would be set aside for housing," he said

"But now that the whole situation seems under control again, a decision can so easily be taken to shelve plans to ease the housing crisis"

Mrs Ellen Lambert, chairman of the association, called the decision to complete only 52 of the planned 260 houses "stubborn arrogance and selfishness"

"There are 3 200 families on the waiting list. It is a disgrace. This is the price we pay for so-called separate development," she said

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public, if so, what are the main recommendations contained in the report?

†The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS.

- (1) Yes
- (2) No The report is expected in April 1982
- (3) No Recommendations which may be accepted will, however, be reported on in a White Paper which will be tabled in Parliament

Milk and Milk Products Scheme

*7 Mr. P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

For what reason are restrictions applied to a certain distributor involved in the Milk and Milk Products Scheme in the Cape Peninsula area, as mentioned in his reply to Question No 448 on 7 October 1981?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

The Company concerned applied for registration as a distributor of fresh milk to the Indian community of the Rylands Estate and to the Coloured community of Wynberg only. After negotiations between the Control Board, the Company and interested dealers, the Company was registered to distribute fresh milk in a larger area, viz all the proclaimed Indian and Coloured areas of the Cape Peninsula area.

The remainder of the Cape Peninsula area is being very well catered for by the existing distributors and there were in the opinion of the Control Board no valid reasons to register the Company concerned as a fresh milk distributor in respect of the Cape Peninsula area as a whole.

Committee to investigate private sector involvement in resolving the housing backlog in Soweto

*8 Mr G B D McINTOSH asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

Whether the report of the committee under the chairmanship of Mr A F V. Viljoen to investigate private sector involvement in resolving the housing backlog in Soweto will be laid upon the Table; if not, why not, if so, when?

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The said report is an interdepartmental committee report, not a commission report, and has been released for publication on 27 January 1982 and is obtainable from the Government Printer. I have made copies available to the leaders of the Opposition Parties and laid a copy upon the Table.

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*9 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

Whether a source of funding for the laying of extra pipes and the erection of taps to improve the water supply to the shanty town in the Port Elizabeth Black township known as Soweto has been finalized, if not, when is it anticipated that a source of funding will be finalized if so (a) when will such work commence and (b) what is the anticipated cost thereof?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Yes,

- (a) The work has already commenced
- (b) R80 000

Advocate-General's Report

*10 Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Environment Affairs

- (1) Whether the two officials who

brought to attention the irregularities in paragraphs 3.1 to 8 of the report in terms of Advocate-General's Report of 1979, which was published on 16 September 1979, and (b) what action

- (2) whether he will take any further action on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS

- (1) No (a), (b)
- (2) No

Bloemfontein

*11. Prof N. M. ... Minister of Transport

- (1) Whether the matter of Bloemfontein has been considered

- (2) whether the Bundamba road from Port Elizabeth to Thabamela has been estimated

- (3) whether the estimated cost will be the same as that of the other roads

- (4) whether the Government has taken any action in this regard

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

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281 Hammond Liquor Act 3/2/82
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*14 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Industries, Commerce and Tourism

Whether he intends to introduce legislation during the current session to amend the provisions of the Liquor Act relating to the statutory separation of races in retail bottle stores, liquor supermarkets and off-sales outlets, if not, why not, if so, in what respects?

†The MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES, COMMERCE AND TOURISM

No The Liquor Act, 1977 does not contain any provision relating to the separation of races in bottle stores, supermarkets or off-sales outlets. Such provision can be imposed on a licence, or where it exists be amended, after consideration by the Liquor Board. An announcement in this regard has already been made by me on 18 May 1981 at the annual general meeting of FEDHASA.

The hon. member should just wake up [Interjections]

†Mr SPEAKER Order!

Perskor: circulation figures

*15 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice

- (1) Whether the Attorney-General of the Transvaal has come to a decision on the laying of charges as a result of police investigations into the alleged falsification of Perskor circulation figures, if not, when can such decision be expected, if so, what is his decision,
- (2) on what date was such Attorney-General placed in possession of the relevant police file,
- (3) whether there has been a delay in the Attorney-General's arriving at a decision on the matter, if so, why?

†The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

- (1) The Attorney-General of the Transvaal will soon make his decision known
- (2) 29 July 1981
- (3) No The police docket is voluminous and the studying thereof made high demands on the time of available staff. It is not unusual that a considerable period of time is taken up by the studying of cases of this magnitude

127 Hammond Marlboro 3/2/82
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*16 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Community Development

Whether he will make a statement on the progress made in the development of Marlboro for the occupation of Indians?

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Good progress is still being maintained with the development of the area. The land acquisition programme and planning of the township which will be known as Marlboro Gardens and Marlboro Gardens Extension 1 has been completed. With the exception of the proposed access road, the installation of internal services has almost been completed whilst a contract for electricity provision has been concluded with ESCOM and the work will hopefully commence within the next few months. The construction of the access road, which is receiving urgent attention, is a prerequisite for township establishment. The sale of building sites will be arranged in such a manner that it will as far as possible coincide with township establishment that will hopefully take place before the end of 1982. The proposed National Housing Commission project consisting of 50 dwellings will, subject to the availability of funds, be undertaken during the 1983/84 financial year.

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Wives must have a say

Row looms over husband's ability to 'evict' his estranged family

By NORMAN NGALE

A MAMELODI senior community councillor has warned that the Administration Board for Central Transvaal's move to allow men to sell their houses without their wife's consent would cause serious problems for the town-

ship.

Mr. Alex Kekana was reacting to a sale of a house in his ward by the township manager which led to the eviction of a woman and her four children.

Mr Kekana said he was shocked and annoyed when on his re-

turn from the University of Zululand where he had taken his daughter he found the family in the streets.

Mrs Elizabeth Maebela of 3515 Section L told The SOWETAN that she was taken by surprise when on Monday last week, her hus-

band who had walked out on the family returned and told her he was packing his belongings because the house was sold to another family.

Mrs Maebela's was the second house in the township to be sold in this way within a month.

Earlier last month Mrs Sarah Triane had to vacate her 7443 Section V home after her husband had sold it.

He said he had another such case pending in his ward and that he would ask the council to immediately look into this regulation.

Neither Mr J A van Eeden, director of housing for the Administration Board nor Mr C Kotze, chief director of housing for the Administration Board nor Mr C Kotze, chief director of the Board could be reached for comment.

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'We won't demolish our shacks'

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ABOUT 500 residents of Mamelodi last week unanimously agreed to ignore instructions by the Central Transvaal Administration Board to demolish backyard shacks.

The decision and a call to the Government to build more houses in the township were made by the Vulamehlo Vukani People's Party (VVPP) held in Mr Zikhali Ndlazi's ward

Mr Ndlazi, president of the party, told the meeting that the board threatened residents about the shacks without even consulting the local community council

"Our community council is a useless and toothless body which allows the administration board to do as it pleases in the community," Mr Ndlazi, himself a councillor, said

Members of the Press were shown 44 notices warning individual residents who built shacks in their backyards that if such shacks — or 'Zozos' — were not demolished action would be taken against them

Mr Ndlazi condemned his council chairman, Mr W M Aphane, for issuing a directive

By NORMAN NGALE

in agreement with the board that residents should demolish their shacks

"Houses are no longer being built in Mamelodi and children who get married have problems of accommodation. Meanwhile, whites are being provided with flats," Mr Ndlazi said

Some women members of his party have formed a committee to campaign against the demolition of shacks and have vowed to take the board to court if it tried to demolish them by force

Mr Ndlazi told his audience that as from April tenants, who included their grown-up children, would be made to pay a rental of R10 each

He said because of the housing shortage major children were forced to stay together with their wives or husbands and children with their parents in four-roomed houses

Shacks row blazes

THE Central Administration Board would take drastic action against Mamelodi township residents who ignored the call to demolish backyard shacks or "Zozos", says local community council chairman Mr W M Aphane.

He was reacting to the unanimous decision by about 500 residents who vowed at the weekend to ignore the board's directive to demolish the shacks

Although he was against the board's ruling, Mr Aphane said he was most concerned about people who built and rented "Zozo" houses at exorbitant prices

He added "The land belongs to the board and there is nothing we can do. This directive could fall off if the shacks are built for the sole purpose of housing families and not for business. Each case would be dealt

with its merit

"Instead of solving the problem, some councillors call public meetings to discredit me. They intimidate (sic) residents to riot. I requested my councillors to submit reports on the number of shacks or Zozos in the township. I am still waiting for that report. My councillors are failing me."

Mr Aphane described as "nonsense" allegations by Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, councillor and president of the Vulamehlo Vukani Peoples' Party, that he had issued a directive in agreement with the board that resi-

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dents should demolish their shacks

"I am against this ruling. Right now there are about 3 000 people on the official waiting list for housing. Residents who have received circulars to demolish shacks should come to the office and discuss their problems with me," said Mr Aphane

At a community council meeting held last week, it was revealed that four local science teachers had resigned from their posts due to the acute shortage of houses

In an effort to curb the exodus, the council complied with a request by a local ward inspector to build Zozo houses for teachers without houses

Pageview 90 'ready for a little move'

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A SPOKESMAN for the Save Pageview Association, Mr Soni Hari, has vowed to move to Newfordsdorp — and persuade others to do the same — if the Johannesburg City Council is prepared to provide housing there for 90 Pageview families

By ANNE SACKS

The offer was contained in a statement issued by the association after this week's two-hour city council debate on a motion deploring the Government's decision to keep Pageview white

residential area, has little potential for residential development

Mr Hari was replying to a speech in which veteran management committee chief Mr Francois Oberholzer said Fordsburg, Burgersdorp and part of Newtown, which the Government has proposed as an Indian residential area, could house 30 000 people

Now Mr Hari has asked the council to provide housing for 90 families as a pilot scheme for the redevelopment of the area

Mr Oberholzer said the Minister of Community Development had consulted the council and together they had demarcated the proposed area

The Save Pageview Association's statement added the housing shortage for Johannesburg Indians was around 10 000, and not the 2 000 Mr Oberholzer believed it to be

There were 6 000 names on the waiting list and thousands of others were living "illegally" in "white" areas

Businessmen and community leaders have said Newfordsdorp, a valuable commercial, industrial and

Mr Oberholzer, in his speech supporting the amendment to the motion, said Pageview could accommodate only 1 000 people

Strange

Mr Oberholzer said it was "absolutely strange" that the President's Council had not consulted the city council about Pageview. However, the President's Council had invited interested parties to submit memoranda, which the Cape Town City Council did in the case of District Six

A PFP councillor Mr Winston Herzenberg said it was the management committee — and not only the PFP — which boycotted the President's Council. The management committee had ignored the issue to avoid embarrassment by recommending that the suburb stay white

Mr Oberholzer said in his speech the management committee could have made political capital by recommending that Johannesburg's flatland be declared open to all

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Lodgers' rent are doubled

RENTS for lodgers in the Vaal complex townships have gone up by 100 percent since January 1.

The news comes a week after the Vaal Community Council resolved to increase house rental in the area by R10 from March 1.

The new rents have been slammed by opposition groups and residents who maintain that they are not necessary.

There are suggestions in some quarters that the Vaal Council and the Orange-Vaal Administration Board should be taken to the Supreme Court restraining them from introducing the rents.

The new rents for lodgers are: For unmarried men R6 (previously R3), head of family with wife and dependents R8 (R4) and head of family (wife) with dependents R5 (R3).

Explaining the reasons for the increases, the OVAB's assistant director of housing, Mr N Louw said that it must be taken into consideration that inflation alone caused a rise of 7 percent in the service charges to enable the council to

BY JOSHI MRAEOROKO

maintain the present standard of services in the various townships.

He said lodgers made use of electricity, streets and street lights.

The board would strive hard to reduce the housing backlog which stood at thousands in the new year.

Meanwhile, the SOWETAN has established that all male persons of the age of 18 and above who work and stay with their parents are expected to have lodgers permits.

Students are expected to bring proof that they are attending school and private candidates are also expected to have permits because there is no proof.

This practice has been condemned by Mr Stephen Ntsoeng, chairman of Basutswana Party, who said: "The council is trying to make our children men at a tender age."

"The lodger's permits

are confusing in that if you stay with three of your sons who are not working then it means that you will be expected to pay rent and they also pay rents separately.

"This practice is ridiculous in that children who are still young and have difficulty in trying to raise money to go to school will be expected to pay rents. Where do they get money from?"

Mr Ntsoeng says lodgers permits should in fact be scrapped and more houses built, instead.

A resident, Mr Moses Mopole, said that the increase in lodgers permits were too big and would actually cause family disorganisation in some instances.

Pensioners who cannot afford to pay increased rentals are often harassed by people who pretend to be lodgers and subsequently use dirty tricks to obtain such houses.

Respite on widow's house claim

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THE Pretoria Supreme Court Judge has reserved judgment on an application by a Tembisa widow to restrain the East Rand Administration Board, the local council and two other people from evicting her out of her house.

Ms Matina Nkadia (no age given) of 522 Lifateng Section, Tembisa had brought an urgent application before Mr Justice K van Dyk Horst Wednesday.

The respondents in the case are Erab, the Tembisa Community Council, Ms Mirriam Mahlazi and Ms Mabel Nkadia

According to the papers before the court, Ms Mabel Nkadia daughter — in — law of the applicant had sold the house which fell under her name following the death of her husband to Ms Mahlazi without her mother-in-law's knowledge

The sale of the house meant that Ms Nkadia senior and her other children had to vacate it for Ms Mahlazi.

Mr Jack Unterhalter, SC for Ms Nkadia senior told the court that the matter started after the death of Mr Nkadia when his wife could then under regulations governing permit holding not obtain a permit, and had her son as permit holder

Her son, Samuel who later married Mabel, died in the late 1970's and following his death the house permit was then given to Mabel who, following an argument with her mother in-law vacated the house

According to evidence, the latter bought the house from Erab for R 1 500, and within six months time resold it to Ms Mahlazi without Ms Nkadia's knowledge

Ms Nkadia senior, according to Mr Unterhalter was called to the Erab office where the superintendent told her to vacate the house bought by somebody else on July 29, 1981 she received a letter from Ms Mahlazi's lawyers giving her three days to quit the house

Her defence argued that the Erab sale of the house to her daughter-in-law was in contrast with a regulation which stipulated that a certificate of occupancy (an official acknowledgement of the sale) could only be issued when there was a house available

The defence argued that in this case the house was still being occupied by Ms Nkadia's family who were dependents of both her deceased husband and son respectively

Mr C Vermaak, SC for Erab said when Mr William Nkadia died, his dependents were no longer protected by his permit which according to regulations ceases on his death unless re-applied for

He said according to regulations, when William died physically, there were people occupying the house but because of a lapse of the permit the house was available for new occupation.

Ms Nkadia junior who was not represented told the judge that she had nothing to say because she had only come to court to hear how the case fared

Indian homes plan needed urgently - Oberholzer

Star 5/2/82

By Yussuf Nazeer

The State, or private enterprise, should build homes and flats in the Fordsburg-Burghersdorp-Newton complex as soon as possible to house Indian and coloured people living in white areas of Johannesburg. Mr J F Oberholzer, chairman of the city council's management committee, said yesterday.

Commenting on the "problem" of Indian and coloured people living in white areas, he said the building of homes in the Fordsburg area would quickly siphon away those living in Mayfair, Pageview, Hillbrow and other white areas.

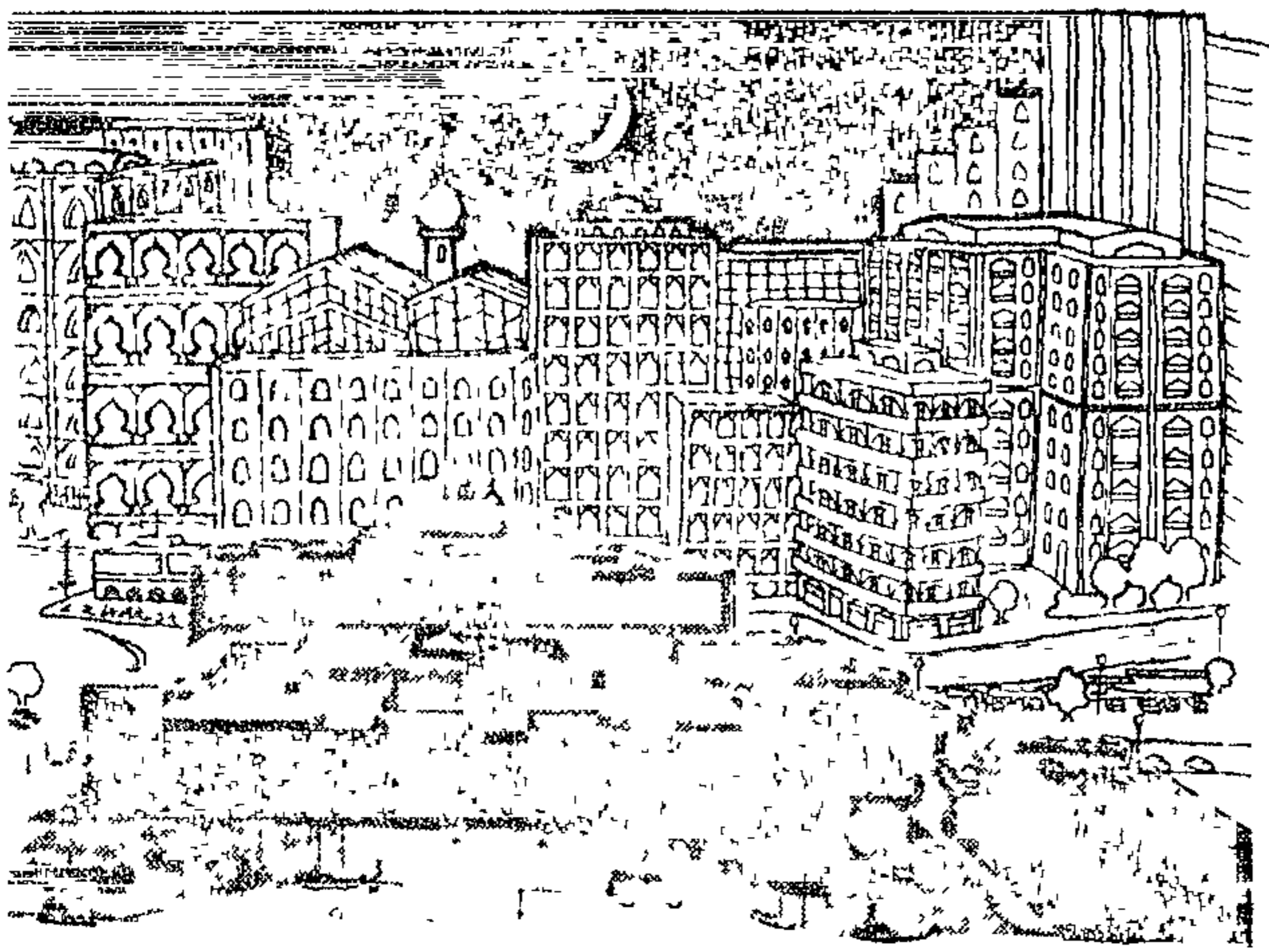
A survey has shown that the Fordsburg-Burghersdorp-Newton complex could accommodate 30 000 people, said Mr Oberholzer. The area could be transformed into a Hillbrow with low and high rise flats — and the Oriental Plaza the vortex.

Mr Oberholzer said 2 000 Johannesburg Indian families (about 10 000 people) needed homes. And it would take less than a year to house them if the State or private enterprise went into action immediately.

But Indian civic spokesmen disputed the number on the waiting list. One of the Save Pageview Committee, which has called on the Government to build flats in Fordsburg urgently for the Group Areas victims of Pageview and Mayfair, said 6 000 families needed homes.

Mr Sam Moss, the Progressive Federal Party leader in the council, said the Government had misled the people about Fordsburg — it was a prime industrial area which had become prohibitively expensive to develop.

Property there was selling at inflated prices since the Government announced that the area would be handed to Indians. Rentals on new flats would be R600 to R700 a month.



believes that development of Fordsburg-Newton as an extension would in less than a year house the Indians and coloured people living in white areas. The centre is the Oriental Plaza.

Help old folk, PW is urged

Municipal Reporter
The Prime Minister Mr P W Botha has been urged by the New Republic public Party to improve the lot of retired people.

Leader of the NRP municipal team Mr Edmund Elias has promised to raise the issue when Mr Botha speaks at a public meeting in the Johannesburg City Hall on February 25.

The NRP has written to Mr Botha urging immediate steps to help thousands of old people squeezed by housing shortages and low pensions.

"Their well-being is a direct responsibility of your administration."

Mr Elias told The Star the NRP would attend Mr Botha's pre-election meeting, which would be an ideal opportunity for him to announce major reforms on pensions policy.

Determination was Arnie's gift to family

When Arnie Taylor died tragically last year, he passed on a gift of determination that surpasses any material wealth he could have left his family.

The former world bantamweight boxing champion was killed in a motorcycle accident in November. All he had in the bank was R300.

Arnie's widow Regina Taylor has a part-time job in Langlaagte, selling cosmetics.

She said she gets a pension from the bakery in Malvern where Arnie worked.

The family is also supported by the money that Arnie's former trainer, Pat Jackson, collected in December.

The R4 600 that boxing fans donated is held by Mr Dave Levin

on behalf of the boxing board. Mrs Taylor said.

A Johannesburg inquest magistrate found yesterday no one was to blame for Taylor's death.

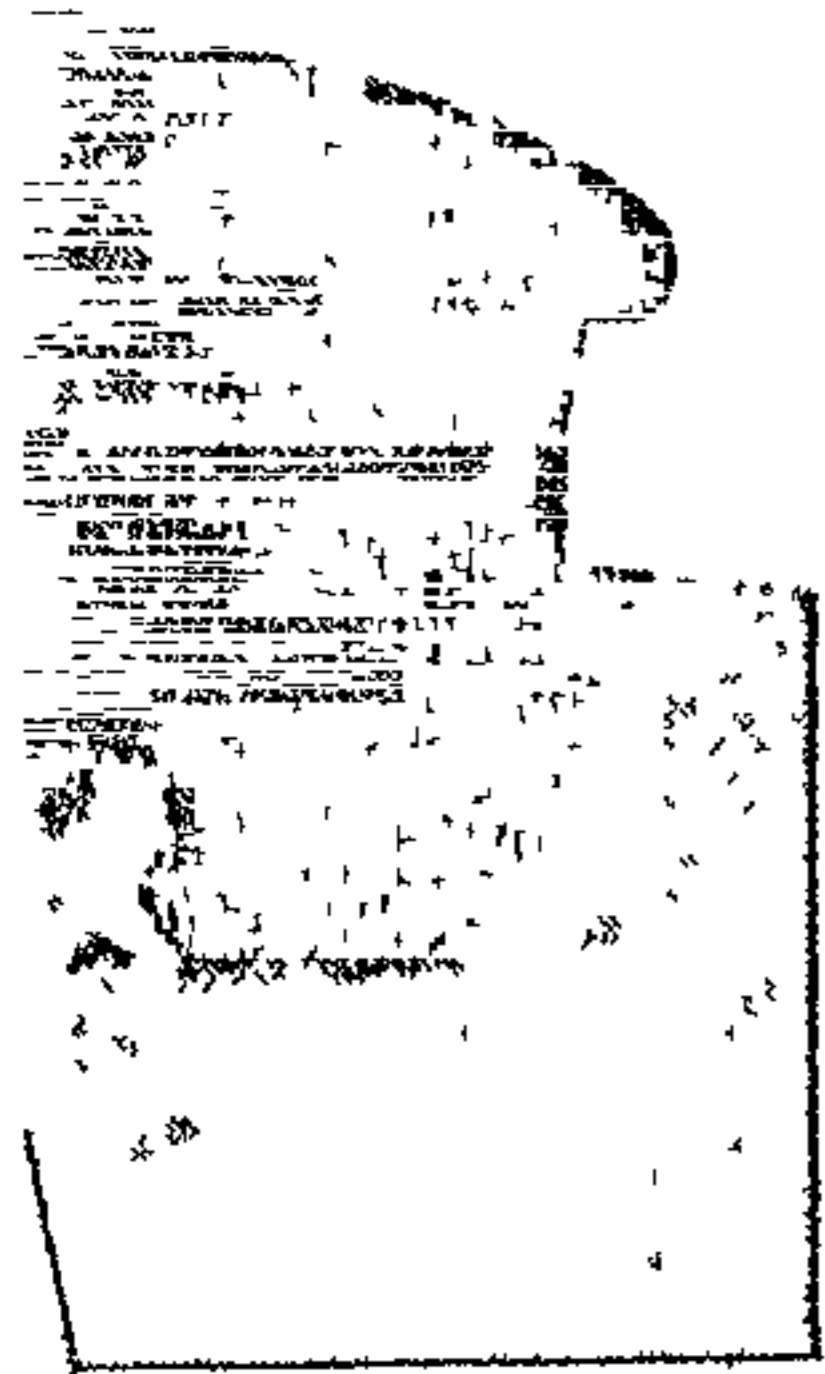
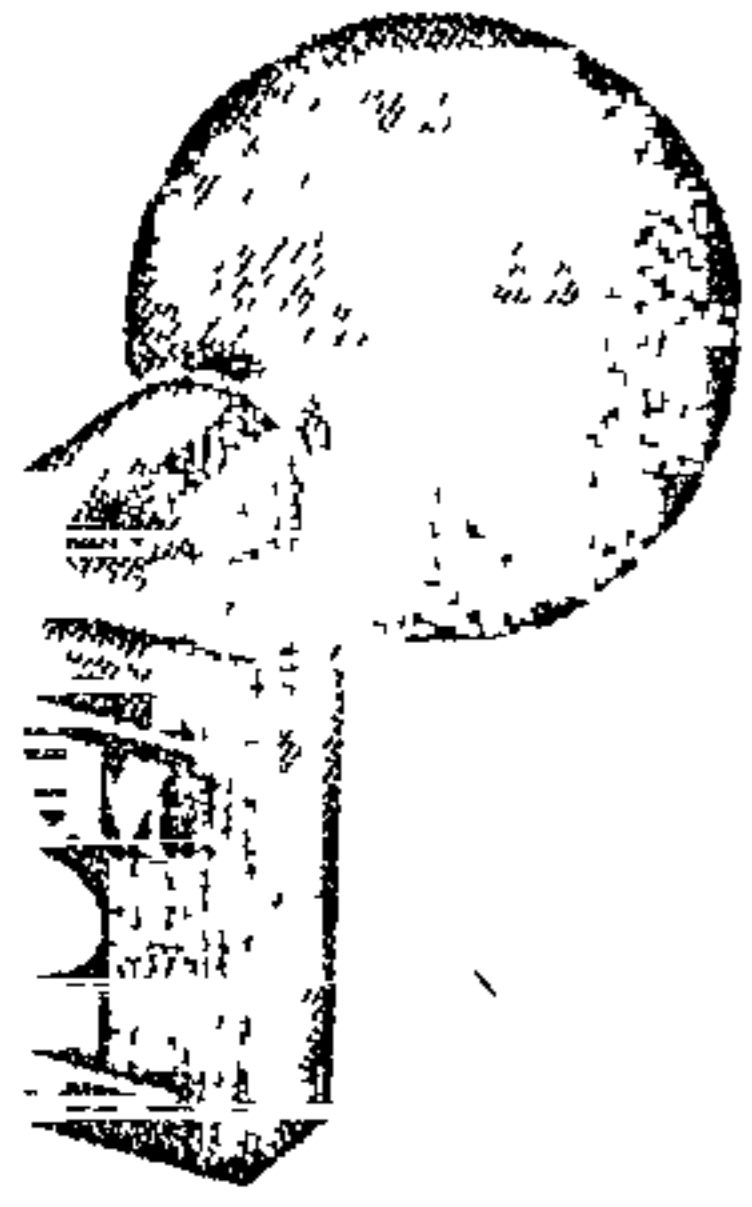
Taylor, (38) of 15th Avenue Mayfair, died from multiple injuries just after 1 am on Sunday, November 22 last year after his motorcycle and a car collided at the intersection of Main Reef Road and Church Street in Mayfair.

The car was driven by Mr Ronald Oliveria of Doornfontein.

Neither had a licence.

The inquest was told Taylor had a blood alcohol level of 0.16 (the legal limit is 0.08).

Taylor was thrown 30 m and his bike was stuck under the car and dragged about 100 m.



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- (3) whether a spokesman for the South African Embassy in The Hague made any statement in this connection, if so, what was the text of such statement?

†The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION

- (1)(a) and (b) The Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the 2nd Chamber of the Netherlands Parliament approached the South African Ambassador in The Hague about the possibility of including the Republic in the Commission's itinerary for a visit to Southern Africa. The Chairman was subsequently informed that such a visit would not be opportune at this time in view of the proposals for far-reaching action against South Africa which were being discussed in the Dutch Parliament

- (1)(c) and (2) The Chairman verbally gave a tentative indication of the possible composition of the group

- (3) No, but in answer to press inquiries furnished the information I have just outlined

312 Hansard 5/2/82 Q. Col. 25-26
South Africa/Zimbabwe: trade agreement

*13 Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Information

- (1) Whether the negotiation of a new trade agreement between South Africa and Zimbabwe is under consideration, if so,
- (2) whether it has been agreed to hold talks on the matter, if so, (a) when and (b) where are such talks to be held?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION

- (1) The preferential trade agreement between the two countries terminates on 24 March 1982. South Africa is prepared to consider the continuation of the agreement but subject to the renegotiation of certain elements militating against South African economic interests. Unless another agreement is specifically entered into, trade between the two countries will, as from 25 March 1982, be conducted on the basis of Most Favoured Nation Treatment in terms of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
- (2) There have been informal exchanges between the two countries in regard to this matter

127 Hansard 5/2/82
Witwatersrand area: Indians
Q. Col. 26-27
*14 Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Community Development

- (1) Whether alternative accommodation is available to Indian persons evicted from their homes in the Witwatersrand area under the Group Areas Act, if so, what alternative accommodation,
- (2) what is the present estimated backlog of housing for Indian persons in the Witwatersrand area?

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (1) No Indian families have been evicted from their homes by the Department. Ejection orders have been granted by the court against certain offenders and a number of the persons involved have already vacated the premises

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(a) What were the findings of the officials who carried out the inspections into the working conditions of prisoners hired out as farm labourers, as referred to in his reply to Question No 170 on 28 August 1981 and (b)(i) when and (ii) where were such inspections carried out?

†The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(a) and (b) Inspections into the working conditions of prisoners take place continuously. It forms part of the normal duties of the Head of every prison, to ensure that the working conditions are in accordance with the Prisons Act and Prison Regulations.

Because of the nature and extent of the inspections, no centralized data exist in this regard.

Handwritten: Howard 5/2/82 Soweto raid on hostel Q. Col. 21 (127)

*5 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether a raid was carried out on a single men's hostel in Soweto on 22 January 1982, if so,
- (2) whether his Department requested the assistance of the South African Defence Force in carrying out such raid, if so, for what purpose,
- (3) whether any arrests were made as a result of such raid, if so, how many,
- (4) whether any charges were laid as a result of such raid, if so, (a) how many and (b) what were the charges?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) No
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Handwritten: Diepkloof Men's Hostel Q Col 22 (156) (127)

*6 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Defence

Whether members of the South African Defence Force participated in a raid on the Diepkloof Men's Hostel in Soweto on 22 January 1982, if so, (a) at whose request, (b) on what grounds, (c) who authorized the call-out, (d) under whose command were they operating during the course of the exercise, (e) what were their orders, (f) what was their function and (g) how many such members were involved?

†The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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*7 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice

Whether he has received any written representations from detainees held under section 6 of the Terrorism Act relating to their detention and release, if so, (a) how many and (b) in how many cases have such representations resulted in the release of the detainee concerned?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Yes

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(b) None

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*8 Mr. D J DALLING asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

Whether he will make a statement on the progress made in the replanning and development of Alexandra Township?

'Progress' is being moved into squatter camp from a slum

MORE than 1 500 Black families on the East Rand are living in appalling conditions in a squatter camp established by the East Rand Administration Board near Tsakane township, Brakpan.

The newly established camp — known to its inhabitants as Silvertown — is intended for scores of people who are being moved from Brakpan's Old Location. Meanwhile the 300 remaining families in Old Location are living in fear and uncertainty as bulldozers gear themselves up to destroy the remaining homes in the township.

Mr Frans Marx, chief director of ERAB, said the board was carrying out the decision by the Brakpan Town Council, which earmarked the removal more than 20 years ago, because the location was unhabitable.

Mr G E Swart, Brakpan's town clerk, said Old Location was established in 1930 to accommodate migrant labourers who worked in the nearby gold mines.

When it became apparent that the location was being used for residential purposes after the mines closed down another Black township — Tsakane — was built in 1945.

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It is within walking distance of the city centre while Tsakane is more than 10km away.

Besides that there was not enough money to upgrade the township. When Dr Piet Koorhof (the Minister of the Department of Co-operation and Development) visited the location he said all residents should be moved and the location be demolished by the end of March," Mr Swart said.

Although a decision to de-

molish Old Location was taken in 1960, removals only started in 1973 as housing became available in Tsakane.

Mr Marx said tenants of the 247 houses and 75 single rooms which are still standing in Old Location would be removed at the end of March and would be accommodated in some of the 783 houses built during the financial year ending March 1982.

The 1 663 people who have been uprooted since November last year are being tem-

porarily accommodated in the squatter camp where they will stay for at least two years while ERAB builds more houses.

In interviews with the Sunday Express families voiced strong objections to the move and said the authorities should have left them alone until proper alternative accommodation had been arranged.

Mrs Lucy Shabe, a 73 year-old pensioner who has lived in Old Location since

1942, is still waiting for an official notice to vacate her three-roomed house.

She told the Sunday Express she was strongly against the authorities' plan because she had been happy where she was.

"There is nothing wrong here I paid R22,90 for rent. But now I'm told we will pay more in Tsakane. Most of us are not going to afford the rent there," an angry Mrs Shabe said.

Mr Joseph Dlamini, 30, a panelbeater, said the move might affect his business.

"I was born and bred here and became used to this place. My clients know where to find me. But as soon as I move I will lose them."

"People are also going to suffer because of the critical shortage of buses to transport people to work now they have to live far away from their places of employment," he said.

Miss Miriam Madonsele, 20, said she was born and bred in the township and identified with it.

"I think the whole thing has been designed to keep us as far away from town as much as possible," he said.

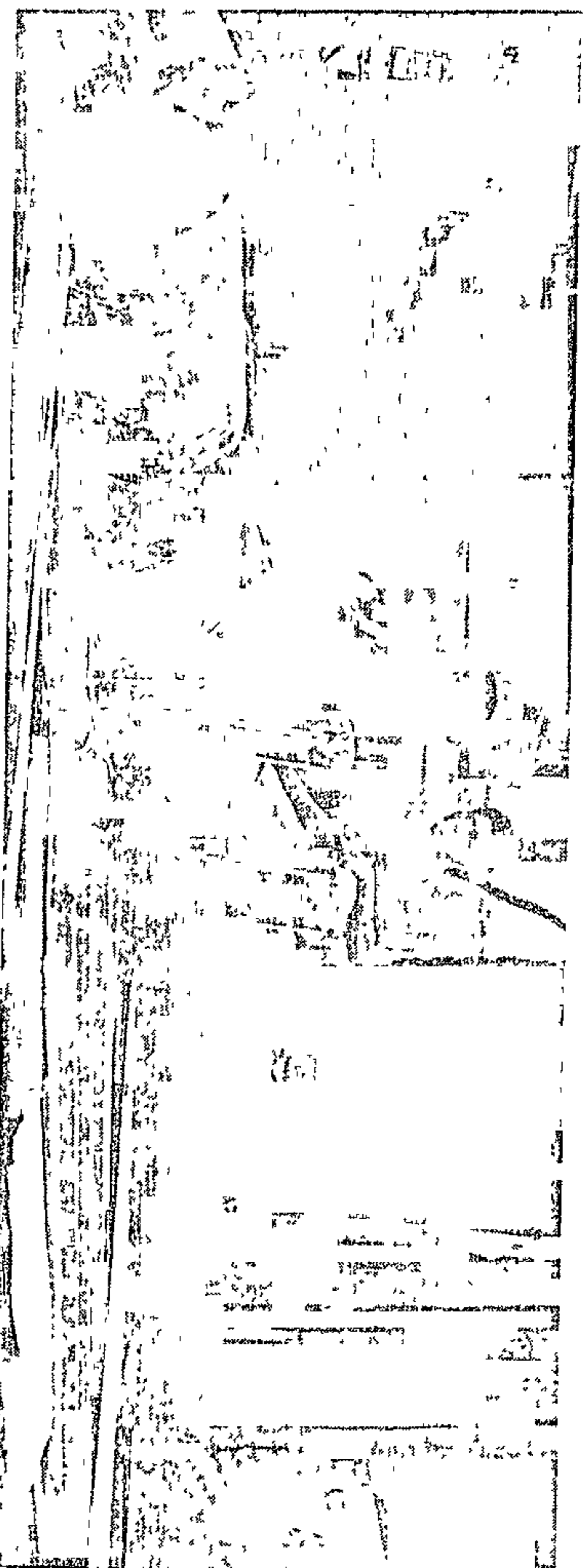
Another resident, Mr Manda Mngomezulu, said he thought it was not necessary to pay the R750 rent because shack-dwellers erected their own structures without any help from the authorities.

He said Silvertown's residents walk long distances to buy groceries because there were no shops in the vicinity of the squatter camp.

Mr Marx said more than 2 000 people were on the housing list in Tsakane, but special preference would be given to people who have been removed from Old Location.

"The plan to move these people is an honest effort to help them get away from poor living conditions. We hope it will be over soon," Mr Marx said.

He said he was aware of the appalling conditions in the new township but conceded that they were far better than those in Old Location.



● Silvertown squatters — their camp was set up near Brakpan by the East Rand Administration Board

REPORT BY ALAN ROBERTS, PIETER LOUGHEE

DOORS THROUSE!

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THE Bank of Lisbon and South Africa is involved in a derelict block of flats in the heart of Johannesburg which has become a serious threat to health.

Hoboes have taken over the block as a doss-house — and the City Health Department could not find anyone to prosecute

Mr Mike Sutherland, Progressive Federal Party candidate in Ward 25 (Hospital), said the situation had arisen because the Government had done nothing to help landlords

"As a result, hundreds of flats are falling into disrepair because landlords cannot maintain them — at a time of serious housing shortages," he said

Mr Jan van Blerk, the present National Party city councillor in the area said he was not aware of the derelict block in his former ward

The block — Longwood in Hospital Street — was "taken over by the bank in March, 1980, when the company which owned it went into liquidation

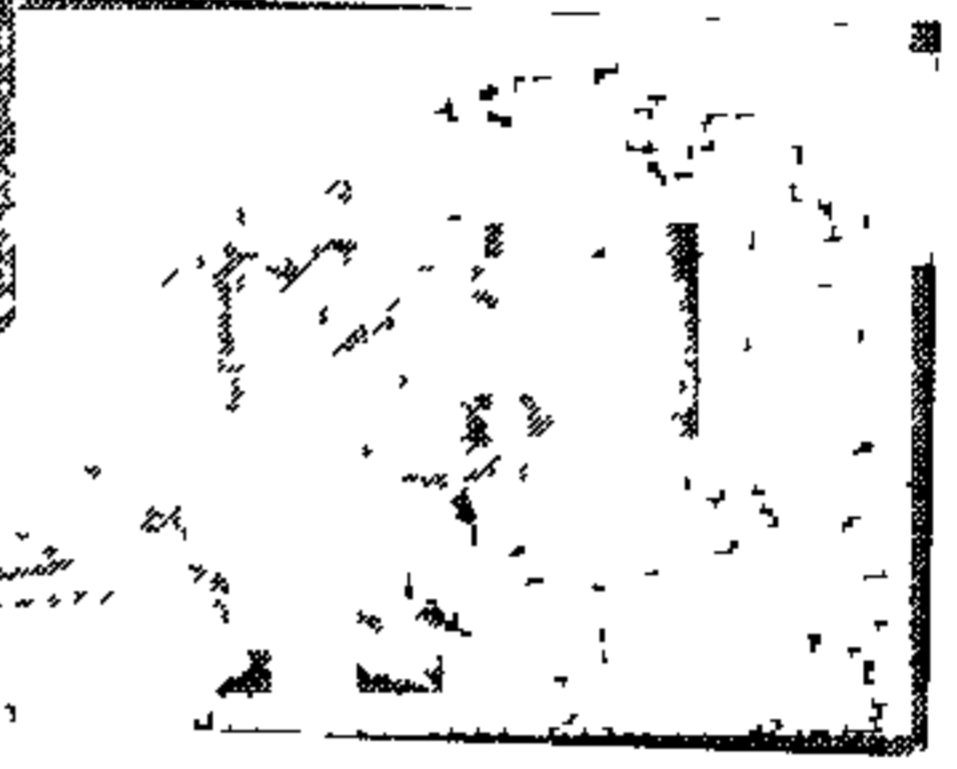
near neighbours
A nursing home matron and an apartment block superintendent confirmed that they had frequently complained to the city's health department during the past few months, but that nothing had been done

Matron E Apleyard of the Lady Dudley Nursing Home described the derelict block and two adjoining buildings — which are all owned by the same company — as "a serious threat to health"

Mr Joseph Gavshon, superintendent of Dudley Heights which adjoins



● Mrs M Theron "Cooles moved in"



● PRP's Mike Sutherland "Liveable flats left empty"



● Mr Joe Gavshon "Tenants mugged"

Report: JEAN LE MAY. Pictures: DOUG LEE

Longwood, said he had personally complained to the City Health Department several times during the past six months

"Several tenants have left because they have been mugged, while others complain continually of the stench coming from Longwood"

His wife explained that their flat "smelt like a hospital because I have to spray with disinfectant to disguise the smell" from next door

Mrs M Theron, who supervises Longwood from the next-door block which was also taken over by

the bank, said "The flats were rented by Coloureds and Indians, but I have been told not to take on any new tenants"

A spokesman for the Bank of Lisbon said "This is a problem we inherited"

He admitted that representatives of the bank had not visited the blocks recently, adding "We're sending somebody around there tomorrow to have a look"

Attempts had been made to bar the entrances to Longwood but "hobo elements" had still broken in, he said



● This room in Longwood, Hospital Hill, was littered with rags mattress and bottles. The floor was awash with filth

"We are looking for somebody to issue a summons against and in the meantime we shall send our cleansing branch to clean it up," he said

Mr J H Cilliers of the Bank of Lisbon told the Sunday Express that the block was still technically owned by the insolvent company, but that the share-holding in the company had passed to the bank in March, 1980

The Sunday Express this week found the flats in a filthy state

Doors and fittings had been ripped out

A room on the ground floor contained only a few sticks of broken furniture, disintegrating mattresses which had obviously been slept on fairly recently, heaps of rotting rags and piles of old newspapers

There were burnmarks on the parquet floor where a fire had been made and several bottles lying around on a shirt contained a few drops of the hoboes' favoured drink — meth lated spirits

Rats and cockroaches scuttled away as we approached and the stench was overpowering

We found that the adjoining room had been used as a lavatory with the floor awash with human ordure

All three buildings — Longwood, an adjoining flat block, Fairmont, and Sunleigh, in Sutherland Avenue — were taken over by the Bank of Lisbon when the previous owners, Norven Investment (Pty) Ltd, could not meet their commitments to the bank

The blocks lie close to the city's Hospital Hill medical complex, with the Johannesburg General Hospital, a private nursing home and the South African Institute for Medical Research as

Rent rise row grows

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THE controversial Vaal complex house rent hikes have been slammed and already opposition groups have urged residents to pay only under protest.

The Vaal community council at its monthly meeting last month resolved to increase house rentals in the area by R10 with effect from March 1.

In addition, the council also resolved to make an additional R2-R4 increase for electricity tariffs.

The increase in rentals and electricity tariffs means that resident will be expected to pay between R40 and R135 depending on the type of house the resident is occupying.

Already opposition groups intend holding a series of meetings in the area where the rent increases and other matters relating to the community will be discussed.

Mr Samuel Kolisang, former member of the council, said the increases were "ridiculous and exorbitant". They would deal a hard blow to most blacks

who were already hard hit by the recent hikes by the prices of meat, milk, bread and other foodstuffs.

"It will also be difficult for most residents to pay the rent because their wages have not been increased this year. Most are still earning below the bread line," he said.

Mr Kolisang said it was clear from meetings held at the weekend that most councillors would resign because they were not in favour of the hikes. Councillors at meetings which he attended were mandated by the residents to tell the council that they would not pay the increased rent.

He also resigned from the council because the chairman Mr Josia Matjila was "inconsiderate and dictatorial" when rent issues were discussed.

Mr P Phathang, a former member of the

UBC, said there was no need for residents in Sharpeville to pay increased electricity tariffs because the Vereeniging Town Council transferred millions of Rands to the Vaal administration board when administration boards were incepted.

This money was intended for the electrification and improvement of facilities. "We want to know what has since happened to the money."

"Street lights, roads and other facilities are in a hopeless situation. What is the council doing with the money?"

Mr Steven Ntsoereng, chairman of Bafutsana Party said the increases were unfair and it just indicated the type of leadership that existed in the council. His party would call public meetings where "we shall oppose the rents".

Family turned out of home after rent row

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By Zenaida Vendero

A Newclare couple and their three small children, who have tried desperately for four months to find accommodation, were left homeless this morning when an eviction order was served on them.

Their furniture was taken out onto the pavement in front of the semi-detached house in Hamilton Street, Newclare, that had been their home for more than five years, and the house was locked and sealed by the Clerk of the Court.

Mr Rocky Studdard told The Star that last year their landlord advised them he was going to put up the rent. He and his wife, Euphrosene agreed to the rent increase on condition that leaks in the roof were repaired.

Soon afterwards they were given notice.

They tried to find alternative accommodation and applied to the Johannesburg City Council and the Coloured Management Committee for housing, but to no avail.

To add to their problems they had to pay R38 towards their landlord's legal expenses in obtaining an eviction order.

"We have nowhere to go. Our relatives have their own accommodation problems," said Mr Studdard.

His distraught wife, a nurse, now intends pitching a tent in the park opposite the house so they can live there.

The couple are afraid they will lose their jobs because they cannot have their belongings unprotected and their children alone.

"We can only wait for a miracle to happen," they say.

Mrs Euphrosene Studdard and her three children Carmen (5), Carlo (4) and Renato (1) are waiting for a miracle "The Government has not provided us with a home so we hope God will"



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DECISION

THE Government's final decision on the controversial dairy farm issue would be made "very soon", according to Mr J Tshabalala, Chairman of the Atteridgeville/Saulsville community council.

He said the decision was on the cards following a recent meeting between local commissioner Mr D Smith and officials of the Department of Co-operation and Development, who indicated that the matter would soon be finalised.

The dairy farms, near Atteridgeville, were proclaimed an Indian residential area on March 13, 1981, amid strenuous petitioning by the council to have the place incorporated into the black township to alleviate their acute housing shortage.

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Landlords throw out more families

By Yussuf Nazeer

An increasing number of families were being evicted from their homes by coloured and Asian landlords. The Star was told today by spokesmen for Actstop, the action committee formed more than two years ago to try to prevent evictions.

They were commenting on the eviction of the Studdard family in Hamilton Street, Newclare.

The family was evicted and its furniture dumped on the pavement this week

after a court order against them.

The order was sought by their coloured landlord.

A few days earlier The Star reported the case of the Griffin family of Kiptown, which was forced to live in a tent after being evicted from the home in which they had been boarding.

Today Mr Bernard Williams, of Welman Avenue, Newclare, told The Star his landlord had warned him to vacate the premises or be evicted.

In past months the Press has reported several cases of families given notice or summarily evicted in coloured and Indian areas by property owners who claimed they needed the premises for their own use.

In addition to evictions of people by private landlords there are hundreds of coloured and Indian families living in white areas who are appearing in court.

Many have already been convicted and ordered to get out of

their homes in the "prohibited" areas.

An Actstop spokesman said "The tragic thing about these cases is that neither the Department of Community Development nor the Johannesburg City Council's housing division is prepared to give these homeless families homes."

Spokesman for the department and the council have told The Star they are not responsible for re-housing these families.

They said those living in white areas were "illegals" who had no right to be in these areas. Those being evicted by private landlords were no concern of the council or the department.

All the families evicted or under notice to vacate — said they had made numerous applications to the council and the department for homes but had been told no homes were available.

Spokesmen for the department and the council told The Star there was a long waiting list in which "priority" cases would be considered for homes.

Actstop blamed the Group Areas Act for the situation.

It said the Act prevented families obtaining homes in white areas where there was an ample supply.

It also made it impossible for them to obtain homes in their own areas because the Government did not build sufficient houses or allocate sufficient land.

Until the Act was scrapped or homes were built for every homeless family, evicted people would continue to "live" on pavements and in tents, an Actstop spokesman said.

● See Page 19.

They won't take cash but would like a tent

By Zenaide Vendeiro

The Newclare family left homeless this week after being evicted from their rented house slept in a neighbour's car last night and are despairing that they will ever find a home.

"My husband slept on the veranda so he could look after the furniture which is still on the pavement. Our neighbours offered to take in my children, but they would not go without me. So we slept in their car," Mrs Euphrosene Studdard told The Star.

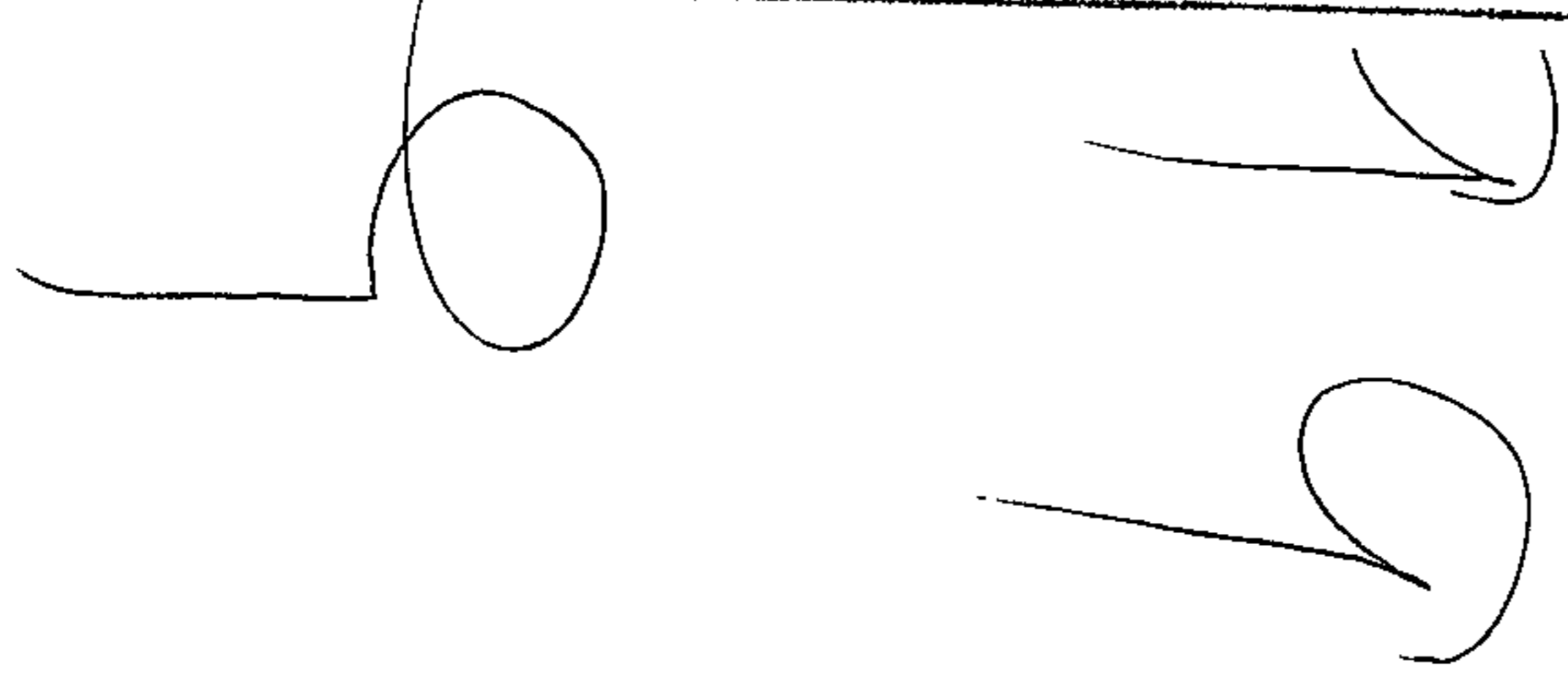
She and her husband, Rocky, would not accept donations from readers of The Star who had learnt of their plight in a report on Monday. "We cannot accept money. We are embarrassed about the situation but would be grateful for a tent in which we could live temporarily."

She said she realised this was illegal. "But I'm past caring. Our three children would be better off in jail. At least they would have a roof over their heads," she said.

A spokesman for the Housing Department at the Johannesburg City Council said it could be more than a year before Mrs Studdard's application would be considered.

"We have a waiting list of 4 000. Mrs Studdard applied in 1980 and we are now dealing with applications from 1976 to 1977. Many people find themselves in this situation," he said.

He added that the Department of Community Development is building houses as fast as possible.



Soweto rates higher than Jo'burg middle-class suburb

BECAUSE there is no property market in Soweto, site rentals — or rates — are higher for a square metre in Soweto than they are in an average Johannesburg middle-income suburb such as Norwood, says Ms Pauline Morris in "A History of Black Housing", published by the SA Foundation

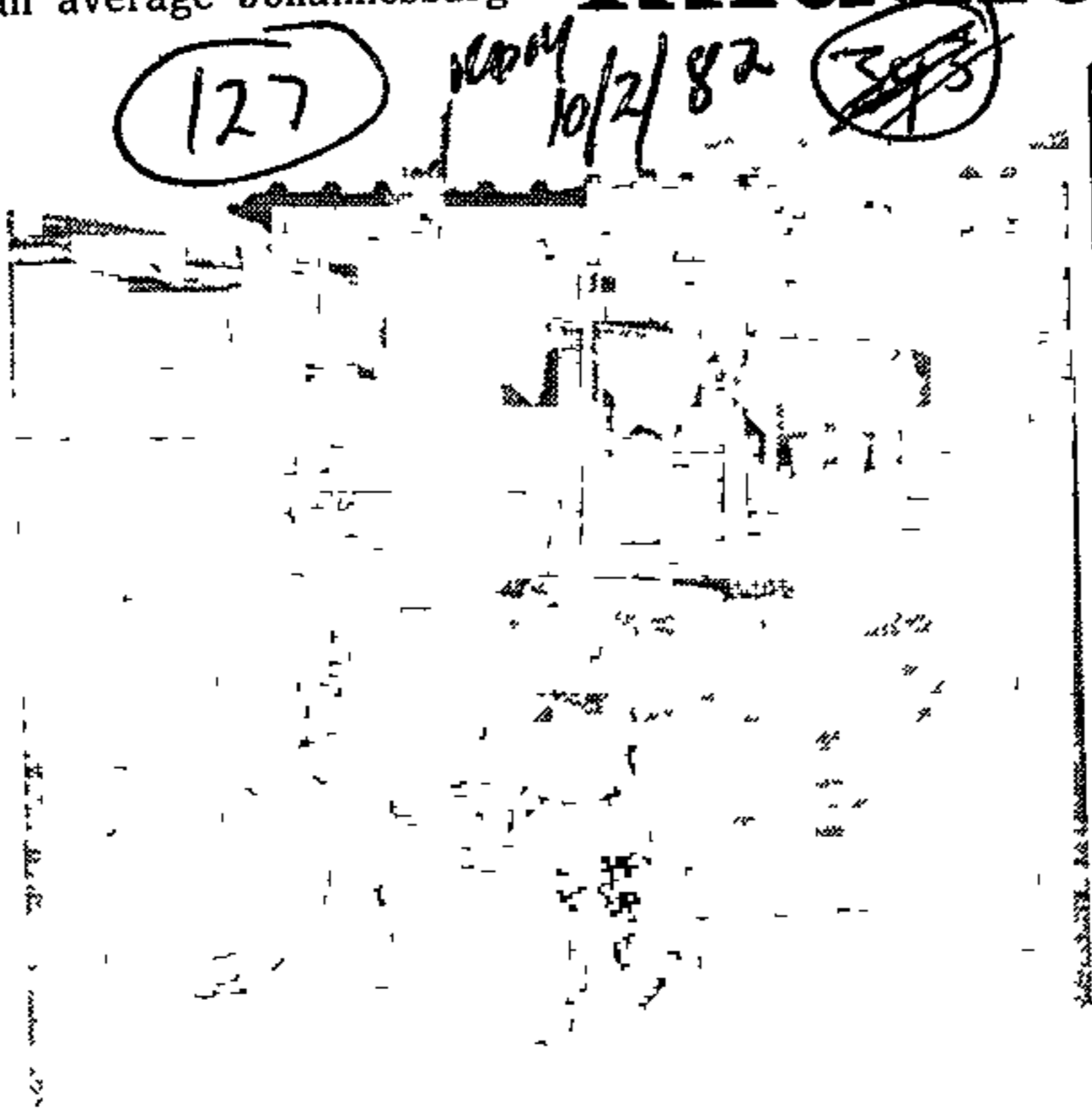
Ms Morris said new site rentals in Soweto in January last year were R1.14 a square metre a year, compared with 64 cents a square metre a year in Norwood

Yet the rateable value of Johannesburg properties must be higher than those in Soweto — the average Johannesburg suburb had better public facilities than those available in Soweto, including street lighting and tarred roads, and was nearer to the major areas of employment

It was likely, she said, that the costs of the services provided in Johannesburg were subsidised by the relatively high rates obtained from commercial sites and especially the central business district

But while blacks in Soweto contributed significantly to those commercial land values through their spending power and the labour, the isolated and outlying location of black townships and their isolated and decentralised administration possibly increased the costs of providing essential township services

Property rentals in Soweto were unrealistic because of the public ownership of land and property in the black city, and the absence of an active property market



"The absence of a property market and the uniform rentals charged means that many of those who can afford to spend more on housing are being subsidised, whereas those who cannot afford the housing provided are being inadequately assisted," Ms Morris said

The decision taken by the Union Government in 1923 and reinforced by the Nationalists in 1948 not to grant freehold tenure for blacks had prevented the development of an active property market

The lack of a property market was also caused by

the poor choice of cost of accommodation and by the overall shortage of accommodation in all the urban townships

Since most of the houses in Soweto were publicly owned and their repayments fixed to original loans — most of which are repaid into the central coffers of the National Housing Fund and not to the boards — the boards or councils were legally unable to raise house rentals

In a free property market, rents were not tied to repayments on original loans, but to the free market value of both land and property

GENERAL NEWS

Reiger Park Protest

By Tyrone August
 Reiger Park management committee has suspended its activities in protest against the announcement that the development of housing in the township has been stopped because of massive cutbacks in State spending on housing.

The management committee will not resume its activities unless the Boksburg Town Council continues building the three

housing projects planned jointly by the committee, the town council and the State committee responsible for the development of Reiger Park.

Mr. Reg Rabie, management committee chairman, said there were about 3,000 families in Reiger Park on the waiting list for houses.

'Hardly any real development has taken place in the township since it was established 18 years

ago," he said.

"Only 704 houses were built in that period. A 'Crossroads' is developing right here on our doorstep."

Mr. Rabie said the town council decided in 1980 to start three new housing projects.

'Why didn't they start building them," he asked. "It is unacceptable to us that they cannot go ahead now because of the economic climate."

Divorce for Mandy Rice-Davies

The Star Bureau LONDON — Mandy Rice Davies — a key figure in the Profumo scandal — has been divorced from her second husband Mr. Charles Fereve, a restaurateur.

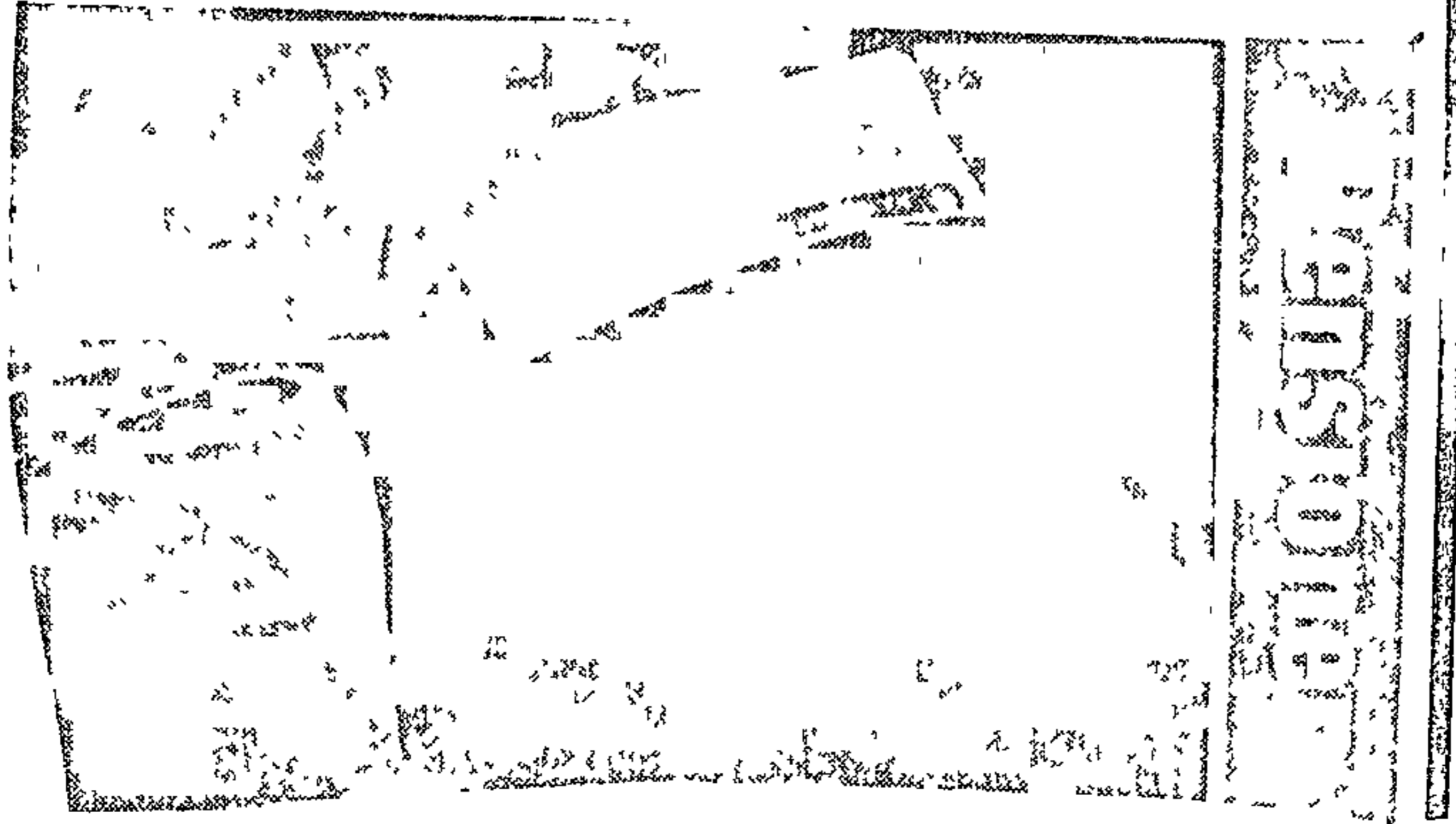
The decree nisi was granted in London this week.

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Evicted cases get homes

By Yussuf Nazeer
Evicted coloured families were given homes if welfare workers found they were "priority" cases, a spokesman for the Johannesburg city council's housing division said yesterday.

This took into consideration various factors — acute illness among family members, a real threat to marriages or family life, mothers about to give birth and families which had been on the waiting list for a long time.

The spokesman, Mr M P Wilsnach, said the official waiting list was 4 009 families up to the end of last month. He discounted claims by coloured management committee members that the list was between 6 000 and 8 000 families.

Mr Wilsnach said the housing crisis was made worse by Johannesburg industries and

4 000 families need housing

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other commercial houses which imported skilled and semi-skilled people — who were accompanied by their families — to fill vacant jobs

"These firms do not find out whether housing is available for the workers they employ from other provinces"

The council was prepared to give homes to genuine priority cases, Mr Wilsnach said.

"If we gave a home to just anyone who moved into a tent or squatted on a pavement there would be an uproar from people who have been

a long time on the waiting list for homes," he said.

Last year the council's housing division allocated 601 homes to coloured families (between 2 000 and 2 700 people), Mr Wilsnach said.

This year 1 165 houses were being built in Klipspruit West, near Kliptown-Nancefield. Of these, 120 had already been allocated to waiting list and priority cases, he said.

In Westbury (formerly Western Coloured Township) 315 homes were being completed

— 105 were ready for occupation.

Eldorado Park Extension 9 is to get 225 homes this year and 389 stands will be sold to people who wish to build their own homes in Bushkoppies also known as Eldorado Park Estates) along the Golden Highway

The Government's recent R500-million cash cutback on building projects had seriously affected the council's building programme for this year, Mr Wilsnach said.

The cutback had put an end to a plan to build 4 000 houses.

TOWARD A DEFINITION OF TERMS - AND MYSELF

Dianne P. Rood

Each of us is a unique product of this phenomenon we call culture. Please jot down your thoughts on the following questions, and we will discuss them when you have finished.

1. What does the term CULTURE mean to you?

2. a. Do you describe yourself, when asked, as belonging to a particular nationality, religious, or ethnic group? If so, can you isolate any reasons why?

b. What experiences have you had that increased or deepened your sense of belonging to a certain group?

c. How does your own particular background of cultural identification influence you, regarding:

- 1) how you spend holidays?
- 2) how you courted (and married)?
- 3) how you express yourself - verbally and non-verbally?
- 4) how you regard and behave toward other groups - preferences, prejudices?

3. What experiences have you had with persons of cultural identification differing from your own?

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Soweto is to get more land for general development — particularly for housing and business development.

Government has accepted most recommendations of the Du Rand Committee which was appointed in 1975 to investigate the future land requirement of Soweto and the geographical rounding off of the township's boundaries. Negotiations to purchase some extra land are already underway.

"We are happy that the Government has accepted all proposals and most recommendations made by the Committee," says the Soweto Council's Chief Executive Officer, Nicó Malan.

One of the recommendations was the incorporation of Kliptown and of McDonald and Levin's farms into Soweto. The three areas lie to the south of the township. The east of Pimville, says Malan, fell naturally into the new boundaries. Other areas which have already been promulgated include Emdeni North, the south east and northern areas of Doornkopspruit, northern Protea and the southern area of south Protea.

Says Malan "More land becomes available as developments go on, so the bufferstrip (between Soweto and white areas) should become part of the township. We should be able to develop between 10 000 and 15 000 sites for various building infrastructure in Soweto. The main aim is to eliminate housing backlog." Malan says the council prefers the developers to use the 99-year leasehold scheme.

He was not sure how soon the purchase of land would be completed "but we are

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Joe can jump in only four different directions: north, south, east, and west. He cannot jump diagonally (northeast, southwest).

Joe is a smart bug, and he is dead right in his conclusion. Why do you suppose Joe Doodlebug has to take four jumps, no more and no less, to reach the food?

The Problem

Joe Doodlebug is a strange sort of imaginary bug that can and cannot do certain things. He has been jumping all over the place getting some exercise when his master places a pile of food three inches directly west of him. As soon as he sees all this food, he stops in his tracks, facing north. He notes that the pile of food is a little larger than he. After all this exercise Joe is very hungry and wants to get the food as quickly as he can. He examines the situation and then says, "Damn it, I'll have to jump four times to get the food."

The Situation

JOE DOODLEBUG BRIEFING SHEET

11.1 Joe Doodlebug: Group Problem-Solving

No ¹²⁷ house money

Sowetan 12/1/82

THE EAST Rand Administration Board (ERAB) and the Rathanda Community Council in Heidelberg have approved the building of 660 new houses in the township — but they do not have funds for the project.

Mr. L. Mohlomi, chairman of the Rathanda Council, told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that they were desperately in need of funds to start the project. "We were supposed to start with the building of the houses last month, but the Department of Community Development informed us that they could not provide us with funds."

There are about 250 families on the waiting list in Duduza and the last houses were built in the late 60s.

He said: "We will tell the residents that we have ground for the building of 360 new houses, but we do not have the funds for this project at the moment. The only alternative is for the families to build their own houses."

