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Black housing to receive boost

By LEN MASEKO

BLACK housing could be in for a big boost if several multi-million rand schemes get off the ground in the new year.

The proposed schemes will be a result of increasing involvement by the private sector in solving the critical housing backlog in the townships.

Already the Soweto Council has bagged a R77-million develop-

ment plan which will go a long way towards combating the housing shortage in the area. This plan, to be sponsored by the private sector, will pave the way for the building of 2 500 and 800 flat units for lower and higher income groups respectively within the next three years.

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Another shot in the arm, if successful, may

come in the form of a R65-million loan reportedly pledged by a consortium of Dutch and South African companies. At present Soweto needs about R170-million to house its waiting list population of over 16 000.

Also in the pipeline is a multi-million rand housing scheme which is being planned by a giant German company as a "crash" programme to help solve the housing

crisis. The company, which is about to establish a branch here, is planning to build "one house a day" in the townships.

EXPERTS

Various housing experts have called for six more townships the size of Soweto to be built to meet the housing backlog;

• a machinery, through which funds for housing purposes be made avail-

able, to be established, and,

• forty-five houses a day to be built to beat the shortage.

URGED

Government officials estimate that more than R1 000-million is needed to solve the present housing shortage in black areas throughout the country. And two Government-appointed commissions — the

Steyn and Viljoen commissions — have urged the private sector to become involved in the development of urban black areas.

All in all, the New Year could see more companies clumping on the bandwagon and participating in housing projects that will provide homes for the thousands of homeless black families throughout South Africa.

Family squashed by council

By JOSHUA RABOROKO
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THE LEBELE family of Kagiso claims they have been forced to share their four-roomed house with a policeman following orders from a community councillor.

The family also claims that the councillor, Mrs E Moletsane, had earlier threatened to evict them from house number 4967 Manyane Street, if they did not obey the order.

Mr Martin Lebele told The SOWETAN that the house was registered under his mother, Rosina, who was visiting in Rustenburg and was not aware of "the scandal surrounding the house".

He was staying with his wife Thandi, their two children and his two

sisters and their children. Their rent is up to date.

Two months ago they were called to the superintendent's office where they were told that they would have to share the house with the policeman who did not have accommodation.

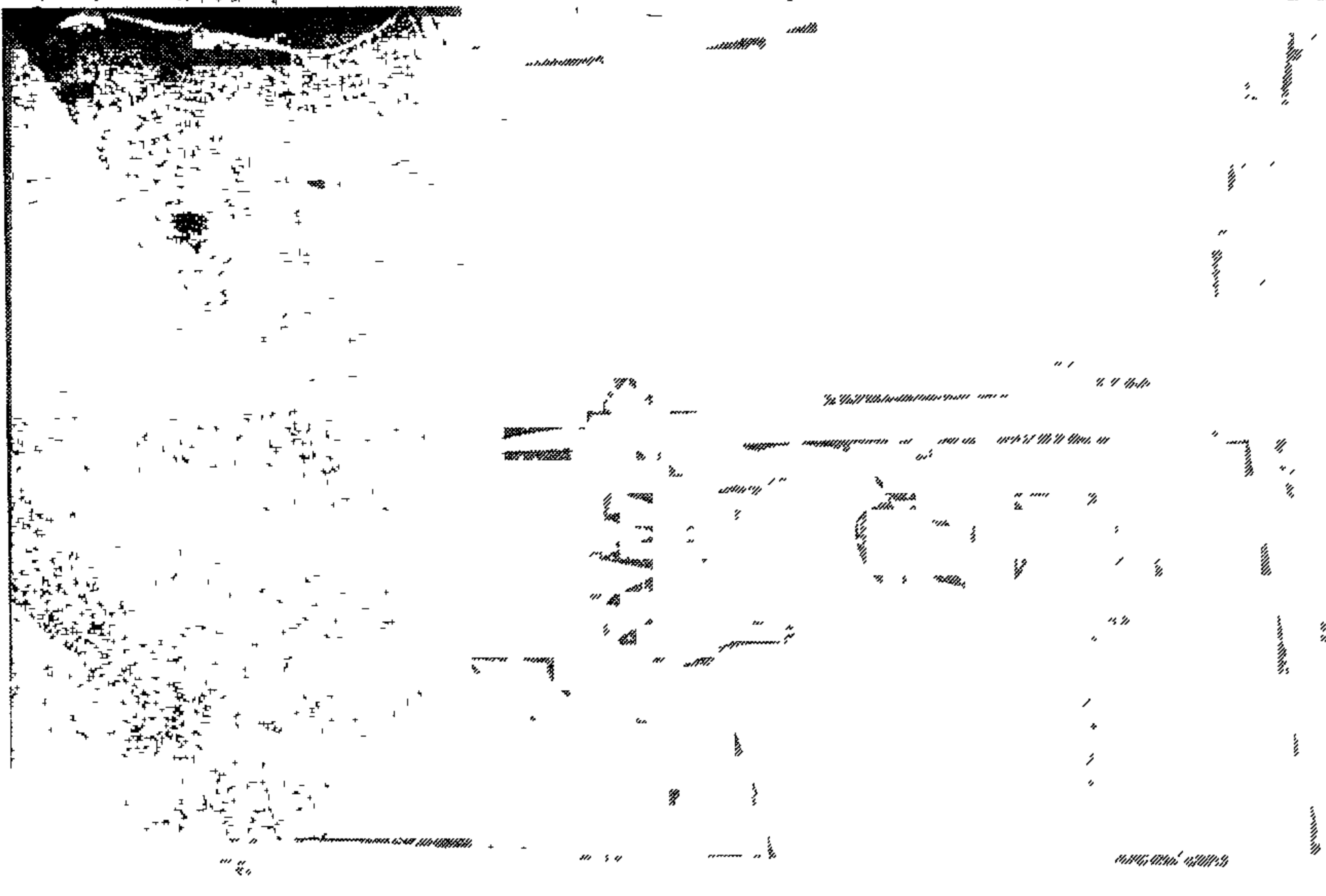
"The authorities also told me that my mother had sold the house and we must now be prepared to listen to them. Our property was then forcefully put into two rooms and a partition

was put in to divide the house," he said.

Senior township manager Mr L C Mouton said it appeared the family was having a "crisis situation" concerning accommodation.

The matter had not been reported to him and he advised them to see him immediately so that he could attend to it. He promised to investigate the circumstances leading to the partitioning of the house.

Councillor Moletsane said the family was staying in the house illegally and "if they can produce evidence that they are tenants" then she would be in a position to put the record straight.



SQUASH Mr Martin Lebele's family shares a four-roomed house with a police-

NATALSPRUIT — Katlehong Community Council is tired of being laughed at. So it has ordered its officials to throw rent debtors out of township houses.

"We're R2-million in rent arrears in Katlehong," East Rand Board executive officer Mr J Bezuidenhout told GCP after the council had voted to evict tenants owing more than three months' rent

"We have decided to use the eviction regulations because people just laugh at the council and at officials who deliver rent notices"

But the council decision — which will enable the township manager's officials to dump furniture and household goods on the pavement, even when

the tenant is away — faces stiff opposition

"These methods are inhuman," warned Councillor M J Khoah
"At times the house owner is nearby and has left a candle near a pressure stove. In addition, there might be

blankets and school books which are needed daily, locked in the house"

The council also voted that illegal shacks with site rents outstanding would be demolished — officials

By OBED MUSI

will puncture every sheet of corrugated iron to stop their re-use

The council said it would send out warning notices to default-

ters, instructing them to contact the township manager or the regional superintendent. If the defaulters have not made adequate arrangements for payment of the rent debt after three months, they will be kicked out

They're paying for the laughter

WE'LL EVICT, SAYS KATLEHONG COUNCIL

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GOVT TO go ahead with Alex housing

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

ABOUT 94 sub-economic houses will be completed in Alexandra next month in a move to reduce the housing backlog in the "dark city".

This was confirmed yesterday by the Alexandra Liaison Committee's PRO, Mr Nunka Mkhahphe, who said the scheme was part of the grand design to modernise the area.

Alexandra, one of the oldest townships in the country, has a waiting list for homes of several hundreds and the Government has set aside millions of rand toward the building of homes

there. According to Mr Mkhahphe, the houses will be completed by February 25. Thereafter, a new plan to redevelop the township would be drawn up.

In the new year, the committee was looking forward to the building of more homes, including apartments, and other recreational facilities.

The houses were part

of the first phase after the Government had promised to give Alexandra a reprieve in 1979.

Also planned in the township are:

- An old age home at the old TB settlement.
- The new Township Youth Centre.
- Recreation facilities.
- A school has been completed.

Mr Mkhahphe said the committee would considerably reduce the housing backlog this year.

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New moves in housing

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A BLACK-controlled company, has started building 52 houses in Tembisa in a step towards alleviating the acute national housing shortage.

The African Development and Construction Company, a subsidiary to African Development Construction Holdings, has more sites in Tembisa, Kwa-Thema Vosloorus Daveyton, Sebokeng and Mamelodi on which to build houses when their present schedule is completed.

Mr M Liphosa, the project development manager of the company, said that the 52 houses would be ready by late February or early March.

If all goes according to plan, we should start building more houses in the other townships in March," he said.

Early this year the company offered 400 000 shares (R1-each) to the public in an effort to raise more capital.

Mr J H Opperman, senior director of the East Rand Administration Board confirmed that the board and the company had signed an agreement giving permission to build the houses.

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SOUTH AFRICAN ALLIED WORKERS UNION (SAAWU)

Increase will cover township

**Rent hikes
cause storm
in Mamelodi**

THE MAMELODI Community Council's meeting on Wednesday rejected tariff increases of R7,50 in the township.

The meeting, which was held at the local administration board chambers, heard that the tariffs were meant to eliminate a deficit of R1472468. The tariffs were intended to be increased on April 1 by R2,50, another R2,50 in October and the last portion on April 1 next year.

Council chairman, Mr WA Aphane, appealed to councillors not to "let this opportunity of placing the council's finances on a sound foundation slip through their fingers and requested them to approve the tariffs as recommended.

"We do not want a further shortfall so the executive committee recommended the deficit be eliminated by adjusting tariffs. Additional money will be acquired during the coming financial year, leaving a deficit which

By
ALINAH DUBE

will have to be eliminated from other sources," Mr Aphane said.

Rejecting the proposal, Mr HM Pitje said it was the responsibility of the Government to look after black people and that they were not responsible for being in the township. "The black nation has been deprived of all the valuables of this country, but are often called upon in a crisis," said Mr Pitje.

Councillor Mr ZB Ndlazi, argued that tariffs were increased every year, but nothing was being done to improve the township. He said rents increased by R16 last year.

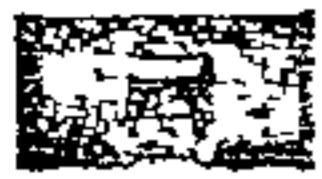
"What happened to the money we were told

was for the tarring of the streets? The community is still faced with the same problems they had before the regular increment of rents said to have been meant for the development of Mamelodi."

Councillors argued that the council had no right to increase rents in terms of the Community Council's Act was concerned. They said the Government should subsidise community projects.

Mr Alex Kekana said it was impossible to run the township when no money was brought in to help with the running of the affairs. He said he was tired of having to be involved in the planning of financial matters only to be overruled.

Mr Kekana said he was resigning as a member of the financial committee and was supported by councillor HF Nkoana, who also announced his resignation.



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Big black housing sale likely

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The government is expected to announce soon that it has agreed in principle to the mass sale of existing Administration Board housing to black tenants

Mr Peter Richardson, president of the Association of Building Societies, told a press lunch last week "We do not know officially, but we understand that it has been approved

"The matter has been with the cabinet for 15 months and we are just waiting announcement of a decision in principle"

Asked to comment, Mr P D McEnery Deputy Director-General of Community Development, said the government was "giving attention" to the sale of rented accommodation to tenants, not only of black housing

but also of white coloured and Indian rented accommodation

The matter had not yet been finalized and any announcements would come from the Ministers of Community Development and of Co-operation and Development.

Mr McEnery pointed out that after the recommendations of the 1981 Viljoen Committee into Soweto's housing crisis had been accepted in principle by the cabinet, Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, had said steps would be taken to sell existing housing stock in urban areas to black residents

Coloured tenants have already been given an option by the Johannesburg municipality to buy their houses — or face a steep increase in rent

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Residents told to paint walls

MIR J J OOSTHUIZEN, the director of housing in Soweto, has advised Tshawelo Extension residents to plaster and paint the insides of their houses as well as rough-cast the outside walls if they do not want to see what appears to be cracks in the walls.

He told The SOWETAN that some people were mistaking joints between the face-bricks for cracks. He said experts had checked the foundations of the houses and found there was nothing wrong with them.

However, he promised that whatever defects were found with them they would be fixed by the contractors because the houses were still under guarantee.

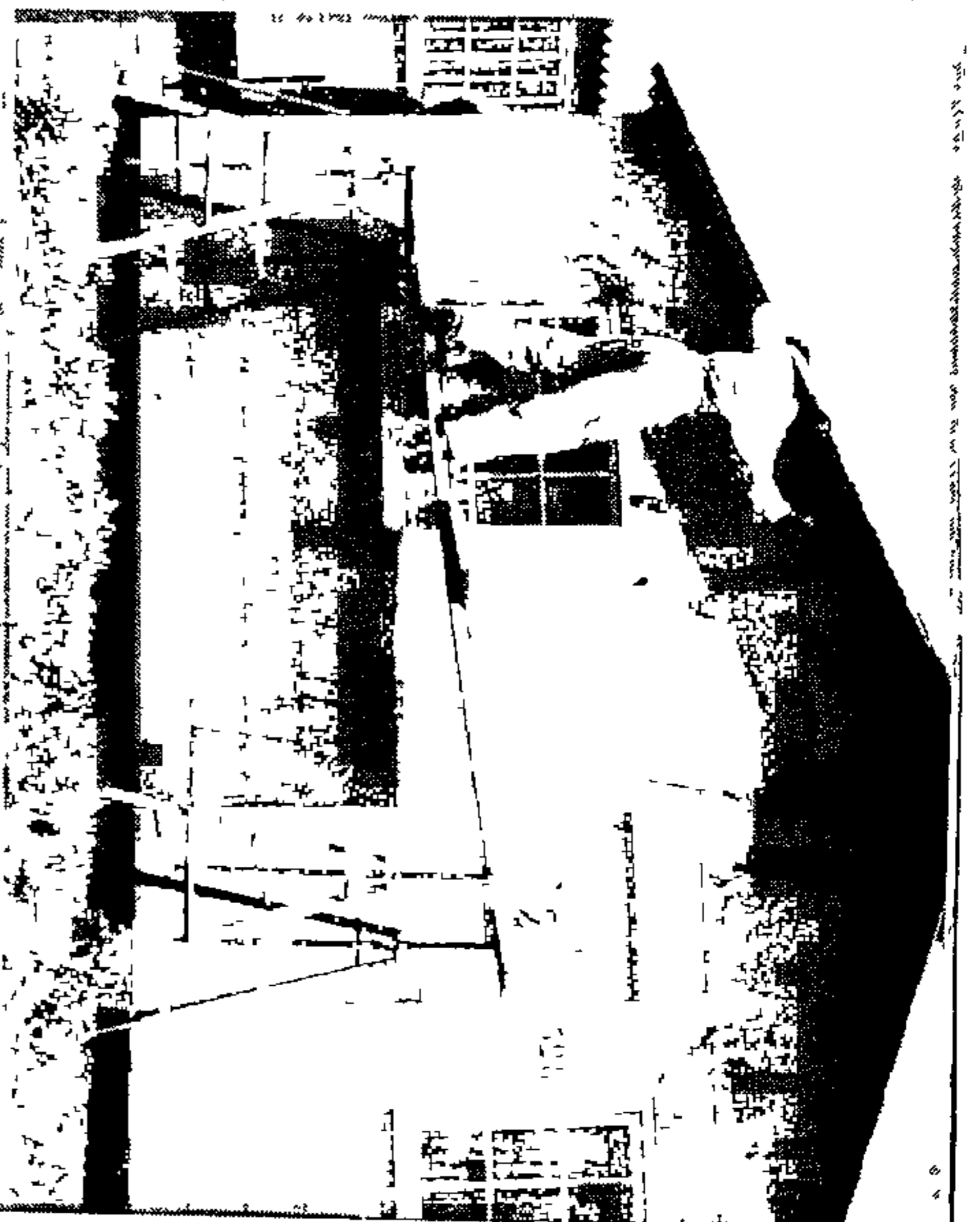
He also said the houses were not plastered to save on costs. He said if that had been done, the houses would have cost more which meant the rent would have doubled. They were leaving it to the residents to improve them, which would indirectly constitute a "big saving for them".

About two weeks back, the roofs of at least four houses were blown off by the wind. Residents complained that the houses were "weakly built" considering that they were hardly a year old.

They were also angry that they were paying a high monthly rental of R145 when the houses had cracks in the walls which made them fear for their safety.

Their spokesman Mr Sain Matome, was reported as saying a newly formed committee was to send a delegation with a petition to the Soweto Council and Wraib.

Asked about the petition, Mr Oosthuizen said he did not know anything about it.



DAMAGE: A workman repairing of the houses which was recently affected when wind blew roofs off some houses in Chiawelo Extension.

More ¹²⁷land for Indian houses

JOHANNESBURG — Large tracts of state-owned land are to be offered for sale to Indians in the Eastern Cape

zabeth and Cape Town, for example, and a couple of farms on the outskirts of Pietermaritzburg

The deputy director-general of the Department of Community Development (DCD), Mr Patrick McEnery, said the land would be sold to municipalities, developers and individuals "later this year"

He would not hazard an estimate of how much ground would be sold off "There are large tracts in Port Eli-

"Some of the ground is inside municipal boundaries, some of it serviced, some without services Some of it was set aside for schools for which there is no longer a need Not all of it is for housing, although we will concentrate on the sale of land which can be used for this"

The department has extended the Group Areas Act south of Lenasia near Johan-



Happiness is a home of your own,

nesburg to provide for future Indian housing needs, Mr McEnery said

Some of the land may

HOMEFRONT

be offered to private developers, rather than hold it for the DCD which, because of the shortage of funds, could only develop a small portion annually

This follows the recent announcement by the Minister of Community Development that the state would sell off much of its land to private enterprise

for housing and other development

The amount of ground made available for sale will depend on the results of a country-wide survey undertaken by the DCD The final report is due at the end of this month

"Then we have to decide how we will sell it, and how soon," Mr McEnery told Homefront — DDC

City council accused of 'financial bungle'

By JEANETTE MINNIE

COLOURED residents of Riverlea Extension 2 have accused the Johannesburg City Council Housing Department of "financially mis-managing" the purchase of their homes from the council

The accusation, made by the Riverlea Ext 2 Action Committee, centres around a "miscalculation" by the department — residents claim they are paying 14,75% interest on loans from the department instead of 9% as specified on the deed of sale

The director of the department, Mr Thys Wilsnach, has denied the charge "The rate of interest is 9% and the deposit and instalments on every house have been calculated by the City Treasurer"

Committee members told the Mail that as many as 250 tenants were affected by the "incorrect calculation" Their accountants had confirmed the error, and their legal advisers had indicated that a case of "breach of contract" could be made out against the council

A committee member said "Some clauses are totally unacceptable — people have been bulldozed into signing them"

The action committee claims

- The department allowed tenants to see the council's deed for the first time when they applied for the loans,

- Tenants were expected to sign the deed immediately;
- Officials did not explain the deed, or
- Told tenants they did not have time to allow them to read the deed because there were too many people waiting to be seen — most people were granted 20 minutes to read and sign the deed, and
- Many people signed because they feared they would lose their houses

Mr Wilsnach said residents had been offered half-hour appointments with housing officials — he regarded the committee's allegations as "nonsense"

Residents are also angry about clauses in the deed which, they say, "practically hold us to ransom" Some of the "unacceptable" clauses are

- The area has a history of mining ac-

tivity, and the council is not liable for any mine-related damage to houses,

- Tenants must pay an annual insurance premium but there is no proof that a policy actually exists — and the council may pay out insurance claims at its own discretion, and

- Breakdowns such as geyser failures will be repaired by the council but the expense will be borne by the owner — by adding it on to the selling price, which includes interest

The action committee has now drawn up an alternative deed of sale and will seek an interview with department officials to give them the alternative deed So far officials have refused to meet them

They also plan to hold mass meetings to keep residents up to date with developments and to provide a united front for the expression of their grievances

But yesterday Mr Wilsnach refused to meet the action committee Residents should channel their complaints through their official representatives on the coloured management committee, he said

'Don't pay for house until sealed'

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THE WEST Rand Administration (Wrab) has warned prospective home owners against falling into the trap of paying out money to buy houses from private owners without the sale being approved first by community councils and Wrab.

The warning comes after a Soweto man, Mr Jerry Moyo, was reported to have lost about R8 000 to a man who promised to sell him a house which later turned out to be Soweto Council property over which the seller had no authority.

After the deal was bungled, Mr Moyo experienced difficulties in getting a refund as a cheque given him as a refund "bounced" at the bank.

Mr T J Genis, Wrab's chief estate officer, yesterday told **The SOWETAN** that people were free to make deals about sales of their houses among themselves, "but no money must be paid out until the board has clinched the deal in writing and the house has been registered in the name of the new owner."

He said whenever there was an intention to buy and to sell a house between two parties, the first person to be contacted about this intention was the local town-

ship manager

Appropriate documentation would be filled in by the township manager if the sale was approved when matters such as the ownership, the rights of the prospective buyer and how he is to finance the house have been cleared.

"The documents will then be forwarded to us here in New Canada and after we have satisfied ourselves with everything concerning the two parties' rights to sell and to buy the house, an agreement is made by us in writing.

"The agreement will first transfer the ownership of the house to the buyer and thereafter money can start exchanging hands if the house is bought for cash.

"The same applies even when the buying of the house is financed by the board or a building society, money is paid out only after all the legal documentation has been worked out and sealed," he said.

Migrant hostels again under fire

Stan Municipal Reporter 26/1/83

The Johannesburg City Council should tell the Government of its dissatisfaction with the migratory labour system which had forced thousands of people to live in single hostels, said Mrs Janet Levine (Progressive Federal Party, Norwood)

"It is disgraceful that we are faced with the horrendous outcome of this system, and the council must accept its responsibility to its migratory employees who are living in hopelessly inadequate barracks"

On hostel accommodation in Alexandra for council employees, she said it was too easy to forget the abhorrent aspects of compound life, which had been structured by the National Party

"As an employer of 14 000 migrant labourers, the council has a responsibility to provide the best housing it can in an iniquitous system"

She said it was imperative that the council embark on an experimental project to house migrant workers in a communal-type setting where small groups of people can share facilities such as kitchens and bathrooms.

Mr Les Dishy (PFP, Sydenham) said that although hostels in Alexandra were modern, they were unpleasant because they were stark and did not offer a real home to the inmates

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Francois Oberholzer, said that if the council were to house its migrant labourers in "family life" accommodation, it would have to build a town as large as Lenasia

The council was struggling to find additional land to house the city's growing coloured community, he said, and asked how it could raise the billions of rands which would be needed to abolish the migratory labour system

The council had already identified 1 300 posts which in future would be filled by women from Soweto and not migratory labourers, he added



THEBEHALI: Waiting for new plans.

7 months wait for homes in Soweto

PROSPECTIVE Soweto home owners hoping to get sites on which to build their houses this year will have to wait for another seven months as there are no sites available at the moment.

According to a notice pasted to the door of the West Rand Administration Board's (Wrab) offices in New Canada where sites are allocated, sites will become available again in August

A Wrab spokesman who would not be quoted told **The SOWETAN** that work had reached an advanced stage in Diepkloof Extension where services were being installed in

readiness for the allocation of sites

The spokesman said there would be altogether 537 sites whose allocations would be discussed with officials of the community council concerned.

In Dobsonville Extension services are presently being installed on 1 200 sites that will be ready for allocation later in the year, and depending on the availability of funds, 320 houses and 280 flats will be built in Alexandra later this year

The chairman of the Soweto Council, Mr David Thebehali, said a layout plan for Protea North and Protea South is being worked on

Chairman calls for swift action

Lease-hold exploitation

By MONK NKOMO

THE SOUTH African Government was responsible for the exploitation of many blacks who were defrauded of thousands of rands by certain private companies which promised them leasehold properties, Mr Joseph Tshabalala, chairman of the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Community Council said yesterday.

At the council's first monthly meeting this year Mr Tshabalala launched a scathing attack on the Government for their "ignorance in alleviating the acute housing shortage in black areas".

His attack followed a recent letter from the director-general of the Department of Co-operation and Development in which he stated that blacks interested in leasehold properties were being exploited.

The letter, addressed to the local commissioner states: "Reports have been received to the effect that blacks interested in leasehold property or houses are unfortunately being exploited by certain private concerns which profess to be able to acquire such rights for them

"It would appear that these blacks lose large



EXPLOIT: Mr Joe Tshabalala accused companies and the Government.

sums of money which they have deposited because the concerns with which the deposits were made and the negotiations which were undertaken, are unable to fulfil their obligations.

"It would be appreciated if you could, with the aid of the administration board and community council in your area, warn prospective buyers of leasehold rights and houses to be on the alert and that it is in the interests of the buyers, that they approach the administration board for advice."