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Storm over house with two tenants

By Tyrone August

The Department of Community Development has ordered a family of eight to leave two rooms and a garage they have been sharing since the beginning of this month because it has been let to them by mistake

The building, in Finland, which has been used as a surgery by Dr R A M Salojee for the past 14 years, was rented to Mr Graham van Rooyen by the Department while the doctor was on an overseas holiday

"I refuse to leave the place," Mr van Rooyen said this week "I have signed a contract for the place and have made numerous repairs to it at my own expense

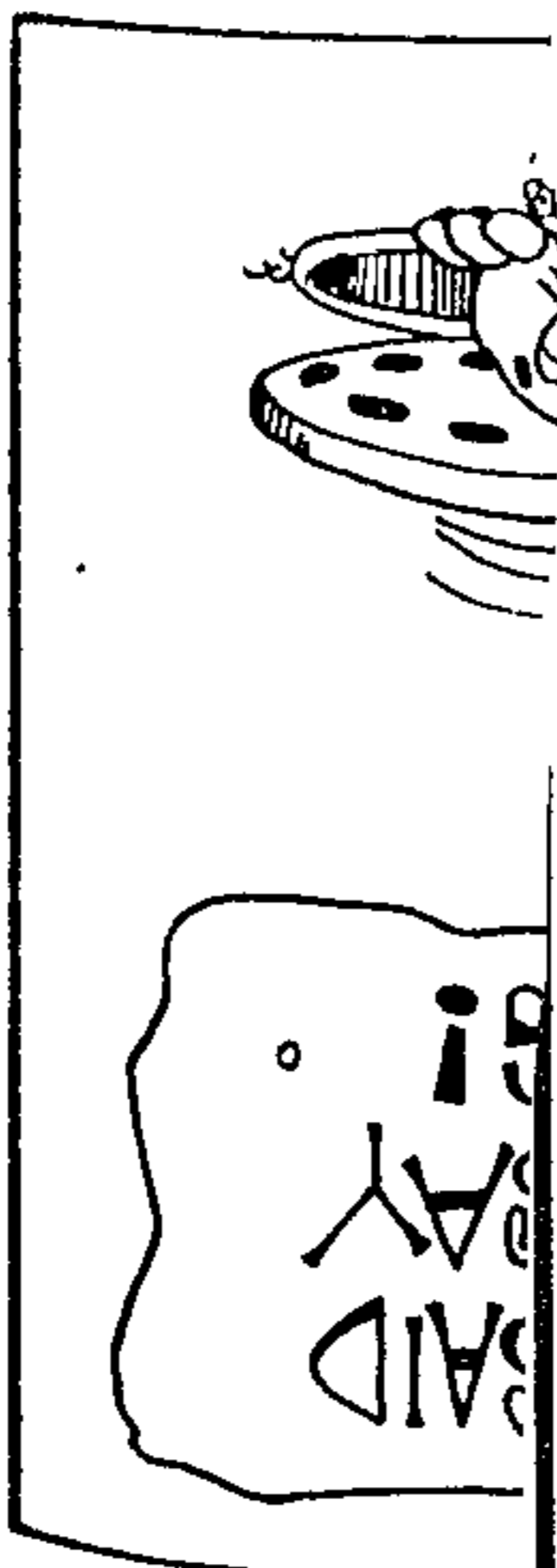
"I had to repair broken windows and repaint the house as well as trim the grass outside I even had to put in cardboards to serve as a ceiling."

Mr van Rooyen is living at the house with his wife Annelie (23), their two children Edwina (3) and Lelanie (18 months), his mother Mrs Suzan van Rooyen (60) and his brother Charles (18)

"My mother has nowhere else to stay. We were living in backrooms in nearby Grasmere for three years until the landlord asked us to leave because his son was returning home"

A spokesman for the Department of Community Development said that Mr van Rooyen "misled" the department when he applied for the house in November last year. "He told us the doctor was not returning and we were unaware that he was only away on holiday. Now that the doctor has returned from India, the contract with Mr van Rooyen falls away as the building is still legally rented to the doctor," said the spokesman

Dr Salojee has invited Mr van Rooyen to discuss the matter



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While there is no time deadline placed on this project it seems that a period of approximately two months should be adequately long.

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Homes: Private sector 'wants freehold title'

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Property Editor

THE Government could not ask the private sector to invest in black housing if freehold title could not be obtained by the investor, the president of the Building Industries Federation of South Africa, Mr Leon Glaser said yesterday.

He was commenting on the Viljoen Commission report which considered the involvement of the private sector in the black housing backlog.

'Firstly it must be clear that the Viljoen report refers specifically to the Soweto housing backlog.

R279-M A YEAR

'Secondly the report suggests that the private sector contributes some R279 m a year for a five-year period to help to wipe out that backlog. This represents only half of one percent of the total national building programme. These sums are not frightening, but the private sector must be allowed to operate in building these houses with some safe guards

Ways and means should be discussed to allow for this amount of money to be forthcoming from the national building programme. But the private sector would only cooperate if it were allowed to do so in the normal private sector manner.

REAL ASSET

'One of the most important conditions would be the need for freehold title so that the houses built would represent a real asset either to the occupier or to the employer.

Mr Glaser said there should be some safe-guards. The field should not be opened freely to white entrepreneurs but the way should be made easier for black builders and employers to build on a freehold basis. They must be able to construct assets they can sell later.

'You cannot ask the private sector investor to move into a black area if he cannot get title to the land,' he said.

The Viljoen Commission recommended that the Government should start a five-year programme to build 55 000

housing units. The cost of buying, servicing and developing the land needed would be about R800-million, of which some R300-million would hopefully come from the private sector. But only leasehold rights would be granted to these homes.

'Illegals' sound grim warning on evictions

S. Express. 14/2/82

A COLOURED woman gave warning this week that there would be "a nasty situation" if authorities tried to kick her out of her city flat.

"We won't be kicked out. We're not alone — we'll get together and fight them," she said.

Nationalists say there are 10 000 Coloureds and Indians living illegally in Johannesburg's "grey" areas, extending beyond Hillbrow, Berea, Joubert Park and the city centre to Doornfontein, Mayfair and Jeppe.

Actstop, the organisation which has stymied hundreds of Group Areas prosecutions during the last three years, says this is an exaggeration.

Although prosecutions have lessened, a few new charges have been laid.

And people are edgy because of a threat by the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, to amend the law to enable the authorities to kick Coloured and Indians out of White areas without a court order.

Many of those living in the "wrong" areas are wealthy and could afford to buy their own houses.

They say it is not by choice that they break the law. They are there because they have nowhere else to go.

Nationalists don't see it that way. They — and their Johannesburg associates of the Independent Ratepayers' Action Group — see them as sources of "racial friction".

So the Nats and the IRA are turning the "illegals" into a great municipal

election issue.

They campaign on anti-integration platforms. They write to the papers complaining of "crowding out" at Zoo Lake over the weekends and saying that Indians and Coloureds are "causing friction" in Hillbrow by parking on pavements and playing music.

They scream about multiracial swimming pools. They moan that peach trees in the gardens of flats in Hospital Hill are being robbed by Indians.

They turn the plight of thousands of Coloured and Indian families into an election bogey.

This week the Sunday Express spent some time with a group of women who have taken over the running of a formerly broken-down block in an inner suburb of the city.

They turned out to be intelligent, educated and highly articulate. They know what they're up against — and what they're going to do about it.

"We've got Actstop now. They used to be able to shove us around as they liked, but now there's Actstop to help."

"And if they try to kick us out, they'll have a riot situation on their hands."

Their spokeswoman, Fatima (not her real name), moved from Durban with her husband about 18 months ago.

"My husband's firm found us accommodation in a furnished block, but we were turned out when the superintendent was replaced by a Rhodesian —

the sort of Rhodesian who sees red when he sees Black," she said.

"So we moved in here. It was a pigsty. The caretaker was an 'alkie' who'd give anyone a flat for a bottle of wine."

"In the end the owners got rid of him and I took over."

"The owner has been good to us, although he has doubled rents. But we're not complaining."

"A few of us — all Coloureds and Indians who'd moved in — got together and formed a residents' association."

"We cleaned and painted and wallpapered. We put in light fittings and even doors and windows."

"We spent our own money and we all helped each other."

"Now our flats are clean, and there is order in the block."

The other women referred to Fatima as "our mother".

"This block used to be a cess-pool," said Arlene (not her real name).

"Drugs, drink, prostitution — you name it. But 'mother' threw them all out."

Mr Cassim Salojee, senior spokesman for Actstop, said that of about 600 prosecutions brought under the Group Areas Act in Johannesburg almost three years ago, about 130 were still outstanding.

Many of the 600 cases had been withdrawn, he said, largely because the people accused had moved out.

But Actstop was extremely concerned about the amendment proposed by the Minister, he added.

3. Write a letter of sympathy to the parents of the children — one example will do. Show sympathy but make no promises at this stage.
4. A nation-wide newspapers "Week News" has offered the company an opportunity to reply to heated correspondence about manufacturers' negligence and toys that are hazardous to children. Write a letter to the Editor giving the facts briefly and outlining your company policy, and what you intend to do to remedy the situation.
5. Prepare the Telex message to the French agent.

Homes built on module going up in Soweto

127 Star 16/2/82

As the demand for homes mounts and building costs continue their upward spiral, other forms of cheaper and quicker construction become important

If new methods can also result in greater use of vast resources of unskilled workers then so much the better

One group striding out strongly with its Fian building system is FDP Construction, now building about 30 homes in Soweto in its design technique

The modular system, first conceived by director Mr Finlay Heunis eight years ago and shelved during the recessionary times, is a flexible form of home-

building with all the acceptability of the "brick look"

The Fian method, which has won an agreement certificate from the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, is made up of easily manufactured precast concrete panels to build walls for house construction

The panels, which can be handled by two unskilled workers, can be either plain-faced or incorporate split bricks. These panels are then slotted into frames with external walls having a cavity which not only overcomes climatic problems but which uses two-fifths less material than a conventional 230 mm brick wall.

"The use of a 1200 mm by 1200 mm module provides flexibility and makes it possible to build houses of differing plan and appearance in mass-housing schemes without affecting the building costs," says Mr Heunis

FDP Construction, with its test-homes operation in Soweto, hopes to attract the major corporations who are becoming more involved in independent housing programmes

Mr Heunis, an architect, believes that apart from the cost-saving and job utilisation factors about the system the main advantage is the fact that the cavity principle result in the houses being more likely to be warmer in winter and cooler in summer

BONDS GRANTED

The modular nature of the system also allows for standardisation of details and components which, it is claimed, will in time contribute to cost competitiveness

West Rand Administration Board officials have "reacted positively to the houses" and Johannesburg and Pretoria municipalities have approved the system

Building societies have granted bonds over the homes.

TIMEOUS

"Present conditions in the building industry and, in particular, the urgent and massive need for good quality and relatively low-cost housing, not to mention the aesthetically pleasing effect of the homes, has made the launching of this method of construction timeous," says Mr Heunis

bail pending the hearing of the appeal, if so, (a) what were the conditions of bail and (b) when was he released,

- (3) whether the original trial was held *in camera*,
- (4) whether any additional evidence was led in the course of the appeal hearing,
- (5) whether such appeal hearing was heard *in camera*,
- (6) whether judgment in the appeal case was delivered *in camera*, if so, why,
- (7) what was the judgment delivered in the appeal hearing?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

In view of an order *nisi* issued by the Natal Provincial Division of the Supreme Court of South Africa on 12 February 1982, I am not in a position to furnish the required information at this stage

Hansard
Q. Col. 127
*28 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Police

Whether he will now reply to questions regarding the salaries of the Police?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (for the Minister of Police)

No, I still hold the view set out in my reply to the hon member's question on 7 October 1981

Hansard
Q. Col. 127-
*29 Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Community Development

Whether alternative accommodation is available to Indians in the Witwatersrand area who require such accommodation as a result of the operation of the Group Areas Act, if so, (a) what alternative ac-

commodation, (b) where is such accommodation available and (c) what steps must they take to obtain such accommodation?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

It is assumed that in his question the hon member refers to lawful disqualified persons as opposed to unlawful occupants who have infiltrated White areas after they have been proclaimed as such. This being the case, it may be pointed out that the resettlement of those concerned is not insisted upon until such time as alternative accommodation is available in their own area

There is, however, no obligation on the Department to provide housing on a preferential basis to those who have been found guilty of unlawful occupation

Mr H H SCHWARZ Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, the question that was directed to him and in regard to which he had prior knowledge that there would be a supplementary question, was whether it was correct as was stated by one of his officials in the case of *The State vs Mervis* that there is alternative accommodation available to people who are being ejected if they will take the trouble to look for it. That was the question and the hon the Minister knows it

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, the hon member did not put the question in that way. If he wants it replied to in that way, he must put it in that way

Mr H H SCHWARZ Mr Speaker, arising further out of the hon the Minister's reply, the question was originally drawn up in that form and it was rephrased. The original question was sent to the hon the Minister, because in terms of the rules I am not allowed to refer to this case [Interjections]. The hon the Minister was advised that there would be a supplementary question. The hon the Minister knows that I am not allowed to ask the question in the other form

Mr SPEAKER Order!

Sowetan 17/2/82 (127)

Pageview power - claim

RESIDENTS of Pageview, who were this week threatened with forced eviction unless they voluntarily moved out of their homes by the end of the month, are refusing to move.

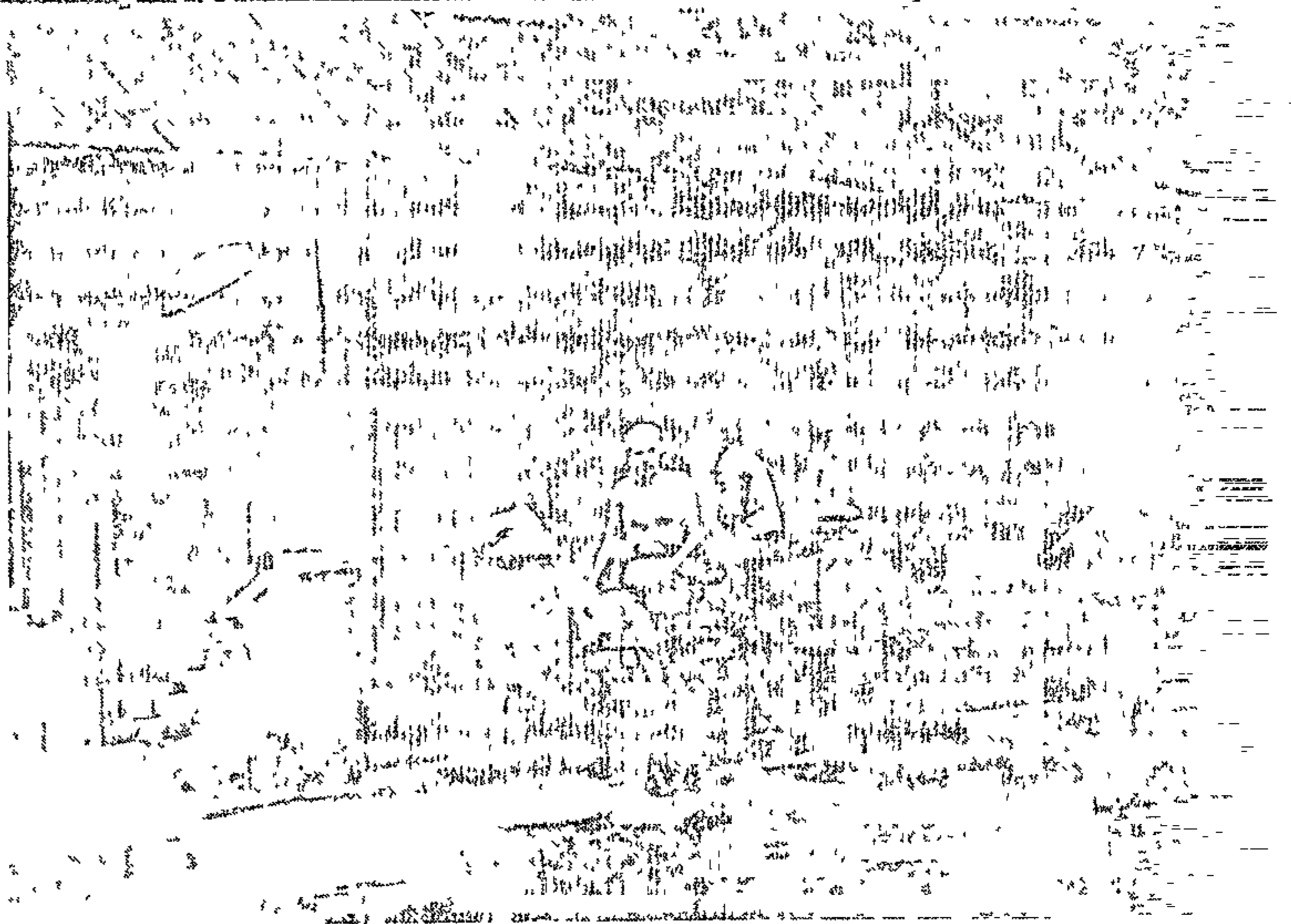
This is according to Mr C "Soni" Hari a spokesman for Save Pageview Association, who also said the 93 families still remaining in the controversial Indian suburb have a "surprise" for the Department of Community Development

Mr Hari said Pageview residents were served with notices by the Government saying they should leave the area by February 28, or face eviction

"We are not going anywhere. The 28th will find us waiting here, but we are not just sitting and doing nothing. We have something up our sleeve which we cannot reveal now because we don't want the department to know what we are up to."

"But we will definitely still be here by the end of the month and we'll be waiting to see what they are going to do to us," Mr Hari said.

According to other reports, Mr Dirk Rossouw, regional director of the Department of Community Development, said the area needed to be redeveloped because



PAGEVIEW RESIDENTS Face forced eviction after next month

Pic by THEMBA NKOSI

the water and sewerage pipes there were so old that they had to be replaced

Mr Hari said although the majority of residents in the area had left, there were still 93 families remaining in 68 dwellings. He accused the Government of spending R55-million of the taxpayers' money to demolish Pageview so they can build 229 homes for whites there.

This is a sheer waste of money

because they will be building sub economic homes out of which they will never be able to recover their expenses. Besides the R55-million is for demolishing only. A lot more will still have to be spent for building new homes.

HOUSES

"What justification can the Government give for moving out 1200 families with about 7000 people to make room for 229 families with fewer than 1000 people?"

"About 65 percent of the houses we had here need not have been demolished. They were still in good condition and much better than most of the white houses in Vrededorp."

And the whites who will be coming here will not even use this place as a permanent residential area. They will use it as a transit camp where they will stay for a while and move out as soon as they have made enough money to afford better houses," Mr Hari said.

He added that the Government's plan of an area four times bigger than Pageview was a joke.

How can you promise us Ford's which is fully motorised and a great percentage of the area is industrial. Are they going to move those industries? I doubt it," said Mr Hari.

Meanwhile, buildings which have been evacuated and are being demolished yesterday.

Soweto Council probe

By WILLIE BOKALA
THE Soweto Council will go ahead with their investigations into residents' income and the first batch of forms should reach tenants within the next two weeks.

Although this move has been seen by many civic leaders as a bid by the council and the Government to divide the society into classes, council representatives said yesterday that their investiga-

survey, in which residents are being asked to supply information about their incomes, would be to the benefit of the residents themselves.

The forms would be sent to tenants, who are then asked to submit them to their employers to help us with the information needed. The employer is being asked to either send back the completed form by post or give it back to his employees to return if

The council in the past came up against a wall of protests from residents for issuing similar forms. Residents had protested that their salaries were personal information and refused to complete the forms, turning the survey into a flop.

Many said it was wrong for residents to pay different rentals for similar houses.

There has been negative reaction about the survey in the

is quite important to make this one a success as it would benefit the entire community and not just the council," Mr Malan said.

He said it was not true that rent would go up as a result of the survey findings. The objective of the survey was to help the council and the Department of Co-operation and Development in forward planning and determine how many houses to build for the

Doctor gives thumbs up for detainees in hospital

THE conditions of Esther Levina's grandmother and the fifth detainee known to have been admitted to hospital while in Sec 29 detention.

ALEXANDRA FM 19/2/82
Garbage firm fired

Charging "inefficiency" and failure to stick to an agreement," the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) is taking steps to cancel Waste-Tech's R27 000/month contract to collect Alexandra township's garbage

The Darling and Hodgson waste disposal subsidiary retorts it has stuck to the contract but that Wrab wouldn't pay to upgrade the service, which needed doubling

In the meantime rubbish continues to putrify in the township's streets, as it has done for months, which is unpleasant for residents and a cause of grave concern to State health authorities

A Wrab spokesman told the FM "The contract was cancelled because the service was inefficient and Waste-Tech did not stick to their agreement"

The contract had another year of a planned three-year period to run. A reliable source says "Both parties were pleased to extricate themselves. Wrab was not prepared to tolerate uncollected garbage and Waste-Tech maintained the operation was unprofitable. Garbage should have been removed at least twice a week but this was not happening. Waste-Tech has labour problems and was working with only a third of full staff"



Garbage in Alex ... back to schoolchildren

Waste-Tech's Jeff Wood sees things differently "We've tried on numerous occasions to upgrade the service and Wrab won't pay," he says "Wrab maintains they have a cheaper method of garbage disposal

We're pulling out at their request

"As far as we're concerned we've fulfilled our part of the contract, but that is inadequate. The township needs double this service," he adds

Wrab's area manager for Alexandra, Gert Steyn, says "Garbage disposal in Alex is dependent on hand labour. The operation can't be mechanised because the litter is so widespread and the roads aren't levelled. The furrows, slopes and irregular pavements prevent mechanisation

"In addition, Alexandra is so over-populated that each household generates huge amounts of rubbish. For example, we supplied eight garbage cans for one household and in two days they were overflowing

"There are special problems with waste-disposal in black townships. There is a great deal of ash which is extremely heavy. Animals knock over dirt bins, the garbage is widespread and there is a lot of animal excrement. Waste-Tech was not supplying a specialised service"

Wrab intends hiring another company on a monthly basis until it is able to take over the service itself. Negotiations are underway to buy a number of tractor/trailer units for this purpose

This weekend Wrab is mounting a large-scale clean up operation involving the township's schoolchildren in an attempt to restore some measure of cleanliness and to catch up on the backlog

At last there is hope for some of the 1 100 black families living in squalid, overcrowded conditions at Soweto's Mzimhlope transit camp

Recent investigations by the FM (*Current affairs* January 29) revealed families of six or more, displaced by the 1977 Kliptown floods, crammed into spaces where previously two single men had lived

Now it looks as if at least some of the transit camp families will be re-housed within the next two years. However, this depends on the availability of housing. As Wraab director John Knoetze puts it "We have accepted these people as our responsibility — but they have to take their place in the queue with the others on the waiting list

"We are developing a scheme with the (black) community councils for the re-housing of at least 250 families and are also starting a project in Dhlamini which will re-accommodate those on the waiting list. The Dhlamini scheme is intended to bring relief to the most needy of the squatter families and should be completed by 1984"

However, many of the families living in the transit camp can afford to provide their own housing and will be allocated stands in developing areas such as Chiawelo, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow

This leaves about 25% of Mzimhlope transit camp's residents in need of subsidised housing. Therefore, according to Knoetze "Those in the sub-economic category who cannot provide for themselves, and the most needy, will be given preference in receiving subsidised rental housing"

A plan for the development of 800 houses in Chiawelo is also in the pipeline and the first houses will be built soon. If a needy person is allocated a house in Chiawelo, he might pay only R12/month whereas someone with a higher income could pay up to R70/month

With the release of the Viljoen report last month, government has committed itself to an investigation of a revised subsidisation system

The Viljoen report estimated that 35 000 houses are needed urgently in Soweto, and 55 000 over the next five years.

□ Last week, official estimates by the Department of Community Development of SA's total housing crisis were that 119 670 houses will have to be built annually, at a cost of R882m/year, if the housing shortage is to be overcome within 10 years. It is estimated that 52 000 houses are needed annually for blacks alone (excluding coloureds and Indians)

Obie rapped for rejecting 'grey areas'

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By Tyrone August

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The Johannesburg coloured management committee passed a motion yesterday condemning the city council's management committee chairman, Mr Francois Oberholzer, for "his inhumanity and callousness" in rejecting the Government's approach to declare certain areas in Johannesburg "grey areas".

The resolution follows Mr Oberholzer's claims that the Government had discussed with councillors the possibility of declaring Berea and Hillbrow "grey" areas — where different race groups could live together — but that his committee had opposed it.

The CMC said at its meeting yesterday that it expressed "deep disillusionment" at this revelation.

Mr Oberholzer should not try to polarise black and white people even further," said CMC member Mr Mohammed Dangor.

"We were not even consulted during the Government's discussions with the councillors in future the management committee must consult us — or not talk to us at all"

CMC member Mr Ralph Peffer warned that a crisis loomed "Mr Oberholzer is seeking to perpetuate our misery in order to perpetuate his political life

"All we want are decent homes — even if in a 'grey' area. Despair is developing and squatting and unrest are bound to come"

RUTHLESS

He said that Bosmont, a coloured township about 10 km west of Johannesburg was "virtually" a transient camp of boarders families move from one exorbitantly expensive backroom to another. Landlords are becoming more and more ruthless.

Mr Dangor said the official waiting list for 4300 houses was "erroneous". Many people have not responded to the housing survey out of sheer frustration.

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Outcry over housing delay

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By LEN MASEKO

AN Alexandra opposition group has launched a scathing attack on the township's liaison committee for "slowing up" the development of the area.

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In a statement at the weekend the Alexandra Action Party warned the committee to speed up the building of houses because "time is very limited"

Mr Trigger Moagi, the group's spokesman, said "The residents of Alexandra need an explanation for the delay in the township's development. We are sick and tired of living in a slum township and therefore urge the committee to speed up the housing project."

Mr Moagi said some families in the township were living in overcrowded one-roomed houses "where there is no privacy"

Commenting on the attack, Mr Leepile Taunyane, acting chairman of the liaison committee, said he would not involve himself in a "running battle" with people who were doing "nothing" for the township

Free ⁽¹²⁷⁾ to build a ^{Sowetan} ^{22/2/82} home

BACHELORS and unmarried women are free to have houses of their own if they can afford to build them under the 99-year leasehold system, according to Mr Nico Malan, chief executive officer of the Soweto Council.

Commenting on what he said was an increase in the number of residents applying to buy the four-roomed "match-box" houses in Soweto, Mr Malan said his council had given loans to many residents to buy their houses under the 99-year lease.

"The advantage of the 99-year leasehold system is that you need not be married or have dependants. If you can raise a loan from a building society or from us and secure a site, then you can build yourself a house.

"It is only in rented houses that a man will have to be married, or have dependants to be given a house. Even if it's a woman who's unmarried, if she had dependants like children or parents to look after, she qualifies to be allocated a house.

He said the houses were sold for R1 700 each.

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Zoia family fears eviction

A SOWETO family is living in fear of being evicted from the house they have occupied for five years — because they have been told someone else is buying it.

Now the Magwela family, of Zola, has asked their lawyer to help stop the man — who they have never met before — from buying their home. They bought the house under the 99-year leasehold scheme.

Mrs Maria Magwela told **The SOWETAN** that they moved into the house in 1977 after her husband bought it from its previous owner, who has since died. She said they had paid about R2 000 for the house, excluding the improvements.

She said she first knew of the bid to buy their home late last year when they received a summons notifying them about the matter. According to her, the summons mentioned that a certain Mr Pilane wanted to buy the house and that they were

By **LEN MASEKO**

given until the end of January to move out.

"This was a deep shock. We immediately went to see our lawyer who told us to ignore the deadline. A second summons was sent to us, this time giving us until February 10 to move out or appear before the Commissioner's Court on the same date," Mrs Magwela said.

"We ignored the last summons and now wonder what is going to happen. What is mysterious about this matter is that a man appears out of the blue and shows interest in our house without us meeting him. We have spent a lot improving this house and will never move out," he added.

Mr J J Oosthuizen,

Soweto Council's director of housing, said his council could not intervene in this matter because Mr Magwela's house was private property since it was bought under the 99-year leasehold scheme.

"It may be that the house was incorrectly given to a wrong person. If an owner of a private property dies, the Commissioner of Co-operation and Development decides who is the rightful heir to that property. That is my understanding of such matters," Mr Oosthuizen added.

However, he referred **The SOWETAN** to the area's township manager, who was not available for comment.



SUMMONSED: Mrs Maria Magwele and her children.

Pic: Joe Molefe

Y (127) Alexandra hostels 22/2/82 X
Hansard. Q. Col 171-2
122 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(a) How many declared hostels are situated in Alexander and (b) how many



Solution found to Duduza's housing crisis?

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THE shortage of houses in Duduza, near Nigel, could be a thing of the past — if all goes according to plan.

The East Rand Administration Board is negotiating to buy the land between Duduza and Tsakane near Brakpan, develop it, and build more houses.

This was announced yesterday by Mr F E Marx, the chief director of Erab, who also said that the negotiations were at an advanced stage but would take some time before being finalised.

He said that, at the present moment, there was no land in Duduza for the building of more houses. He said that he was hoping that by obtaining this land, the housing problem in Duduza would be solved.

"I cannot say at this stage how long it would take the board to get the land. All I can say at the moment is that negotiations for buying of the land are at an advanced stage", he said.

BY MZIKAYISE EDOM

Meanwhile, the Duduza Community Council will meet tomorrow to decide whether to allow the more than 250 families living in backyard shacks to continue doing so or not.

The management committee of the council met early this month and resolved at the meeting that only families who qualify to be in Duduza will be allowed to build the shacks.

However, Mr James Nkosi, chairman of the council, said yesterday that the council will make the final decision tomorrow. Mr Kebane Molo, the councillor behind the shack scheme, said there were more than 600 families on the waiting list and that shacks were only serving as temporary accommodation until more houses were erected.

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Top Wrab officials envisage a three-deck structure to help Sowetans resolve their housing crisis, says Wilf Nussey, Senior Assistant Editor of The Star, in the 1st of a series of articles on Johannesburg's "shadow city."

Solving Soweto's housing crisis

Soweto was never intended for its present population of about 1 250 000, and is grossly overcrowded. It is likely to become even more overcrowded because of Johannesburg's fast-rising demand for labour and the increasing drift from rural to urban areas.

It is impossible, top officials of the West Rand Administration Board believe, for the State alone to carry the enormous cost of this and other housing — even if standards are lowered.

The only answer, as the recently released Viljoen Committee report on resolving Soweto's housing crisis underlined, is a partnership between the State, the private sector and Sowetans themselves, many already buying or building their own homes as the new 99-year lease system catches on.

The private sector's involvement would be through financial institutions like building societies, and through

The typical two-bedroom "match-box" home in Soweto, which cost R400 to build 20 to 25 years ago, would cost R6 000 to replace today.

Wrab values such a house at R2 000 and says it cannot sell it for R400 because it has to raise money to build additional houses.

But a Sowetan who has permanent residential rights can obtain a R2 000 house by paying a R400 deposit to a building society and making monthly payments not much higher than the Wrab rents plus paying a small annual fee for services.

Some Sowetans still use a system which is a hangover from the days when the authorities were trying to create some security of tenure without relinquishing the idea that blacks were temporary sojourners in the cities.

This system, the "right of occupancy," gives almost the security of tenure afforded by full home ownership but is less financially demanding.

If a Sowetan cannot afford to pay Wrab R2 000 in cash for his house, or is unable to raise the R400 deposit required by a building society, he

employers.

The institutions would put up money on an ordinary profit-making basis, as they do for whites, in home bonds for individuals and in backing for blocks of flats and other community dwellings, or entire suburban projects.

Employers could assist in varying degree, from big firms, down

to the housewife

The State is deeply involved because even with the rapid rise of black wages there are many unskilled and semi-skilled workers who cannot yet afford to lease or buy, plus many migrant workers who need decent rented accommodation.

To help Sowetans help themselves top

can buy the "right of occupancy" for a deposit of R200. He pays the balance off over 30 years at a 9,25 percent interest rate, about R5 to R6 a month.

The system has many of the advantages of a mortgage bond purchase:

The occupant cannot be ousted unless he stops paying. Once he has finished paying he can stay there as long as he likes. He can sell the right of occupancy for as much as he can get. He can pass it on as an inheritance. He can build on to the house.

It is also open to employers who can acquire "right of occupancy" on new houses. It thus brings the provision of homes for staff within the reach of smaller firms which cannot afford to build or buy outright.

Though Wrab will maintain the "right of occupancy" system for the foreseeable future, it is promoting full home ownership on the 99-year lease. It sees this as the best way to encourage a stable community with a sound economic foundation.

Wrab officials envisage a three-deck structure.

The first would be a housing bureau where a person could seek permission to build or buy, and get expert advice on house plans, financing and the myriad other details taken for granted by most whites but of which very few blacks have experience.

The second would be

to give technical advice on building and alterations.

The third — important for Soweto's evolution — would be to encourage black entrepreneurs to go into building and into the supply of building materials.

The first door to all this was opened when the Government initia-

ted the 99-year lease system in 1977. Since then some black politicians have attacked it, saying the Government will seize people's homes when the 99 years are up.

But Wrab official Mr Alex Rabie points out that almost all of London is on 99-year leases and, anyway, who could predict what government would be in power in 99 years' time?

The system is beginning to take hold in a small but vigorous way. To date 1 442 leaseholds have been registered in South Africa, nearly 1 200 of them in Soweto.

Up to last December 567 were registered in Soweto.

So far this year, nearly another 640 have been registered, again most in Soweto.

Building society loans for the Soweto leasehold houses now total about R12 million.

The survey of Soweto is in a mess and partly non-existent, so hurriedly and at times haphazardly was the place developed in the Government's haste to replace old slums like Sophiatown.

Two masters—pulling in two directions

The biggest obstacle Wrab faces is the result of having two masters whose interests overlap. They are the two main instruments of apartheid, the Department of Co-operation and Development and the Department of Community Development.

The first controls all black affairs, the second controls the purse strings. The first makes all the plans and carries the responsibility, but can do little unless the second clears the expenditure.

By the nature of their activities and philosophies, the two clash. The first is trying to ease up in urban areas (home ownership, freer black movement) while the second is clamping down (demol-

ition of Pageview, evictions of Asians from "white" flats).

The situation has become ridiculous, with Wrab decisions having to be referred to another department no fewer than seven times for approval.

Wrab should get "special case" treatment as the authority for South Africa's biggest and most important black city. It should have the freedom to administer

most if not all the State funds for Soweto.

It needs wide powers to plan and carry out Soweto's development in collaboration with Sowetans, and the freedom to deal directly with the private sector.

If the Government keeps its promises this may yet come about.

At his recent "Good Hope" or "Second Carlton" conference with the private sector leaders in Cape Town, the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, said the

Government had accepted in their essentials the principles raised by the Viljoen Committee which considered how best to involve private enterprise in solving black housing problems.

PW'S CHANCE

Between the lines this all looks good except that the Prime Minister has kept Community Development involved by making it set up housing utility

companies in bigger urban areas — which could frustrate both Wrab and the private sector.

But it is still a degree of progress albeit probably too little, too late and too tentative.

If he wants to prove his sincerity, if he seeks an action which is both dramatic in world impact and of great benefit to South Africa, then Soweto is his chance.

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Zola hit by Wrab rent raid

Sowetan 25/2/82

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SOLUTION

(1)	<u>Prem</u>	AN estimated 200 residents in Zola township, Soweto, are reported to have been raided for rent and loaded into Wrab police vans which ferried them to the township manager's office as early as 4.00 am yesterday.		
	01, .	This dramatic morning pick-up is said to have included Mr Phillip Dlamini, general secretary of the South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers Union, whose house was also raided in the dawn hours	BY LEN KAVANE	300
	<u>Dec</u>	Mr Dlamini said from his Johannesburg office yesterday "I refused to accompany the police to the office. They knocked at my door at about 4.30 am. Many of my neighbours were also raided and taken away."	locked houses were opened up as the people in those houses came to pay their rent. Only two were still locked. He said the men were raiding people who owed two months' rent. "People are very cooperative in this area. We never lock up houses so easily," he said.	300
	Years	But the Soweto Council housing director, Mr J G Jacobs, said he knew nothing about the raids. Nobody had reported it	And the chief township manager for the Zola area, Mr G van der Merwe, denied that 200 people were raided but admitted that they locked five houses yesterday. Mr van der Merwe also denied that the house of Mr Dlamini had been raided. He said "My men never set foot there. I know that my men have been working on people who owed rent. But we have definitely not raided 200 houses." Mr van der Merwe said three of the five	
	04, .		But some Wrab police, speaking to The SOWETAN outside the Zola Wrab offices, confirmed that they had raided a lot of houses that morning. They referred further inquiries to the township manager	300
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	being receipt of proceeds		

(2) Premiums Treated as an Asset

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	Bank		300
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<u>Dec 31:</u>	Income Statement	300	
	Life Policy		300
	(Surrender value of policy is zero - therefore no amount can be capitalised)		

(127) Alexandra dwelling units // unscrub
120 Mr D. I. DALING asked the Min-
ister of Co-operation and Development

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- (1) How many dwelling units (a) have been completed, (b) are occupied and (c) are ready for occupation in Alexandra,
- (2) (a) what was the cost of each such unit as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) what (i) are the major components and (ii) is the break-down of such cost,
- (3) (a) what is the leasehold rental of the said units and (b) on what interest rate is such rental based?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION
AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) (a) 26
(b) 7
(c) 19
- (2) (a) Between R25 300,00 and R28 500,00
(b) (i) and (ii) It is not possible to obtain details of the major components nor to furnish a break-down of costs as the houses are being erected by private contractors for re-sale
- (3) (a) The amount payable in respect of the right of leasehold is based on an amount of R3,00 per square metre (area of stand) In view of the fact that the sale of these houses are private transactions between the private contractors and buyers it is not known what the monthly repayments on these bonds will be
(b) Interest rate on the balance of the purchase sum is based on the rate of the financial institution financing the purchase of the property concerned

127 ~~204~~ ²⁵⁴ Soweto: raid on hostel *Hansard*
 Q. Col 213 26/2/82
 *6 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister
 of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether a raid was carried out on a single men's hostel in Soweto on or about 14 or 15 January 1982, if so,
- (2) whether his Department requested the assistance of the South African Defence Force in carrying out the raid, if so, for what purpose,
- (3) whether any arrests were made as a result of the raid, if so, how many,
- (4) whether any charges were laid as a result of the raid, if so, (a) how many and (b) what were the charges?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Yes 766 Black men
- (4) Yes
 - (a) 766
 - (b) Contravention of Regulation 19(3) of the REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF AN URBAN BLACK RESIDENTIAL AREA AND RELEVANT MATTERS promulgated by Government Notice 1036 of 14 June 1968

(3) Falls away.

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Hansard 26/2/82
Diepkloof Men's Hostel Q.61.212

*5 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Defence.

Whether members of the South African Defence Force participated in a raid on the Diepkloof Men's Hostel in Soweto on or about 14 or 15 January 1982, if so, (a) at whose request, (b) on what grounds, (c) who authorized the call-out, (d) under whose command were they operating during the course of the exercise, (e) what were their orders, (f) what was their function and (g) how many of them were involved?

†The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

No

(a) to (g) Fall away

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Cosas to fight rent hike

THE VAAL branch of the Council of South African Students (Cosas) is to hold a series of public meetings to protest the forthcoming rent increases in the area.

Rents in the Vaal are to go up by R10 from Monday

A statement released by Cosas' publicity director, Mr Gcina Malindi, said the meetings will be held tomorrow, and on Sunday

"We shall also discuss the plight of students who are roaming the streets because they could not be admitted to school for age reasons

By CHARLES MOGALE

Besides that, we will look into the question of qualified teachers and schools

"We have to discuss

these things and inform the public about the implications of these regulations the Department of Education imposes on

us," the statement said

Cosas was "disgusted" that the Government was speaking of training more blacks for better paying jobs while on the other hand it inhibits their progress by denying them the right to learn No company would employ young uneducated blacks, the statement added

All meetings will be held at the Roman Catholic Church in Small Farms, Evaton, and will start at 4 pm.

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(1) Premiums Treated as Business Expense

SOLUTION TO: GL5

Shacks plan in the air

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By MZIKAYISE EDM
THE Duduza Commu-
nity Council has not
made any decision
whether shacks
should be allowed or
not in the township.

The council met on
Wednesday afternoon to
discuss the fate of more
than 250 shack dwellers,
but made no decision
and postponed the mat-
ter to the next meeting

Mr James Nkosi,
chairman of the council
said yesterday they have
not yet completed inves-
tigating the number of
people living in shacks
and who qualify to be in
Duduza

"We have decided
that those people who do
not qualify to be Duduza
should not be allowed to
build shacks and we are
still going to make a final
decision concerning the
people who qualify to be
in Duduza"

Asked by The SOW-
ETAN if those people
who qualify to be in
Duduza will be allowed
to build shacks, he said.
"That is our problem and
our baby

"We will attend to it
later on, and I'm not
prepared to comment
further than this"

Housing: a new plan (127)

Jan 26/2/82

By Tony Duigan

A new scheme for the provision of low-cost black homes which will allow self-help housing schemes to be financed by building society bonds, has been launched on the East Rand.

The scheme, a result of a partnership agreement between the Urban Foundation and the United Building Society, opens up vast new possibilities for financing black home ownership, according to the Urban Foundation.

The first self-help scheme to utilise this bond finance is in Katlehong outside Germiston where 10 houses have been started under the scheme. Through the partner-

ship agreement, low income families can obtain bonds on houses which are designed for them and which they can have built. The cost savings on such houses are up to 40 percent, according to the foundation.

Mr P J Richardson, joint managing director of the UBS, is extremely enthusiastic about the new approach to black housing finance. "I believe we can do it in other townships too." Nearly half of

Soweto's housing needs (estimated at 55 000 units over the next five years) could be supplied through such a scheme, he said.

The participants in the scheme obtain a 99-year leasehold option on the site for 15 months from the start of construction. The bond is approved in principle at the start of construction but is only registered, with the leasehold, on completion of the house.

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(2) Premiums Treated as an Asset

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Dec 31: Income Statement
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therefore no amount can be capitalised)

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Flat sellers use loophole to dodge Act

S. Times 28/2/82 (127)

THE Department of Community Development is investigating the legality of the sale of flats in Johannesburg where the sellers are using a loophole in the law to dodge the provisions of the Sectional Title Act.

By GEOFFREY ALLEN

By juggling with the wording of the Act the seller of the flats in Berea, CHM Investments (Pty), has been able to sell the units in record time. Instead of tying up its money for a year or more while the flats go to the municipality for approval and then the Registrar of Deeds to be registered, it has been able to sell the units before they have been registered.

If the scheme were widely used by speculators buying and selling blocks of flats, the national shortage of rental accommodation would become even more critical than at present.

Speculators could take off the market flats now available for rent and make a fast return on their investment by

selling them under sectional title.

By using the loophole CHM has sold almost all of the R24 000 and R36 000 units in a block of flats, Pullinger Heights in Berea, before they have been registered.

Loophole

Although the loophole has been widely known to property developers for more than a year this is believed to be the first time it has been tested.

This week Mr A B van der Vyver, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Community Development, confirmed that he was investigating the legality of the sales after receiving a com-

plaint from a development company.

The Sectional Title Amendment Act of 1981 specifically prevented a "developer from promoting or selling the units before the register is opened".

But by separating the roles of "developer" and "seller", CHM (the seller) and Nilands Estate Agents (Pty) (the developer) are able to promote and sell the units without contravening the letter of the law.

Mr Terry Mathews, lawyer for Nilands Estates, confirmed that the company was using the loophole in the law to sell its units.

"As long as the developer is not also the seller there is no problem."

"In this case an intermediary is selling the flats," he said.

Mr David Niland said that

the sellers had been battling for almost 18 months to open a register for the block.

"We have been able to speed up the process and sell people flats while waiting for the register to be opened."

He said plans for the flats had been approved by the municipality and the buyers' money was protected because it was all deposited in a trust fund operated by his lawyers.

Discussed

Mr Boet van Straaten, chairman of the Estate Agents' Board, said the loophole had been discussed by board members at a meeting last February soon after the Sectional Title Amendment Act had been passed.

"We wrote to the Department of Community Development to tell them about the loophole."

"Most developers are acting within the spirit of the Act."

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Brick homes for shack dwellers

A MAJOR breakthrough in low-cost, self-help housing for blacks has been introduced in the East Rand where 1000 houses will eventually be built and sold, in terms of the 99-year leasehold system at Katlehong near Germiston.

The Urban Foundation is at it again. This is a joint venture, which includes a well-known building society, the East Rand Administration Board, the Katlehong Community Council and the Shack Residents' Coordinating Committee (SRCC), which represents the shack residents.

The involvement of the building society is also seen as opening vast new possibilities in the financing of black home ownership because it is the first time a building society has been prepared to grant bonds on houses through a self-help scheme.

The scheme also makes provision for low-income families who can obtain bonds on houses that they have designed and built for themselves with cost savings of up to 40 percent. The families can either build the houses themselves or organise the building with general guidance from the Urban Foundation.

The main object of this exciting scheme is to enable families

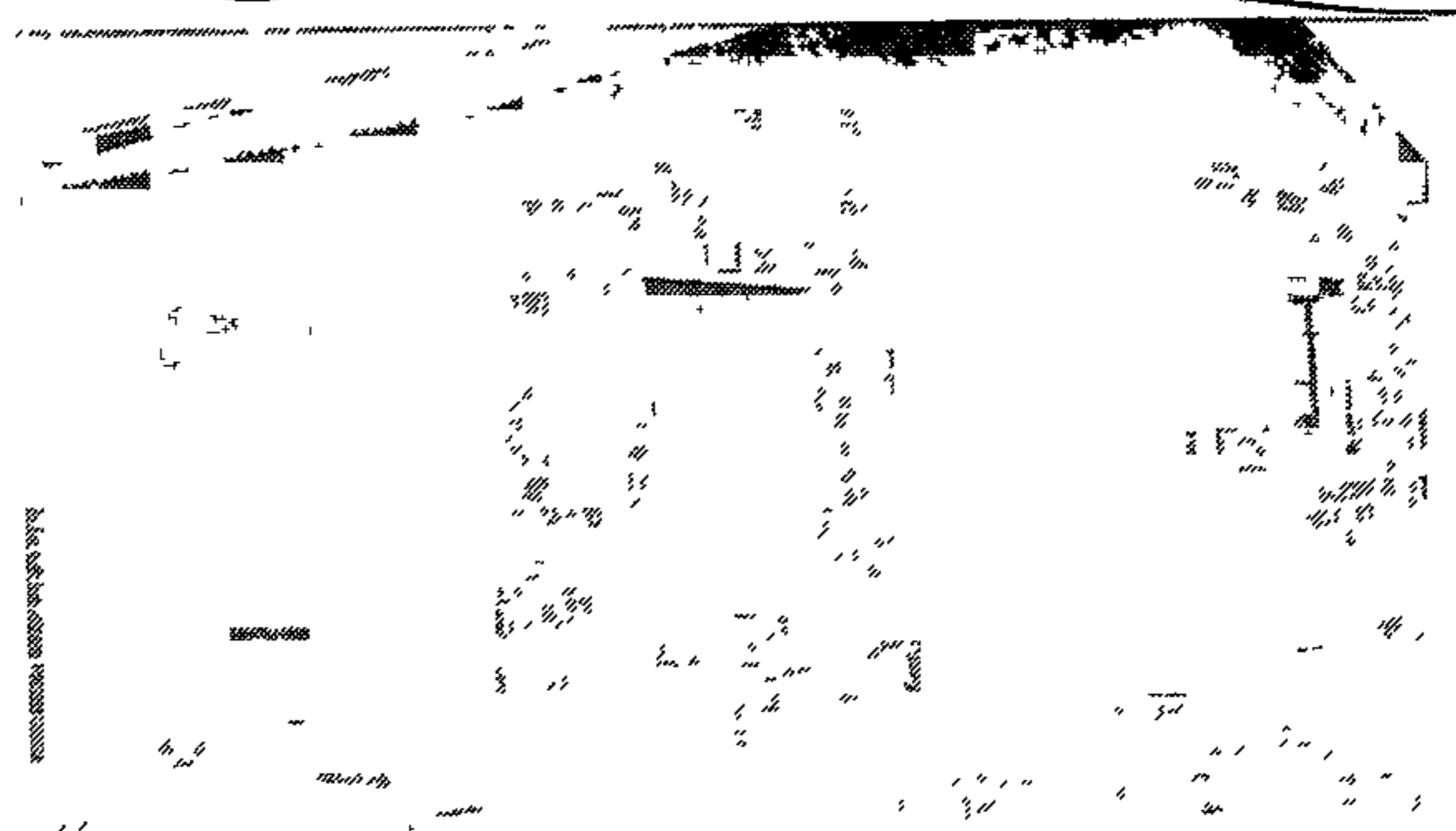
living in shacks in backyards throughout Katlehong to obtain their own homes. Many houses in Katlehong are harbouring shack dwellers in their backyards.

Participants in the scheme obtain a 99-year leasehold option for 15 months on the site from the start of the construction. The house has to be completed in the 15 months' period so that the leasehold and bond can be registered at the completion of the dwelling.

The bond is, however, approved in principle at the start of construction and is only subject to satisfactory completion. Loans are granted to cover the cost of 99-year leasehold on land services, bond registration costs, administration costs, finance charges and the cost of building materials.

Already 10 houses have been started. From May 20 houses will be started each month and it is expected that up to 30 houses will be started monthly by March 1983, and 40 by June. It is said an overwhelming response has been received from Katlehong residents with already 3000 applicants received and a stop on further applications.

The Katlehong project is similar to the tested approach to self-help housing pioneered by the Urban Foundation at Khutsong near Carletonville.



PRODUCT: Near completion.



BUILDING: Blocks in the construction are manufactured by women.



UP, UP: New houses taking shape in Katlehong.

ON THE JOB: The first owner-builder busy constructing his house with the advice and assistance of the project staff.

Boost for self-help scheme

**'HAPPY'
- ALL 1040
OF US**

Sowetan 2/3/82 (127)
A R3-MILLION men's residence in Benrose, Johannesburg, constructed to accommodate black male employees of the Murray and Roberts Group, was officially opened last week.

Designed to accommodate up to 1 040 people, the residence is sited on two and a quarter ha of land owned by the West Rand Administration Board and leased to the company

The buildings, which are pleasing in appearance and require low maintenance, are set in attractive grounds

The residence has been named Rethabile — meaning "We are happy" — explained Ian Crowther, the group's industrial relations manager and a member of the residence's eight-man advisory committee

The function of the building, he explained, was to provide accommodation for black male employees of group companies operating in the vicinity.

"It will largely be filled by employees who previously occupied the City Deep residence"

Two of the eight blocks of the residence are three-storey structures and the remainder are double storeys. Each block is sub-divided to allow eight people to sleep in partitioned portions

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Your house - for R36 000

By SAM MABE *(Signature)*
 TWENTY-FOUR HOUSES built by the South African Permanent Development Corporation in Pimville, Soweto, have been standing empty since they were completed last year because nobody is prepared to buy them - at prices of up to R36 000.

The houses are four-roomed, with a kitchen, a separate toilet and bathroom, a large diningroom-cum-lounge and a garage. Most are semi-detached.

Mr J Prinsloo, manager of the corporation, admits the lack of interest in buying houses is because they are considered to be too expensive. He lamented yesterday over the fact that even at those prices, the houses were being sold at a loss but added that "if the prices are so high that nobody wants to buy them, we will have no choice but to bring them down".

He said his corporation will be sending inspectors to have a look at the houses next week, with a view to suggesting the extent to which the prices can be reduced.

"We have not been able to sell even one of those houses and we will be sending inspectors who will decide on the extent to which we will take a loss on the houses

PRICES TO COME DOWN. The houses nobody wants to buy.

Huge increase forecast in Jo'burg rents

(127)

Star 3/3/82

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By
Patrick McLoughlin

Prime office accommodation in central Johannesburg could jump 42 percent — from R14/m² to R20/m² — in the next three years and retail premises of a similar nature could fetch R40/m²

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The annual report of Centrecity Property Fund (Cenprop) says this rise in rents will occur despite a possible temporary oversupply in the light of short-term depressed economic conditions

In their review of the office and retail property market Cenprop directors say that although legal economic growth in 1981 was less than half that of the previous year, rentals for prime office and retail accommodation showed greater growth than in 1980

"The average overall rate of increase showed an approximate 22 percent improvement in rentals for similar accommodation prevailing during the previous year"

This "superficial paradox" was attributable to a single and normal market condition — the rough equilibrium in the supply and demand for rentals reached during 1980 was followed by an undersupply of accommodation last year.

Cenprop points out that during the first half of the 1970s a lot of speculative construction, encouraged by long-term lenders occurred in most cities and the market was flooded with space in highly competitive conditions

An excessive supply of commercial floor space caused rentals to remain static for years although costs of owning and operating properties were steadily increasing in line with the inflation rate

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But improved conditions in 1978 and 1979 led to increased demands for commercial space and because of a lack of new development, much quality accommodation was absorbed by the end of 1979 and almost none remained by the end of the following year

'Realistic'

Cenprop says that the property market was then able to reflect "increasingly realistic" rental terms

"For the first time in over five years, a small measure of speculative development was announced during 1981 but this will only supply a small percentage of the market's requirements over the next three years"

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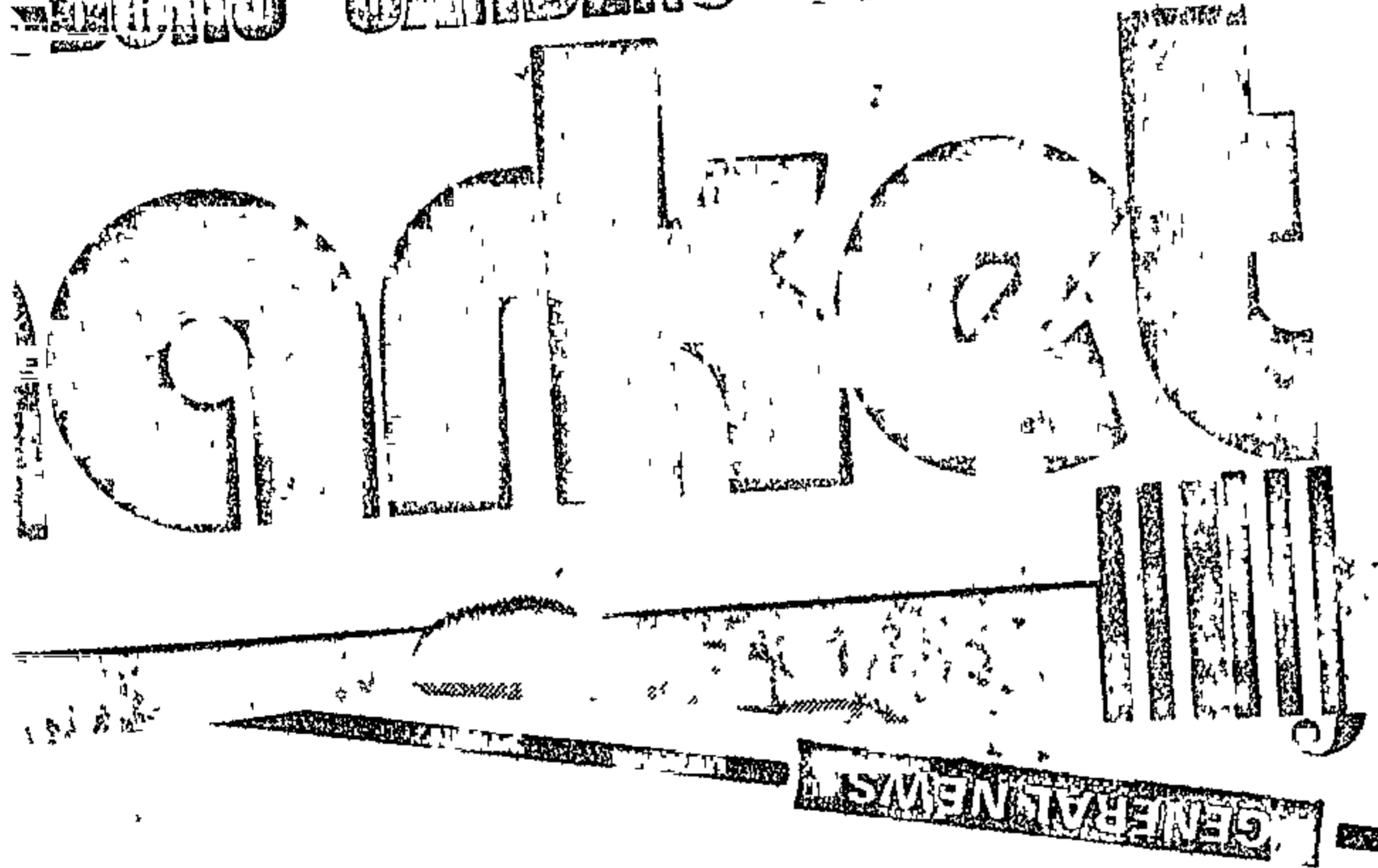
School reopens after pupils riot

Star Bureau
Children of St Saviour's School, returned to their classrooms at school, which closed last week and only nine and 10 went on the Monday with a new head-children had gone home on Monday

Night militant groups of local people clashed with newsmen trying to attend a Press conference at the school

Photographers had film snatched from their cameras and radio reporters had tapes torn from their recorders. The militants accused the Press of distorting and exaggerating events at the school

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Board (127) goes to top over city housing

By Tyrone August

The Transvaal Regional Welfare Board has asked for a meeting with the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, to discuss Johannesburg's housing shortage

At this stage the critical shortage of houses in Johannesburg is our main concern, the board's chairman, Mr Willie Hoods said yesterday. "Something drastic has to be done about it"

The board has requested that a delegation of four — Mr Hoods, the Rev Cecil Begbie, Mr Albie Pop and Mr William Goljath — meet the Minister in Pretoria or Cape Town. The delegation plans to discuss social, cultural and spiritual problems caused by the housing situation

"The shortage of houses on the Rand has reached a crisis point," said Mr Begbie

"It is time the Government makes a concerted effort to eliminate this shortage. We are aware of the present economic climate in the country, but housing should nevertheless receive priority attention"

Mr Begbie said he estimated that at least 5 000 families in Johannesburg needed homes

"It is a very serious situation because it raises the question of where those families are living now," he said

"Local authorities seem able to do very little about the shortage and that is why we have asked to meet directly with the Minister of Community Development"

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Joburg 14th on world-rent ladder

Star 4/3/82

and rising

By Frank Jeans
 Johannesburg has moved up in the World Rents League, although levels are still far below the traditional high spots of Hong Kong, New York and London.

About two years ago, Johannesburg's rents for prime quality offices were among the cheapest in the world. Today, they have moved to 14th place and have overtaken cities such as Frankfurt and Melbourne.

TOP FIGURES

In a survey by property economist Richard Ellis, Hong Kong is top dog in the rents table with prime space going at the equivalent of a massive R44 a square metre a month.

By comparison even new super office developments in Johannesburg command rents in the R14 square metre range.

In second place is New York, where a period of substantial rental growth has pushed the company Thrus-Mdantane near Fort Jackson, and Ciskei, costing R2,9m and providing 450 new-job opportunities, has been started at near

dicting that New York could be in No 1 spot in the next survey.

Only a few years ago, that city was nearer the other end.

Also helping to push New York ahead could be the fact that the steam of the office market in Hong Kong could be easing while London rents are expected to grow "only steadily".

And the Johannesburg trend?

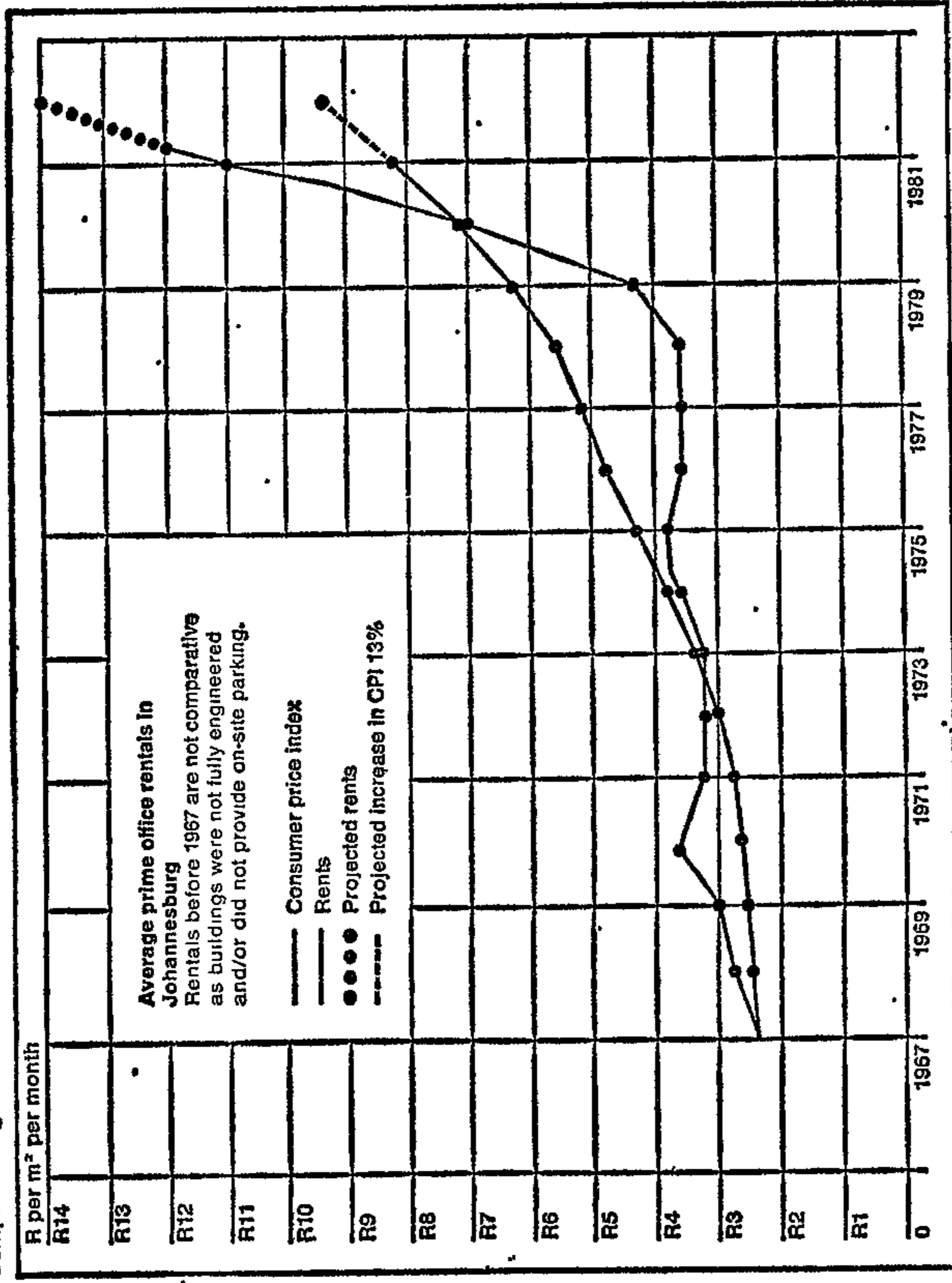
Mr Tim Corby, a director of Richard Ellis, says "I still see an upside movement on rents in line with building cost rises, and I predict a conservatively estimated 15 percent rise during 1982".

NEW SURGE

There seems little doubt that a new surge in rents in the next few years will take Johannesburg well up in the world rents league, a point underlined by Centrecity property fund managers in the annual report of Centrop, the buildings of which are managed by J H Isaacs.

Forecasting a rents boom, other oil companies are feeling US firms are feeling the same pressure. The same pressure is being felt by other firms which has decided to stop accepting credit cards for petrol sales from next month.

Comparative growth - CPI and office rentals



Howcroft deal at Kensington

Real-estate agent Ian Howcroft has made a highly successful stride into the commercial-property sector, having concluded a deal in one of the most sought-after suburbs, Kensington.

Dividend resumed at

MR GORDON says that last year was characterised by an unusually high incidence of fire losses.

chronic housing shortage but we might also take a look at the residential headache in Hong Kong, with homes a luxury few people can afford.

Of the colony's 5 million Chinese inhabitants, about 2.3 million live in the 23 million after-tax profit rising from R2 million in 1977 to R4 million in 1978. This resulted in a life-revenue account.

vantage of tight letting conditions to maximise the recovery of building operation expenditure from 1 tenants.

The Centrop managers also see a 15 percent rise in rents in the current year. "As a result, the same pressure is being felt by other firms which has decided to stop accepting credit cards for petrol sales from next month."

Empty houses still 'too pricey'

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Sowetan
4/3/82

By LEN MASEKO

SOME of the 27 Dobsonville houses, which once became the centre of a controversy because of their price, are still unoccupied — almost a year after they were put up for sale.

Mr Don Mmesi, chairman of the Dobsonville Community Council, said yesterday that people were not keen on buying the houses because they were 'too pricey'. He said he was not sure how many had been sold but estimated that 24 had been bought.

The houses, whose price tag ranges between R22 000 and R27 000, last year became the centre of a row between the council and a building society over their price. The council argued that they were "too expensive" and that the two parties had initially agreed on a price in the region of R15 000 and R19 000.

"When we told people not to buy the houses we wanted them to compare their prices with the ones we were going to build. We are still looking for a contractor and are going to make sure that the same thing does not happen again," Mr Mmesi added.

Mr Mmesi said they expected to find a contractor within the next two weeks.

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SPSS CORNER

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR

On behalf of all the members of staff of the Computer Centre, University of Natal, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new director Mr R.J. Evans, who takes office on the 22nd March 1982. Mr Evans was formerly Bureau Manager, I.C.L. Data Services. We sincerely hope that his association with our Computer Centre will be a pleasant and fruitful one.

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OTHER STAFF CHANGES IN DURBAN

We welcome Mr G. Lundie and Miss F. Govetto who fill the 2 newly created positions as Systems Programmers. We also welcome Mr D. Charlton as a Temporary, Part-time Liaison Officer.

Q. I am confused about the difference between the ASSIGN MISSING command and the MISSING VALUES command. Which should I use when creating a new variable with transformations?

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'No' hoste
 THE Wattville Community Council has turned down a request by Erab to erect a men's hostel in the township and in turn, the council has allowed the Department of Educational and Training to erect a technical centre and a Teachers' Training College. (27)

h to explain them and you all. Here is a simple example to avoid the most common large, a data definition of values as missing. It assigns a value if any of the variables in this value as a missing command is used instead of addition to it.

Houses empty - Prices too high

A NUMBER of houses which were built and completed about four months ago in Pimville, Soweto, are still unoccupied — because of difficulties in getting buyers for them.

Although the building concerns who built them claim that the houses have been sold, many of the people who live in the neighbourhood have alleged that the houses have not been bought because they are too expensive

According to spokesman for TD Consulting Group, who act as agents for the houses built by two well-known building societies, all the houses they have built have been sold

The spokesman said the houses, whose prices are between R29 000 and R45 000, will be occupied as soon as possible. She said there were "very few" houses which were still under construction, and which had not been bought as yet

A spokesman for Gough Cooper, who have about seven houses, five of which were complete and ready for occupation as long ago as December, said the houses were all sold and only a few minor legal formalities were preventing the owners from occupying them

An insurance agent who refused to give his name told **The SOWE-TAN** that he knew for certain that most of the houses built in the neighbourhood of his house had not been sold

"I know most of the people who have bought houses here and I know the houses they have bought. They always come here to check if the houses have been completed, but I also know that others were built without anybody having bought them, and up to now no-one has bought them."

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SECRETAN 5/3/82
THREE homeless families squatting in scrap cars in Soweto have been given until Sunday to move out of the area.

The families — among them children aged from one to 10 — have been living in the scrap cars near the Jabulam reservoir since early last year. According to the families, others — estimated to be more than 15 — disappeared after bulldozers pulled away some cars used as shelters on Monday this week.

One of the squatters, Mr Zibambe Goge, told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that six whites from the cleansing department last week ordered them to leave the area as soon as possible. But, he

said, they defied the order and remained on until Monday morning when bulldozers demolished some of the scrap cars.

Mr Goge, his wife and two children — aged one and nine — stay in an old Chevrolet. They cram themselves in the car during the night, while some of their belongings lie strewn outside.

Mr Anthony Kumalo, who owns a scrapyards business in the area, said an official of the Soweto Council had given the squatters seven days' notice — meaning until Sunday — to leave the area. He said the official — whom he knew only as Mr Clark — told him in a meeting that

the area was to be "cleaned up".

But the Soweto Council's chief executive officer, Mr Nico Malan, said he was surprised to hear that there were still families living in the scrap cars. He referred **The SOWETAN** to the council's director of housing, Mr J J Oosthuizen.

"As far as I am concerned, there were about 12 families living in those scrap cars. We have accommodated seven of them and I am puzzled as to what happened to the rest. We went there recently and discovered that all the remaining families had disappeared, probably out of fright," Mr Malan said.



HOMELESS. Mr Zibambe Goge with his children next to their "home"

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Court action on Pageview

6/3/82

Mail Reporter

AN URGENT application was lodged before the Rand Supreme Court yesterday afternoon to restrain Department of Community Development officials from evicting Pageview residents.

This dramatic move comes five days after the department ordered about 1 000 people to leave their homes by Tuesday — or face eviction.

The interdict, which was brought before the court by the Save Pageview Association, will probably be heard on Monday.

Legal documents were delivered to Department officials in Pretoria and Johannesburg yesterday.

The court action is the culmination of a year-long battle between the State and the

remaining Pageview families, who have so far resisted forced removal to Lenasia, 35km south of Johannesburg, in terms of the Group Areas Act.

Meanwhile, a telex has been sent to the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, by the SA Indian Council, which passed a motion at a meeting this week urging the Prime Minister to reverse his decision to keep Pageview white and to repeal the Group Areas Act.

The motion also called on department officials to refrain from evicting residents.

A Save Pageview Association spokesman said yesterday the SAIC's "magnanimous gesture" was an attempt to win credibility.

To date, the SAIC had been disinterested in the matter, he said.

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PRICES ARE PITCHED TOO HIGH, SAY THE HOMELESS

A TOWNHOUSE complex in Pimville, Soweto, which cost an estimated R1-million to build, will go to waste because local residents consider the houses too expensive.

The 24 houses, built by the South African Permanent Development Corporation, are priced at between R36 820 and R46 320 each

The chairman of the corporation, Mr J Prinsloo, said the project was inherited from the Urban Foundation and that no research had been done into the demand for townhouses in black areas

In the past the corporation had successfully built and sold standard houses for blacks, he said.

The houses will now be sold at lower prices which will be determined at a meeting to be held on Tuesday, Mr Prinsloo said

This development comes in the wake of problems experienced in Dobsonville where, out of 160 houses completed in May last year, only about 74 have have been sold to date

At the same time, the housing backlog in Soweto

By MOKONE MOLETE

has been officially estimated by the West Rand Administration Board at 22 760 units

Mr Phillip Gershater, director of Gallic Developments which builds town houses, said housing for blacks was "desirable" and he believed that blacks would like to have their own houses on their own land

He said moving into a townhouse was a "maturing process" — a person who had once owned his own house would be more likely to buy a town house

"Because townhouses are built in rows, it is quite difficult to make them look acceptably attractive and cheap at the same time"

The Transvaal manager of the Urban Foundation, Mr P Dempster, said his organisation and the corporation made a joint decision on the Pimville project

He said no study was undertaken by the foundation as it believed that "people should get as many houses as possible" and that "one cannot deal in theory all the time"

"We believe that unless you get many types of different houses at different prices, and provided in different ways, you are actually taking decisions for people as to how they should live.

"People have the right to choose for themselves"

He said the idea of group housing worked well for coloured communities in the Cape and could have worked well for Pimville

Last May the Dobsonville Community Council had a row with the United Building Society when it asked the society to build houses that would cost between R8 000 and R10 000

United built two batches of houses priced at between R22 000 and R28 000 The chairman of the council, Mr Don Mmesu, said that to date 50 houses out of 133 had been sold in the first group and 24 out of 27 had been sold in the other

The houses were sold at their advertised prices, he said

Commenting on the Pimville houses, he said that though he had not seen them, he supported the stance of people who did not want to buy the houses at the suggested prices.

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OVERSEAS LOAN FOR HOUSING

THE Atteridgeville/Saulsville Community Council is to soon receive a loan of R45-million from overseas to alleviate the acute housing shortage in the area, it was announced yesterday.

Council chairman Joseph Tshabalala told about 500 residents at a public meeting at the local community centre that his council had been engaged in secret talks with an overseas company to secure the loan. He declined to disclose further details.

"The Government is doing everything in its power to keep the black man dejected and frustrated," he said.

"They build match-box houses because a black man is not supposed to stay in an urban area. The freezing of housing in the township in 1968 was an intention by the Government to have us removed to remote areas."

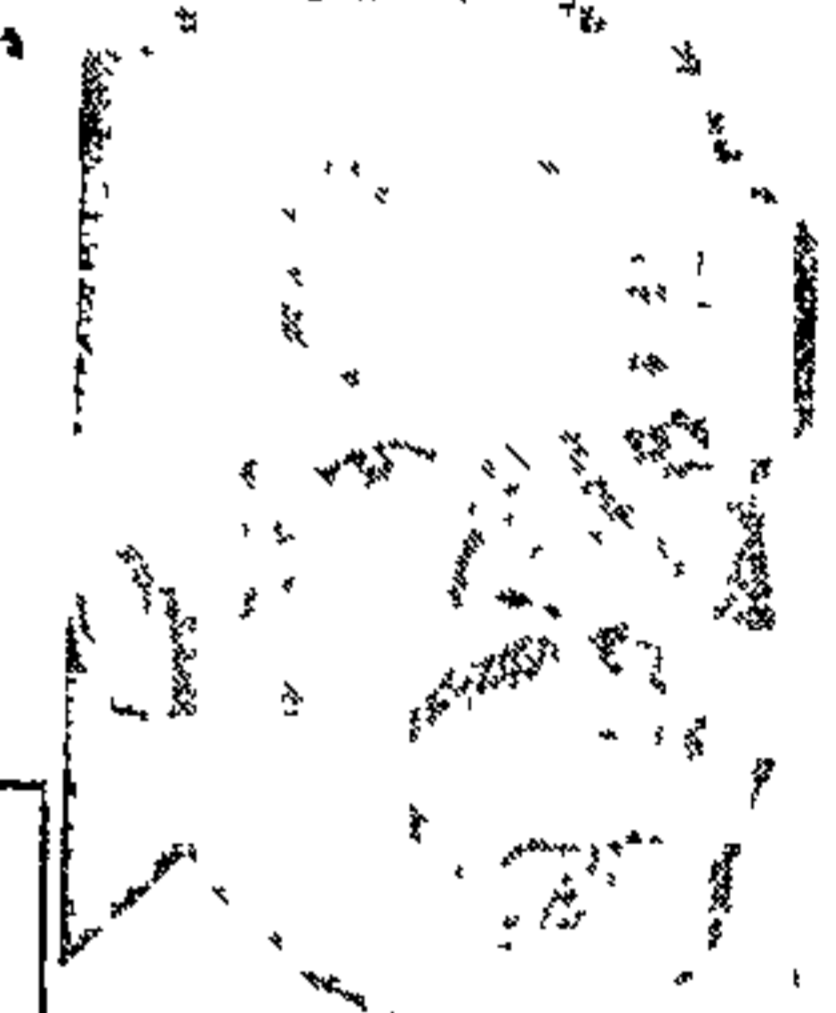
I do not believe that the white man can sincerely help a black man in this country. I do not even trust the administration board. After all they belong to

BY MONK INKOMO

the body which victimises squatters and arrests blacks for minor pass offences.

He said 543 residential sites a large area for an educational centre, a shop and two church sites would soon be available in Atteridgeville Extension 2 south-west of Kalafong Hospital, near the local cemetery.

Interested parties have been given 30 days to study the reports from the consultant town planners.



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IN THE NEWS SERVICES

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- A young girl stabbed to death in the Mashaba mining area.
 - Women murdered in the Waterfalls area of Salisbury with the initials 'PF' carved on their buttocks.
 - A number of women and children axed to death in the Beatrice farming area, near the scenes of the Waterfalls murders.
 - Murders in Bulawayo in 1976,
 - Murders in the Midlands the following year
- Police fear there may be more victims, because, before his death, the murderer promised to take them to other places throughout the country where he said he had left bodies of victims to rot.
- During his reign of terror Kanderayi was arrested for an axe attack on a man during a burglary. He was jailed for three years. During his time in prison, he attacked a fellow inmate with an axe and was sentenced to a further six years.
- He was destined not to serve this, however, as he was released in 1980 under the general amnesty granted by President Banana, and returned to his murderous activities.

Mr Tshabalala also announced that the 27 hectares of land near Saulsville hostel would be used for the erection of flats for unmarried people. Applications have also been invited for the allocation of 180 residential sites.

He said a private company would soon build two to five-roomed houses at a maximum cost of less than R25 000. The deposit would be 10 percent.

A total of 22 factories would be completed before the end of April and interested parties have been asked to rent the premises and run businesses of their own.

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risk the death penalty like five of their comrades captured in the Seychelles whose trial for treason starts there in a month's time.

The accused consist of 22 South Africans, nine Britons, seven former Rhodesians, two Americans, two West Germans and

the operation
Hoare supposedly recruited the band, paying each man R1000 on account and promising a further R10000 if the coup succeeded. But the men behind the plot to topple President Albert Rene and replace him by opponents of his regime are still

African authorities. They brought with them the body of a 46th killed accidentally by a burst of fire from one of his fellows, but five were left behind in the Seychelles, including Martin Dolinhek a former South African secret service officer.

After interrogation

accused to talk to the committee and none did so.

The UN team's mission was to try to establish the extent of South African involvement in the mercenary operation. Pretoria has maintained it was totally ignorant of the

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Pageview evictions case delay

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Mall Reporter

AN URGENT application brought before the Rand Supreme Court by Pageview residents to restrain Department of Community Development officials from evicting them tomorrow has been postponed

And the department has undertaken not to evict about 1 000 people until the case

has been heard.

The department has warned about 93 families they face eviction unless they voluntarily leave by tomorrow

The postponement follows a late-night call to Pageview lawyers on Saturday from lawyers acting for the department. The interdict — lodged on Friday — would

probably have been heard today

Mr Soni Hari, spokesman for the Save Pageview Association, said yesterday "Since we are reasonable people, we agreed to co-operate with their request"

The case — the culmination of a year-long Group Areas Act battle — will probably be heard later this week

1 300 houses planned (127) 50

THE KwaThema Community Council near Springs will start building 1 300 new houses before the end of the year, if all goes according to plan.

KwaThema Community Council chairman H H Ngakane also announced yesterday that the council would soon be completing the second phase of their electricity master plan.

He said so far the council has spent about R4-million for the two phases which included the electrifying of the 400 houses in Thembalisha, Masinini Section and the Kenneth Masikela Junior Secondary School.

The master plan, which has been divided into 10 phases, would be completed in 1986 at a cost of R50-million.

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79 homes built in (127)
Alexandra township *Staw*

The redevelopment of Alexandra township has finally started — after an 18 month deadlock -- with a sub-economic housing scheme of 79 houses.

Alexandra leaders hope to have municipal status for the township this year This would give them a measure of autonomy.

A Bill granting additional powers to black local authorities was published in Cape Town on Friday

The start of the first stage of the redevelopment of the township has been made possible by a Government loan of R5 million for the rebuilding

10/3/82
New bid

to evict (127)

Indian

tenants *Stai*

The owners of a block of flats in Hillbrow have applied for a court order to evict Indian and coloured tenants who refused to leave the flats after being given 24 hours' notice to quit almost a month ago.

The application, made on behalf of Highrise Holdings (Pty) Ltd by its administrative manager, Mr. Arthur Purdy, will be heard in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on March 16.

The application for a court order follows an eviction notice served on 20 Indian and coloured tenants on February 15 to vacate the flats in Primrose Terrace because of complaints received from white tenants.

The Indian and coloured tenants refused to leave the flats, although threatened that they would be physically thrown out, because they were not given at least 30 days to quit.

"It is so unfair," said one woman who was notified of the application.

"We have always paid our rent on time and have always been well behaved."

Inkatha protests (127)

R1 rent hike

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THE Tembisa branch of the Inkatha movement has called on the Tembisa community council to cancel the proposed R1 rent increase which will come into effect from the beginning of next month.

Mr L E Nhlapo, deputy chairman of the Tembisa Council, said rent in Tembisa will be increased by R1 every year in April until 1985, "to cover expenses for the electricity master plan we are busy working on at the moment."

Mr Andries Kheswa, chairman of the Tembisa branch of Inkatha, said yesterday "There is no reason for the council to increase rents because at the moment we still use the old bucket system,

our roads are bad and have no electricity. The council increased rents by R5 last year, promising better services in the township. But nothing happened and we are calling on them to cancel the increases."

After the last rent increase, property belonging to Erab was damaged in protest and the windows of a house belonging to Community Council chairman Lucas Mothiba were smashed. The members of the local residents' committee were detained.

KIDS MUST GET OUT

THE SOWETO council has ordered that children must leave Mzimhlope Women's Hostel — or their mothers will be thrown out with them.

The unmarried mothers and divorcees were warned last month to quit by February 28. Some were still there yesterday not knowing where to go.

The council's director of townships, Mr J J Oosthuizen, said he had found alternative accommodation for some of the women.

Those he could not find places for had to leave as he could not allow a women's-only hostel to be turned into a family housing unit.

Mr Oosthuizen said some women had falsified their applications for accommodation at the hostel by claiming they were single. Once allotted a room, they introduced children.

'We got all sorts of complaints from other hostel dwellers who say the children are a nuisance,' he said.

He added that when the hostel was built, it was intended for occupation by single women only.

Soweto Council Chairman David Thebehali said children staying at the hostel with their mothers caused problems to the other room mates.

He said one woman was found staying at the hostel with her four children.

The other roommates complained that the set-up was very awkward as their rights of privacy were infringed.

Mr Nico Malan, Chief Executive Officer for the Soweto Council, previously told **The SOWETAN** that funds were available for the construction of a new place for these women. The project was due to start in a few months' time.

He advised the mothers and divorcees affected by the eviction to contact the Township Manager should they experience any problems in finding alternative accommodation.

Mamelodi families thrown out into street

Soweto 4/3/82

By MONK NKOMO

FOUR Mamelodi township families, including a mentally retarded father of five were yesterday evicted from their homes and had their furniture thrown out

The evictions by the messenger of the court which started at about 10 am was launched by the Central Transvaal Administration Board. I am not allowed to speak to the Press but this is nothing new. It also happens in Soweto. The messenger of the court evicts people here every Wednesday. This was the reaction from the local township superintendent Mr P R Steyn.

Mr Jonathan Itsweng, a father of five who is mentally retarded and is under the care of the local welfare was found outside his 7087 U Naledi house with his furniture. Most of his goods were put in a black refuse bag. The white man who was accompanied by about 10 black men said Mr Itsweng owed R961.68, said a neighbour.

The local community council yesterday condemned and abhorred the evil and inhuman action. Said Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, president of the Vulamehlo Vukani Peoples Party and local councillor. The administration board is doing this without consulting the community council. The council knows nothing about evictions. These actions tarnish the image of the council. The evictions must stop right now.

Mr Jan Ndala the taxi driver of 2713 section J who was not present in the morning had his lock broken and replaced with a new one by the messenger of the court. He was found outside with his 8 year-old-son Themba, together with their furniture including an electric fridge, stove, carpets and curtains. According to a court order left on his door and dated March 10, Mr Ndala is alleged to owe R38.25 in rental arrears.

"I am going to the superintendent's office to get an explanation," said Mr Ndala. Mr Thomas Letswalo of 6046 section Q had his furniture thrown out and it was only after he had shown the messenger of the court his rental receipts that the men left without locking his house.

Rent (127) rise saw per 11/3/82 child

By Sue Leeman

Couples living in Vale and Sheridan courts in Bertrams, Johannesburg, are paying rent according to the number of children they have

Their landlord, Mr Michael Meyer of the Pretoria-based Prekor Trust, has stipulated that no more than two people may live in a bachelor flat or three in a one-bedroom flat.

An extra R25 a month is charged for the second person in a bachelor unit and the third in a one-bedroom flat

Angry tenants are refusing to sign a form undertaking to pay the higher rental.

IMPROVEMENTS

Mr Louis Falcao who shares a one-bedroom flat in Vale Court with his wife and two young children said Mr Meyer told him the rent increase was to cover improvements to the buildings.

"But there have been very few improvements. We are in effect paying for having our children with us," said Mr Falcao.

"When my wife asked Mr Meyer what we should do with our second child — the fourth person in our flat — he told her we must rent a second flat in the block."

FOUR RISES

Rents have risen four times in the past 20 months. A one-bedroom flat which cost R99 in August 1980 now costs R185, or R210 if there is a third tenant

In June 1980 tenants were informed that only their own vehicles were allowed in the parking areas, no animals were allowed on the premises at any time and no washing was to be hung on balconies or in corridors

Later they were told there would be a mandatory period of quiet between 2 pm and 4 pm daily.

SLUM FEAR

Mr Meyer said he is trying to clean up the flats. The area was becoming a slum.

"A family with two small children is too large for a one-bedroom unit."

Tin shanty photographs are 'false' says Thebehali

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THE chairman of the Soweto Council, Mr David Thebehali, yesterday said he told Pressmen in France that people in Soweto do not live in tins, after he was shown "false" photographs of tin-shack houses said to be the type of houses people in Soweto lived in.

Speaking for the first time to the Press about his last month's tour of European countries, Mr Thebehali said when he spoke of Soweto, he was referring to Soweto as a geographical area in Johannesburg.

"People who want to tell the world that Soweto is South Africa are wrong. We have to be realistic and tell the outside world the true situa-

tion in this country without exaggerating anything.

"When I was addressing this Press conference held in Paris I was shown photographs of tin shack houses and children standing behind barbed wire fencing and the caption of the photographs were that this was Soweto.

"This I denied because I know that there are no tin houses in Soweto. Those pictures could have been taken elsewhere, but definitely not in Soweto, that is what I was putting straight.

"But I will never tell the international community that blacks are happy in South Africa. I have always advocated

political and economic and political changes.

I have said there are people without houses and that those who do have houses, are not too happy about their houses and want to live in better houses with electricity.

"I have also said there are people without jobs and that those who do have jobs are not too happy with their jobs because they want better jobs with better salaries," Mr Thebehali said.

He added that he has spoken of the socio-economic needs which are the most urgent and the most immediate needs of Soweto's people. Political needs, he said, were tomorrow's

needs. I could never have said South Africa is a bed of roses. I told the world that blacks do not support boycotts and sanctions because that will not solve the socio-economic problems.

And when I say this I know for certain that I am speaking for several people. I am speaking for the man in the street, the man who comes to my office everyday wanting me to give him a house, a job and a school for his children.

"That is what I am doing here for Soweto people as chairman of this council. There are politicians who will strive for political changes which may come tomorrow."

Rent paid — but family gets eviction order

A THOKOZA family who have been ordered out of their house deny claims by the East Rand Administration Board that they have not paid their rent for two months.

Mr Caswell Khanyile said that five whites and a black policeman from the local offices of the board "rudely" raided his home yesterday at 2 am.

The police said they were sent by the manager to deliver an eviction notice for him to leave the house within the next seven days because he owed the board R70 for two months' rent.

"I paid my rent for

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

this month last Tuesday and this R70 the board says I am owing. I know nothing about it. My monthly rent is R24,45, and that is the money I

paid last Tuesday to the board," said Mr Khanyile.

He showed The SOWETAN his rent receipt for March which shows that he paid R24,45 last Tuesday.

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Six new Sowetos needed, says Wrab

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Planning and building of six cities the size of Soweto could no longer be avoided to settle the rapidly increasing black urban population, Mr J C Knoetze, West Rand Administration Board chairman, said today.

On urban development, especially in the PWV area, Mr Knoetze said neglected areas must be revitalised and upgraded to make up for past neglect.

Speaking at a workshop on benefits for black workers held by the Manpower and Management Foundation, he said urban blacks were the manpower in the industrial revolution which this country was already experiencing.

Black unemployment,

the housing backlog and the problem of producing enough food to feed the growing black population by the end of this century should be seen as challenges and opportunities.

"For instance, the challenge to provide 4 million homes over the next 20 years at an estimated cost of R30 000-million is the greatest opportunity ever presented to us to create jobs and to educate and train people."

In the end this would be the only effective way of curbing the population explosion — by economic upliftment.

Mr Knoetze said there should be a

three-pronged attack on these problems by adopting positive policies to meet the future sociological, economic and political needs of the homelands blacks on the platteland and blacks in the urban areas.

It was important to realise that the black man's ability and his willingness to contribute towards his own housing and economic development was often hopelessly underestimated.

It was essential to make maximum use of available capital and encourage occupants of dwellings to develop new values and appreciate what it cost to build and maintain a house.

Acceptance of the Viljoen Committee's recommendations had opened the door for the private sector to make a bigger contribution to black housing.

Mr Knoetze referred to the urgent need to electrify black townships.

ELECTRICITY

Electrification started in 1980 in the Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville areas, was progressing at a satisfactory rate and work to the value of R74 million had been completed by the end of 1981.

Mr O S Graupner spoke on the need for better employer relationship that would help generate more housing for blacks.

In his paper, he listed factors that should be considered in a company home ownership schemes, including the number of employees to be assisted, what employees can afford to pay and what the company can afford to invest.

Employee factors included the fear of being tied to the company.

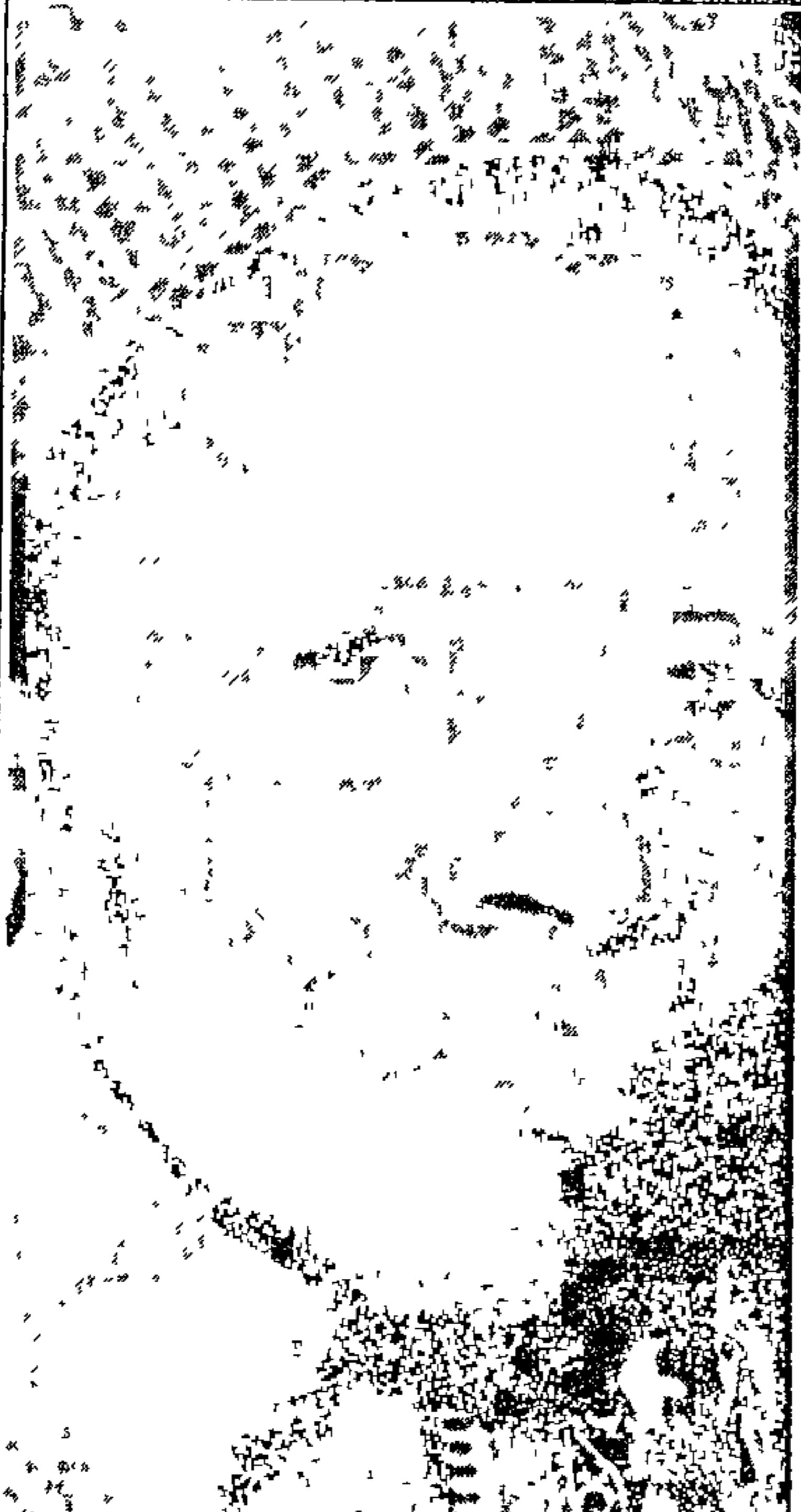
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'Cold war' keeps her homeless

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UNHAPPINESS Mrs Happy Mongale has been on the house waiting list for over 15 years

FIFTY-YEAR-OLD Mrs Happy Mongale des-
perately needs a house but says that "unsympa-
thetic" authorities are denying her one, because
of a "cold war" she is involved in with a coun-
cillor.

"Please help me find a home" pleaded Mrs
Mongale, who together with four young children,
has been leading a nomadic life moving from door
to door in Soweto to get a place to sleep

She tearfully told The SOWETAN "My grand-
children are now my burden. They already know
suffering. One day we are here and the next we are
sleeping at a different house. It's too much now."

She blames a woman councillor and leader of the
makgotla group in Meadowlands for influencing the
township manager to refuse her a house

Mrs Mongale says the woman "has something
personal against me. There is a terrible cold war
existing between the two of us."

She said trouble started when she exposed the
councillor in newspapers after she was thrown out of
a shack she was staying in at a backyard in Meadow-
lands

"I was thrown out of the shack because she
wanted me to pay bribes for staying there," Mrs
Mongale said

Mrs Mongale said she has been on the waiting list
for a house over a period of 15 years. "Everybody
else is getting a house before me. Young men and
women have already got houses. I am ageing, but
made to suffer. Why on earth me?" she lamented

Mrs Mongale also accused the Wrab offices deal-
ing with the Zone One area of Meadowlands of cor-
ruption. "There is favouritism. Authorities are un-
sympathetic. And she is behind all this."

The township manager at Meadowlands, a Mr
Van der Merwe refused to react to the allegations
made by Mrs Mongale. He directed enquiries to Mr
J M Mahuhushi, chairman of the Diepmeadow
Council, who was said to be attending a seminar

Mrs Mongale added "I now stand to lose my job
because I can't report daily at work due to these
housing problems"

She said she saw an empty house last week which
she reported to the authorities in order to secure it
for herself. But suddenly the house was given to
somebody else after she had been assured that it
would be hers

"And this is not the first time it has happened.
Please somebody help me find a house."

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has climbed to 19.

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Three cases had been
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and the others were
under observation

The plague fatality
was Mr Henry Poela,
who died shortly after

TOWN CORRESPONDENT

being admitted to Liv-
ingstone Hospital on
March 3 for suspected
pneumonia

A Coega child ad-
mitted to Livingstone
Hospital suspected to be
suffering from menin-
gitis, was confirmed last
week as another bu-
bonic plague victim

Meanwhile, a State
ecologist from Pretoria,
Dr Edmund Hartwig,

has said that the plague
has been successfully
contained. A small spot
had been affected and it
appeared that it had
been successfully iso-
lated, he said

About 80 residents of
a settlement at the Ro-
man Catholic mission
were under quarantine,
which should be lifted
after "a week or so", he
said

'SA offered rebels support'

MAPUTO A South African "Colonel van Niekerk" said South Afri-
can soldiers would take part in attacks launched by the rebel Mozambi-
que National Resistance Movement, according to documents released
here.

The Mozambique
army captured the docu-

The meetings were al-
legedly held at a place

allegedly said the South
Africans would also

15 slain in Soweto

By ELLIOT
TSHINGWALA

FIFTEEN people
were killed violently
in various parts of So-
weto during the week-
end. Police have
already arrested two
men in connection
with two of the mur-
ders and the rest are
under investigation.

A Meadowlands
mother and son missed

shot in the head. Police
refused to give partic-
ulars of the injured peo-
ple to the press but Brig-
adier Viktor reported
the condition of the two
as satisfactory

Two other people
were hospitalised as a
result of shootings in So-
weto

An Orlando youth
was allegedly shot by a
member of the South
African Police after he

Soweto's rent hikes are

more than just an emotional tirade . . .

SOWETO COUNCIL CHAIRMAN MR DAVID THEBEHALI wrote this article for THE SOWETAN to present his view on rent increases.

THE question of rent and rent increases, like any other increase, has emotional overtones and under tones. Nobody, regardless of his colour of skin, ordinarily accepts any increase. But one becomes very sceptical of certain organisations and individuals who are selective in their trade against increases.

Today we are faced with increases in coal, in sugar, petrol, railfares, etc. There is no doubt that this is going to lead in an escalation of increases in other commodities. But there was no newspaper outcry against the Soweto coal merchants when they put up their increases, no outcry when traders put up sugar prices, no outcry when taxi fares went up a few months ago, no outcry when medical fees went up.

House rent has not been increased for the past 20 to 25 years. What we have been confronted with, and always unavoidably,

are increases in service charges. These changes are essential, and unavoidable.

Take water for example. We buy water from the Rand Water Board — we have no control on the charges. The Rand Water Board decides on the tariffs to be paid and we have no alternative but to pay. The same applies to electricity. Eskom increases the charges and we have to pay. The Johannesburg City Council decides on sewerage fees and we have to pay. The behal does not decide on these increases — we are forced to pay these increases or else the essential service, water, electricity, etc. will not be provided.

The Soweto Council is very concerned about the annual 17% increase in the consumption of water. On the average a house consumes approximately 30,000 litres of water a month. To the majority

of Soweto residents this sounds terrible exaggerated!

When one uses a toilet approximately 10 litres are flushed. If you are a family of 10 then in the morning, only before you go to work or school, 100 litres are flushed. How often do we go to the toilet a day? Some of us run shebeens with more than 25 clients per day and after every two/three bottles of beer nature forces one to a toilet! On

We have a staff of 2000 people working for us. We can only keep their services if

we attempt to give them a satisfactory wage. For example, our women (very courageous and hard-working), who sweep and clean the streets, get a starting salary of R150,00 per month — better than what some of our factory workers are getting.

To be more specific, we have to prepare about 120 to 150 graves every weekend at Avalon. We bury about 120 people every Saturday and Sunday. If we fire some of the grave diggers we shall not have the required graves per weekend. Can you imagine you're anxious to bury this weekend and then we inform you that we can only put you on the waiting list for next week or the week after. Can you imagine having to wait for 3

weeks before you can bury your next-of-kin? The people of Soweto do not need this unnecessary inconvenience!



HIKES: Not our fault.

Regardless of whether it is Motlana — the Civic Associations or Thebehal, one will always be confronted with these increases. What are these unavoidable charges per house per month?

- Maintenance R3 79
- Insurance 60c
- Sewerage fee R5 48
- School levy 38c
- Water R5 00
- Health fee R1 50
- Electricity levy R1 30
- Roads 74c
- Street lights 12c
- Water-pipe mainten-

ance 46c
Refuse removal R2 45
Administration R5 43
Planning (new areas) Protea North/South etc 30c

The total for all the rented houses is R27 55. Then we had the R8,00 increase which was split into R2,00 (sewerage fee), R2,00 (refuse removal) and R4 00 (water).

Self-built houses pay less site rent or assessment rates because they are responsible for their own maintenance, insurance, water, etc.

Electricity has been an emotional issue lately. This was as a result of us moving from a manual to a computerised system. But we found that residents were not paying their electricity accounts until the account has been posted to them — they therefore run into arrears.

We are calling on the residents to pay their accounts even if the account has not been delivered. The Administration office will help you in this regard.

The rate for electricity is 3 1/2c per unit — multiply this by your consumption and add R2 00 — then you will find the amount to be paid.

Black housing—only one solution

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Municipal Reporter

A PARTNERSHIP between the State and private enterprise was the only workable solution to the black housing problem the national housing chairman of the Urban Foundation said in Cape Town yesterday.

Mr Johan Kruger said in a lecture to the Western Cape branch of the SA Institute of Housing that the State did not have the funds to eliminate the housing backlog and keep up with population growth.

The full backlog for the cost R800-million country was about 160 000. The State could launch a huge programme that would seriously deplete its budget, or it could under-supply houses, leading to social repercussions, or it could go into

partnership with private enterprise.

It is essential that private enterprise supply its capital, knowledge and labour to the sub-economic housing programme.

Mr Kruger said this would have to be on sound business principles, and there would have to be security for developers.

He believed that the standards of some houses, such as at New Cross-roads, were too high. It was believed that the State had looked on the urban blacks as temporary sojourners, and few if more homes, though it was not the intention of authorities to build more slums.

Mr Kruger said the main cause of the backlog in black housing was that the State had looked on urban blacks as temporary sojourners, and few if any houses had been built in 30 years.

NO RENT FOR BLACKS FOR SIX MONTHS

Soweto

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RENTS in Soweto are not going to be increased — at least not within the next six months. But Diepkloof residents may have to pay R8 more from next month.

The assurance on Soweto was given yesterday by the chairman of the Soweto Council, Mr David Thebehali, who added that whether or not rents go up this year, will be dependent on the council's estimates for the year.

He said the council works out its annual budget at the beginning of April and it was only then that he would be in a position to

say whether or not there would be any need for increases

But, Mr Isaac Mogase, chairman of the Diepkloof Civic Association, told The SO-WETAN yesterday he had received unfirmed reports that there would be increases of R8 a month in Diepkloof

The increases, he said, are to be implemented on April 1. The chairman of the Diepmeadow Community Council, Mr J C Mahuhushu, was not available for comment

Mr Thebehali's assurances dispel rumours that have been doing the rounds in Soweto that increases were looming and

would be implemented in a few weeks,

The last increases to be paid by Soweto residents were in October last year when each household was faced with an R8 service charges increase

Shortly before the implementation of the increases on October 1, Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), said they were necessitated by losses of R1.5-million incurred by the three townships of Greater Soweto every month

Mr Knoetze said the losses were caused mainly by losses on water, sewerage, electricity and refuse removal services

Trying to live out a damned life

WHOEVER has a hand in the continued existence of Mzimhlophe Hostel ought to hang his head in shame

It is more than five years now since the several hundreds of families were flooded out of the frying pan which was Kliptown right into the fire which is Mzimhlophe Hostel. Since then, promise has followed promise to rehouse them properly. Civic politicians are known to have made mileage in the popularity stakes whenever the issue was brought up.

It all ended there — rhetoric and no action. Anyone who has set his foot in the sty-like derelict sprawling complex will agree that indeed, poverty and filth go together.

The authorities term it 'temporary sanctuary' but it seems like the unfortunate thousands dumped there may have to call it home for ever and ever. The manner in and often asked "Now which families are packed into dingy, rickety hovels is the nearest thing to methods which fisheries employ to pack sardines.

With the communal toilets — forever blocked — and walls thin as a coat of paint it is incredible how the thousands have come to adjust to living like one unhappy family. Incidentally while we were there, a birthday party was in full swing in one of the communal structures. Some 10 families — it could be more — were forced to enjoy or endure the whoopee.

A few blocks away, Archbishop N S Ndlovu of the United Holy Catholic Church of Zion in South Africa, was holding a prayer service. Similarly, the whole block had to choose between enjoying and enduring in.

There are "smaller" rooms called one-beds because apparently, only one bed can fit in there. Rent for these is R14,90.

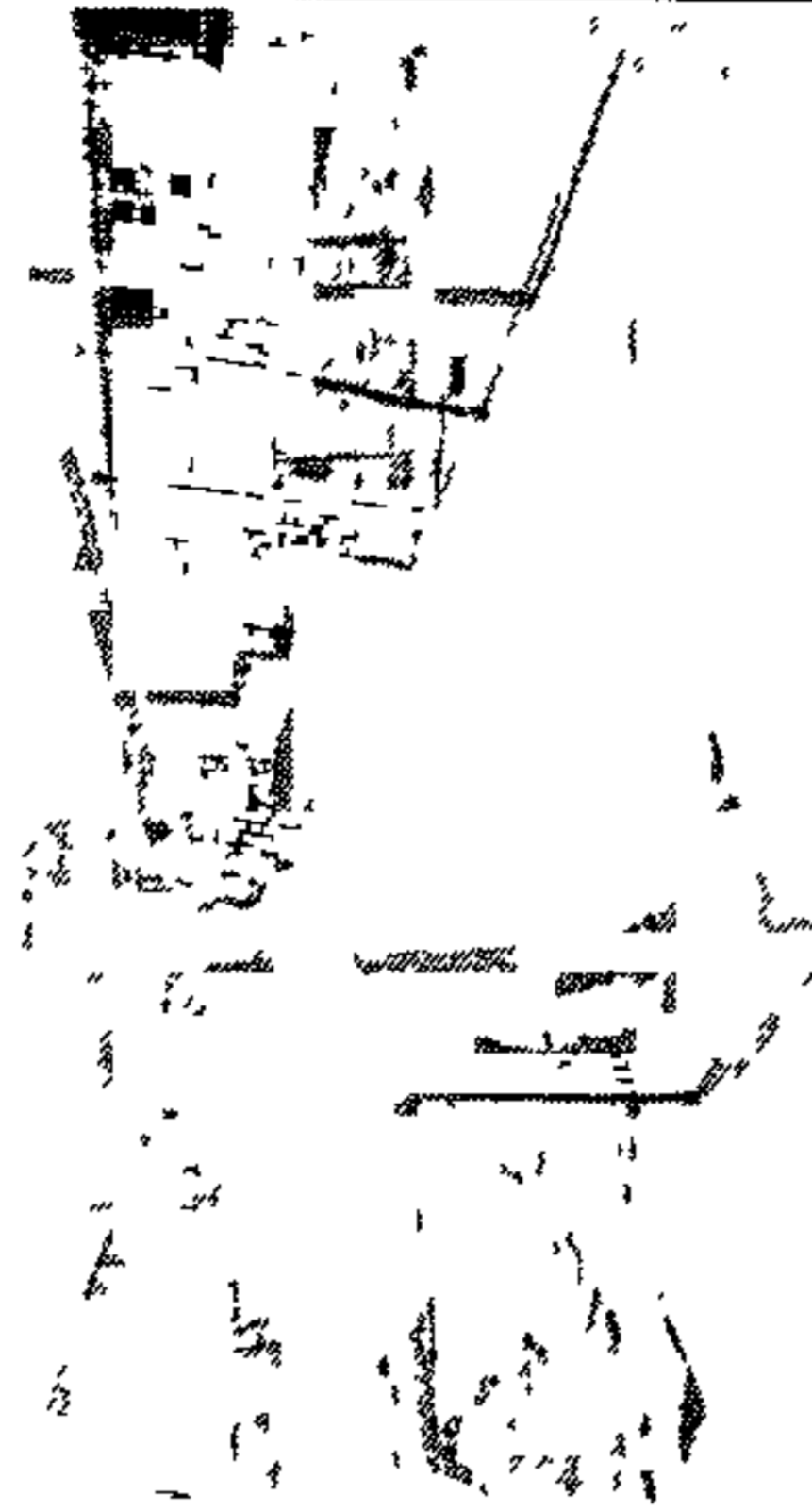
It was quite obvious that too few adults were not into heavy drinking in the complex. There is an opinion that this is the making of the authorities. If a man earns a wage every weekend and finds he can't even buy a suit because he has nowhere to put it, he is far more vulnerable to bad influences.

Rickety hovels house one big unhappy family

Story by CHARLES MOGALE, Pics by JOE MOLEFE



STINKER: Mrs Susan Ratone needs a toilet, but where can she go?



FILTH Nobody seems to care about hygiene. So why should this lone gentleman?



FRUSTRATION Lying and waiting for nothing

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In Mzimhlophe there are quite a few things you can't opt out of, unless you leave the complex completely

Just some minutes after our arrival, for example, a teenage girl was yelling her throat sore, describing the very intimate anatomy of a woman old enough to be her grandmother

The drunken exchange went on full blast right under the noses of blushing mothers and their innocent young kids who were obviously revelling in it all

It is virtually impossible to bring children up according to Sunday school rules in the complex. It is also near impossible to teach them hygiene

Residents we spoke to told us of their fears for their lives. They feared not only the high murder rate in the area, but for health and accidents — "what if a fire breaks out in just one room?"

Indeed. In one block, Mrs Maki Mokoena was preparing a meal for her family on a brazier. The fire made the wooden walls uncomfortably hot, and the heat could be felt at the farthest corner of the block

Unlike blacks in general, the Mzimhlophe people were just too willing to talk about their plight. They invited us to their rooms

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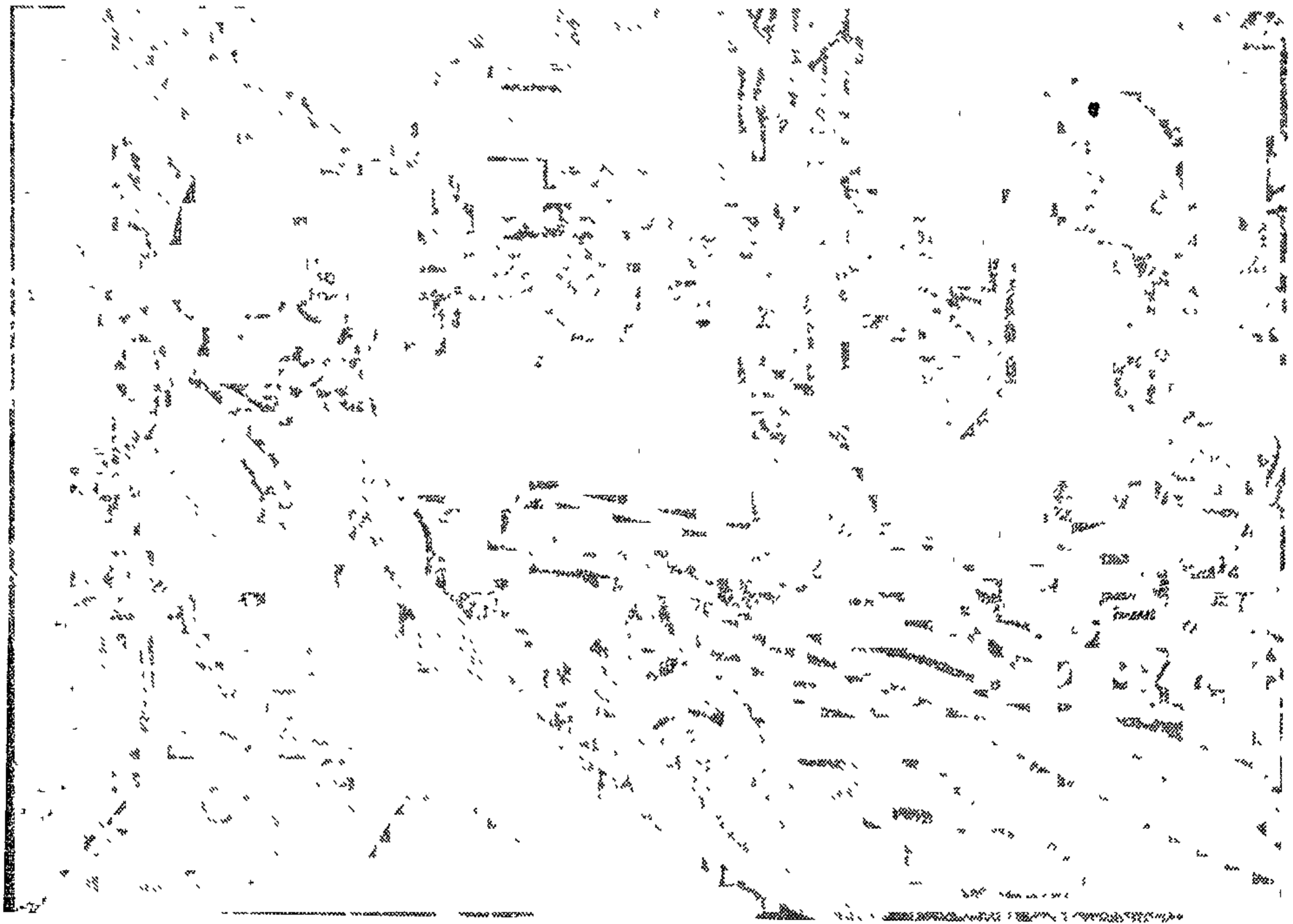


LIVE HERE?

The authorities are soon, we bet, to come up with the niceties of the Group Areas Act. Who belongs here — and who gate-

crashed. But as each day passes and one more promise is made, Mzimhlophe remains a disaster in the making

Tenants Evicted in Race Swoop



Alicia Govender (3½) sits among her family's possessions unaware that she might have to sleep on the pavement tonight.

12 Jo'burg families are put out on the street

Star 18/3/82



Mr Herbe, a Department of Community Development official, shows an eviction order served on two Indian families in Joubert Park, Johannesburg

Ten coloured and two Indian families were evicted today from their homes in Joubert Park, Johannesburg, by Department of Community Development officials

The Indian families were evicted in terms of a court order, a department official said

The 10 coloured tenants appeared in court on Monday on charges under the Group Areas Act. Their cases were postponed to March 25

Today furniture was removed from the flats of the coloured tenants by department staff and put on the pavement outside Huntly Hall in Wolmarans Street

"Where do they expect us to live in the meantime," asked an angry Mr Colin Lombard. "They didn't even give us a month's notice though we have paid the full rent this month"

The tenants' plight began on Saturday at 6

am when they were taken to John Vorster Square in cars and warned to be in court on Monday

"That was the first notification we had to get out, even though some of us have been living in the building since 1980," Mr Lombard said

Another tenant, Mr James Samuels, was upset because some tenants' furniture was thrown out while they were at work

"How can they do that to people?" he asked. "Besides, most of the affected tenants are tradesmen, who have lost thousands of rands in earnings because they had to stay away from work this week in an attempt to find other accommodation"

The two Indian families were evicted from their homes in 44 Koch Street

A Mr Herbe, an official of the Department of Community Development who was putting the families' furniture and other possessions

on the pavement, said he was executing a court eviction order.

Mr Bobby Govender, who was being evicted with Mr Thomas Govender, their wives and four young children, appeared in court under the Group Areas Act last October

They were ordered then to vacate the house in a white area by February 2

The families said that for the past four years they had applied to the Department of Community Development for a home in an Indian area, but were told none was available

"Where must we go?" asked Mrs B Govender

"The Group Areas froze us out on one hand, but cannot provide us with accommodation on the other"

Mrs Govender's nine-year-old daughter, Marisa, who attends Fordsburg Primary School, was still unaware that her bed, blankets and wardrobe

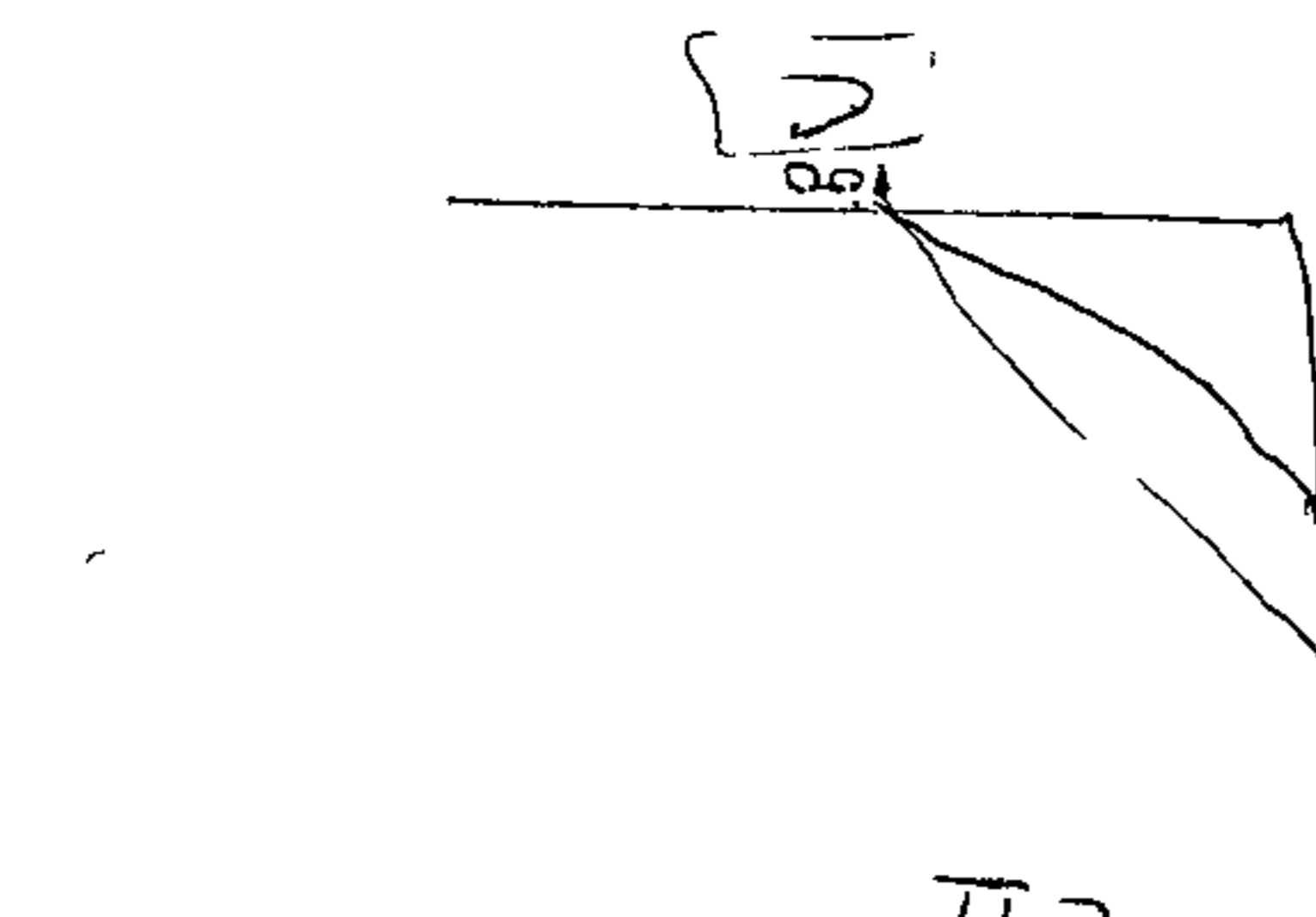
12 families put out on the streets

12 families had been put on the pavement. The family said they would camp on the pavement until they could find a home. "We contribute to the welfare of this country with our work — and this is what they do to us" shouted an agitated Mr Thomas Govender.

He could not understand the Government's policies, he said.

"You get people coming from Zimbabwe and Poland — foreigners — and they get houses and support from the Government. We are South Africans, we like this country and they throw us out."

No senior officials of the Department of Community Development could be contacted in Johannesburg, Durban or Cape Town today for comment. The Minister, Mr Pen Kotze, said he was unaware of the move.

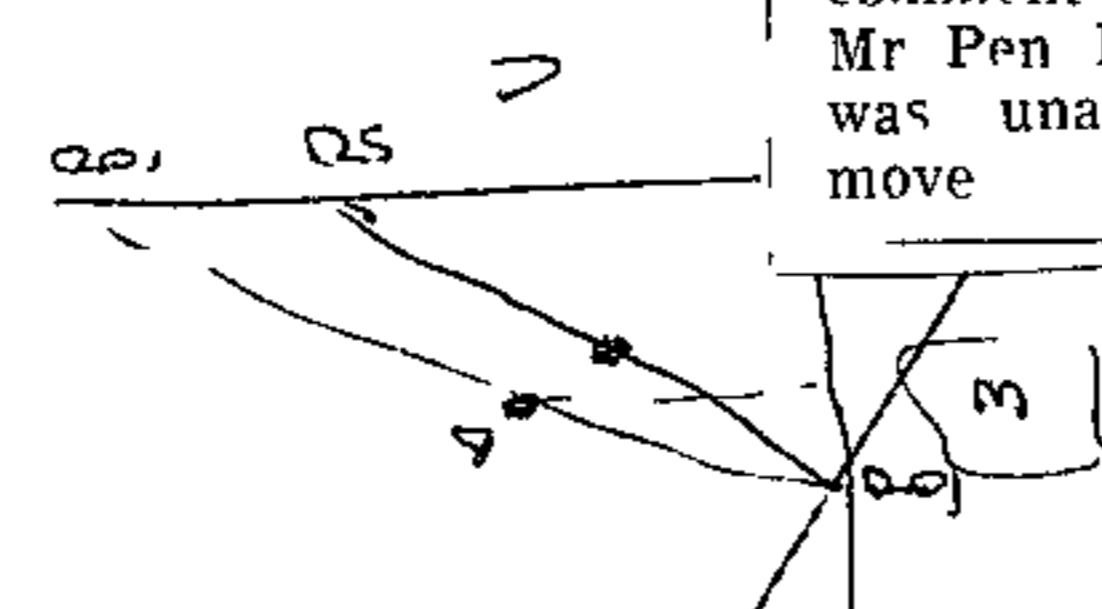


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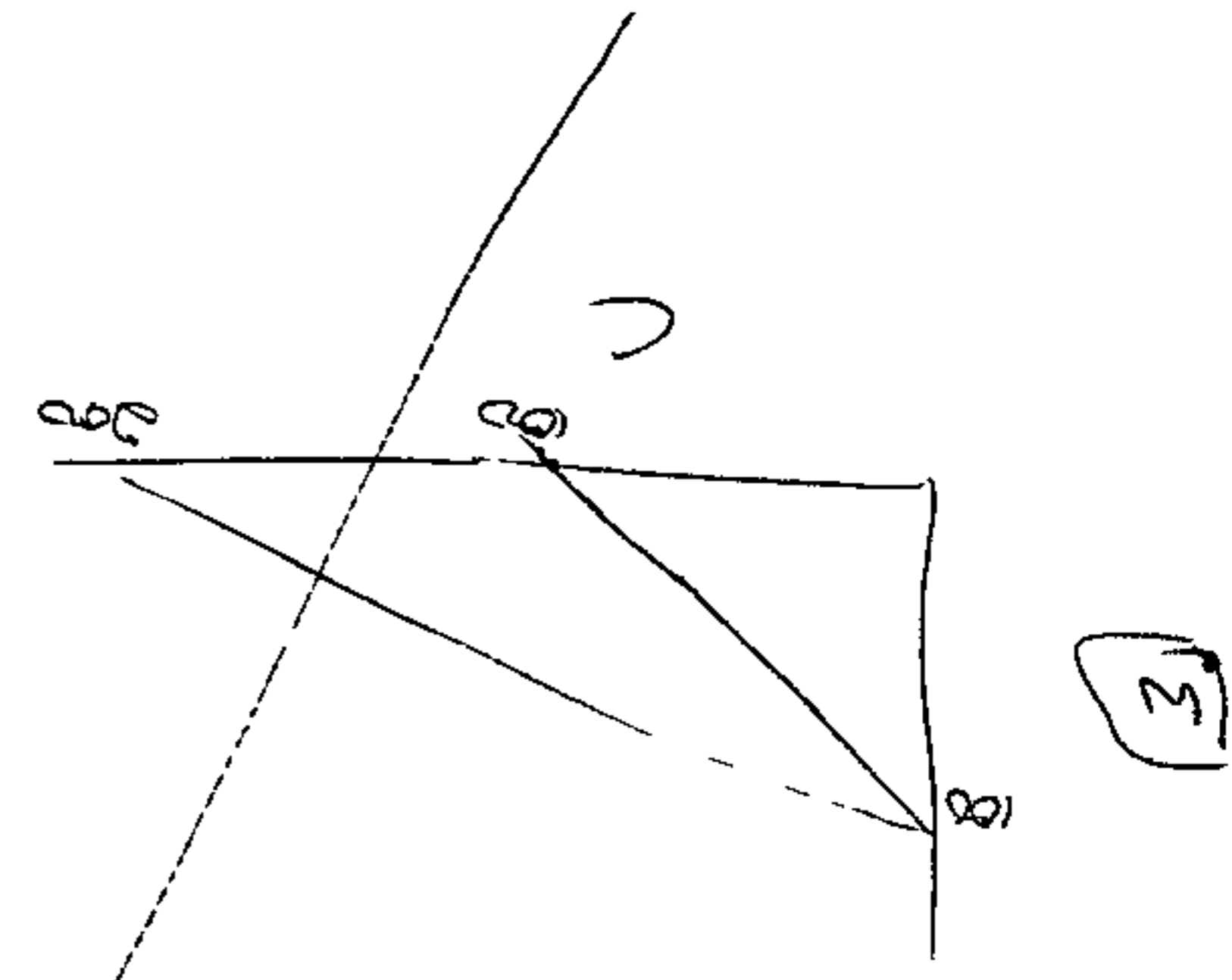
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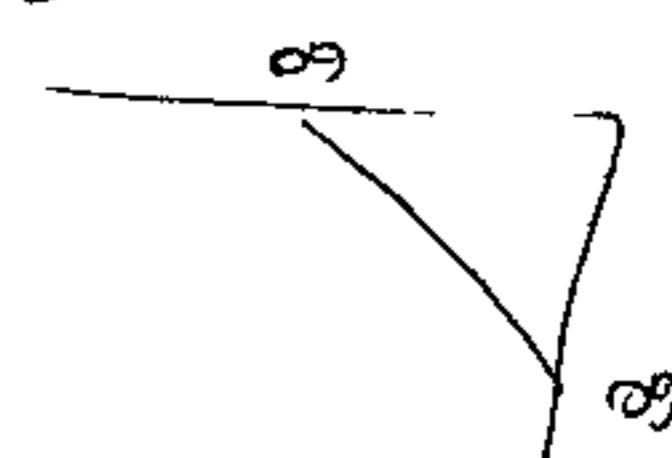
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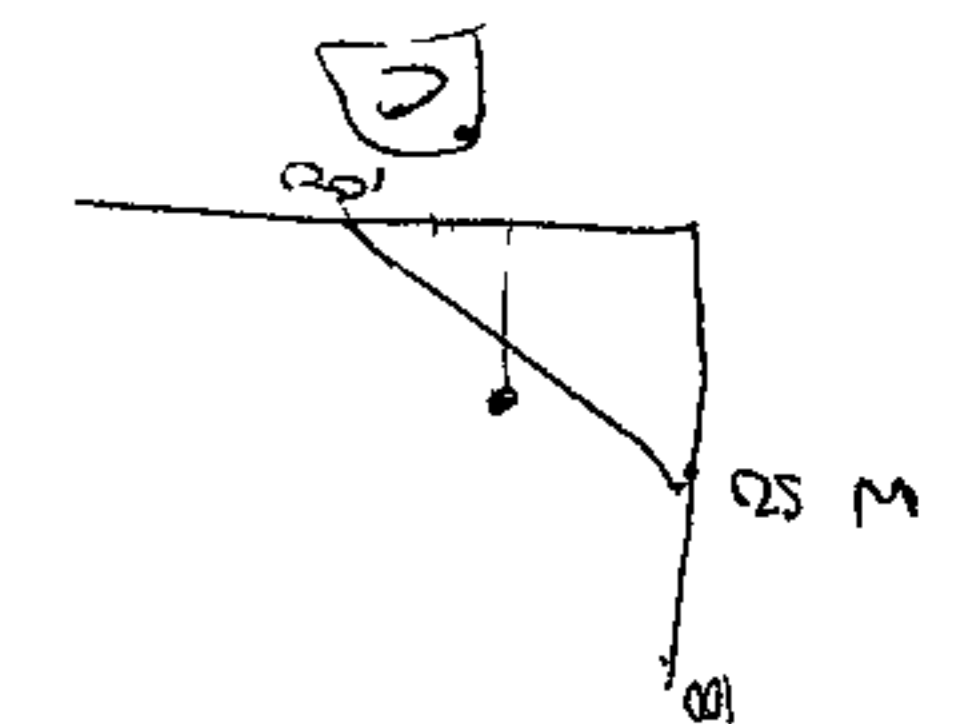
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Piet on rent rise

THE Minister of the Department of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, will make the final decision on the proposed rent increases in Mamelodi and Atteridgeville/Saulsville, Mr J A van Eeden, the local administration board's director of community services, said yesterday.

tive community council leaders who had in the past steadfastly refused to consider the increased tariffs due to be implemented in April

The board had, however, stressed that the increases were imperative to wipe out the townships' deficit of R6-million. They had recommended respective rent increases of R21,25 and R25 per month in the two townships

The move has "shocked" the respec-

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Working again at Reiger Park

The Reiger Park management committee has resumed its activities. It stopped working last month in protest against Boksburg Town Council's decision to stop developing the township because of a cutback in State spending on housing.

The move affected three housing projects.

"With the new municipal elections in Boksburg the situation has changed," the management committee chairman, Mr Jac Rabie, said on Tuesday. "We feel it is necessary to give the new town council members a chance to rescind the decision of the previous council."

But committee members were adamant they would dissolve the committee if nothing was done about the critical housing situation in Reiger Park, he said.

"Only 10 000 of the 15 000 families living there are housed properly."

The committee also hope the new town council would make the town hall available to all residents. "We will be meeting the new Boksburg management committee some time in April," Mr Rabie said. "We will then be able to assess the attitude of the new members."

'Inaction' angers Lenasia

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Residents of Lenasia Extensions 1, 2 and 3 today hit out at the Lenasia Management Committee, the Association of Ratepayers and the S A Indian Council for "doing nothing" about problems in

these undeveloped extensions

They criticised the Department of Community Development for not providing basic amenities before moving families

Residents said there

were no shops in the area where they could buy bread milk and other daily requirements. There was no post office, emergency chemist, doctor's office or transport service.



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 Twelve evicted from homes

Mail Reporter

THE belongings of two Indian families were left strewn on the pavement after Department of Community Development officials evicted them from their homes in terms of the Group Areas Act.

The families, both Govenders, had been living in the rented house at 41 Zok Street, Johannesburg, for four years.

The Govenders were among about 12 families in Joubert Park evicted yesterday.

Crowds gathered as furniture and clothing were carried out while Mr Bobby Govender and Mr Thomas Govender pleaded with officials to give them more time to find somewhere else to live.

An official at the scene said the families had been given ample notice of the evictions.

Mr Bobby Govender, a credit manager, said that for the past four years he had tried to find alternative housing in Lenasia and Eldorado Park but the Department of Community Development told him no houses were available.

Mr Thomas Govender returned from work and found his possessions on the street. His car keys, which he had always kept on top of the family wardrobe, were lost.

The Rev Cecil Peggie, of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, arrived at the eviction scene with a large tarpaulin that the two families had requested to protect their possessions from the rain.

Officials also evicted about 10 coloured families from a nearby block of flats.

One tenant, Mr James Samuels, said officials had smashed open the door of the flat next to his, while the tenants were at work, and carted all their goods onto the pavement.

Govender and her three-year-old daughter, Alicia, with their belongings after Mr Bobby Govender from their Joubert Park home by Department of Community Development officials yesterday

Picture DANIE COETZER

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 Puzzle of Swapo food links

By DAVID FORRETT

SALSBURY — The Zimbabwean government is still studying South African allegations that it is supplying food and arms to Swapo guerrillas. A statement, by a government spokesman, is the only official reaction so far to claims by Major-General Peter Lloyd, General Officer Commanding the South West Africa Territorial Force.

General Lloyd claimed rations, supplies and arms from Zimbabwe had been found in a Swapo camp overrun by troops in southern Angola.

He showed journalists tins of corned beef stamped "Packed in Bulawayo", but produced no proof Zimbabwean beef had been found.

Enough political observers in Salisbury are sceptical about the claim that

Zimbabwe is providing military assistance, they are not surprised at the alleged discovery of food rations and other supplies.

The Zimbabwean Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, has repeatedly pledged his government's support for Swapo.

The president of Swapo, Mr Sam Nujoma, has publicly thanked Zimbabwe for reaffirming its decision to render concrete material assistance as well as political and diplomatic support.

However, the discovery of Zimbabwean-made tinned meat has baffled the country's largest corned beef manufacturer in Bulawayo.

"It's anybody's guess where those tins came from, and one can't draw any conclusions from it," said Mr Derek Bensley, managing director of Liebig's Ltd.

He emphatically denied his company

had ever supplied any of its products to the Swapo movement.

He pointed out Liebig's tinned foodstuffs were marketed commercially in other African countries including Zaire and Malawi and sometimes Botswana and Mozambique.

About a year ago, the company also supplied a consignment of tinned foodstuffs — mainly fish — to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for distribution in Angola.

Mr Bensley said unlabelled cans of corned beef were on standing order for the Zimbabwean Army, but orders for these tins had fallen off at independence and there had been no change in the consumption pattern since then.

Mr Jack Malloch, managing director of Affietair, the major air cargo company in Salisbury, denied his planes could have flown the tinned goods to Angola.

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SOME RENTS TO GO UP

RENTS in Tembisa and KwaThema, will be increased by R1 from the beginning of next month
But rents in Daveyton, Wattville, Tsakane, Thokoza and Rathanda will not be increased, while Duduza, Katlehong and Vosloorus community councils have still to decide on the issue

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FLOOD OF SUPPORT FOR RACE REVIEWITION FAMILIES

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State action fuels tenant body's fears

The Government's eviction of two Indian families and attempted eviction of ten coloured families in the Joubert Park area of Johannesburg has aroused fears that a spate of evictions of Group Areas Act tenants will follow.

The anti-Group Areas evictions body Actstop Reports reviewed activity by the Group Areas police.

This week the ten coloured families from Hendry Hill, Wolmarans Street, were summons brought to court and charged under the



Johannesburg in terms of a court order and the point of

Group Areas Act. The action has fed the Group Areas evictions would be ruthlessly pursued in spite of a chronic shortage of housing for all black groups.

The Minister of Community Development Mr. Koze, stated in Parliament this week that there was a national shortage of 18,000 units for Indians and 33,500 units for coloureds. He gave no figures for blacks.

Central Government estimates of the backlog are generally much lower than those of local authorities and civic and welfare bodies.

Since October last year hundreds of families have come to court on Group Areas Act charges.

In the majority of cases charges were dropped — for no readily apparent reason, Actstop states. But approximately 45 persons were convicted of transgressing the Group Areas Act generally were given suspended sentences of R100 (or 50 days) and were ordered to vacate their premises in white areas.

None of the accused was acquitted, despite evidence by Mr. Koze, bus Harris of the Johannesburg regional Department of Community Development that it would take about six years to accommodate the 5,000 coloured applicants on the long waiting list.

Many of the Group Areas accused argued they had broken the law "of necessity" because there was absolutely no alternative housing.

This argument failed in an Appeal Court test case in 1980. Tenants therefore express apprehension about their appeals. Past experience has taught

Staff Reporter

Two Indian families who were evicted yesterday from their Joubert Park home by the Department of Community Development, spent last night on the pavement.

The Governder families of 44 Koch Street were evicted in terms of a court order consequent upon a Group Areas Act conviction.

They have resolved to remain on the pavement as long as they have no home of their own.

"We are victims of the unjust and un-Christian Group Areas law," said Mr B Governder last night.

There was a constant flow of supporters to the pavement campsite. By 9 pm the crowd had grown to about 50 — mostly coloured and Indian tenants living in Hillbrow and Joubert Park who face similar eviction action in terms of the Group Areas Act.

The crowd stood around talking quietly as the Governder family prepared the evening meal over an open fire and arranged for the children to sleep at friends homes.

The adults spent the night in cars parked beside their belongings which were gathered into clusters under tarpulins on the pavements.

Earlier a heavy shower had soaked their bedding and other goods. Several organisations have rallied to the aid of the families.

Staff Reporter

The South African Institute of Race Relations and the Waterstrand Council of Churches

Representatives of these organisations called frequently at the Governder home during the afternoon and evening, offering moral support and practical help.

The PRP spokesman on Community Development Mr Colin Eglin, has been approached to take up the Governder case with the Minister of Community Development, Mr Koze.

Actstop spokesmen at the scene of the eviction, chairman Cassim Saloojee and vice-chairman Mohammed Dangor, condemned the States action as inhumane. They pointed out that the authorities had admitted they were not able to provide alternative accommodation.

"The intense personal suffering of the homeless is probably inconceivable to those securely housed," said Mr Saloojee.

The 10 coloured families who were evicted from the flats in Hendry Hill in Wolmarans Street yesterday morning shifted their furniture back into the building last night.

A tenant, Mr James Samuels, said they had been advised to remain in the flats until they appear in court on March 25 on Group Areas Act charges.

The lawyer told us he had been in touch with the Department of Community Development.

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Prayers for the evicted families

By SOPHIE TEMA

PRAYERS were offered at a special service in Johannesburg yesterday for families evicted from their homes in Joubert Park by the Department of Community Development. The service was conducted by the Reverend Cecil Begbie of the Methodist Church.