The Government, Mr

Tshabalala said, had implemented the "group system" of the Group Areas Act and was "squarely responsible for the defrauding of thousands of rands on blacks by whites. These people are lured into accepting the offers from these unscrupulous companies because the Government is doing nothing to alleviate the acute housing shortage in black areas," he said.

The council unanimously resolved that known cases where people were being exploited be referred to the police.

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CIVIC ASSOCIATION ORLANDO EAST FOR PENSIONERS

Give them free houses

THE Orlando Civic Association is to call on the Soweto Council to consider giving the Orlando East houses free of charge to their occupants, most of whom are pensioners who have lived in the houses for more than 30 years.

The chairman of the OCA, Mr S S Ngakane said the issue would be raised at a public meeting to be held at the NG

Kerk in Orlando East on Sunday, January 30 at 1 30 pm

Mr Ngakane said the houses in Orlando East were built before World War II and that they were so old that the area had been turned into a slum. The costs of building were so low at the time that no losses could be incurred if the houses were given away for free.

"We appreciate the fact that some amount of pride will be instilled among residents if they can buy their homes and be assured of some form of permanance *but there are a number of factors that have to be taken into consideration before asking people to buy

"There are people who were the first to take occupation of these

houses when they were built in 1931. These people have been paying rent for their houses since then.

"Is it not possible for the council to seriously consider allowing these people to own those houses without having to buy them because there is very little left of Orlando East that can be said to be worth buying

"Besides, the pensioners are poor and they cannot afford the costs, no matter how low the prices can be brought down. Few of them can afford the rentals which seem to be going up daily," said Mr Ngakane.

He added that he was particularly interested in seeing members of the Sofasonke Party at the meeting.

Boksburg riot: council rejects HSRC finding

By Erik Larsen,
East Rand Bureau
Boksburg Town Council has given the thumbs down to the recent findings of the Human Sciences Research Council investigation that the Reiger Park riots were sparked-off by a critical housing shortage

At its monthly meeting last night, the town council said it could not agree with the conclusions reached by the two HSRC investigators, Mr D W Schutte and Mr M J van Wyk

The researchers found that the 1981 riots were caused by a serious housing shortage and an ineffective communications system between Reiger Park and the Boksburg Town Council

"If racial strife had been at the root of the riot, the consulting rooms of an Indian doctor and a shop owned by a Chinese family would also have been plundered," said the report

They rejected racial unrest asking a factor Boksburg town council

disagrees that poor communication existed between itself and Reiger Park

The town council points out that the reason why the Indian doctor's consulting rooms and the Chinese's shop were not plundered, was because the Chinese family did not represent a threat to the coloureds and the local community had always had a good relationship with the Indian doctor

In their conclusions the HSRC investigators made no mention of pamphlets, distributed by school-children

The town council claims that these pamphlets were the start of the riots, and it can see no connection between the pamphlets and the housing shortage in Reiger Park, which the investigators claim caused the riots

The town council recommended last night that

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The town secretary compile a quarterly newsletter informing Reiger Park residents of the problems facing the town council regarding housing
- The town engineer replans the township's single quarters so that these dwelling units, which are an eyesore, can be demolished and the land made available for further housing and,
- The town engineer develops the three-cornered piece of ground adjacent to Reiger Park in preparation for private housing development

Moves to reduce housing shortfall

East Rand Bureau

Boksburg Town Council is to give urgent attention to the chronic housing shortage in Reiger Park, management committee chairman Mr Issy Kramer said last night

At the monthly council meeting, he said the council was well aware of the housing shortage in the coloured township, but its major stumbling block in alleviating it was lack of finance

Mr Kramer said the town council, in conjunction with the Department of Community Development, was presently constructing 52 houses in Reiger Park

It had also applied to the Department of Community Development for a loan of R1,3 million to build a further 52 dwelling units

He said that the Department of Community Development was going ahead with the Development of Delmore, a white Boksburg suburb which was recently declared a coloured group area

This would mean between 3 500 and 4 000 more dwelling units

Mr Kramer also announced that the management committees of Boksburg and Reiger Park would be meeting to try and find solutions to the housing problem

Town councillors agreed to the establishment of a special committee to deal with housing in the township

This will comprise two councillors from Boksburg, two coloured management committee members, and Boksburg's town clerk, town secretary, town engineer and the head of the health department

Private sector to fund houses

By MONK NKOMO

A TOTAL of 67 modern houses, with prices ranging between R15 000 and R24 000, are to be built by a private company in an effort to alleviate the housing backlog in Atteridgeville/Saulsville where the official waiting list for housing yesterday stood at about 1 500.

A spokesman for the local community council, Mr Sol Rammala, said the company, S M Goldstein, had informed them that they had received a number of applications from local residents who wanted to buy their present houses which were being in Semanya Streets sold at between R24 000 and R31 000. He said that 67 more houses would also be built along the same street. Mr Rammala, who heads the administrative branch of the council, also urged residents who qualified under the old 30 years scheme and the 99 year leasehold scheme to apply for loans which were repayable over 10 to 15 years.

Mr Rammala also told The SOWETAN that the surveying of the 540 sites in the area near the local cemetery and the Kalafong Hospital had been completed and the council was waiting for the final approval of the Surveyor-General.

Asked if residents could buy their existing houses, Mr Rammala said only those who qualified under Section 10A could pay R1 600 or R1 700 for three and four-roomed houses respectively.

Nigel rentals due to go up

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM

HOUSE RENTALS are to go up by R1.60 in Duduza township near Nigel as from April 1.

This was confirmed yesterday by the chairman of the community council, Mr Johny Mokoto, who said that the R1 would go toward the provision of services and 60 cents toward the building of a library in the township.

The rent increase, announced by letter sent to the council, has already met with condemnation from residents.

However, Mr Mokoto said the council was not consulted by the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) on the matter and as a result he intended calling a meeting of the residents at the local hall on Sunday.

He said a series of meetings had been held on the matter between the council and Erab, but as far as he was concerned no decision was made.

Residents in the township are still using the old night soil bucket system and communal water taps which are found at every street corner. The board had to abandon their sewerage project after residents refused to pay these increases, stating that they were only prepared to pay for the usage of sewerage and not for its installation.

Last November, rents in the township were supposed to increase by R9, and a further R6 in April this year and another R7 30 in September, in order that the board should start with the sewerage system.

Duduza residents pay R22.55 rent a month, Mr Alexandra "The Great" Montoedi, chairman of the Duduza Civic Association, condemned the board for increasing rents without consulting residents. He said services provided by the board in the township were "very poor" and until such time that these services were improved, there was no need for the board to increase rents.

TOMORROW, THEY'RE OUT ON THE STREET

The number is up for these luckless Kliptown families

TOMORROW over sixty black families from Kliptown's Firstgate will join the growing ranks of the homeless. There will be no reprieve. They're out in the cold and the bulldozers will be moving in.

of the numbers game. It is played by officials, who a year ago painted numbers on the houses at Firstgate. For coloureds the numbers mean a move to another part of Soweto. For black residents it means being kicked out — into the

street. Now numbers are being painted on houses across the road and less than one kilometre away, at Tamathevele. Here, a white Wrab official and two black assistants go ahead with their work. And the residents of this small precinct

of Kliptown know that their number is coming up too. Many at Firstgate have been living there for a decade or more. Take the case of Miss Rose Makubo. It's a slum, it's squalid, but it was home. She told GCP: "Last April, Wrab came to

our home and painted a number on the door. The man in charge asked me to ask him why this was being done. "So I asked him, and was told that we were to be given new accommodation. "This was a lie. The very same evening pass rads commented and we have been harassed by Wrab officials since. "Then, in January of this year," Mrs Makubo said, "we were given notice to leave. But no alternative accommodation was offered. "We have to be out by Monday or stand by and watch our homes destroyed."



The people of Firstgate are living in fear. Their pitifully small collection of belongings and pieces of furniture are packed ready to go. But to go where? And in Tamathevele the residents also wait. Time is running out for the blacks. The future for coloured residents looks only a little brighter.

Rose Makubo with her youngest daughter. On the step with her is Mrs Lillian Nyembe. They sit and wait, they don't know where they are going to live after tomorrow's eviction. Behind, a friend — who declined to give her name — sits stunned.

Miss Rose Makubo, her belongings packed, waits for Monday to arrive. She doesn't know where she will go next and she is sure that Wrab doesn't know either.

80 000 township houses may soon go on sale

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SOWETO may soon see a large-scale sale of about 80 000 'match-box' houses — at a quarter value of their market price. However, because half of these houses are semi-detached, the owners will have to wait few more months while the West Rand Administration Board and the community councils negotiate with the Government for the introduction of sectional title in black areas.

Chairman of the board, Mr John Knoetze, said about R12-million of the money raised in selling the houses would be re-invested in housing.

"Some of the money will be paid back to the Department of Community Development, which helped with money to build Soweto," Mr Knoetze said.

Mr Knoetze's announcement comes at a time when a committee under Mr Danie Steyn, Minister of Education and Training, is considering the financial proposals of the Viljoen Report on Soweto housing which was tabled in Parliament in 1981.

The basic proposals of the Viljoen Report were that the Soweto houses be sold at cost.

The actual prices of the houses have not

been finally determined but may be in the region of R1 200 for four-roomed houses. The two-roomed houses in Orlando East will cost less.

The market price of the houses is estimated at R6 000 each. Pensioners and other people in the lower-income groups will pay very low prices for the houses.

Mr Knoetze said that within the next four years about 14 000 houses would be built in Soweto.

Since 1980 more than 6 000 plans at a cost of R45,2-million have been approved under

the 99-year leasehold scheme.

Mr Knoetze said more houses were under construction in Diepkloof Extension, Alexandra Township, Kagiso and other townships under the board. Over 400 flats were also being built at Jabulani.

Negotiations were going on between the Soweto council and private companies for the development of 2 000 sites.

The number of houses on sale represents 75% of the 105 000 Soweto houses. The other 25% have been sold since the introduction of the 99-year leasehold scheme in 1978.

Soweto housing backlog: names removed from list

By Michael Tissong
Families which applied for housing in Soweto in 1970 and earlier and could not be traced to update the official waiting list, have been omitted from the list of more than 16 000 applications.

Adding to this, the Soweto Council has still not caught up with the backlog of more than 900 housing applications made prior to 1973 because of a policy that houses are allocated on a priority basis rather than when the applications were made.

In the 12 years from 1970 to the end of last year there were 16 334 applica-

tions on the official waiting list for houses.

At a meeting of the Soweto Council on Thursday it was heard that the particulars of the people omitted from the waiting list had been retained in the event of them being contacted at a later date.

The council recommended that the 916 applications made before 1973 be seen to immediately. The first six of every 10 vacant houses will be allocated directly to higher-on-the-list applicants by the Director of Townships.

Previously the priority system has resulted in waiting lists being ignored.

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

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 †4 Mr W L VAN DER MERWE asked
 the Minister of Co-operation and Development †

- (1) Whether he recently gave permission for the erection of a compound on the farm Blesbokspruit in the Vereninging district, if so, (a) who is the owner of the farm and (b) for the settlement of how many persons is provision being made in this compound,
- (2) whether he consulted the (a) Community Council of Sebokeng, (b) Transvaal board for the Development of Peri-Urban Areas and (c) Administration Board Vaal Triangle Area in this connection, if not, why not, if so what advice was he given by each of these bodies,
- (3) whether alternative accommodation for the persons concerned was available (a) in Sebokeng and (b) elsewhere, if so, (i) what accommodation and (ii) where is it situated?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION

- (1) Approval for the erection of the compound was given by the Chief Commissioner, Bloemfontein in terms of Regulation 2 of Chapter VII of the Black Labour Regulations as promulgated in general notice R 1892 of 1965

(a) Mr B Shapiro

(b) 300 persons

- (2) (a) No It is not required by law

(b) No It does not fall within the

area of jurisdiction of that Board

(c) Yes No accommodation is available in the Administration Board's hostels

(3) (a) No

(b) No

(i) and (ii) Fall away

Note A site is available in the Sebokeng Black Township if the employer is prepared to erect permanent accommodation and to cede the buildings to the Administration Board. The cost of the buildings will amount to R300 000 but will be required by the employer for 18 months only.

The employer is not prepared and cannot be expected to invest such an amount in permanent accommodation and amenities which he will not be able to remove after completion of his contract. On the farm Blesbokspruit temporary structures only will be erected and will be removed at the expiry of the contract.

†Mr W L VAN DER MERWE Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, could he tell us whether he is giving favourable consideration to the representations of the farmer's association and district agricultural union concerned?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, no representations in this regard have been made to me [Interjections]

Another rent hike hits West Rand

IT'S NOW official — rent went up on the West Rand as from yesterday (February 1) while in Soweto authorities are still awaiting ministerial approval to increase their rates.

The increased tariffs on the West Rand follow widespread speculation toward the end of last year when residents were informed that 100 percent hikes were on the way.

According to Mr Alex Rabie, director of public services for the West Rand Board, tariff hikes for Kagiso, Mohlakeng, Munsieville and Bekkersdal have received ministerial approval and rates have been promulgated in the Government Gazette of January 28.

The increases have been divided in two stages, one effective from February 1 and the other from April 1.

Mr Rabie could not provide the new tariffs, saying the authorities were still working on the figures. Notices would be sent to residents informing them how much they would have to pay from February 1.

It is believed the new rates on the West Rand would go up from R14 to R21, to be introduced in the two stages.

Mr Rabie said more information about the rates would be made available to the Press today.

In Soweto, authorities were still awaiting ap-

proval from the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to increase rents in the area. There are rumours that Soweto rents might go up only from March.

Chairman of the Soweto Council, Mr David Thebehali, however, confirmed yesterday that water tariffs had gone up by R1,50 as from February 1.

Rents on the West Rand were initially supposed to go up during October last year, but were suspended pending approval by Dr Koornhof.

Still to be approved are the increases in Dobsonville and Diepmeadow. It is believed these would go together with the Soweto hikes.

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Hooray! Betec pioneers a big, big breakthrough

A SMALL but highly significant housing development has just been completed by Barlows Eastern Tvl Equipment Company (Betec) in Middelburg's Mhluzi township.

The six smart, face-brick and tiled-roof houses are important because they were built for key black employees whom the company wanted to bring to their new Middelburg factory from other areas.

This kind of move for blacks was made possible after regulations were passed in 1980 to implement the recommendation by the Rieker Commission that people with Section 10 rights should be allowed to move from one urban area to another if they had a firm offer of a job.

But if the theory is there, the practice certainly is not.

Here was a whole new ball game, and neither the workers nor the local administration officials were sure how to play it.

But soon everyone — from the Department of Co-operation and Development in Pretoria down — was leaning over backwards to get the move to Middelburg through ... and by last Friday all six employees were in their new homes.

General Manager Mr Garth Dungan told HOMEFRONT that, once it was decided to open in Middelburg, it was also accepted that all key people would have to be imported.

Starting a new company in an established area — and it is the coal mines who are Barlows' earth-moving equipment customers — means having expertise available the day the doors open for business.

"The only way to get the experienced white employee to come to Middelburg was to offer him a house, so we built 67 houses for our whites, from management level down.

"But we also needed at least six key black employees for responsible positions ... store supervisors, counter partsmen and pickers and binners



REPORT and PICTURES by LIN MENGE



GARTH DUNGAN
General Manager

"To get them to move, we would have to supply them with housing as well. And not just housing, but home ownership

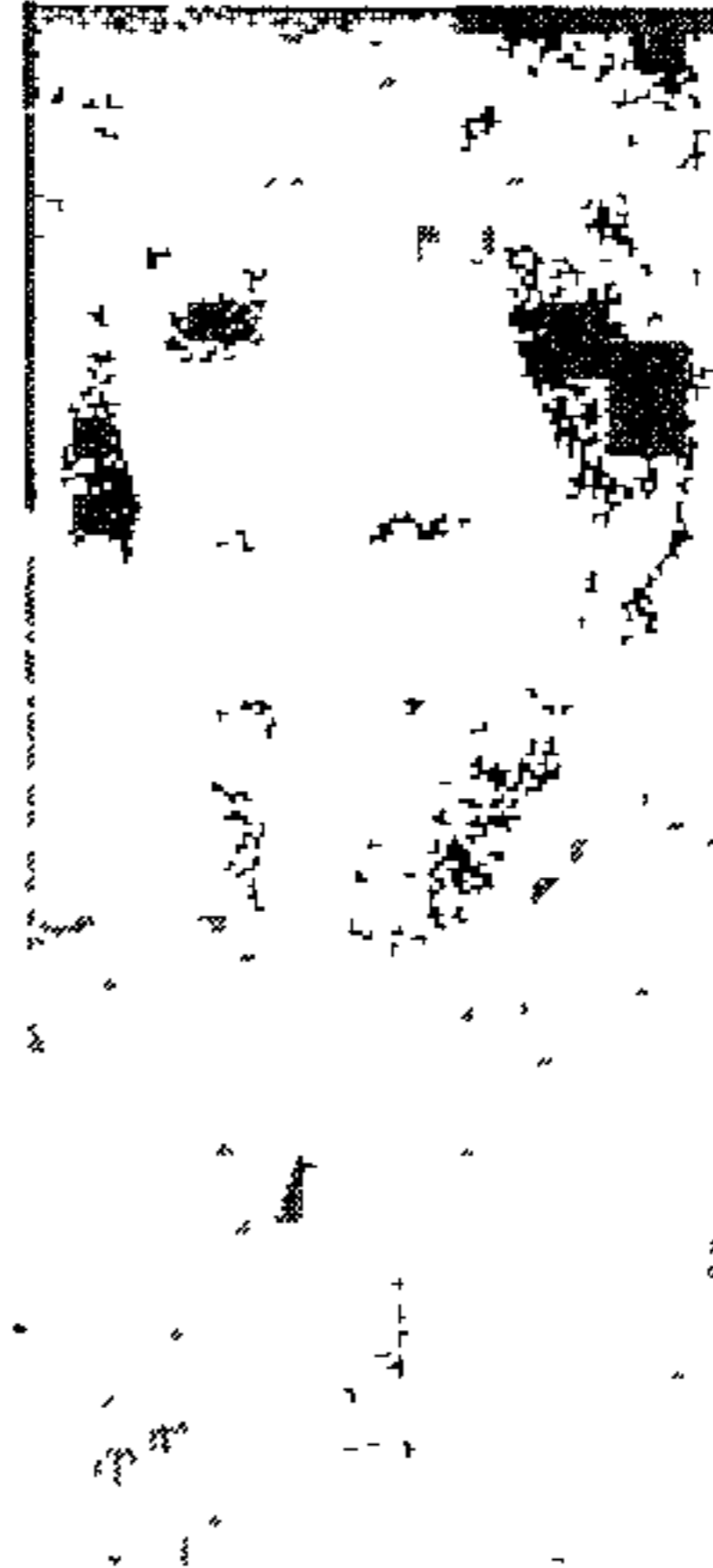
"This is where I feel we have a social responsibility," Mr Dungan said.

"It's dead easy to give anybody a subsidised house, but after 20 years what has he to show for it? So we offered these workers a scheme by which they could own their homes in Middelburg"

To this end the Section 10 rights of the workers were transferred to Middelburg. They can still move back to Pretoria if they wish, and to give them added security the company helped them buy their existing Pretoria homes, which they now sublet.

This was to be the first home-ownership on 99-year leasehold outside Witbank, so it was first necessary to survey the stands.

But the Highveld Admini-



DAWID van GRAAN
Personnel Manager

stration Board did so within the first week of the company's application for leasehold being accepted.

The company itself obtained the right of leasehold in terms of the Urban Areas Act, which now allows a "non-black" employer or developer to qualify for 99-year leasehold in a black area for two years after stands have been allocated.

This was so that the company could get on and build. Their employees, who have had to raise the 5% deposit needed before they can obtain building society bonds, should be able to take transfer of the properties by early March.

The building society agreed at short notice to make bonds available, and a local building contractor — who had put up Betec's houses for white workers — offered to erect the six houses in Mhluzi at cost.

The administration board provided the stands, but the

company paid for the surveying and installed electric cables. The finished, three-bedroomed 100 square metre houses — including R1 500 for services — cost R20 500.

"If other black workers approach us for houses, and they qualify in terms of service with the company, we will try to help them," Mr Dungan said.

Their local workers live either in hostels or in board-built township houses.

All transferred employees, black and white, had their belongings transported free and were given curtain and carpet allowances and expenses to cover the change of schooling. Working wives were helped to find a change of job.

Barlow Rand policy is to pay the rate for the job, irrespective of race. This puts men like the six imported from Pretoria into the big league, says Mr Dungan, where they have to face up to the heavy financial obligations of home ownership, such as proper insurance cover.

Not for them the R3-R4 000 four-roomed houses being erected by the board in the dilapidated old township.

The six families have had only three months in which to raise the deposits on their homes. But they have managed it. They have also acquired some furniture and started flower beds and lawns.

HOMEFRONT visited a couple of houses unannounced, to find the housewives cleaning and polishing with obvious joy and pride. The building society value of the newly completed houses is already R24 000.

Mr Dawid van Graan, the personnel manager, said that to help these home-owners obtain 95% bonds instead of the usual 80%, Barlow Rand guaranteed the 15% difference.

Repayments are by way of a progressive annuity, which means the company meets the difference between what the home-owner needs to pay and what he can afford to pay in terms of the building society's 25% rule.

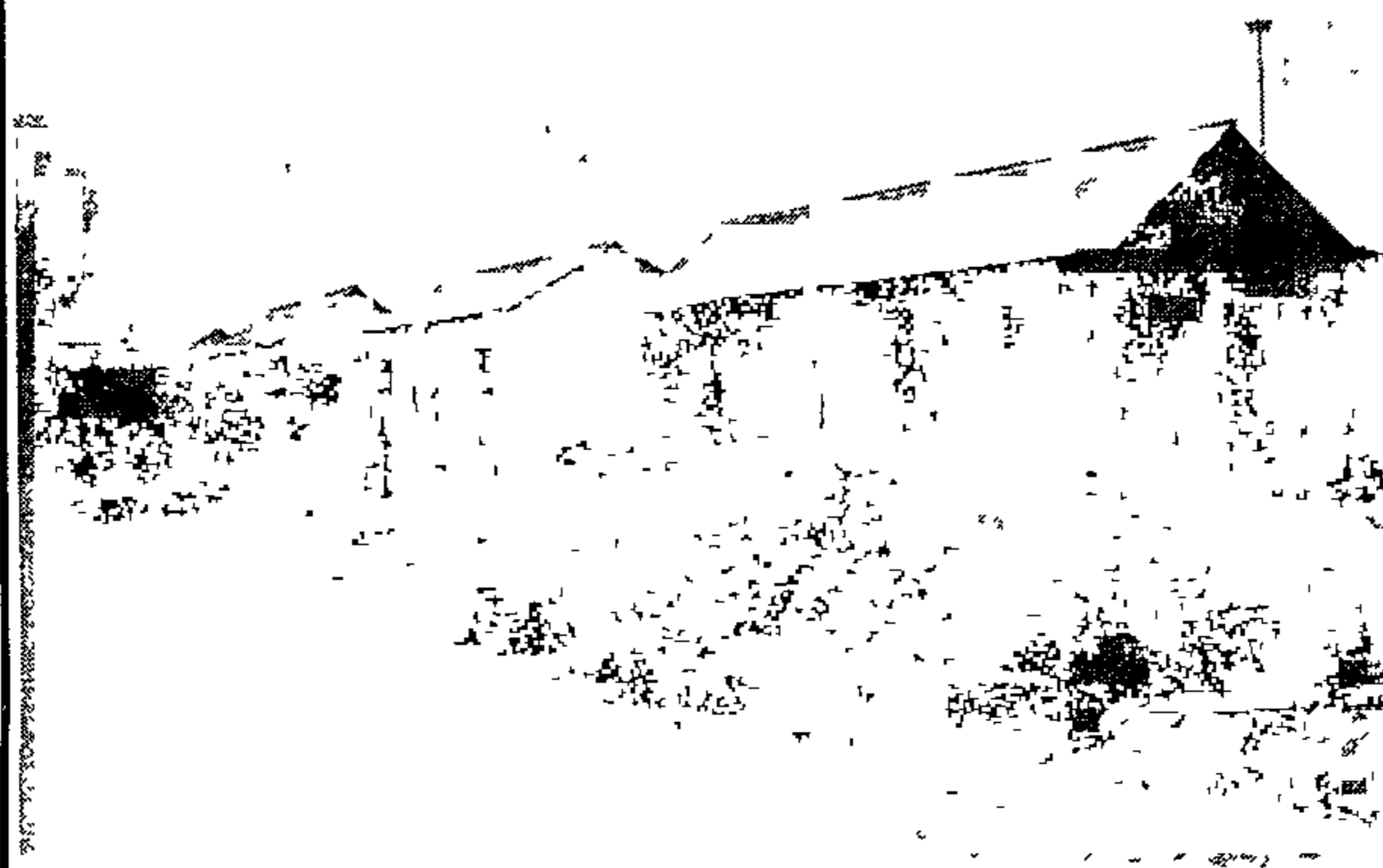
Repayment to the company will take no more than five years, and the fact that they have been given housing does not bind these employees to the company.

The repayment scheme is similar to that pioneered by Wrightech (HOMEFRONT November 29). Betec employees were also taken to Daveyton to see the Wrightech housing scheme, so they would have some idea of what to expect.

Counter parts man, Mr Wally Nkambule, said his wife was so upset at the prospect of moving from Soshanguve that she couldn't eat.