Bishop Desmond Tutu, general secretary of the SA Council of Churches, addressed about 30 sympathisers in the backyard of the former home of Mr Bobby Govender and his brother Thomas, who slept in the open with their families on Thursday night.

The Govenders are among 12 families evicted this week. The others are coloured flat tenants who appeared in court charged under the Group Areas Act earlier this week.

Their cases were adjourned to March 25.

Bishop Tutu said "The Govender family has lived in this house for four years and I cannot see how their presence in this area has affected the environment nor the colour of their white neighbours."

"They have been driven out of a house by officials into a street, with young children while the house they lived in stands completely empty."

"What the officials are doing is callous and evil and no different from what they are doing to the squatters in Nyanga, and we therefore condemn their actions."

Bishop Tutu said he and the SACC pledged to help the families wherever possible.

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Pavement
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family
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By Michael Tissong

Mr Bob Govender stood amongst his rain-soaked furniture this morning. He had spent his second night in the open after Department of Community Development officials had evicted him from his home in Koch Street, Johannesburg.

His four children had slept in cars packed with crockery and linen.

A relative, Mr Thomas Govender, made early morning coffee over an open fire while his four children were still asleep in one of the cars parked outside the house.

"Last night was bad," Bob said as he looked at his damaged furniture.

He said that members of the church, Actstop and friends had spent most of the night with them to give them moral and practical support.

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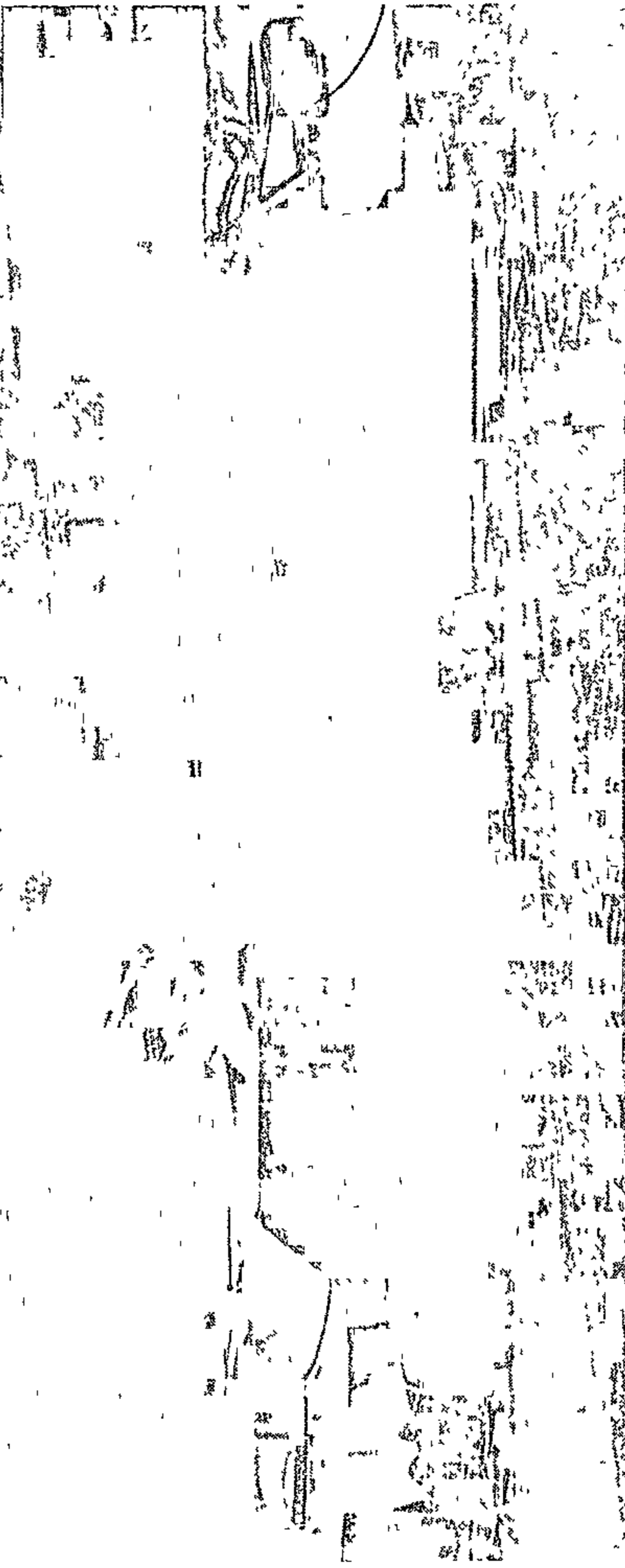
WRONG, MAYOR THEBEHALI?

SOWETO'S mayor, Mr David Thebehali, is wrong in saying there are no people staying in tin shacks in the mini city

A Sunday Express investigation has revealed the plight of people who live right on his doorstep in Moroka in tin shacks and disused trucks — 32 of which have been given numbers by West Rand Administration Boards, the residents say

A high ranking official on Mr Thebehali's council has also confirmed a Sunday Express finding that some residents pay for being on the site

The disclosure comes almost immediately after Mr Thebehali told newsmen while on a recent tour of France that photographs of tin shacks they showed him were not taken in Soweto. He said, to the best of his knowledge, there was no such housing in the area



○ The proof of the pudding a ramshackle shanty in Soweto proves Mr Thebehali must look deeper

**Soweto is not a
slum, Thebehali
says in Paris**

BY JEROME FORTNER

The land, previously a white-owned farm, was proclaimed a black area in February last year

A high-ranking Soweto Council officer, who declined to be named, said although

the area was still "not within the boundaries of Soweto," residents say 32 of the planners were busy with development studies in the area

services in the area 'houses' were allocated last year. These people are probably on the board's or the council's records

There may be more than 100 people living in the big scrapyards where water taps are shared. There are no toilet facilities — the open veld or pit toilets are used

houses. Only our personal details were taken when numbers were painted on our doors"

○ How the news of Mr Thebehali's 'no shanties' speech was reported by one daily newspaper

people share one dwelling. During his French tour, organised by the European Union of the Friends of South Africa, Mr Thebehali also told a Paris Press conference there were "no slums" in Soweto

Coal trader Mr Eric Mofokeng, who stays in tin shack No 16, said he came to live in the area more than four years ago because he was not allowed to live in Soweto with his animals — horses, goats and chickens

W R O N G , M A Y O R T H E B E H A L I ?

Crane baron buys flats for skilled Polish workers and their families

By VERA BELJAKOVA

THE private enterprise of a South African millionaire means that nine skilled Polish workers and their families are being "imported" to this country

And crane baron Harold Johnson is so keen to keep them that he has bought a block of flats in Benoni to house them

"We want them to feel at home, get a cosy family feeling going and start settling down," said Mr Johnson

"Afterwards, when they get used to the South African way of life, they can spread their wings and move into homes of their own choice elsewhere"

The 26-apartment block will also accommodate other of the company's employees

Mr Johnson, boss of Johnson Crane Hire — South Africa's largest — went personally to refugee camps in Vienna to interview and offer jobs to the nine

after they had fled the Soviet-backed crackdown in Poland

The men — all highly trained diesel mechanics and service engineers — will help implement Mr Johnson's company's expansion plans

Well paid

"Some of them have such impressive technical qualifications that they will probably land up in senior management positions in South African industry in the years to come," commented Mr Johnson

And to ensure that his new Polish engineers will stay with his company, Mr Johnson will pay them well

"I shall be paying R1 400 a month — an average wage in our industry

"I don't believe in treating

them like quasi-slave labour, paying a pittance or housing them in hostel-type accommodation

"I must look after them well, or they will be poached by someone else. But then, disgruntled workers never do offer high productivity"

Two of the Polish immigrants speak English

To make sure the others cope initially with their new language, Mr Johnson has also hired a "liaison officer" — a young student who speaks fluent English, who will further his studies through Unisa at night.

Once his new engineers have settled down, Mr Johnson intends bringing out more to South Africa

"It pays me," he says "Poles are willing and efficient workers

"Their educational, technical and social background is very

solid indeed

"In a matter of months they will be able to catch up with ours even though their techniques might be somewhat dated

"They are also sufficiently versatile to be able to settle down in South Africa fairly rapidly — once they have learnt English"

Some of the new Polish workers do have a smattering of school English

Praise

And, as Mr Johnson points out "We will involve ourselves in their lives — give them a community feeling and try to integrate them"

The South African Embassy in Vienna receives high praise from Mr Johnson, who says

"They must be working day and night. I received fantastic help from our man there, Wessel Marais"

not affected

Pavement family has no right to home

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By Yussuf Nazoor

The Department of Community Development will not find a home for two families who have camped on a Johannesburg pavement for five days — because they do not qualify for one, an official said today.

Mr Barry van der Vyver, deputy director for Community Development, said in Pretoria that the families had been given ample time to apply for a home after they first appeared in court for living illegally in a white area.

They were given

notice by the court to vacate the white premises in Koch Street, Johannesburg, last November, and as far as I know they did not apply to the department for a home.

He said there was a long waiting list and the families, despite having to live on the pavement, were not priority cases.

They had to return to where they came from originally.

Mrs B Govender, who has been sleeping under a makeshift tarpaulin cover with her husband Bobby and daughter Alicia, (3) along

with Mr Thomas Govender and his wife and two children, rejected Mr van der Vyver's statement that they had not applied for a home.

She produced duplicate application forms endorsed by the development to show they applied in March 1980 and again last June.

The Govenders said they also applied in 1979 for a permit to live in the Koch Street home from which they were evicted last week.

The families said they would remain camped on the pavement until a home was found for them.

Still too much

THE houses in Pinville Zone 7 whose prices were cut by an average of R9 000 each two weeks ago are still standing empty — most people can still not afford the new prices.

This was confirmed yesterday by Mr L. More, manager of the Soweto branch of the SA Permanent Building Society who is in charge of the financing of the houses.

He said the biggest problem facing prospective buyers was that many could not afford monthly repayments.

"You see, for instance, if anybody gets a loan of R25 000 it will have to be repaid by R1 204 for every R1 000 a month. This amounts to R301 a month and very few people are able to part with that amount of money every month.

"This means that unless people get subsidies from the companies for which they work the going would be tough for them.

The 24 houses were built last year by the SA Permanent Development Corporation and were offered for sale at prices ranging from R36 000 to R46 000.

After several months of failing to attract any buyers, those which originally cost R36 000 were reduced to R29 000 and those costing R46 000 were reduced to R35 000.

There are other houses in Dobsonville which have been standing empty since May last year following a decision by residents and the local community council to boycott them because of their high prices.

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Now's the time to return Pageview

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By Rob Soutter CARE reporter
Leading Johannesburg businessman, Mr Nigel Mandy, has called on the Government to return Pageview to the Indians "now the reactionaries have left the National Party."

Govt can now end mistake - Mandy



MR NIGEL MANDY

community destruction." The Indian town... was to be redeveloped at low density for whites when there was a chronic accommodation shortage for Indians, and they were being criminally prosecuted for living in white areas out of desperation.

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By Caroline Consumer Ref
Beef and mutton consumption last year fell to the lowest in three years. It is expected to drop further this year.

In 1979 South Africans consumed 1.2 million tons of beef, down from 1.5 million in 1980 and 1.6 million in 1981. Mutton consumption in 1982 is

In his annual report as chairman of the Johannesburg Central Business District Association, Mr Mandy also said the Government's policy of dividing business areas into racial "ghettos" must be abandoned.

"The entire central city should be opened immediately to traders of all races," he said.

He was speaking last night at the annual meeting of the CBDA, held after the association's one-day conference on urban Johannesburg.

Johannesburg's status as a white group area was an absurdity, he said. City workers, shoppers and visitors were increasingly and inevitably multiracial.

The city could not remain an exclusive white enclave in a country where black purchasing power would outstrip white by 1985, and an urban white population of 5 million would shop alongside 25 million urban blacks by the year 2000.

This continued unjustifiable discrimination,

violated free market principles, and impeded the effective role of the city as the financial, industrial and professional services' capital of the southern African sub-continent, he said.

Mr Mandy praised the Government's recent decision to allow Nafcoc, the association of black chambers of commerce of southern Africa, to establish its offices in the central city.

He also commended the proclamation of the western CBD near Diagonal Street as an open area - legalising a situation where Indians have occupied a theoretically white group area for 25 years.

Calling for a reversal

of the Government's Pageview decision, Mr Mandy condemned the Department of Community Development.

"Despite making a 'thorough investigation,' the department did not make the slightest attempt to meet a highly qualified CBDA-appointed team which had produced a detailed study of the area," he said.

"And while the President's Council was studying the matter, the department's bulldozers never stopped the destruction of good housing."

Mr Mandy said it was deplorable that Johannesburg City Council "should actually have passed a resolution thanking the Government for this act of

Johannesburg City Council came in for further criticism for stalling for almost three years on the Newtown redevelopment plan. This would become an important part of the city centre, which in turn played a vital role on municipal, metropolitan, regional and national levels, said Mr Mandy.

"The planned development of the CBD of South Africa's principal city cannot be left to any one institution - whether local government or private sector."

He suggested the creation of a joint CBDA/city council committee to draw up an action plan for the redevelopment.

CBDA warns on danger of growing unemployment

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CARE Reporter
Failure to solve South Africa's growing unemployment problem will result in tragedy, with social unrest making future planning irrelevant.

This is the view of architect Mr James Watson, vice-chairman of the Central Business District Association, who delivered a

paper on unemployment at the association's conference in Johannesburg yesterday.

He called for the implementation of a development strategy which would stimulate growth both in urban and rural areas.

Unemployment had increased considerably in recent years

because the South African economy was unable to provide enough jobs, he said.

Mr Watson highlighted several key points including:

- More than 50 percent of unemployed black and coloured people were younger than 30.
- Of unemployed blacks, 51 percent had been seeking work for

- at least six months.
- Blacks were excluded from unemployment benefits.
- More than half South Africa's unemployed blacks had little or no education.
- Almost 25 percent of unemployed blacks had never worked before.
- "Increasing numbers of blacks will flock to

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Thebehali denies 99-year scheme halt

THE CHAIRMAN of the Soweto Council, Mr David Thebehali, yesterday dismissed as "nonsense" reports that blacks have stopped buying houses under the 99-year leasehold scheme.

A report in a Sunday newspaper said the scheme had grounded to a virtual standstill by disputes among the private sector, building societies, the Government and private developers

Blacks are also reported as condemning the scheme as being discriminatory in that it limits their ownership to township plots

The report says that since the advent of the 99-year leasehold scheme in 1978, only 1 439 housing units had been privately bought. In the whole country, only 1 727 homes have been bought or built under the scheme

Mr Thebehali conceded that the processing of applications was slow, but blamed this on conditions laid down by financial institutions, such as the surveying of sites

Membership					Year
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Great plan for 6 000 Protea houses

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THE Soweto Council will start building about 6 000 houses in Protea before the end of the year, says chief executive officer of the council, Mr Nico Malan.

By SAM MABE

Mr Malan told The SOWETAN that the council has applied to the Department of Co-operation and Development to be supplied with the necessary funds to get the project off the ground.

"We have earmarked Protea South and Protea North for development and we decided that the land will be used for housing," he said.

"With between 5 000 and 6 000 houses, a good number of homeless people will be able to get houses for themselves," Mr Malan said.

He also said in Chiawelo, the building of 800 houses for renting began about a month ago and they should be ready by September.

Mr Malan also announced that a piece of land in Naledi is cur-

rently being developed in preparation for about 1 000 sites which will soon be made available for the building of houses by private individuals.

"The funds we need for the development of this area are available and we are now drawing plans for the sites. In about four weeks' time, we will have the 1 000 sites readily serviced and we'll be allocating them to those who want to build themselves houses there.

Even next to the area where we are presently building houses in Chiawelo Extension, we have 160 sites available to people who want to build their own homes.

"Besides those, we have a number of other

sites scattered all over Soweto. You will find them in Moletsane, Naledi, Mofolo, Zola, Jabulani and in other parts of Soweto.

"Altogether there are a total of about 500 sites that are lying vacant and ready to be used. If you add these to the 1 000 in Naledi and the 160 in Chiawelo Extension, that amounts to 1 660 sites altogether," Mr Malan said.

Meanwhile, the Viljoen Commission was reported in a Sunday newspaper as having recommended that the Government sell all rented houses in Soweto at "giveaway" prices as a way of helping blacks to become home-owners and relieve the State of the upkeep of the houses.

No money for houses

The Daveyton Community Council will not build any houses this year due to a lack of funds

This was announced yesterday by the council chairman, Mr Tom Boya, who said the council had applied to the Department of Community Development and the National Housing Fund last year for a loan to build four-roomed houses in the area. However, they received a reply early this month that funds for this project were not available.

At the present moment there are about 3,400 families on the housing waiting list and about 3,588 families staying in backyard shacks.

"My council will not be building any houses this year because we do not have funds," said Mr Boya. "We have land for the building of 6,400 houses and the only alternative at the moment is that residents will have to dig deep into their pockets and build their own houses."

Mr Boya said he will call a public meeting for Ward one on Sunday to discuss the shortage of houses in the area, the proposed Site and Service scheme which will be introduced sometime before the end of the year, and the increasing rate of crime in the township.

Mr Boya said the council had reserved 1,000 sites at the Bultfontein farm for the Site and Service scheme and that at the moment the scheme was still under planning.

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INKATHA SLAMS RENT HIKE

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE executive committee of the Tembisa branch of Inkatha will meet on Sunday to discuss the possibility of taking legal action concerning the rent increases in the township which come into effect from next month.

Site-rent in Tembisa will be increased by R1 and Inkatha has called on the local community council not to go ahead with the increases.

It has complained that there is no need at this stage for the council to increase rents because services in the township are poor.

Mr. Andries Kheswa, chairman of the local Inkatha branch, said yesterday: "We were supposed to have met them

but they never turned up for sent in any apologies about the increases, but nothing happened. Mr Kheswa said writing more letters to these

help in any way. He said the only way to have rents set aside in the township was to seek a court interdict, stopping the council from going ahead with the increases.

Mr. E. Mashapo, deputy chairman of the council, had told the SO-

WETAN that the council had no alternative but to

part of the operation and development, and we have an alternative but to take legal action to solve our problem. Rents in Tembisa were last increased by R5 last April. This resulted in residents marching into the offices of Erab protesting against the increases.

increase the amount they will be starting with the electricity master plan to electify the whole township and that the project was going to cost millions of Rands.

Plan for new houses in old Orlando East

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Mall Reporter

ORLANDO East township, the oldest in Soweto — will soon be demolished and re-planned if the Minister of Co-operation and Development approves the scheme.

Mr J J Oosthuizen, the Soweto Council director of housing, said yesterday the West Rand Administration Board's technical director had to prepare a new township layout which, if accepted by the council, would pave the way for the building of

larger houses.

If the area could be re-zoned, flats would also be built.

The council has decided to demolish backyard shacks and replace them with larger and more modern rooms.

But residents have interpreted the move as a ploy to leave them homeless.

Mr Oosthuizen said if the council and the Minister approved the new plans, the council would ask the Department of Community Development for a loan.

Small print that cost a family of eight their home

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AN illiterate Lebowa father has left his wife and seven children homeless. He demolished his modest house because an aid society promised to help him build a new one.

Mr Petrus Mtsweni, 55, became a member of Golden Aid — a consultancy that is part of a shadowy empire of aid organisations — more than two years ago.

The R98-a-month Witbank pump attendant paid R300 over a 25-month period.

He said he was told by the agent who signed him on that Golden Aid would help him build a new house provided he paid R12 every month for six months.

In return he was given a pink booklet similar in appearance to a savings bank book.

The book, with two clasped hands on the cover, announced in bold print:

"To the SA Police or other authority. Please give the bearer of this card any assistance requested. If any difficulty arises please allow the member to communicate with us immediately."

The book also provided space for the stamp Mr Mtsweni would receive each time he paid his monthly subscription and a copy of the contract he was entering into with the company, Golden Consultants (Pty) Ltd.

Mr Mtsweni could not read this contract, so he did not know that it contained a clause stating that while it would help clients to buy cars, secure loans, and obtain legal assistance — it could not help them with providing houses.

After six months he approached the society for his eagerly-awaited new home, only to be told that he would now need to be a member for two years.

Nineteen months and R208 later he was told that building could not start on his

HOUSE PULLED DOWN AFTER SOCIETY PLEDGES HELP

By ARLENE GETZ

house because Golden Aid did not have the staff.

However, he could accelerate the process if he demolished his house himself and cleared the site in Valsfontein, Lebowa.

He was also asked to deposit R1 000 cash, but was unable to do so.

Mr Mtsweni proceeded to demolish his house, but when he returned to the Golden Aid office in Witbank the organisation told him all they could do for him was to give him a plan for a new house.

That was five months ago, and Mr Mtsweni's homeless wife and children are still forced to share a cramped shack with friends in Lebowa.

His story had a happier ending than most when Golden Aid offered to pay him R150 in an out-of-court settlement — but it is not all that unusual.

Mr Mtsweni is only one of thousands of people — many of whom are poor and illiterate — who have been stung by businesses which purport to be aid societies for blacks.

Golden Consultants (trading as Golden Aid) has more than 250 000 members in its 54 branches scattered throughout South Africa, Lesotho and Botswana, but is not registered with the Registrar of Companies.

Another man who believes he was deceived by Golden Aid is Mr Amos Simon

Masiwane, also from Valsfontein.

Mr Masiwane wanted the organisation to help him obtain coal and wood, so he joined in the hope that it would assist him after six months.

After paying for a year he was told he would need to pay R200 cash if he wanted to receive his fuel.

Mr Masiwane has paid R348 — R12 every month for the last 29 months — but says he has been told that Golden Aid will not be able to help him.

A Witbank lawyer told me of a third case in which a black client, who also lives in Witbank, paid R2 000 to the company for a minibus but every time he asked the company for his bus he was told it was undergoing repairs in Pretoria.

Now he has been informed that the man who told him this no longer works for the company.

According to the lawyer, who has a "drawer full of Golden Aid books" from people who claim they were duped by the organisation, many of them are unsophisticated people who were unaware that they were sign-

ing contracts.

"I've been told that when these people joined the organisation they were shown these books and told these proved their membership. They were not told that they were signing an agreement," said the lawyer.

Golden Aid is only one of several concerns — exposed by the Sunday Express last December — that have been run for almost 20 years by various members of a Pretoria family headed by Mr

Jan Abraham Burger.

Some of these businesses were sold to former employees during the past two years. Mr Burger's daughter and son-in-law, Susanna Catherina and Sarel Daniel Hermanus van Biljon, are believed to be among those who have made millions of rands from these deals.

Concealed behind a confusion of changing names and addresses, African Sun Life Benefit Co (Pty) Ltd, one of the companies run by the

Van Biljon-Burger family among those that opened and closed in rapid succession.

They used names reminiscent of respected major institutions: Community Chest (Pty), United Burial Co (Pty), Anglo African Burial Society, Allied Benefit and Memorial Society and Golden Consultants (Pty) Ltd. Only some of them

Neither Mr. Burger or others connected with the companies could be reached for comment.

Stir over empty houses

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TWO Soweto houses have stood vacant for months, despite the long list of people awaiting housing - the state of the houses is now drawing concern and anxiety from the neighbours and some of the 5000 people on the waiting list.

The two houses are both in Orlando East. Weeds have grown up to knee height and the unkempt lawns into bushes.

Some of the people on the housing list have made inquiries at the administration offices and have had their hopes dashed when told that the houses would not be given to any of the applicants.

The neighbours of the one house in Nicholas Street said they were puzzled why the house was not occupied after the

previous occupants had been evicted four months ago.

Miss Ntombi Kokola, a neighbour said she was really puzzled that a house should be vacant this long when so many people are eagerly awaiting to be housed.

Asked what she knew about the house and the previous occupants, she said the wife was originally from Diepkloof and the husband had taken over from his father as the legal occupant of the house.

The two had quarrels and were subsequently divorced, she was told.

Another neighbour, who could not give her name, said "There were lodgers in this house at round about November last year. When they left, the house was locked up. All the furniture was dumped outside."

The township manager of the area said the house was to be

demolished and rebuilt for demonstration purposes. He said the house would be a model house of the type of houses the community council planned to build.

Asked where the occupants of the house were, the township manager then said I should rather speak to the senior township manager.

Mr van der Berg, the Orlando Senior township manager, said that it was not the only house that has been standing vacant for a long time. He said there was also house number 2178 which was to be demolished and rebuilt because the family was too big for the two roomed house.

He said, according to their records, the family was headed by the mother who had 12 children and four

grand children. They had then moved the family to another house temporarily while their house was rebuilt.

When I went to the house, I found that it was semi-detached. It has concrete fencing

and weeds were grown in what looked like a once well kept lawn.

The house was empty and plastic was being used as curtains, so that it should not be conspicuous that there

was no one living there.

At the "new" house the Khumalo family is now occupying, I found brother and sister, Mogosi and Matshidiso. Matshidiso said that they should occupy the house they presently

slay in while their house was being rebuilt.

They were also told not to pay the February rental while in the house. The end of February, they were issued with a

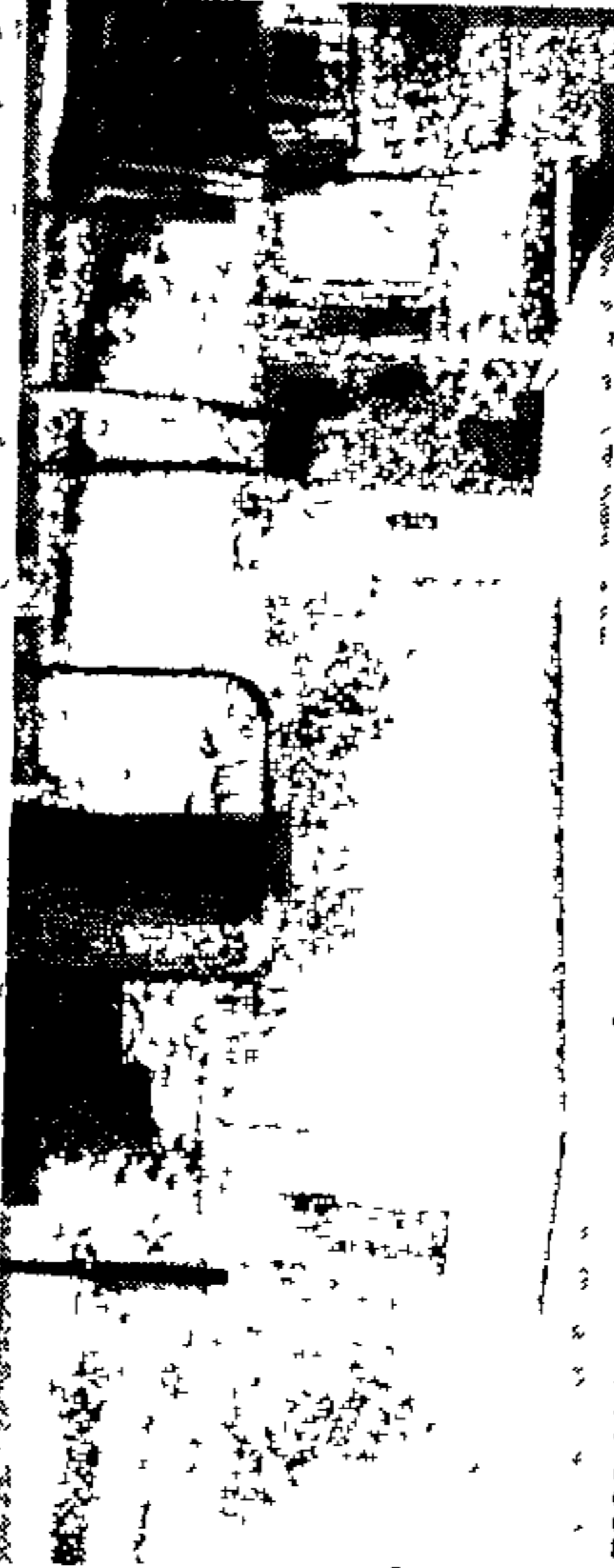
notice to pay rent for the house.

When Mrs Christinah Khumalo went to the office to find out about the notice, as they were told that they would only have to pay rent in March, she was told that the papers were lost so the building would be delayed.

Mrs Khumalo was told to go to New Canada to get duplicates of the papers.

Asked what the "lost papers" were, Matshidiso said they were plans for the house.

They were also told expected to go back to their own at the end of February. But at the end of February, they were issued with a



Asked who was paying the rent as there had not been anyone living there for months, he said: "Well that is their business. The woman is responsible for that. According to our records there is no outstanding

rent.

BREAKTHROUGH IN HOUSING

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MASSIVE housing projects for Soweto and a R20-million electricity project for Kagiso and Mohlakeng are in the pipeline.

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board (WRAB), said about 10 000 housing units, including flats, are currently at various stages of planning.

Tenders have already been received for the building of the first 79 houses in Alexandra Township and details of the various schemes will be reflected in the budgets of community councils concerned in the other areas, he said.

The scheme includes the building of 6292 houses and 3488 flats in Soweto and the West Rand. The breakdown of the number of houses proposed is Protea North 2446, Protea South 1244, Dlamini 250, Meadowlands 142, Naledi South 1000, Mohlakeng 810, and Bekkersdal 400.

The proposed 3488 flats are to be built in Protea South and Protea North. Also in the pipeline and awaiting ministerial approval are the extensions of three hostels in Soweto by 25 046 beds.

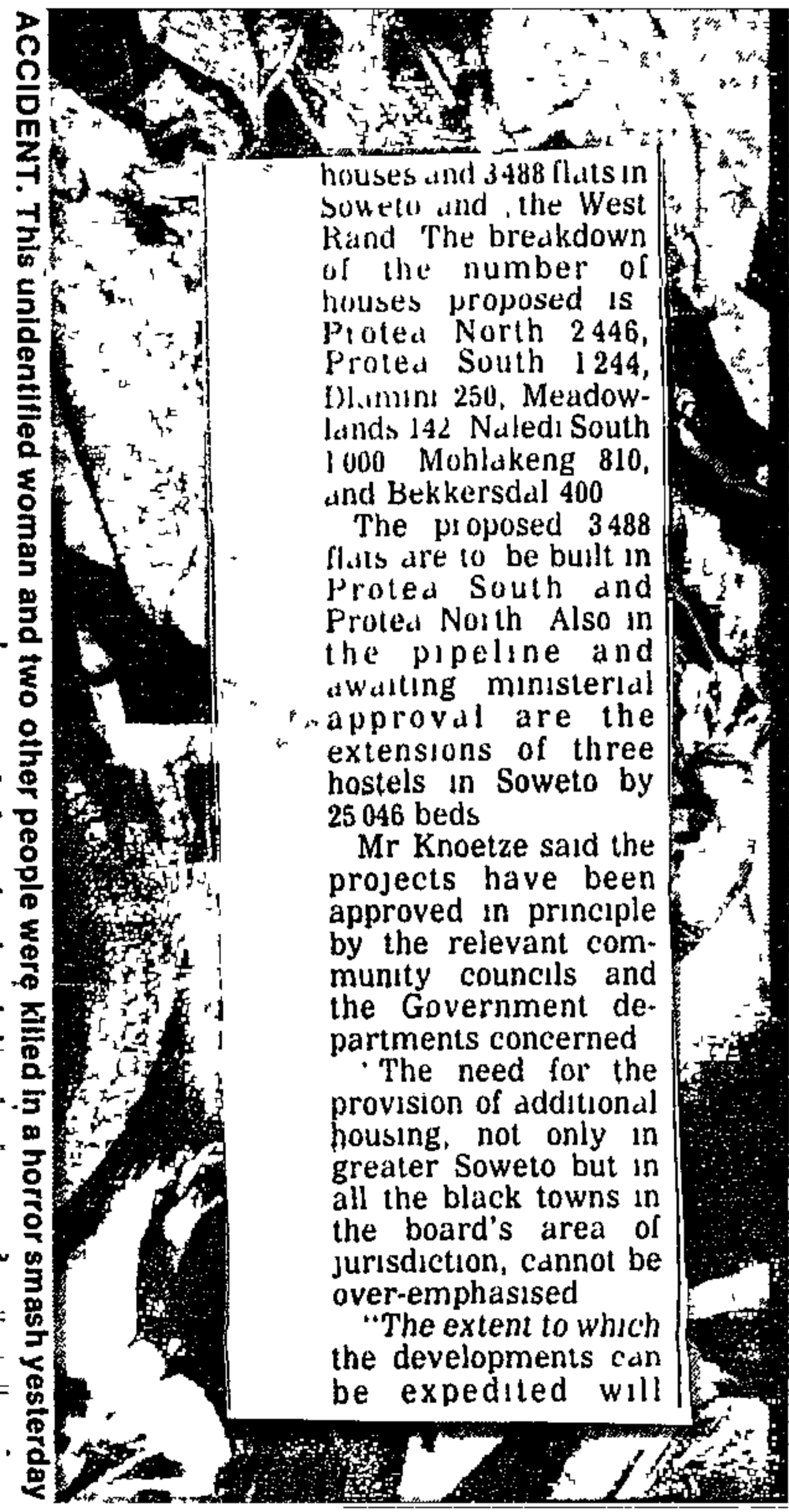
Mr Knoetze said the projects have been approved in principle by the relevant community councils and the Government departments concerned. The need for the provision of additional housing, not only in greater Soweto but in all the black towns in the board's area of jurisdiction, cannot be over-emphasised.

"The extent to which the developments can be expedited will depend largely on the findings of the Steyn Committee and on the availability of funds."

He said recommendations of the Viljoen Commission, which recently investigated means of involving the private sector in solving the housing backlog, had been favourably received by the Government.

"Some of the problems highlighted in the report were the non-availability of serviced stands and the lack of funds. The financial aspects of black housing have been referred to the Steyn Committee and involve all the major elements of the financing of black housing, including the selling of existing houses and the policy in regard to future developments," said Mr Knoetze.

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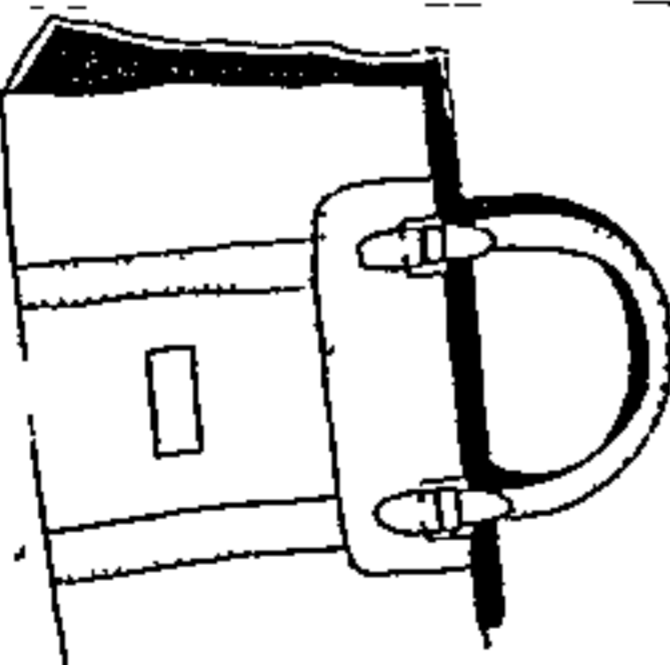
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Protest over 'ridiculous' housing plan

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More than 400 Reiger Park residents protested at a meeting of the Reiger Park Tenants and Rate-payers Association last week about the small number of houses being built in the township.

"Residents are extremely upset that only 52 houses are being built when there is a waiting list of 3 200 families," said the association's secretary,

Mr. George du Plessis.

"There are hundreds of applications for the 52 houses. It is ridiculous to expect people to be satisfied with such a few houses when the housing shortage in Reiger Park is so critical."

Mr. du Plessis said some families had been on the waiting list for 16 years, and attacked the Government for reducing State spending on Housing.

"It seems as if the whole white power structure was carefully designed to deprive us of a decent way of living," he said.

The housing shortage is eating away the character and soul of our people.

"Reiger Park proclaimed a residential area for about 10 000 people, but 30 000 people are living there. And yet the Government still has the audacity to reduce the amount of money it spends on housing."

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West Rand

The West Rand Administration Board has dedicated its 1982 budget to alleviating housing backlogs in all townships in the West Rand area.

In his budget speech on Friday, Mr J C Knoetze, chairman of the board, called on the private sector to assist his board in fighting housing backlog by buying more houses for workers under the 99-year leasehold scheme.

"All other housing projects should be the responsibility of prospective home owners themselves, their workers and the private sector," said Mr Knoetze.

Maximum use should be made of funds provided by financial institutions for the erection of private houses.

Mr Knoetze said Wrab had set aside R200 million for the electrification of various townships. More than R88 million of this amount had been spent on this project up to January this year.

He also said the cost of projects in Alexandra, Soweto, Kagiso, Bekkersdal and Mokoleng would run into millions of rands.

The projects included the improvement of hostels, tarring of roads and the purchase of land. There were 3361 approved projects which would cost more than R19 million to implement.

'MAYOR' TELLS RESIDENTS:

'Don't pay hike'

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THE Atteridgeville/Saulsville Community Council has threatened to take legal action against the Department of Co-operation and Development's imposition of a R16-a-month rent increase in the township.

Addressing a public meeting at the weekend, community council chairman Mr Joseph Tshabalala urged residents not to pay the increases, which he said had been rejected by the council earlier.

The increase on both Mamelodi and Atteridgeville/Saulsville townships was announced in Friday's Government Gazette in a bid by the Central Transvaal Administration Board to reduce the R6-million deficit in the two townships.

Mr Tshabalala lashed out at the Government for draining "monies out of the poor people, in their business venture to build homelands".

RADICAL ACTION

He added "Because of their irresponsible decision, the Government is forcing us to behave radically and become terrorists and communists". If Dr Piet Koornhof does not reverse his decision, we will take the matter to the Supreme Court and this will be a proof that community councils was a big fraud.

"We are still angry at the Government's decision to promulgate the Dairy Farms an Indian residential area. Why should the Minister force us to pay increased rent when we, an autonomous body, have rejected them?"

"We are not going to pay those increased rents, because your council did not approve them. This is taxation without representation."

DON'T CARE

Mr Tshabalala also condemned the board for being "bad administrators who do not care about the plight of blacks in the townships".

Mr Tshabalala, added that the Government was doing nothing to alleviate the chronic housing shortage in the townships.

No Lending

STUDENTS at Ibhongo Secondary in Soweto are up in arms over the school's refusal to lend out library books to them.

But the school's principal, Mr H D Venter, said the students knew that there were administra-



TSHABALALA: "Community councils a fraud."

"We have a drastic shortage of houses. Our electricity supplies and roads are poor in this dirty and rotten township, and yet we are told that we have a deficit," said the community council leader. "We are going to give them a run of their lives in our first test case before the Supreme Court judge."

Residents in the two townships would pay an extra R8 a month rent increase from Thursday, while the other half would be implemented from October 1, according to the board's chief director, Mr CH Kotze.

The present average rent paid in both townships is R26 a month.

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A PROM Noordeges leader, Mr "Ma-Vesta" has had his application for a passport turned down for the fourth time in four years.

"Ma-Vesta" is known for his SOWETAN activities. He lied for a passport in January but wanted to go on holiday in Swaziland.

"Members of the Security Force" have asked me a number of questions about my application. I was going to Swaziland, but they would be staying with me who I was. They were asking about my application.

"Now I am hoping that something has been cleared and I would be getting my passport, I was called to the office of the Department of the Interior."

Phatu

By MONK NKOMO *Sowetan*

AN invitation by the melodi-based Vukani Peoples' Movement (VPPP) to the Minister of Labour, Cedric Phatudi, to address its first annual congress is "only to use as a tool", according to Mr Jabulani Ja Tshaka, leader of local Lesedi Civic P.

The VPPP, he said, had continued to be active. The SOWETAN, he said, had continued to be active.

ORAL ROBERTS MINISTRIES PRESENT

RICHARD ROBERTS HEALING CRUSADE

Eviction without notice

An African family of 13 is tugging at the local authorities for throwing them out of their home without giving them any notice.

And since last Tuesday the Ndlovu family of 14, 10th Avenue have been forced to seek accommodation during the night with neighbours.

A man to blame, Mrs Josephine Ndlovu, told

The SOWETAN yesterday that he did not know what to do because

the officials had given her the brush-off by saying they do not want to hear a thing from her.

The only faint reason she has got from them is that she does not qualify to stay in the township, she said.

Mrs Ndlovu stays with her four children and eight grandchildren, the youngest being only a month old.

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Rent hikes a recipe for violence - lawyer

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THE "massive" Government-imposed rent increases in Mamelodi and Atteridgeville / Saulsville townships is a recipe for violence, Mr Mzwenduku Masuku, a local lawyer has warned.

He was reacting to the R16.35 rent hikes announced in Friday's Government Gazette by Dr George De V Morrison, Deputy Minister of the Department of Co-operation and Development. The first instalment of R8.35 is due to be paid as from Thursday and the other R8 per month will be implemented from October 1.

Mr Masuku called on the Government to abolish the apartheid policies which have created the duplication of services in almost all Government departments. The Government, he added, must do away with apartheid, undoubtedly the most costly thing in this country.

He added: "How do they get a deficit in these four-roomed and health

When... built in 1981... built in 1981... they have long... their interests in fact... should be paying...

By MONK NKOMO

month for rent," he stated.

The Minister's decision Mr Masuku added, nullified the usefulness of the community councils, which still remain advisory boards.

"All white administration board officials in the townships should be retrenched because they are insensitive to our problems. The aborigines are now faced with a painful decision by a government which cares less about their plight. The whole thing is a recipe for violence," Mr Masuku said.

"The decision to increase rents was an arbitrary move by the Government to starve us

and drive blacks into the homelands," Mr Zikhale Ndazi, community councillor and president of the Mamelodi-based Vulamehlo Vukani Peoples party charged.

The Minister has totally ignored the plight of pensioners, and thousands of hungry and unemployed blacks. How does he expect them to pay increased rents when he knows that they can hardly afford a piece of bread?" asked Mr Ndazi.

Mr Masuku said the Government had forced blacks to live below the poverty datum-line, claiming there was inflation in the country. "There is no inflation

here. Apartheid is inflation," he added.

Meanwhile, the Mamelodi Community Council chairman Mr W M Aphane said he would discuss the matter with members of his executive on Thursday. "I want to make it clear to the residents that we rejected the increases. We are not party to the decision by the Minister," he said.

Mr Ndazi, however, strongly criticised Mr Aphane for "doing nothing to help the poor. The chairman, he said, should call an urgent public meeting and spell out his stand. "He managed to fly to Cape Town to meet with the Minister to stop the council elections. He must go again and tell him to reverse his decision," he added.

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Where do they go now?

By Tyrone August

The Department of Community Development and the two Govender families evicted from their home in Joubert Park on March 18 are trapped in a position of stalemate.

The department has so far refused to allow them to live in Joubert Park because it is a white area. The Govenders, on the other hand, have nowhere else to go.

Tent families stymied

Mr Thomas Govender, who works for a shipping company, came to Johannesburg in August 1976.

He lived in a hotel in central Johannesburg for about a month when he arrived. He subsequently went to stay with a family in Lenasia.

His wife Rose and their daughter Marisa

joined him in October 1978. It was then that he shifted into the house at 44 Koch Street in Joubert Park in desperation.

In October 1979 he was charged under the Group Areas Act, but this charge was withdrawn.

Then came the bombshell on March 18 this year

His belongings were thrown out of the house while he and his wife were at work. Since then his family has been living in a flimsy tent in the open.

"Where can we go to?" he asked helplessly. Between 1979 and 1981 he lodged four applications for a house without success.

The story of Mr Bob Govender, a credit manager with an industrial company, is much the same. He came to Johannesburg in September 1977 attracted by the work opportunities.

He lived in a block of flats in central Johannesburg for a while. In April 1979 he moved to 44 Koch Street and applied for a house the following year.

He was charged under the Group Areas Act and convicted in October 1981. He was ordered to vacate the premises by February 28.

But Mr Govender had nowhere else to go and on March 18 his belongings were thrown out of the house.

"Where will we find a house now that the housing shortage is at its worst?" ask Govenders.

The Department of Community Development has no answer.

Housing plans *Sowetan* 31/3/82 ~~127~~ 'misleading' (127)

THE statement by Wrab that more houses and electricity were in the pipeline for Greater Soweto is misleading, says the chairman of the Mohlakeng Community Council, Mr Alfred Tekwane.

He lashed out at the Government for 'delaying' the implementation of projects which were long ago approved by his council. "By so doing the Government makes us look like clowns. They make us enemies of people we are supposed to serve."

"The Government was making a mockery out of community councils," he said.

"I don't know of any houses that will be built in the township. I don't know of any electrification project in the pipeline. No, not as far as my council is concerned."



TEKWANE: "The Government makes us clowns."

He said the statement by Wrab chairman John Knoetze earlier this week that 810 houses were to be built in Mohlakeng and that the electrification project was under way was misleading.

"We have been fighting for this far too long," he said. "The Government refuses to implement the projects."

He blamed the office of Dr Piet Koornhof for these delays more than he blames Wrab — "Wrab is quite cooperative," he said.

By LEN KALANE

Mr Knoetze told The SOWETAN that it was true that more houses and electricity were in the pipeline for Mohlakeng. He said Mr Tekwane might have forgotten about the discussions entailing such projects.

And Wrab's director of public services, Mr Alex Rabie, also said the 810 houses for Mohlakeng were still in the planning stages. The planning would be completed by the end of April and sent to the Mohlakeng Council for approval.

However, he said there is no money set aside for the housing project in this year's budget. The money will either have to come straight from the Government or the private sector.

Mr Rabie declined to talk about the electrification project. "All I can say is that it's in the pipeline. It's a delicate issue and we are going to see the Minister about it."

According to Mr Tekwane, Dr Piet Koornhof wants Mohlakeng residents to create a fund to finance the electrification project. He said his council was also urged to increase service charges and they had rejected this.

"How can residents pay for something which is not there?" he asked.

Hike: Council in suspension

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THE MAMELODI Community Council yesterday suspended its activities in protest against the Government's decision to increase rents in the township.

Mr W M Aphane, Council Chairman, said in a statement yesterday they would suspend their activities until the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, had given them a sympathetic hearing on the issue.

The council, he added, took this "strong stand" at its urgent meeting on Monday.

A delegation of four councillors was also appointed to meet the Minister in Cape Town "as soon as possible".

By **NORMAN
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The move by the council follows rent increases of R16 a month, announced by the Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr G de V Morrison in last Friday's Government Gazette. The first instalment of R8 is due to be paid from tomorrow, and the other half from October 1.

Both councils had rejected the increases recommended by the Central Transvaal Administration Board in an effort to wipe out the R6 million deficit in the two townships. The board, in turn, referred the matter to the Department of Co-operation

and Development to make a final decision.

"The cause of the deficit is the board's over-employment of whites", said Mr Aphane. "There is no reason why they should employ so many white who really do nothing here. With the present average monthly rent of about R28, we can meet all the costs and instead have a surplus."

By accepting the Administration Board's proposals without consulting the council, the Minister had overruled an act governing community councils which states that the councils have the right to make their own decisions," said Mr Aphane.

"If the Minister does not do what he usually says of meeting with community councils, we shall ask the public what to do. If they seek legal action we will take it, although it is too rough a stand to take", he said.

"The Minister must consider our decisions. We were genuine enough to make some concessions in increasing rents for businessmen," he added.

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By MONK NKOMO (27) *Sonfiam*
MYSTERY surrounds the whereabouts of the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Community Council chairman, who failed to appear at the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday to seek an urgent interdict against the recently announced rent increases in the township.

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Mr Joseph Tshabalala together with his council had unanimously agreed to seek a court interdict yesterday. The decision was made at a special urgent meeting on Tuesday night. According to Mr Tshabalala, the case was to be heard before the Supreme Court judge "at 2 pm".

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Members of the Press were made to wait impatiently for about three hours in the court chambers with neither the council chairman nor any of the councillors appearing until the court doors were closed.

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Efforts to trace Mr Tshabalala and the council's legal representative proved fruitless. The council chairman's office said he had gone to town while the lawyer was said to be "in court" since the morning.

Economic Problems

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The decision by the council was a move to nullify the Government's R16-a-month rent increases published in Friday's Government Gazette and signed by the Deputy Minister of the Department of Co-operation and Development Dr G de V Morrison.

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At Tuesday's urgent meeting the council agreed that they would not be used as "rubber stamps" and would seek an urgent interdict because of "gross irregularity" by the department.

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Panic in KwaThema as housing official is suspended

EVICTION THREATS

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RESIDENTS IN KwaThema, Springs, have been thrown into a panic following suggestions that some of the 421 homeowners in a new section of the township may be evicted because of suspected irregularities in the allocation of the houses.

A source within the administration board office confirmed to The SOWETAN that housing allocation in the area had been suspended, pending investigations into the allocation of houses.

He said it is believed most of the people who occupy the affected houses could be evicted because of the alleged irregularities.

It has also been reported that a man who was involved in the allocation has been suspended from duty while a probe is being conducted.

The houses affected are next to the night spot Club 45.

It is believed that the community council held a special meeting last Thursday at which the issue was discussed, and a decision to suspend allocation was taken.

The 421 houses in the area were built since 1979, and on completion only 400 were initially allocated. The remaining houses stood empty while residents on the waiting list have been demanding the council to allocate more houses. But yesterday Mr B Houy, township manager in KwaThema, said that allocation of houses had been suspended. He said that as he was concerned about the houses that had been allocated.

morning," he said. However the chairman of the community council, Mr H H Ngakane, said there were still houses which have not been allocated. These, he said, had been set aside for professional people and Government servants.

He denied the council had held a special meeting last Thursday but when told that our informant told us he in fact seconded the motion to suspend allocation Mr Ngakane said he was "very busy" and did not have time to waste. He then hung up.

Mr Houy said the houses which were still

empty had been allocated. He said they were still empty because their owners wanted to beautify them.

Mr P J du Toit, Erab's director of housing, refused to comment on the claims, and referred all enquiries to the chief director, Mr F Marx. Mr Marx's secretary said he was away on business in Pietersburg.

The SOWETAN understands that at last Thursday's meeting, the council made it clear that if it found that people occupying the new houses had obtained them in an irregular manner, they would be kicked out.



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Evicted 13 must wait

THE chief township manager for Alexandra, Mr Gert Steyn, yesterday promised to look into the case of a family of 13 who were thrown out of their home last week.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Since then, the Ndlovu family of 44 10th Avenue have been forced to seek accommodation during the night with neighbours. The youngest family member is only a month old.

though he did not have all the facts with him, the matter had been brought to his attention.

He said he had been very upset to hear that the family included a small baby. He said in

such cases instructions have been given to the West Rand Administration Board police to give the people involved a fair notice.

He said since late last year following a tribal feud at the local men's

hostel they have been clamping down on illegals in the township at a tremendous rate.

He said the Ndlovu family was not entitled to qualification for the area. Most of the evictions he said have been of single men and so far about 400 structures have been demolished.

"We are facing a housing backlog in Alexandra and we can-

not allow an influx of people who do not qualify. If we allow them to stay in the area we will also be forced to accommodate them.

"We have limited ground in the township and build at least 500 houses to alleviate the situation of more than 8 000 families that are legally entitled to accommodation." Mr Steyn said.

Mr Steyn told The SOWETAN that al-

Gazette delivers the blow

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THE Atteridgeville/Saulsville Community Council, which threatened to resign en bloc following a Government decision to declare Dairy Farms an Indian residential area last year, have been dealt another blow by the Government which came amidst the Council's rejection, of rent hikes totaling R16, in a Government Gazette last Friday.

And both decisions were promulgated in the same month — March

The Dairy Farms were declared an Indian residential area on Friday, March 13, 1981 and the R16 a month rent increases were announced in a Government Gazette on Friday, March 19, this year. Both decisions were made by the Department of Co-operation and Development.

Both decisions were this week condemned by Community Council chairman Mr Joseph Tshalala.

The Community Council leader threatened to take the matter to court should the Minister not reverse his decisions. The same threat was issued by the council when Dairy Farms were declared an Indian area.

The area was proclaimed an Indian residential area amidst strenuous petitioning by the Council to have the place incorporated into the black township and alleviate the acute housing shortage. The controversial issue took a dramatic turn on March 25, when the Council, in their monthly meeting lasting about two minutes, suspended their activities in protest against the Government's decision, which nullified the Council's two-year battle through memoranda and representation to cede the land to Atteridgeville. The council boycotted its official meeting for three months.

"The Council is of the opinion that by failing to consult with the elected representatives the Government has once more shown a callous disregard for the voteless majority," said the Council, adding that "all constitutional and lawful ways, including the possibility of legal action in court, will be pursued to oppose the decisions."

The Council has now waited more than a year for the Minister to reverse his decision. And up to date, the Council is still in the dark about the issue, even after they had, after requests from the respective Ministers, recommended that Suiderberg (old Lady Selborne) be proclaimed an Indian residential area. The Laudium management committee, they said, had stated very clearly that they were prepared to accept another alternative to the Dairy Farms.

The Minister's decisions, in both instances, had "nullified the usefulness of the community councils which still remained advisory boards," a prominent lawyer said this week.

RENTAL RISKS FOR PRICH

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By SAM MABE

THE uniform rental system in Soweto houses is to be phased out and residents will in future be expected to pay rent according to their income, says Mr Nico Malan, Chief Executive Officer of the Soweto Council.

Speaking in an interview with The SOWETAN yesterday, Mr Malan said the new system has been necessitated by the high cost of building and the realisation that people in higher income brackets were benefiting from the low rental intended for people in the middle and lower income brackets.

He said the circulars which residents are supposed to take to their employers to supply particulars of their incomes are meant to guide the council in the type of future housing to be built to meet the needs of the residents.

"It is important that we know the economic standing of all people living in Soweto because the council is responsible for housing people in the middle and lower income group.

Houses have been allocated to anyone without consideration to their income. A messenger, a street sweeper and a lawyer could be given houses and they all paid uniform rental

Now things are

man who is in the high income bracket will buy or build a house to make y for people who depend on rented houses

But if a man in a higher income group wants to live in a rented house then he will pay a higher rental according to his income

Some families may be small but because of their high income, they may require houses with a high standard of finishing. This means putting up ceilings, plastering walls and so on.

Other families may be quite big and because of their low income may prefer to have a bigger house with a lower standard of finishing," said Mr Malan.

He added that another area the council

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Diepkloof Men's Hostel raid 556
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315 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

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Whether any of the persons arrested and charged as a result of a raid carried out on the Diepkloof Men's Hostel in Soweto on or about 14 or 15 January 1982 were brought to court, if so, (a) how many and (b) how many such persons (i) were (aa) convicted and (bb) released and (ii) paid admission of guilt fines?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Yes

- (a) 84 persons were brought before the Commissioners Court, Johannesburg
- (b) (i) (aa) 60 persons were convicted
(bb) 16 persons were discharged
- (ii) None

Note 7 of the 84 persons brought before court were referred to the Children's Court and in one instance the hearing was converted into an inquiry in terms of section 29 of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act, 1945 (Act 25 of 1945)

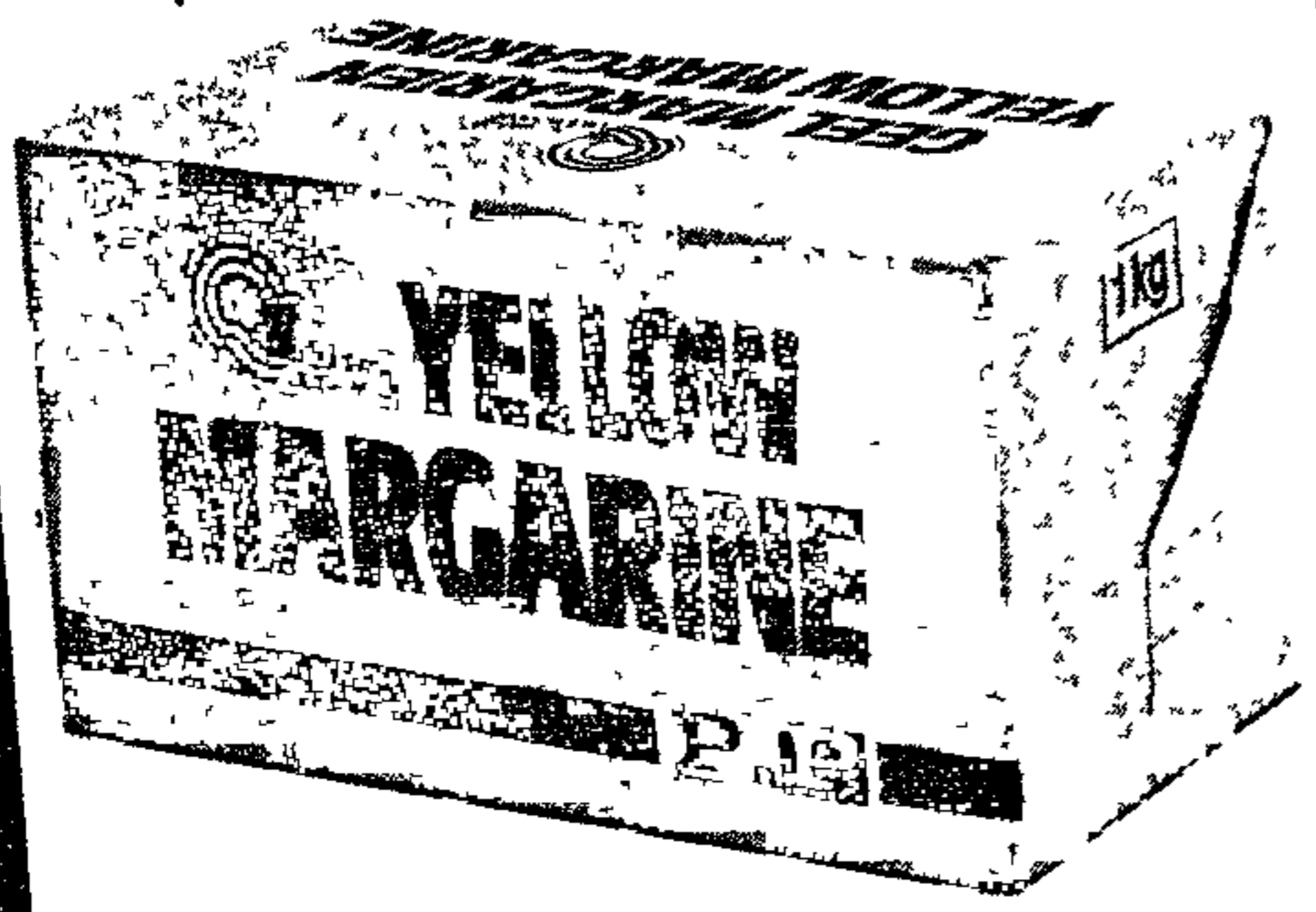
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Impact Marketing Council... Administration Board... Mr. C.H. K... of the board, said yesterday the amount... was not recovered...
 A new firm, Impact Homes, which once again bears the name Impact Homes, at 101 Saabou Building corner Rissik and Plein streets, Johannesburg, went to the West Rand Administration Board in February this year and discovered that the stands for which they had been negotiating with Impact Homes were not available...
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Housing racket exposed

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The "Mail" found the Kwa Thema housing projects referred to had actually been built by Concor Construction. Concor had a company of its own, Impact Homes (Pty) Ltd, which it last year renamed Concor Housing. Mr Guthrie was employed for a year by Concor Construction as a salesman.

"He negotiated for parcels of land in Kwa Thema — he had nothing to do with the construction," a spokesman for Concor Construction said yesterday. Administration fees were included in the cost of the house — Concor did not allow them to be collected individually.

Mr Johannes Mokoetsi, a black personnel representative of Escom, said he and officials of Escom had been impressed by the housing "built by Impact Homes" which they had been shown in Springs and Vosloorus.

He had applied for 54 sites for Escom employees living in Soweto through Impact Homes but no sites had been allocated as yet — except for four sites which he said Mr Mahuhushi had given to him.

The "Mail" has seen a list of 29 applications for sites in Soweto made through Impact Homes for Escom.

Two to die for murder

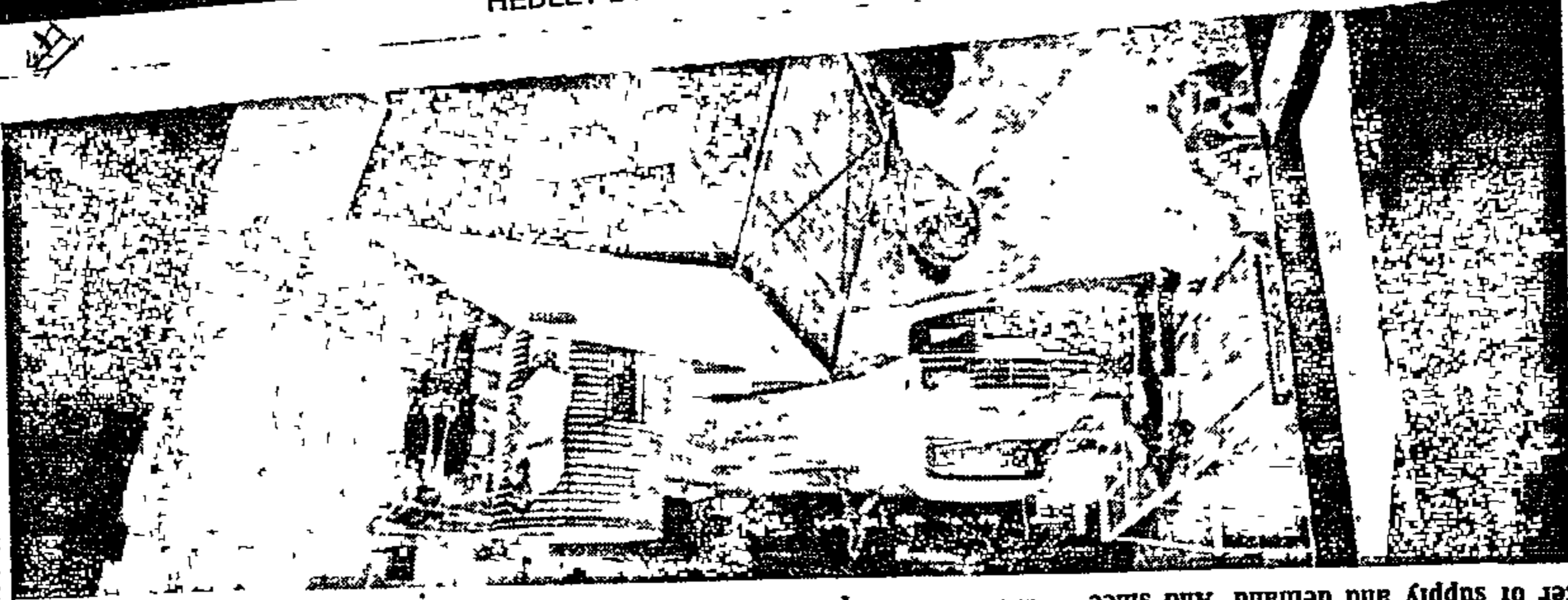
By SAM MASEKO

TWO Ga-Rankuwa men who broke into the house of a garage owner and fatally wounded him, were sentenced to death by a Pretoria Supreme Court judge yesterday.

Mr Justice Vermooten, with two assessors, found no extenuating circumstances.

Billy Botha, 32, and Joseph Matsunyane, 40, were also sentenced to 18 months' jail for illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition.

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By MONK NKOMO
THE Atteridgeville/Saulsville Community Council have been advised by their legal representatives not to take court action against the Government's recently announced rent increases in the township according to the local community council chairman, Mr Joseph Tshabalala.

He told The SOWETAN yesterday that the decision resulted after a "six-hour long meeting with three of their legal representatives"

Mr Tshabalala, who was accompanied by four members of his council said they were advised not to take court action because there were acts "empowering the Minister of Co-operation and Development to decrease rents in the township"

"We were also advised that there were powers which protected the Minister from such action", added the community council leader "We also tried to get in touch with the Minister in Cape Town on Wednesday but could not find him"

The six-hour long

meeting clarified the council's failure to seek an urgent Supreme Court interdict on Tuesday at 12 pm.

As promised, the council had on Tuesday unanimously agreed to seek an interdict to nullify the Government's R10 a month rent increase in the township published in the Government Gazette last Friday.

The first instalment of R8 a month came into effect in Mamelodi and Atteridgeville/Saulsville yesterday. The other half would be implemented from October.

"Community councils are a toothless and nonsensical dispensation with no functional say," said Mr Tshabalala. "I personally feel it better for the community to lead a deputation to the minister," he said.

Meanwhile the Mamelodi Community Council leader Mr WM Aphane, told The SOWETAN yesterday that they were busy making arrangements to meet with the Minister in Cape Town to discuss the rent issue. "I hope to clinch the appointment today," he said.

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Blacks have been paying a developer a R250 management fee on the understanding that the firm would apply for sites for them in Diepkloof, draw up plans and build houses for them. But no sites have been made available to Impact Homes, according to a Government official. SOPHIE TEMA and LIN MENGE report.

The strange story of the firm with no stands for sale

Mr J H van Biljon
Housing Officer
DIEPMEADOW TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Sir

This serves to introduce Mr/Mrs.....John.....Malatse... who would like a plot in Diepkloof Extension.

Once you have allocated him a plot will you please complete the attached letter and return it to me

He would prefer stand No. 574... Diepkloof Extension if it is available.

J C Mahuhushi
J C MAHUHUSHI
CHAIRMAN : DIEPMEADOW TOWN COUNCIL

Mr J C Mahuhushi
Chairman Diepkloof Town Council
Chiefs' House
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Dear Sir

1. I would like to inform you that Stand No.....Diepkloof Extension has been allocated to....John...Malatse.....
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- 3 The letter is hereby returned to you.

J H VAN BILJON
HOUSING OFFICER : DIEPMEADOW TOWN COUNCIL.

which to apply for sites and warned him he would have to bear the consequences of taking money from these people. "I then gave him forms which bore my signature, and which he had to fill in when people applied for sites, and which were to be returned to my office or to New Canada." Asked about the forms signed by Mr Mahuhushi, Mr Guthrie told the Mail "This form would not be framed in that way, unless we were given some assurance by the powers that be."

He said they made it "abundantly clear" to blacks they had no sites. It was true they showed applicants a map but Mr Mahuhushi had told them to do it that way, Mr Guthrie said. Mr and Mrs Guthrie, who both work for Impact Homes and are "both on the hook" as Mr Guthrie put it, said when they started they were led to believe they would have a number of stands in Diepkloof. "The Diepkloof sites only became available about a month ago," Mr Guthrie said, "but one needs to be able to say one has 400 to 500 clients

officials of Escom had been impressed by the housing "built by Impact Homes" which they had been shown in Springs and Vosloorus. He had applied for 54 sites for Escom employees living in Soweto through Impact Homes but no sites had been allocated as yet - except for four sites which he said Mr Mahuhushi had given to him. He said he was now negotiating for sites in Dobsonville through a councillor there. Escom's head office was negotiating directly with Wrab for a further 60 sites. Mr Mokoetsi said Escom,

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MR JOHN Malatse and his wife grew desperate for a home of their own while they waited all last year for Impact Homes to come up with their housing site. "At the time I was a sub-tenant in Pimville and my wife and I experienced a lot of hassles with the people we were staying with," Mr Malatse, a printer with a leading Johannesburg insurance company, said yesterday. He paid Impact Homes R250 after submitting his application for a site last April. He returned repeatedly to check if a site was available. "Then in March I was given forms by Impact Homes which I had to submit to the West Rand Administration Board in New Canada." There he discovered Impact Homes had no sites for building purposes. "I then made new arrangements for a house through the United Building Society and got myself a five-roomed house with a bathroom in Dobsonville. And I went to Impact Homes and demanded my money back. They gave me a cheque of R250 as a refund." Mr Malatse, who will repay his loan from his salary, is already in his new home. The worthless documents he was given by Mr Mark Guthrie of Impact Homes are shown on this page. Both are dated March 3, 1982. The one is a letter of introduction from Mr Joseph Mahuhushi, chairman of Diepkloof Council, to the Wrab housing officer for Diepkloof Council, Mr J H van Biljon, at New Canada. The other is an unsigned form from Mr Van Biljon to Mr Mahuhushi. "A would-be home-owner armed with these forms could not be blamed for thinking that getting a stand at New Canada would be a mere formality. But it was not to be because no stands in Diepkloof had been allocated to Impact Homes. Nor would any stands be allocated to Impact Homes, a Wrab spokesman said. He told both Mr Guthrie and Mr Mahuhushi. He said Mr Mahuhushi had asked Wrab for 1 000 stands for Mr Guthrie. This was refused. The Diepkloof Council has not passed any resolution recommending

that Impact Homes be allocated stands or that individual applicants should be referred to Impact Homes. Wrab explained there were about 1 100 stands in Diepkloof. A total of 182 stands had been allocated to individuals in accordance with a resolution by Diepkloof Council, and 272 to employers who wanted to build homes for their employees, and to developers. These included reservation stands allocated to Government employees such as teachers, police and nurses - all taken from a housing waiting list of some 1 200 people. The 182 stands went to those who could afford more expensive housing. To avoid the kind of situation that had arisen with Impact Homes, it had been resolved that no more sites be given in Diepkloof to developers for speculation purposes - developers would have to tender for houses at a particular range of prices, the Wrab spokesman said. For developers' houses the price range should be R15 000 to R25 000. The Mail found people have been paying Impact Homes a R250 management fee on the understanding that the firm would apply for sites for them in Diepkloof, draw up plans and build houses for them. Some paid February, last year, other paid only last month. They were told the R250 was refundable if they wanted to cancel. A few people have returned their receipts to Impact Homes and got their money back. A Wrab spokesman yesterday advised people who had paid R250 to ask for their money back and to retain it until they had been allocated a stand. Developers were entitled to charge management fees in advance but it was unfortunate that Impact Homes received money from individuals knowing it had not been allocated sites as a developer. "Why should Impact Homes now retain the money and have the benefit of any investment of such money?" he asked. Wrab was investigating a number of complaints from people who had paid money to Impact Homes, he said. A policeman based at John

Vorster Square was among those who paid R250. So was a University of the Witwatersrand employee who said he went all the way home to fetch his R250. When he returned to Impact Homes - last May - he was shown a map by Mr Guthrie. He too went back to Mr Guthrie, and was given a form signed by Mr Mahuhushi. A South African Associated Newspapers employee said he was prepared to pay not only R250 but a deposit of R3 118 on the R17 000 which he selected from a number of plans shown to him by Mr Guthrie. He was told the first houses would be built this March, he said, and he wanted to be among the first. He promised to return the same afternoon with the R250 but his employees warned him not to pay anything. They consulted Wrab and were told Impact Homes had no sites. An appointment was made with Wrab and the SAAN man has paid a R67 surveying fee for a site he has been allocated in a more distant township. He will have to pay a R2 000 deposit when he has found a builder, he says. He expects the final cost of the house to be less than R17 000. In a lengthy interview, Mr and Mrs Mark Guthrie said Wrab were the "niggers in the woodpile" and that they were "sabotaging" Mr Mahuhushi who was "responsible for housing". They said Mr Mahuhushi said he did not want Wrab to give the Diepkloof stands to individual builders. "He did not want any more of these R28-R36 000 houses, but houses his people could afford," Mrs Guthrie said. Mr Mahuhushi had told them "Bring me individuals and I will make certain they get allocated stands, and that is what we did." Impact Homes could provide houses for people at a price they could afford, they said. Mr Mahuhushi told the Mail "Mr Guthrie told me he had a list of people who had money and wanted houses. I told him to refer these people to my office or directly to Wrab at New Canada where they could apply for sites or houses." He told Mr Guthrie his was the wrong office from

waiting for houses right now and who have proved their bona fides by putting down R250." Mrs Guthrie said they had a list of about 400 names but not all had paid because "when we found it was not going as smoothly as it was they took names, not fees." "The black who comes to us is told we will apply for a stand for him, we do not guarantee a stand, we will try to get the stands that are available, if he has a preference we will try to get him his preference," Mr Guthrie said. "We will produce his plans for him, submit his plans and build a house at a price which we give him when he comes in." Impact Homes has been granted stands in Diepkloof in the past. Mr Guthrie also acted as a "middleman" in a housing project for Nedbank in Soweto. Mrs Guthrie said. "They would only pay us the R250 once we got the plan passed. We lost an awful amount that way (because people changed their minds) so now people pay first." Mr Guthrie did not mention that he had been sequestered in 1978. "Our business has been in operation since 1974," he said. "We were responsible for getting the 30-year lease reinstated because of the political climate we moved across to Mabopane and developed houses there at a price which today seems ridiculous. At the request of the blacks we came back to Soweto." He had built houses for the East Rand Administration Board and for an international company which had been opened by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, he said. Escom wanted them to build 52 houses for their staff, he said. He was also negotiating with another major industrial company, he said. The R250 payments were coming in from this company, he said. Mr Johannes Mokoetsi, a black personnel representative of Escom, said he and

employees were not paying the R250 fee - it would be included in the cost of the houses. The Mail has seen a list of 29 applications for sites in Soweto made through Impact Homes for Escom. Mr Mokoetsi said he had sent relatives of Escom employees to Impact Homes for help with housing. The Mail found that KwaThema housing projects admired by both Escom and the industrial company had actually been built by Concor Construction and that Mr Guthrie had merely negotiated for the sites. He was employed by Concor Construction as a salesman at the time. "He negotiated for parcels of land in Kwa-Thema - he had nothing to do with the construction," a spokesman for Concor Construction said yesterday. Administration fees were included in the cost of the houses - Concor did not allow them to be collected individually. A spokesman for the international company for which Concor Construction had built the homes opened by Dr Koornhof said this week he could not remember what Mr Guthrie's exact role had been, but that he had recently been to them with a new project and that the company was "interested". A spokesman for another industrial firm for which Concor Housing - a Concor Construction company - previously known as Impact Homes (Pty) Ltd - had built black housing on the East Rand, said it had had problems with Mr Guthrie's R250 proposal first time round, and made sure all payments were made through the building society. "Mr Guthrie came to us with a second proposal, and the R250 deal, and we turned it down." The industrial firm with which Mr Guthrie is currently negotiating said it was now trying to find out how many of their employees had already paid Mr Guthrie the R250 management fee.

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By LIN MENGE

ESCOM staff were warned last year not to deal with Impact Homes after individual employees had responded to an advertisement placed by the firm.

Escom then discovered that Impact Homes had no stands and warned its staff to deal only with the administration boards.

This was disclosed yesterday by Mr R E du Plessis, a public relations officer for Escom. Mr Du Plessis was reacting to the Mail's investigation into a housing racket involving a Johannesburg firm, Impact Homes, which has no sites for development in Soweto but has nonetheless been accepting "management fees" from would-be home-owners.

The Mail had found that Mr Johannes Moeketsi, a personnel representative of Escom, had applied for 54 sites for Escom employees through Impact Homes.

"Escom as a firm has had no negotiations with Impact Homes, but it now seems that individuals have done so," Mr Du Plessis said.

Escom negotiated only with Wrab, he said, and had asked for 60 sites in Diepkloof.

Mr Du Plessis said Escom warned its staff last year not to deal with Impact Homes. This was because individual employees of Escom had responded to an advertisement placed by the firm.

Escom discovered Impact Homes had no stands and warned its staff to deal only with Wrab. Fortunately these employees had suffered no financial harm, Mr Du Plessis said.

A spokesman for the University of the Witwatersrand, one of whose employees had paid money to Impact Homes but had no site, said the Mail report added to their feeling of frustration over staff housing.

"Things just aren't moving fast enough. In the meantime our staff could be exposed to sharks," he said.

"The university council has allocated a very large sum to be used for home purchasing or improvement. But we keep coming up against the problem of sites. We are seriously thinking of becoming a developer so that we can tender for sites ourselves," he said.

Mrs Joyce Harris, past president of the Black Sash, said as long as the acute housing crisis persisted, blacks would clutch desperately at any straws and remain very vulnerable.

"Given the complexity of laws which govern black people and the extent of the restraints placed on their every move, including the acquisition of housing, the general insecurity of blacks combined with the housing crisis provides fertile soil for exploitation," Mrs Harris said.

"If blacks must accept leasehold rather than freehold, and be so totally subject to the laws, then these must be simplified. Administration must be streamlined so that prospective home-owners, builders and employers know precisely where they stand, to whom to apply for sites, what the costs will be, and if and where land is to be available.

"Then they will be in a better position to decide whether to negotiate with township developers or make their own arrangements."

Dr Johan van Zyl, executive director of the Federated Chamber of Industries, said the FCI condemned the type of practice exposed by the Mail.

"It points to a need in the market place for the kind of work the Urban Foundation is doing," Dr Van Zyl said.

"Companies need to be able to go to a reputable institution to put a package together. But such an organisation ought to develop spontaneously in the private sector."

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MPs step into housing racket

Mail Reporters

OPPOSITION MPs are studying the implications of the housing racket exposed by the Rand Daily Mail yesterday.

They are preparing a series of questions to be tabled in Parliament after the Easter recess. The matter is also likely to be raised during the budget debate on the vote of Co-operation and Development

The Mail revealed that Impact Homes, a firm owned by Mr Mark Guthrie, of Johannesburg, had charged several hundred would-be homeowners an advance "management fee" of R250 when it had no stands for development in Diepkloof or Soweto

It also found that major employers of black labour on the Witwatersrand, and their employees, had been prepared to negotiate with Mr Guthrie in the belief that Impact Homes was responsible for housing projects on the East Rand.

These were in fact erected by a leading Johannesburg construction company which employed Mr Guthrie as a salesman.

Mr Guthrie and his wife yesterday met Mr A van B Rabie, director of community services for the West Rand Administration Board in Soweto

Mr Rabie said later he had told them that if they wanted sites for black housing, they would have to tender and compete on merit with other people.



MR GUTHRIE

"I told them none of my officials would block them if they did things the normal way," he said

Mr Rabie said Mr Guthrie might not be the only person negotiating without having any stands to offer.

The Mail report had "brought justice" to the situation, said Mr Rabie

He said no sites had been allocated to Impact Homes in any Wraab area

Mr Rabie urged anyone who had paid Impact Homes R250 and who did not have a site, to ask for their money back.

A Mail reporter trying to get a comment yesterday from the Guthries was told to "please get lost" by Mrs Guthrie

The Impact Homes office in Saambou Building was

closed to the public and callers were told to return on Monday.

One man who wanted his money back yesterday was Mr Michael Hlathi, of Daveyton. He said he had paid R250 to Mr Guthrie in January on the understanding the company would find him a site and start building him a six-roomed house with a garage for R16 000 by the beginning of April.

"I have been waiting anxiously to hear from the company when building would start," he said

"When I read in the paper that the company had no sites in Soweto or Diepkloof, I decided that it was the same case here on the East Rand"

The chief director of the East Rand Administration Board, Mr F E Marx, said Mr Guthrie owned no sites on the East Rand

Mr Guthrie had had several sites allocated to him in Kwa-Thema and Daveyton but they had been cancelled and re-allocated because he did not have the money to develop them

Mr Guthrie has said Impact Homes made it "abundantly clear" to blacks the company had no sites in Diepkloof although when he started, he was led to believe the firm would have a number of stands there

Mrs Guthrie has said they had a list of about 400 names for the Diepkloof sites but not all had paid the R250. Some had already been refunded

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The Zozos are no-nos!

SISA MOROKA married his childhood sweetheart a year ago. His wife is pregnant and Sisa now wants a home — but he can only afford a Zozo.

A Zozo — at 1,8m by 2,7m it is hardly a dream home — is usually used as a garden shed or a 'Wendy' house.

But, according to Mr M Joubert, the managing director of Zozo, it is just big enough to fit in a single bed, a narrow hanging cupboard and a small table or chair.

So people like Sisa are turning in desperation to Zozos as a solution to their housing problems.

In Soweto, with an official waiting list of around 36 000 families, their chances of renting a home are bleak. As it is, there are an estimated 17,4 people sharing each 4-roomed house in the township. In Sisa's case, 10 other people, children included, are crammed into the matchbox quarters of a four-roomed house in Mzimhlope.

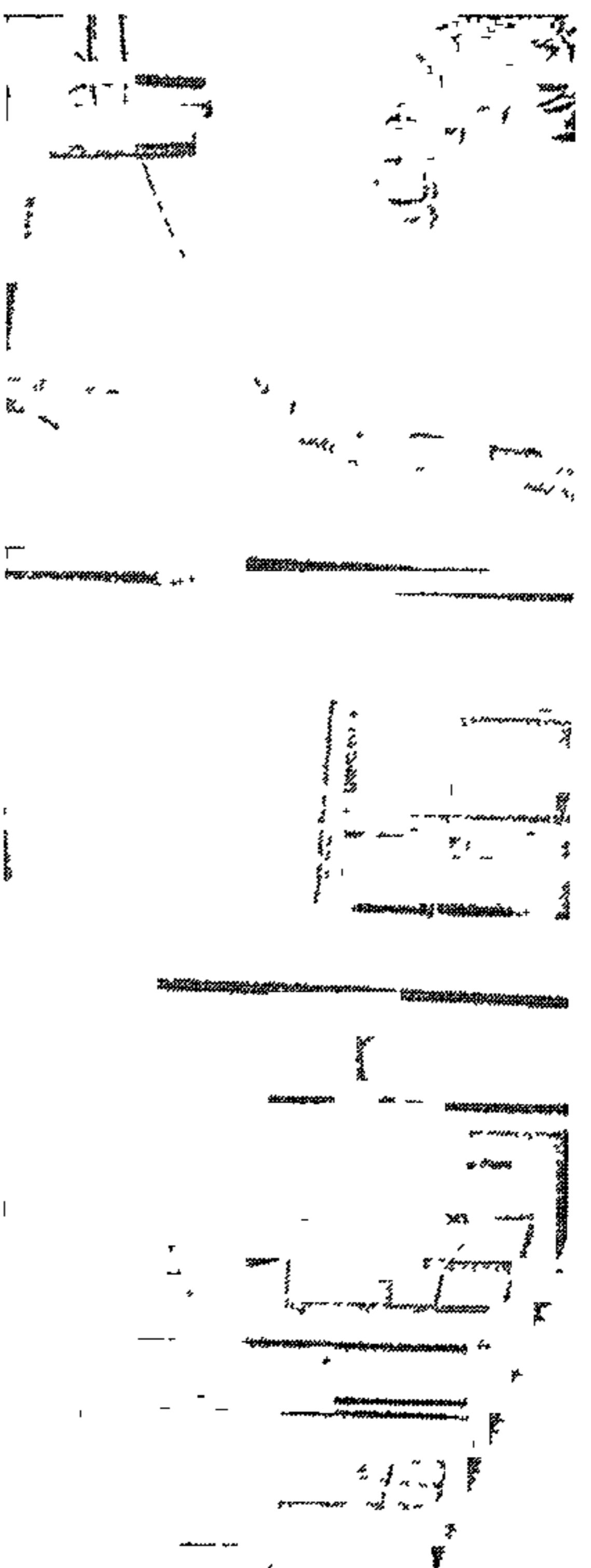
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DESPITE THE HOUSING CRISIS

CHARLENE BELTRAMO reports on the plight of Soweto's 36 000 homeless families

● Mrs Mary Tlbane and the R1 300 Zozo house which was demolished by Wrab workers last year



Soweto
Most Sowetans do not have enough money to buy a house under the 99-year-leasehold scheme. And as many married couples have to share houses and bedrooms, the Zozo is a kind of answer to a dream.

However, the Zozo is an illegal dream home.

This is a point the company is careful to make clear to prospective buyers. The company asks purchasers to sign a declaration before delivery saying they realise it is their responsibility to get local authority permission to erect the units.

Last year the West Rand Administration Board made

a Pinville, Soweto widowed pensioner, Mrs Mary Tlbane, pull down a three-room Zozo she had erected at a cost of R1 300. It housed her 30-year-old daughter, another married daughter and her husband in comparative privacy from the seven other people occupying the main house.

She laid a floor and a protective concrete wall to prevent rain filtering under the asbestos walls.

She was one of several residents who were told to demolish 'illegal' structures in their backyards, or face prosecution. They refused. And the battle for recognition of Zozo structures goes on.

Despite Black Sash intervention Wrab determined that such structures could not remain. "They said it spoilt the look of the place, was a breeding ground for rats and didn't conform with health requirements." A Black Sash spokeswoman said:

"The alternative is a hud-

eous degree of overcrowding — which I doubt complies with health requirements."

Similar structures proliferate in overcrowded Lenasia.

Mr Joubert said his company estimated that only 4% of units went to people who used them for housing. And he said the percentage had declined since 1976, when 10% of sales were to such buyers — "probably because the unrest caused dissent in households and some people had to move out."

He said the most common structure sold was a R535,50 2,7m by 2,7m unit. "I'd say that about 99% of people who erect them are

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Alex housing project delayed

THE West Rand Administration Board's R13,8-million housing projects in Alexandra will be shelved for the next three months or more —because there is a lack of funds.

This was disclosed yesterday by Wraab's chief director, Mr. C J Bezuidenhout, who added that the board had applied for financial help from the Government to boost the projects.

In the meantime, Mr Bezuidenhout said, tenders would soon start with the building of 79 sub-economic and economic houses in the township. It is hoped the houses will be occupied by the end of this year.

"The first phase of the housing projects — which included the building of flats — was to have started early this year, but lack of funds has forced us to shelve the projects for a while. We hope to get financial help in three months' time," Mr Bezuidenhout added.

The projects, which will be in two stages, included:

- The building of 88 houses and 194 flats on an economic basis, with an estimated cost of R5,3-million.
- The erection of 326 houses and 92 flats, with R8,5-million budgeted for this phase.

Hostel residents without electricity

RESIDENTS at Soweto's Mzimhlophe Squatter Camp have been without lights for three months now - because they consume "too much" electricity.

And the residents say they are being made to pay electricity bills despite the fact that their lights have been cut off. Some told The SOWETAN that the black-outs were causing a high crime-rate in the area.

They said a delegation which consulted the township's superintendent on the matter was told the hostel was using "too much" electricity. But, the residents complain, their rent has not been reduced although they have no lights.

But Mr H Brophy, Diepmeadow Council's chief executive officer said lights had been cut off because it was costing the council "a lot" to maintain electricity at the hostel. He said vandals had damaged cables and globes "that is why we decided to cut the electricity off".

"Electricity in that area was costing us too much. I'm aware that the residents were not responsible for the damage of cables and globes. Thugs from

neighbouring areas were responsible for this vandalism," Mr Brophy said.

He said he would investigate the matter.

A resident, Mrs Nancy Dube, said "Why don't they reduce the rent since we are not using any electricity. We have been paying the same rent as we did when the electricity was on. The place has become dangerous and many residents are being robbed at night. Every weekend somebody gets murdered in this place, and residents are now afraid to move around at night."

Another resident, Mr Moses Madliwa, said he could no longer watch his TV because of the black-out. He said residents had to collect money for candles to light dark passages in the hostel. He said their complaints to the authorities had proved futile.

Mrs Busi Tshabalala said "The funniest thing is that inmates in the neighbouring men's hostel are not affected by the black-out. Their electricity is functioning without any problems, while this side we are made to suffer."

'Pay or we take wife to Soweto'

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By **MONTSHIWA MOROKE**
and **SOPHIE TEMA**

ANGRY people who could not get Impact Homes to refund them their money yesterday, threatened to take Mr Mark Guthrie's wife to Soweto and hold her for ransom if her husband did not come to the office and pay them

The people were among those who had read the Rand Daily Mail's exposé of Impact Homes last week

When two of the waiting men were then allowed to telephone Mr Guthrie he told them — so they said — he would pay them tomorrow

The "Mail" investigation had found that Impact Homes had no stands for development in Diepkloof or Soweto, yet it had, in the past year, charged several hundred would-be home-owners an advance management fee of R250. It also found that Mr Guthrie is an unrehabilitated insolvent.

The fee of R250 is refundable and a West Rand Administration Board spokesman has advised people who paid Impact Homes and who do not have sites to take their receipts back to Impact Homes and ask for a refund

People started arriving early yesterday morning at the offices of Impact Homes in Saambou Building in Risik Street

Some left after being told to return next Tuesday and others after being told to return tomorrow

But some were angry because they had called at the offices last Friday and been told to return for their money yesterday

A small group of men waited all afternoon for Mr Guthrie, who had left the office before midday to return with the money to repay them.

When he telephoned at 4pm to say he was not returning yesterday, some threatened not to leave until he returned with the money

One man said they would take Mrs Guthrie to Soweto and hold her for ransom until the money was refunded

Mrs Guthrie then gave them her home telephone number and two of the men spoke to Mr Guthrie

They said he told them he had a cheque for R23 000 and he would pay out in cash at 11am tomorrow. Mrs Guthrie then wrote on the receipts that Impact Homes would repay them on April 7

Where despair is the rule

By Tyrone August

The Single Quarters are a former mine hostel on the edge of Reiger Park in Boksburg. They are made up of several old buildings scattered carelessly next to myriad criss-crossing dirt roads.

It is home to 91 families.

"The Single Quarters should have been demolished years ago," said Reiger Park community leader, Mr George du Pessis during a visit to the area.

"The area is rife with drug problems, violence and child pregnancy. The people's surroundings are doing this to them. They just don't care any

A typical scene in the Single quarters. Ninety-one families live in broken-down houses in the area. There are no community facilities for them.

longer how they live."

The area is known as the Singles because each house is divided into four rooms;

each single room, in turn, serves as a house for a different family.

The people here have long given up any hope of finding

decent homes of their own. "I couldn't care any more," said a 60-year-old grandmother, Mrs Minnie Taylor.

"I've been living here since 1964. There are eight of us living in one room. We are no better off than pigs."

The bitterness in Mrs Taylor's voice is hard to ignore. "We used to live in Vrededorp before," she said. "Then the area was declared white under the Group Areas Act, now we are living in this mess."

Residents share communal taps, some more than 100 m from homes, and toilets.

The stench in the toilets is nauseating. But to the hundreds of people who live there it is part of their everyday life. Nobody cares.



Families move into church

Mail Reporter

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THE two Govender families evicted from their Koch Street home in Joubert Park 19 days ago have left their pavement home and have set up another temporary home in Christ the King Church, Nugget Street.

The families are occupying two rooms at the church since the refusal by the Department of Community Development to rehouse them.

Mr Bob Govender said yesterday that their former home was being let out to another tenant.

Matjila calls for meeting

THE chairman of the Vaal Community Council, Mr Josia "knox" Matjila, has agreed to call a meeting with opposition groups, including the Vaal branch of the Congress of South African Students to discuss rent hikes and other "burning issues"

The meeting is to take place at the Mphatlalatsane Hall, Sebokeng on Sunday April 11 at 8 am

Mr Matjila told The SOWETAN that he agreed to call the meeting following large-scale criticism levelled at his council by the groups in recent days. It has been said that he

- agreed to increase rents recently without consulting residents,
- resolved to take a journey overseas at the expense of the residents without a mandate from them,
- bought expensive gowns and a mayoral chain with the residents' money and
- did not call meetings with residents on issues affecting them

Mr Matjila said he was prepared to answer all these allegations in an open meeting because it was to the benefit of residents that they knew what the council was doing

He was prepared to be criticised wherever possible, but such criticism should be done through correct channels, and it was vital that opposition groups and those interested should attend

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Erab probe continues

THE East Rand Administration Board (Erab) has not yet completed investigating suspected irregularities concerning the allocation of new houses in KwaThema near Springs

Two weeks back the KwaThema Community Council suspended the allocation of houses in the area, pending investigations into alleged irregularities

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Families forced to live in yard, car ...

BY SELLO RABOTHATA



WRAB INSENSITIVITY?



TWO families have been evicted from their backyard rooms in Alexandra because they do not have permits to be in the area. Now one family is living in the open yard and the other in two scrap cars.

The family of Mrs. Josephine Ndlovu and her 13 children, including two babies, one aged three months, have been sleeping in the yard since March 23. They were told they qualified to stay in Soweto and not in Alexandra. The room they occupied has now been given to another family.

Contrary to reports in a Johannesburg daily which said the family has been accommodated behind the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) offices, **THE SOWETAN** found the family still unaccommodated with their belongings scattered around the yard.

A family member said "Without notice we were told to move out of our room by Peri-urban policemen on March 23 as we did not qualify to live in the township. We tried to plead with them to let us stay for the night as it was already late, but they just ignored our pleas.

The Ndlovu family said they were surprised that the story, quoting Mr Gert Steyn of Wrab, could read that they have been accommodated. After they had been allowed to stay in their room for one night last week, they had been evicted again, on that same night, at 2 am. They had a stamp from the Wrab offices which they said "gave them permission to stay overnight" which was ignored, they said.

Mr Phumzile Klaas and seven others who stay in the scrap cars, told **THE SOWETAN** they were evicted from the room they occupied on Tuesday last week, the reason being that they did not qualify to live in Alexandra. Other people were immediately offered their room. He stays with two other men and five women.

Mr Klaas said they used to pay rent to the landlord. When he (the landlord) died their problems began. Both Mr Klaas and Mrs Ndlovu said they were just asking for a place for their families to live a normal life.

Mr Gert Steyn, a Mr Swanepoel and a Mr Bontha, all of Wrab in Alexandra, were said not to be in on Monday and that they would be in today for comment.

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Council looks at R20-m Indian township plan

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A project costing more than R20 million has been proposed to the Germiston City Council for the development of the Indian township of Palm Ridge about 20 km south of the city.

Proposals include plans for 422 houses, community facilities including a shopping centre, community hall, clinic, library, and recreational facilities such as a swimming pool and sports field with a small clubhouse.

Palm Ridge will eventually house the Indian community at present accommodated in slum conditions in

By Kathi Friemond

Germiston's Asiatic Bazaar.

The houses will be built following the standard community development plans and there will be 44 sub-economic houses, 189 low-economic houses and 189 high-economic houses.

The consulting engineers who presented the proposals envisage the shopping centre being built in two phases. The first phase would consist of a single-storey complex which would accommodate a small supermarket, a

post office and 12 shops. The second phase would include an additional 12 shops.

In a tentative programme consultants expect to call for tenders for internal services at the end of the month and the tenders for housing at the end of September next year. Tenders for the community facilities will be called for only at the end of September 1984.

The city council will forward the proposals to the Department of Community Development for approval.

Young family uprooted

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The housing shortage in Reiger Park, Boksburg, has forced a married couple to live separately for almost a month because they have been unable to find alternative accommodation since being evicted from a relative's house

The couple, Mr Neville van Ross (23) and his wife Peggy (24), were evicted by the Boksburg Town Council on March 17 because they were "illegal tenants" in their relative's house

"Since then we have been living apart because we have been unable to find alternative accommodation,"

said Mrs van Ross

"My husband is now living with his parents while I live with my sister with our daughter

Deidre (3) We are tired of living on the necks of our relatives"

Mrs van Ross said they applied for a

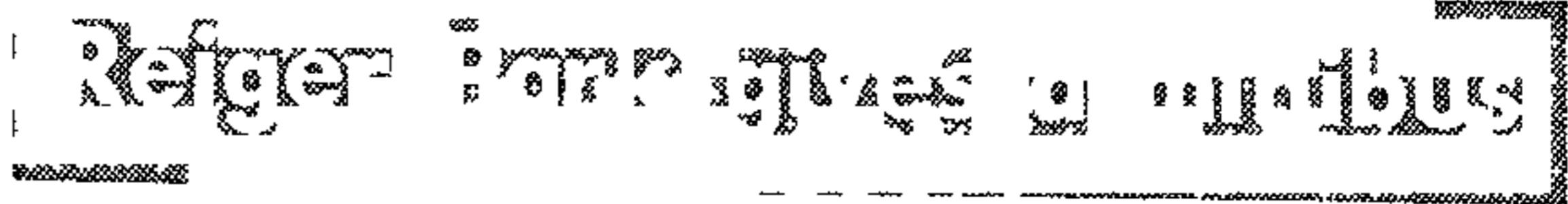
house from the council in May 1979 without success In November 1979 they applied for a flat and in October

1980 for a plot

"In the meantime we have been living with relatives a little here and a little there," said Mrs van Ross. "We used to sleep on the floor quite often

"Only at Christmas time was there some measure of relief when we stayed at the house of my grandmother when she went on holiday.

"We were staying at her house when we were evicted The only reason we were able to stay at her place so long this year, was that she fell ill while on holiday in Smithfield and has still not returned"



Residents have once again come to the rescue of the Reiger Park crèche. They have given it a minibus worth R11 000.

"The minibus will help the crèche a lot," says a delighted Mr A J Clements, chairman of the Reiger Park Child Welfare Society.

"It was difficult to transport the 110 children to and fro every day. Now we can take the children out on regular excursions too."

Mr Clements said the parents

worked very hard for 18 months to raise funds to buy the minibus by holding cake sales, jumble sales, bazaars and dances.

"It is a big achievement," he said. "It just shows how much the community appreciates the work the crèche is doing."

The crèche established in 1975 employs nine teachers, a nurse and two caretakers It is entirely dependent on the community for financial support.

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Councils seek meet with Dr K

THE Atteridgeville/Saulsville Community Council is to seek an urgent meeting with Minister of Co-operation and Development Dr Piet Koornhof to discuss the recently-announced rent increase in the townships.

The council unanimously agreed at a special meeting to meet with the Minister on the issue which they said has embarrassed the council

They thus join the Mamelodi Community Council which according to its chairman, Mr W M Aphane, is busy making arrangements to meet with Dr Koornhof as soon as possible

The R16-a-month rent increases in the two townships were published in a Government

**By MONK
NKOMO**

Gazette on March 26 and signed by the Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development Mr G de V Morrisson

The first instalment of R8 a month came into effect on April 1. The other half would be implemented from October 1

The Atteridgeville/Saulsville council has also announced that it would hold a public meeting to give a report-back to residents at the local community centre on Sunday April 18. The meeting will start at 8am

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Housing shortage could double ⁽¹²⁷⁾

THE ACUTE shortage of housing on the East Rand is sure to double this year, following an announcement by the Department of Community Development that there are no funds for the building of new houses for the 1982/83 financial year.

Community leaders on the East Rand have called on the East Rand Administration Board to dig deeper into its coffers and save the situation

Circulars sent by the department to the different councils stated because of a serious shortage of funds from the National Housing Fund, that no tenders may be accepted for new projects

"It is not the department's intention to subdue the initiative of local authorities, since the provision of houses should still be regarded as the highest priority," the department's circular said

Mr F E Marx, chief

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

director of Erab said yesterday that his board has applied to the department for a grant of R30-million for the building of 15 000 new houses on the East Rand for his financial year and that they were still waiting. Asked about the circulars, he said he was not aware of them and would investigate

Mr G Mamabolo, chairman of the Thokoza Community Council, said his council had applied for the building of 1 313 houses, but had to postpone this project because of lack of funds

Mr L M Mohlomi, chairman of the Rathananda Community

Council, said his council would encourage the residents to build shacks as temporary accommodation until new houses are erected

Mr H H Ngakana chairman of the Kwa-Thema Community Council, said his council would start with the building of 1 300 houses and that funds for this projects were already available

Mr T Boya, chairman of the Daveyton Council, said there was land for the building of 6 400 new houses, but there were no funds. He said he would encourage residents to build their own houses

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Housing racket: Impact offers buyers cash deal

By MONTSHIWA MOROKE

MR LESLIE Mark Guthrie told people waiting for refunds from Impact Homes they could either take their money or wait another two weeks because he intended taking the Government to court in a bid to get sites in Diepkloof.

This was said by people who went to Impact Homes to ask for their money back yesterday, following the Mail's exposé of the company last week.

Those who decided to take their money were paid in cash.

The Mail investigation had found that Impact Homes had no stands for development in Diepkloof or Soweto, yet had charged hundreds of would-be home-owners an advance management fee of R250.

The R250 is refundable and a spokesman for the West Rand Administration Board has advised people who paid money to Impact Homes and who do not have sites to take their receipts to the company and ask for a refund.

Mr Guthrie is an unrehabilitated insolvent. Since the Mail report ap-



MR LESLIE GUTHRIE Paid out in cash

peared, many people have called at Impact Homes' office in Saambou Building. Some were told to go back on Monday. When they did, they were then told to return yesterday or next Tuesday.

People who had waited all afternoon on Monday threatened to hold Mrs Margaret Guthrie for ransom unless her husband brought the money. Mr Guthrie then promised them by telephone he would bring R23 000 yesterday.

About 50 anxious people were waiting at Saambou Building when he arrived yesterday morning, carrying a briefcase.

They said afterwards Mr Guthrie had told them they

could either have their money back immediately or wait another two weeks because he was taking the Government to court. He would fight to get sites in Diepkloof, he had told them.

Asked how much he had paid out yesterday, Mr Guthrie told a Mail reporter. "That is no business of yours."

Among those refunded in cash yesterday were two uniformed policemen from John Vorster Square.

A total of R750 was paid to Mr Mohaleng Motikoe, whose employers had paid for three sites. He said they had since found another company which had already been granted sites in Diepkloof.

Some people said they were interested only in getting their refund. After waiting so long to be given sites, and then reading the Mail report, they had lost faith in the company.

Others said they would leave their money and wait another two weeks for the outcome of Mr Guthrie's threatened court action. They said they still hoped to get their sites through Impact Homes.

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Sheds in Alexandra FM 9/4/82

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It is widely acknowledged that Alexandra township is a disgrace. The streets are littered with garbage, the houses are crumbling and open sewers pollute the place.

Given this environment, private sector companies cannot be expected to completely overcome the township's prevailing conditions when housing their labour in Alexandra.

Having said that, the FM feels there is little excuse for the sort of squalor in which 300 construction workers employed by Darling & Hodgson subsidiary, Combrink Construction, are living in Alexandra.

An investigation of the Combrink hostels last week revealed some appalling conditions. The hostels are pervaded with the stench of rotting garbage and excrement

Workers sleep in dirty, overcrowded corrugated iron sheds. These are poorly ventilated, intensely hot in summer and extremely cold in winter.

An official of the Peri-Urban Health Board — which monitors conditions in the township — describes the hostels as "rodent infested, appalling, filthy and not fit for human beings. It is lucky that neither cholera

nor typhoid have broken out here yet."

MD Alex Combrink, a director of Darling & Hodgson, says he is "not proud" of the housing provided by his company and admits that "in the face of the demands of the building boom, the housing needs of the workers have not received adequate attention."

However, says Combrink, "we have been planning for some time to re-house workers in a new hostel costing between R3m and R4m. We were not able to press ahead with plans because no land was available. We have now been granted land at George Goch and have already appointed a firm of architects. We hope to have completed planning, obtained approvals and re-accommodation at the end of the year. We acquired the land last September when the 99-year leasehold legislation made it

possible."

Obviously, Alexandra's dependence on an overburdened and inadequate sewerage sanitation and garbage disposal system exacerbates the smell of the hostels. But while garbage in the streets is not Combrink's responsibility, the hostels and ablution blocks clearly are, and they are a disgrace.

Combrink is not the only offender. Accommodation provided by other employers also leaves much to be desired. But the Combrink hostels were the worst seen by the FM.

Six sheds each house 50 men, frequently more. According to the health inspector "the housing shortage means that there are often illegals living here as well — they simply have nowhere else to sleep. They are packed in so tightly that often four men sleep in steel double-bunks instead of two."

Says one resident "There are not only rats on the roofs, but on the beds and on the floors. They eat the cardboard we put on the springs beneath our mattresses." An FM staffer also saw dead rats lying near the overflowing garbage bins.

Combrink points out that Alexandra is overrun by rodents and the company cannot be held responsible for that.

Fowls and goats which wander in and between the sheds, sniffing the garbage piles, old food and excrement, add to the chaos.

The Peri-Urban health official maintains that "the hostels' septic tanks are inadequate so water and excrement seeps up through the ground. Both waste water and effluent contribute to the stench. Some of the alley-ways alongside the buildings are used as toilets and are unpassable. The men lose self-respect in these conditions."

"We have written to both Wrab and Combrink Construction twice informing them about the appalling, insanitary and unhealthy conditions here, but nothing has been done."

Counters Combrink "I am unaware of

this correspondence. When we have been advised telephonically, we have attended to matters immediately. We built a new septic tank last year, in addition to the existing facilities, but if collection of sewerage is not regularly effected by the authorities we are powerless to do anything about it. The alley-ways were also recently concreted and are cleaned regularly."

Kitchen facilities are non-existent, although a shed with six filthy rusted tables has been set aside for the purpose. According to the health inspector, "the kitchen is completely non-functional and unrecognisable as a kitchen. Men are forced to keep their food utensils and primus stoves under their beds." Both cooking and eating are done between the bunks.

At the back of the kitchen shed are six sinks. Two were completely blocked with detritus, two were blocked with garbage and one with stagnant water. A sixth appeared to be functional. Combrink is adamant that only one sink was blocked with porridge and the others were all functional. He says "It is unrealistic to pass judgment on cooking facilities, whatever the environment, immediately after use."

Minimal facilities

Toilet facilities, in the same shed as the cold showers, are minimal. Some toilets, facing onto a row of 21 showers with no partitions, have doors missing.

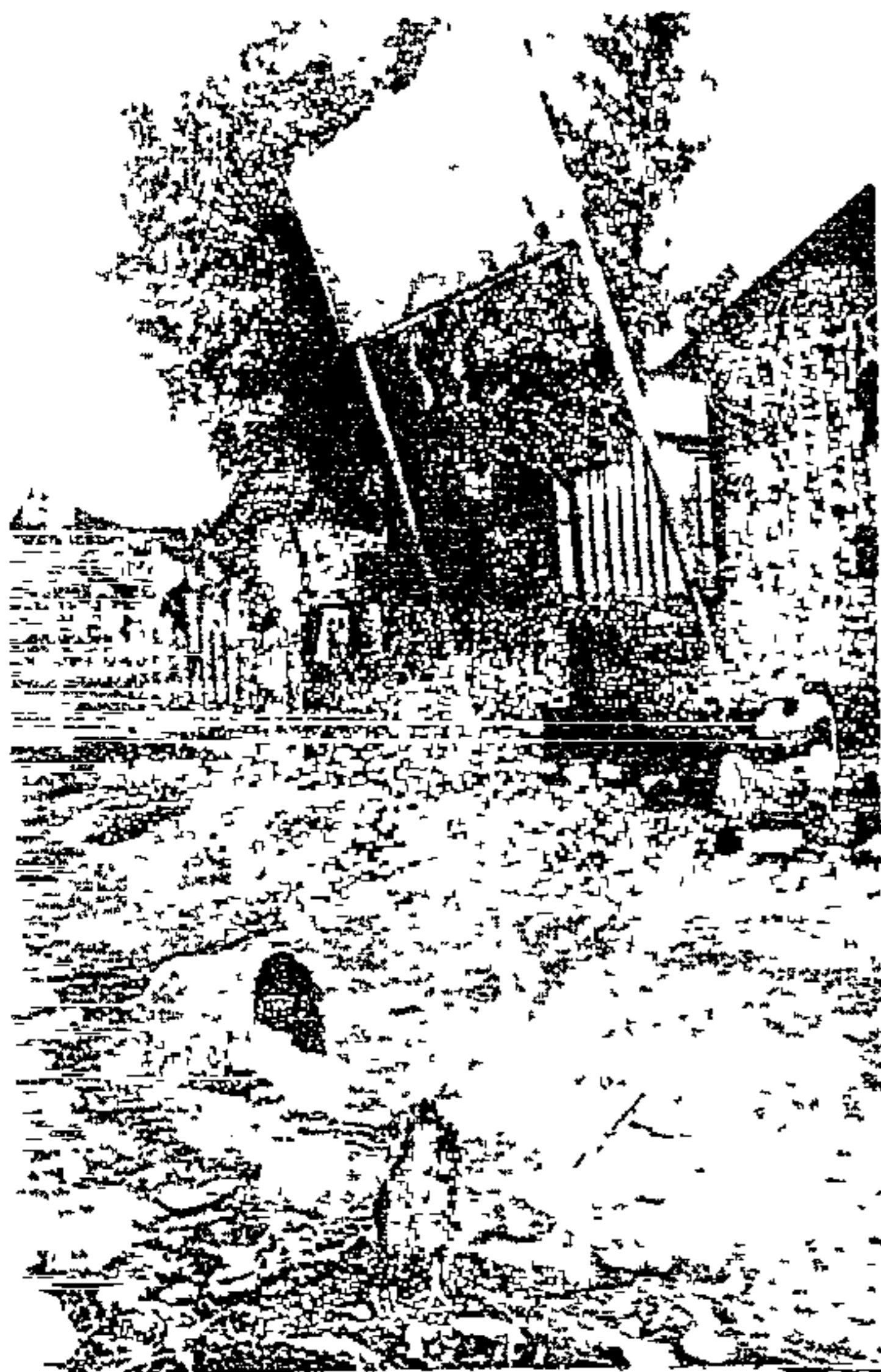
The only facility for hanging washing is the fence, topped with barbed wire surrounding the compound-style hostel. Combrink emphasises that "the reason for the fence is to offer some measure of security in what is an unsafe township."

"Until we can transfer them to George Goch, we are doing our best to ensure livable conditions in a virtually unlivable township," he says.

Township manager Gert Steyn comments "Combrink has always been co-operative in the past. However, we are not at all happy with the way the company is maintaining its hostels. They are filthy. The hostels were built as temporary structures as a result of the housing shortage. Wrab leased land to Combrink, which then erected the temporary structures. But the responsibility for maintenance is theirs. We are no longer permitting the erection of these temporary hostels."

The hostels are a manifestation of the general state of decay and insecurity resulting from delays in re-planning Alexandra township. But conditions in the Combrink hostels should never have been allowed to deteriorate to the extent that they have. No-one should ask men who do a hard day's work to return to housing provided by private enterprise which is not fit for human habitation.

Adds Combrink "We are not at all happy at having to accommodate our employees in Alexandra. We recognise the problem and look forward to transferring them to the new hostel in George Goch."



Hostel exterior (top), interior ... Combrink "not proud"

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'Councillor ordered her out'

Great-grandmother awaits eviction

A BEDRIDDEN Soweto great-grandmother and her family are living in fear of being evicted from their home after a councillor allegedly ordered them out of the house.

Mrs Lucia Diholo of Phiri, told The SOWETAN that the councillor, Mr F M Tsuenyane, ordered them out of their home because they were 'unlawfully' occupying the house.

Mrs Diholo said she, her granddaughter and great grandchildren had been staying in the two-roomed house since 1975. Trouble began this year after the death of the tenant with whom they had been staying.

By LEN MASEKO

"I'm confused because I don't know where to go. We will defy the councillor until he offers us alternative accommodation. I cannot walk because of illness and have to be carried," said Mrs Diholo.

The councillor, Mr Tsuenyane, could not be reached for comment, nor could Soweto Council's director of housing M J Gosthuizen.



WAITING FOR EVICTION: Mrs Lucia Diholo and great-grandson. PIC: LEN KUMALO

Wrab puts up family

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By SELLO RABOTHATA

THE FAMILY of 13 evicted from their room in Alexandra who spent 16 days in an open yard are being accommodated in a room behind the West Rand Administration Board offices in Wynberg.

Mr Gert Steyn of Wrab last week told The SOWETAN that he had told Mrs Josephine Ndlovu and her family, who had been evicted from their room, to come and occupy the room behind the offices, but that she had not done so.

He was made aware of this through a story in The SOWETAN and immediately sent his men to fetch the family and accommodate them.

Mr Steyn said "It was unfortunate that the Ndlovu family was evicted. We discovered that she

had a permit to stay in Soweto, but she was divorced from her husband who has the other wife on his permit.

There are presently 800 people on the housing list in Alexandra and we have to accommodate those who are legal residents first.

"Evictions take place almost every day here, and the trouble is that some people force others out of their rooms and occupy them. This happens with men from the Transkei and we have to evict these. It was unfortunate that Mrs Ndlovu was evicted, but she will stay here until we can find other accommodation for her and her children."

Mr Steyn denied that the family was evicted at night as they said. A

member of the Ndlovu family had told The SOWETAN: "Without notice we were told to move out of our room by Peri-Urban po-

licemen on March 23 as we did not qualify to live in the township. We tried to plead with them to let us stay for the night as it was already late but they just ignored our pleas.

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Council to report on rent protest

By MONK NKOMO

THE Atteridgeville/ Saulsville Community Council has called a public meeting on Sunday "to report on its protest" against the recent Government-imposed rent increases in the township.

The council, which has in the past steadfastly refused the local administration board's recommended increases, unanimously agreed at a recent special meeting to meet with Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of the Department of Co-operation and Development, or senior officials of the department, in an effort to reverse the decision.

The Central Transvaal Administration Board had originally recommended an increase of R25 per month to wipe off the R6 million deficit in Mamelodi and Atteridgeville. Both councils rejected the increase.

In a surprise move, the increases were published in the Government Gazette on March 26. Signed by the Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr G de V Mornison, the Government imposed a R16 a month increase in both townships with the first instalment of R8 being payable as from April 1. The other half would be effective as from October 1.

Both councils have indicated that they would seek an urgent meeting with the Minister. They argued that they were not consulted before the increases were implemented.

"The board had referred the matter to the Minister without our consent," they said. "The meeting is scheduled to be held at the local community centre from 8 am

Bribes paid for houses

9 families evicted

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

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THE owners of nine new houses in KwaThema, near Springs, will be evicted from their houses following irregularities in the allocation of houses in the area, and a community councillor may be asked to resign because of the scandal.

A source within the Administration Board's offices said yesterday that the KwaThema Community Council took this decision at a special meeting held at the council chambers on Tuesday morning. The source said it was also decided at the meeting that the township manager could start again with the allocation of the remaining houses.

The allocation of the new houses was suspended three weeks ago after the council had discovered some irregularities concerning their allocation.

A man who was involved in their allocation

Panic in KwaThema as housing official is suspended
EVICTED THREATS
RESIDENTS IN KwaThema springs have been thrown into a panic following suggestions that some of the 421 home owners in a new section of the township may be evicted because of suspected irregularities in the allocation of the houses.

tion was suspended from duty while a probe was conducted. The houses affected are those next to the 45 night club.

The chairman of the council, Mr H H Ngakane, said yesterday that the council will only release a statement next week about their find-

ings. He said his council was hoping to complete its investigations by today.

The 421 houses in the area were built after 1979 and on completion only 400 were initially allocated. The remaining houses stood empty for almost 2 years while residents on the waiting list have been flocking to the board offices demanding houses.

Our source said that the council has discovered that the owners of the nine houses had paid bribes before they were allocated to them.

SUSPENDED

By MONK (27)
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Sowetan 16/4/82

THE Mamelodi Community Council's suspension of their activities in protest against the recently announced rent increases in the township became effective yesterday when councillors failed to attend their monthly meeting

The council had on numerous occasions assured the residents that rents would not be increased

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Indian: Govt made me lose out

Mail Reporter

A PAGEVIEW businessman claims he lost the chance to build a block of flats in Newtown, Johannesburg, because he never received a reply from the Department of Community Development to his application for a permit.

1- The property, in Carr Street, was sold to a
W white person on April 1 — for less than the
- offer made by Mr Ebrahim Kharsany, a com-
e pany director

3 Mr Kharsany applied to the department on
f January 8 for permission to buy the property

He says he telephoned at least 20 times and was told the department was waiting for a reply from the Johannesburg City Council,

which had to approve the building of flats on industrial zoned land

However, Mr Francois Oberholzer, management committee chairman, said no application for land use had been received by the council

He said the council would not object to flats being built on the site

Mr Kharsany said he would have approached the council once the department had granted him permission to buy the property

Mr Dirk Rossouw, regional director of community development, has denied Mr Kharsany was discriminated against

To'burg

Councils condemn rent increases

By MONK NKOMO

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THE Central Transvaal Administration Board was yesterday condemned for causing hardships and making blacks squatters "in the country of their birth".

At a public meeting to discuss the recently announced R16 a month

rent increases in the township, Mr Joseph Tshabalala, local community council chairman, lashed out at Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, for a lack of concern for the plight of black people — "the very people he claims to be representing".

Cash is short, and so is land space

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Coloureds' home crisis worsening

Despite efforts by the Government and the Johannesburg City Council to provide homes at a faster tempo, the waiting list of coloured people seeking houses continues to grow.

The council's director of housing, Mr Mathys Wilsnach, says the waiting list increased steadily from just over 4 000 families in July 1980 to just short of 5 000 by June 1981.

But this is the official figure. Coloured leaders estimate that more than 10 000 families are homeless. Most have not applied for houses because of the backlog, which will take years to wipe out.

PRECARIOUS

For these people, life falls into two precarious categories. Thousands live in appalling conditions, with entire families housed in one room or in backyard outbuildings and squatter shacks. Hundreds more live illegally in homes and flats in whites-only suburbs.

Whether the problem is life in unsanitary conditions, or the fear of eviction under the Group Areas Act, the price is the same for the right to live.

Coloured people who are not fortunate to have an officially allo-

The problem of providing housing for coloured people in Johannesburg is two-pronged: diminishing land space and a steadily growing waiting list. Another thorn is severe cutbacks of Government funding for homes. Municipal Reporter LUCILLE McNAMARA looks at the crisis — highlighted recently in the annual report of the council's director of housing.

cated home, pay extortionist prices for a roof over their heads.

The dilemma facing Johannesburg — apart from severer restrictions on Government housing loans — is that it has been forced to become a dormitory town for the coloured people of the Reef because neighbouring municipalities have failed to establish their own townships for the population group

Migratory families seeking work in Johannesburg and its environs have added steadily to the coloured housing crisis

And this crisis is taking on a new dimension as Johannesburg begins to run out of land on which to build more homes. Even if it had the money, it will soon not have the space.

As the housing crisis worsens, Johannesburg has enough land on which to build only another 1 772 units.

Mr Wilsnach explained: "The general shortage of suitable housing to alleviate

overcrowded conditions continues. To the problem of housing the natural population growth of the city must be added the ever-growing migration of coloured people to Johannesburg in search of employment"

He anticipates that the development and provision of housing schemes in the south-west areas will be completed within the next two years, after which the council will be confronted with the problem of finding additional residential land for the coloured community

PRIORITY

He says the matter has been taken up by the council's management committee with the Department of Community Development, and at State Committee level

"The management committee has decided to treat the question of the urgent need for the acquisition of additional land within the municipal boundaries with utmost priority," he said

A Sunday newspaper report claiming monthly flat rentals in a Hillbrow block had been increased by R700 has angered the new owners who are converting the building into a hotel

"The present tenants will not be victimised and will pay much lower tariffs than future patrons of the hotel," said Mr Louis de Jager. He is managing director of a group of businessmen who recently bought St Tropez Court in Vander Merwe Street

The building, which was erected less than 10 years ago, is a guinea-pig in a new accommodation concept in South Africa

"Good quality hotel

Owners deny ⁽¹²⁷⁾ flat rent will ^{stay} go up R700 ^{20/4/82}

accommodation is being combined with self-service facilities for breakfast and snacks at a low rental, close to the city centre.

"The R700 a month increase will be paid by future patrons of the hotel, but it is unfair to compare hotel rates over a month with flat rentals," he said

There will not be a

drastic increase for the present tenants. The monthly rental of a resident now living in a single room will rise from R210 to R330

"And this rent is negotiable," said Mr De Jager.

"Fewer than 5 percent of the residents have said they will leave," said Mr de Jager.

Permit racket probed

Sowetan 21/4/82
THE Evaton Community Council is investigating a racket involving the issuing of phoney housing permits at a cost of R350 to local residents.

Mr Sam Rabotapi, the council's chairman, said this week residents found with counterfeit permits were prosecuted

Delving deeper into this subject Mr Rabo-

**By STAN
MILONGO**

tapi said that opposition parties such as the Evaton Ratepayer's Association (ERA) and Isomuzi were also exploiting people by making them believe that their membership cards, which cost R6, served as permits

"The ERA has exploited the Evaton peo-

ple by saying that they will take the local council to court," he said

"The chairman and secretary of ERA, Mr Caswell Kabi and Mr Thomas Mzimba, have failed to march to Pretoria and protest to the authorities about the re-planning of the township

"They should give an account of the funds they collected among the people for this purpose," said Mr Rabotapi.

Mr Rabotapi thanked Mr Tom Nhlapo for pulling out of ERA and revealing that there was a misappropriation of funds by individuals within the organisation

"He made a lot of people aware of the fact that the ERA stands for nothing that can benefit the people," concluded Mr Rabotapi

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be completed and (c) how many persons will be accommodated in the township?

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Yes, tenders have been invited for the installation of civil engineering services and the work has commenced but the invitation of tenders for electrical services has had to be kept in abeyance owing to the shortage of funds. The project is being undertaken by the Germiston City Council with the assistance of loans for capital works from the Department. The planning provides for 5 600 dwelling units

Marais Steyn Park

*15 Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Community Development

(1) (a) How many building units have been constructed in Marais Steyn Park to date and (b) (i) how many building units is it anticipated will be constructed and (ii) over what period of time.

(2) (a) how many applications have been received for persons to live in Marais Steyn Park and (b) how many such persons satisfied the requirements for living in this area?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

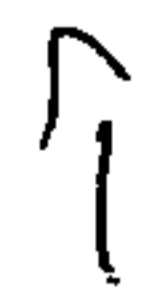
(1) (a) 77 dwelling units were built by the Community Development Board as a pilot project to stimulate development of the area.

(b) (i) and (ii) the Department does not intend building any further dwelling units in the area, but building sites are available for sale to individuals wishing to build homes of their own whereas two groups housing sites will shortly be offered for sale for development by the private sector.

(2) (a) 865 in respect of the project of 77 dwelling units

X (127) Palmbridge Township
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14 Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Community Development

Whether tenders have been invited for the development of Palmbridge Township, if not (a) when will such tenders be invited (b) when is it anticipated that work on this project will (i) commence and (ii)



Administration Boards: agreements with
housing development company 21/4/82
127 Housing Q. 61. 655-656
*8 Prof N J J OLIVIER asked the
Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether (a) the West Rand Administration Board and (b) any other specified Administration Board entered into any agreements with a housing development company, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if so, what was the nature of such agreements,
- (2) whether he has received any complaints or representations regarding this housing development company, if so, (a) from whom and (b) what was (i) the nature of and (ii) his response to such complaints or representations?

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) (a) No
- (b) Yes The East Rand Administration Board

The agreement with the East Rand Administration Board is in respect of fifty sites in Vosloorus Urban Black residential area, Boksburg, on which

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to build houses for resale under the 99-year leasehold scheme

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127 Mamelodi Township Q 601 665

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367 Mr G S BARTLETT asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) What is the present population of Mamelodi Township
- (2) whether any plans for the expansion of Mamelodi Township are being contemplated, if so, (a) what plans and (b) what population numbers are involved?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) Approximately 123 661 persons
- (2) The only plans for the expansion of the area of Mamelodi being contemplated at present is an extension of the Eastern boundary up to the proposed road PWV17. The ownership of this land rests in the Central Transvaal Administration Board. The contemplated extension will be utilized for industrial sites, a refuse dump, a cemetery, a drive-in theatre and educational institutions.

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News briefs

Eviction order

ABOUT 48 inmates of the Wattville men's hostel near Benoni are to be evicted and have their rooms turned into a police barracks to accommodate East Rand Administration Board policemen.

The hostel's superintendent told them the four cottages they were occupying would be used as police barracks for 48 Erab policemen and that they would be given alternative accommodation.

Mr M Mpanza, chairman of the Action Committee representing the 48 inmates, said "The superintendent told us that they were going to be squeezed into other rooms in the hostel and that we have to leave our rooms before the end of the month."

GENERAL NEWS

Fight to save 60 families from eviction

By Lucille McNamara
Municipal Reporter

Community leaders — including member of Parliament for Sandton Mr David Dalling — meet on Saturday to discuss the plight of 60 coloured families who face eviction from their homes in Wynberg.

The meeting is a joint effort of the Save Alexandra Committee, the Coloured Management Committee and the Sandton Town Council management committee, which hope to have the families rehoused.

Parcels of land in

Wynberg, rezoned as an industrial area, are being developed by private enterprise and the coloured people, some whom have lived in the area for more than 20 years, face the prospect of eviction with nowhere else to go to.

A member of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr Mohamed Dangor, blamed local authorities for the housing crisis facing his people.

"Local authorities, and in this case Sandton, have not taken the initiative to find parcels of land for housing coloured people"

"Things are now coming to a head because provision has never been made for enough housing. Instead of catering for the natural population increase, this country has placed ideology above humanity and the only solution is to suspend the Group Areas Act," said Mr Dangor.

Mr Dalling agrees that the Group Areas Act should be abolished.

"Any attempt to remove them forcibly from their homes will be strongly resisted"

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Be patient, says Impact

Mail Reporters
PEOPLE who called at the office of Impact Homes in Johannesburg yesterday were asked by Mr Mark Guthrie to be patient - he was still negotiating for sites in Diepkloof

People who went to Impact Homes two weeks ago to get back the R250 advance management fee they had paid the firm were then told by Mr Guthrie they could take their money, or wait two weeks because he intended taking the Government to court in a bid to get sites

Numerous people have called at the offices of Impact Homes since the Mail published an investigation

into the company on April 2 The Mail found that Impact Homes had been taking the R250 fee from several hundred people wanting homes in Diepkloof, although no stands had been allocated to the firm anywhere in Soweto or Diepkloof

Mr and Mrs Guthrie have said the money is refundable and some people have been repaid their R250

Mr Guthrie asked people in his office yesterday to be patient. He was still negotiating for stands with the Diepmeadow Community Council and he hoped to be allocated 200 sites in Diepkloof, he said

Asked later by the Mail for comment, Mrs Guthrie put the phone down

A spokesman for the West Rand Administration Board told the Mail earlier this week that 100 stands in Diepkloof were now being made available for tender, but tenders would not be called for another two months

Mr A van B Rabie, director of community services for Wrab, said people who have paid their R250 to Impact Homes will have to wait another three months for any positive information about the allocation of stands - as suming that Impact Homes does tender for sites in Diepkloof

"This means their money will be with Impact Homes

for another three months without any security of being allocated stands," Mr Rabie said

He again advised people who had paid the management fee and who did not have stands to ask for their money back

He had received no court action regarding sites he said

"I don't see how anyone can take anyone else to court to give him something to which he is not entitled," Mr Rabie said

The Mail investigation disclosed that Mr Guthrie was sequestrated in the Pretoria Supreme Court in 1979 Impact Homes is owned by his wife, Mrs Margaret Guthrie



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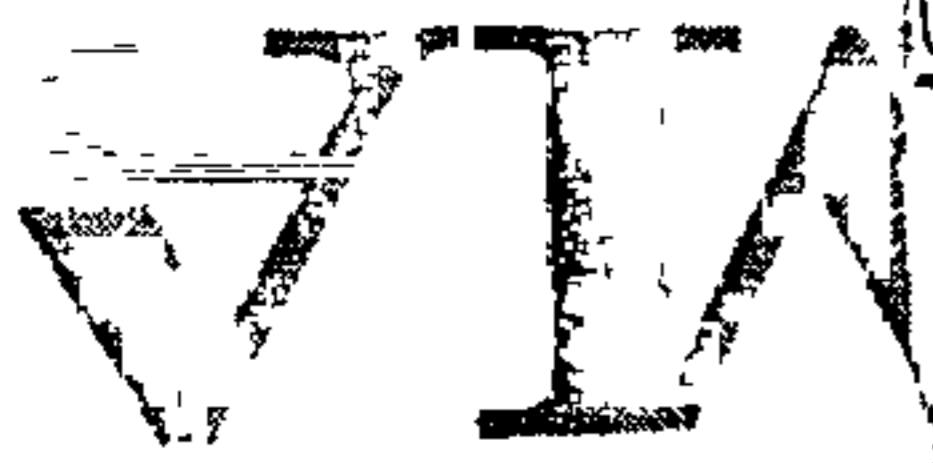
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Inmates

THE eviction of 48 inmates at the Wattville men's hostel, near Bontoni, was ordered by the Wattville Community Council last month

Mr J M Moalafi deputy chairman of the Wattville Community Council said yesterday that the council was approached by Erab last month with a request to turn four cottages occupied by 48 inmates into a police barracks

"But it has been handled in such a way that everything has come to a standstill" Dr Hartzenberg said

An exception was the occasional half-hearted purchase of a piece of land

There were to be 24 consolidated blocks but the way things are going at present there will be over 100" Dr Hartzenberg said

"The objectives that were set are not being reached. All you are doing is buying land at a

Condemned man weeps in court

A 27-year-old man wept yesterday in the Pretoria Supreme Court when he was sentenced to death for the murder of a Vereeniging man during a robbery.

Edward Molefe (27), from Evaton, was convicted of murder without extenuating circumstances

Mr Justice T H van Reenen, sitting with two assessors, found that Molefe had probably planned the robbery on April 11, 1980, during which Mr Daniel Pieter Bloem was shot and robbed of R3 968

Molefe was sentenced to 15 years, imprisonment on his charge of robbery. He was sentenced to a further 10 years' imprisonment on the second charge of robbery. He admitted robbing a petrol attendant of R1 245 and a reference book on March 20, 1980

Molefe committed the robbery and murder within hours of his release on bail in connection with another robbery charge

Mr van Reenen said that it was worrying that bail was approved in cases where people acted in this manner

The court heard Molefe had committed the robbery with two other men. He told the court that he had acted under duress. Mr van Reenen said that he could not believe Molefe was threatened in any way

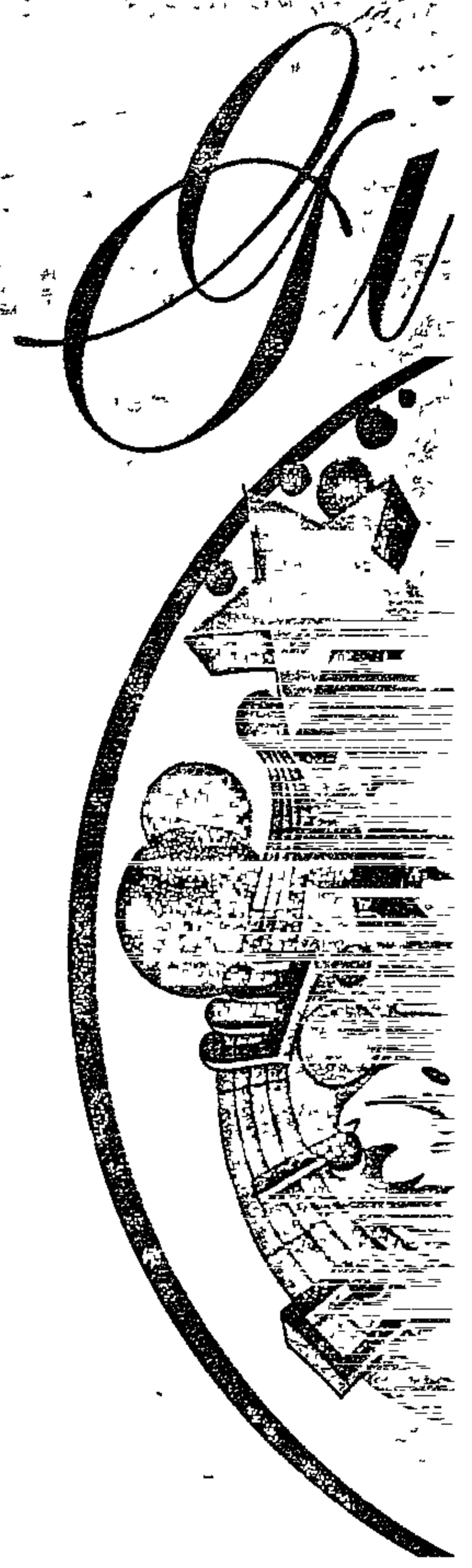
Molefe begged the court tearfully not to impose the death sentence as he had not fired a shot which killed Mr Bloem

Leave of appeal against the sentence was refused — Sapa



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KwaThema calls in pros

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

"PROFESSIONAL" people will be called in to help the KwaThema Community Council with their investigations following irregularities in the allocation of houses in the area.

This was said yesterday by Mr H H Ngakane, chairman of the KwaThema Community Council, who said that his council was experiencing difficulty with their investigation and that professional people would be needed to assist them.

He said "We have covered much ground in our investigation but we feel that by calling in professional people we will speed up our investigations, which we hope to complete in the next two weeks."

Mr Ngakane also said his council had started

allocating the remaining houses to professional people like teachers and government servants. He said these houses were not involved in the housing scandal.

A source within the Administration Board offices had told **THE SO-WETAN** last week that the owners of nine new houses in the area would be evicted from their houses following irregularities in their allocation and that a community councillor may be asked to resign because of the scandal.

When asked yesterday to comment on

these resolutions, Mr Ngakane said he was not prepared to comment because his council had not completed investigations on the alleged irregularities.

The allocation of the new houses was suspended four weeks ago, after the council had discovered the irregularities concerning their allocation and a man involved in the allocation, was suspended from duty while a probe was conducted.

The houses affected are those next to the Club 45 Night spot. The 421 houses in the area were built in 1979 and on completion only 400 were initially allocated. The remaining houses stood empty.

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Dairy plans go ahead

By MONK
NKOMO

THE Atteridgeville-Saulsville Community Council's objections against the proclamation of dairy farms to the Indians "had long" been rejected by the Government and preliminary plans to build more than 400 houses for the Indians were complete, according to Mr E "Boe-

tie" Abramjee, chairman of the Laudium Management Committee.

He told The SOWETAN yesterday that senior officials of both the Department of Community Development and Department of Cooperation and Development had told them together with members of the council, that their

proposed alternatives had been rejected by both ministers

Mr Abramjee who reiterated his earlier standpoint that dairy farms were "forced down their throats" by the Government said preliminary plans to house more than 400 families were completed. Laudium he added, had 2 800 people

on official waiting lists for housing "The only problem we have at present is funds to start building"

Both the Laudium Management Committee and the council had respectively recommended Erasmia and Suiderberg as alternative proposals to the dairy farm, near Atteridgeville

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Row over boarding fees Plight of pensioners

MAMELODI PENSIONERS staying at the local old-age home pay fifty percent of their monthly earnings for board and lodging, The SOWETAN was told yesterday.

A spokesman for the Mamelodi Welfare Department said pensioners paid because they stayed in a proper home

He added "Where can you stay free nowadays? They must contribute towards their upkeep. After all they have no dependants and have nothing to do with the money they get from the State. Instead they spend it on liquor."

"My parents are staying in an old-age home and pay three-quarters of their earnings for board and lodging."

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He went on "They get three meals a day, the facilities are clean and we also do their washing. There is also a staff that takes care of the sick."

"If they earn R70 we take R35 to provide them with all the necessities and there is no reason to complain."

A 47-year-old pensioner Mr Erens Nonyana, who stayed for a short while at the old-age home and has since moved to Atteridgeville said yesterday he was shocked when told to pay half of his earnings received early last month for board and lodging.

By MONK NKOMO

Mr Nonyana, who suffers from arthritis received his first of two month pension earnings of R160 last month. He showed The SOWETAN a receipt signed by the caretaker stating "Received the amount of R80 lodgers money for March and April months."

He said the three meals served were "bad" and comprised "pap and vleis" twice a day with soft porridge in the morning. "I do not know why we are treated like this. Black pensioners have been forgotten by social workers who do nothing towards the plight of the nation."

He added "We shared a room being three. The whole place stinks and has no heaters. That is no place for the aged. The authorities have no right to demand half of our earnings for a shabby place like that."

Supporting the welfare department's statement local community council chairman Mr W M Aphane said the resolution to let pensioners pay was taken by advisory boards following a directive from the

Government. We cannot spoon-feed pensioners. Where on earth do you expect anybody to live free? They get the best treatment which warrants paying fifty percent of their earnings. Mr Aphane said.

Cops

THERE is a new style wiregang or a number of copy-cat gangs operating in deadly silence in most Soweto townships that has residents gripped in fear.

And Brig J J Viktor Chief of the Soweto CID said he has put the Soweto Murder and Robbery Squad to smash the gang or gangs.

Brig Viktor told The SOWETAN that he was using the Murder and Robbery Squad because the gangs are now committing serious robberies.