Even he did not believe things would work out the way they have because of the difficulty blacks have in moving.

"But the promises they made us have all be met," he said "The houses are nice and big and cheap, really, for what we are getting. There is more room for the kids and my wife is very happy now."



Much of the housing in Mhluzi township is old like this

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A window cleaner shines up the back entrance of one of Betec's new houses for their top black employees in Mhuzi township



Mrs Gusta Nkambule in front of her new home

Johannesburg's director of housing called in John Vorster Square police today when a delegation from three coloured townships forced its way into his office to present him with a petition and grievances about living conditions

Director Mr M P Wilsnach, at first refused to speak to the delegation, the Co-ordinating Residents' Action Committee (Crac) He said they should channel their grievances through the Coloured Management Committee

The 15 people, who said they represented residents of Newclare, Western Township and Eldorado Park, refused to channel their grievances through the CMC because they claimed it did not represent the interests of the people in the townships

Police called as 15 ^{(127) stau} accost ^{2/2/83} housing chief

They told Mr Wilsnach and two officials of the housing department, Mr H Kriel and Mr S Cerqueiro, they were tired of the "ineffective body which made recommendations but had no powers to implement the recommendations"

An angry Mr Wilsnach refused to discuss matters with a "clandestine organisation"

"You must put your problems through the Coloured Management Committee It will put

the problems on an agenda and handle them accordingly Speak to Mr (Ralph) Peffer and the CMC — they are your representatives," he insisted

A member of Crac said CMC members were puppets "They do not serve our community. They serve themselves, their families and friends They were not elected by the coloured community

"We have come here as a community, to act as a

community — for you to listen and handle our community problems," Mr Wilsnach was told

He eventually accepted the petition and promised he would arrange a meeting among himself, the CMC and the Crac on February 16

Crac left soon after Mr Wilsnach called the police But they told him

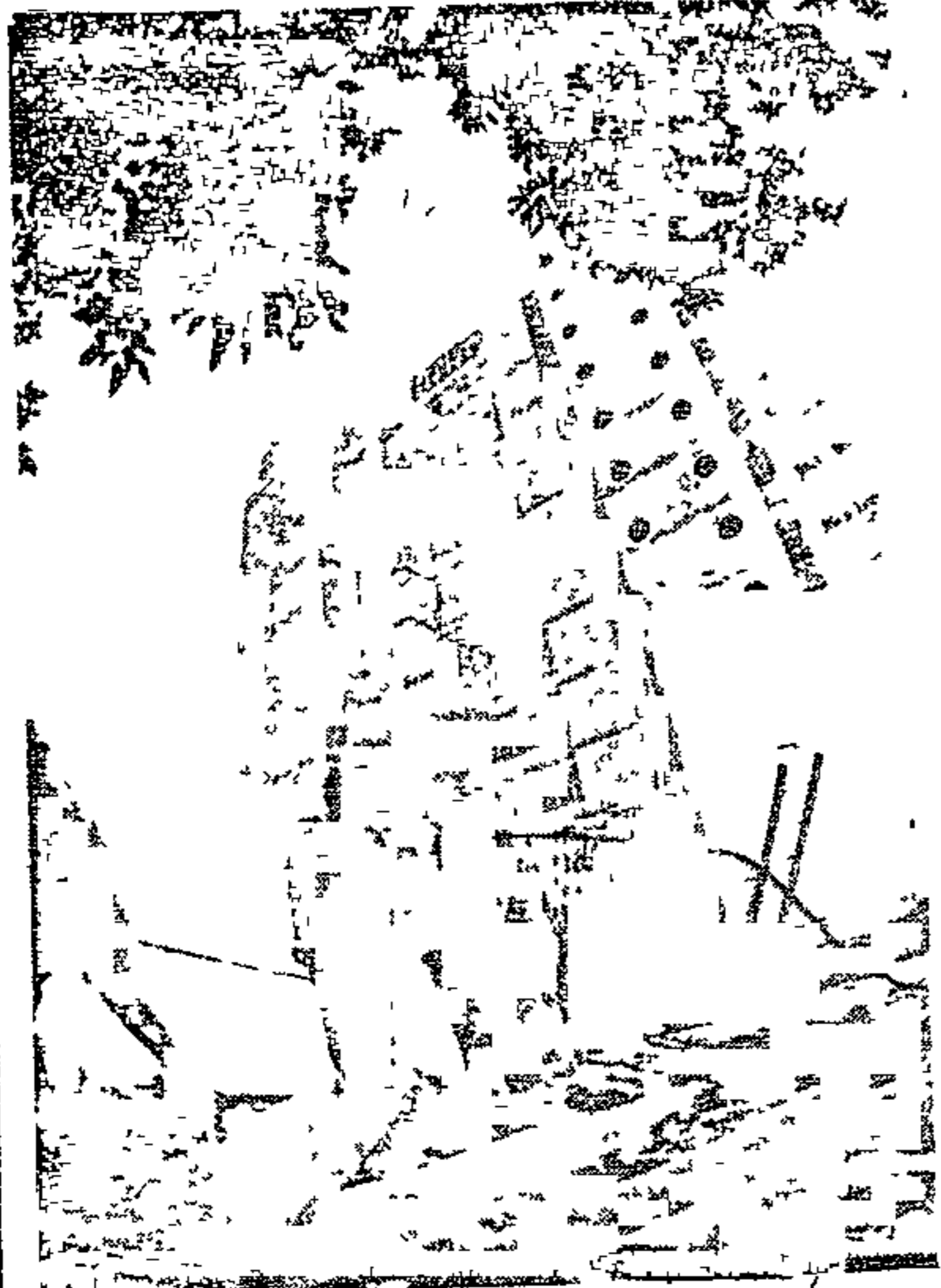
● New houses in Western Township leaked more than the old houses and shacks

● When new houses were made available, the community was not informed and friends and families of the CMC got the houses

● Some caretakers of city council flats were abusive and did not see buildings were maintained

● Residents were making very uneven service payments

High cost of cheap living



Units at the Post Office's controversial Drie Lelies flats project in Pretoria cost an average R100 000 each to build, several thousand rands more than the current selling price of many houses in the city's prestige suburbs

And the basement parking for 106 cars will have cost about R18 868 a parking bay

The Drie Lelies project comprises two flat blocks, one of 10 storeys containing 40 units and the other of 15 storeys containing 60 units

The 10-storey block was handed over to the Post Office in December and the other block is expected to be completed by March or April

They are being built at the corner of Prinsloo and Jacob Mare Streets on the site that used to be occupied by the old Drie Lelies post office

Only post office employees are eligible for accommodation in the blocks. They will be married and in the middle income group

Rentals will be calculated on a sliding scale according to basic salaries and will vary from a minimum of R16,50 to a maximum of R65 a month. Half the units in the blocks are two-bedroomed flats, and half three-bedroomed.

The Postmaster General, Mr Henry Bester, said in May 1981 that at current prices construction of the two blocks would amount to R7,5-million but, taking price rises into account, the complex would cost R8,5-million.

He said that, adding the value of real estate and the cost of professional services, the final cost would amount to about R10-million.

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Evicted families seek new housing

By JEANETTE MINNIE

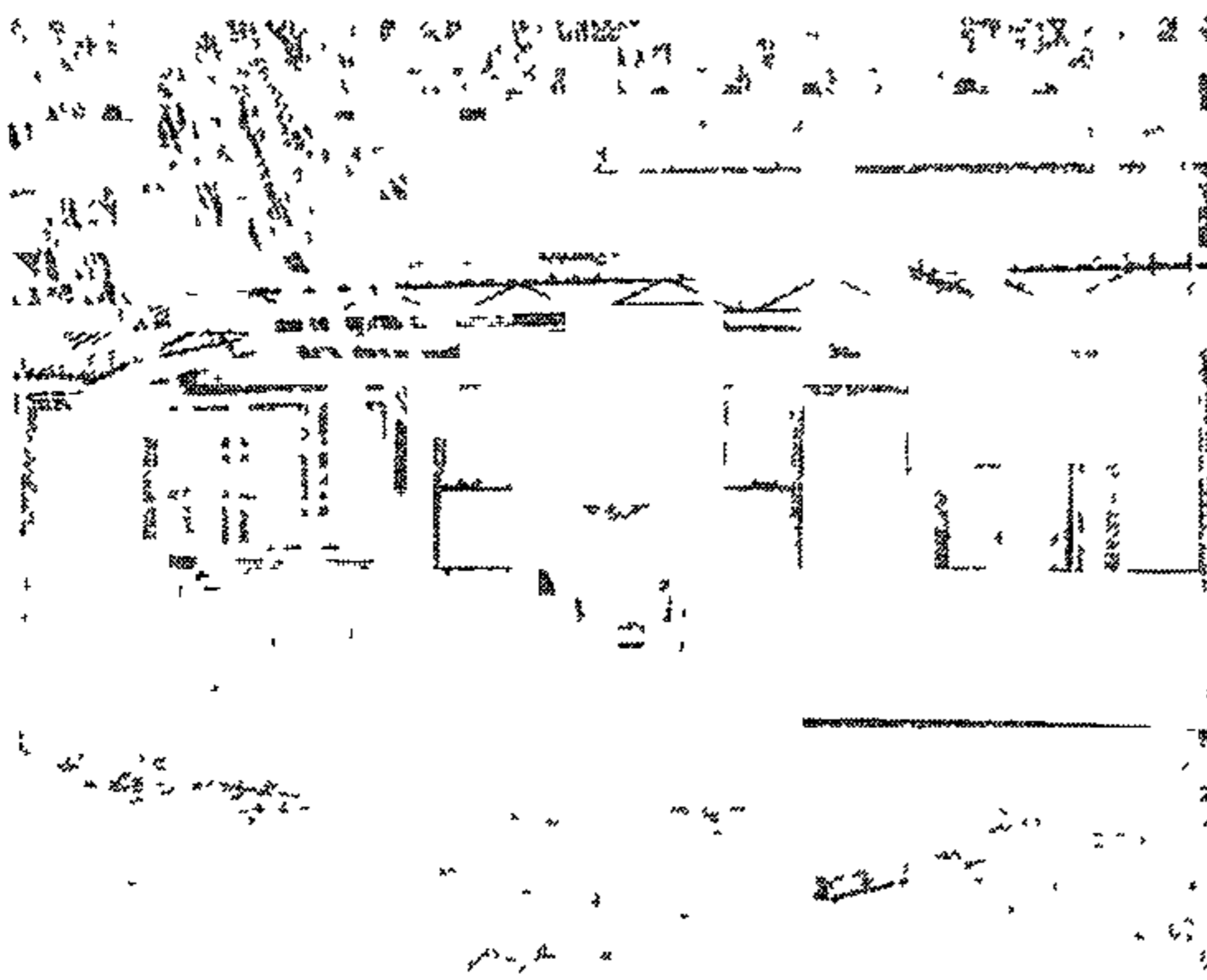
THE desperate need for accommodation for Sandton's coloured community was this week highlighted by the eviction of 12 coloured families from Wynberg.

The chairman of the Coloured Committee, Mr Percy Williams, says that attempts are being made to rehouse the families in Alexandra Township but the chances of finding homes in the overcrowded black community are very slim.

The eviction notices were served on the families this week following a meeting on Sunday of residents' associations from Sandton's north-eastern suburbs at which the proposal to establish a neighbouring coloured group area was rejected.

The associations from Linbro Park, Modderfontein, Kelvin and Buccleuch adopted a unanimous resolution at the meeting calling on the Sandton Town Council to revoke its recommendation that the Department of Community Development investigate the proposal of the coloured group area.

The associations are supported by independent councillor Mrs Jo Marais, who says the residents are not opposed to a group area as such, but to the portion of land which is in question. She says the 93ha area is not big enough to provide a standard of living with similar economic and social attributes as the neighbouring white suburbs and that a sub-economic or economic area would seriously erode property values in neighbouring areas.



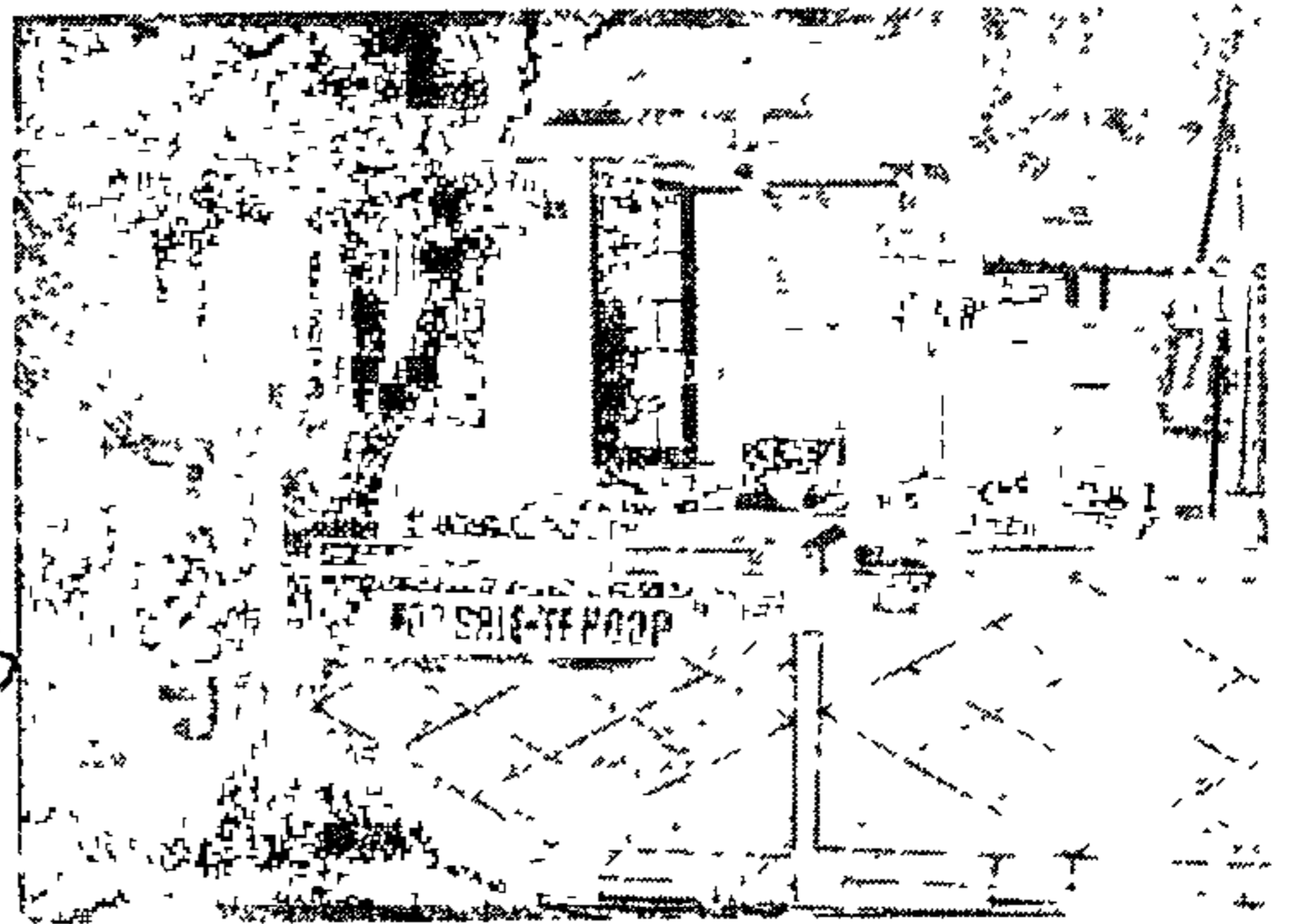
A town planner's nightmare — a 5 m long caravan sandwiched between two "illegal" extensions. This structure on the Lion Rampant site is scheduled for demolition at the weekend. The wife of the owner of the "home," a Mrs Brits, said they had only just finished paying R4 500 for the property when building inspectors served notice to quit



Mrs Joan Espach of park home H at Otley's Hoek has been told the double carport and veranda have to go by February 18 Otley's Hoek has been declared an "illegal township"

Council clamp on 'illegal' extensions to mobile homes

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Hailed as a solution to the need for low cost housing Mr George Moss's mobile park home and "illegal" lounge extension are now up for sale

Scores of illegal extensions and additions to "homes on wheels" for about 1 000 whites in one of Johannesburg's twilight areas have been marked for demolition

Municipality building inspectors surveying the prefabrications have condemned some and ordered the owners of others to apply for planning consent within 30 days

A spokesman for the City Engineer's Department, which fielded the inspectors, has denied that Johannesburg's planning by-laws are being enforced to "kick the whites out"

"But," said liaison officer, Mr John Bates, "we don't want slums developing"

Officials insist mobile homes and caravans with extra space for sleeping, cooking and living tacked on are "illegal"

One senior building inspector said the following situation existed

- Caravaners could be told to move on every three months

- Curbs on unlicensed mobile home parks could force people out of the metropolitan area

- A 30-day deadline for the demolition of "illegal" additions existed

But Johannesburg city councillor Koos Sadie (Kibler Park) says he knows of no rules and regulations for mobile homes and caravans

Eight sites for homes on wheels for about 1 000 people are sited in his area alone

Part of the existing confusion appears to arise out of the fact that this grey world peopled, among others, by thrifty, enterprising do-it-yourself artisans and immigrants was administered by the Transvaal

Board for the Development of Peri-Urban Areas

The situation as it now exists in this and other areas has been inherited by Johannesburg

A site owner in the Kibler Park area — about 15 km south of City Hall — says he has been waiting nine years for a municipality reply on the rules of the game.

Mr J A Engelbrecht of Riverside Park says he wrote to the municipality seeking clarification in 1974. Stands on the park site are serviced with private bathrooms

Parkland in the vicinity of Kibler Park, exclusively for the rolling homes that "lose" their wheels on site, has been declared an "illegal township," says a trustee for the park

Otley's Hoek was established 20 years ago. Building inspectors

have told owners of the 13 park homes that some of their car ports, extra living space and potplant-lined stoeps have to go

A couple with five children living on the nearby Safari Park site were advised their mobile home had to be towed off its stand by the end of February

Mr George Moss and his wife, Elaine, were also told the do-it-yourself lounge extension to the mobile home had to come down

Mr and Mrs Moss made headlines 13 years ago when they eased their 14 m long, 3 m wide mobile home off a low loader vehicle and on to the site

Press reports at the time hailed their mobile home, one of the first in the Johannesburg area, as an answer to the need for low cost housing

A "for sale" sign has now gone up on their front gate

Mrs Moss says building inspectors have told the family that the back garden swimming pool can stay

Caravans and mobile homes in Kibler Park are sited at Barden Park, Otley's Hoek, Safari Park, Protea, Lion Rampant, Riverside and Blossom Valley

The wife of the owner of Lion Rampant, Mrs Rose King, echoed the words of many people interviewed "People opt for fresh air living in caravans and mobile homes simply because they cannot afford bricks and mortar"

● Caravaners and mobile home owners unsure about the status of their extra living space are advised to see the municipality's chief building inspectors section.

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Ugly scenes as shacks are razed

By MONTSHIWA MOROKE
and SOPHIE TEMA

THE sounds of hammers, crowbars, spades and picks echoed through Orlando East yesterday as West Rand Administration Board and Soweto Council workmen demolished backyard shacks.

Ugly scenes developed between Wrab policemen and residents as household belongings and sheets of corrugated iron were carted away. About 20 homes were affected by the demolitions, which are expected to continue today.

Residents watched in disbelief as the structures were brought down and belongings which included beds, blankets, clothes, cooking utensils, and the building materials were loaded onto trucks and taken away for "storage".

In Motha Street a four-month pregnant woman, Miss Pinky Mabhuqa, was slapped several times by three Wrab policemen when she angrily asked them whether they were there to check passes or demolish shacks. She was then dragged to a waiting Wrab police van and taken away.

A white Wrab police "superintendent" told the policemen in Afrikaans "Lock her up if she gives you trouble".

Two women with babies were loaded onto vans after they were found in the shacks.

There was tension as crowds of onlookers gathered around.

Hours before, on Tuesday night, a meeting was called by the Orlando Civic Association just before the deadline for the demolition of the shacks expired. The meeting resolved that they would not voluntarily demolish their shacks — described by Wrab as "health hazards" — until alternative accommodation could be found.

A sobbing Miss Violet Msimanga told the Rand Daily Mail that she had a family of 11 staying in a two-roomed house. She had put up a shack in the yard so she could stay with her two sons.

Lawyers acting for the Orlando Civic Association visited the areas yesterday afternoon in an attempt to prevent the demolition.

The Rev E M Tema, of the DRC Church in Orlando East, yesterday held talks with Mr D Jacobs, assistant director of housing for the Soweto Council, and asked that the demolitions be stopped immediately.

Mr Jacobs told him the matter was being dealt with at high level.

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MPs told to keep mum on spy case

BY JOHN BATTERSBY Political Correspondent
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — The detention of Commodore Dieter Gerhardt in connection with espionage activities for the Soviet Union may not be raised in Parliament in terms of a ruling yesterday by the Speaker, Mr J P du Toit. The Speaker's ruling forbids all further discussion on the subject in terms of the sub judice rule which prevents Parliamentary debate on a matter which is before the courts or when legal steps are pending. The ruling came after Mr Koos van der Merwe, Conservative Party MP for Uepe, tried to raise the issue in a speech during the No-Confidence Debate. In a speech on Tuesday the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, said in reply to interjections that it would be "highly irresponsible" for him to discuss the spy issue because a delicate investigation was under way and there was a possibility of a pending court case.

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Man found hanged

By EMILIA JAROSCHEK Crime Reporter
 A JOHANNESBURG man was found hanged in the cells of the Randburg Magistrate's Courts yesterday — minutes after he was sentenced to 18-months' jail for receiving stolen property. Mr Andries Nicholas Meyer, 22, of Mansfield Court, Joubert Park, was found hanging by his tie by Warrant Officer C Breytenbach. W-O Breytenbach immediately cut Mr Meyer loose and tried to resuscitate him. Other court officials called a doctor who was in the court building at the time, but the doctor could not revive Mr Meyer. Randburg detectives investigating the incident do not suspect a crime.

Gold drops below \$500

LONDON — Gold dropped below \$500 yesterday as the dollar continued to rise. Gold was fixed in London at \$498,25 in the afternoon and in the morning Tuesday's second fixing was \$508,50. The retreat was led by the decline in New York after bouts of heavy profit-taking. **See Page 13**



Atomic waste land found

CAPE TOWN — Land has been acquired for the development of a national depository for nuclear waste, Dr J W L de Villiers, chairman of the Atomic Energy Corporation, announced yesterday. A statement released in Cape Town by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Information says portions of two farms in Namaqualand, Vaalputs and Bokputs, were acquired for the depository. The site was suitable be-

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 IN TODAY'S issue of EVE there is an interview with a gun-toting, hand-cuff swirling, finger-print hunting teenage bride. Also a look at the agony and pain of abortion, treatment of circus animals, how failing Western economies are affecting the family unit and the latest in sexy shoe fashions. And don't miss our portrait of a junk-foodist. Read EVE

A Casanova who doesn't know the score

Mall Correspondent
 PHOENIX — A modern-day Casanova who claims to have married more than 100 women, six of them British, says he has not kept an exact score of his wives. With some exasperation a defence lawyer pressed Mr Giovanni Vighotto, 53, to tell a jury in Phoenix, Arizona the number of times he married at various periods in a life of travels as a trader. "You keep asking for the numbers, but I don't know I can't recall," Mr Vighotto said, when asked how many women he married between 1959 and 1965. How many brides were there from 1949 when he first married at the age of 20, to 1955? "I don't keep score, I don't know," he said. Was it more than 10? "I'm sure," came the quiet reply. Mr Vighotto's lawyer compiled a list of his wives which included six from Britain, nine from other countries, and 18 from the US. Asked to list, Vighotto stopped at 44, scratched his head and said he would think of more during the recess. Vighotto is not his real name. He has a lifetime of aliases. Chunky and squat, Vighotto is no matinee idol. But he has a wry, engaging, little-boy charm.

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The FM spoke to West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) chairman John Knoetze about government's new approach to housing, and its implications for Soweto

FM What is the essence of government's new approach?

Knoetze It is an attempt to create a dynamic housing process in which all options are open and in which everyone can participate — from the poorest to the most affluent. It is important to first rectify essential services before anything else is done.

In Soweto, for example, infrastructure is being provided by means of a soft loan of R150m subsidised by government. So once infrastructure, clean water and sewage disposal have been provided, the standard of shelter is less important. Sowetans can then exercise any of the many available options.

For example, the lowest-income group will be accommodated in State-subsidised housing, shell houses will be provided with room left for improvement, stands will be allocated for people who wish to build their own houses with private sector money — and there will be a resulting rise in housing standards. Is there any truth in the rumour that leasehold will soon be abolished and that full ownership rights will be granted to urban blacks?

It appears from reliable sources that the possibility is being considered. In my opinion, judging from the fact that the ownership of public buildings and open spaces has already been granted to community councils, full ownership rights will come sooner or later.

A leading housing expert recently stated

that "although government's acceptance of self-help housing reflects a greater realism, the prospect of solving the urban housing crisis in the near future is nil." Your comment?

I disagree entirely. Great strides have been made as a result of government's acceptance of the Viljoen report. Government no longer provides everything on a platter in the form of a completed unit for people who need State help, only essentials are being provided. Policy now is to use available capital to provide infrastructure, community facilities, land and essential services.