He said the original Wiregang which was given publicity in the Press was smashed but others have now taken over their style and methods. So far police

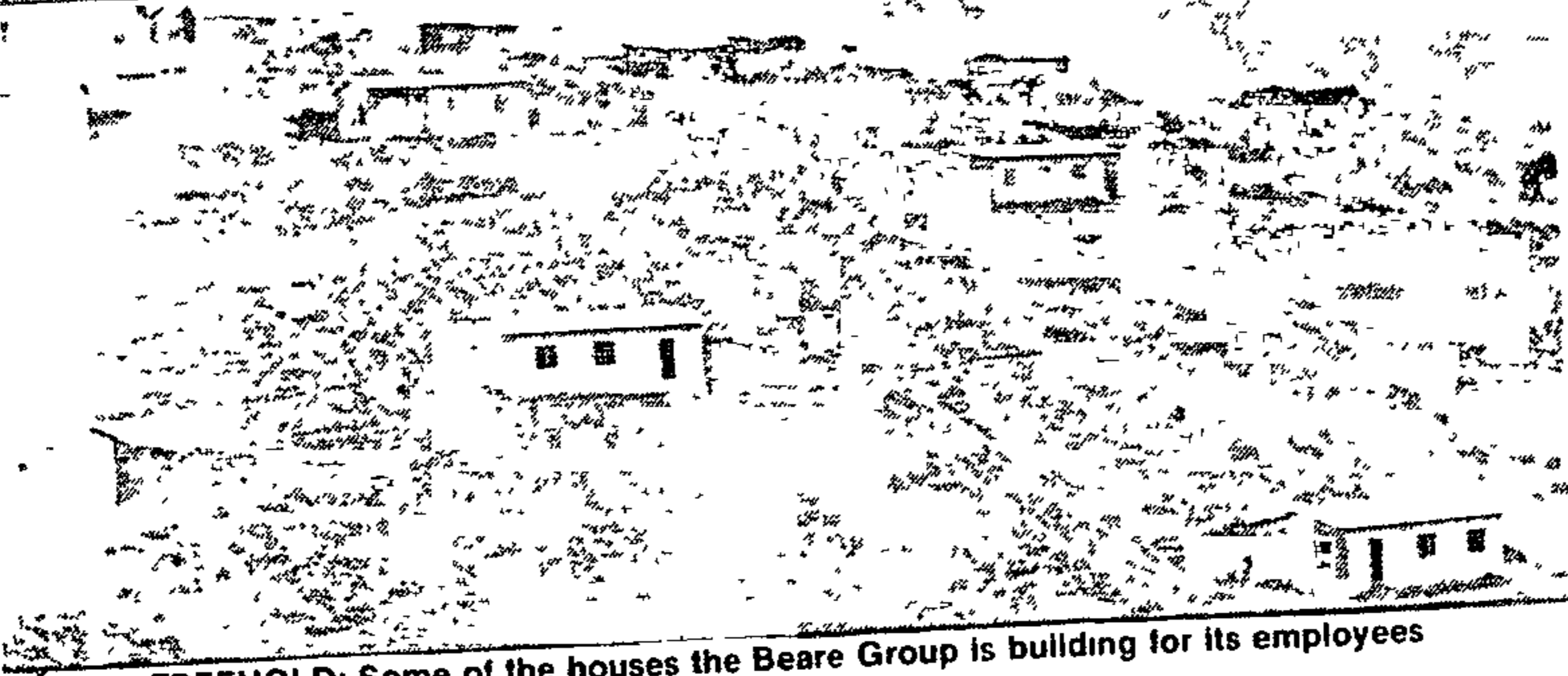
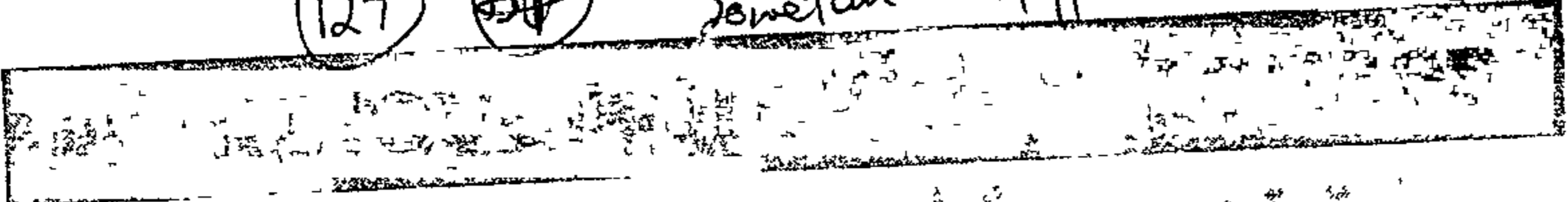
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FREEHOLD: Some of the houses the Beare Group is building for its employees

A PILOT housing scheme for black employees of the Beare Group will see 14 families housed in freehold homes within the next few weeks

The families will obtain homes in the Urban Foundation's Inanda New Town site-and-service scheme

The scheme provides a loan for individuals to purchase a dwelling of their choice, ranging from a single room to a six-roomed home

At Inanda New Town water points are being provided every 40 metres, roads are being built and community centres and schools are under construction

The units are being erected by private contractors in arrangement with the Urban Foundation which is handling all negotiations for the sites. The Department of Co-operation and

Development is processing applications and making financing available

The Department of Co-operation and Development will lend up to R2 500 for the purchase of the home and the company will provide the balance to secure the property

The repayment period is 30 years and interest rates run at between one and five per cent for the Department of Co-operation and Development loan

The repayments will average between R30 and R40 per month, instead of the R20 per month people had to pay for squatter accommodation

Through this scheme, the employee acquires ownership of his house. He can sell it, lease it or deal with it as he sees fit

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'Shacks must go'

By MZIKAYISA
EDOM

A SITE-AND-SERVICE scheme for people living in backyard shacks in Katlehong near Germiston is to be introduced to reduce the acute shortage of houses in the area.

Mr J Makhoba, deputy chairman of the Katlehong council, said plans for this scheme were at an advanced stage and the council was hoping that it will kick off before the end

of the year. The scheme will be introduced next to the Kwesine hostel

Mr Makhoba said that due to the lack of funds for more houses in the area, the council decided to introduce this scheme, whereby residents will build their own houses. The council will only provide the residents with the infrastructure and a site

Meanwhile the East Rand Administration Board had asked the

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Katlehong Community Council to demolish all shacks that belong to people who stay in the township illegally.

Mr Makhoba said the council received a letter from Erab stating that there were 21 700 illegal structures in Katlehong and that steps to remove the structures could not be delayed

The letter states that only structures occupied by families whose names appear on the official waiting list for housing would be saved. He said his council had resolved that the erection of more shacks in the township, would be stopped and that the shacks belonging to illegal people would only be demolished after the proposed site and service scheme gets off the ground

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Hansard Q Col.
Soweto stands 693-694
23/4/82

*10 Prof N J J OLIVIER asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

What procedure is followed by the West Rand Administration Board in the allocation of stands in Soweto to private developers?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Applications for the allocation of stands in Greater Soweto are submitted to the various Community Councils, namely Soweto Deep Meadow and Dobsonville, for comment, whereafter such applications are considered by the West Rand Administration Board

The West Rand Administration Board then refers the application to the Chief Commissioner, Johannesburg, for his approval and registration of right of leasehold. This function has been delegated to

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the Chief commissioner so as to speed up the processing of such applications

†Prof N J J OLIVIER Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply could he tell me whether the chairman of the Community Council of Soweto is being consulted in the matter and whether the permission of that board is necessary for the allocation of the stands concerned?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker if the chairman should be brought into the matter in the process, it would of course not be quite as I have just replied I shall investigate the matter however because I am keen that there should be no obstructions and that there should be as few obstacles as possible in completing the process

Homeowners beware

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

EMPLOYERS and persons who wish to become involved in housing projects for blacks must negotiate with administration boards and community councils in the particular area

This, was told to The SOWETAN yesterday, by the communications manager of Urban

Foundation, Mr C du Plessis, in response to reports that a Johannesburg firm, Impact Homes, charged hundreds of people an advance fee of R250 to obtain sites for homes in Soweto

The reports allege that Impact Homes had claimed that they had sites in Diepkloof, Soweto, where people could build homes

whereas the firm had no sites in the area.

This happened after people had paid the fee. They either heard nothing further from Impact Homes or were given letters of introduction to the housing officer at New Canada signed by Mr Joseph Mahuhushi, chairman of the Diepkloof Community Council, the reports claim

According to reports, Impact Homes, now insolvent, was run by a Mr Mark Guthrie

Reacting to these reports, Mr Du Plessis said similar incidents had been reported elsewhere in the Transvaal and that it was time prospective home owners were advised on what steps to be taken, if they intended getting homes. There were many

employers who were keen to obtain homes for their workers and gave them money to help them in this regard. Most of the workers, in a bid to obtain homes, have approached Impact Homes and other sources for advice instead.

Mr Du Plessis said people who intended getting homes should

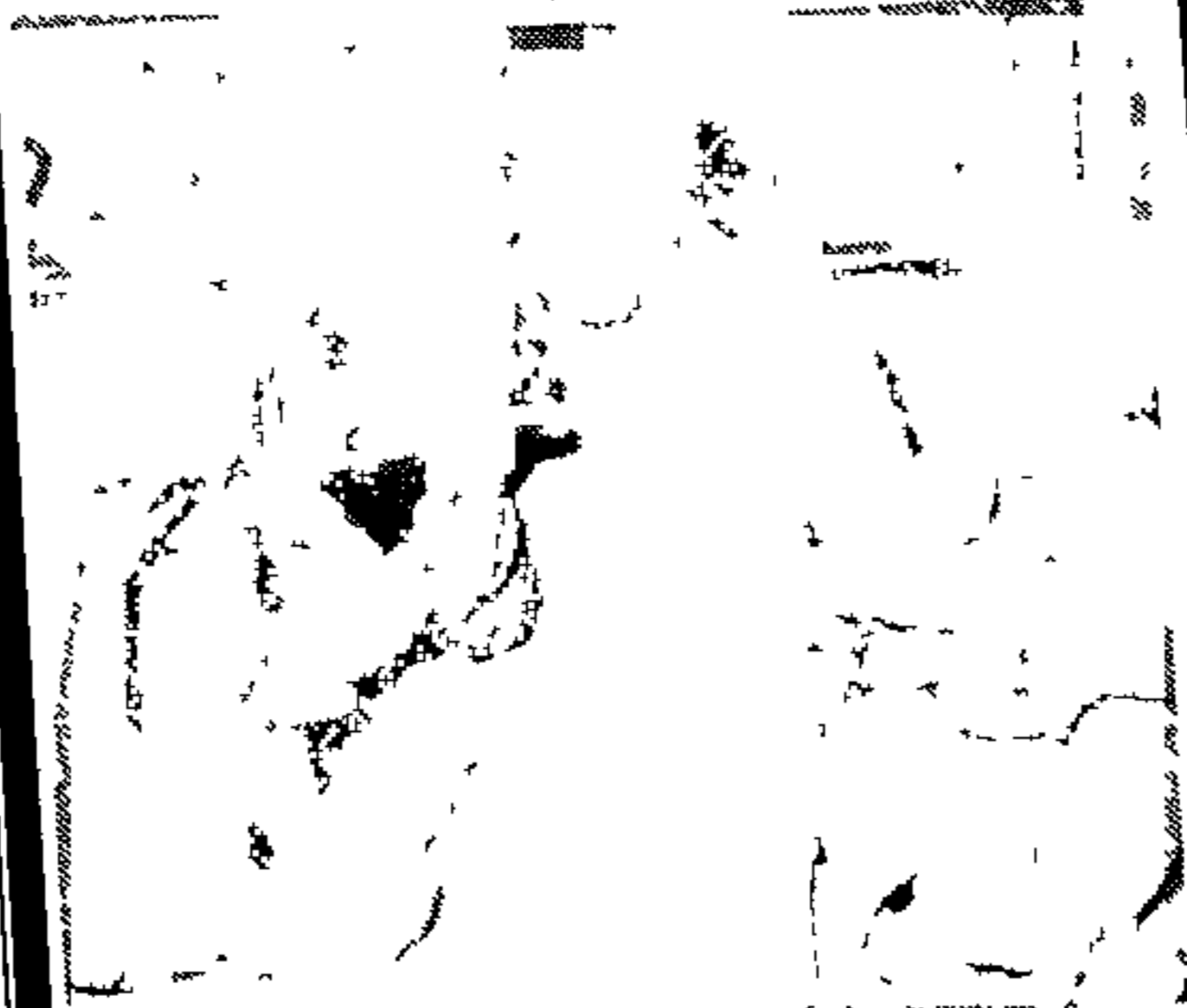
negotiate with the administration boards, or councils for advice before involving themselves in any sort of inconvenience

Reports also claim that Impact Homes had also canvassed people in the East Rand and other areas on the Reef but that these people had not yet obtained sites. Those people who have paid the firm

money are advised to demand their money back and approach the West Rand Administration Board and the Soweto Council or similar bodies in their areas of jurisdiction

A Wrab spokesman said the board would not inconvenience anybody who intended getting a home in Soweto or any area under its jurisdiction.

SOWETO GRANNY WON'T BE EVICTED



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GREAT-GRANDMOTHER Mrs Lucia Diholo
could not contain her excitement when told she
would not be evicted from her home.

Mrs Diholo who is 102 seen here with her great-grandchildren, said it was through "God's will that we have been saved from eviction." Her family has been staying in the house in Phiri, Soweto for about seven years.

Mrs Diholo has told The SOWETAN two weeks ago that a councillor had ordered them out of their two-roomed house because they were occupying it "illegally".

Later Mr J J Oosthuizen, the Soweto Council's housing director, said it had been decided by the housing committee to allocate the house to Mrs Diholo. The previous tenant had died so the house did not have an owner," he said.

Three shot at demo on 150 pc rent rise

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Mercury 24/4/82

ATS Mercury Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG—Three youths were admitted to the Potchefstroom Hospital suffering from bullet wounds after hundreds of placard-waving pupils, including some parents, clashed with police in Ikageng during a demonstration against a rent increase yesterday

Dr J Nagtegaal, the hospital superintendent, said yesterday the ages of the three men admitted to hospital ranged between 20 and 24 years and that their condition 'is not serious'

He could not remember their names
Brig A P Miennie, the Divisional Commissioner of Police, said yesterday that

the demonstrators were stoning buildings. They then attacked the police when they dispersed them

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R3 600 Saturday Jackpot

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Arlington Million

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Three more Swapo shot

SECURITY forces killed three Swapo infiltrators in the Tsumeb and Grootfontein districts yesterday

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Koornhof's niece jailed

MISS Hannchen Koornhof Fitzgerald, 27, niece of Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, has been fined R500 and jailed for a month

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Gold surges by nearly \$6

Three shot during Potch rent clash

RDM 24/4/82

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By HARRY MASHABELA

THREE men were admitted to the Potchefstroom Hospital suffering from bullet wounds after hundreds of placard-waving people clashed with police yesterday in Ikageng, outside Potchefstroom, during a demonstration against 150% rent increases

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Dr P Riekert, chief director of the Board, was not available for comment.

The demonstration started soon after 7 30am when hundreds of people, carrying placards, marched through the township to

the administration office at the entrance of the township.

Some of their placards read "No rent hikes, please" and "Low wages but high rents".

Mr Daniel Dlamini, a local resident, said the demonstrators were met by police at the administration office. The police asked Mr Richard Sepotokele, chairman of the community council, to tell the demonstrators to disperse.

Then Mr Sepotokele asked the pupils to get back to school and the parents to go to work.

But he was ignored.

Mr Dlamini said police then ordered the demonstrators to disperse, but the order was ignored. Police then charged, and the demonstrators ran off.

It was at this stage that groups of demonstrators started stoning cars and buildings.

On April 6 this year, a meeting of community councillors and residents rejected the R15 rent increase.

Council members told the meeting they had not been told by the board about the increase and urged residents to refuse to pay it.

Dr J Nagtegaal, the hospital superintendent, said yesterday the ages of the three men admitted to hospital ranged between 20 and 24 years and that their condition "is not serious". He could not remember their names.

Guard, robber die in shootout

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Rent increase eats into war pension

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24/4/82

By CHERYL VAN EYSEN

A WAR veteran yesterday sobbed and shrugged his shoulders as he wandered through the dingy two-bedroomed Turfontein, Johannesburg, home for which he pays more than three-quarters of his war-pension

The 70-year-old pensioner, Mr Cecil Wilmot, of Park Road, receives a R137 monthly pension, and in January the rent on the house, which he has occupied for the last 14 years, was increased from R50 to R116

But Mr Wilmot was not as aggrieved over the increase as he was over the "manner in which it was done"

In a letter shown to the Rand Daily Mail, Mr Wilmot appealed to the Rent Control Board in March this year, stating there was "gross injustice and one-sidedness" in the granting of rent-increases

"It's all a farce, and totally in favour of the owner of the property I was not given ample chance to put my side," he stated in the letter

In the letter Mr Wilmot claimed the owner of his rented property had not produced documentary evidence on the municipal evaluation of house or the stand when the applica-

tion for increased rent was granted on January 13 this year

Mr Wilmot said, with tears rolling over his face "It hurts to think I fought for this country and have to live on the small pension"

Mr Wilmot also claimed the owner, in applying for the increased rent, said he invested money into the property

"It's a lie The place badly needs repair "There's a slow combustion stove emitting dust which circulates the house and is injurious to my health," he said

As a result of a laryngectomy eight years ago, Mr Wilmot breathes through 1,5cm hole in his his throat.

He said he could not afford a council house and his chances of getting a home from Community Development were remote

Mr D Rossouw, the regional representative of the Department of Community Development in Johannesburg, acknowledged the receipt of Mr Wilmot's letter of appeal

"But the appeal was not properly lodged and sent back to him this week Until a properly lodged appeal was received, the Rent Control Board will not investigate the allegations," he said

Areas Act

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A coloured family of five who have been living in Benoni's Indian township of Actonville for 15 years have been forced to split up because of the Group Areas Act.

1973 "The house we lived in is going to be demolished soon, so we were given notice to vacate it by the end of this month," said Mr Keith Bingle (24), a clerk yesterday.

1977 "The Actonville Management Committee turned down our application for accommodation because we are classified coloured in terms of the Group Areas Act."

1978 His sickly mother, Mrs Helena Bingle (59), left for Cape Town on Sunday to live with relatives.

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His father, Mr Jack Bingle (70) now lives in Eldorado Park in Johannesburg with relatives. Mr Bingle and his sister Anthea (21) live with family in Ryensoord outside Benoni.

"Anthea's two-year-old son Walter went with my mother to Cape Town as Anthea is working and there is no one to look after Walter," said Mr Bingle.

"It is cruel to break up a family in this way. We have tried to find accommodation in virtually all the coloured areas on the Witwatersrand and I don't know when we'll be together again."

"We cannot join my mother in Cape Town as there are limited work opportunities in the Cape. In any case, the housing shortage is just as acute there."

Mr Bingle blamed the Group Areas Act for his family's plight. "We should be allowed to live wherever we please," he said. "We are entitled to the basic human rights of housing and security."

BLACK ALLIED WORKERS UNION (BAWU)

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Municipal Reporter

The West Rand Administration Board will be conducting surveys to establish the exact number of coloured families living in Sandton and the adjoining black township of Alexandra.

The decision was taken at a weekend meeting called to discuss the plight of Sandton's coloured population who face eviction from their homes but who have no alternative accommodation.

Families living in Wynberg, rezoned some time ago as an industrial area, face eviction to make way for private enterprise establishments, while those housed in Alexandra must leave the township within a year.

Sandton Town Council, has no coloured area of its own and Johannesburg, h.a.s about 10 000 families waiting for a home.

Sandton's committee chairman, Mr Ricky Valente, said WRAAB had agreed to conduct the surveys and all the information should be collated within the next three weeks.

Sandton's member of Parliament, Mr David Dalling, who also attended the weekend meeting, said 5 000 coloured people living in Alexandra and many had terminated with the black community.

However, the Government was now pressing for their removal and the families faced the prospect of being resettled in Klipspruit West, about 50 km outside Johannesburg.

Mr Dalling said the coloured people had become an integral part of the local community and had helped to build Sandton. Any attempt to remove them forcibly would be strongly resisted.

Sandton Will aid Coloureds

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Address: P.O. Box 3039
Port Elizabeth
6056

Officials: F.J.J. Jordani

Area of Operation: Nat

Founded: 1926

Registration: Yes

Industrial Council: 1)

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Mail Reporter

TWO surveys to determine the plight of coloured and Asian families in the Alexandra and Wynberg areas near Sandton will soon be carried out by the West Rand Administration Board

This was decided at a weekend meeting of community leaders, including the Progressive Federal Party MP for Sandton, Mr David Dalling

The meeting, which was a joint effort of the Save Alexandra Committee, the Coloured Management Committee, and the Johannesburg and Sandton City councils, was called to discuss the plight of families living in the rezoned area

The affected area occupied by the families has been rezoned for industrial development

"The surveys will be conducted by the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) in consultation with the Save Alexandra Committee, the Coloured Management Committee and officials from the Sandton Town Council," said Mr Ricky Valente, chairman of the Sandton Council management committee

The surveys would also determine the number of families living in the two areas, rentals for housing and where the children attend school

Mr Valente denied that 60 families were faced with eviction as reported in a daily newspaper last week

The results of the survey would be released in about three weeks' time

The purpose was not to evict people but to research living conditions, he said

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1980 - Receives permission from the Minister of Manpower Utilisation to open its membership to all races.

1980 - Incorporates African Leather Workers Benefit Fund (Port Elizabeth). (See p. 123).

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Family shelters under canvas

A NATALSPRUIT family has been evicted from their house because one daughter-in-law sold the house to another couple in the township, The SOWETAN learnt yesterday.

BY SELLO RABOTATHA

Mrs Elizabeth Mashoti, her daughters and grandchildren now have to live in a makeshift shack in the backyard of what used to be their home. House 509 Mavimbela section now belongs to another couple who bought it for R2 500 from the Mashoti's daughter-in-law, the family alleges.

The son died three years ago and the daughter-in-law told them not to worry, they could go on occupying the house, she said. This was until last week Wednesday when they were told to report to the local Commissioner through a letter in the daughter-in-law's possession.

At the Commissioner's court, they alleged, they were told they had to vacate the house as it now had new owners. They were told that their daughter-in-law, Caroline, had sold the house and the new owners were eager to move in. White men, who claimed to be policemen, had arrived at their home on Thursday morning and told them to pack and move out and the house was locked.

Mrs Mashoti said the family consulted lawyers about the problem and he had advised them to stay on, but they could not do this as they had already been locked out. The present cold and rains are adding to their problems, they said. Their only shelter is canvas which they borrowed from sympathetic neighbours.

The chairman of the local community council, Mr A P Khumalo, was said not to be in for a comment but his deputy, Mr J Makhoba said he was not aware of the Mashoti's problem but he promised to look into it. Mr F E Marx, chairman of the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) was also not available for a comment.



EVICTED: Mrs Elizabeth Mashoti and her family outside their temporary home next to the house they have been occupying for several years.

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Address: P.O. Box 1 Pretoria 0001

Officials: Secretary

Area of Operation:

Founded: 1896

Registration: Yes

Industrial Council:

1980 - The Union received to open its membership

The dream houses which seem set to stay a dream

HOMELAND HOME AGENTS (PTY) LTD.

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13 RISSIK STREET
JOHANNESBURG 2001
TELEPHONE 834-5088

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CONTRACT PRICE R 11,185-20
TOTAL PRICE R 12,428.00

I, Mr/Mrs *Matthews Nedzihane* hereby agree that the amount of R 1,242 80. *One thousand, two hundred & forty two rand* being the first 10% of my contract price will be paid to HOMELAND HOME AGENTS (PTY) LTD as agents fees and that it has nothing to do with my building contract whatsoever

I hereto agree that under no circumstances will any payments made by me be refunded after 14 days from the date on this contract

AS WITNESSES:

1 *[Signature]*
2 *[Signature]*

Contract No V 100

Customer Signature

Matthews Nedzihane

SOPHIE TEMA and LIN MENGE report on Homeland Home Agents (Pty) Ltd, a company which has contracted to provide houses for people in the homelands.



PEOPLE learnt about Homeland Home Agents (Pty) Ltd from pamphlets distributed in Johannesburg and in Soweto

"Pay your deposit of R100 and monthly payments until you have paid half of the purchase price We then build your house," said the pamphlets There were pictures and plans of small-roomed houses

Clients who signed the building contracts with H and H Construction (at the same address as Homeland Home Agents) wanted homes built in places such as Mount Frere in Transkei, Thaba Nchu in the southern Free state, Nongoma in Zululand, Ciskei, Mafikeng and Sibasa

The Mail has only found one person so far who had a house built by the company — in Sekukuniland in 1979 after she had paid R5 000 of the R9 500 contract price She still owes R900 but no-one has notified her of what to do now She heard about the company's sudden departure from Rissik Street from friends

One couple who had paid almost half found the contract price raised from R12 763 to R17 230 They took legal advice and the case was settled Another two clients, who had paid more than half, have told the Legal Resources Centre they were told by Homeland Home Agents in February that building on their houses could not start yet because of the company's many commitments

Clients have found the Rissik Street offices of Homeland Home Agents shut and notices reading "All inquiries for Homeland Home Agents P O Box 25214 Ferreirasdorp 2048 Thank You"

After five telephone calls to Post Offices and to a merchant bank, the Mail found that the box number was an old number of a firm of attorneys, Dreyer and Nieuwoudt The attorneys, who stress they are merely the legal advisers of the company and of the company's director, Mr J W Gillman, now have a box number in Marshalltown but they still receive post at the old number

One client who made her monthly payments through an agent, was given a street address for the attorneys when the housing company closed its doors

Homeland Home Agents is not insolvent

People have paid the housing company money towards a contract

price, half of which must be paid before building can commence, and also an agents' fee which is the first 10% of the contract price and which the client agrees in writing "has nothing to do with my building contract whatsoever"

The company does not act as an estate agency and it is not clear what the agent's fee is for, as, according to the contract, the client is responsible for getting the plans approved The

contractor merely undertakes to supply building materials and labour and is allowed to change the method of construction and the price of the contract

Of 15 contracts seen by the Mail, only one, dating from August 1979, was signed by the contractor — namely J W Gillman for Homeland Home Agents (but not Pty Ltd) All the other building contracts and agents fee agreements seen by the Mail were signed only by the client

There are also witnesses' signatures Some clients have told the Mail they do not know these witnesses

Homelands Home Agents (Pty) Ltd was registered on August 1, 1980 The Mail has seen documents showing it was trading as a company as early as May 1979

The registered business address of the company is Charter House, 13 Rissik Street, but when the company moved out last month it was from street-front premises at 15 Rissik Street to which it had gone only weeks previously Between 1980 and 1981 it also occupied premises at 12 Church Street, Pretoria, and 146 Smit Street, Rustenburg

The Mail has seen receipts for pay-

ments made to the company dating from May 1979, to February 1982 In most cases seen by the Mail, building was not due to commence for months or even years from now Some of the contracts state that bigger instalments will not change the date when building is to start

The receipts have been signed by J W Gillman, L Gillman, M Kichenbrand, M Kriel, W E Legg, and Daniels Witnesses signatures have included J W Gillman, B M

One of the company's clients who will seek legal advice to get back the R2 571 she has paid for the house she wanted built near Rustenburg is a domestic servant, Mrs Josephina Tshipe She has been paying the R9 053 she owes (including a R905,30 agent's fee) since October 13, 1979 She has all her receipts, and a plan of her three-bedroomed dream house which she has had stamped by her tribal authority

Homelands Home Agents pam-



phlets do say "Your payments can be made into your own account at any bank," but Mrs Tshipe, like the other clients who are now hoping to get their money refunded, did not pay into a bank That way her money would have been secure

Other clients who are in the same predicament are Mr M Nedzihane, who has paid R1 800 and Mrs Elizabeth Legobye, who has paid R1 440 The wife of a churchman who has paid R640 is very upset — she had already bought carpets and curtains for the house the company was due to start building in 1986



Call for review of rents system

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Prior to 1981 was part of Com South Africa.

The Johannesburg Coloured Management Committee has requested a meeting with the Minister of Community Development, Mr Kotze, to discuss a review of the system of rents based on income limits

"The original intention of this system was to help people with lower incomes to obtain accommodation," said CMC member Mr Mohammed Dangor. "But it has failed because of the severe housing shortage"

Mr Dangor said the present system resulted in people who earned marginally more than R150 having to pay up to 25 percent of their income on rent.

Mr Dangor said the shortage of land available for home ownership was the cause of this anomalous position

"The CMC therefore intends recommending to the Minister of Community Development that more land be made available for home ownership," he said

"We also intend to recommend that the maximum and minimum levels of the income limit rent system be revised and that these levels be revised annually."

Address: P.O. Box 7135
Johannesburg
2000
Telephone:
Officials: I. Mashini
Area of Operation: National
Founded: 1981
Registration: Has applied for
Memberships: 1981 - 2 300

HOTEL, LIQUOR AND CATERING TRADE WORKERS UNION



MEETING MINISTERS. Joe Tshabalala

Council to meet Govt

THE Atteridgeville Saulsville Community Council has called for an urgent meeting with senior Government officials to discuss the controversial Dairy Farms issue and the recently announced rent increase in the township.

At their monthly meeting held yesterday the council threatened that should their request be ignored they would fly to Cape Town and walk in there and de-

mand to see both ministers of Community Development to seek charity on these two burning issues.

Council Chairman Mr Joseph Tshabalala who accused the Government of focusing their attention only on Soweto condemned the authorities for 'totally ignoring the plight blacks'.

Ms Z Z Mashoa, senior council member said the council was faced with a very serious

problem which demanded clear explanation to the residents.

The Dairy Farms near Atteridgeville were proclaimed an Indian Residential Area amidst strenuous petitioning by the council to have the place incorporated into the black township. The issue took a dramatic turn on March 25, when the council suspended their activities in protest against the Government decision.

Founded: 1939

Area of Operation: Western Cape

Officials: Secretary: A. Frazer

Telephone: (021) 433658

Address: 201/4 City Centre Corporation Street Cape Town 8001

Report
Annual 1980/81

Year	Membership			Total
	African	Asian and Coloured	White	
1980				460
1979				445
1978				..
1977		30	347	377
1976		21	201	222
1975		26	305	331
1974		28	294	322
1973		98	320	418
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1970				

JEWELLERS AND GOLDSMITHS UNION

Mmesi denies rent increase

By LEN MASEKO

The chairman of the Dobsonville Community Council, Mr Don Mmesi, yesterday denied that rent would be increased by R10 to help finance the upgrading of electricity in the township.

Mr Mmesi, who arrived last week from an overseas trip, was reacting to a claim by a Dobsonville councillor, Mr Steve Nkatlo, who early this month was reported as having told a meeting of about 300 residents that the rent in-

crease was due in March. He said "I don't know what Mr Nkatlo is talking about. In fact, there is no such thing".

Mr Mmesi said his council had not discussed any rent increases and that the upgrading of electricity in the township was still in progress.

Mr Nkatlo had told the meeting that the levy — which he also called the electricity tariff — would be increased by R10 next year, and that it would go up by the same amount in 1984.

the Motor Industry

Industrial Council: Yes

Registration: Yes

Founded:

Area of Operation: National

Officials: General Secretary: P.J. Plenaar

Address: P.O. Box 48157
Rooseveldt Park
2129

Telephone: (011) 466331

Year	Membership			
	African	Asian	Coloured	White
1980				23 000
1979				21 914
1978				21 914
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Families still ¹²⁷homeless

Mail Reporter

THE future looks grim for the Govender families, who have lived in two classrooms in a cathedral oratory for the past four weeks

They were evicted from their home in Koch Street, Johannesburg, by the Department of Community Development

Mr Bob Govender and Mr Thomas Govender camped with their families on the pavement outside their former home in cold and wet weather for two weeks

Then they were given shelter at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Nugget Street, Johannesburg

Mr Bob Govender and his family were victims of the Group Areas Act once before — when their property in Cato Manor, Natal, was expropriated after the area had been proclaimed for whites only

"Our search for accommodation in Indian group areas has been futile," said Mr Bob Govender

"The Department of Community Development has not yet offered us permanent housing," he said

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Industrial Council:

Registration: Yes

Founded:

Area of Operation: Cape Town

Officials: Secretary: J. Heege

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Address: P.O. Box 3390

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1970		137		137					

S.A. CANVAS AND ROPEWORKERS UNION (CAPE)

Police advice to disappointed housing clients

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Mail Reporters

FORMER clients of Homeland Home Agents (Pty) Ltd who wish to lodge complaints with the police should ask for Sergeant J D van Aswegen at John Vorster Square, a spokesman for the Commercial Branch said yesterday

The Commercial Branch has received approximately 100 complaints concerning the company, which vacated its premises in Rissik Street, Johannesburg, in March, leaving only a box number

The Legal Resources Centre has meanwhile sent letters of demand to the attorneys of Homeland Home Agents for the repayment of amounts totalling R38 500

Mr J L Dreyer, of Dreyer and Nieuwoudt, attorneys to the housing firm, said yesterday he could not discuss the affairs of his clients

The box number left behind on the deserted premises belongs to the attorneys

The sole director of the company is Mr Jack William Gillman, who is staying with his ex-wife at 72 Leonard Street, Turffontein

An inquirer at Mrs Gill-

man's flat was told yesterday that Mr Gillman was too ill to see her and then that he was staying elsewhere. She was then referred to the attorneys

The Mail yesterday saw a document which increased the price of the house Homeland Home Agents had contracted to build for Mr George Manamela by R2 786

Mr and Mrs Manamela had already paid half the cost of their house in 1980 when they were told they would have to pay three-quarters before building started

According to the document, which was signed by Mr Manamela only, the 1979 contract price of R5 754 was raised to R8 540 in March last year

The increase was calculated on the basis of the Stellenbosch University Bureau for Economic Research building cost index

The Manamelas were then to pay R6 405 — or three-quarters — of the increased price

They had already paid R6 800 when they found the company gone

Registration: No

Founded:

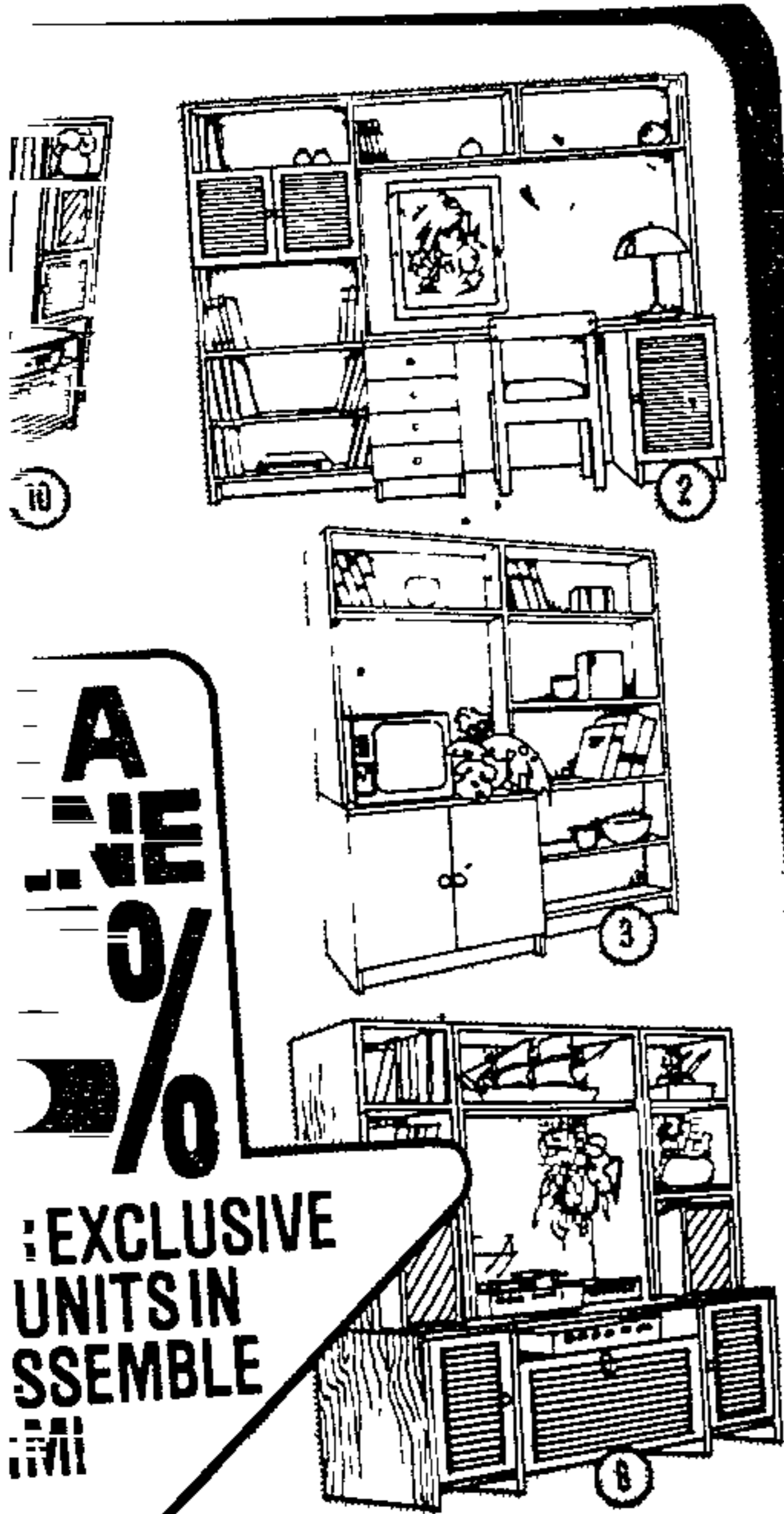
Area of Operation: Transvaal

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The two men are both in custody

Mansion for mayor, a hovel for his mum

2/5/82
A TWO-STOREY, R100 000 mayoral mansion is being built for Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Community Council — but his mother will have to be content with her two-roomed corrugated iron shack in Mlamankuzi, a section of Orlando East

By MOKONE MOLETE
Thebehali's house renovated have been dropped

Instead, the council is studying plans to rename certain streets and amenities

Meanwhile, Mr Thebehali's new home, started last year, has already reached roof height and will probably be completed in June

Last year the Soweto council decided to renovate Mrs Thebehali's home

The council wanted to thank Mrs Angeline Thebehali for bringing up a "brilliant and wise" son

But Mr J J Oosthuizen, Soweto's Director of Townships, said plans to have Mrs

The house is a donation from the Johannesburg Afrikaanse Sakekamer. It will be a residence for the sitting mayor of Soweto

With community council elections due in September,

Mr Thebehali will have to work hard to enjoy a long stay in the mansion

It occupies two stands, no 280 and no 281 in Zone 7 — a smart part of Soweto. When finished, the fort-like mansion will dwarf the other houses in the neighbourhood

The upper level of the house will consist of three bedrooms, a dining room, a living room, bathroom, toilet and study

There will be four more bedrooms on the ground floor, a living room for guests, and a reception hall

There will be a swimming pool and servants' quarters

Perskor hits at Nasionale

THE Transvaal publishing giant Perskor lined up its newspaper columns this week to exploit the momentary weakness of its arch-rival, Cape-based Nasionale Pers

This follows the admission by Beeld, a Nasionale Pers newspaper, of a circulation scandal

The two Afrikaans newspaper giants are locked in a circulation battle on the Reef — and it is fiercest in Pretoria where Beeld competes with Perskor's Hoofstad and Oggendblad

In a front page report this week Beeld admitted inflating its daily sales in Pretoria for the last four years. The person responsible had been fired, it said

Recently Perskor applied for an urgent

BY ANTHONY HARDING

court interdict preventing Nasionale Pers's Beeld printing information prejudicial to a pending Rand Supreme Court hearing on alleged fraud of Perskor's circulation figures for its newspapers, Transvaler and Vaderland

Beeld is also claiming R12-million damages in a civil action against Perskor for advertising lost as a result of the alleged figures swindle

The Audit Bureau of Circulation has said it will not take action against Beeld as the newspaper's total audited circulation figure had not been affected

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(27)
No water in Springs homes

Sowetan 3/5/82
By MZIKAYISE
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MORE than 300 families staying in the controversial new houses in Kwa-Thema near Springs have been without water and toilet facilities since they started occupying the houses.

The families claim that they have to fetch water from the nearby Highland section. Others also claimed that they have to seek toilet facilities at nearby houses or

else use the veld to relieve themselves

Mr H H Ngakane, chairman of the Kwa-Thema community council, confirmed that about 336 families in the new section have no water and toilet facilities. However, he promised that his council was working around the clock to have water and toilet pipes connected to the houses within the next few days.

He said "The council

is not to blame because the residents rushed to get in to the houses before we could complete water pipes. We are working according to our plans and water pipes were supposed to be fitted before the end of this month."

Meanwhile, Mr Ngakane also announced that the council was about to complete investigations following irregularities in the allocation of some of the houses.

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Luxury flats to house nurses

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By Joao Santa Rita

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has taken over a block of luxury flats in Hillbrow to provide accommodation for nurses.

But, according to a spokesman for the administration's works department, at the moment there are no plans to expropriate other buildings in Johannesburg

He confirmed that the Hillbrow block of flats had been expropriated and is to be used by the hospital services to house nurses

"If the State requires a certain building then we can force the owner to sell according to the Expropriation Act No 68 of 1975," he said

More than 150 people living at Golden Oaks, a block of 161 flats on the corner of Claim and Yettah Streets, have been given one month's notice to vacate the flats

Mr Ronald Halliday, one of the tenants of the Golden Oaks, was on a three-month lease but when it expired at the beginning of April he was given only one-month's lease

On Friday they told us we had to leave because the building is going to be used to house nurses" he said.

A notice in the foyer signed by Mr D M Ward, director of Darryl Investment Company, states that because the building had been expropriated the company had no alternative but to ask the tenants to vacate it by 9 am on June 1 1982

The director of the Transvaal Hospital Services was unavailable for comment.

The manageress of the Golden Oaks, who declined to be named, said some tenants had been upset and had threatened legal action.

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Nurses to take over city flats

By ADA STUIJT

TRANSVAAL Hospital Services has bought a R2 500 000 Hillbrow flat block — and its 200 residents have been given 30 days to make way for white senior nurses who will pay R23 a month for accommodation normally costing R280

The 162-unit Golden Oaks flat block, on the corner of Claim and Yettah Streets, has luxurious, fully-furnished one-bedroomed flats

The block is equipped with a swimming pool and sauna baths

The flats will be strictly for the use of white senior nurses working at Johannesburg and J G Strijdom Hospitals

Black senior nurses from nearby Hillbrow Hospital will not be accommodated in the flat block, said the Director of Transvaal Hospital Services, Dr Henne Grove

Nurses will begin moving in from June 1, he said

Meanwhile, Golden Oaks' 200 residents — mostly immigrants — are frantically trying to find new accommodation

They were told last Friday to vacate their flats by June 1

The director of Golden Oaks, Mr D M Ward, said residents had been given 30 days notice — but those requesting it had been given alternative accommodation in the company's two nearby residential hotels, he said

"People lived there at a month-to-month basis, but even so, it came as quite a surprise," he said

"There was quite a furore when we gave all of them notice to vacate the building within thirty days," he said

And the MPC for Hillbrow, Mr Simon Chichik, yesterday appealed to the provincial administration to give the residents at least six months' notice instead of 30 days. He said that while he appreciated nurses should have such perks, it would have been better to pay nurses higher salaries according to their skills

"What I find particularly appalling is that the nurses' accommodation is purchased at the expense of other residents, who now find themselves homeless," he said

Johannesburg Hospital's own three-tower accommodation, now completely occupied, is for junior and student nurses

But Golden Oaks will house senior, fully-qualified nursing staff

The flats were expropriated by the Transvaal Provincial Administration's Works for about R2 500 000, according to Mr L C van der Linde, Adjunct-Director of the Transvaal Works Department



Golden Oaks, purchased for R2 500 000 to house white senior nurses from Johannesburg and J G Strijdom Hospitals. They will pay R23 for R280 luxury accommodation

Picture PIERRE OOSTHUYSEN

(127 Soweto: family housing units 5/5/82
Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

1. How many family housing units were built in Soweto by (a) the West Rand Administration Board and (b) private owners in the second half of 1981.
- (2) how many such units are being built in Soweto at present by (a) the West Rand Administration Board and (b) private owners?

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- (2) (a) 800
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Mams Council slams increases

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THE Mamelodi Community Council yesterday announced that it has to see the demand letter containing recommendations submitted by the local administration board to the Minister of Co-operation and Development which led to the recent rent increases in the township.

Council chairman W M Aphane said there was strong suspicion that the Central Transvaal Administration Board officials did not submit the council's objections and recommendations to Dr Piet Koornhof

He said "We want to know the reason why the Minister made such a

decision without consulting us. The board could have presented him with their own recommendations and not ours."

Mr Aphane said they were also "kept in the dark" over the memorandum sent to the Minister protesting against the recently announced R16 a month rent increase in the

township

The council leader said they would refuse to discuss any issues presented by the board until the rent issue was amicably solved

The council, he added, would not resume its duties until it was granted an interview with the Minister

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 Witwatersrand Baking & Confectionery Industrial Union
 Witwatersrand Brewing Employees Union

United African Workers Union

R2,8m will be spent on SAP in Soweto

By Peter Sullivan, Political Correspondent
CAPE TOWN — The Government is to spend R2,8 million on accommodation for a riot squad and security police in Soweto

Of this R1 710 000 will be spent this year. According to the estimates of the Department of Community Development R730 000 has already been spent, and after this year's expenditure R360 000 will still have to be spent to complete the scheme

BRUSSELS

Under the heading of "diplomatic residential accommodation," the estimates show the Government has bought a residence for the Ambassador in Brussels which cost R1,3 million

The final R10 000 will be paid this year. In King Wilham's Town the Government paid R800 000 for

properties and houses for an ambassador to Ciskei and his personnel.

At the embassy in Mmabatho, the Government intends to spend R16 000 on "improvements to the sewerage system" this year and R20 000 later.

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The total cost of improving the embassy's sewerage system will be R180 000

Other items of interest include R600 000 to be spent on extra accommodation at the Supreme Court in Johannesburg, R410 000 to be spent at Rietfontein Hospital on improving electrical services and R960 000 to enlarge the nurses' home at Sterkfontein Hospital in Krugersdorp

There is a long list of new schools to be built for Indians, coloured pupils and whites throughout South Africa

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Cosas attacks Alex evictions

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THE WEST RAND Administration Board (Wrab) and the Alexandra Liaison Committee yesterday came under heavy attack from the Alexandra branch of the congress of South African Students (Cosas) for evictions taking place in the township.

By MESHACK MOTLOUNG

In a statement the organisation said they were disgusted about the lack of 'sympathy' shown by both the Wrab and the committee over the plight of these families.

"How on earth in a country which claims to be Christian, can families with children be evicted into the cold with no alternative accommodation?"

"We as students, firstly regarding ourselves as members of the society, are totally disgruntled by this affair and it is our plight to voice it out, and as citizens of this country, the families deserve to stay where they like," the statement reads.

Not long ago, 100 families were left homeless in the township when the Wrab bulldozed their homes, and a prominent person said "The liaison committee is not obliged to give these people shelter. Most of them do not belong in the township. They are people who

streamed into the township from nowhere."

"It goes without saying that the committee which earlier promised to help those who do not qualify to live in the township has swallowed Government propaganda wholeheartedly," the statement said.

"The committee has accepted the structure set up by the government which calls certain people 'squatters', others 'illegals', and some 'legals' on the basis of few dates and a piece of paper.

"Where is the 'nowhere' from which these people are meant to have come?"

"The categories of 'illegals', 'legals', and 'squatters' are divisions implemented by the Government and so we have a situation where man hates man because of those titles.

"We are appealing to the community to help such families who may be homeless for some

time."

In the statement Cosas also pointed out that the committee chairman, Rev Sam Buti once said Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, had not only saved Alexandra, but the Republic of South Africa.

Cosas asked why then were there 'squatters' all over the country, Alexandra included?

"The situation is worsened by the so-called 'legals' who, after qualifying to stay in the township, spy on those who do not which results in countless evictions.

"We abhor the action taken by police and the intimidation they are meting out to some of these families who are living in cars.

"And we repeat that no amount of intimidation, detention, pressure, harassment could deter us to fight for our rights," the statement concluded.

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African	98		
Asian and Coloured	320		
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Total	418		

JEWELLERS AND GOLDSMITHS UNION

R1,7m on riot squad housing

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— The government is to spend R1,7m on accommodation for riot squad and security police in Soweto during the current financial year.

This is disclosed in a Department of Community development memorandum setting out details of the government's building programme for 1982/83, which was tabled in Parliament yesterday.

The massive expenditure on accommodation for Soweto's riot squad and security police is part of a R2,8m project.

By the end of March this year R730 000 had been spent on the project.

This year R1,7m has been approved for the project while the balance of R360 000 will be provided for later.

The memorandum also discloses that R3,5m will be spent this year on the

R33,8m prison project for a prison and quarters in Diepkloof.

This will leave a balance of only R330 000 for the completion of the project.

The original cost of R26,5m has increased by R7m to R33,8m.

It also reveals that R4,5m will be spent on additional accommodation for the Pretoria magistrate's offices during the current year.

The cost of the project has rocketed from an initial R4,6m to the current estimate of R9,6m.

A total of R1,8m is to be spent on three primary schools for coloured children in Eldorado Park.

A total of R14,2m is to be spent on technical training centres for blacks on 13 different projects in the Transvaal compared to a total expenditure of R5,6m to date.

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Food and Canning Workers Union

Food, Beverage & Allied Workers Union

General Workers Union

General Workers Union of South Africa

Natal Baking Industry Employees Union

Natal Sugar Industry Employees Union

National Milling Workers Industrial Union

National Union of Dairy Employees

National Union of Operative Biscuit Makers & Packers

National Union of Sugar Manufacturing and Refining Employees

National Union of Wine, Spirits and Allied Workers

Operative Bakers, Confectioners & Conductors Union (Cape)

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EVICTED: Minah Selebogo and baby.

Pic. BONGANI MNGUNI

Out in cold

A DOBSONVILLE family — including an 11-month-old baby — has been sleeping out in the chilly weather for a month after being evicted from the house they occupied for about 20 years.

Widow Florah Selebogo was locked out of her house after being in arrears in rent for five months. She and her family — two children and three grandchildren — have been out in the cold since early April, while their home stands empty.

"My 23-year-old son, who is the only breadwinner in the family, earns far too little to be able to support us. And we've been struggling to make ends meet since my husband died,"

"We have got used to sleeping in this cold weather although my 11-month-old granddaughter hasn't. We don't know what will happen to us if they decide to kick us out of the yard. We are hoping that the people who will be moving into the house will allow us to stay on in the yard."

When **The SOWETAN** visited the family yesterday, Mrs Selebogo was lying on a mattress, writhing in pain. Her furniture was lying strewn all over the yard.

Mr Don Mmes, Dobsonville Council's chairman, said yesterday that the family should contact his council which would decide whether a rent remission could be arranged.

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572 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) How many housing schemes are at present being developed in Soweto by the (a) West Rand Administration Board and (b) private sector,
- (2) (a)(i) when were such schemes initiated and (ii) when is it envisaged that they will be completed and (b) how many housing units are involved in each case,
- (3) whether any housing schemes for lower income groups are under construction in Soweto, if so, (a) how many and (b) how many housing units are involved in each case?

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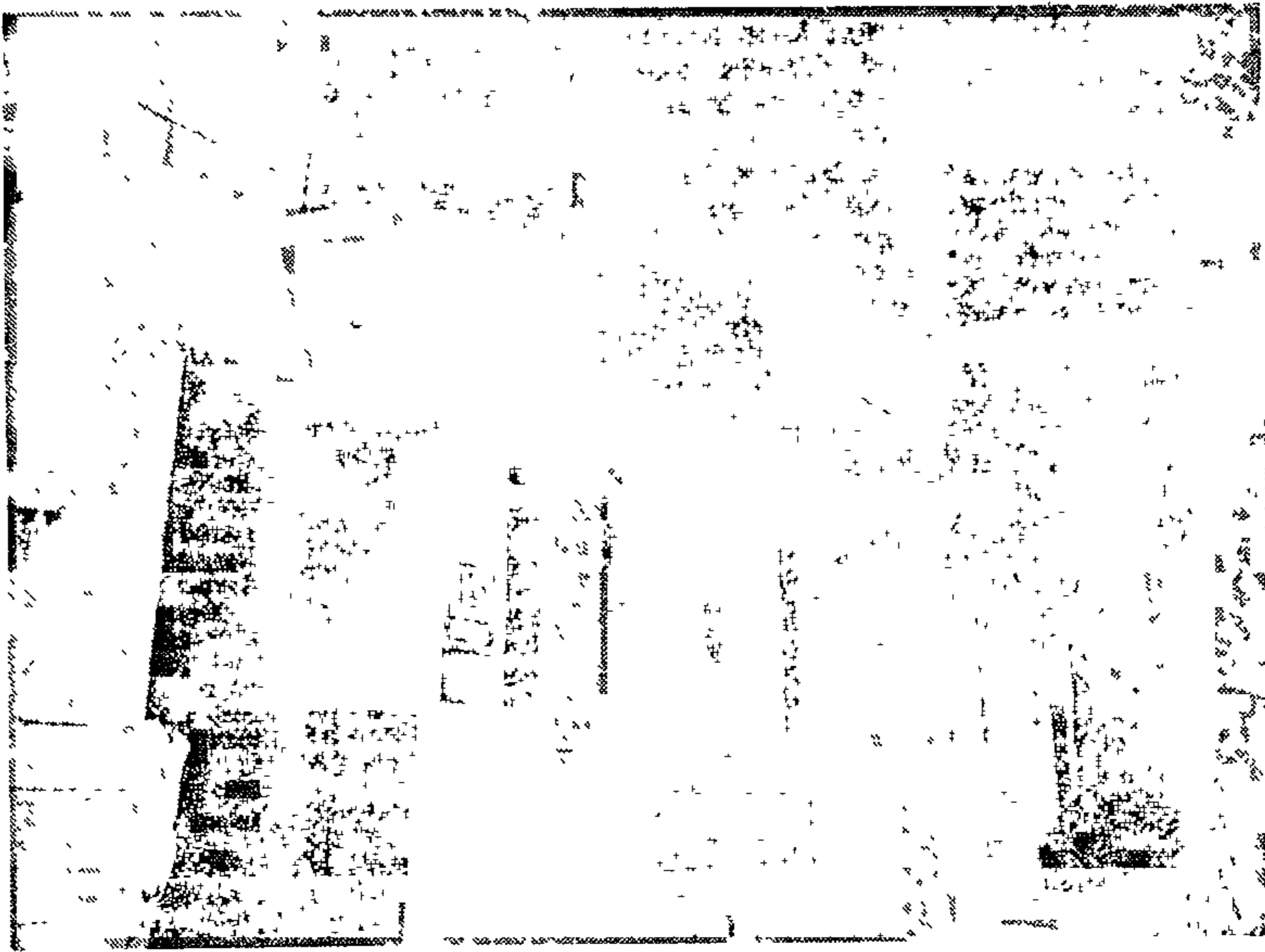
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HOUSING CRISIS



The owner of this city centre building has applied to increase the rental of each room by 100 percent. Tenants will have to pay because there is no alternative accommodation.

Rent to double in rat-infested flats

By Rob Soutter

The rentals of flats in a rat-infested city block are to double — but tenants will have to stay, and pay, because they cannot find other accommodation

"The housing crisis is forcing people to live in squalid, miserable conditions," said PFP city councillor Mrs Molly Kopel

"The lack of adequate, cheap housing is particularly affecting the elderly, who have to find accommodation within the limits of their pensions of R120

Tenants have nowhere to go

a month"

Mrs Kopel showed The Star around Miltherd Court, in Kerk Street, where the owner has applied to double the monthly rentals from R30 to R60 a room.

Tenants have wash-basins in their rooms and share toilet facilities with 14 other rooms

on each floor," she said

"Many have to share their rooms with rats. Now they will have to pay double their rents to keep a roof over their heads because there is no alternative accommodation."

"They wake up at night to hear rats scuttling about on the floor, or look across at holes

in the skirting board to see rats watching them cook

"This shows the depths to which human beings have to stoop to survive if society ignores their problems. They haven't lowered their standards — they have been forced to abandon them"

Mrs Kopel said many elderly tenants were proud people who never dreamt they would end up in this position. There were many elderly women whose husbands had left them well provided for but inflation had eaten up their savings

"I would have applied to have this building condemned, but it offers desperately needed accommodation, however squalid," Mrs Kopel said

A spokesman for Mr J Miller, the owner of Miltherd Court confirmed that rats had become a problem but only very recently

"Rats are a problem throughout the city centre. We are doing our best to improve the living conditions of the tenants," he said

The spokesman said the rentals were among the lowest in Johannesburg and could not stay at that level for ever

"The seriousness of the housing crisis is shown by the fact that a family of seven wanted to stay in one of the rooms — they had nowhere else to go," he said.

Reprieve on rezoning

The tenants of Cradock Heights in Rosebank have gained a temporary reprieve with the withdrawal of a rezoning application to demolish their flats and erect an office block.

But now they fear that the application will be renewed until it succeeds.

One resident, Mrs Sheila Sefton said the situation was made worse by the acute housing shortage in Johannesburg.

"We do not know what to do. This is a constant threat

hanging over our heads," she said

Mr Christopher Newton Thompson, city councillor for the Rosebank area, confirmed the application for rezoning had been withdrawn, but said he could not reassure the residents that their homes were safe.

"It is a bad situation," he said today. "The owners of this block can continue submitting applications to rezone the flats, provided they are slightly different from previous attempts

"This gives the residents no sense of security and creates great fear for their future. I have even had calls from tenants of neighbouring blocks who feel threatened by these applications"

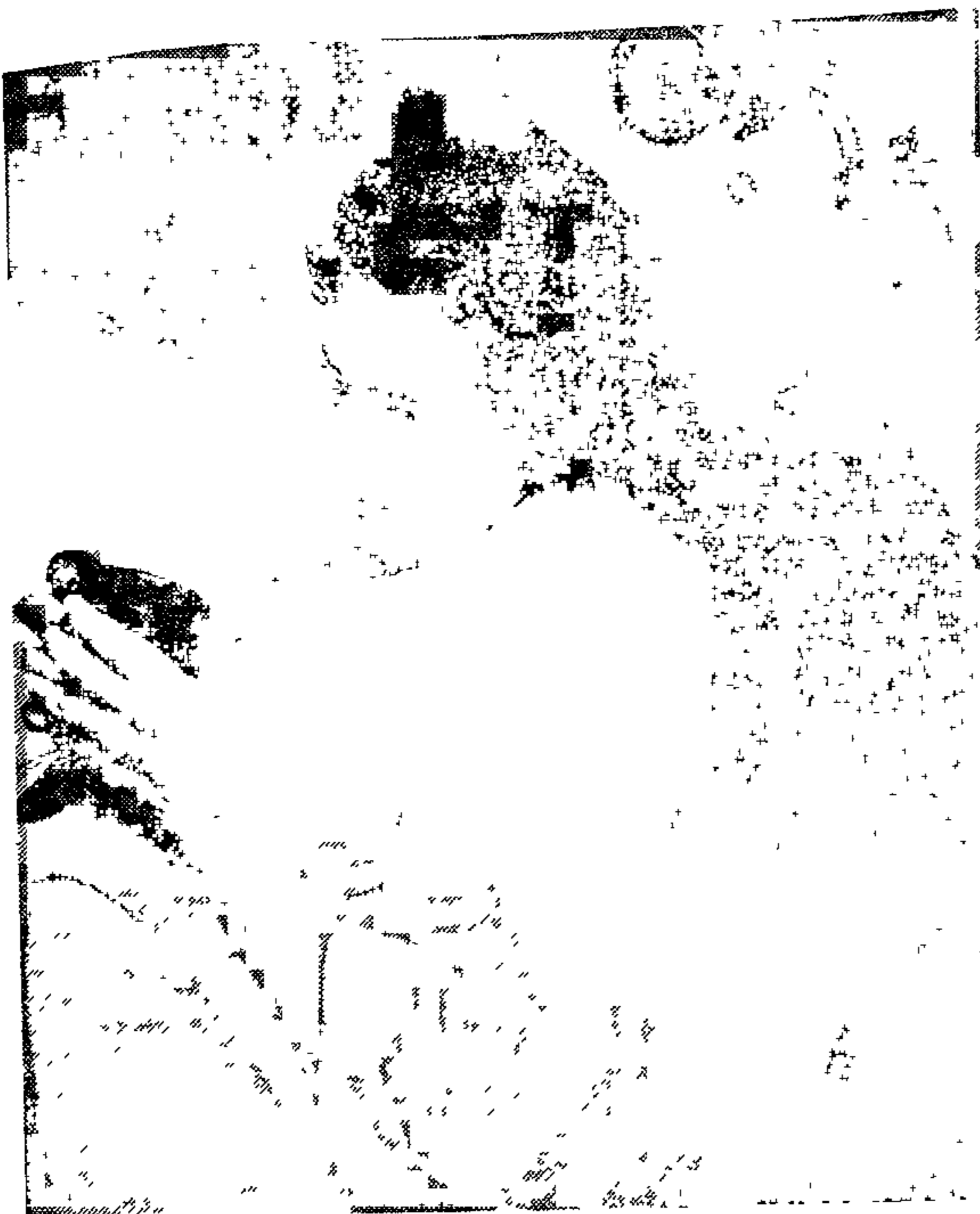
"They fear that if an application succeeds, the precedent will allow their blocks to be rezoned"

He said he had been told by a senior town planner that when the present application was withdrawn, earlier this week

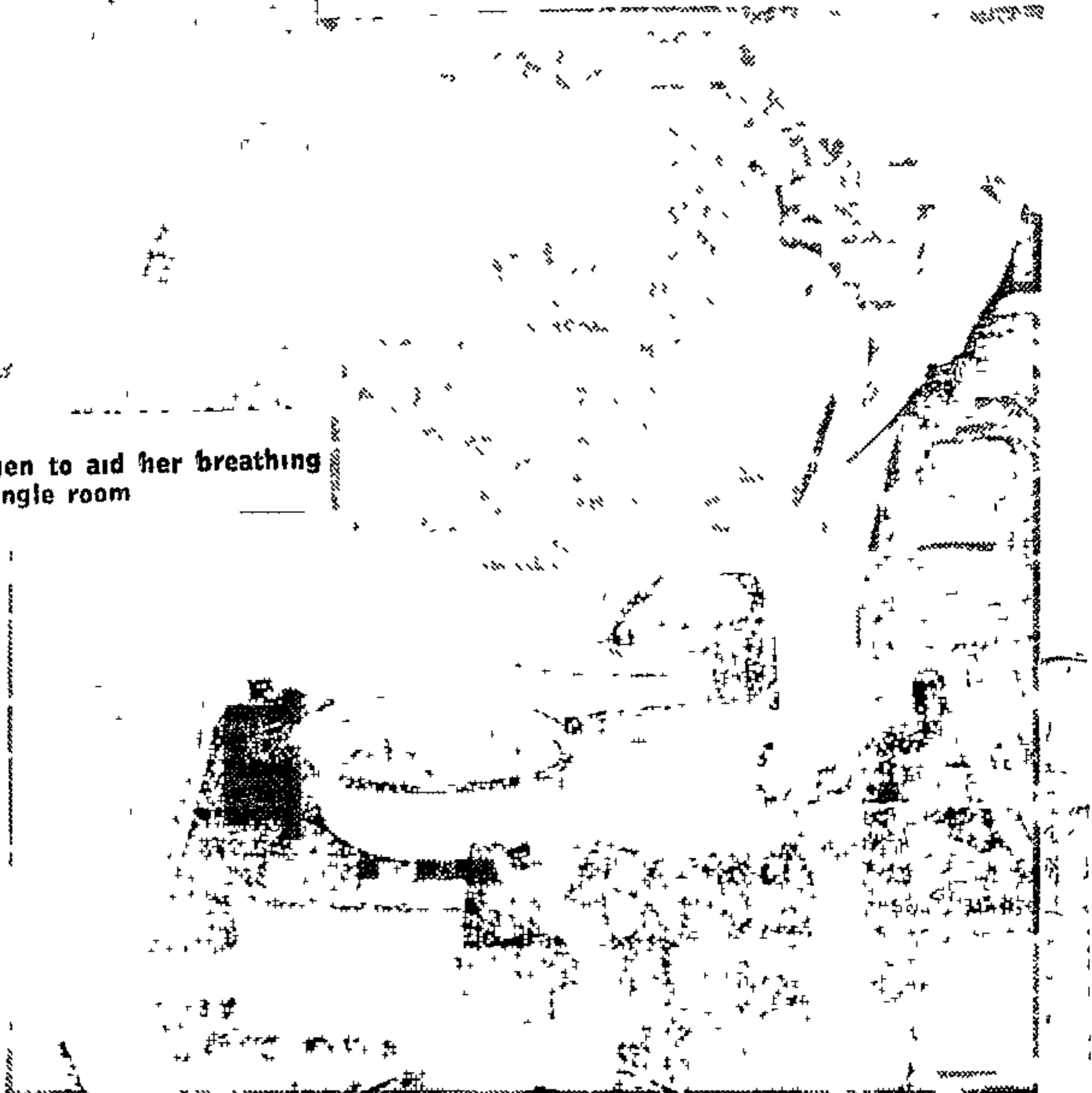
the applicants had indicated they would continue with attempts to rezone the block

The controversial history of Cradock Heights began more than three years ago, when an application for office rights was turned down by the Township's Board

A further application was made in October last year, which was withdrawn and replaced by another application posted at the flats on Christmas Eve



Eighty-two-year-old Mrs Joan Long, who needs oxygen to aid her breathing faces a doubling of the rental of her single room



son street building for three years

"Before that, we slept on the floor of my mother-in-law's house for four years, before shifting to a room in Western Coloured Township. But there were 11 members in the family we stayed with, so it was too uncomfortable," she said.

"We were forced to come to Jeppe. My big fear is that we will soon be without a roof again."

Cooking a midday meal — she survives on only one small meal a day — Mrs Gertrude Liebenberg (86) is afraid of the rats that come into her room. They enter through a ventilation panel above the cooking area, and numerous holes around the floor. She cannot find anywhere else to live.

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'Homeless soon' fear

Two coloured families sharing a single room in Jeppe live in fear that they will soon be homeless if the building is demolished.

"The building is practically falling apart," a worried Mrs Loretta Lamont (25), mother of two, said yesterday. "Walls are cracked and cement is falling off. Where do we go if it is demoh-

shed?"

Mrs Lamont, who has been on a waiting list for a home for five years, said "My husband and I have been living all over Johannesburg — first with my mother in Riverlea then with my sister in Eldorado Park, later in Protea and now in Jeppe."

Mrs Danne van

Rayne (24), whose family of four shares the room with Mrs Lamont's family said the building was dangerous.

"There are 10 families in the building's nine rooms. We all share one toilet and one bathroom, which has only one tap," she said.

She said her family had lived in the Madd-

Plight of elderly fuels campaign

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By Rob Soutter

Johannesburg's aged face a miserable winter, huddled in dingy rooms, lonely, cold, hungry and fearful of their future.

"They know any rent increase will force further cuts in their meagre food and medicine. They do not look for cheaper accommodation because there isn't any," city councillor Rae Graham said today.

"But, although the shortage of cheap accommodation, insufficient pension, and lack of food and warmth are important, loneliness is crucial, whether the person lives in Soweto or Sandton."

Mrs Graham said the aged needed friends to talk to, visitors and a belief that someone cared about them.

Mrs Graham, who has campaigned for many years to improve the plight of Johannesburg's aged, was interviewed on television's "Midweek" programme on Wednesday night, in a report on the elderly.

The programme followed several articles in The Star investigating the plight of the aged. It provoked a tremendous reaction throughout the country, according to Gail Morrison, one of the

"Midweek" team, who said it touched a raw nerve in South African society.

"I painted a bleak picture on the programme," said Mrs Graham, "but unfortunately, the solutions I outlined were not broadcast."

"I believe any answer to the problem must include the encouragement of personal contact with the elderly. And this is the Year of the Aged."

City aged are facing eviction and death

By Rob Soutter
More than 100 elderly people and pensioners could be thrown onto the streets this winter when their city flats are converted to offices.

The plight of the aged was highlighted in the Page 1 main report of The Star on April 17.

By encouraging younger people to visit elderly people, other needs can be fulfilled," she said.

"Many people desperately need to help others, to gain fulfilment in their own lives."

With the help of The Star, Mrs Graham launched an unofficial "Adopt a Pensioner" scheme before Christmas last year and there was a good response.

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dining halls would be locked to them by 4 pm, and that students found on the campus afterwards would be trespassing.

Student sources said yesterday afternoon that hordes had started leaving the campus

The closure follows a scene on the campus last Saturday when Ciskei's Chief Lennox Sebe was stoned and forced to turn back when he and members of his cabinet tried to attend a graduation ceremony at the university

The incident resulted

were arrested and released for attending an "illegal gathering"

The university paid the R50 fines for the release of the students, but later students demanded that they would not return to classes unless

- the R50 loans were frozen and
- the 22 detained were released

Several deadlines for the closure of the university were extended by the rector

A statement released by the university said the university council

and those whose names have been recorded in class registers will be accommodated and provided with meals," the statement said

A spokesman declined to comment if any students had attended lectures or been marked present in class registers. However student sources said none had attended



CHARLES NQAKL

NEWS IN BRIEF

Diepmeadow will have to pay

THE chairman of the Diepmeadow Council, Mr J Mahuhushi, announced yesterday that his council's attempts to influence Minister Piet Koornhof to suspend last October's R8 rent increase had failed — so residents will have to pay

He said when increases in service charges became effective on October 1 for all residents in the three councils in Soweto he told Diepkloof and Meadowlands residents to use their own discretion in paying the increase

But now that the minister's office has made it clear that the increases cannot be suspended, it means those residents who did not pay the R8 increase are in arrears of R64 altogether

Security cops release 'informer'

A 19-year-old Soweto youth, who last month claimed at a funeral that he had been asked to be a police informer and was later detained by the security police, was freed yesterday

The youth Samuel Themba Ntombela was detained by Security Police after he had made startling revelations that police had given him a transmitter to use at the funeral of former Robben Island prisoner and ANC member Mr Elias Tsimo

Britain plans to destroy airfields

LONDON — Britain has made detailed plans to destroy airfields on the Argentine mainland which would reverse the balance of air power in its favour in the Falklands war.

But it has been warned by the United States that such a move would be at the cost of losing existing international support

It is understood that a report from task force commander Rear Admiral John Woodward to Wednesday's emergency cabinet meeting said that he could not guarantee against further major losses like HMS Sheffield unless Argentina airfields were knocked out

Cops crack down on Wire Gang

A "WIRE GANG" suspect was shot and five others arrested when the crack Murder and Robbery Squad surprised the gang in a pre-dawn raid at its Zone Four Pimville nest yesterday.

Head of Soweto CID Brigadier J J Viktor linked the six suspects with a number of incidents in Pimville and Klipspruit in March this year. Brig Viktor said detectives had been investigating the gang for some time

In the past two weeks three suspects have been arrested and this brings the number of the gangsters behind bars to nine

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'Shacks will be torn down' (127)

by Charles Mogalet

THE mayor of Dobsonville, Mr Don Mmesi, has issued a stern warning to residents who build shacks in their yards and threatened to

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demolish them. "We certainly won't allow shacks. People who want to extend their houses must submit proper plans to the authorities. Otherwise

we will get into trouble with health inspectors. Mr Mmesi said

The warning follows complaints from several residents that their shacks had been demolished without warning.

The residents, who asked not to be named for fear of further reprisals, complained that their houses were "too small" to accommodate their families.

Asked whether he did not think the residents were driven to building because of financial difficulties, Mr Mmesi said loans were available from the council.

127 Soweto **Women kicked out of hostel.**
 THREE residents at the Mzimhlophe Women's Hostel in Soweto have been kicked out for allegedly harbouring men in their rooms. *7/5/82*
 The women denied having harboured men in their rooms for the entire duration of their stay.
 All three, Ms Miriam Zitha, Ms Victoria Khuzwayo and Ms Jeanette November, were served with notices ordering them out on Sunday morning

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Row develops over Post Office flats

By JOUBERT MALHERBE
Pretoria Bureau

PROPERTY developers in Pretoria are up in arms over the multi-million rand flat block the Post Office is building for its employees near the city centre

The use of public money in competition with private enterprise property development was not in the best interests of the country, Mr Connie Marais, the Chairman of the Northern Transvaal branch of the South African Property Owners' Association, said yesterday

He also warned that other accommodation schemes launched by the State — such as the Schubart Park flat complex which was built by the Department of Community Development — created problems in the plans of private property developers

The Department recently decided to stall further developments at Schubart Park and property developers were caught off guard by the decision

"Private developers take cognisance of State schemes in a particular area and plan their development accordingly. A sudden decision by the State not to continue with a project can only lead to a worsening of the

housing shortage," Mr Marais warned

A Post Office spokesman said the basement section of the flats on the corner of Jacob Mare and Prinsloo Streets, had been completed and that the project would probably be finished early next year

The final cost of the project — which will include two blocks of flats of 10 and 15 storeys respectively — was estimated at about R10-million, he said

The 100 flats — 50 two-bedroom and 50 three-bedroom flats in the two blocks — would be rented by Post Office employees. The rent would be determined by the particular employee's income, he added

There would be parking for 160 cars in the basement section of the flats and the Post Office also planned to establish a telecommunications centre in the basement

The main aim of the project was to provide temporary accommodation for Post Office employees who had been transferred to Pretoria

"There is a tremendous housing shortage in Pretoria and many staff members resign when they are transferred to Pretoria simply because they cannot find accommodation," he said

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Probe urged on Jo'burg flats crisis

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By SEAN O'CONNOR
City Editor

CERTAIN Johannesburg landlords and developers were accused yesterday of exploiting the city's accommodation crisis by imposing regular and substantial increases in flat rentals.

Hillbrow's MPC and city councillor, Mr Simon Chilchik, said flat dwellers were being forced to pay the escalating rentals because of the acute shortage of alternative accommodation in the city

Mr Chilchik — who, with other local councillors, has championed the cause of tenants' rights — called for a commission of inquiry to be

instituted immediately to work out ways of ridding the city of exploitation

His call comes at a time when flat dwellers are facing two other major difficulties

● A growing number of developers are applying to have flat blocks, particularly in suburban areas, rezoned for office rights

● Government and provincial departments are on the lookout for blocks of flats which they can buy to house their own personnel

Only last week, Golden Oaks, a Hillbrow block of flats, was expropriated by the Transvaal Hospital Services for nurses, and tenants were given three months' notice.

Mr Chilchik said at the time that in terms of the expropriation laws, the prov-

ince was entitled to expropriate a building and that tenants could not legally contest the measure

The Hillbrow public representative said yesterday "Rents are being increased now at a pace which is making even the affluent dig deeper into their pockets"

"Rental increases are spreading like an epidemic, and the situation is being aggravated by some developers and landlords who are taking advantage of the fact that there is no alternative accommodation."

Mr Chilchik urged that certain limits should be set on the size of rental increases, and he called for a commission of inquiry to probe the city's accommodation crisis and to work out ways of providing alternative accommodation in the short term

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Housing queue longer

City Editor

THE number of whites waiting for homes in Johannesburg climbed by 17% in only a month

This has emerged from figures released yesterday by the city council's housing and utilities committee

The waiting list stood at 1 492 at the end of February and by the end of March this figure had grown to 1 749 — an increase of 17,2%

Of those on list, 1 292 were awaiting economic homes, 110 were seeking "assisted" housing and 347 were waiting for admission to old age housing estates

The demand for coloured housing in Johannesburg increased by nearly 4% from the end of February to the end of March. In February, 4 267 people were on the waiting list and by March 30, this figure had climbed to 4 434 — an increase of 3,9%

Of those waiting for accommodation, 3 761 were on the list for economic homes and 673 for sub-economic housing

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HILLBROW SURVEY SAYS:

We want to mix it!

MOST Hillbrow residents are in favour of total integration according to a survey carried out in the Johannesburg flatland suburb.

Professor Toni Lamont, of the University of South Africa, who carried out the survey, says that 56 percent of residents are in favour of integration and only 29 percent want the suburb restricted to whites only.

The balance are in favour of "limited integration".

Hillbrow was selected for the survey as it had a large number of coloured and Indian residents — in some cases interviewers found they occupied entire blocks in the suburb.

He made this disclosure last night in a paper he read to the national Peace Symposium, in Port Elizabeth.

The symposium was arranged by the Women for Peace movement, which asked Professor Lamont to carry out the survey.

Professor Lamont, who specialises in urban sociology, said that a survey had also been carried out in Mayfair which has a large Indian population.

Although the problems in Mayfair were more complex, he believed that the Group Areas Act could and should be rescinded for both Hillbrow and parts of Mayfair.

Immigrants

Referring to the Hillbrow survey, he said it was found that white immigrants were more prepared to accept integrated conditions

"Of the whites they had the best social relations with other race groups, and were the most critical of the segregation laws.

"South African English-speaking whites were second in this regard, while Afrikaans-speaking whites were

least prepared to accept these conditions"

He said, however, that as far as general change in South Africa was concerned, the picture was reversed.

"Afrikaans-speaking whites had the least objection to the behaviour of other races and indicated the best development of positive relations through personal contact. They also had the least self-reflection

"English speaking whites occupied a relatively stable position both as far as the nature and reason for change is concerned."

Professor Lamont said that there was a clear correlation between the ages of people interviewed and their relations with other races.

"The younger the respondents, the better the relations were.

He said that he had found that relations between races tended to oscillate according to the length of stay in Hillbrow.

Particularly in the case of immigrants, when they arrived in South Africa they had high expectations of race relations

These expectations were soon frustrated and caused negative attitudes towards other races.

A further period of stay resulted in a positive, but less prominent change, while the oldest group interviewed had become slightly more antagonistic towards other races

The survey also showed that residents who came to Hillbrow from rural areas or small towns tended to have less positive relations with other race groups, while those from a more urban environment had more positive relations and were more strongly opposed to apartheid

Professor Lamont said the Hillbrow survey was based on replies to 24 questions from 200 residents.

Some of the questions were "open-ended" — calling for opinions or allowing spontaneous reaction.

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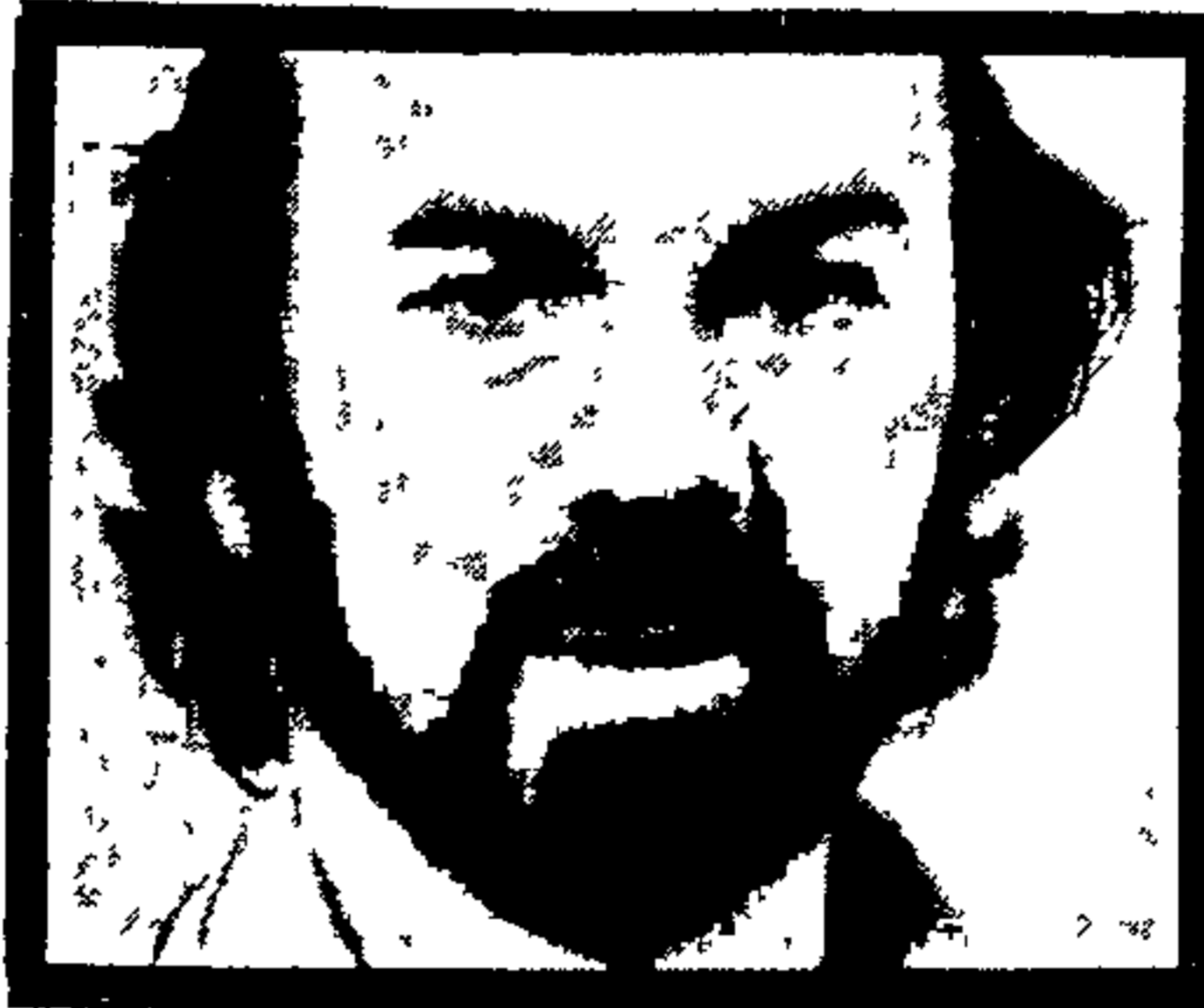
This enabled the interviewer to discuss certain aspects, such as attitudes, with the respondent, and the information obtained included some biographical facts as well as opinions and attitudes.

He said that of the 15 percent who said they favoured "limited integration" in Hillbrow many were obviously confused in their own minds as 88 percent of said they would not object to living next to blacks and 81 percent said they would allow either coloureds or Asians to live next door.

"A very large percentage of the respondents were eager to discuss the matter with the interviewers in their search for an answer to this uncertainty

"In this way they often changed their minds during an interview and the the respondent reversed his answer or admitted his confusion or uncertainty."

PROFESSOR LAMONT . . . Integration favoured



By NEIL HOOPER

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Total	White	Asian and	African	Year
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Unpaid State worker made homeless

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JOHANNES MOGKOKO
No pay for nine months

A 56-YEAR-OLD gardener, unpaid for nine months by his employer, a government department, has been evicted from his Soweto home for not paying rent.

Mr Johannes Mogkoko, a gardener at the Megatong Lower Primary School in Soweto, was employed by the Department of Education and Training at a salary of R173 a month.

Worst

This week he said "I have heard people saying they were not paid for two or three months but this is the worst I have ever experienced."

By ANTHEA TASKER

Because he had not received a salary since starting work at the school he came home one evening to find his furniture in the street and the new lodgers of the house barred him from entering his home.

Although he has been living in a backyard shack for two weeks, he has continued to put in a full day's work at the school.

Mr Gordon White, a deputy director of the Soweto/Alexandra region of the department, assured the Sunday Times that Mr Mogkoko would be paid the money he was owed for the nine months' work.

He said Mr Mogkoko was listed on the register at the head office of the department in Pretoria as an employee.

"I have not been able to establish the cause of the payment delay but the circuit inspector and the school principal are investigating to find out what went wrong, where."

He said the department would deliver a cheque to Mr Mogkoko by next week for the nine months salary.

Malaise

In addition to this the circuit inspector would try to get Mr Mogkoko's house back for him by approaching the Soweto Council.

But this problem has hit two other gardeners working for the department as well.

Mr Thomas Zipho and Mr Alex Sithole have both not been paid for three months.

Investigation showed that Mr Zipho's name had been incorrectly spelt and his cheques had been issued in another name.

Mrs Helen Suzman, of the Progressive Federal Party, said this week. "Some senior official must make it his business to ensure that these people get paid."

"They are as much a part of the staff as teachers."

"This must be investigated and put right as soon as possible. It seems to be part of the malaise affecting all government departments, shortage of staff."

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Councillor slams Ovab rent plan

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THE Vaal Triangle Community Council chairman, Mr Knox Matjila, has called on the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board (Ovab) to ask the Government for a subsidy so as to stop the envisaged R16 rent increase.

Mr Matjila was reacting to a statement made by Ovab's chairman, Mr F van Rooyen, that Ovab would increase rentals by R16 because its low budget made it rather difficult to make important improvements in the Vaal

"We work according to our budget and not

the Ovab's, and if there is a question of an increase around the corner, the council will try to deal with the matter by first consulting the public," said Mr Matjila

He stressed that it was only the electorate that had the power to decide on increases "The R16 increase is mere nonsense and does not reflect any matter of fact," he said

"Van Rooyen was only theorising. We should know if such increases are in the pipeline."

TRANSCRIPT



Three girls in the "Miss Today's Child" competition. From left: Engelbrecht (7) of Westbury, Mandy Eve (7) from Johannesburg, and Mandy (10), who lives in Soweto.

child welfare week

The Johannesburg Welfare Society will hold a child welfare week from May 24 to 29 to publicise its

work. The focus will be on family problems and child abuse. Further information can be obtained from Michelle Mendelsohn at 836 5381.

Reiger Park will get 4000 new dwellings

By Erik Larsen
East Rand Bureau

BOKSBURG — The coloured township of Reiger Park, which is seriously overcrowded, is to be extended.

The Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze said in Boksburg that Reiger Park which borders central Boksburg would be extended by about 261 ha.

This will mean between 3500 and 4000 more dwelling units.

A new coloured group area north-west of the town includes the white suburb of Delmore. About 94 families live in this suburb.

Mr Kotze said Delmore residents would not be expected to leave their homes until they could be satisfactorily housed elsewhere. Coloured community leaders claimed riots in May last year were caused by overcrowding.

Mr Jac Rabie chair-

man of the Reiger Park management committee said at the time that 25 000 people were living in an area intended for 10 000.

A further 3 000 coloureds living in the Indian township of Actonville, Benoni, also wanted to come to Boksburg, Mr Rabie said.

Mr Kotze said the extensions to Reiger Park were hampered because of noise zone contours to Jan Smuts airport.

"The whole question of the noise zone was recently reconsidered and the contours amended to such an extent that the extension of Reiger Park was considerably facilitated," he said.

Boksburg's management committee chairman, Mr Issy Kramer, welcomed the move. He said he hoped it would lead to a new era in relations between the Boksburg Town Council and the Reiger Park community.

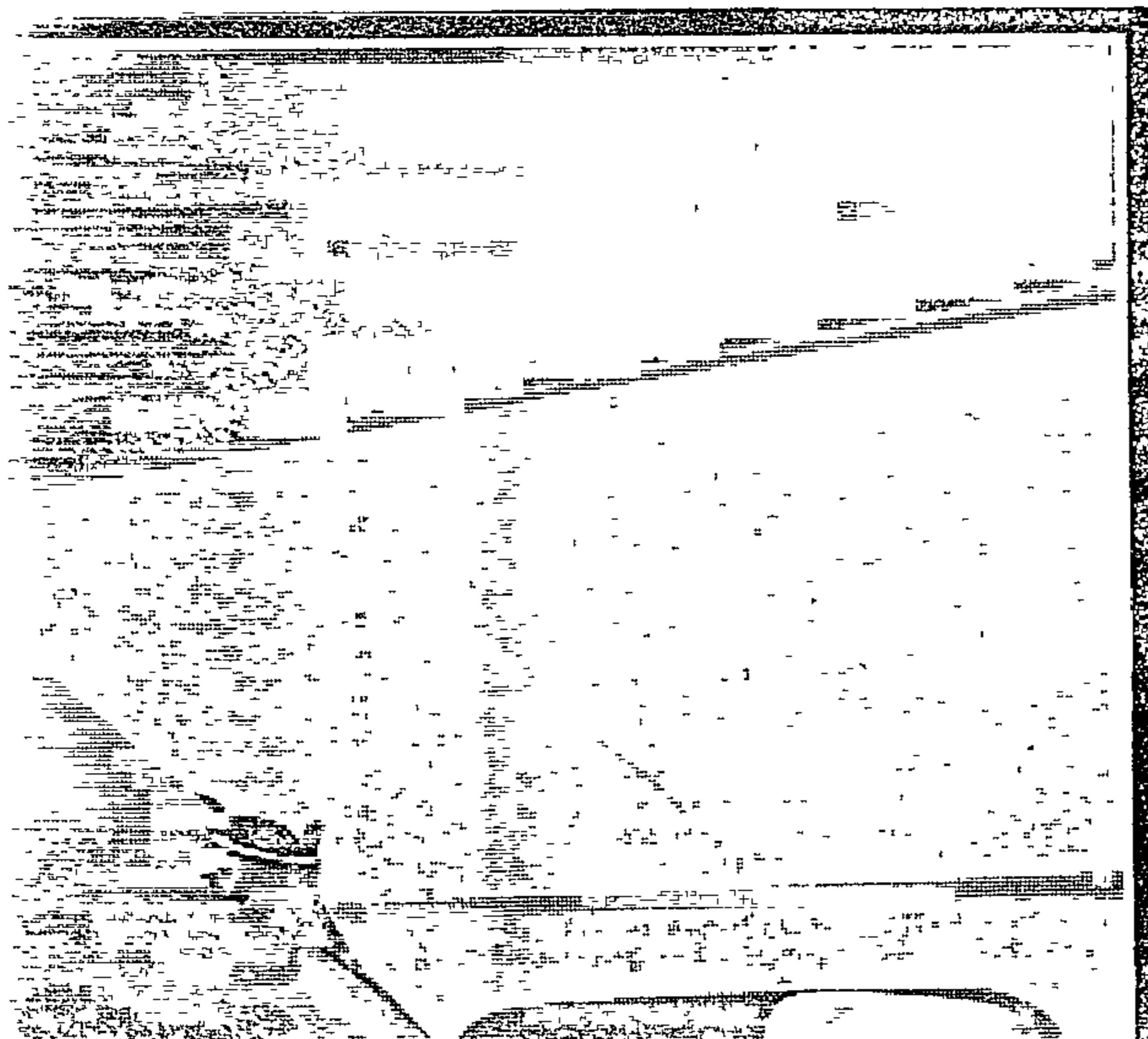
Six titles too few, now she's Miss SA

Winning six beauty titles as a high school student was not enough for Odette Scrooby (18), and her achievements were crowned at the weekend when she was named Miss South Africa by the Sunday newspaper Rapport.

"My victory was a wonderful Mother's Day gift," said Miss Scrooby, whose mother is a former finalist in the competition.

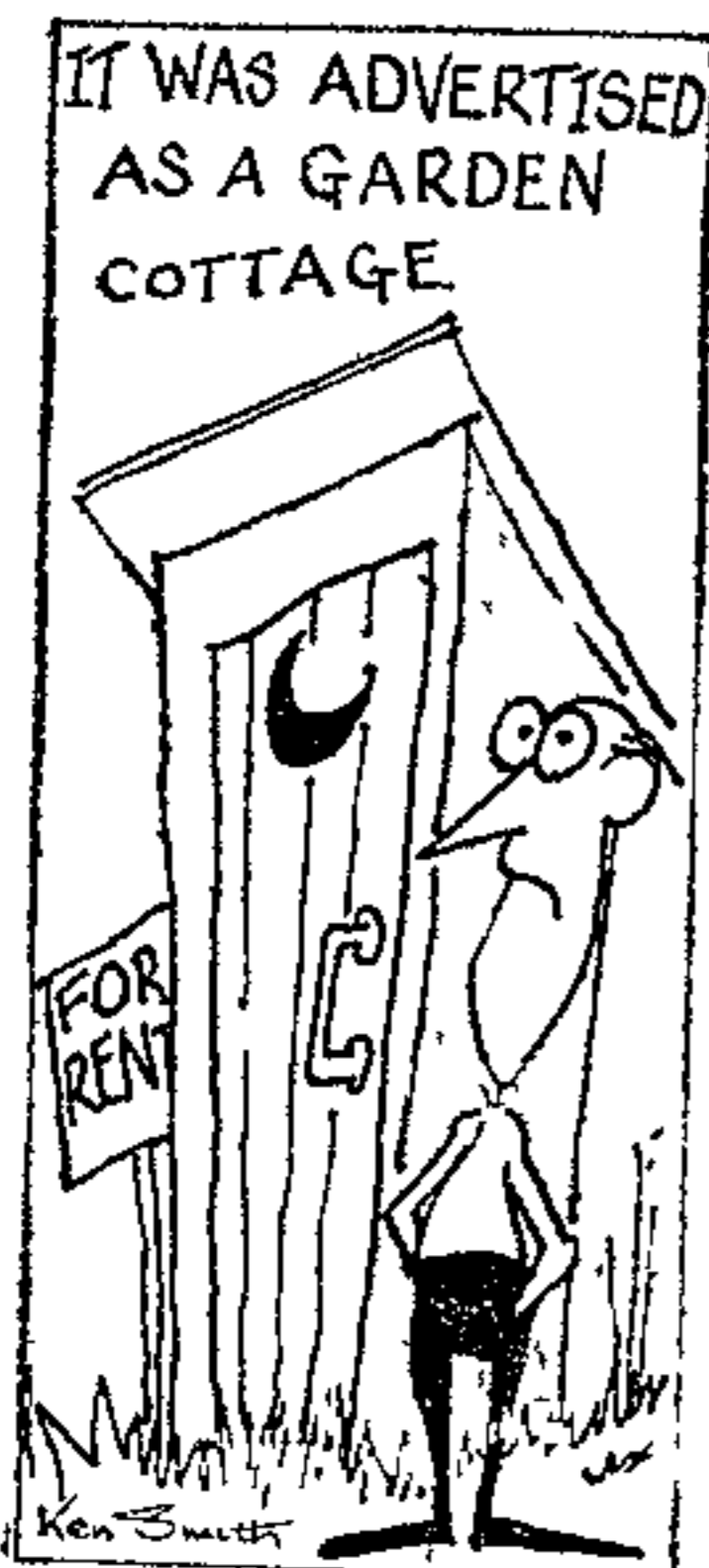
"I became a part-time model while I was at high school. After matriculating last December I made it my career and I am going to make a success of it."

She did not expect



Home rents

'too high to pay'



By David Breier,
Chief Reporter
Johannesburg's sky-rocketing rents, which have gone up as much as three times in the past two years, are confronting thousands of families with homelessness and overcrowding.

Rentals for the modest houses in unfashionable areas in and around Johannesburg rose by an average of 50 or 60 percent in the past year. Salaries for less senior staff rose by about 20 percent in the same period.

Homelessness, long a

black, coloured and Indian problem, has now caught up with whites who suffer from a housing shortage estimated at between 20 000 and 30 000 homes.

There are already signs that some people are spending half their income on rent in houses and flats. High purchase prices and the lack of building society bonds make home buying almost impossible.

Mr Ronald Levy, managing director of a letting agency, said he had met people with two or three children who were prepared to cram themselves into a one-bedroomed flat for the sake of having a roof over their heads.

He said rentals at the lower end of the housing market had increased by about 50 or 60 percent in the past year but, at the upper end of the market, beginning at house rentals of R700 or R800 a month, the increases had been only about 20 or 30 percent.

This was because sellers could not find buyers due to the shortage of bonds and were letting their homes instead.

The going rate for unfurnished bachelor flats in Johannesburg's main flatland area was about R180 to R200 a month. Two years ago the same flats would have fetched R60 a month.

The normal rent for an unfurnished two-bedroomed flat in the northern suburbs was about R500 a month.

According to the Department of Statistics in Pretoria, the average white salary in the third quarter of last year was R951 a month.

Mr Pat Richards, operations director of a personnel agency, said pay increases for staff up to the lower echelons of middle management averaged 20 percent in the past year.

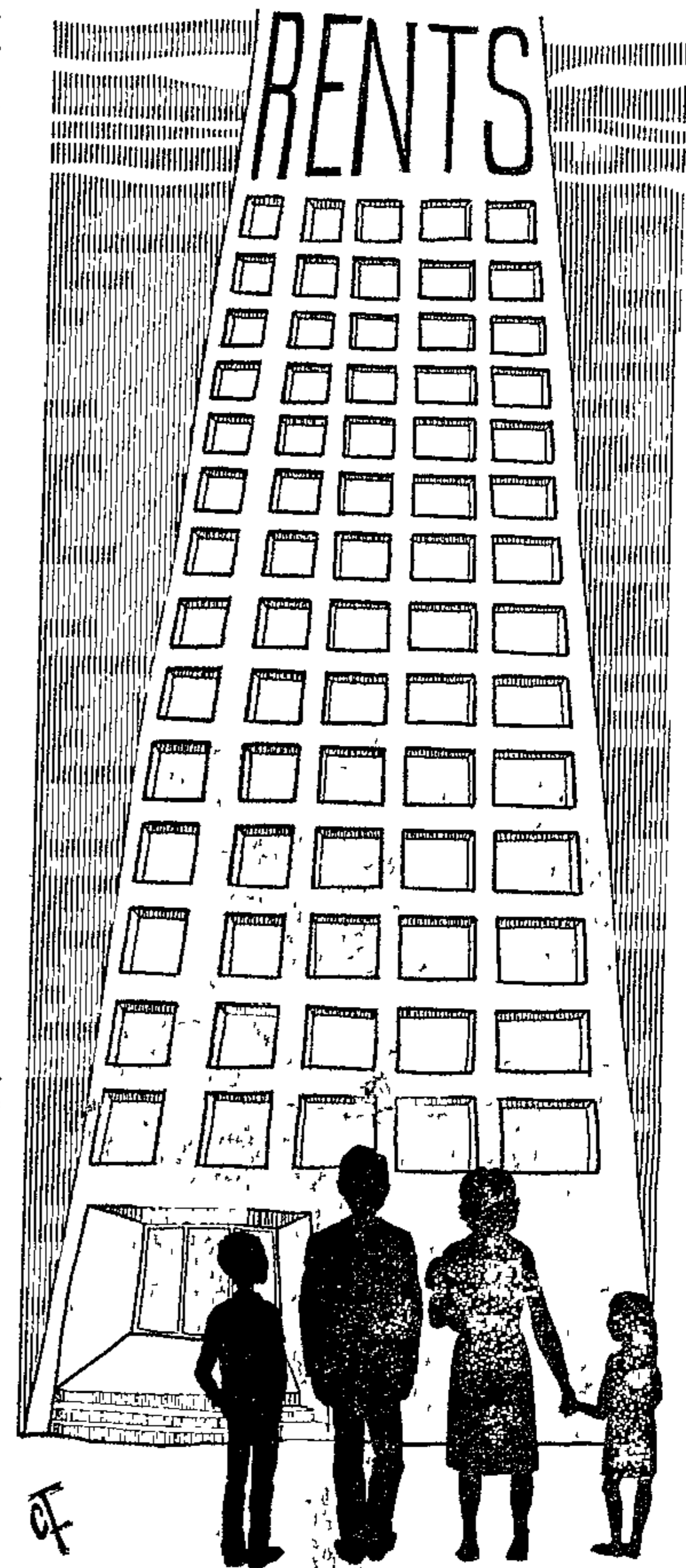
This would put the average white pay packet at little more than R1 100 a month and many salary earners with families were paying half their income in rent.

Mr Don Kennedy, executive director of the South African Property Owners' Association said the Rent Control Act was greatly to blame for the crisis as it limited return on investment to 8.5 percent thus discouraging developers from building flats for rent.

"Developers now prefer other forms of investment such as offices and factories or shares," he said.

South Africans had long been paying low rents for housing. This situation was now being corrected but people were still reluctant to pay high rents, Mr Kennedy said.

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Rocketing rents — and the causes

By David Breier
Chief Reporter

Fate seems to have conspired against home-seekers over the past year. Everything seems aimed at rendering them homeless or penniless.

Many factors have combined to produce exorbitant rentals such as R500 a month for a house in unfashionable Newlands, R750 for one in middle-class Kensington, or R2 000 a month in upper-crust Bryanston.

The reasons for such rentals include:

TOWNSHIPS

- The high gold price over the past few years — which pumped money into the economy and initiated spiralling costs

- High purchase prices — which mean owners have to let homes for higher sums to cover bond repayments and rates.

- High building society interest rates which have increased bond repayments — with a ripple effect on rentals.

- High construction costs, which discourage investors from building flats because the rental returns are relatively unprofitable.

- Tardiness by the authorities in approving schemes for township development — which is aggravating the housing shortage.

- The influx of South Africans and immigrants into the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging complex.

- Companies prepared to rent houses at prices which no ordinary person could afford

- The purchase of blocks of flats by companies and public authorities such as the Post Office and hospital administrations for their staff.

- The conversion of flats for sectional title

The average man's prospects of buying his own home are diminishing daily — and now even rentals are rising to almost beyond his means.

sale, reducing the number of units for rent.

- The shortage of bonds forcing more people to look for rented accommodation because they cannot afford to buy

SUBSIDIES

Property owners see rent control as possibly the biggest single barrier to housing development, because it discourages investment in new housing and flat projects.

But Mr Don Kennedy, the executive director of the SA Property Owners' Association, says the halt in flat construction could be reversed after the Government's announcement of a plan to subsidise the building of blocks of flats for rent.

While home-hunters receive public sympathy, Mr Kennedy believes many flat owners deserve equal sympathy because of their treatment at the hands of rent control.

Many retired people have ploughed their capital into small blocks of flats to provide them their pensions. But the Rents Act prevents a return of more than 8,5 percent on rent-controlled buildings, which renders them unprofitable.

While rent-controlled flats can still be had for about R60 a month, newer flats built after 1949 — which are not rent-controlled — fetch hundreds of rand a month and have led to the plight of pensioners.

White social old-age pensioners receive R122 a month, which will rise to R138 in October.

Mr Ronnal Levy, ma-

naging director of the Seekers Letting agency, gave these indications of "going rates" in the flat and cottage field:

In the central flatland area, including Braamfontein, Hillbrow, Berea, Yeoville and Bellevue.

- Unfurnished bachelor flats — R120 to R250. Average R180 or R200

- Unfurnished one-bedroomed flats — R200 to R300. Average about R250.

- Unfurnished two-bedroomed flats — R300 to R450. Average R350 or R400.

- Furnished bachelor flats — R250 to R350. Average R300.

- Furnished one-bedroomed flats — R300 to R400. Average R350.

- Furnished two-bedroomed flats — R400 to R600. Average R500

In the more expensive northern suburbs, including Sandton, Randburg, Bedfordview and part of Edenvale, the going rates for flats and garden cottages are

- Unfurnished bachelor unit — R200 to R350. Average R300.

- Unfurnished one-bedroomed unit — R250 to R400. Average R300 to R350.

- Unfurnished two-bedroomed unit — R400 to R600. Average R450 to R500.

- Furnished bachelor unit — R300 to R500. Average R350 to R400.

- Furnished one-bedroomed unit — R350 to R600. Average R400 to R450.

- Furnished two-bedroomed unit — R500 to R800. Average R600 to R700.

Sowetan 11/5/82 Rent meeting barred (127)

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THE Oranje-Vaal Administration Board and the community councils have refused opposition groups permission to hold meetings at the weekend to discuss the proposed R16 house rentals hikes in the area.

The groups — Bafutsana Party and the Evaton Ratepayers' Association — maintain that the authorities fear that they may be seeking a mandate from the residents to apply for a Supreme Court order stopping them from implementing the rentals

In Sebokeng and Evaton townships two meetings scheduled to discuss rentals and other matters affecting residents were cancelled by authorities

The cancellation of the two meetings is likely to spark off a bitter row between the opposition groups and authorities in the area, according to Mr P Mokoena, Bafutsana's publicity secretary, yesterday

Permission was initially granted but "suddenly we received a letter cancelling our reservation"

Mr Mokoena said he believed the cancellation had to do with the announcement by the board's chairman, Mr J M van Rooyen, last week that changes of income for the board could mean a loss of R11,8-million in revenue

Mr van Rooyen is re-

ported to have said that an additional R16 per month will have to be introduced to the financial burden of each family in the board's area of jurisdiction

Mr Mokoena said the proposed rent hikes would be unfair on residents who had just had their rents increased by R12

His party would oppose the rents and seek a mandate from the residents to apply for a court order stopping the board and the council from implementing the new rates

The assistant director of housing for the board, Mr N P Louw, said that he knew about the cancellation but was not allowed to make press statements

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Year	Membership			Total
	African	Asian and Coloured	White	
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Lenasia flats site

The Department of Community Development has accepted a tender of a large land development corporation to build 14 flats in Lenasia. The flats site fetched close on R1 million, according to a spokesman for Anchor Land Development Corporation, an Indian property and home construction company.

Several other bids were also made for the site opposite a cinema and shopping complex in Lenasia Extension 1.

A spokesman for the community development board said Anchor's tender was accepted as it had a "fine track record" of having built several flats, religious sites, homes and garages in Lenasia for private companies and owners.

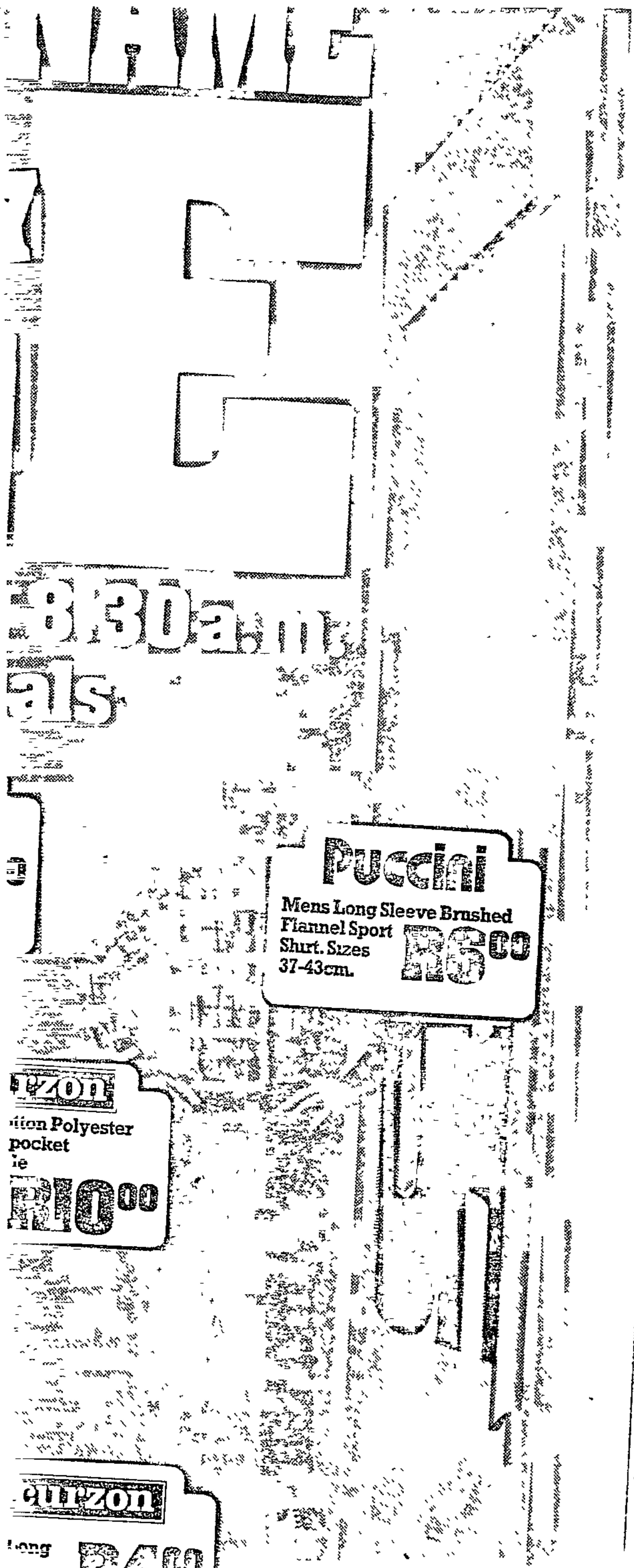
A consortium of doctors and businessmen who have been struggling for years to obtain land from the community development board for the erection of a clinic cum consulting rooms and office complex have criticised the tender system.

"The Group Areas Act has unjustly limited the amount of land which Indians may buy in their group areas. So it is a gross injustice to sell limited amounts of land by tender to the highest bidder. When would the smaller businessman get a chance to buy ground to develop," a doctor on one of the consortiums said.

The Lenasia Management Committee pleaded with the Minister of Community Development in February this year to stop the sale of land by tender.

The SA Indian Council is sending a memorandum to the Minister this month also calling for a halt to tender sales, a Transvaal spokesman, Mr Abe Choonara, said.

Idealism falls with



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Row erupts over eviction



EVICTED: Mr Dzana.

THE Dobsonville Community Council kicked a divorced man out of the house he occupied for 12 years to accommodate a councillor's daughter.

Mr Patrick Dzana was evicted from the house in November last year after he had divorced his wife. A daughter to councillor Mr Colvern Radebe, who is chairman of the council's housing committee, was immediately allocated the house despite the fact that she had only been on the waiting list for about a year.

Mr Dzana said: "When my marriage was dissolved, a magistrate ruled that my

wife and I should share the property. My wife decided to leave the house while I stayed on. But Mr Radebe kicked me out of the house and allocated it to his daughter," he said.

Mr Dzana said he reported the matter to the senior township manager, Mr Rudy Vosloo, who promised to discuss it at a council meeting. Mr Dzana has since not heard a word from the council.

But Mr Radebe said yesterday the house was left vacant after the couple divorced. He said Mr Dzana had been estranged from his wife for about four years. His committee

had decided to allocate the house to his daughter "after we had investigated her family's circumstances".

"Although she had been on the waiting list for a short period, the committee found that she had been living in a house — which happened to be mine — occupied by 20 people."

He admitted there were hundreds of families who have been on the waiting list as far back as 1969, "but in this case we felt my daughter's family should be given the house because she had been staying in an overcrowded home".

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Membership: 1981 = 24 300

(1) 17 841 as at 31 March 1982

(2) Yes, 4 191 families

(3) (a) 1977-'78—None
1978-'79—None
1979-'80—None
1980-'81—50
1981-'82—None

On completion of hostels during the period 1 April 1979 to 31 March 1980 approximately 2 000 houses, which were initially utilized as temporary hostels, have been allocated to families on the waiting list. A further 2 000 houses which are still being utilized as temporary hostels will also be allocated to families on the waiting list on completion of further hostels

(b) 1977-'78 to 1981-'82—605 (Unfortunately separate figures in respect of each year is not available)

(4) Approximately 7 000 unserviced sites are available for future development. A number of these sites have been allocated to various private instances for residential development. An investigation into the possible extension of the boundaries of Tembisa is in progress

(5) Yes

Athletics

1 Track—1 Club

Boxing

2 Rings—7 Clubs

Weightlifting

2 Gymnasiums—9 Clubs

Soft Ball

2 Courts—3 Clubs

Tennis

4 Courts—4 Clubs

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1 Field—1 Club

Soccer

20 Fields—124 Clubs

Judo/Karate

5 Gymnasiums—5 School Clubs

Basketball

33 Courts—28 Clubs

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Tembisa: housing

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599 Mr B. B. GOODALL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) How many houses are there in Tembisa,
- (2) whether there is a waiting list for accommodation in this township, if so, how many families are on such list,
- (3) how many houses were built in Tembisa by (a) his Department and (b) private enterprise in each of the latest specified five years for which figures are available;
- (4) whether his Department has plans for future residential development in Tembisa; if so, what is the nature of such plans;
- (5) whether any recreational facilities exist in this township; if so, what facilities?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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Tshiawelo houses more than R100 a month

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BY SAM MABE

SOME of the new houses being built in Tshiawelo Extension have been completed and are ready to be occupied — at a monthly rental of more than R100.

This is according to Mr J G Jacobs, Soweto Council's director of housing, who said the high rental was due to the high cost of building materials

He also said it would be advisable for residents to buy the houses because in the long term it would work out cheaper to have bought the house than renting it. The houses would cost about R10 000 each

The first 25 of the 800 houses that are under construction in Tshiawelo are to be handed over to the Soweto Council today. But the allocation of the houses will only start after the Council's inspection of the houses to see if satisfactory work had been done

It will also be after inspecting the houses that we will be in a position to give a fixed amount of what the rental is going to be. But it is for certain that it will be over R100," said Mr Jacobs

The houses are three-bedroomed and have an inside bathroom and toilet, and a sink in the kitchen

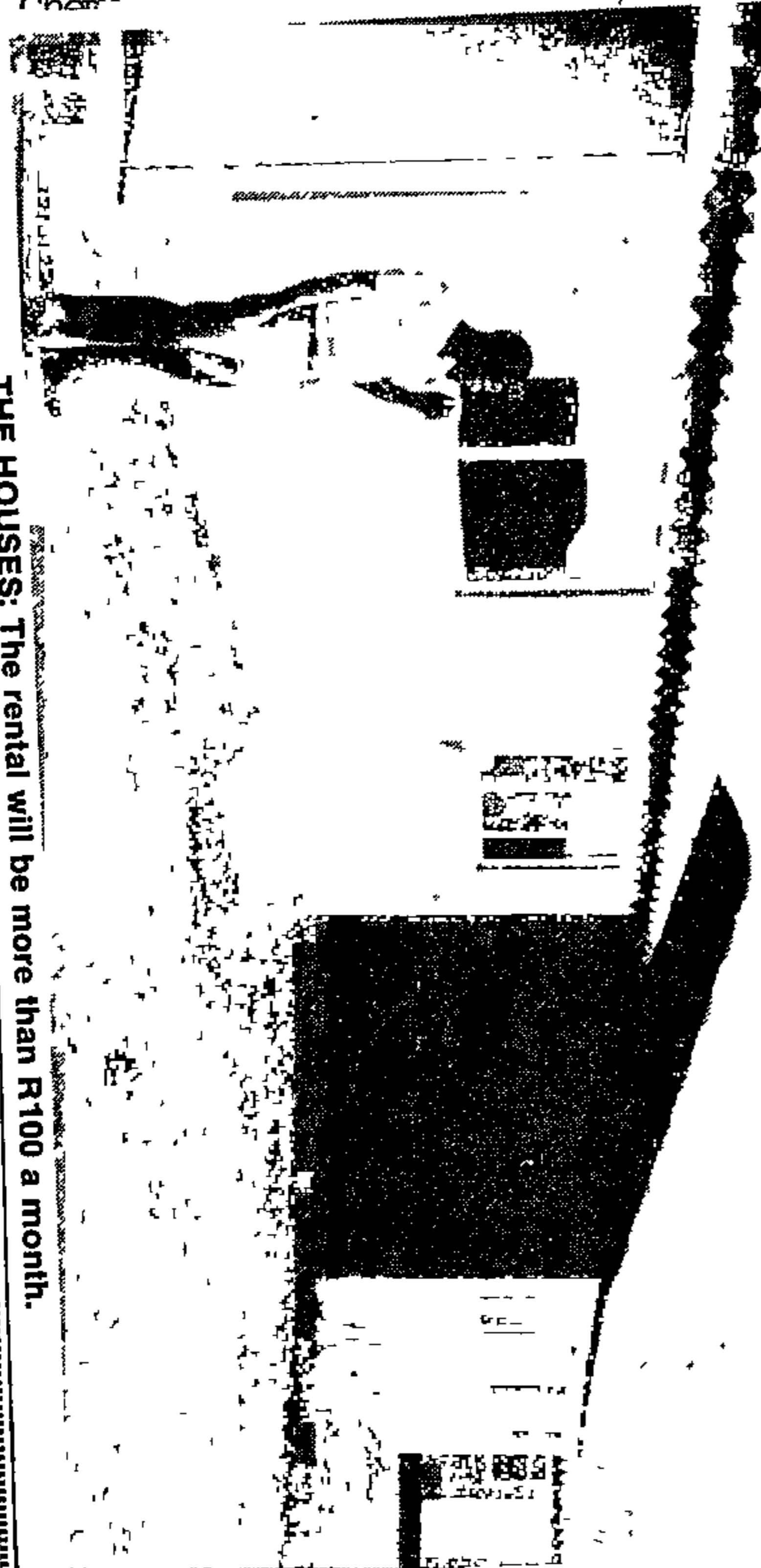
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Mr Jacobs said priority will be given to people whose names are the first on the housing waiting list

"But if they cannot occupy the houses because they can't afford the rent, we will advertise the houses to people living in the older ones who would like to move into the new ones, and can afford the rent. An arrangement will then

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be made for them to swap houses," he said. Meanwhile, it is reported that only four of the 24 houses built by the South African Permanent Building Society in Zone 7, Pimville, have so far been bought. The houses have been standing empty for several months because no one would buy them. Earlier this year, the prices of the houses were reduced by an average of R9 000 and it was only after that reduction that four of the houses were bought. The original prices were between R36 000 and R46 000, and they were reduced to between R29 000 and R35 000.



THE HOUSES: The rental will be more than R100 a month.

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FRANK NKOSI: The hut at the centre of controversy.

Man kicked out of hut

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

WHEN sharing a three-roomed house with 19 other people became unbearable for Frank Nkosi of White City Jabavu, he bought himself a Zozo hut — and yesterday, only three months after he paid more than R600 for it, the Soweto Council ordered him to pull it down.

Frank (20) is one of several White City Jabavu families who were served with a seven-day notice to pull their shacks down or have them mowed down by Soweto Council officials

This week about 50

White City women marched to the Soweto Council Chambers to protest against the "harsh" order

The women complained that their houses were too small and lacked privacy. One woman said three generations were forced to live in the house because of the housing shortage

Frank has a similar problem at his home. He lives with his uncles, his mother, grandmother, brothers, sisters and children, a total of 19 people

He shared the hut with two cousins and in this way solved the space problem. Frank

said he was shocked last week when he was ordered to pull his hut down within seven days

"How do they expect me to find a buyer in such a short time?" he wanted to know. "I cannot destroy it and lose all my money," said Frank, whose problem is aggravated by the fact that he lost his job recently

The director of housing in Soweto, Mr J J Oosthuizen, is adamant that the "squatters" must go

He said it was regrettable that the Council could not reverse their decision or make an extension to the deadline

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UNIONS OPERATING IN 1981 GROUPED ACCORDING TO INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

Khumalo denies eviction charges

A DIEPMEADOW councillor, Mr Moses Khumalo, reacted angrily to reports that he had taken a house from a Soweto woman, whose parents had died, and gave it to another woman who was a sub-tenant.

The house that sparked the controversy is number 819A, Zone Six, in Meadowlands, which Miss Monica Moeng claims her "parents" left in her care when they died. But the councillor, Mr Khumalo, disagrees and says that the house belonged to Mrs Mary Janada and her husband, Mamna, who have both since died.

Mr Khumalo, who said he wanted to put the record straight, said Miss Moeng and the woman presently occupying the house, Miss Mavis Twala, were both sub-tenants at the Meadowlands house when the owners were still alive.

He said, logically, the house had to be allocated to Miss Twala who has Section Ten rights and dependants. Mr Khumalo claimed that Miss Moeng, the woman who is disputing the house, was a Section 12 and did not qualify to have a house.

Mr Khumalo said, "It is the laws of her country which are denying her a house — not me. I am personally against these laws and I cannot see how I could deny someone a house on legitimate grounds."

The councillor denied that the house belonged to Miss Moeng's late parents. He also said Miss Moeng and the Janadas were not related.

But, according to information told to The SOWETAN, Miss Moeng, although not born in Johannesburg, was adopted by the late Janadas as a daughter and was invited to stay with the family.

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JEWELLERS AND GOLDSMITHS UNION

8 and a baby on pavement in Germiston

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By Sarah Pennell
East Rand Bureau

A family of nine yesterday became the first victims of the Department of Community Development's decision to clear Germiston's Edwardian Village of its unauthorised residents.

Charles and Sally Robus and their seven children ranging in age from 17 years to seven months found themselves and all their belongings on the street at 9 am — three days after receiving an ultimatum to move out or be evicted.

The Robus family moved into one of the Edwardian Village houses three weeks ago after it had been standing vacant for months.

"We asked the Department of Community Development if we could move in and an official told us we could do so at our own risk," Mrs Robus said.

The Robus family has nowhere else to live. "The people from Community Develop-

ment said they would try to find us somewhere in Government Village, but they didn't say when."

The houses in Edwardian Village were expropriated in 1980 to make way for a new police complex.

COURT CASE

Mr D H Rossouw, regional representative of the department, said 15 families moved in without permission.

He said they had all been told to move out or be evicted. None has been paying rent.

Mrs Ramsay Pieterse, a wife and mother of three children who has been living in Edwardian Village since September last year, said yesterday: "Even if we had R400 to pay for rent we wouldn't be able to find a home"

The eviction of the Robus family comes on the eve of a Supreme Court hearing at which a number of Edwardian Village residents will seek to have the expropriation of their homes set aside.

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Row over eviction of Dobsonville man

By SAM MASEKO
THE EVICTION of a divorced man from his house to accommodate a councillor's daughter has enraged opposition members in the Dobsonville Community Council.

Sparks are expected to fly at the council meeting next Tuesday when the councillors Mr Steve Nkatlo and Mr Freddie Mohajane will demand an explanation for the man's eviction.

Mr Patrick Dzana was evicted from the house in November last year after he had divorced his wife. A daughter to councillor Mr Colvern Radebe, who told **The SOWETAN** he was chairman of the housing committee was immedi-

ately allocated the house.

Mr Mohajane said "Firstly I wish to emphasise that the council has no housing committee of which Mr Radebe claims to be a chairman. And I also dispute that Mr Dzana had been estranged from his wife four years because I know, personally that the man had been staying in the house all the time.

How could Mr Radebe give the house to his daughter who only married two years ago when there are people who have been on the waiting list for about 22 years. Above all a councillor has no power to evict any family from its house except to

recommend that a house be allocated to a particular person.

Mr Nkatlo said yesterday he had submitted a motion to the council urging that the matter be given immediate attention at the next meeting. He said he would not comment at this stage until the council had discussed the matter.

But Mr Alex Conn, the council's chief executive officer said Mr Dzana's tenancy was cancelled after it was discovered that he was no longer living in the house. A notice was served on him to reply within 20 days but Mr Dzana did not answer it, he said.

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R60 000 housing claims

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By SOPHIE TEMA and WIN MENGE

LEGAL Resources Centre is dealing with claims worth a total of R60 000 against Homeland Home Agents (Pty) Ltd, the company which suddenly vacated its Johannesburg premises, leaving only a box number on the window

The company left its Rissik Street premises in March. Since then numerous clients have called at the offices, either because they wanted to make down payments on the homes the company contracted to build for them, or to find out when building would start.

All they have found was a box number. The number belongs to the company's attorneys.

Homeland Home Agents belongs to Mr Jack Wilham Gillman, who is staying with his ex-wife at 72 Leonard Street, Turfontein.

A spokesman for Legal Resources Centre

said yesterday the centre was dealing with claims totalling R60 000 against the company. Police are also investigating complaints against the company.

One client who found the offices empty yesterday was Mr John Hlongwane. He said he went there to find out when building on his house would continue. Mr Hlongwane said he had paid R1 500 towards the cost of the R6 000 house the company had contracted to build for him at LebowaKgomo, near Pietersburg.

He said that after he had paid the R1 500 last year, building material was delivered to his plot, trenches were dug and the foundations laid. The builders then left.

Mrs Esther Mekingwe, who also called at the offices yesterday, has paid the company R1 200. She said she had gone to pay a further R140 towards the cost of a R10 255 house when she found the offices empty.

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National Union of Engineering, Industrial and Allied Workers
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S.A. Woodworkers
Steel, Engineering and Allied Workers Union
S.A. Electrical Workers Association

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Escam (Cape Western Undertaking) Salaried Staff Association
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General Workers Union
Johannesburg Municipal Water Work Mechanics Union

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Gran (70) gets the boot

A community councillor kicked a 70-year-old Dobsonville granny out of the house she has occupied for many years

This was done without the knowledge of the council and township managers

The eviction of the aged granny has now sparked off a heated debate as to who exactly owns the house which she has been asked to vacate by former mayor Mr Steve Kgame

The woman Mrs Lena Mollwa maintains the house belongs to her son, Pince Sekudu, while township manager, Mr Alex Conn, says it belongs to a Mrs Asneth Hlongwane and her four children

The SOWETAN investigated and found that the house was occupied by a Mrs Oran Sapula with four children

What is even more baffling, is that Mrs Hlongwane could not be traced by The SOWETAN.

Mrs Mollwa told The SOWETAN that Mr

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EVICTED: Mrs Lena Mollwa's mattress

GANG GONE

SOWETO POLICE believe they have made a major breakthrough towards smashing the notorious "wire gang" that has been terrorising the complex over the past few months with the arrest of "quite a number" of people in connection with the attacks.

The police have also seized a vast amount of property, and have appealed to victims of the various gang attacks to report to Protea Police Station to identify it

Brig J J Viktor, head of the Soweto CID, said yesterday the property recovered is worth about R5 000.

A man, believed to be the leader of one of the gangs, which is thought to be responsible for at least 10 attacks on Soweto homes, was arrested by the

By LE:

Murder and Robbery units after the gang members after the gang home robbing a few clothes worth about R1

The man was shot by escape and is under treatment at Gwanath Hospital

It is known that police gang is involved in the arrests could be a major up the gangs

Victims of the gang a Murder and Robbery S 852-1041

The men are expected but details of the number be released at this morning



Close shave Wrab polic

BY ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

A WEST Rand Board policeman, who was guarding the Meadowlands Wrab offices, had a miraculous escape when a powerful bomb damaged the front portion of the building on Wednesday night while he was patrolling in the backyard

area which was then sealed off

Press photographers were barred from taking pictures until yesterday when Security Police gave them permission. It has not yet been established what type of explosives were used in the bombing

Mr John Mokgadi, a night watchman at

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70 000 Soweto homes to be sold

By WILMAR UTTING

SOWETO tenants will soon be able to buy up the 70 000 "matchbox" homes in the townships for as little as R200-R250 a room.

This was predicted yesterday by Mr David Thebehall, chairman of the Soweto Council.

At a meeting of the Steyn Commission on housing in Cape Town this week, proposals were advanced to decide how little the Department of Community Development would accept for the 70 000 houses, many of which are about 50 years old and in a state of disrepair.

"If the Department of Community Development agreed to wipe out all existing housing loans to Soweto, a four-roomed house could be sold for a bargain price of R500

"Houses of this size are already selling for R1 750, but people are reluctant to pay this price because on top of it they have maintenance and service charges

"I expect the price will eventually be somewhere between the two — between R800 and R1 000," Mr Thebehall said

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Backyard tenants' despair

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By Phulu Sibaya

The Soweto Council's campaign to demolish all backyard shacks has cast uncertainty over the future of hundreds on the waiting list for houses.

The backyard tenants, estimated at more than 23 000 families, will be homeless when the council brings down the shacks at White City Jabavu.

Several have already been demolished.

Soweto's chief town-sharp manager, Mr A A Clarke, has said the shacks are illegal and a health hazard.

The council planned to demolish these in Orlando East next, he said.

Backyard tenants pay between R30 and R60 a month.

Mrs Ida Zwane, of White City Jabavu, whose hut was recently demolished, said: "We are staying with relatives in a two-room

Demolition

of shacks

continues

We are 14 in all. The children sleep in the kitchen and this is not healthy."

Her husband had paid R200 to have the hut built. The authorities were "not interested" and told

her to apply for a house in Chawelo or Protea if she was desperate.

"Even if we get a house there we cannot afford the rent. We are told it is more than R100," she said.

Mrs Mavis Magubela, also of White City Jabavu, said that since the demolitions had begun she had had sleepless nights because her shack could be pulled down at any time.

"We are even scared to go to the office because we might be told to pull down our house," she said.

Mrs Magubela built a shack in her father's yard where she lives with her husband and four children.

The council gives people seven days' notice to pull down their shacks. If this is not done, West Rand Administration Board employees are called in.



THREATENED: Mrs Nteto Mollwa.

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Granny wins court order

A SUPREME Court judge has granted a 70-year-old granny an order restricting Mr Steve Kgame, president of the Urban Councils Association of SA (Ucasa), from evicting her from her house, assaulting her and interfering with her property.

The granny Mrs Nteto Linah Mollwa, had made an urgent application seeking an order stopping Mr Kgame a community councillor who is also former mayor of Dobsonville from evicting her

that Mr Kgame would carry out his threats to assault her and forcibly evict her from the house

Mrs Mollwa was represented by Mr Geoffrey Budlemer of the Legal Resources Centre

The application was heard by Mr Justice Vermooten at his home on Friday evening

In her affidavits Mrs Mollwa said Mr Kgame attempted to evict her from the house in 1980

On Monday May 10 this year Mr Kgame came to the house and asked her why she was still occupying it. He took her mattress and two chairs and put them outside ordering her to vacate the house and she still refused.

On Thursday last week he came to the house again and threatened to assault her with a lemau (a sharp pointed instrument), and throw her out into the street

She said she feared

Johannesburg City Council may buy or expropriate empty blocks of flats and office buildings to combat an increasing shortage of housing for whites.

The chairman of the city's housing committee, Mr Carel Venter, said today the accommodation crisis was alarming.

Particularly hard hit are pensioners who cannot meet rocketing rent increases. They are also being evicted from flats which are being converted into more lucrative office blocks.

The problem has worsened in recent

City may buy empty flats

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months because of large-scale purchases of blocks of flats to house employees of mining firms and State departments.

Mr Venter said 1784 people were on the Housing Department's waiting list, with an average of 150 new applications each month.

He said Johannesburg had not received

State funds for white housing for the 1982-83 financial year and would have to investigate using its own money for such projects.

An urgent survey would be made of all empty buildings and blocks of flats which were being used for non-residential purposes.

The council would then consider buying or expropriating the buildings to provide housing.

The council would also consult the Minister of Community Development before approving applications to demolish buildings or consenting to conversion of blocks of flats into offices.

Mr Venter said the council would urge the Department of Community Development to instruct owners of vacant buildings to make them available as dwellings if they were fit for occupation or restoration.

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Council breaks promise to reduce rents



RENT: Residents pay up to R148 for such houses.

MOLAPO Extension house rents are still high despite promises from the Soweto Council to have them reduced.

This was made known at a meeting held between the Soweto Council and the Molapo Extension residents last month.

Some residents interviewed yesterday said the high rents they have been paying since they occupied houses in Molapo Extension have never been reduced despite the many promises the Soweto Council had made

Mr M A Mdakane of house No 1831 said he had been paying a monthly rental of R134,15 since January when he took occupation of his house.

Mr Mdakane, a Putco driver whose wife is not

employed, complained that he found it very difficult to meet the high rents.

"I found this house, a six-roomed structure with three bedrooms, a kitchen, a lounge-dining room, an inner toilet and a shower, with no other improvements except doors which were very poorly fitted," he added.

Mrs J Gama of the same township said she bought her house on occupation for R11 200. In purchasing her house, she said, she was evading payment of R134,00 monthly rental.

"I am content with the R83 rent I pay and deem it reasonable compared to the monies paid by my neighbours," she confided.

She also commented about one resident who

is alleged to be paying a monthly rent of R148,00.

Mrs Gama said she had hoped that things would change for the better after the promises Mr David Thebehali, Soweto Council's chairman, made at the last meeting to reduce the high rents.

One other house owner, Mr E Legoale, said he pays R125,00 monthly rent. He complained about the way doors and roofs were fitted.

"Rain and draught is the problem every resident is faced with in the area, as the houses have no ceilings," he said.

Mr David Thebehali, who was quoted by Mr J J Oosthuizen as having addressed the meeting, was not available for comment

Bold council plan for more housing

By Lucille McNamara
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg's steadily deteriorating housing situation for whites and a government freeze on funds has forced the Johannesburg City Council to embark on an ambitious campaign which could set a national precedent.

It plans to buy or expropriate empty blocks of flats and office buildings to provide much needed homes for applicants on its housing department's growing waiting list.

The move has been welcomed by the Progressive Federal Party's council leader, Mr Sam Moss, who a few days ago said he would table a motion on the housing crisis for debate at next week's meeting.

But now that the

Jo'burg to buy or expropriate buildings

council has made known its plans to try to solve the problem the PFP may have to withdraw the motion from the agenda.

"I welcome this decision because it goes along with the spirit of my motion.

"I wanted to highlight the problem of the flat-dweller and to prod the city council into action," said Mr Moss.

The PFP motion called on the city council to oppose, as a matter of general policy, applications for the demolition of buildings or for the conversion of residential buildings into offices.

Mr Moss said if the

council agreed to this request it would give Johannesburg's hard-pressed flat-dwellers some tenure of security.

The chairman of the housing committee, Mr Carel Venter, said the accommodation crisis was reaching alarming proportions.

There were 1784 people on the waiting list. An average 150 new applications were made every month.

Particularly hard-hit are the aged, whose pensions cannot meet rocketing rent increases.

They are being evicted from flats which are then being converted into more lucrative

office blocks.

"There is increasing evidence that owners of residential buildings are converting them into offices," said Mr Venter.

Adding to the problem is the large-scale purchase of blocks of flats to house employees of mining houses and State departments.

The housing crisis will be highlighted next week at a Press conference arranged by the Mayor, Mr Danie van Zyl.

He said housing was the most important problem facing the aged.

"The lack of good, cheap accommodation overshadows everything else.

"I want Johannesburg to take the lead in brightening the lives of the elderly," he said.

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Low earners are hit hardest by rents'

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Residents in Klipspruit West earning more than R651 a month spend on average less on rent than those on a lower salary

A memorandum to the city council's heads of departments, yesterday at a meeting with the Coloured Management Committee, shows the poorer section is hardest hit by the rent scales.

"In the case of Extension One people falling in the sub-economic and the over R651 a month categories spend on average less than one quarter of their salaries on rentals, while the categories from R151 to R650 spend on average 52 to 30 percent of their salaries on rentals," the memorandum says.

Mr M Dangor, a community councillor for Klipspruit West, said studies by residents showed that, should the proposed rentals be accepted, only people earning more than R450 a month could afford medical, educational, social, recreational and religious activities besides the minimum subsistence for each household

Coloured homes crisis

Johannesburg City Council faced a housing crisis for coloured people, a member of the Coloured Management Committee said yesterday

Mr P Pepper said the crisis existed because the council had not considered a proposal of the Erika Theron Commission in 1975 which recommended that land be provided for coloured housing

Mr Pepper was reacting to a report by the city's housing department to the Coloured Management Committee

The report said that 834 coloured people on a waiting list of 4267, were employed outside the council's jurisdiction

The housing department suggested that the council request municipalities in which such people were employed to subsidise the council's coloured housing fund or provide housing for these employees.

The Group Areas Act had created a "vicious circle" which was responsible for the housing crisis, Mr Pepper said

The memorandum urges the Minister of Community Development to

- "Increase the gross income to qualify for the sub-economic scheme from R150 to R300
- "Re-affirm the principle that no more than one-quarter of an individual's income should be spent on housing for himself and his family in the sub-economic scheme
- "Request the National Housing Commission to reconsider the rentals payable by individuals earning R351 to R449"

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Impact again fails to refund deposits

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FEW clients of Impact Homes bothered to go back again yesterday for their money — and those who did got nothing

For the third time in a fortnight, a few people went once again to ask Mr Mark Guthrie to refund them the R250 they had paid Impact Homes in management fees, only to find the firm had no sites in either Diepkloof or Soweto

Several hundred people paid the advance management fee

And since the Mail published an investigation into the firm seven weeks ago, many have tried to get their

money refunded. Some have been paid, others have had to return again and again

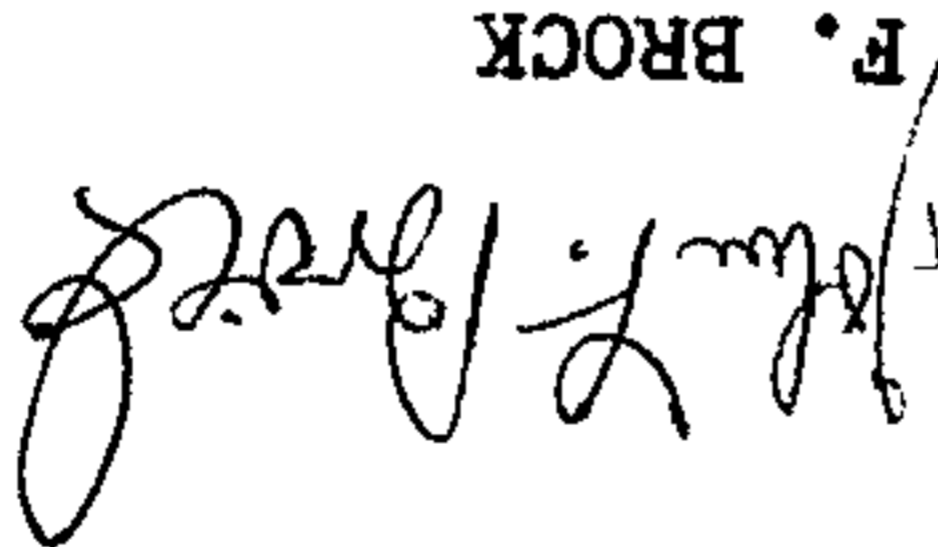
Yesterday Mr Guthrie told people he had no money. He said he was still waiting to receive an amount of R23 000

He told a few people they should come back next Wednesday. One of them was Mr Samuel Khathide, an Escom employee, whose cheque from Impact Homes, signed by Mr Guthrie's wife Margaret, the owner of Impact Homes, bounced when he tried to cash it two weeks ago

Mr Guthrie, of Lukasrand, Pretoria, is an unrehabilitated insolvent

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JOHN F. BROCK
EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE
UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN



Yours sincerely,

In order to conserve the valuable heritage of the Groote Schuur site, there should be frequent bus services between Rosebank and Rondebosch, via the Jamieson Hall. Additional land might be secured elsewhere and regarded at present merely as an investment. The site down to the Main Road at Rosebank should be intensively developed.