We're going to sell all plots in Soweto. In fact, the average selling price will be 25% of the commercial value so the investor gets a capital appreciation of over 300% overnight. He can also borrow money from us or a building society to upgrade his house.

What about subsidisation of housing for the needy?

State funds should not be channelled to help those who don't need help. Previously rents in Soweto were subsidised whether the occupant was earning R200 or R2 000 per month, so the privileged were riding on the backs of the underprivileged. This has been completely reversed. The subsidisation of people who do not need subsidies has been eliminated. Payments are now calculated differentially.

Does the recent emphasis on private sector participation in the provision of black housing mean a reduction in government expenditure and a shift of responsibility onto the private sector?

The new approach will enable government to become more involved, not less as some suggest. Government has simply had to decide whether to use all its resources to provide for the few, as in Mitchells Plain, or to spread its resources to provide for the many with the minimum of outlay.

Government funds will now be used to provide what the individual cannot provide. The basic cost of servicing a stand in Soweto is R5 000 whatever the house size. So government will provide a superstructure of a shell house which will be finished by the occupants.

Have standards been lowered?

Yes. I think the standard of the new housing provided for Crossroads squatters is too high. Government should have provided service infrastructure and a minimum standard of housing commensurate with climatic conditions. They were faced with the choice of using all their resources to help just Crossroads residents, or to lower standards, thereby stretching their resources to help everyone.

Now we insist only on essential health and safety standards — particularly in platteland areas where significant savings are possible through self-building. For example, standards of water purification and electricity can't be tampered with, but there is no necessity to provide a water-borne sewerage system in Memel. It is just not economically viable. But, on the other hand, a bucket system is no longer effective in Alexandra, which is a crowded urban township.

It is no use producing show-windows like the new Crossroads or Mitchells Plain which are not economically viable. They are just for the privileged few. **What about the others who need housing?**

But some observers still believe that government is channelling most of its resources into Soweto to the neglect of other, equally needy townships?

This is untrue. The only subsidy funds channelled into Soweto for capital programmes over the past three years have been for the upgrading of essential services. This was justified in terms of past neglect — but other areas are equally entitled to government assistance.

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Hostel living can be made comfortable



Hostels don't have to be as depressing as this one in Middelburg. They can be improved by employers.



Want to help house your workers? Tel: HOME-FRONT 710-2505

Report by LIN MENGE

A SINGLE bed in a hostel isn't ideal living. If your employee HAS to stay in a hostel, at least make sure it is a clean and comfortable place.

How? You don't have to build a whole new hostel — you can acquire and renovate part of an administration board hostel to rent to your workers.

The West Rand Administration Board has 70 000 hostel beds available for migrant labourers and single men in Soweto. Employers who would like to upgrade portions of Wrab hostels for their own employees should consult Mr Alec Rabie, Wrab's Director of Community Services (tel 21-4911).

"Wrab will group together the firm's employees and the company can fence off their section, upgrade it and rent it to their workers," Mr Rabie told HOMEFRONT.

Employers apply for a 30-year right of occupation in terms of the Urban Areas Act's Section 42F, subject to Ministerial approval, and the 30 years can be extended for a further 30. They can maintain their section themselves, or pay Wrab a maintenance fee. But they may not sell or sublet the accommodation without the board's approval, so as to ensure the building continues to be used as a hostel.

LTA, who recently erected a new hostel in George Goch, Johannesburg, have undertaken such hostel renovations

in both Cape Town and Port Elizabeth. As soon as they have concluded the necessary agreement with the authorities in Soweto, they will start a R1,75-million renovation of sections of Wrab hostel in Diepmeadow for some 700 of their contract labourers.

"We will gather these people into one area and fence it off so that is clearly identified as an LTA hostel," Mr Aubrey Pitt, group deputy managing director of LTA Ltd told HOMEFRONT.

"Renovation will mean very nearly rebuilding, because we will not only paint but provide floors, ceilings, electrical installations for lighting, cooking, hot water and heating, and furnishings such as beds and curtains. There will be adequate cooking and recreation areas for the men who will be two to a room and we will take over complete responsibility for maintenance and security," he said.

Wrab will in effect be renting the hostel to LTA, but the company is satisfied that once they have signed the lease they will have complete security of tenure for 30 years, Mr Pitt said.

The upgrading will be done in stages, but will be completed within six months. The company, which is proud of what it has done elsewhere for its workforce, is rarin' to go on this one.

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By Yussuf Nazeer

Johannesburg property owners claim the police are carrying out "witch hunts" for Asian and coloured people living in white-owned flats and are forcing the landlords to evict them.

The police have denied this and accused the landlords of looking for a scapegoat for the evictions

About 60 Asian and coloured families have been given notice to vacate their flats by the end of this month or face summonses to appear in court for breaking the Group Areas Act

One of the owners, Mr Solly Gorfil, notified 42 Asian and coloured tenants to vacate Branksome Towers in Joubert Park

Mr Gorfil said a Warrant-Officer Louw of John Vorster Square had forced him to kick out his "brown tenants"

Mr Gorfil said he hated to do so, being aware of the acute housing shortage

"All my sympathies are with these unfortunate people," he said

Warrant-Officer Louw, who did not give his first name, denied he had pressurised the owners of Branksome Towers, Gorfil Brothers, into forcing the tenants out of the building

Mrs Marianne Poole, who administers Branksome Towers for Gorfil Brothers, said Warrant-Officer Louw visited the building and demanded a list of names of Asian and coloured people living in the block

"I gave it to him and he warned us to get rid of illegal tenants in the building," said Mrs Poole. She said white tenants had complained about the non-white tenants.

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Asian and coloured tenants in two other buildings, Delmonico and Century Plaza, have also been told to move or face charges under the Group Areas Act

All have taken their complaints to Actstop, the body which for people prosecuted under the Act

Claim rejected

Other white property owners who did not want to be named said the police told them to notify their "illegal tenants" to vacate their buildings

Divisional CID chief for the Witwatersrand, Brigadier Tertius Wium, rejected the claim that group areas police were hounding Asian and coloured people living in white group areas.

"We act only on complaints and then we are duty-bound to investigate, whether we like it or not. If we find sufficient evidence that the law is being infringed, we notify the property owners to rectify the matter"

Brigadier Wium said the police were not empowered to warn or threaten tenants of other race groups to get out of white group areas

He said when complaints persisted about people infringing the Act, and owners did not rectify the matter, the evidence was then handed to the public prosecutor who decided what to do

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EXPRESSSCOPE WATCHES THE SOWETO**Ever so humble, but shack**

ON WEDNESDAY at 9am, in Orlando East in the heart of Soweto, part of an old woman's world came tumbling down

And she did it herself

Demolition teams from the West Rand Administration Board and the Soweto Council were in the township, wielding hammers and crowbars and spades as they demolished illegal backyard shacks

Mrs Agnes Lepota is 65 years old and has lived in Soweto for 36 years. One of the shacks due to fall was one she had

built for her family behind her two-roomed home

Agnes saw the demolition men coming so she grabbed an axe and started to do the job herself in a bid to save the materials from confiscation

After all, she had scrimped and saved and sweated for months to build the ramshackle dwelling

Working feverishly, with the strength of desperation, she managed to save the

48 pieces of corrugated iron she had bought from a Soweto scrap merchant. They cost her R3 each and it took her a year to collect enough to build the shack.

She also bought eight bags of cement to make a concrete floor. It took her three months to lay the floor and build the shack.

Mathilda, her three-year-old granddaughter, watched as the old lady dismantled the shack while demolition progressed across the street.

Five members of the shack. Another 11 roomed house.

A smaller shack for old mentally retarded smaller pieces of corrugated iron picked up in the street.

The toothless, dependent ex-husband. The rent for a month. Only one meal.

Soweto's shacks were cosy homes for many

MANY shack-dwellers in Orlando East returned home from work on Wednesday to discover that their homes had already been demolished and their belongings confiscated by authorities

Many had rushed home from their workplaces in Johannesburg to be met by the sight of trucks carrying uniformed Wrab policemen, some of whom wore batons and guns

The Sunday Express witnessed the demolition of eight shacks built by residents to alleviate the overcrowding of their houses — many of which had only two-rooms

Most of the shacks were solid structures built of materials which included corrugated iron, wood and tin and had been there for two years. They had become cosy living spaces.

'Mekhukhu' is a Sotho word Soweto residents use to refer to them. "It does not have the negative connotations that the word shack has," one man said.

After shacks were broken up materials were loaded on to trucks along with furniture and other belongings and taken to the Wrab offices in Orlando East.

According to Wrab's director of Community Services, Mr Alec Rabie, 16 shacks were demolished by Soweto Council employees. He said Wrab officials and policemen were present only as a backup measure.

Four people were arrested during the day, he said. Two people had been charged under Section 10 of the Black Urban Areas Act (Act 25 of 1945) and two "for obstructing officials in the execution of their duties".

On Thursday it was announced by the Soweto Council that residents would have

to pay for the demolition of shacks and the removal of materials in exchange for their impounded belongings.

And on the same day hundreds of uneasy Orlando East residents stayed home from work to guard their possessions in case their homes were demolished.

On Friday, the chief executive of the Soweto Council, Mr Nick Malan said that materials used to build the shacks would not be returned to the residents.

But they would have to pay about R10 to retrieve their personal belongings which were "in storage" at the Soweto Council office in Orlando East.

He said the R10 charge would be to cover the costs of "pulling down" of the

shacks and the "removal of the materials".

The Soweto Council, would probably decide to destroy "useless material", he said. "We may decide to hand back the rest if we are given a guarantee that it would not be re-used to build shacks."

Also on Friday, three Orlando East women, Mrs Beatrice Buthelezi, Mrs Caroline Mathope and Mrs Margaret Hlongwane were granted an order in the Rand Supreme Court against the Soweto Council restraining them from demolishing Mrs Buthelezi's shack. It was speculated that the Soweto Council would halt all demolitions until the Supreme Court ruling which is expected on February 22. The So-

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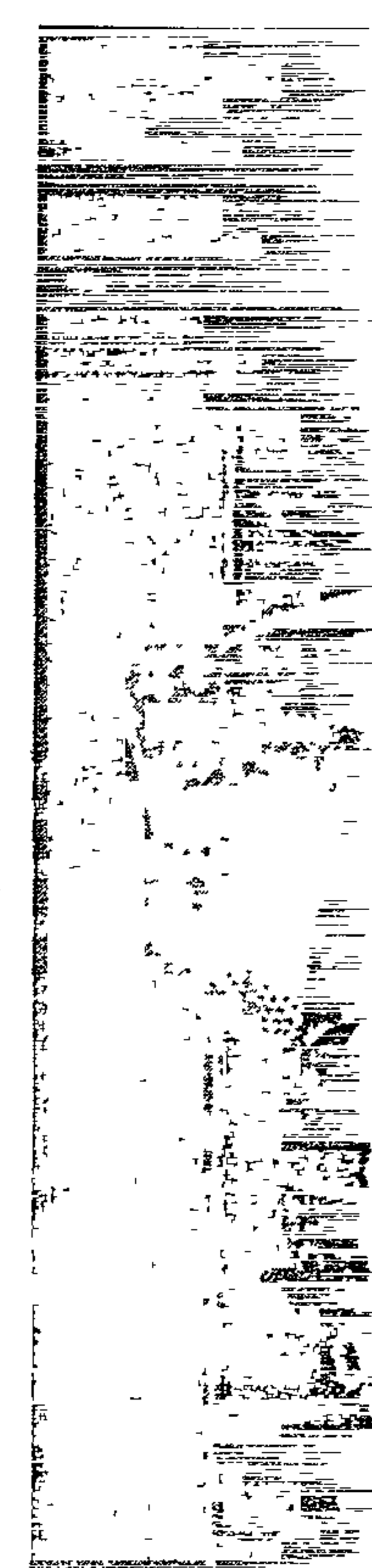
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● Mrs Neo Lekoma and her two-year-old nephew Sibusiso with their belongings

Report: STEPHANIE VENTER

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Five members of her family lived in the shack. Another 11 shared the two-roomed house. A smaller shack used by her 35-year-old mentally retarded son was built out of smaller pieces of corrugated iron she picked up in the street. The toothless, despondent woman has an income of only R20 a week from her ex-husband. The rent for her house is R38 a month. Only one member of her family

is working and he helps with the rent. "I thought it best to take everything down on my own when I heard those people were coming in to tear down the shacks," she said. Agnes has applied in vain three times for a loan to extend her house so she resorted to building a shack. Still she is lucky compared to her neighbours. Their shacks were broken down and the materials carted away.

Shacks were for many

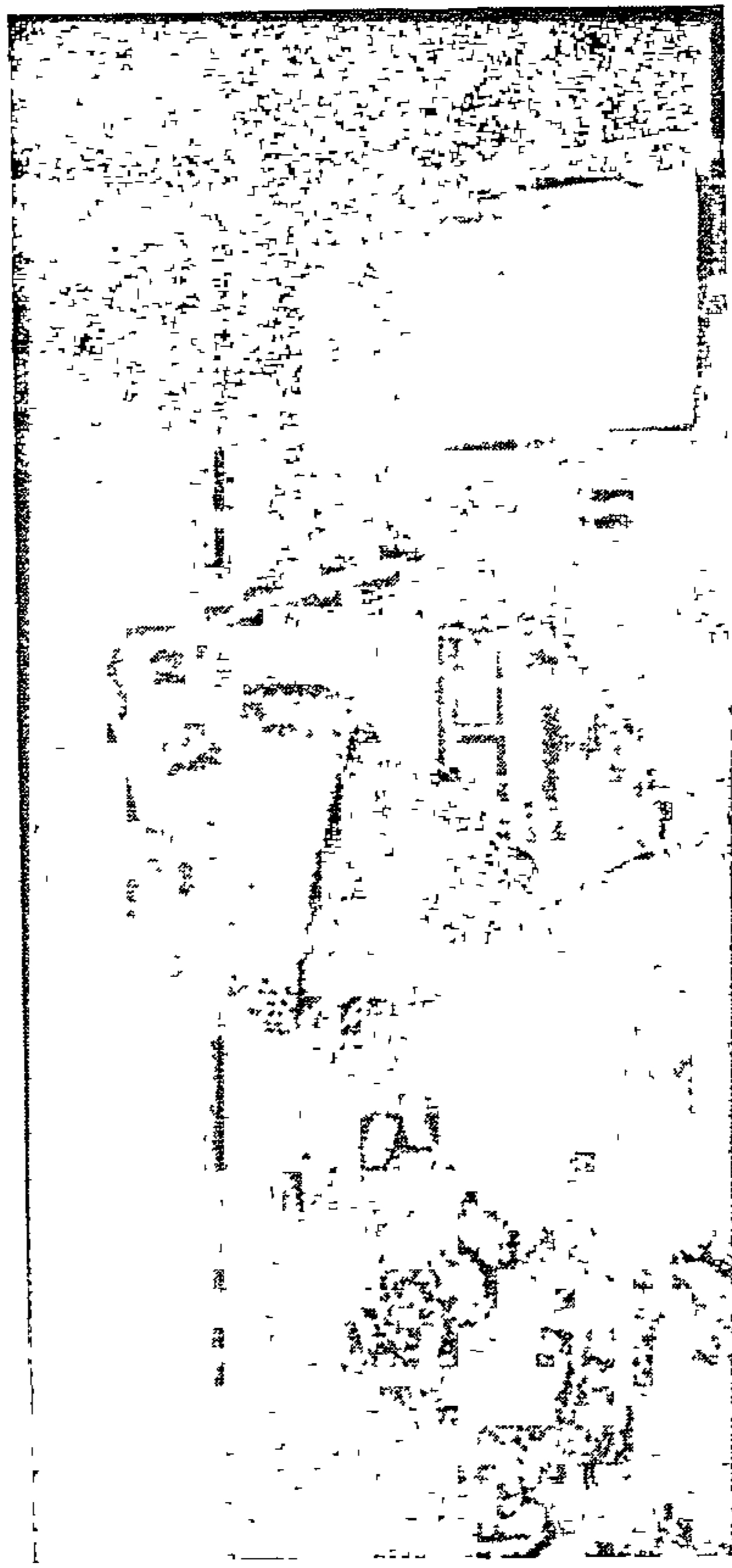


Lekoma and her two-year-old nephew Sibusiso with their belongings

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One Orlando East resident not prepared to have her shack demolished was 65-five-year-old grandmother Mrs Agnes Lepota. She knocked it down herself to save the material.

One of them was the home of Mrs Neo Lekoma. She and her husband Joel paid R1 229 for their do-it-yourself corrugated iron house. She heard of the demolition gangs while at work in Rosebank, Johannesburg and rushed home to volunteer to take down the shack down herself to save the materials. She managed to stop the wreckers but not before the roof had been ripped off. Some of her furniture was damaged and, she claims, R180 disappeared from her dressing table. Mr and Mrs Lekoma and their two children — Makei, eight, and Thabo, 10 — have lived in the shack in Mrs Lekoma's parents' backyard for about two years. They contribute R16 to the R38 rent for the house. Mrs Lekoma is a Lesotho citizen and her husband is classed as a 'lodger' so they have been unsuccessful with applications for a house or a loan. "You aim high, but look where it gets you," Mrs Lekoma said. "These people are just discouraging." Mrs Lekoma stayed at home on Thursday and Friday in case the demolition teams returned. "I am scared they will come again, but I do not want to lose my job," she said. "We just do not know what to do anymore." Mrs Lekoma, like many other residents deprived of their homes, has not given up. On Friday she was rebuilding her home. She has no choice. She and her family have nowhere else to go.

Hands sewn on: Elize is well

Nine-year-old Elize Groenewald, of Vereeniging, is in a "very satisfactory" condition in the Johannesburg Hospital after a nine-hour operation to have both severed hands sewn back on.

But according to the hospital's public relations officer, Mr Lionel Spies, it is too early to tell if the surgery has been successful.

Elize caught both her hands in a scrap metal press at her grandparents' home near Houtkop. One was severed

just above the thumb and the other at the wrist.

Her grandparents, Mr and Mrs A Sachs, and an employee, Mr Jonas Rathulo, took Elize to hospital. In an emergency operation at 2 am on Sunday surgeons sewed both hands back on.

Mr Sachs was admitted to Vereeniging Hospital suffering from shock.

Elize's parents, Mr and Mrs L Groenewald, said they expected to hear more about the success of the operation on Thursday.

2 escape injury in air crash

By Joao Santa Rita

A light aircraft crash-landed near Johannesburg yesterday when a flight instructor was simulating a forced landing.

Nobody was injured in the accident, but the training plane was badly damaged.

The managing director of Rand Flight Centre, which owns the aircraft, Mrs Val Grange, said she could not disclose the names of the two people involved.

"Until our reports are submitted to the Department of Civil Aviation, we are not allowed to disclose the names," she said.

Mrs Grange said the accident happened when the flight instructor was showing a trainee pilot the correct procedures during an emergency landing.

"When the instructor tried to lift the plane again, there was not enough power in the engine which failed to respond.

"Nobody suffered the slightest injury — not even a scratch," she said.

Demolition will go on in Soweto

By Khulu Sibiyá

The deputy chief executive officer of the Soweto Council, Mr G J Jacobs, said today the demolition of shacks in Soweto will continue.

He said the interim interdict restraining the council from demolishing 15 shacks had no bearing on the demolition of the rest of the 4 000 shacks.

The council, he said, had taken a decision a long time ago on the razing of the illegal structures.

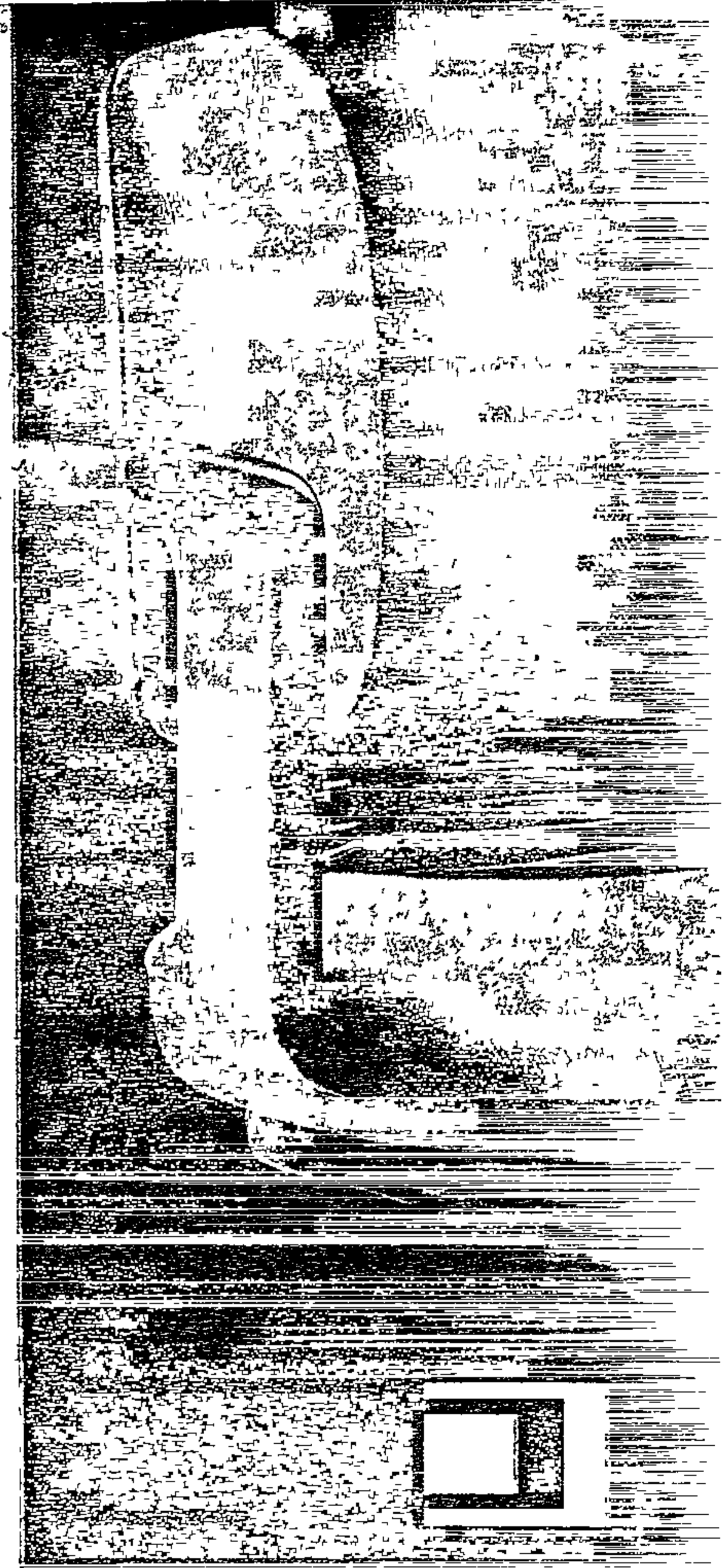
At an emotion-charged meeting yesterday, residents attacked the Soweto Council for failing to provide people with accommodation.

"We have made several appeals to the council about our need for houses, but we have received no response. Instead they are talking about building flats at Chiawelo and other townships," said Mr Ambition Brown, chairman of the Sofasonke Party, who called the meeting.

The meeting was attended by more than 300 people.

Speakers from the floor called for the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to intervene.

Another meeting of the Sofasonke Party has been arranged at the Orlando DOCC for February 20.



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He added that the success depend on the people of Soweto. Mrs Janice Ash, who is offered to pay for the operation would meet the costs involved. This follows reports in Soweto mystery millionaire had assisted the family. "I think darling," said Mrs Ash who call from the wealthy Pretoria confirming his pledge.

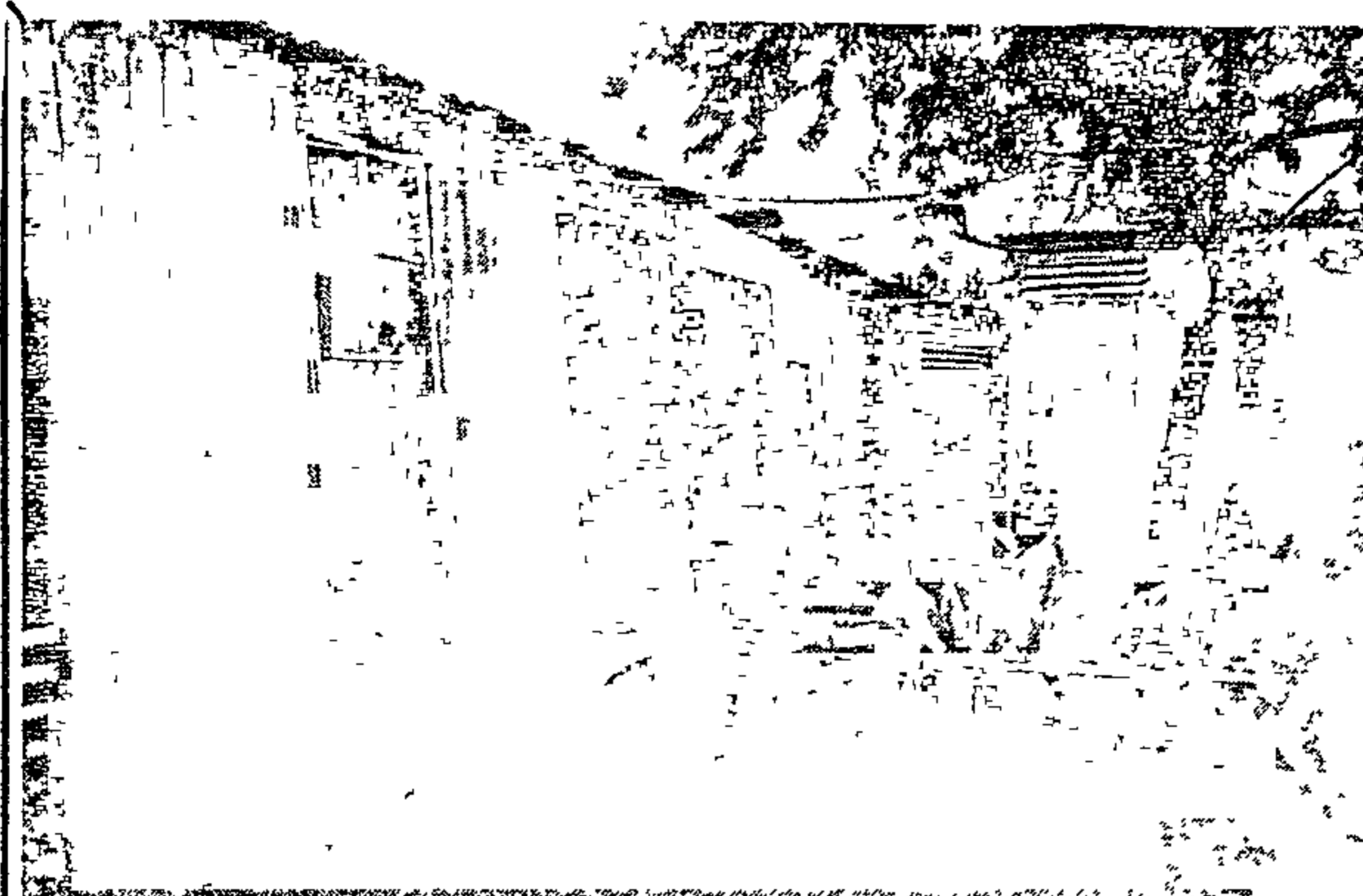
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Hundreds pay

By Carolyn Dempster
At a four-hour service in Johannesburg this weekend, a massed

Dr Liz Floyd was one of the speakers at a service held to pay tribute to the memory of the trade unionist who died in detention on February 5 last year. Dr Floyd said it was important to come together to mourn his death, to be together to celebrate and appreciate the courage and solidarity he had shown, and to carry on his work in this spirit.





Home should not have to be a backyard shack for these children in Orlando East
 Picture ROBERT TSHABALALA

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Build rooms and not shacks, says Wrab, and we'll help you do it

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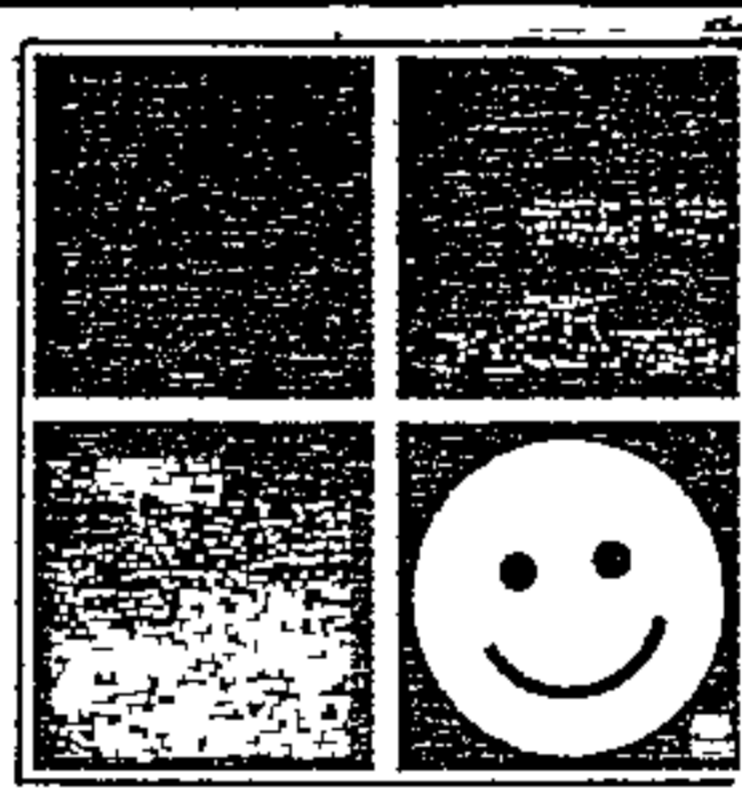
IT CAN cost as little as R1 800 to add a proper room on to an existing Soweto house — and if the person renting the house doesn't have that amount of money, Wrab will provide them with a loan.

The average cost of adding one room to a house through Wrab's home improvement service is R3 000, provided no major alteration is needed to the existing roof structure. But a cement block room with asbestos roof, and without plastering or ceiling or tiles, can cost as little as R1 800.

No request for a loan will be refused, says Mr Piet Genis, chief estate officer at Wrab's New Canada office — as long as the applicant is not someone living in a R30 000 house who can afford to go to a building society for a loan.

Loans of less than R10 000 require a 10% deposit, loans of more than R10 000 require a 20% deposit. Interest

IF EMPLOYERS would help more people to build a proper room or two on to their township houses, fewer people would have to live in illegal backyard shacks in perpetual fear of demolition.



ranges from 13,5% to 17% and there is a R20 fee for submitting the plans. Some companies lend their employees money for home improvement.

Since September 1981, 19 000 plans have been approved and more than R8-million has been lent to 869 people who made additions to their homes, Mr Genis told HOMEFRONT. These people borrowed an average of R9 000 each.

But it is no good the child-

ren of the household approaching the home improvement centre on their own, says Mr Genis. Their father or mother, being the registered tenant, must come with them and negotiate the building additions. Wrab helps them get plans drawn and to find a builder, and pays the builder in instalments as the building inspectors approve each stage of the building.

It costs nothing to talk the matter over at New Canada (tel 673-5200).

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West to pay more rent

WRAB has finally given the breakdown of rent increases in Bekkersdal, Mohlakeng, Kagiso and Munsieville.

Residents in Bekkersdal will pay R6 36 more for their rent, and this would be followed by a second phase of R2 94 in April 1. In Mohlakeng R8 93 more would be paid in the first phase effective from February 1, then followed by the April increase of R1 71, to bring

the total increase to R10 64.

Mr. Alex Rabie, WRAB's director of public affairs, said Kagiso residents would pay from February 1

the total increase to R13 73 more. The same applied to Munsieville, where the increases have also been divided into two phases, starting from February 1.

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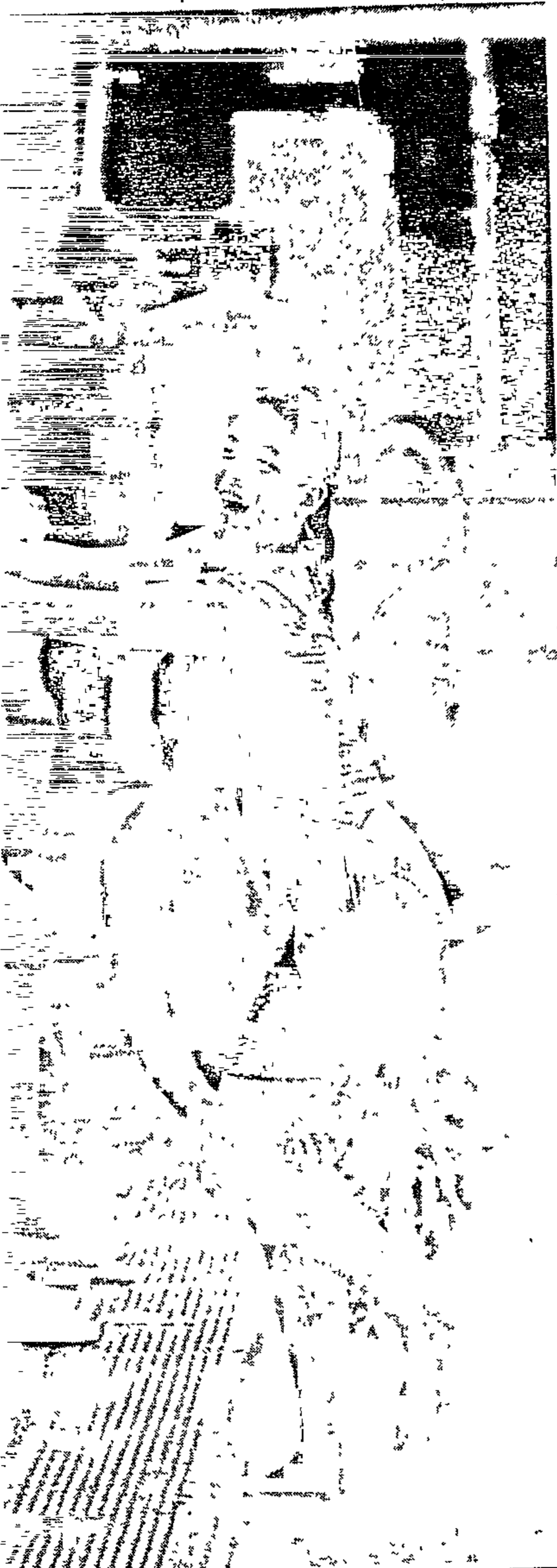
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- (a) How many persons in Soweto applied for 99-year leases from the inception of the leasehold scheme to 31 December 1982 and (b) how many such applications have been granted?

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Soweto Council raids court-case shack dwellers

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By Langa Skosana

Three Soweto shack dwellers who made an urgent application to the Supreme Court to restrain the Soweto Council from demolishing their backyard shacks were yesterday raided by Soweto Council officials accompanied by West Rand Administration Board policemen.

The women, Mrs Caroline Mothupe, Mrs Margaret Hlongwane and Mrs Beatrice Buthelezi, all of Orlando East, claim the council officials demanded to see their reference books, their house permits and asked whether people living in the shacks were relatives of the registered tenants.

This information was supplied.

The women later went to the home of the Orlando East civic leader Mr Ambition Brown. He heads the Sofasonke party which is fighting the demolitions.

They said they felt they were not obliged to provide the information to the officials, in view of the pending court case, but had done so because they felt threatened.

NO COMMENT

A spokesman for the council Mr J J Oosthuizen, said today he did not want to comment on the raid.

On Friday last week the three women sought an order in the Rand Supreme Court restraining the council from demolishing their shacks and requesting it rebuild those already flattened.

Mr Justice Goldstein, who heard the application, postponed the hearing to February 22 after ordering all parties to file replying and answering affidavits.

Mr Brown today condemned the raid and called on all shack dwellers to meet the situation with calm until the final judgment of the Supreme Court.

He also said if any of the 4 000 Soweto shack dwellers were raided they should contact him and he would arrange legal representation.

Mystery man keeps pledge on Ash bills

By Joao Santa Rita

An anonymous Pretoria man yesterday fulfilled his promise to pay the medical costs of heart baby Matthew Ash, who died in Boston last week.

Matthew's mother, Mrs Janice Ash, said from Pretoria today they had received a R30 000 cheque at their home yesterday.

"I am going to the bank this morning," she said.

"We still have not received the medical bills from the Boston clinic but we hope to get them soon. If they are less than R30 000 we will use the rest of the money to open a fund for babies who have the same heart disease," said Mrs Ash.

APPEAL

The anonymous Pretoria man promised to pay the medical costs after Mr James Ash launched an appeal through the Press for funds to try and save his four-day-old son.

Matthew had been born with a rare heart disease and doctors at the Johannesburg Hospital said the operation could only be done in America.

The baby was flown to the United States and was operated on in Boston, but died last week. Doctors had warned there was only a 50 percent chance of success.

Mrs Ash said today she wished to thank the public for their support during the attempt to save her son's life.

"If we are able to open a fund we hope that other babies can be saved," she said.

Jaycees provide music for hospital patients

Patients in the Johannesburg Hospital will soon be able to listen to music requests played over their headphones once visiting hours are over.

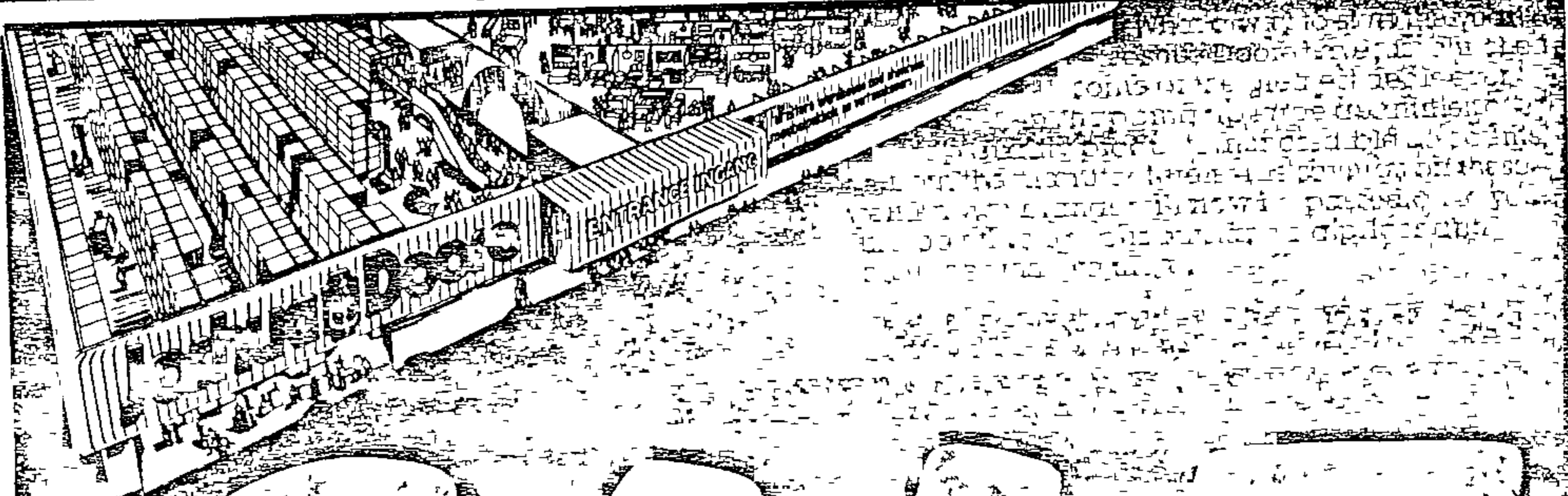
The service will be provided by the Randburg Jaycees. It starts on April 11 and will be broadcast between 7.30 and 8.30 each morning, and from 2 to 3 pm at weekends.

Training courses for presenters start on February 22.

One of the organisers, Mrs Grace Williams, has appealed for donations of records. Her telephone number is 678-2111, or Mrs Carol Hampton can be reached at 673-2623.

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Ganz denies ¹²⁷ ^{2/11} eviction report

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE chief director of the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board, Mr D C Ganz, has denied reports that Evaton land owners face eviction to Bophuthatswana

In a letter to The SOWETAN, he says this Press report creates a negative impression for which no good ground exists as all the submissions are unfounded

The letter is in reference to an article in which Councillor Alex Nene had told The SOWETAN that the Evaton Council had resolved at its monthly meeting to engage an advocate to advise them on this controversial issue

Mr Nene had said that the council took this decision in order to satisfy every resident because "it appears most people are likely to lose their

right" The council would fight "to the bitter end" to make sure the residents retained their freehold rights. He was sure most residents would not be prepared to go to Brits, he said

In the letter, Mr Ganz says the only conclusion that could be drawn from this report, is that an effort is being made to mislead and confuse the people and thereby to disturb the situation in the area

"No landowner or authorised resident of Evaton had been requested or will be requested to leave the area for Bophuthatswana

"The chief director of the board has been available for comments, but he was not consulted in this regard," Mr Ganz stated



CK DEMOLISHED: Mrs Julia Mlambo wipes off a tear yesterday. Next to her is daughter, Lindiwe.

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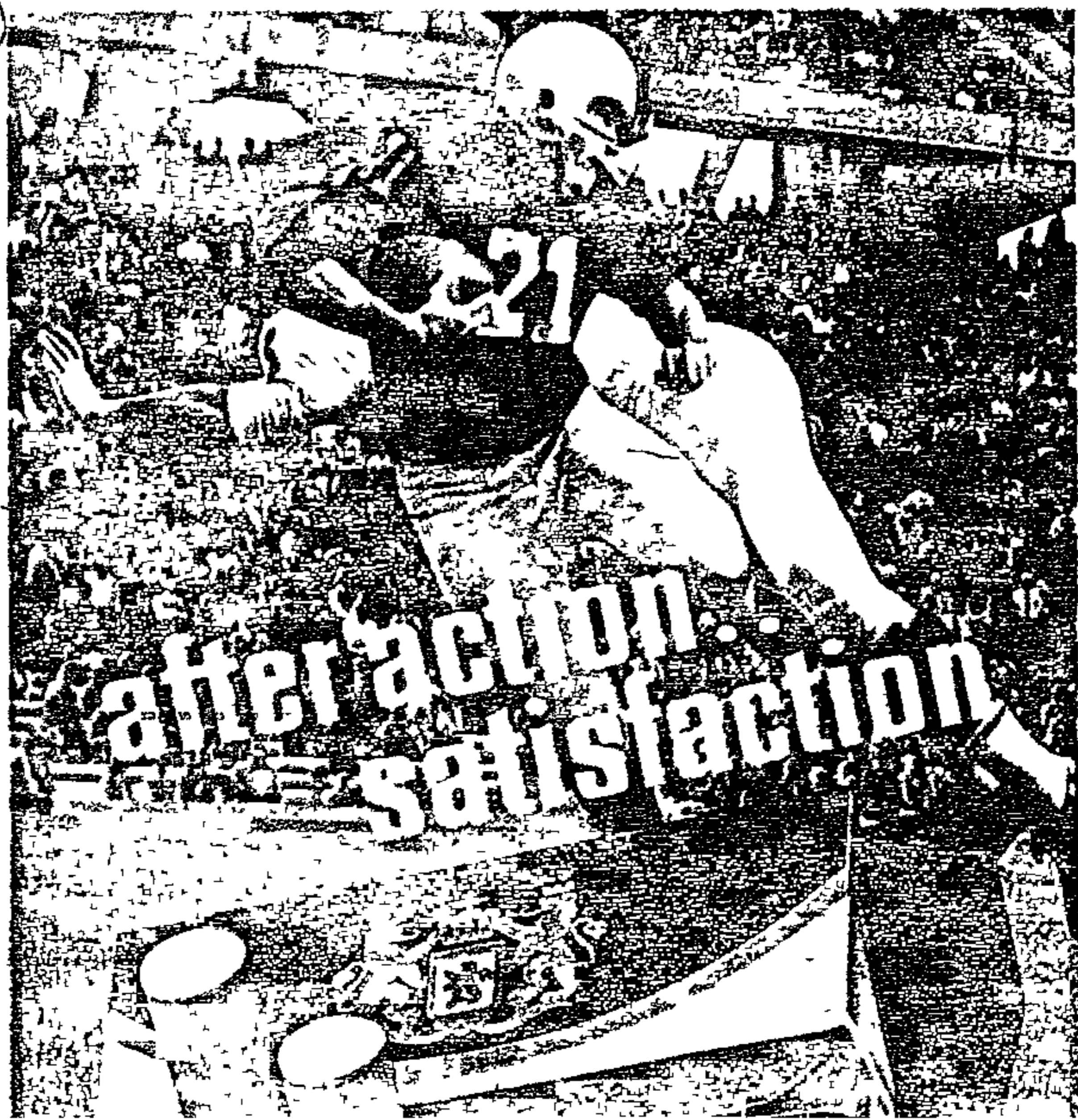
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By SAM MABE

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"We were told that our continued stay in that house was illegal and we were given an ultimatum to pack our things and leave. We later discovered that our unmarried sister who has four children was engineering our eviction with council officials

"For the whole of last year we have been running up and down between the Soweto Council Chambers and the township manager's office trying to settle the dispute but nothing seems to be getting solved

"It seems the council is biased against all of us and in favour of our sister. We have however, been living in the house and have been pestered by continual raids

"Now, this morning my sister sent a truck here and when we objected to the removal of the house furniture, the truck left and later returned with policemen and the township manager who helped load our furniture onto the truck"

Mr J J Oosthuysen, housing director of the Soweto Council, said yesterday that there had been numerous clashes within the family over the ownership of the house and the housing committee eventually decided to take possession of the house and evict everyone from it



EVICTED One of the cops loading furniture on a truck

House sales rise

A TOTAL of 17 000 houses worth about R18-million have been sold under various leasehold schemes in Greater Soweto

This was disclosed yesterday by the West Rand Administration Board's chief estate officer, Mr P Genis, who added that an average of 60 houses a month were being sold to tenants in the townships

But, he added, not all of the 105 000 houses in Greater Soweto would be sold. Some houses in Klipspruit and Meadowlands, and all those in White City Jabavu would not be going up for sale

"The White City houses won't be sold because up to three families stay under one roof. The same condition applies to the train houses in Meadowlands and Klipspruit. None of these houses can be improved by their respective owners because of their structure. This is one of the reasons why they cannot be sold," Mr Genis said

The increased sales come in the wake of a report sent by Wrab to the Department of Community Development recommending the selling of most houses at a "bargain price"

Chairmen

shebeeners and hiring agencies during the Christmas holiday period, the students, with the approval of their headmaster Mr Jacob Nkosi, went out to recover the chairs. They recovered about hundred according to a student at the school

When asked about the matter, the principal, Mr Nkosi, said he realised when the school reopened this year that a number of chairs were missing. He said he reported the matter to the police and they were investigating the matter

Department of Education and Training spokesman Mr Job Schoeman said he would meet with the Johannesburg regional director, Mr Phillip Engelbrecht, today to discuss means of tightening their security so as to prevent further actions of such a nature

Cop denies accused Mayson kept naked

A security policeman yesterday told the Pretoria Supreme Court that the law empowered him to keep a detainee in detention until his questions were answered

Lieutenant Hendrik Pitout, a security policeman for 24 years, was giving evidence in the trial of Mr Cedric Mayson. Mr Mayson, a former Methodist minister has pleaded not guilty to a main charge of high treason. The charges relate to his alleged

stand during the interrogation, kept naked and handcuffed and refused sleep. He described Mr Mayson as a very jovial person with whom he was very friendly. He said he interrogated Mr Mayson for four hours on Saturday morning and again on the Sunday

On the morning of his arrest, Friday November 27, he went to greet Mr Mayson

He admitted in reply to a question from defence counsel, Mr Ernie

Mayson "in his naked splendour" in this way. He said that detainees were never interrogated while naked

Mr Wentzel then asked Lieutenant Pitout what happened when a detainee refused to talk to him

"I would then confront him with certain questions," he replied. "You would just go on interrogating him until he decided to answer your questions?" asked Mr Wentzel

"Yes, the law gives me the power to just continue questioning

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A YOUNG TOWNSHIP WITH A BIG FUTURE

By Len Kalane

TEMBISA township consists of 17 wards manned by 15 community councillors whose chairman, Mr Lucas Lesiba Mothiba, has some big plans for the future.

He talks with courage and ambition, being the first "mayor" of this township since the community council was inaugurated three years ago in September 1979.

He boasts about his large constituency and about what his council has already achieved for Tembisa thus far.

Mr Mothiba said at the beginning of every financial year, his council tarred about ten kilometres of the roads in the area. They will go on until all the roads in Tembisa are tarred.

TARRED

So far, since his council took over from Erab,

they have tarred 30 kilometres of the roads — ten kilometres each year for the three years they have been in office.

The Tembisa Community Council, according to Mr Mothiba, has already voted towards the reticulation of sewerage in the township at the cost of not less than R60 000 a year.

He said "About 1 000 houses are fitted with sewerage every year. We have now fitted about 3 000 houses. We are now only left with a fraction".

The "mayor" said housing was still giving them a problem in Tembisa, an area with an av-

erage registered population of 156 000 to 18 000 houses.

He said "We are presently involved in a re-housing project, clearing the "matchbox" hostel dwellings in the area for residential purposes".

HOSTEL

He said "The hostel inmates will be moved to a new complex built at the cost of R2-million per financial year".

In addition, according to Mr Mothiba, the council has managed to build 600 more houses with the help of various financial sources and certain areas have already been proclaimed under the 99-year leasehold system, including the new suburb, Hospi-

tal View

Tembisa, like Soweto, will undergo a massive electrification project and stage one of the exercise has already been started covering the following sections: Hospital View, Mornings, Xubeni, Sethokga, Sedibeng, Ecaleni, Mgantsa, Emagweni and Emoyeni.

Mr Mothiba said the project was started last year in November at a cost of R9,6-million and the scheme would take one year per project extended over four years. The costs would come to an estimated average of R53-million.

PROJECT

Phase two of the electrification project will include Mashimong,

Makhuleng, Kopanong, Tshepo, Tlamatama, Maokeng, and Tsenolong for the financial year 1983-1984 at a cost of R11-million.

Phase three and four have yet to be formulated.

There is one cinema, owned by the vice-chairman of the council, Mr Lazarus Nhlapo, more than 29 beerhalls and one barlounge.

A lot more projects are underway, including a top class nightclub, pre-schools and crechés.

Mr Mothiba said "Tembisa is developing fast. With more money we could do twice as much as we have already achieved. We urge the community to be cooperative and be willing to contribute towards the facilities".



on Tembisa

TEMBISA "MAYOR": Mr Lucas Mothiba.