Beating the crisis

21/5/87 Star

Hundreds of families on the Witwatersrand are turning to caravan life as the solution to the acute housing crisis

The swing to caravanning is taking place despite regulations in some areas which restrict the period of residence to a maximum of 90 days in any one-year period

This week The Star reported that there was a shortage of between 20 000 and 30 000 houses in the Johannesburg area

The usual rental for an unfurnished two-bedroomed flat in the northern suburbs is around R500 a month. Monthly rentals for caravan sites are between R80 and R100

Caravan parks in the Witwatersrand area report that the great majority of residents are there permanently

Mrs Anna Bevil, who manages a caravan park near Alberton with her husband, says they have about 50 caravans "and they all want to stay as long as they can"

A park in Honeydew has "around 50 permanent residents," says a spokesman for the management, Mr Rudi Wiggett

Dealers report a strong demand for caravans, despite recessionary conditions

"The demand has been surprising," said one dealer, Mr John Marais. He said about 10 percent of his sales were to people intending to live in their caravans "Time and again people have said to me that they can save upwards of R400 a month that way"

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As South Africa's housing shortage grows more and more acute, families are being forced to seek alternative accommodation in caravans and mobile homes

Mobile home-manufacturers feel municipal authorities should relax their by-laws to allow mobile homes and factory-built houses in residential suburbs

JOHN BENTLEY and CAROLINE BRAUN report



Mr and Mrs Clifford Hills of Honeydew "Caravan life is the answer to the housing crisis"

Factory-built homes banned

Factory built homes, which experts believe could be the solution to South Africa's housing crisis, are banned in residential suburbs

Municipal authorities say if manufactured housing was allowed in residential suburbs alongside brick and mortar houses, the value of the suburbs would be greatly diminished

Mobile home manufacturers and housing experts have called on municipalities to relax the by-law in view of the present housing shortage

Mr Jimmy Hendricks, marketing manager of a company that makes mobile homes, said municipal legislation on manufactured housing was out-of-date

"If the authorities will not relent and allow mobile homes in residential areas, they should establish more caravan and mobile home parks," he said

Several municipalities on the Witwatersrand have approved alternative houses to brick and mortar or brick and veneer, but these houses are built on site and are not fac-

tory made

Mr H V Wilson, spokesman for a firm that makes timber-framed housing said such a house cost more or less the same as a conventional brick house, but there was an additional eight to 10 percent floor area because of the construction method

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Water at last

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THE KwaThema Community Council has started fitting water pipes in the controversial new houses where more than 300 families have been without water.

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Contract causes confusion

FOR the past three years, residents of Thembalisha in Kwa-Thema, near Springs, have been paying a monthly instalment of R33 to the East Rand Administration Board, Erab, for their houses. But they do not know whether they own or rent them

And residents in the area fear they will have to pay this "instalment" as long as they occupy the houses

Problems for the 400 residents started after they were allocated the houses in September 1979. They were made to sign a "deed of sale" contract and paid a deposit of about R500

Residents were told that the houses were selling for R4 468 but in the contract it was stated that the actual selling price of the houses would be determined at a later stage

It was later discovered that there was a faulty clause in the contract which stated that residents were renting the houses and at the same time buying them from Erab

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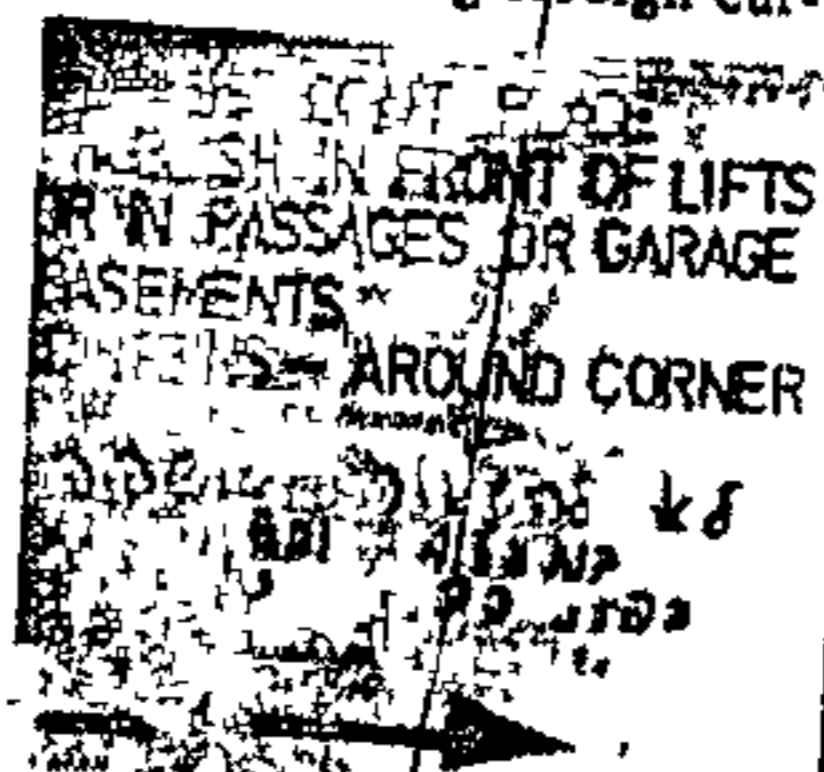
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bassy source gave the Sunday Times a "re- liable" figure of between 15 000 and 20 000

Dr Lottem said he was less concerned about the Israelis who came to South Africa on a contract basis

"They come to South Africa when the economic position in Israel is not good, carry out their contracts and go home, taking foreign cur-



Signs in English and Hebrew in a block of flats

rency with them "Our concern is about those who leave Israel to settle permanently in the United States or South Africa.

"Every person leaving helps to create a national problem because Israel is a beleaguered nation where every person counts. It is a State founded on ideals and people leaving invalidate those ideals

Some people would say immigrants to South Africa are deserters from a battlefield

"I am not as radical as that, but when people say we Israelis have a siege mentality there is a reason for it," Dr Lottem said

Mr Steven Cohen, assistant executive director of the Jewish Board of Deputies confirmed a probe would be launched to establish the exact extent of immigration to South Africa from Israel.

"Our concern is not the same as that of the embassy. We want to know from an academic point of view

"But it is enormously difficult to find sufficient field workers to knock at doors and interview people.

"We considered advertising for Israelis to come forward, but we have found this is seldom successful."

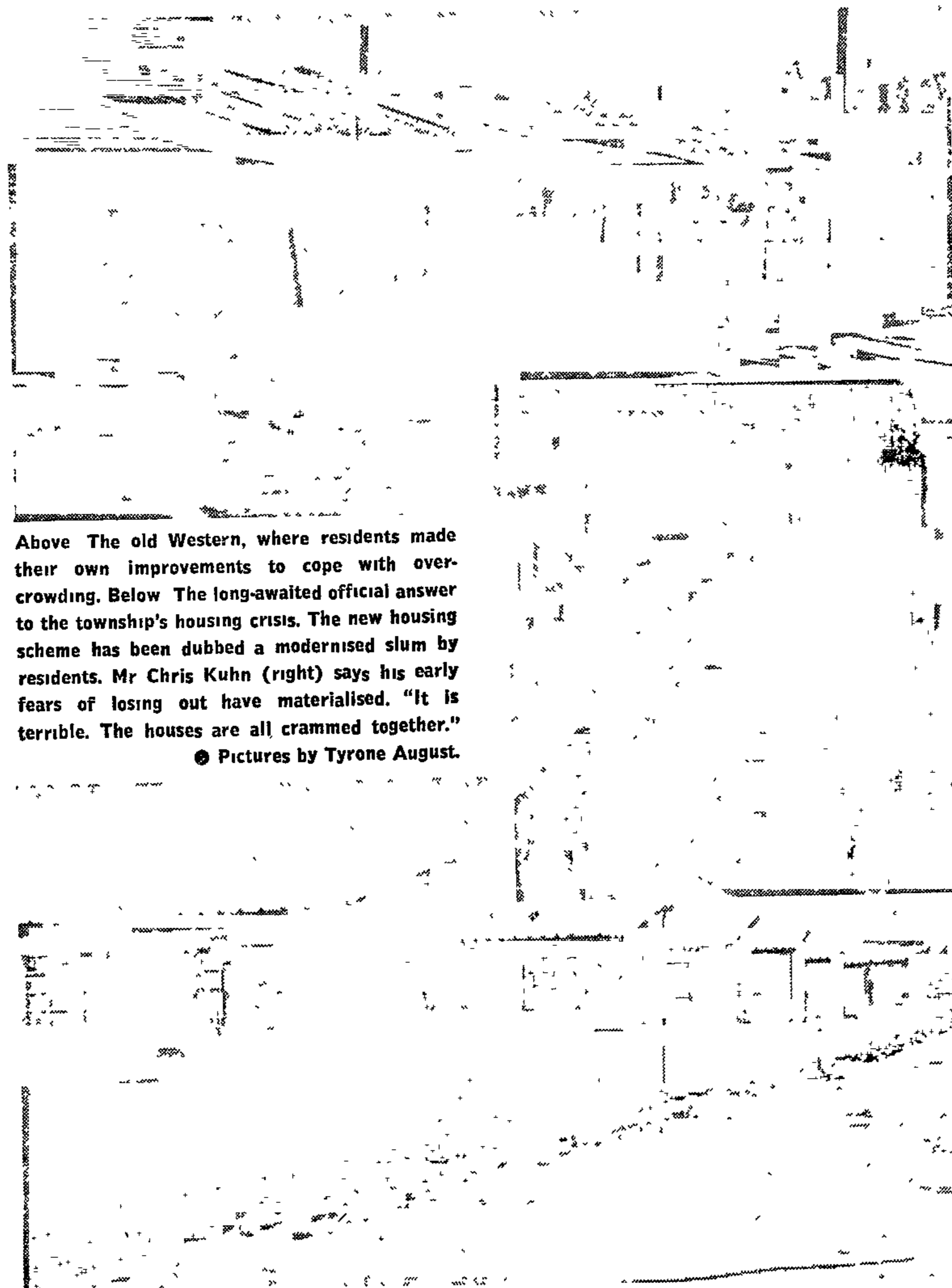
The managing director of Israpower, a company which seeks labour in Israel to fill gaps in South Africa's industrial labour force, said there were not more than 250 contract workers in South Africa at any one time

Mr Y Makori said he had demands from Secunda and even from the mines for mechanics, fitters and turners, moulders, pattern makers, maintenance electricians and engineers.

A spokesman for the Department of Internal Affairs, Mr A/S Joubert, said he was unable to supply immigration figures over the telephone

The Department of Statistics, however, gave their official figures of the number of Israelis who had come to South Africa as immigrants since 1970.

The figure up to and including 1980 totals only 2 398.



Above The old Western, where residents made their own improvements to cope with overcrowding. Below The long-awaited official answer to the township's housing crisis. The new housing scheme has been dubbed a modernised slum by residents. Mr Chris Kuhn (right) says his early fears of losing out have materialised. "It is terrible. The houses are all crammed together."

● Pictures by Tyrone August.

Rage over township renewal

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By Tyrone August

Residents of Western Coloured Township have waited for more than 20 years for redevelopment of the area. But phase one of the scheme which began last year, has left them angry and disillusioned.

They have labelled the new houses rejuvenated and modernised slums. "We have suffered for more than two decades," said a furious resident. "Surely we deserve something better."

In May last year 2 000 residents signed a petition requesting the replanning of the redevelopment scheme after the first phase was completed.

The petition said the houses were too small, too close to each other and sub-standard.

DUMPED

"The people were never consulted about the planning of the township," said resident, Mr Chris Kuhn. "We were just dumped here. We had no choice."

Another resident Mrs Emily Titus, said her new house was so small that some of her furniture had to remain outside when she moved in last August.

"There were 17 people living in the house," she said.

"I didn't know what to do at first so I approached the Western Residents' Action Committee WRAC."

They threatened to take the council to court because they felt the Slums Act was being contravened by so many people living together.

"Only after this pressure was put on the council were my daughters given accommodation of their own."

Miss Felicity Munick, who lives with her family of 12 in a three bedroomed house in Steytler Street, said the old houses in Western were better than those

in the redeveloped area.

"The walls are not plastered and it is so stupid to build the toilet immediately behind the kitchen," she said.

A member of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr Mohammed Dangor, said the redevelopment of Western was based on a survey conducted eight years ago.

"The developments in the township since then have not been taken into account," he said.

OVERCROWDING

"The land allotted for new houses has been cut down, resulting in overcrowding."

The director of the city council's housing department Mr Thys Wilsnach, said the residents' dissatisfaction had been discussed with the Coloured Management Committee and the township's planners.

The plans for the second phase of the redevelopment scheme would be finalised only with the approval of the committee.

Last year the city council had pointed out that Western was designed as a high-density scheme so that as many people as possible could live in the redeveloped area.

Mr Wilsnach said the residents' complaints were largely exaggerated and that the houses were sub-economic because of the low incomes of most residents.

A criminologist Mr H R Mayet, has warned that the houses are of such poor quality that after 10 years they will once again become slum dwellings.

"If the present type of structure is planned for the whole of Western, I am afraid the people will be back to square one — in a state of uncertainty, violence and degeneration."

Residents' voice is strong

Since the Western Residents' Action Committee was formed at a housing protest meeting in May last year attended by more than 600 people, it has become a powerful voice for those living in Western Coloured Township.

The committee meets residents regularly to keep in touch with the community's problems.

"We believe our committee has made a definite impact on the community," said secretary Mr Elvis Daniels. "I think we have

convinced the residents of our determination to do something about their housing problems.

"We conduct surveys now and again so we can be kept aware of the township's problem areas."

Mr Daniels said the committee consisted of people who represented different streets in the township. These street representatives enabled residents to be fully involved in the organisation.

The community-based WRAC has also been

winning residents' support because of growing disillusionment with the Coloured Management Committee.

"WRAC gives us a chance to have a direct say in the way the township is run," said a resident. "It does not impose decisions on us like the CMC does."

WRAC has also set up an advice office in Perth Road — in a room in a students' hostel — to help residents with community problems.

"We have found that

people come to us namely with housing problems," said committee member Mr Keenan Tarr. "Occasionally they also come with quasi-legal problems."

"As a result, we work closely with the Legal Resources Centre. Some of our committee members are being trained by the centre to cope with residents' legal problems."

The office is open every Tuesday and Thursday between 6 pm and 8 pm.

INFLATION STALKING PENSIONERS IN THE CITY WITHOUT A HELP

Eviction equals suicide for the lonely old folk

BY DEBRA CLEVELAND



Molly Kopel 'the old folk are terrified'

A CENTRAL Johannesburg pensioner who has spent every day of the past two months looking for a new place to live, tried to commit suicide last week.

Experts say a growing number of pensioners are killing themselves because they can't make ends meet.

The elderly woman pensioner whom friends would not name, is in her early 70s and has a month left to find another home. The block of flats in Bree Street where she now lives is being converted into offices.

She took an overdose of sleeping pills and went to sleep — hoping never to wake up to destitution and the never-ending worry of surviving on R122 a month.

She would have died had a concerned neighbour not found her the next morning — on the brink of death.

Her only hope now is that somebody will find her a home.

Johannesburg City Councillor Molly Kopel has promised to find her somewhere to live — a promise that will be difficult to fulfil because all old-age homes are full, rentals in central Johannesburg have rocketed sky-high and many residential blocks are being converted to offices.

"Her attempted suicide was a direct result of fear of homelessness. She suffers incredible pain from arthritis and she didn't even mention this when speaking of her reasons for taking an overdose," said Mrs Kopel.

"She is terrified of landing up on the streets — and has good reason to be, since she has tramped the streets of Johannesburg going to all the estate agents every single day for the past two months, and has found nothing."

This woman could have become one of the more than 200 Johannesburg pensioners who have died in the past 10 months. Some have died of neglect. Others deaths have been reported briefly in the daily newspapers, saying a pensioner 'fell' from a fourth-floor balcony, or was 'found dead in a gas-filled room — no crime suspected'.

Mr Johnny Cousins, 78, who died in his flat in Rayburn Mansions, Kruis Street,

threatened suicides, according to Mrs Kopel and Mr Sam Bloomberg of Suicides Anonymous.

Mrs Kopel knows of 224 pensioners living in the central city who have died since the General Election in April last year.

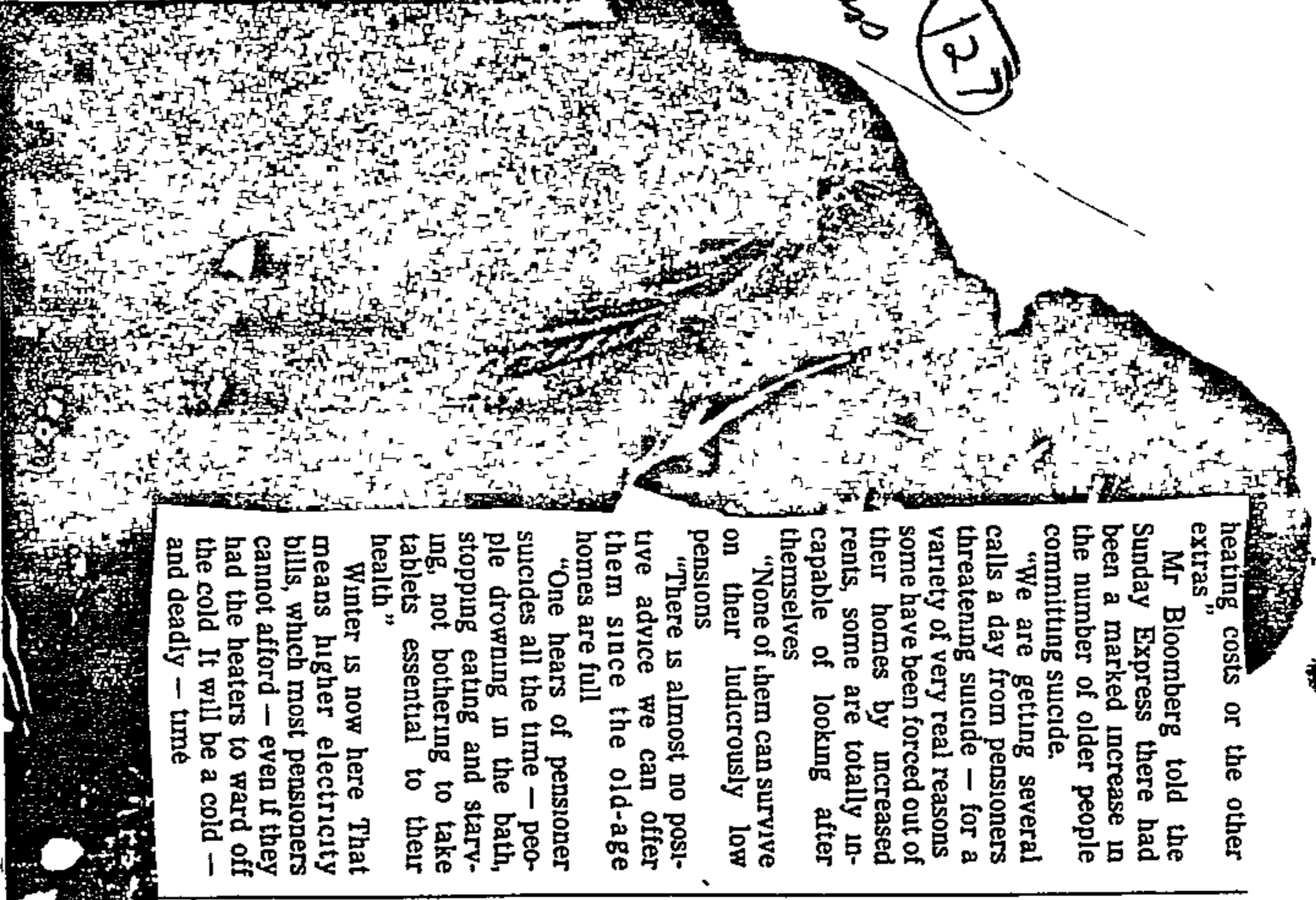
"Hundreds of pensioners are going to have to look for alternative accommodation because their buildings are either being closed down or converted to offices."

"Can you imagine an old person, who can't afford day-to-day living expenses anyway, having to search for a new flat or room — and also pay all the extra costs?" said Mrs Kopel.

"This winter there will be a high number of deaths among pensioners. They cannot manage anymore."

"Most are chronically ill and will no longer be able to get free medical attention because of the change in hospital policy. They suffer from malnutrition because they cannot afford food, and rents are sky-high."

"This winter is going to be a death sentence since none of them can afford the extra



Alone, old and terrified and by next week she might not have a home — the plight of a pensioner in the City of Gold.

heating costs or the other extras". Mr Bloomberg told the Sunday Express there had been a marked increase in the number of older people committing suicide. "We are getting several calls a day from pensioners threatening suicide — for a variety of very real reasons some have been forced out of their homes by increased rents, some are totally incapable of looking after themselves. "None of them can survive on their ludicrously low pensions. "There is almost no positive advice we can offer them since the old-age homes are full. "One hears of pensioner suicides all the time — people drowning in the bath, stopping eating and starving, not bothering to take tablets, essential to their health. "Winter is now here. That means higher electricity bills, which most pensioners cannot afford — even if they had the heaters to ward off the cold. It will be a cold — and deadly — time

Soweto rents cause a row

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THERE IS confusion and controversy over how much people are expected to pay for the new houses at Tshiawelo Extension, Soweto.

By ALINAH DUBE

This means the 16 000 people on the waiting list should prepare themselves to pay any amount around R200 as rent payment for a new house

This has also sparked reaction among community leaders who said the Soweto Council was up to its tricks by not telling people the exact amount they are expected to pay

Confusion was written all over the faces of the people who attended a ceremony to hand over 24 of the new houses to prospective owners last week. Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the council, denied residents were told to pay R185, but immediately afterwards Mr J J Oosthuizen, director of housing, told the residents rents could either be decreased or increased

"The rent issue depends entirely on the expenses involved in the whole project. Your rent could go down or up. In the case of a resident paying more than the rent to be decided upon, the office will take it upon itself to let you know," Mr Oost-

huizen said

Mrs Albertinah Sisulu, member for Women's Federation for South Africa, condemned the Government for taking advantage of people's desperation to get houses. She said for a black person to be expected to pay anything around R200 house rental was "shameful and dirty"

"This is one of the deliberate actions by the Government to oppress the black people of this country. As for those authorities who say rents are temporary, it is just another way of saying the residents will only occupy the houses in question for a very short time"

She said it was embarrassing to find people having to struggle with accommodation when they were the very pillars of this country. The saddest thing about it, she said, was the problems these people encountered to find what they would call "homes" — at prices they were obviously not going to

be able to meet

Mr Veli Kraai, chairman of the Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industries, said high rents would encourage overcrowding. He said most families would be forced to take in lodgers into their homes in a bid to meet the costs

"The high rents the people of Soweto are expected to pay are going to see people leaving those new houses as frustrated as they were when they moved in. Unless authorities bring themselves to the same level with people, the housing problem will not be solved. All the houses will remain monuments, leaving thousands of people with no roofs over their heads," Mr Kraai said

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The Commission received submissions from a number of organisations and individuals recommending the introduction of an additional year at school, or of a preparatory year at the university before admission to the curriculum.

marks awarded to the student in class tests, assignments, essays, etc., by means of a record system which might be incorporated into the individual data system which will be discussed later in this report. The Commission believes that, if every first-year student had to report on his progress to a member of the academic staff, the transition from school to university would be facilitated; this would mean a certain amount of supervision to which the student had been accustomed to a greater extent during his school career.

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Ratanda plans to introduce shack scheme

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A site and service scheme will be introduced in Ratanda near Heidelberg within the next two months, to alleviate the acute shortage of houses in the area.

This has been announced by Mr LM Mohlami, chairman of the Ratanda council, who also said that only people qualified to stay in Ratanda will benefit from the scheme

He said "The East Rand Administration Board informed us early this year that they do not have sufficient money to build new houses in Ratanda at least for the next three years Our only solution

at the moment is to introduce a site and service scheme "

Mr Mohlomi said his council met senior officials of Erab last week to discuss the shortage of houses in the area and it was decided that residents should be given sites to built shacks as alternative accommodation

He said "There is land for this kind of project, and residents will be given sites to build shacks with at least two rooms within the next 18 months This will be done to avoid having a shanty town mushrooming in the area "

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Black Mineworkers Union
Black Allied Workers Union
Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers of S.A.
Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers
Amalgamated Engineering Union of S.A.

MINING AND QUARRYING

Black Allied Workers Union
Farmworkers Union
Food and Canning Workers Union
National Certified Fishing Officers Association
Orange-Vaal General Workers Union
Trawler and Line Fishermen's Union

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING

National Federation of Workers
Orange-Vaal General Workers Union
General and Allied Workers Union

Unions have been classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities. The full extent of the operation of the following general workers unions has not been established:

UNIONS OPERATING IN 1981 GROUPED ACCORDING TO INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

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Mine Surface
Mine Workers
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S.A. Engine Dr
S.A. Technica
Underground O
MANUFACTURING
Food & Bever
African Food
Amalgamated
Bakery Emplo
Black Allied
Boland Inmaal
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By Khulu Sibiyi

A Soweto family which has been on the waiting list for more than 20 years was last week allocated a house at the new Chiawelo Extension 3.

Mrs S Nkosi was overwhelmed with joy when told by an official of the Soweto Community Council that she was among the first to occupy the 800 newly built Chiawelo houses

"It's unbelievable I'm still not sure whether

Home in Soweto after 20-year wait

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this house really belongs to me I'm so excited," a jubilant Mrs Nkosi said when she was presented with the house keys by Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Community Council

Mrs Nkosi applied for a house in 1962 She says she has been

hoping for the past 20 years that one day she would have a house of her own

"It's been a long wait," she said with a broad smile "I'm happy that all the agony is now over"

She has lost count of the number of places she has lived in since

she got married more than 20 years ago.

"We were just about to give up I mean 20 years of uncertainty is long enough for anybody I hope to start now to live a normal life with my husband and six children," she said

The houses were officially opened by the chairman of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), Mr John Knoetze.

Many of the occupants have been on the waiting list since in the early 1960s.

PFP housing crisis plan loses its sting

By SEAN O'CONNOR, City Editor

AN IMPORTANT motion to be tabled tomorrow by the Progressive Federal Party opposition in Johannesburg's "hung" city council has had the sting taken out of it by the deputy management chief, Mr Carel Venter.

The motion calls for steps to ease the city's chronic accommodation crisis — and a statement issued by Mr Venter anticipates almost every point to be raised by PFP city councillors

The motion urges the council to deprecate the management committee's agreement to the granting of conversion and demolition permits in the city

The PFP aims to try to stop residential premises being demolished, or being converted for other uses, at a time when the city faces one of the worst housing crises in its history

The party is also expected to express its concern during the debate at the number of flat and office blocks standing vacant in Johannesburg

But Mr Venter, in his capacity as chairman of the city's housing and utilities committee, disclosed last week that the committee had recommended representations to the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, that the Government refrain from considering demolition or conversion applications until it had consulted the city council

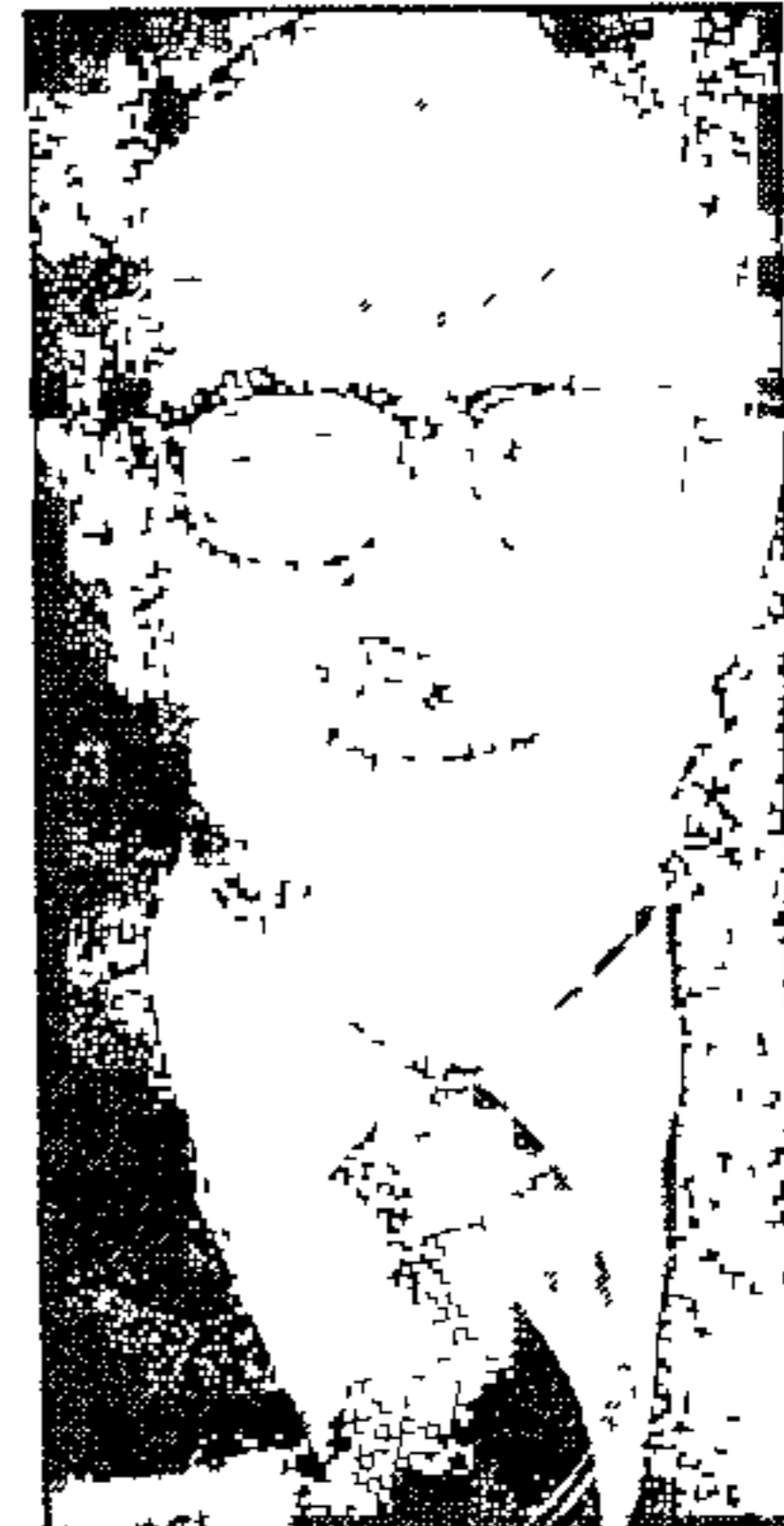
He said the committee had also proposed an urgent survey be made of all Johannesburg buildings that are either vacant or being used for purposes other than those for which they were built

This aims to enable the council to buy or expropriate blocks of flats or empty office buildings to provide accommodation, particularly for the aged

Mr Sam Moss, PFP leader in the council, said yesterday it appeared his party would still debate its motion tomorrow, despite Mr Venter's statement

FOOTNOTE: The council also seems likely to decide tomorrow whether the municipality should replace its two mayoral cars, TJ1 and TJ2

It is understood they are giving an increasing amount of trouble, and a council source says they now spend more time in workshops than on official trips



Mr CAREL VENTER pre-empted the PFP

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Housing plea to employers

**By MZIKAYISE EDOM
CHAIRMAN of the Daveyton Community Council Mr Tom Boya has called on East Rand companies to provide housing for their employees to overcome the shortage of houses in the area.**

Mr Boya made this appeal at a ceremony in Daveyton to hand over house keys yesterday. The Wrightech Company, a Barlow Rand Group Company, has already completed the first 15 houses in a major R2-million housing

scheme in Daveyton, to provide accommodation for its employees.

Mr Boya said "At present we have land to build about 1 600 houses but we have no funds. Recently we succeeded in getting more land to build about 6 400 houses, but this land has been reserved for a site and service scheme which will be introduced early next year, if all goes according to plan."

Mr Boya appealed to companies to assist the community council and provide housing for

their employees.

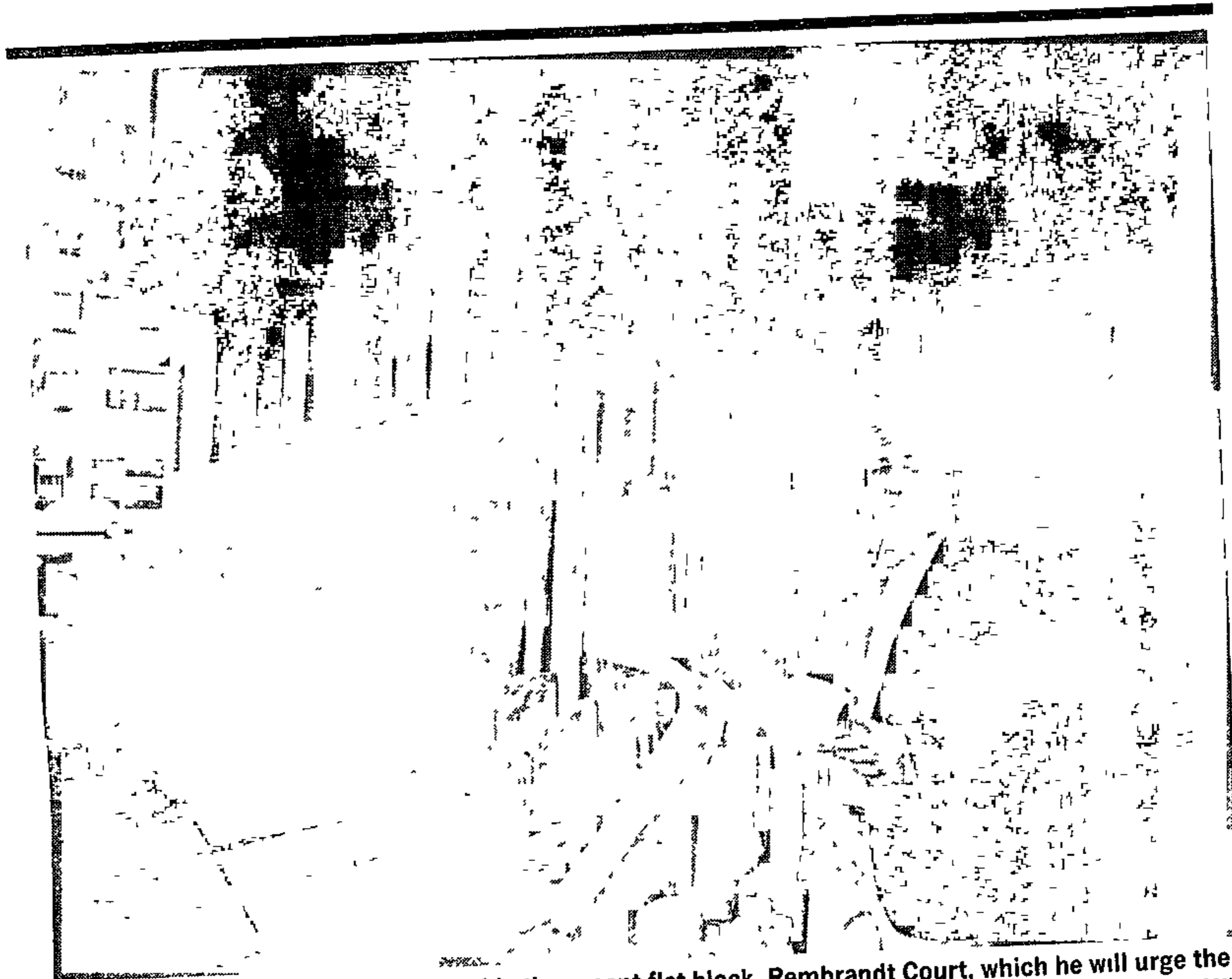
In all, 108 houses will be built in the area by the company at the rate of the 99-year-leasehold completion of the project expected in September. The houses have been purchased in terms of the 99-year-leasehold system and so far three quarters of the houses have been sold to Wrightech employees.

The houses cost R16 100 each and consist of three bedrooms, a lounge, kitchen, dinette and bathroom and inside toilet. They come

complete with burglar proofing, water and electricity laid on.

Roads in the area are to be tarred and street lighting provided before the end of the year. The employees are expected to pay the company back over the next 21 years.

Mr Frank Bartos, managing director of Wrightech, said "We want to make it clear that this is not a subsidised scheme. It is purely a business deal between the company and its employees."



City Councillor, Mr David Neppe, outside the vacant flat block, Rembrandt Court, which he will urge the council to improve in an attempt to ease Johannesburg's accommodation problems. Picture DAVID SANDISON

Flats empty amid home shortage

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City Editor

A JOHANNESBURG councillor will raise questions in the council meeting today about a Joubert Park block of flats which he says has been standing "vacant and abandoned" since 1974

The circumstances surrounding Rembrandt Court, situated on the corner of Kock and Claim streets, are expected to form an important part of the scheduled debate on Johannesburg's chronic accommodation shortage

The Progressive Federal Party is to table a motion which aims to prevent residential premises being demolished, or being converted for other uses, at a time when the city's housing shortage has already reached alarming proportions

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However, the city's housing and utilities committee has released a statement which anticipates almost every point to be raised in the PFP's motion

The housing and utilities committee has also called for an urgent survey of all Johannesburg buildings that are vacant or being used for purposes other than those for which they were erected

This step would enable the council to buy or expropriate blocks of flats or empty office buildings to provide accommodation, particularly for the aged

Mr David Neppe, city councillor for Joubert Park, said yesterday he would raise questions today about Rembrandt Court, which has 27 flats, almost all of which are in a derelict state

Mr Neppe said the state of Rembrandt Court has attracted vagrants and

undesirables, lowering the value of the Mariston Hotel across the road

The hotel had threatened legal action against the owners of Rembrandt Court, an investment company, if they did not restore the block of flats

The Johannesburg City Council was also intent on taking action now, Mr Neppe said and added that the council had the necessary by-laws to enforce the restoration of the flat block

Several local councillors have said recently that a growing number of flat block owners are allowing their buildings to become vacant in the hope of securing conversions permits to turn the flats into offices

● The council is also expected to reconsider a decision it took last month allowing a block of flats in Berea to be converted to doctors' consulting rooms

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Argentina did not for the withdrawal of British troops in the islands as a precondition to the ceasefire

Argentine Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Méndez, who called for a cease-fire, said he did not "predict the course" of fighting in the Falklands.

He stressed that Argentina would not accept terms or conditions "which could affect its inalienable rights" — AFP

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Cops nab 28 in permit raid

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Sowetan B. STAMMELONGO (127)

TWENTY-EIGHT people, including the chairman of the Evaton Ratepayers' Association, Mr Caswell Kabi, were arrested by the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board Police during a permit raid in the township on Monday night.

The people mainly sub-tenants on Mr Kabi's plot claimed that the police pounced on them at 11 30 pm, kicked their doors open and one alleged "I heard shots fired — apparently to scare us"

A senior administration board spokesman said that he was not prepared to comment on the raid.

But Mrs Elizabeth Kabi, wife of Mr Kabi, told the SOWETAN that when the police arrived at the plot they demanded to see their permits.

"When most of the tenants who are staying on our

plot did not produce permits they were arrested and put in police vans. The police also kicked and threatened to beat up some of them when they did not get co-operation from them," she cried.

Mrs Kabi said she heard shots fired during the sloop but did not know if anybody was injured during the "reign of terror" which ended with the arrest of her husband.

"Some of the police were rude towards me and the people

She was prepared to seek legal advice on this issue as she felt it was quite involving. If the police carried out their threat to demolish the shacks on her plot "we shall meet them pound for pound"

"I have not seen my husband since the sloop and I am not seeing him today."

Mr Kabi is the chairman of the association which opposes the replanning of the township because it is feared that the community council intends substituting the freehold system in the area for the leasehold system.

A 17-year-old girl said that police knocked at her home and kicked the door open. She was bundled in a police van but was later released. Her parents are still in jail.

It is not yet known when the people will be charged or released.

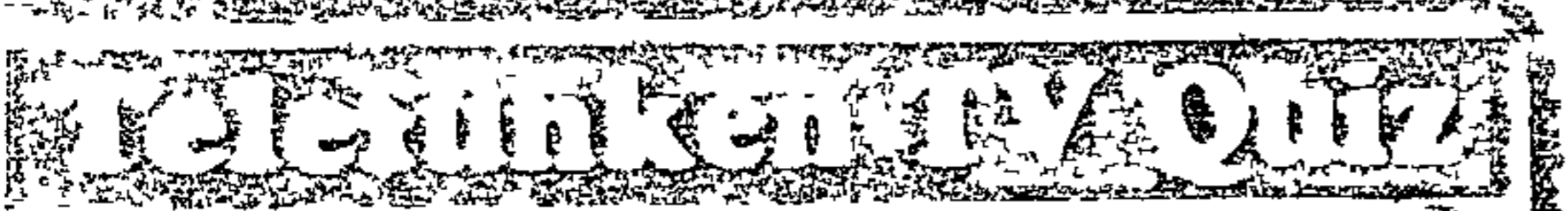


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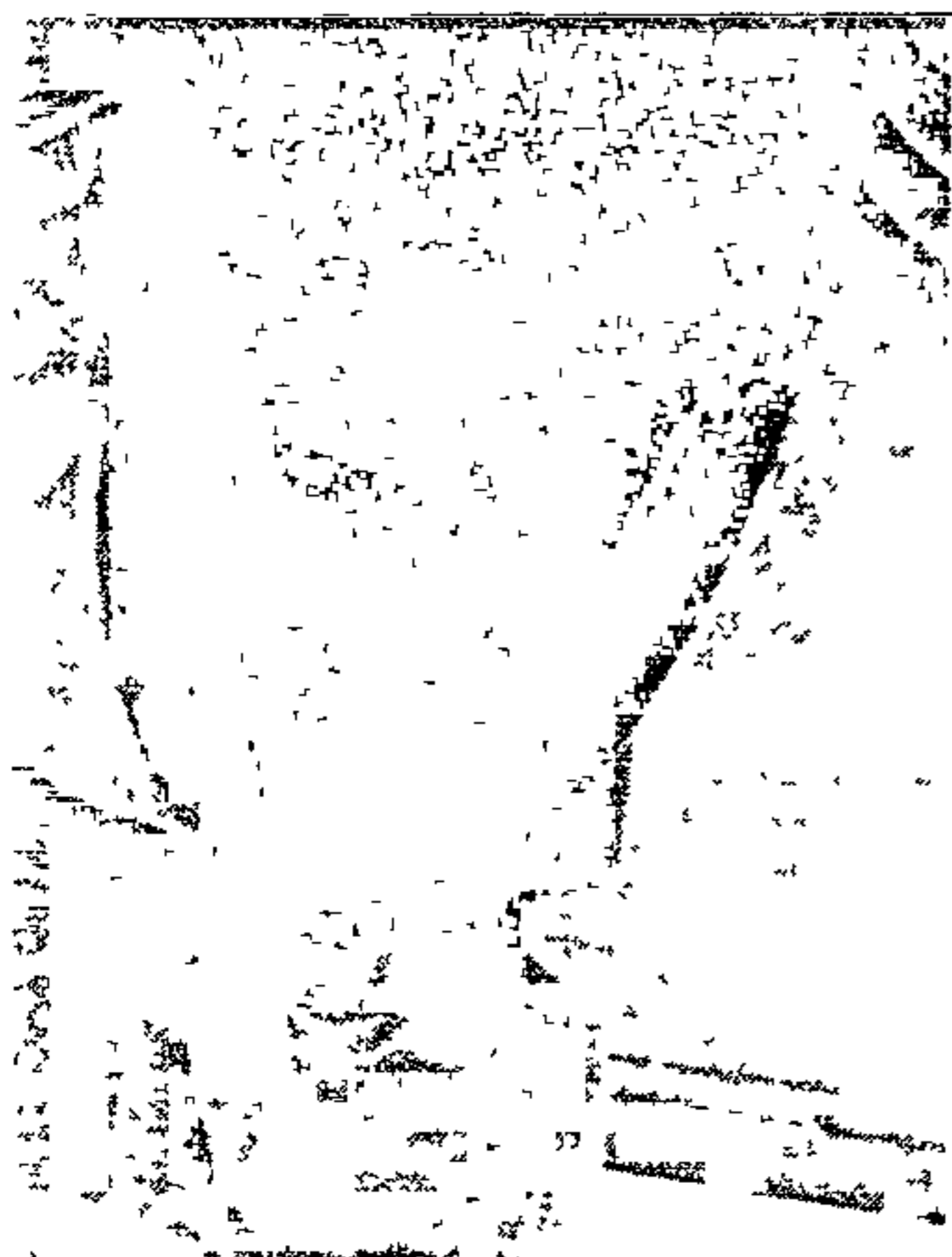
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A CHARGE has been laid against a white railways liceman for allegedly assaulting a 30-year-old Soweto woman near Johannesburg station on Monday. She says she and other people were also assaulted at the Railways Police charge office where she had gone to lay the charge.

Cops with assault

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

According to the Railways Police, the case has been referred to the Attorney-General, who will decide on prosecution. Mrs Sylvia Dlamini, who works at the General Hospital as a cook, said she was on her way home after knocking off at 2pm. Just before she reached the station she saw two men, black and white, fighting on the pavement. Together with other people, she stood and watched. When the fight had stopped and the white man was being taken away by two Railways

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By WILLIE BOKALTA (114)

Lawyers join plea to save ANC trio

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Family out in the cold

By LEN
MASEKO

A DOBSONVILLE family which have been sleeping out in the cold for a month after being evicted from their home have had their house allocated to a policeman employed by the township's community council.

"There is no scandal at all about this. It is coincidental that the house was allocated to one of our employees," Mr Alex Conn, the Dobsonville Council's chief executive officer, told *The SOWETAN* yesterday.

The house was allocated to Constable Gungi Piko following the eviction of widowed Mrs Florah Selebogo and her family last month. According to Mr Conn, the family had

been owing rent for five months.

The family, including an 11-month-old baby, have been staying in the yard of what used to be their home since April 22. Their dust-ridden furniture and clothing lie strewn over the yard.

Mrs Selebogo's daughter, Rosina, said yesterday she had paid all the arrears by February this year. She said she was turned away when she tried to pay rent for the following month.


Mr Conn denied yesterday that the family had been turned away and said that he was satisfied "correct procedure" had been followed in the matter.

Meanwhile the divorced Dobsonville man kicked out of the home

he occupied for 12 years to accommodate a councillor's daughter will not be allocated the house back — and that is final. *The SOWETAN* learned yesterday.

Dobsonville Council's chairman Mr Don Mmesu told *The SOWETAN* yesterday that, following consultations between him and other council officials, it was decided that Mr Patrick Dzana had been rightfully evicted from the house. He said his investigations revealed that Mr Dzana had not been staying in the house for four years.

Mr Dzana was evicted from the house in November last year after he had divorced his wife. The house was immediately allocated to the daughter of councillor Colvern Radebe.



EVICTED Rosina Selebogo with some of the family's belongings in the background

Council reviews housing scheme

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Staff Reporter
RESIDENTS of Bishops-court are worried about the prospect of a major townhouse scheme in their exclusive neighbourhood

The possibility has arisen with the proposed re-siting of the Newlands Heights scheme next to the Liesbeek River, the third site suggested for the townhouses originally planned for the mountain slopes adjoining Kirstenbosch

The Bishopscourt alternative — suggested by Newlands residents as the best way to solve the problem — has been described only as the upper portion of a site adjoining the Liesbeek River, at present zoned for public open space

The matter will be discussed by the full City Council at its monthly meeting today and both the Kirstenbosch Drive site, which upset some Newlands residents, and the Liesbeek River site will be considered

Objections

The town planning committee has suggested that both sites be advertised for objections

A concerned Bishops-court resident, Mr Derek Barnard, said yesterday that people would have to be informed of the exact location before a petition or anything similar was started

The site, he said, fell within the Bishopscourt area where no sub-division was allowed

"The rates are exorbitant here," he said

If the townhouses were allowed, other property owners in Bishopscourt should be allowed to sub-divide as well

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By SELLO RABOTHATA
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TWELVE MEN and 30 women, many of them with their babies, spent Monday night in prison after being arrested for permit and pass offences at a compound in Glenroy on the outskirts of Brakpan.

Among those who could not afford the fine imposed upon them in the Brakpan Magistrate's Court yesterday is Mrs Elizabeth Ngongo who with her baby, will probably spend 40 days in prison

A man is also believed to have died after he had been arrested for a pass offence in the same area on Saturday

According to The SOWETAN'S informant the man is said to have died when he allegedly tried to escape from a police van taking them to the police station

The Government mortuary in Springs said that the body of the man described was at the mortuary but details could not be given as the mortuary had no authority to do so

Twenty-seven of the people arrested were charged under Section 10 of the Urban Areas Consolidated Act and 15 were charged under the same act and for reference book offences. Mr M Pretorius before whom they appeared fined 36 people R20 or 40 days in prison. Nine were referred to the Aid Centre, two cases were withdrawn and eight were cautioned and discharged.

Ten of the accused were arrested around the Brakpan town and townships. The rest of those who appeared in court are said to have been from the Ciskei and had come to their husbands working at the compound in Glenroy.

They were all arrested on Tuesday afternoon when police raided the compound and demanded passes and permits. Most of the women's husbands were at work at the time.

Monk Nkomo reports from Pretoria that Atteridgeville/Saulsville Community Council Chairman Mr Joseph Tshabalala yesterday warned local white township superintendents to stop putting our residents into police vans.

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Dobsonville shack wrangle

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NO SHACKS: Mr Don Mmesi

By **LEN MASEKO**

THE Dobsonville Community Council has not built a single house for renting purposes since its inception five years ago.

This was disclosed yesterday by Dobsonville councillor, Mr Steve Nkatlo who added that the housing shortage in the area had reached serious propor-

tions. A new plan allowing the township's residents to erect pre-fabricated rooms in their backyards would be raised at the next council meeting he said.

"There are hundreds of families on the waiting list and some have been looking for houses as far back as 1960. A shocking thing is that not even a single house for renting has been built in the township for the past 20 years. That is why a plan

allowing residents to build pre-fab rooms in their backyards has been devised - subject to the approval of the council, of course," Mr Nkatlo said.

But the Dobsonville Council's chairman Mr Don Mmesi, told **THE SOWETAN** yesterday that his council could not alleviate the area's housing backlog because of a lack of funds and the shortage of land. He confirmed that his coun-

cil had not built a single house for renting.

He said residents would not be allowed to erect pre-fabricated rooms in their backyards adding that loans were available from his council for the building of extra rooms.

The council will not allow the building of shacks in the township but residents can apply for loans if they want to extend their present homes, he added.

In conclusion the Commission would like to draw attention to one last aspect of the system of multi-campus as a form of university organisation. If one of these multi-campus were to grow and develop vigorously, other circumstances being favourable it could be raised to the status of an independent university. The Commission would not venture to predict how and in what circumstances such independence would be gained; in fact, judging by present conditions and views the Commission feels that this should not be expected to be a process that will follow as a matter of course. But what is possible is that a university and the State may agree to

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Later in this chapter the overall planning of universities in South Africa will be discussed. Planning by the State as well as the universities will enter a new era if the system of multi-campus can be developed. In this connection the Commission would like to state now that responsible future planning will have to take account of the whole field of higher education. Changes which have already taken place in the distribution of the population as well as future changes will inevitably involve difficult decisions in regard to the provision of higher education. In considering a new campus, due regard will have to be had to other facilities for higher education and vice versa.

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There are examples enough in overseas countries to show that the distance between a remote campus and its parent university plays no significant role. Although factors such as inconvenience and travelling expenses will play a minor role in practice, for the rest distance may be discounted as an obstacle. In South Africa it should be possible for a Transvaal university to have a campus in Windhoek, or a Natal university to have a campus in Richards Bay.

Impact's clients are still waiting (127)
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Mail Reporters

ONCE again, people who hoped to receive refunds from Mr Mark Guthrie's Impact Homes have been turned away empty-handed. Although some had been told by Mr Guthrie, last Wednesday that he hoped to be able to pay them yesterday, he was not at his office yesterday when they called, and his daughter was heard to say that there was no money.

Impact Homes clients have been calling at the housing firm's offices in Saambou Building, Rissik Street, Johannesburg, to obtain refunds of the R250 "management fee" they paid.

Several hundred have paid the R250 fee, only to find the firm has no sites for them in either Diepkloof or Soweto. Some have been paid, others had to return again and again.

Mr Guthrie, of Lukasrand, Pretoria, is an unrehabilitated insolvent. Since the Mail published an investigation into the firm, the West Rand Administration Board has repeatedly urged people to ask for refunds if they have paid Impact Homes money but have no sites.

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R6,5m refunds as Tucker land row ends

By ANTON HARBER

PEOPLE were still making payments to land baron Mr Hymie Tucker's company even after geological surveys showed that their land stood on dolomite

This emerged during a rowdy meeting at Johannesburg's Carlton Hotel yesterday when over 400 creditors, who had bought stands in townships that were never proclaimed, accepted an offer of repayment from Tucker Land and Development Corporation.

More than 1 600 buyers will now be refunded a total of about R6 500 000 over the next three years.

The creditors were locked in heated argument for several hours before a change in the company's original offer swung the overwhelming majority in favour of the deal.

The company agreed to pay 11% interest over the three years and a bank guaranteed the repayments.

The deal ends a controversy that has raged for some time. The creditors had been paying for stands in non-existent townships for up to six years. Some have been waiting for their stands for as long as eight years after completing their payments.

The company claimed the development of the townships had been delayed because of unforeseen circumstances.

Earlier this month, the Rand Supreme Court gave permission for yesterday's meet-

ing to discuss the repayment to people who had bought stands at Eastdene, Leondale Extension One, Mooikloof, Oleana, Rua Vista, Valley View Ext One and Wonderboom Ext One.

The chairman of the meeting, Mr W van der Merwe of the South African Law Society, read out a report saying geological surveys completed in 1975 showed that some of the planned townships stood on dolomite.

Advocate Solly Rozensweig, acting for a group of about 60 standowners, said payments had been accepted long after 1975.

"People were even taken to court when they defaulted on payments. Surely the company was aware that proclamation of these townships would be extremely difficult because of the dolomite."

Mr Philip Tucker, a director of the company, said they had not accepted the findings of the surveys.

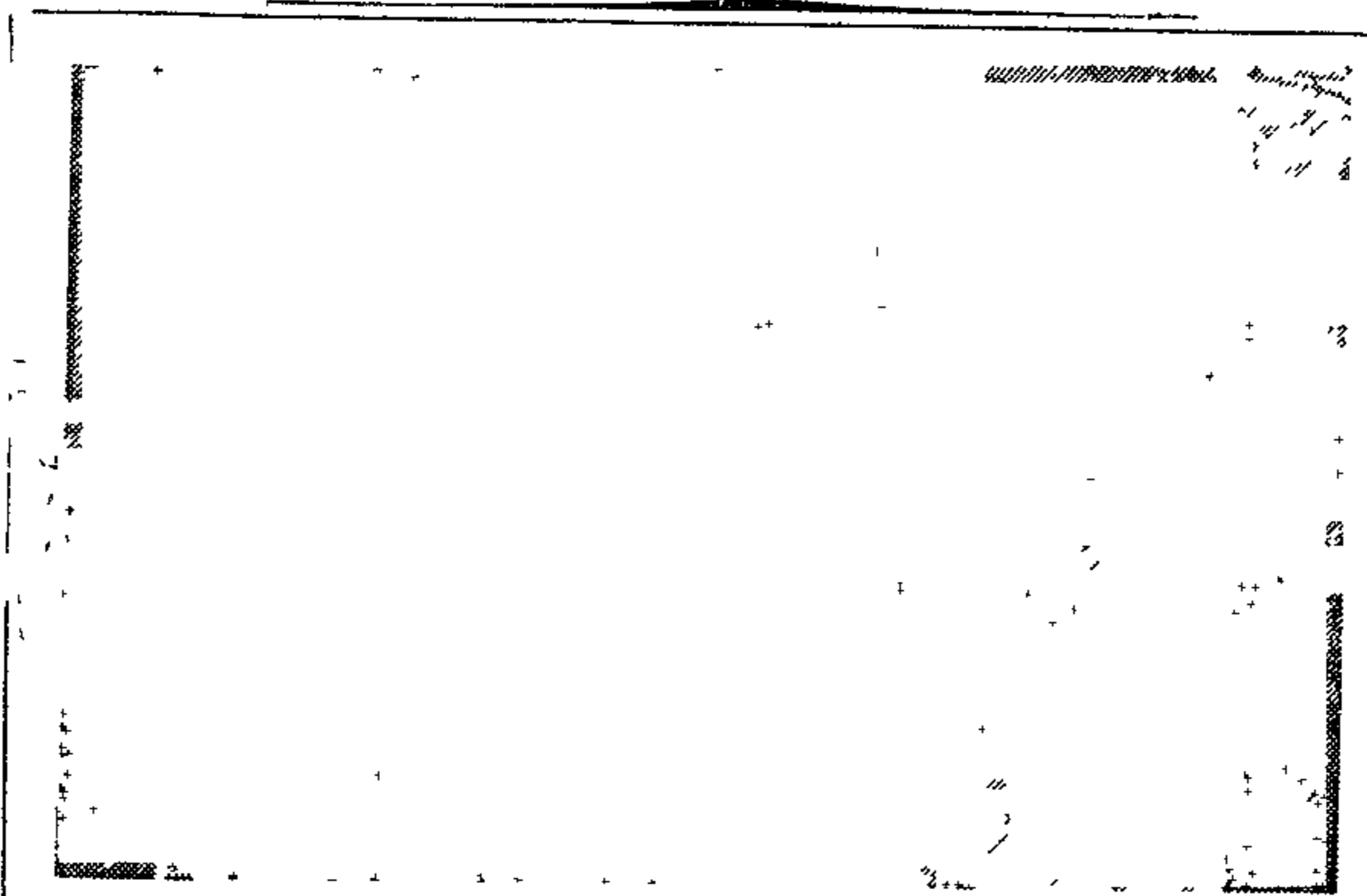
"We disputed the geological findings and were still going ahead with the proclamations. That is why we accepted payments."

"We try to be a fair company and do not accept money on a false basis. We don't have to," he said. The townships had also been replanned to avoid putting stands on the dolomite.

"I think it is a very fair arrangement. I hope the creditors are also happy."

One of the creditors said "I don't have my land, but at least I will get my money back."

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Mrs Margaret Miller in front of the house she shares with six other families.

Family of 6 living in one leaky room

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By Tyrone August

A Newclare family of six has been living together in a single room for more than six years. They have applied for a house year after year but without success.

"I can't even remember when my grandmother, Mrs Margaret Miller, first made an application," said Miss Debby Morgan (19).

"We just can't take it any more.

"The roof leaks, the walls are cracked and the toilets are always blocked. When it rains the yard is absolutely filthy. It is so unhealthy to live like this."

Miss Morgan said she was too ashamed to bring her friends home. "I have to ask them to meet me at a relative's house in Eldorado Park.

"I can't carry on this way. Something has to be done about it. The walls are even starting to fall apart. What makes it worse, is that

the front of the house is used as a shebeen."

The room she shares with her grandmother and four schoolgoing cousins serves as a bedroom, a bathroom, a kitchen and a lounge. "It is so inconvenient," she said.

"When the girls wash, the three boys have to leave the room and vice versa. How much longer do we have to live like this before something is done about it?"

The city council's director of housing, Mr Thys Wilsnach, said housing applicants were only placed on the priority waiting list at the recommendation of a welfare officer.

Coloured Management Committee member Mr Mohammed Dangor said he would do his best to ensure that the Miller family was placed on the priority waiting list. He said he would approach a welfare officer to look into their plight.

R185 rents may be cut

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THE R185-a-month rental for Soweto's new low-cost housing scheme was set by officials and has not been approved by either the Soweto Council or the Department of Community Development.

This was revealed yesterday by Mr Nico Malan, chief executive officer of the Soweto Council when asked how the rental was determined.

He said R185 was determined by officials. It is a recommended interim rent and must be approved by the council. It must also be approved by the Department of Community Development. These two bodies have not done so and we had to charge something.

Mr Malan explained: "This is a verbal agreement between us and the people who were allocated those houses."

We decided to fix the tariff rather on the high side to prevent embarrassment to the tenant. It is better to refund the tenant when he has overpaid then to turn round and say you've been paying less."

He said the likelihood of the rent being lowered was high.

The rent for the new houses — three-bedroomed with a bathroom and bagwashed walls and no ceilings — has caused considerable controversy in the townships. Residents say the rent is exorbitant.

Mr David Thebehah, chairman of the council, said no final

decision had been reached about the rent.

The chairman of Wrab, Mr John Knoetze, said he did not know where the figure of R185 came from.

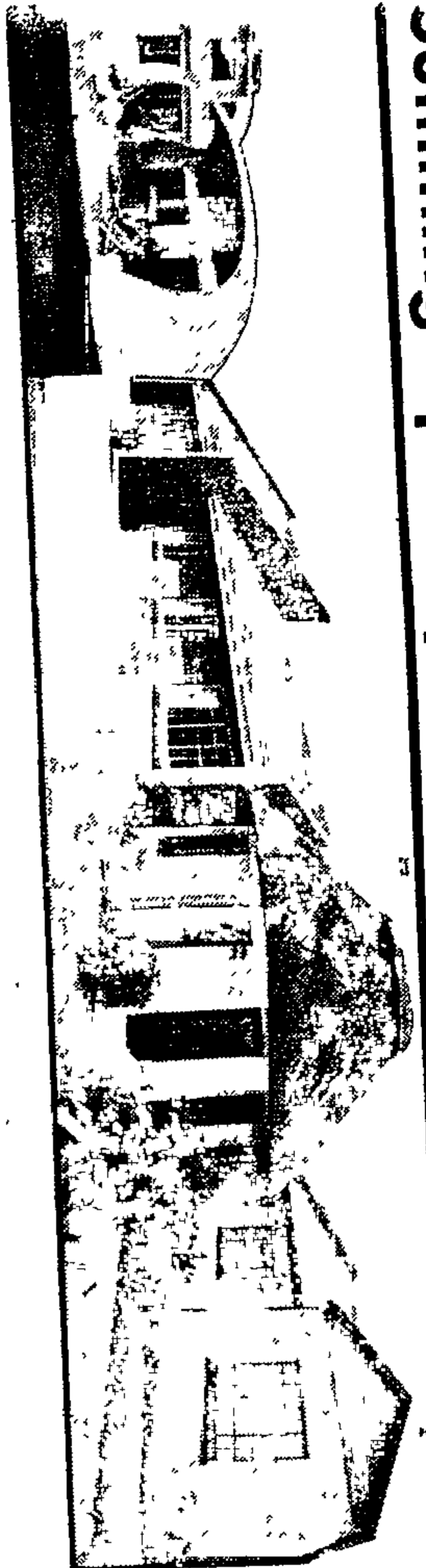
Mr Alec Rabie, Wrab's housing director, said the rent would be set according to a person's income. He said people who were allocated the houses were not forced to go there if they could not afford the rent.

Mr J J Oosthuizen, Soweto Council's director of townships, said people should pay the R185 provisional rent.

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Summing up the property predicament



PIETER REINECKE... Johannesburg's future housing lies in the southern suburbs.

Municipalities claim to

do their bit

Lower income earners are being hit hardest by the housing shortage. Town and city councils throughout the Transvaal are aware of this problem and all are concerned. Sub-economic developments and dwelling units for pensioners are some of the ways they are trying to ease the situation. **WENDY ROBERTSON** spoke to town planning departments from five municipalities.

What is already being done?

Lack of funds and cheap accommodation are problems facing many people at the moment, and the authorities do not see an immediate light at the end of the tunnel. What can these people expect from their municipalities and

What is already being done? **JOHANNESBURG** "We are very concerned about our aged people. Councilors are continuously pres-

STATISTICS ON BUILDING PLANS IN THE CITY OF ROODEPOORT

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sing for housing in their areas. We have a housing department which takes it upon itself to assist those who cannot help themselves to find somewhere to live. This affects pension-

fare organisations. They secure a loan from the Department of Community Development and the council guarantees the loan. We also intend to buy old blocks of flats in areas like Jeppe and Hillbrow to house the aged particularly.

GERMISTON "The crux of the matter is that no municipality is able to finance any development entirely on its own. Each is dependent on funds from the Department of Community Development. The department has already told us that there is no money available this year. However, a condition laid down by the department is that as a council we must concentrate on sub-economic developments, which we have done.

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number of successful housing schemes for the aged, but do not build old aged homes as such. That is the task of various wel-

of Community Development and the council guarantees the loan.

We also intend to buy old blocks of flats in areas like Jeppe and Hillbrow to house the aged particularly.

The future of housing in Johannesburg lies in the southern suburbs, especially for first time buyers" — Mr Peter Reinecke, Director of Town Planning for Johannesburg

RANDBURG "In Randburg we appreciate that there is a crisis for young married couples who cannot afford to buy houses, and also for the aged. In March 1981, the council adopted a policy of allowing granny flats to be built. This required proposing an amendment to the by-law.

The granny "flat" has to be built in such a way that it is part of the main house under the same roof. At a later stage it can then be reconverted into part of the house. We have had several applications to do this, but are still waiting for approval from the Administrator.

The Randburg Municipality does not have a vast amount of open land to donate for old aged homes. There are, however, several areas where the council has donated land and dwelling units have been built.

The theme of this year's mayor of Randburg, Miss Izelle Swart, is the Year of the Aged and we will do all that is possible to help." — Mr Ian Mackay, Assistant Chief Town Planner of Randburg

SANDTON: "We do not take formal steps as a municipality as such, but have built some 2 000 housing units during the last couple of years. We do encourage the development of townships but not sub-economic developments

We have donated a piece of land for a village for the aged consisting of 34 simple townhouses

The picture for first time buyers in our area is very attractive if they have a lot of money" — Mr B Bristow, Director of Urban Planning of Sandton

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"There are several housing schemes, which have been successfully completed; recently, quite a few of which are for senior citizens.

There is the village at Kruinhof where we have developed 82 independent units and 521 sub-economic and economic units at Klopper Park. The problem is that there is nothing available at the moment. There are hundreds of people on waiting lists for all these developments."

— Mr A M L Klopper, Chairman of the Housing Committee for Germiston **ROODEPOORT.** "We have plenty of vacant erven and are encouraging sub-economic developments. Recently we bought land for homes for the aged which are being built by various welfare organisations

We are also buying blocks of flats which we are then letting out to people who work for the municipality — Mr J Shaw, City Engineer of Roodepoort.

"The municipality has completed a development recently in Florida Extension 10 where there are units available for people who earn R650 a month or less. This development is one of townhouses with four or five units attached. We obtain our funds from the National Housing Commission and it is this that gauges how many developments we build or finance.

We are conscious of the problem people are having obtaining accommodation and we are trying to do something for the people in our area" — Mr W Lourens, Assistant City Secretary for Roodepoort.

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Evaton residents fear a loss of land

By Themba Khumalo
Fears that their freehold rights might be lost are at the centre of the present residents' revolt over redevelopment plans for the black township of Evaton.

Its 1928 one-acre stands are owned freehold by blacks. While other urban black freehold owners in South Africa have been slowly stripped of their land or warned that it will be expropriated, the future of Evaton has been assured by the Government.

Even so, the landowners of Evaton feel insecure about their future and a recent meeting called by the Evaton Ratepayers' Association drew about 3 000 people who rejected a new development plan for the area.

The ratepayers want Evaton to remain as it is — an urban-rural township of solid, old homes and about 4 000 shabby shacks. On the other hand, the Evaton Community Council which was elected in 1978 in a 15 percent poll, has approved a major redevelopment plan for the area.

The plan, which will cost at least R40 million, envisages 15 000 houses in the place of 6 000 present houses and shacks, schools and several flats around the business centre.

Mr D C Ganz, chief director of the Orange Vaal Administration Board, said the plan was not compulsory and those plot owners who did not wish to redevelop their land would not be obliged to do so.

"The new plan does not compel the landowner to develop his site, but if he wishes to improve it he must adhere to the principle set out in the master plan," he said.

Mr Ganz also said the Evaton Community Council preferred to develop the area under the freehold instead of 99-year leasehold as was originally planned. This was done because of the wishes of Evaton residents, he said.

The question arising from the new plan is whether it will be able to alleviate the acute housing backlog in the area for the estimated 59 567 residents.

The second question is whether the plan will ever be implemented in view of the fact an overwhelming majority of Evaton residents have unanimously rejected it.

Their reasons were that the Evaton councillors did not call a public meeting to discuss the plan, and that terms were being imposed on them.