Housing swindle

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TWO home-seeking families have had their plans to occupy their own houses shattered, following a Johannesburg company's failure to provide them with sites.

The families, who paid R500 and R300 respectively to the company — UFT Consultants — for plans of their prospective homes, are now threatening to take legal action against the firm in a bid to recover their money.

The families are those of Mr Quibel Rasmem of Meadowlands, and divorcee Mrs Clementina Nell, who is presently staying with her five children at her employer's home in Westdene.

Mrs Nell, who has been on the Soweto Council's waiting list for houses for the past ten years, paid a R500 deposit to the company for the building of a house

The UFT Consultants' manager, Mr Angelo Kyriazis, told The SOWETAN yesterday that his company was still trying to find a house that Mrs Nell could afford.

"If Mrs Nell wants her money back, I will gladly refund her — but this will only be done on Monday," he said.

Asked about Mr Rasmem's case, Mr Kyriazis said "I am also trying to get a site for him. But if he wants his money back too, I will refund it."

By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

CHAIRMAN of the Soweto Council, Mr David Thebehali, yesterday told a meeting of about 300 people that residents who experienced problems with paying their rent, should alert their township manager's office.

He told a meeting at the Soweto Council Chambers that people out of work or experiencing any difficulty could discuss and arrange payment with their office.

The meeting called by Thebehali, in conjunction with all councillors' committees in various wards in Soweto, also discussed many other issues including the school age limit, shacks, housing problems and pensioners' plight.

On the rent issue, Mr Thebehali said in a reply to a question, that rents in places like Tshawelo

Extension had to be high because of the escalating prices of building material.

He criticised those who accused the council of charging unreasonable rent in the area and said those who went there knew what to expect.

Mr Thebehali also expressed concern at the school age limit. We have been shocked with

the high failure rate and are definitely going to call a meeting soon where school inspectors will be present," he said.

Turning to the demolition of Orlando East shacks, Mr Thebehali said people who qualified were welcome to come to the Soweto Council for assistance.

He said residents in the area should see Mr N J Mogamse for help

He appealed to people who have taken in sub-tenants to evict people who have been living with them for years.

Mr Thebehali further said they were also looking into the pensioners' plight. They had discussions with Pretoria to arrange for senior citizens to receive their money at their rental offices through the system of cards.

They were having discussions with the authorities concerned about the increased ambulance fees — from R6 to R10. He said an announcement would soon be made on progress made

During the meeting an Orlando East councillor came under fire for not attending to the shack problem. Police were also criticised for

Thebehali tells of help with rent

not attending to the residents' problems immediately. They were instead accused of fiddling in Mr Thebehali's All Nations Party's affairs.

Mr Thebehali was also showered with praise by some residents for uplifting the standard of living in Soweto. At the end of the meeting, Mr Thebehali's "bodyguards" tried to stop this reporter from talking to him and accused the Press of being pro-Committee of Ten led by Dr Nthato Motlana.

SA rejects swap offer

LONDON — South Africa has rejected a prisoner swap that would have freed ANC leader Nelson Mandela in exchange for four white mercenaries condemned to death in the Seychelles for their role in a failed coup attempt, the British Foreign Office said yesterday.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the swap was proposed by the Seychelles' socialist government led by President Albert Renet.

Fire at shops causes R100 000 damage

DAMAGE ESTIMATED at over R100 000 was caused when a shopping complex consisting of a chemist, a butchery and a grocery were gutted by fire in Soweto at the weekend.

Owners of a neighbouring dry cleaners and a clothing store also suffered losses to looters who helped themselves to clothes when people attracted by huge flames converged at the shopping com-

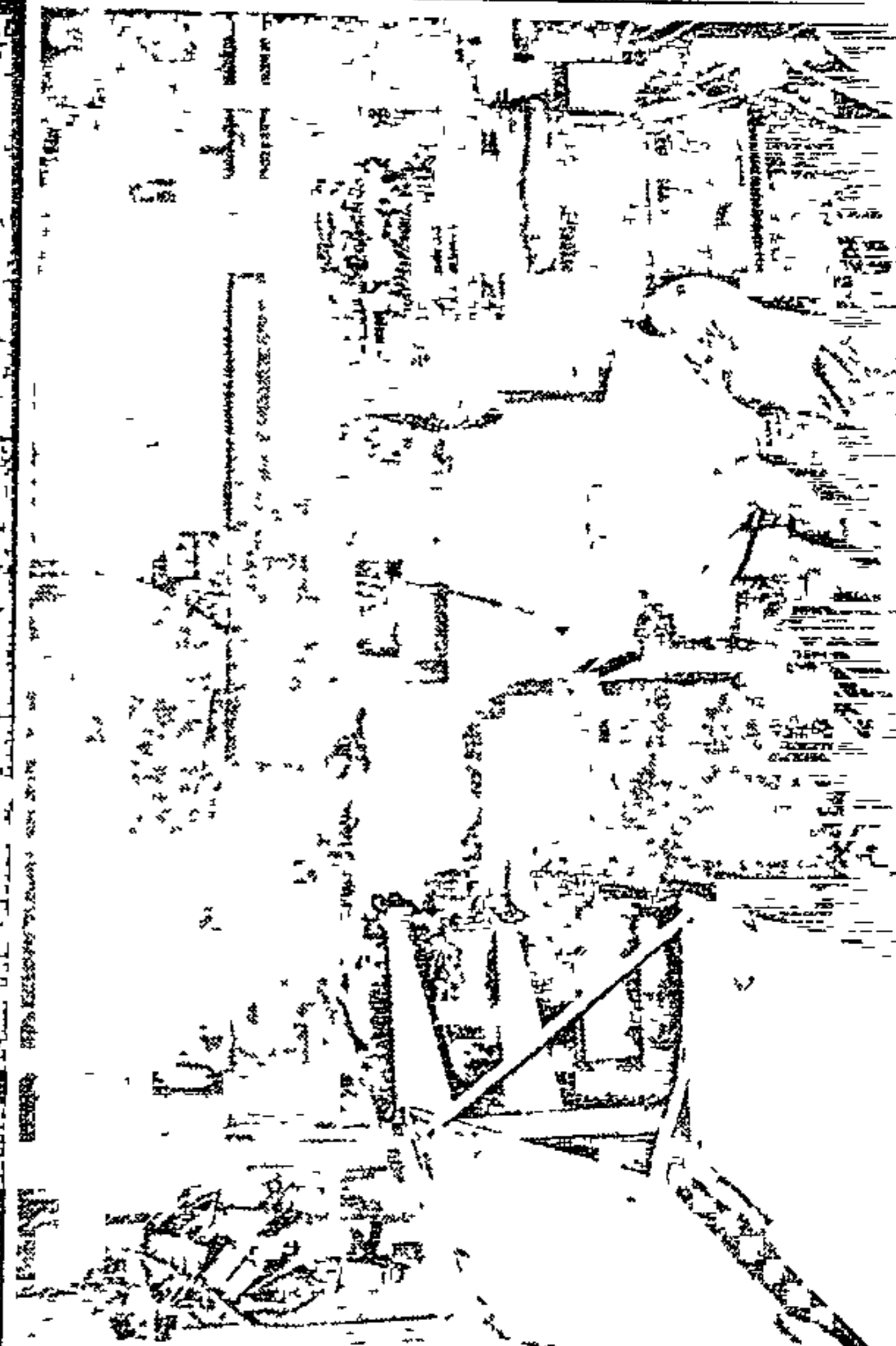
By SINNAH KUNENE
and SAM MABE

Shopping centre gutted

1,5-m fear eviction - PFP

ABOUT 1,5 million people in South Africa are living under the threat of removal from their homes by the Government, Mr Ray Swart MP, Progressive Federal Party, said yesterday.

Moving a private members motion asking Parliament to condemn the policy of resettling black communities in the interest of ideology and to call on the Government to stop further removals, Mr Swart said over the past 25 years about 3-million people had been uprooted from



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Accommodation of domestic workers/cleaners
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39 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether during 1982 the West Rand Administration Board refused to renew permission to flat-owners and/or tenants in the Johannesburg area to house their domestic workers and/or cleaners on their premises, if so, (a) in respect of how many domestic workers and/or cleaners was such permission refused in that year and (b) what were the reasons for the refusals,
- (2) whether the Board took steps to find alternative accommodation for those in respect of whom such permission had been refused, if not, why not.
- (3) whether he will reconsider such refusals?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

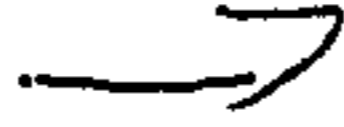
- (1) Yes
 - (a) 226 in respect of domestic workers
 - (b) The original compassionate reasons ceased to exist
- (2) No The employees were advised by the Administration Board to obtain lodger permits in Soweto or Alexandra or that the employers must apply

for a permit should a room become available within the normal quota to house Blacks on the premises

- (3) No Provision is made in the regulations for an applicant to submit his case to the Board for review

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Purchase of 1145 Breyer Avenue, Pretoria
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9 Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Community Development †

Whether the property known as 1145



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Breyer Avenue, Waverley, Pretoria, was purchased by the State recently, if so, (a) when, (b) from what person or body was it purchased (c) what was the purchase price and (d) for what purpose was the property purchased?

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Yes

- (a) 12 November 1982
- (b) Mr P C van Blommestein
- (c) R115 000
- (d) as an official residence for a senior officer of the South African Defence Force

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- (1) Yes
 - (a) Figures are not readily available
 - (b) Accommodation in Black residential areas was available and/or the workers did not qualify to be in the prescribed areas



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- (2) No Alternative accommodation is available as stated in (1)(b)
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By ALINAH DUBE

THE MAMELODI Community Council yesterday approved a R7,50 tariff increase in the township.

The increases are scheduled for April 1 and residents will be expected to pay on an average R50 in rent. The amount will be paid in three phases.

Giving reasons at the council's monthly meeting, the deputy chairman, Mr J Letwaba, said the Central Transvaal Administration Board initially proposed

a R12 tariff increase which was reduced to R7,50 by the finance committee. He appealed to the council to accept this hike than having a rent increase of R12.

Rents in Mamelodi were increased by R16 last year. Mr Letwaba said there were no other sources of income to run crèches, maintain parks and that his council had no means in which the R1,5 million deficit could be eliminated.

Rejecting the proposal, Councillor Z B Ndlazi said it was time the council took into consid-

eration what the administration board had been doing with the money, previously said to have been budgeted for the improvement of the township. He said there were no parks in the area.

He said "It is in the interests of the community to know what was done with the money they paid for the improvement of facilities in the township. People cannot pay without being given a feedback on what their money was used for," said Mr Ndlazi.

Vaal residents face rent hike

By ERNEST NKA-BINDE

TARIFFS in most Vaal Triangle townships are to go up by almost R8 as from April 1.

The Evaton Community Council, chaired by Mr Sam Rabotapi, has resolved to increase rates by R8,45 per family in the area as from April 1.

And the Vaal Community Council under Mr Esau Mahlatsi is due to decide whether to increase rents in Sharpeville, Bophelong, Boiphatong, Sebokeng and Zamdela.

The increase in Eva-

ton township means that each family is to pay R8,45 extra over and above the present rate of R10 per month. This does not include the water tariff which is R3 and a ground tax of R2 per month which is paid separately.

According to Vaal Council sources the tariffs are to be hiked in view of the increases in the cost of electricity from Escom and water from the Rand Water Board.

Tariffs in these areas are likely to go up by between R9 and R13 according to the source.

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Alex man faces eviction

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NINE days from now an Alexandra man may be evicted from the house he has lived in for 13 years.

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Mr Ditshego's plight came to light after Wrab officials visited his number 50—Sixth Avenue house to evict him and install a new tenant. With the truck carrying the new tenant's belongings parked in the street, two policemen and an armed superintendent started removing Mr Ditshego's belongings.

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SB threats

A STATE witness in the Kempton Park Regional Court yesterday alleged that he was threatened with detention and prosecution if he did not "say what they want" in his evidence.

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berg he said threatened him with detention if he did not agree with the statement allegedly made by Miss Mazibuko.

As a result of threats, shouting and screaming, he agreed to say what they said.

By CHARLES
MOGALE

when the police took him to Protea to make a statement last year. W O Van Loggeren-

Mr X, who may not be identified, said he had made a statement to Warrant Officer Van Loggerenberg of the Protea Security Police because he was scared of being detained and assaulted.

He was giving evidence before Mr J J Luther where Messrs Stanley Radebe, Ephraim Madalane, Ernest Mohakalane and Miss Innocentia Freedom Mazibuko have pleaded not guilty to charges under the Terrorism Act.

Mr X said he had met Miss Mazibuko in 1980. She had asked him to join the South African Youth Revolutionary Council (Savrco) and invited him to a meeting. Later he said he realised that the movement advocated violence and he decided to terminate his friendship with Miss Mazibuko.

He told the court he went to Miss Mazibuko's home in Zone 6, Meadowlands, to tell her of his intention to terminate their friendship. There he found Mmasabata Loate, who told him that even if he had withdrawn his friendship with Miss Mazibuko, his name was already on the Savrco list.

Under cross-examination by Mr Tony Bassian for Miss Mazibuko, Mr X said he was scared



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Unbalancing act

The housing crisis in black urban areas could prove a flashpoint for trouble. No-one wants it to happen — but the signs are ominous. The two pressure points are shortages and rents.

David Thebehali's Soweto Council, acting within its authority though in the teeth of massive community opposition, is pressing ahead with backyard shack demolitions in Orlando East. At the same time the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) is waiting to hear what rent increases will be sanctioned by the Department of Co-operation and Development.

Minor rent increases are already coming into force (see table). But in order for Wrab to fulfil its brief and bring the three Greater Soweto councils' annual income and expenditure into line, increases of between 14% and 100% for the three townships are required this year.

"It has to be done sooner or later," says Wrab Financial Director Fanie Schutte. "Either this year or next, we must have the big increases, so that the councils become viable. Then it's done, and rents stabilise to cover the inflation rate — unless the new municipalities (Greater Soweto) undertake further expenditure."

Sooner or later — that's Pretoria's political decision. This year marks the run-up to the application of the Black Local Authorities Act, giving township councils municipal status. Steep increases after the new councils take power will land them with a political liability. But if the jump is taken this year, existing councillors' already tenuous support will be eroded in advance of elections.

In general, Sowetans view increases as arbitrary impositions by a rapacious landlord (government and its agents). There's little comprehension, frequently even at township council level, of the financial mechanics involved — any lines of communication to put this perception straight seem to be down most of the time.

How do the rents work? There are three components:

- House rent, which averages around R5



Soweto . rents spell political trouble

monthly, depending on the age and cost of the houses' construction. This is paid on by Wrab to the National Housing Commission.

- Site rent, equivalent to white towns' assessment rates. This pays for township administration, infrastructure maintenance and contributes to school and clinic costs. As the Soweto Council's administration grows, so does this levy.

Capital expenditure, like that on the civil upgrading project, is also recovered from site rent. So in 1986 a R19 levy per household per month will begin to accumulate funds for repayment of the R160m Soweto civic upgrading programme, and

- Service charges cover water, street cleaning and refuse removal, sewerage and electricity. A further R20 "availability levy" to cover electrification came into force this month. It is a flat rate paid by all households with access to electricity even if they're not connected up yet, with metered charges on top.

The levy, which will rise close to R30, is to build up funds for repayments on the electrification loan, which fall due next year.

By March this year, Greater Soweto's R11,5m deficit will be added to the townships' accumulated deficit of R32,8m — covered by bridging loans from government. Presumably government is prepared to write these off in the end, as its decisions on increases determine the size of deficits

in the first place.

Pretoria also subsidises servicing of major long-term loans, like that for the civil upgrading programme. Government is paying the first four years' interest on the R160m civil upgrading loan, after which Soweto begins to pay 2,5% interest for five years, with the rate increasing by 2,5% every five years, and gradually increasing over the next 15 years.

Rent increases in a time of high unemployment are political trouble, as government is very well aware. The dilemma is a trade-off between the political stability and economic viability of townships.

So Pretoria is cautious, dragging its feet on a decision about increases recommended for Soweto. In fact, so far this year, increases approved by West Rand township councils and boards have been reduced, once again leaving a deficit to be covered by government loans — and inevitable increases next time around.

BY-ELECTIONS

HNP also at risk

The Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) risks being tagged as a "spoiler" if it nominates candidates in the proposed by-elections at Waterberg and Soutpansberg. Such a charge could seriously erode its vote and

SOWETO'S GAPING DEFICIT

MARCH 1983

Council	Number of houses	Expenditure R	Income R	Deficit R	Household levy (excluding house rent) R	Increases passed 1983 R	Projected increase to cover annual cost R
Soweto	73 561	57 237 950	48 578 050	8 659 900	35 55	1 50	10 10 (28,4%)
Diepmeadow	26 900	16 735 725	15 320 530	1 415 195	29 95	2 00	1
Dobsonville	4 070	4 805 886	3 328 630	1 477 256	30 63	13 81	30,86 (100,7)

Duduza rent ⁽¹²⁷⁾ hike ^{Sowetan} ^{18/2/83} dropped

By MZIKAYISE
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THE proposed R1,60 rent increase in Duduza township near Nigel which was due to be implemented in April, has been dropped.

The rent increase was announced through a letter to the Duduza Community Council from the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) last month

One rand of the increase was supposed to go towards the provision of services and 60c, towards the building of a new library

After Erab's announcement, the council called a public meeting at which residents rejected the proposed rent increase. They told members of the council they had not been consulted over the increases and they demanded to see senior officials of the board before paying up

They demanded that a sewerage system be installed and taps fitted in every house before the increases were implemented

In an interview with **The SOWETAN** yesterday, the chairman of the Duduza Council, Mr Johnny Mokoto, said that the council had sided with residents and that they had informed Erab that the council and residents were against the proposed R1,60 rent increase

"We are not prepared to pay the R1,60 until living conditions in the area have been improved. Residents are against the increases and there is nothing the council can do about that," Mr Mokoto said

Last November, rent in the township was supposed to have gone up by R9, a further R6 in April this year and another R7,30 in September, for the board to install a sewerage system

The board had to abandon the sewerage project after residents refused to pay the increases stating that they were only prepared to pay for the usage of sewerage and not for its installation

Presently, Duduza residents are paying a monthly rental of R22,55

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ON KATLEHONG

• SAM MABE reports • Pics by ROBERT MAGWAZA •

Shack problem

Mushrooms

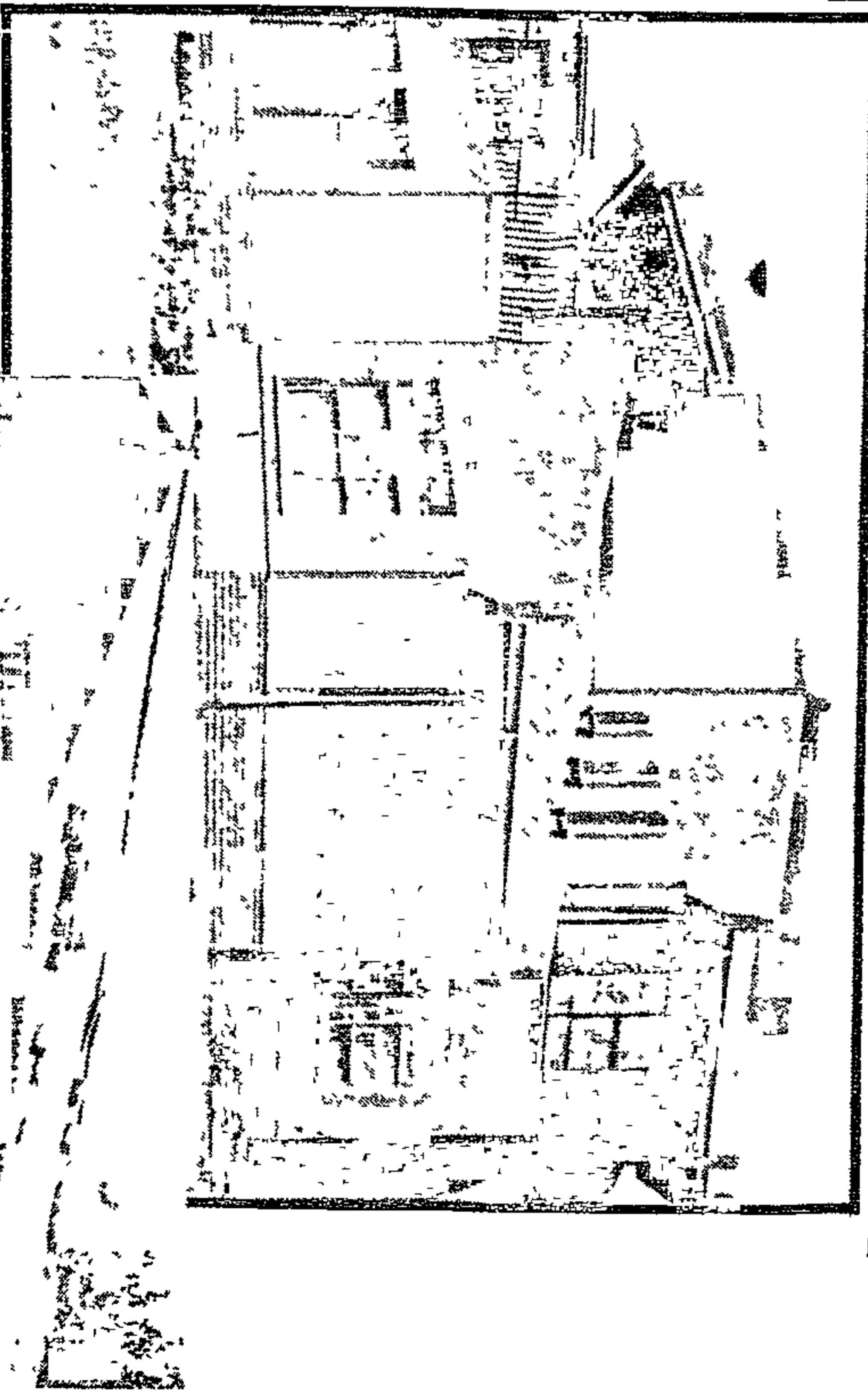
THIRI are twice as many shacks as there are houses in Katlehong, NatalSpruit, according to the chairman of the local community council, Mr A P Khumalo

Speaking in an interview with the SOWETAN yesterday, Mr Khumalo released shocking figures which showed that of the 18 000 houses in Katlehong, there were 35 000 illegal shacks. This means there are an average of two shacks for every house in the area.

Mr Khumalo also said there were 6 000 families on the housing waiting list and that his council was trying to devise means of helping them with houses.



A tale of two towns in a single township



MANSIONS They are a familiar sight in Katlehong

SLUMS They blemish

There were 6 000 families on the housing waiting list and that his council was trying to devise means of helping them with houses

Shacks, he said, were causing his council a headache but found it too inhuman to demolish the shacks

"On health grounds we have objected to the demolition of shacks until we can provide alternative accommodation. Surveyors are at work and we hope to build about 1 100 houses, which we accept are not enough to meet the demand

But what can we do because we have no fi-

MR A P KHUMALO Eighty percent of the houses are privately owned.

nancial resources We are trying to do what is humanly possible but we inherited lots of problems from the Germiston City Council

"They were more sympathetic to the homelands than the urban townships, that is why they pumped funds into the development of Lebowa instead of this area," he said

MANSIONS They are a familiar sight in Kattlehong

SLUMS. They blemish the potential beauty of the township



COMPARED with other black residential areas like Soweto, Kagiso, Mohlakeng and others on the Reef, Kattlehong is most qualified to be called a slum

The houses there are old and falling apart and there is a complete lack of proper fencing which shows that maintenance has not been done for many years

And those who have bought their houses have done a lot to improve them. Some have added more rooms to the four-roomed houses, while others have completely demolished the houses to build better ones from scratch

Double-storey mansions with double garages, four and five bedrooms, big lounges, dining-rooms and family-rooms are a familiar sight in Kattlehong. May of them, however, are surrounded by the old shabby-looking houses and the numerous shacks which have turned Kattlehong into a

"shack-city"

Said Mr Elphus Monareng who owns a nine-roomed house "We have been blessed with big plots here and this is what has made us the envy of many people from places like Soweto

PROBLEMS

"Our only misfortune is that while some of the houses may be nice-looking, they happen to be in awful surroundings because the streets here are not tarred and we have problems with dust during the dry seasons and mud during the wet seasons

"This results in houses not appreciating quickly in value, because the area where a house is situated has a lot to do with its value," he said

IMPROVE

According to the chairman of the Kattlehong Community Council, Mr A P Khumalo, only 20 percent of the 18 000 houses in Kattlehong are owned by the

Evaton ⁽¹²⁷⁾ City 20/2/83 Res outrage

By STAN MHLONGO

EVATON — Residents are up in arms against the envisaged R5 increases in residential permit tariffs which will become effective from April 1.

The chairman of the Evaton Ratepayers' Association, Mr Caswell Kabi, said the council has no right to charge residents for living in Evaton.

"It is an area with freehold rights and under the authority of private owners.

Squatters

"The community council has opted to replan the township, but has not provided an alternative for the hundreds of squatters who have no accommodation and live in corrugated iron housing," said Mr Kabi.

Mr Kabi, who was acquitted on January 31 of harbouring squatters on his property, said he was found not

guilty because local bodies like the community council, who are supposed to exercise power in Evaton have no authority to run the township.

He said ERA is still waiting to hear from the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, about the memorandum sent last year where ERA is demanding that the Minister should intervene to see that all properties expropriated by the Orange-Vaal Administration Board are sold back to local residents.

The Evaton Community Council chairman, Mr Sam Rabotapi, refused to comment, but said he would deliver a statement later on.

Rents rocket by 60 per cent: ⁽¹²⁹⁾ we won't pay, say angry residents ^{City Press}

KAGISO — About 1 000 Krugersdorp residents packed the local Anglican Church hall to protest against the massive 60 percent increase in rents — from R20 to R33,73 — and called for the immediate resignation of the community council.

The angry residents also pledged not to pay the new rents and to boycott businesses owned by councillors. A petition has been circulated calling on

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them to resign.

"The community councils must go — they live aloof from the people they represent," Mr George Moiloa, secretary of the Krugersdorp Civic Association, told the meeting at the weekend.

The Minister of Co-Operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, was also strongly criticised for being "insensitive to the plight

of the people".

The meeting was told that last year a petition had been sent to Dr Koornhof's offices, but he had never replied.

"Our legal representative has written another telegram to the Minister. We hope he will reply this time," said leading community member Isaac Genu.

The residents decided to boycott all businesses owned by community councillors, and to pay the old rents

until the Minister replies to their call to reduce rents.

"People are working shorter weeks, shorter hours, and there is a recession looming. The cost of living is ever soaring. How can they expect us to pay higher rents?" asked Mr Genu.

"We are going to stay in the townships. If the Government thinks that by increasing rents they will get us out of the townships to the homelands, they had better revise their strategy."

Alex needs more homes

THE CHAIRMAN of the Alexandra Liaison Committee, the Reverend Sam Buti, is to meet the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, in Pretoria soon to discuss several housing projects aimed at "modernising the dark city".

The meeting is regarded as important for the residents and will discuss development projects and community affairs, according to the committee's publicity secretary Mr Nunka Mkhalipe.

He said R5,5-million had been spent towards building home and an infrastructure in the township. About 94 sub-economic homes have been com-

pleted and more are required for hundreds of people.

"We intend building 194 flats in the township to accommodate families," he said.

The committee also needed more than R1-million for the second phase of the housing project and it was expected that the issue would be raised with the minister.

Mr Mkhalipe said 95 percent of the homes in Alexandra would have to be demolished and new ones erected, although in some cases homes would be renovated.

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HOSTEL: Inmate Sibongiseni Mkhize cooks his supper.

VEREENIGING, they say, is one big industrial giant. But the men at the Sebokeng hostel who keep the wheels turning are one unhappy lot.

None of the men we spoke to spared the authorities any nice words. It was hard talking openly with them, for they feared they could be sent on the next train home if they were found complaining.

Mr Sibongiseni Mkhize, the only one who gave us his name, said he felt like a pig living in the hostel.

"They make us sleep four to a room. There's absolutely no privacy. The communal toilet is quite a walk from the room and you could get robbed on your way there," he said.

They also complained of the uncleanness of the toilet, which they said was smelly.

"Sixteen of us have to use one stove. There have been fights in other blocks over this. Fortunately for us, we are not rowdy people, so we in this block never fight. Summer is not bad, but

with winter coming we are in serious trouble. There is no ceiling and the floors are bare. We are not at all happy," Mr Mkhize said.

The men also complained of the strict rules barring women visitors.

"It's understandable that they don't want ladies here," one said. "But they should have built us a visitor's room."

"Some of us are unmarried and have girlfriends. If we can't bring them here, we have to meet them at street corners or in the veld and we could get killed," he said.

One complained of the monthly R13,05 rent.

"We work hard for

these people but they don't appreciate it. Look at these rooms, nobody would want to live in there. We've got to hang our clothes on the walls because we haven't got cabinets. I'm here for the money but I miss Mzimkhulu, my home town." One good thing about this hostel is the absence of faction fights.

A Mr Mpofu said: "If your brother kills my brother back home, that's their business. We here won't involve ourselves. We all believe home affairs shouldn't be settled here. That's why we don't kill each other like they do in other hostels."

The men relax mostly in the bar lounge in the hostel. That is where they meet their women friends. "Friendly people, these. They seldom even argue," said manager Mr Frans Matime.

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Wrab licence needed for 2 live-in servants

The West Rand Administration Board does not encourage employers of domestics to accommodate more than one servant on their property.

A spokesman for Wrab said if a householder wished to have more than one servant living on his property he had to apply for a special licence.

He confirmed that multi-millionaire Mr Marino Chiavelli had applied for, and been granted permission to have 12 servants residing on two properties in Sandton.

The licences were renewed each year and any complaints were taken into consideration, he said.

Adult education centre will aid hostel inmates

THE FIRST adult education centre to cater for the interests of hostel inmates on the East Rand will be opened next month in Daveyton, near Benoni

The project is the brainchild of Mr J Makoro, the principal of the Daveyton Adult Education Centre in conjunction with the Daveyton Community Council and other organisations in the area. So far about 50 inmates have already enrolled at the centre for sub-A up to matric classes.

There are at least 2 690 inmates in the Daveyton Hostel and a

spokesman for the committee responsible for this project said the committee was expecting at least 500 "students" to enrol for classes before March 1 when the project kicked-off.

IDLING

The spokesman said "It has come to our notice that most of the time hostel inmates spend their time idling

about and doing nothing and as a result we have decided to introduce adult education to keep them busy and to give them a chance to progress in life.

The Daveyton Adult Centre, which is situated at the H B Nyathi Secondary School, conduct their night classes from Monday to Friday, starting at 6 30 pm to 8 30 pm. The centre, is staffed by about 25 teachers. In a statement, the centre stated that it wanted to expand its services to Daveyton

Hostel inmates and that if all went according to plan, classes for the inmates would be held at the Mabuva High School which is opposite the hostel.

All those interested in enrolling are requested to see the Mayor of Daveyton Mr Tom Boya at room No 18 at the local administration board offices between 8 pm and 5 pm or phone him at 735-1877, or can contact Mr Makoro at the H B Nyathi Secondary School during the day or evening.

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Wrab may erect flats to ease housing crisis

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By LEN MASEKO

THE WEST Rand Administration Board (Wrab) is considering building flats in three Soweto townships, including Orlando East where numerous shacks were recently demolished by authorities leaving many stranded without accommodation.

Wrab's chairman, Mr John Knoetze told The SOWETAN yesterday that his board, in consultation with the Soweto Council, was considering this as a possible way to alleviate the serious housing shortage in the area.

SHACKS

Townships being considered for the construction of three-storey flats are Jabulani, Tshiwelo and Orlando East, where about 4 000 makeshift shacks are in the pro-

cess of being demolished

Construction of 400 flats has already started in Jabulani while plans for Tshiwelo are still being considered. According to Mr Knoetze, his board and the council were looking into the possibility of re-developing Orlando East into a flatland.

FLATS

"Sooner or later high-rise flats will start to go up in these areas. We are also looking into the possibility of renewing some of So-

weto's oldest townships, like Orlando East, for instance," Mr Knoetze said

But, he added, the redevelopment of Orlando East into flatland would only become a reality if the township's residents approved of it. Residents could form themselves into consortiums to build small blocks of flats in the area, he said.

"This is a long process and will only succeed with the co-operation of the residents. We still have to consult with the residents because some have already brought their houses under various leasehold schemes," he said.

Unions blame Govt for shacks

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THE hearing of Orlando East residents who early this month brought an application before the Supreme Court to restrain the Soweto Council from demolishing their shacks may be on today.

A spokesman for the advocates representing the residents who brought the action to court, said although the hearing was scheduled for yesterday, it could not be heard because of the number of cases on the court roll.

The hearing is a sequel to the demolition of 15 shacks by officials of the Soweto Council in Orlando East at the beginning of this month. Since then, a number of other shacks have been demolished.

Meanwhile, the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa), yesterday issued a statement condemning "the demolition of workers' homes as a futile exercise of creating a problem and substituting it with a more vi-

ciuous one

"The housing shortage in Soweto is no fault of the shack dwellers. There is no serious attempt on the part of the Government to provide adequate housing for the black workers of this country.

"The reason for the housing crisis is the stubborn refusal of the Government to regard them as more than just a temporary phenomenon.

"This recalcitrant attitude forces people to take refuge in shacks and to live in appallingly overcrowded conditions. Instead of responding to this by building more homes, administration boards are increasing the suffering by the present wave of demolishing activity," the statement read.

"No degree of repression or force will curb the need to find adequate shelter. People will continue to stream to the cities to find jobs. Influx control is therefore not the answer to the housing crisis."

A township waits for the bulldozers

By ALI MPHAKI *Some fan*

SOME families virtually sleep in the open while others have to crowd into two-roomed houses in Orlando East since the demolition of shacks by the Soweto Council and West Rand Administration Board started.

The demolition of shacks which started on February 2, leaving families stranded and furniture and other household effects exposed, has also caused a number of students to halt their studies temporarily as they have nowhere to study.

To date up to 50 shacks have been demolished in the area and more than 4 000 shack owners whose shacks are still intact are living in fear.

The leader of the Orlando East-based Solasonghe Party, Mr Ambition Brown, said yesterday that a meeting to discuss a common strategy for all shack dwellers on the Reef would be held on March 6. He said people from all over the Reef had similar problems and they had to unite to form common strategies.



WAITING Some shacks have not yet been demolished Here residents wait for their turn

Dobsonville Council pumps R10-m into housing

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DRUGS STOP SAVERS CAMP GRABBERS

No appeal for Durban bomb trio

THREE men who were found responsible for the seven bomb blasts which rocked Durban in 1981, were refused leave to appeal against their convictions in the Supreme Court, Pietermaritzburg.

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Durban attorney Patrick Ntshaka Magubela, Maboniswa Richard Mabhanyani of Umhlabeni, and Seth Mpanzule (Saba of Mdantsane), were found guilty of high treason and sentenced to 28 years' imprisonment by Mr Justice J A Van Heerden in September last year.

Dobsonville Council pumps R10-m into housing

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THE DOBSONVILLE COUNCIL has set aside R10-million for the building of over 800 houses in the area.

Announcing this yesterday, Dobsonville Council chairman Mr Ben Mashao said the houses would be available for selling and renting. In addition, 350 sites were available for development by individuals.

"A contract has been awarded for the servicing of these sites, which total 1 184, and it is expected that the infrastructure for the whole area will be completed by September this year. The 350 sites available for individuals, will only be available to qualified persons," Mr Mashao said.

He added that R1-million had been put aside for the servicing of the sites.

"The houses to be erected will include conventional and core type

By **LEN KALANE**

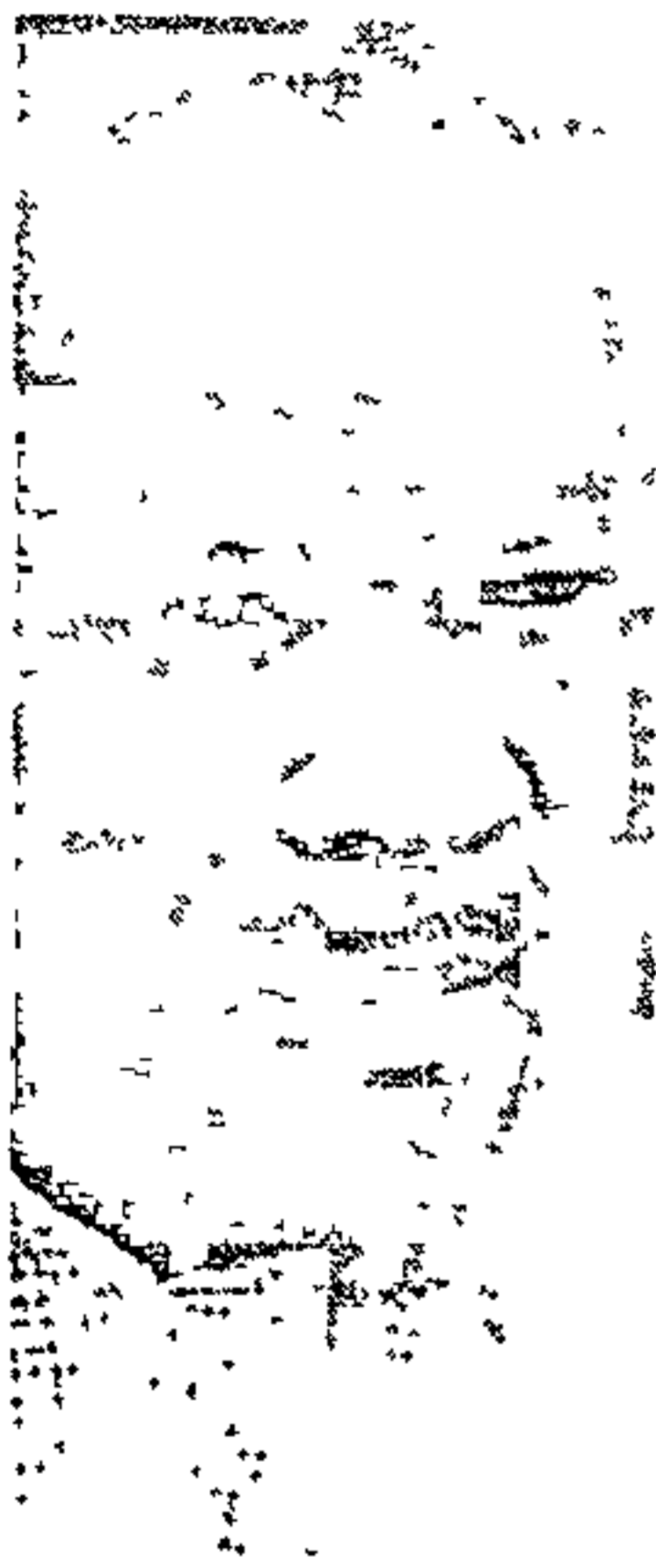
The council is busy constructing eight show houses — displaying two differently-designed conventional type houses — to show future residents the type of houses that will be provided in the rental/selling scheme," he said.

Fire

The housing scheme will help improve the housing shortage in the area.

Last year, the council came under fire from the opposition for having not built a single house for renting purposes since its inception six years ago.

• The Mental Health Association is to erect a stall in the Dobsonville Council chambers, to advise local residents on the subject in observance with the declaration that March this year has been declared Mental Health Month.



CHAIRMAN. Mr JB Mashao

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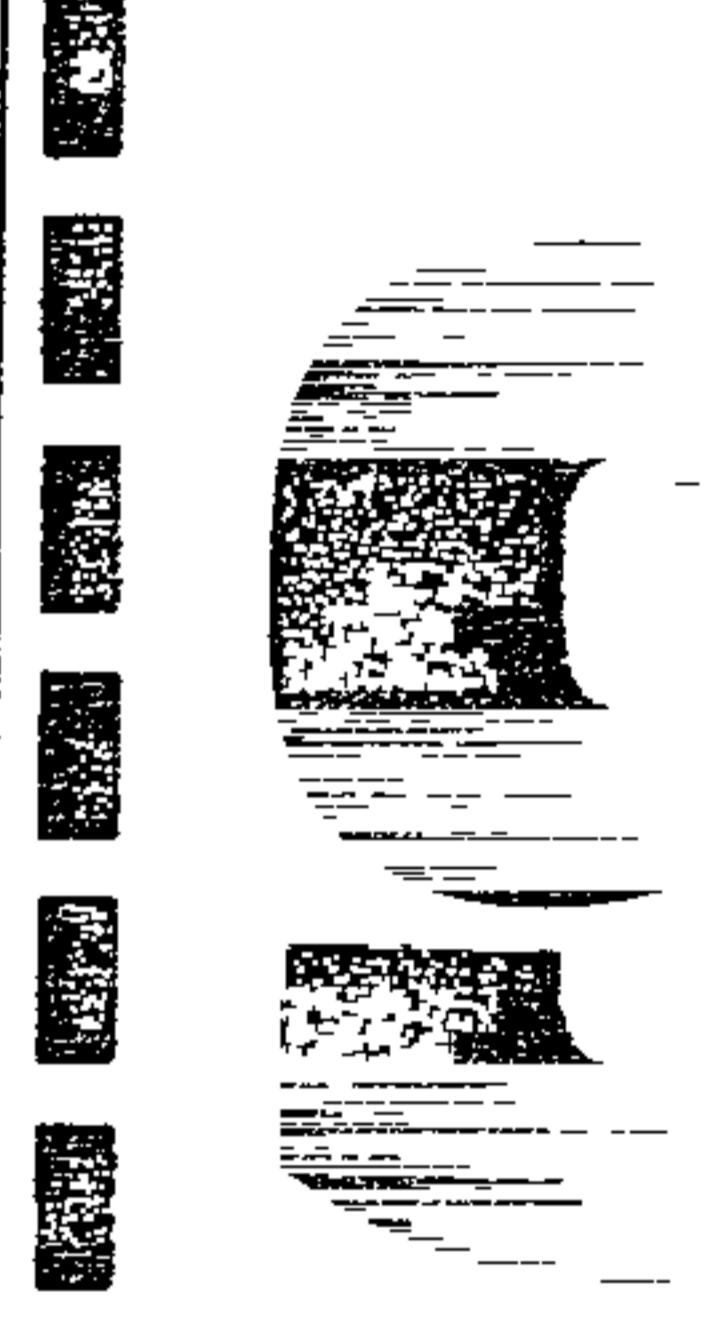
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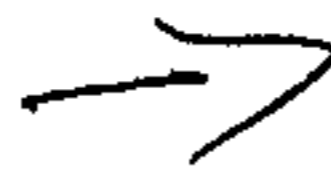
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Alexandra Township: leasehold system

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

(1) Whether new or reconditioned

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houses are being made available to residents in Alexandra Township on (a) a monthly tenancy, (b) a leasehold and (c) any other specified basis, if so for what period are houses made available on a leasehold basis,

(2) whether the 99-year leasehold system is being applied in the said township, if not, why not?

† The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) Yes

(b) Yes

(c) No

Leasehold rights are registered for a period of 99 years

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Suburb hostel row threatens Jo'burg council

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A POLITICAL row is threaten-
ing to blow up between Jo-
hannesburg management
committee chairman Mr
Francois Oberholzer and the
Norwood-Orchards ward
councillor, Mrs Janet Levine

But the chairman of the
Norwood-Orchards Resi-
dents' Association, Mrs Clair
Quail, is determined that the
non-political association will
not be caught up in the row —
which revolves around the
possible erection of a hostel
for black migrant workers at
the Norwood refuse site

Plans to build a major bus
depot on the controversial
site were apparently aban-
doned after fierce resistance
from residents

At this week's Johannes-
burg council meeting, Mr
Oberholzer accused Mrs Le-
vine and the association of
not making public a letter
from the management com-
mittee asking for the associ-
ation's views on the estab-
lishment of the hostel.

The letter said it had been
encouraged by Mrs Levine's
view that she would not ob-
ject to labourers being
housed in Norwood

Mrs Levine has said she
favours housing labourers in
cottage-type accommoda-
tion, but is opposed to a
hostel

She made the statement at
the January council meeting,
when she attacked the com-
mittee for housing its la-
bourers in West Rand
Administration Board hos-
tels — "monuments to apart-
heid" — rather than provid-
ing accommodation

At this week's council
meeting, Mr Oberholzer ac-
cused Mrs Levine and Mrs
Quail of not revealing the
committee's letter at the as-
sociation's annual meeting on
Monday because "they
feared that their credibility
would suffer a blow from
residents who were opposed
to the housing of labourers in
Norwood"

Mr Oberholzer handed a
petition to the council signed
by about 60 Norwood resi-
dents opposed to the Nor-
wood housing of black la-
bourers.

Mrs Qail said the associ-
ation was opposed to any
type of high-rise develop-
ment, not to housing accom-
modation for black
labourers

"It appears Mr Oberholzer
is set to make a political foot-
ball out of this," she said.

Mrs Levine told Tuesday's
council meeting Mr Ober-
holzer was pretending the
idea of housing the labourers
in Norwood had been mooted
by herself in January.

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Housing shortage

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*18 Mr S P BARNARD asked the Minister of Community Development †

What is the extent of the housing shortage for Whites in (a) the Transvaal and (b) Natal?

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

The whole question of housing needs and shortages is closely linked to the new policy directives announced by me in terms of which as part of a comprehensive

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housing strategy it has been determined that state funds in future will be made available only for the provision of infrastructure to ensure an adequate supply of building sites, and for the provision of housing to the very lowest income group, the aged and other welfare cases, whilst greater involvement by the private sector in the housing process, especially by the individual himself, his employer and utility companies will be purposefully pursued and actively promoted. Where the Government with the limited means at its disposal will in future accept responsibility for only a portion of the housing needs, it is not incumbent on the State to undertake the comprehensive research on an ongoing basis that the determination of housing needs and shortages demands. Accordingly the Department, unfortunately, cannot provide the required statistics.

25/2/83 Soweto
More shacks pulled down

MORE ORLANDO East families were yesterday left homeless as Mr David Thebehal's council officials launched their third blitz on shacks

Armed West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) policemen stood guard as the structures were brought down. Crowds of anguished dwellers congregated in the streets to watch helplessly as their homes were being demolished

Also affected was Mr Samson Nakane, the chairman of the Soweto Civic Association, whose three shacks were the first to be brought down

At one house, a shack was brought down while the home owners were away at work. Concerned neighbours who went to the scene to try and plead with the officials were sent away.

Residents interviewed said in some instances the families were not even warned to remove their belongings

Said Mrs Phumla Nakane. "We were sitting in the

house when we heard a noise outside. When we looked, we saw them busy demolishing the structure I ran to them and asked what was happening, and they told me they were demolishing the shack I asked them to stop so that we could remove the furniture "

Mr Nakane said he was seeking legal advice on the issue

"We are going to try and get a court interdict to stop these people I was at work when they started this When I came back I tried to reason with them but they would not understand I then left them alone and went to see my lawyers " Mr Nakane said

Sapa reports that officials of the Western Cape Administration Board backed up by the police and two armoured vehicles demolished about 50 structures at the KTC squatter camp near Gugulethu yesterday

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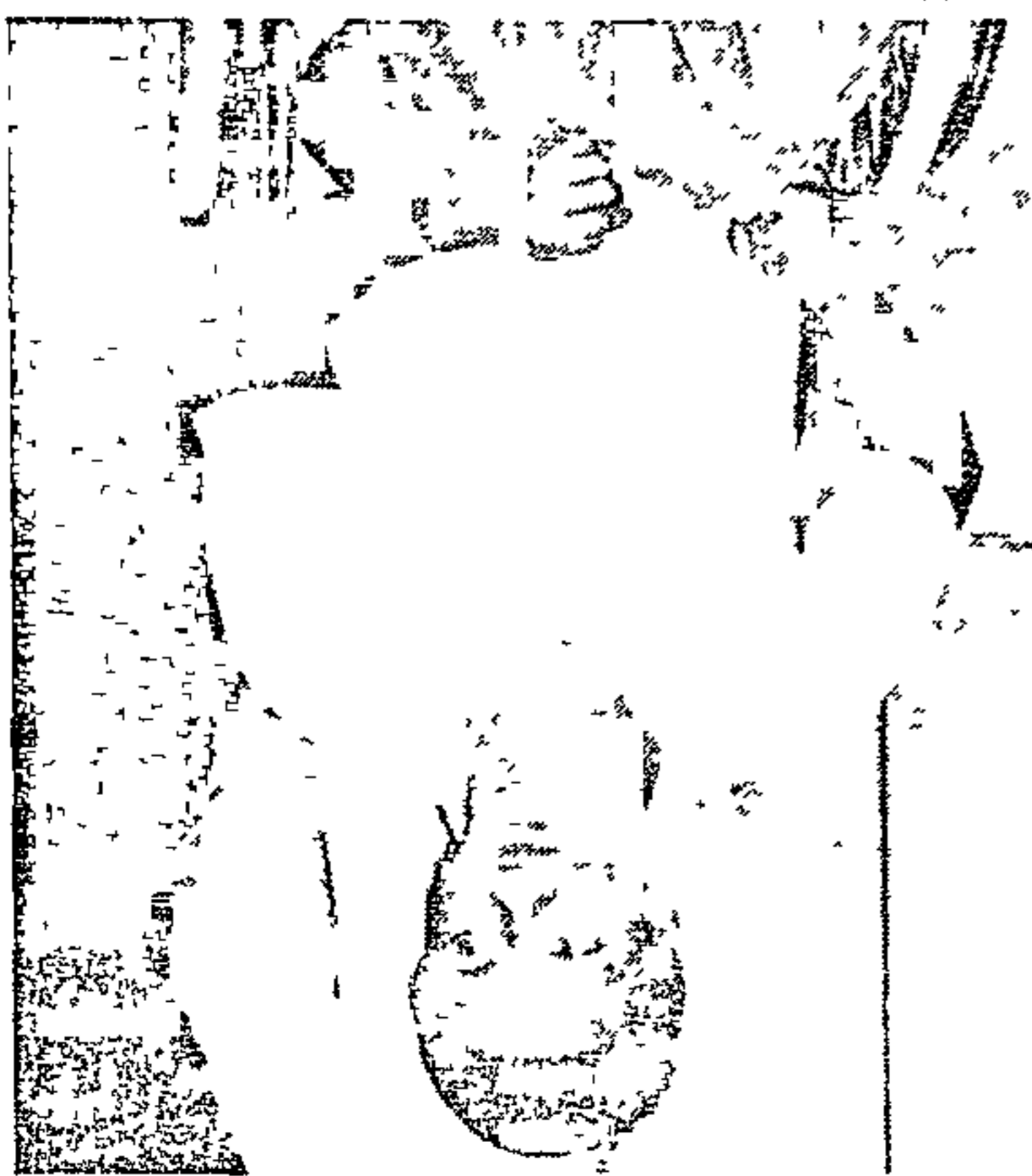


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Ambulances - resident officers to take control

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PROBLEMS OVER: Mr Henry Modise back at university



daily, to find out what blacks are saying about whites," contributed money, while an Indian doctor based in Vereeniging, who wishes to remain anonymous, has promised to cater for all his expenses while studying

Mr Du Toit said other people too have contributed and he wished to extend his Association's gratitude to all the contributors

economics last year, ran out of funds when the Self-Help Association of Paraplegics were unsuccessful in raising money for him to return to university

According to Shapco-ordinator Mr Mike du Toit, contributions started pouring in after The SOWETAN published the plight of the young man A Jewish Afrikaans attorney who reads The SOWETAN

YOUNG Soweto paraplegic who did have the money to complete his BCom studies at the University of the North West, received help from good samaritans through an article published in The SOWETAN.

Henry "Master" (22), who obtained distinctions in accountancy and business

Find for cripple

ends flow in to help student

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ATTERIDGEVILLE-
Saulsville residents will be strongly urged not to pay the Central Transvaal Administration Board's proposed R17,63 rent increase, even if they are officially gazetted, the local community council chairman, Mr Joseph Tshabalala, warned this week.

"We have good reasons why we rejected the increase and we want to be listened to. We are prepared to go to jail this time, because we are just not prepared to pay these increases," the council leader said.

The proposed increases, Mr Tshabalala added, were tabled before the council for consideration after the local administration board had informed them there was "an astounding" shortfall of R1 861 674 in the townships.

"Although we accept the concept of increasing tariffs to balance our books to be able to run the township efficiently," Mr Tshabalala said, "we refuse to do so now because the administration board has constantly refused to cooperate with us and refuses to let us control our own finances," Mr Tshabalala said.

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Court orders shack restored

By TONI REYNEKE

A RAND Supreme Court judge ordered the Soweto Council yesterday to restore a demolished shack in Orlando East, and leave another standing following applications brought earlier this month.

The Soweto Council was also ordered to refrain from demolishing a shack belonging to a 73-year-old widow, Mrs Beatrice Buthelezi.

Mr Justice F H Grosskopf said in judgment the Soweto Council was not a local authority and was not entitled to demolish a shack standing on the property belonging to Mrs Margaret Hlongwane.

The Soweto Council was ordered to pay costs.

About 100 members of the Sefasonke Party — wearing tartans and red sashes — were singing outside the court building under the leadership of Mr Ambition Brown.

The Sefasonke Party originated in the 1950s, under Mr James Sefasonke Mpanza, who worked for better housing conditions in Soweto.

Mr Justice Grosskopf found that the Soweto Council was a community council, which had no powers in terms of the definition of a local authority.

Mrs Buthelezi and Mrs Hlongwane said in papers they and their families had permits to live in Orlando East.

Mrs Buthelezi lives with her three sons and a daughter in a two-roomed house and a shack on her property.

Mrs Hlongwane lives with her husband and two young daughters. Their corrugated iron shack, which was added on in 1979, is at present used as a storeroom.

Mrs Hlongwane said their shack was demolished on February 2. It forced them to move all the furniture into the main house which resulted in a lack of space.

Mrs Buthelezi said she received a letter from the Soweto Council earlier this year informing her of its intentions to demolish the shack which houses her one son.

Mr A Franklin, for the applicants, argued that the Soweto Council, which purported to act in terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, was not a local authority in terms of this act.

"Only local authorities as defined by this act, may issue instructions to demolish structures," he said.

"It is a matter of the gravest importance that the Soweto Council be allowed to approve plans. Shacks going up in backyards will eventually lead to chaos," Mr Rene Kruger, SC, for the respondents said.

"It is a local authority in that it has an area and a board," he said of the Soweto Council.

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Three . . . Two . . . One . . . Lift off

By Vera Belakova

SOWETO residents will spend well over R31-million this year in home improvement, and this figure is likely to rocket to "unimaginable heights" within this decade, say suppliers of building materials

"Potential expenditure on home improvement in Soweto is so huge that it defies quantification," says Toncoro marketing manager Keith Nurcombe

"More than R2,6-million is being pumped monthly into home additions and improvements

"Black earning power will surpass that of whites by the turn of the century, when the black population will number 30-million compared with a white population of 5-million"

Toncoro points out that, while the Government is faced with the daunting and unachievable task of providing 1 500 homes a day for blacks nationwide simply to keep pace with the current demand, blacks themselves have become keen to improve their social standing by upgrading their dwellings

"Social mobility is an emerging factor among Soweto blacks and homeowners are

increasing the size of their accommodation so that they can take in paying boarders

"Once they have recouped and added to their savings, they move house to a better part of Soweto"

Urban Foundation figures show that 75% of additions undertaken by blacks are for additional bedrooms

Toncoro's research reveals that, of 2 600 urban blacks canvassed, the priority lay in an extra bedroom, followed by a bathroom and an enlarged kitchen

Corobrick's interest in concentrating initially on home additions stems from the fact that insufficient land is available for new houses coupled with the tremendous pressures from Sowetans for additional dwelling space

"Last year only 832 new houses were built for families of five but, in fact, up to 10 people are moved in," says Mr Nurcombe

Electrification is an additional factor spurring on the home-improvement sector

"Communal rooms are no longer acceptable, as people want a separate room in which to study or entertain — and electrification is bringing with it a new standard in housing needs"

Groote Schuur zoological gardens
407 Mr K N ANDREW asked the Minister of Community Development

Whether a decision has been taken on what is to be done with the (a) lions and (b) monkeys at the zoological gardens at Groote Schuur, Rondebosch, after the closure of the said zoological gardens, if so, what is the decision?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Yes

(a) and (b) To dispose of the lions and monkeys, but there is no question that the zoo will be closed as its future is being investigated

THURSDAY, 1 MARCH 1983

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For Mr. H. J. ...
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Mrs E M SCHOLTZ asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

Whether any further extensions at (a) Kaitshong, (b) Vosloorus, (c) Tokozo and (d) other East Rand Black residential areas are being contemplated, if so, (i) how much land is to be purchased, and (ii) how many additional (aa) houses are to be built and (bb) persons are to be provided with housing, in respect of each such residential area?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(a), (b), (c) and (d) Obviously provision will have to be made for the natural increase of Blacks that qualify in terms of Section 10 (1) (a) and (b) of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act, 1945 (Act 25 of 1945) It is with the utmost circumspection that in respect of each area, needs are determined and accordingly planning being done to house the greater part of the increase in the Ekangala and Ekandustria industrial growth points at Bronkhorstpruit

(1), (ii), (aa) and (bb) As extension of Black residential areas is receiving continuous attention and is dependent on the population, the demand for houses, the availability of land and funds and other related factors, it is not possible to furnish exact figures in this regard

44 Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Defence

(1) (a) What are the present rates of pay for national servicemen (b) when were these rates introduced and (c) what additional rates are paid as special camp allowances?
(2) whether regular deductions are made from servicemen's pay, if so, what deductions?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

Daily Rates of Pay	
Married members and single members with living-in full dependants	All other single members
R17,15	R12,86
R13,36	R10,02
R12,00	R9,00

Daily rates of pay
Married members and single members with living-in full dependants

Daily rates of pay	
(ii) Other Ranks	
Sergeant	R16,39
Corporal	R13,36
Lance Corporal	R9,95
Private	R9,27
	R12,29
	R10,02
	R7,46
	R4,64

(iii) Besides the daily rates of pay as set out in subparagraph (i) and (ii) above, a daily allowance is paid to those national servicemen who possess a post-school qualification for which the prescribed minimum duration of study is three years and in respect of which the examination was conducted by an acknowledged public educational institution. The rate of the daily allowance is as follows

Three years	R0,50
Four years	R1,00
Five years	R2,00
Six years and over	R3,00

(iv) Professional Officers The remuneration package of national servicemen professional officers consist of:
Pay of rank which is calculated according to the minimum notch of the salary scale attached to the equivalent military ranks of non-professional officers in the Permanent Force, plus a daily allowance according to differentiated rates in cases where national servicemen concerned possess a post-school qualification for which the prescribed minimum duration of study is three years and in respect of which the examination was conducted by an acknowledged public educational institution. The tariffs are the same as those set out in subparagraph (iii) above. However, in the case of the incumbents of the following professional occupations who are fully utilized in the occupation concerned, the daily tariff amounts to R8,00 per day

Medical Officer	
Dentist	
Engineer	
Pharmacist	
Quantity Surveyor	
Specialist	
Town and Regional Planner	
Architect	
Surveyor	
Veterinarian	

a personal allowance (where necessary) to make up the difference between the existing rate of pay and the total of the pay of rank plus the daily allowance which will be phased out according to increases in pay of rank as a result of general increases
The total remuneration package of professional officers vary from group to group, irrespective of rank, with a maximum of R55,89 per day

Mamelodi residents set to take legal action over lodgers fee issue

MORE than 200 Mamelodi residents are to take legal action to try and force the Central Transvaal Administration Board not to remove the married dependants of permit holders from house files until alternative accommodation has been provided.

Residents under councillor H M Pitje, told a meeting held at the Monare Higher Primary School that they were troubled by authorities who made their children pay lodger's fees after they got married. They said alternative accommodation had to be provided before such people were

removed from the house files

Mr Pitje said the only way to remedy the situation was to take the board to court. The move was applauded by residents who said the problem had gone too far with the authorities constantly turning a deaf ear to their complaints.

Also taken to task at the meeting was the chairman of the local community council, Mr W M Aphane, for taking part in the Lebowa elections. After an announcement that Mr

Aphane had gone to the homeland in preparation for the coming elections, the meeting called for his resignation.

"Mr Aphane and his council have failed the community of Mamelodi. Let him resign as chairman, stop deceiving the community and go to serve in the homeland's politics," one speaker said.

IMPOSSIBLE

The meeting heard that it was impossible for a man who had the interest of homeland policies at heart, to be

able to run matters related to the development of a township. There would be no progress in the area if such behaviour was allowed.

On the issue of the increased rent in the township, residents said they were not in a position to pay and that a public meeting should be called to "let the people of Mamelodi know who their killers are." They said they had lost confidence in the people they had elected into positions of authority.

Local churchmen were also attacked for showing little interest in community affairs.

By ALINAH DUBE

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Nafcoc indaba to discuss outflow of buying power

TOP SPEAKERS have been lined up to talk at the two-day fourth inter-regional seminar of the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce (Nafcoc) starting at Sun City tomorrow.

The seminar with the theme "Outflow of Buying Power — Re-examination of Recommendations" will endeavour to monitor progress and

bring to light some of the far-reaching recommendations made at a similar seminar in Pietersburg last April.

Mr Gabriel Mokgoko, co-ordinator and public relations manager of Nafcoc, told **The SO-** **WETAN** it was high time that the black entrepreneur became the bustling economic

mainstream of Southern Africa.

He said this would not come about as a result of the kindness of the authorities or the willingness of the financial institutions to lend a hand.

He said it would depend upon the capacity of the entrepreneurs to work hard together, to seize opportunities which be-

come available from time to time and to continually create new ones.

Among those to attend the seminar are representatives of Government departments, administration boards and community councils, associate members and private sector organisations, universities and technicians.

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By TONI REYNEKE
Court Reporter

A TENANT of a luxury block of flats in Killarney terrorised and harassed the domestic workers in the flats with a gun and was the cause of several police raids on them, a Rand Supreme Court judge was told yesterday

The owners of the building, Herjoe Investments Chartwell Pty were applying for an order to evict Mr David Bank, 60, from Chartwell, 4th Street, Killarney, Johannesburg, and to cancel the lease agreement

Mr Noel Jenkins, property manager of Selcob Finance Company Pty — agents for Chartwell — said there were 48 rooms for domestics on the top storey of the building

Mr Bank approached him in January last year to lease a flat, he said "As soon as he had signed the lease, he start-

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'Gun-toting tenant terrorised staff'

ed saying derogatory things about Mr J Jacobs, owner of the flat

"As soon as Mr Bank took occupation I started getting complaints from tenants"

Mr Jenkins said Mr Bank called him a few days later to complain about the "unbearable noise the kaffirs" were making Mr Bank also accused the superintendent of the building of being "useless" and demanded her "instant dismissal"

Mr Jenkins said he had never had these complaints about the domestic workers' behaviour before

Several tenants of Chartwell phoned Mr Jenkins with complaints the following week One tenant called Mr Bank a "madman" who would cause a mass exodus of tenants from the building, Mr Jenkins said

Another tenant said Mr Bank was a "madman running around with a sawn-off shotgun"

The tenants accused Mr Bank of terrorising and interfering with their staff, causing numerous police raids, disturbing the domestics at night, brandishing a firearm, and of causing a general disturbance, Mr Justice B J

Curlewis was told

Mr Jenkins said the superintendent of Chartwell, Mrs Reinett Schepers, had told him she was under doctor's treatment because of Mr Bank's behaviour She also threatened to resign

Mr Jenkins said he had written to Mr Bank in July warning him that the lease would be cancelled if his conduct continued, but Mr Bank had denied the allegations

He told the court that things had been "very peaceful" in the building until Mr Bank arrived

He also said Mr Bank had refused to direct his com-

plaints to him directly because "he considered me on a lower social level"

Mrs Francina Mohlala, employed by one of the tenants, testified that Mr Bank had banged on her door one evening "He was wielding a gun and asked me about a noise I was half dressed I never heard a thing"

She said Mr Bank had called the workers "kaffirs" and "monkeys" on several occasions "We were upset with him and complained to our employers"

The hearing continues today

(127) Hansard Q. 61,408
Railways, Bapsfontein plant
2/3/83
*y Mr S P BARNARD asked the Min^r
ister of Transport Affairs †

(a) What total amount has been budgeted by the Railways in respect of hostel and other facilities for Blacks at the Bapsfontein plant and (b) how many Blacks will be accommodated there?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(a) R21 162 000

(b) 1 296

†Mr S P BARNARD Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he tell us whether the hostels are already being used?

†The MINISTER Not yet

† The number of police/crime rate
 + The Minister of Law and Order
 Minister of Law and Order
 2/3/83

- (1) (a) What is the ratio of members of the South African Police in the Cape Flats in relation to the (i) population figures and (ii) crime rate and (b) how do these ratios compare with ratios for areas less densely populated and with relatively low crime rates.
- (2) whether steps have been taken to curb the violence and gang activities found in these areas, if so, what steps
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

† The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) Statistics of this nature are not kept and are also not readily available
- (2) Falls away
- (3) No

Animal Diseases and Parasites Act

*15 Dr F HARIZENBERG asked the Minister of Justice †

Whether legal proceedings against any persons were instituted at the magistrate's court for the district of Messina in July 1982 for contravention of the provisions of Government Notice No R 1215, dated 25 June 1982, read with the provisions of Government Notice No 1534, dated 4 October 1963, both issued under the provisions of the Animal Diseases and Parasites Act, Act No 13 of 1956, and read with the provisions of the said Act, if so (a) what were the nature and details of each such case, (b) against whom were legal proceedings instituted in each case, (c) what was the (i) address, (ii) occupation and (iii) age of each of the accused persons and (d) what was the outcome of each case?

† The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Yes (a) to (d) Legal proceedings were instituted in two cases. The cases arose from events on 17 July 1982 which gave rise to two counts. The first count dealt with the moving of a contaminated animal from land north to land south of the double fence in the buffer zone east of Balle 84 in the district of Messina. The second count deals with the moving of the animal from one landed property to another in the defined area of Messina with out a written permit issued by the State veterinary surgeon. Count I was instituted against S. P. Botha, a politician of Hydena, Messina. His age does not appear on the summons. Both counts were instituted against H. J. Visser, a 49 year old farmer of Esmefort, Messina. The first mentioned R20 admission of guilt and the latter R20 admission of guilt on each count.

I have also acquainted myself with the following facts

- (1) The counts are based on regulations which were, at the relevant time, in force for only a few days
- (2) All processes of law were adhered to and justice took its normal course.
- (3) Nobody attempted to conceal or withhold anything
- (4) The persons concerned conducted themselves as honest citizens by co-operating with justice when it took its course

The events again illustrate that all people in the Republic of South Africa are equal before the law and that one should make sure, if one wants to put questions, that one does not choke on the poison that one wants to suck from them

† Mr F J LE ROUX Mr Speaker, answering out of the hon the Minister's reply, I should like to inquire from him, in the light of the penal provision in section 28 of the Animal Diseases and Parasites Act concerned, which provides that the penalty shall be a fine not exceeding R1 000 or im-

prisonment for a period of six months, why an admission of guilt was accepted in this case?

† The MINISTER Mr Speaker, this authority is conferred upon the magistrate under section 57(5) and (7). I am satisfied that the magistrates who acted in this instance, on one hand to determine the admission of guilt, and on the other hand to confirm it fully under section 57(5), carried out their duties properly. Moreover, there should have been cases in this connection which could have served as examples. I have indicated that this case arose 22 days after the regulations had been promulgated. There was therefore no other example in this connection, apart from the discretion of the magistrate himself. This is the only case that had occurred up to that moment, and, as far as I have ascertained, that has occurred since then [Interjections]

† Mr F J LE ROUX Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I should like to inquire from him whether the discretion in this connection was not he with the public prosecutor or with the Attorney-General [Interjections]

† The MINISTER Mr Speaker, my reply is that I am satisfied that the functionaries acted properly in terms of section 57(5) and (7). The hon member may argue with me about the question whether those functions were carried out properly, at this stage I say they were carried out properly

† Dr H M J VAN RENSBURG (Moskvl Bay) Do you want to suggest that the contrary is true, Frank? [Interjections]

† Mr SPEAKER Order!
 Mining company hostels: facilities
 Hanswade & Co. l. 4/13 - 4/14
 *16 Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs †

- (1) Whether there are separate (a) dining-room, (b) lounge, (c) bedroom, (d) bathroom, (e) toilet and (f) swimming facilities for mine apprentices of the various race groups at mining company hostels in the Republic, if

not, at the hostels of which (1) mining companies and (ii) mines owned by such mining companies are there no such facilities.

- (2) whether any facilities in hostels at such mines are shared, if so, which facilities,

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

† The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS

- (1) and (2) Yes Apprentices of the different race groups are trained at various mines, but according to information available there is only one mine at which mine apprentices of the different race groups are housed together in a hostel, namely at the mine of Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited, Virginia

On other mines where training facilities exist apprentices of the different race groups are housed in separate hostels, living quarters or even away from the mines

In the hostel on the Harmony mine the occupants are housed in single rooms and the dining room, lounge, bathroom and swimming facilities are shared. I am informed that steps have now been taken to designate separate toilet facilities for Whites and Non-Whites

- (3) A complaint regarding the sharing of change house facilities at a certain mine is at present being investigated by the Attorney-General and the matter is therefore *sub-judice*. After this investigation has been completed, the general question of the sharing of facilities on mines will be considered

P. W. Botha Army combat School

*17 Mr J H HOON asked the Minister of Community Development †

Whether farms have been purchased with a view to the extension of the site of

DIY fever

(127) Industrial Week

rampant in

2/3/83

Soweto

SOWETO families are spending more than R2,6-million a month on home improvements, according to Keith Nurcombe, Toncoro's marketing manager, writes Hugh Poulter

He said this was due to tremendous pressure in Soweto for additional accommodation and a lack of available land for the construction of new housing

He said an additional factor focussing attention on home improvements was the electrification of Soweto

"Communal rooms are no longer acceptable because people want a separate room in which they can entertain or study

"Electricity is bringing with it totally different standards in housing needs," said Nurcombe

He pointed out that according to figures provided by the Urban Foundation, bedrooms accounted for 75% of additions being undertaken at present by urban blacks

In an effort to relieve the accommodation crisis in Soweto a multi-racial Johannesburg business group has slashed through red tape to open channels for homeowners to begin improvements to their accommodation within a few weeks of taking the decision to go ahead

Previously Sowetans had to wait up to 18 months before being able to start improvements, but now the new organisation formed through the publication *Homelife*, say they will assist anyone who approaches them

Win a trip overseas

HURRY, hurry, hurry, only a few weeks left before the Gestetner win a trip around the world competition comes to an end. For full details on how to enter turn to Page 10

Minister Kotze comes under fire

Indian anger at threats to 'illegals'

By Anthony Dugan and Yussuf Nazeer

Indian leaders hit out angrily at the Government today after its threat yesterday of drastic action against black and coloured people who live in "white" areas

At the same time there has been some cautious approval for the Government's final recognition of the right of Indians to live in central Johannesburg

The Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, said in Parliament yesterday that Johannesburg's Mayfair, east of Princess Street (only a small portion of the suburb), would be investigated by the Group Areas Board with a view to proclaiming it an Indian residential area

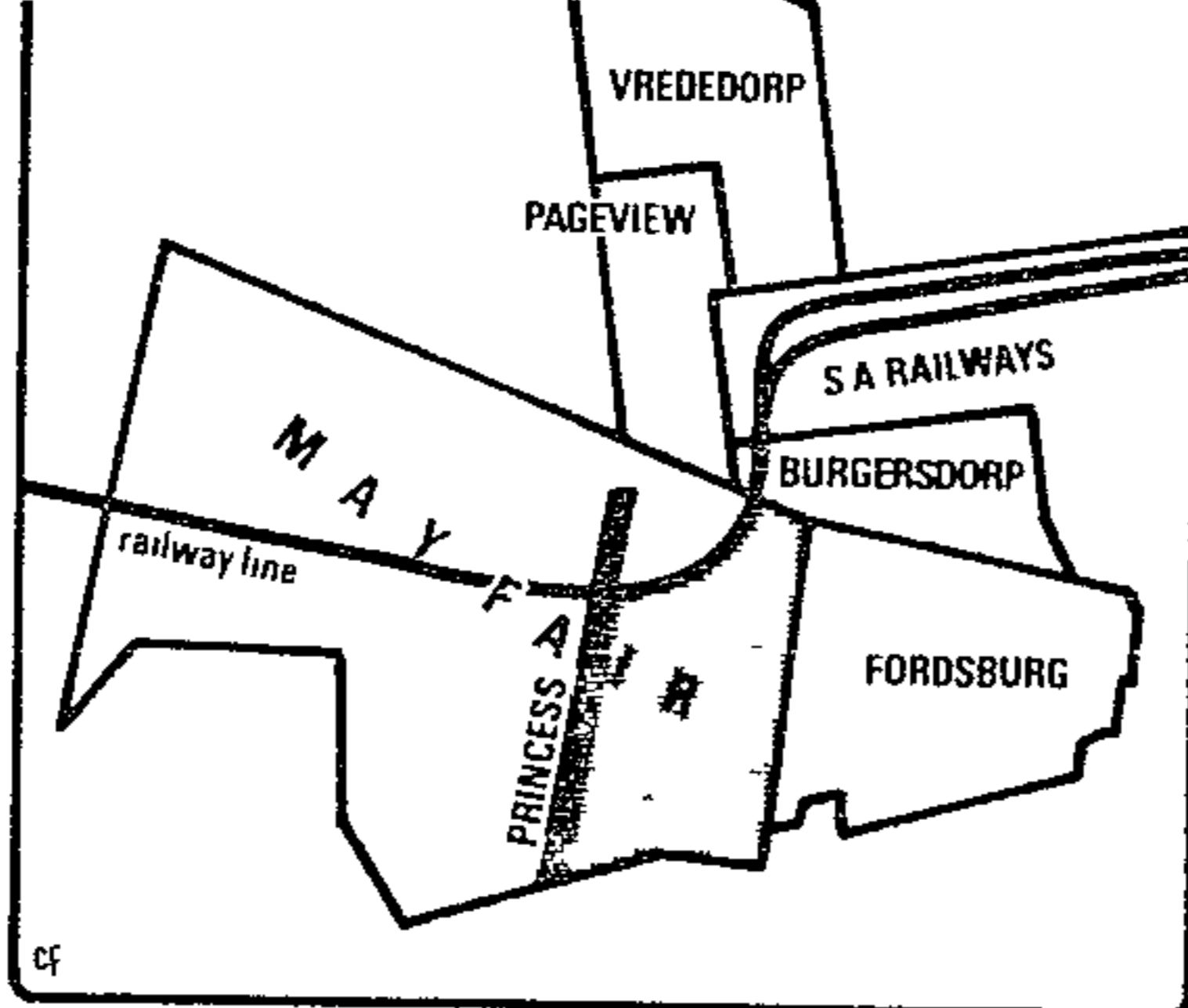
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Mr Cassim Saloojee, chairman of Actstop, an organisation which has been using court action to contest the eviction of black people from white areas, expressed bitter anger at the renewed threats from Government quarters

"It is ironic that just at the time they say coloured and Indians can sit together in Parliament, they say they cannot live in the same area," Mr Saloojee said "This is an indication of the hollowness of the constitutional proposals"

He also questioned the Minister's assertion that a good number of serviced sites were available

THE AREA THAT COULD GO INDIAN



ing that a new urban area has been given to the Indians

"On the contrary, Fordsburg's landlords, now wanting to develop their properties, are giving scores of average families notice to quit their homes Will these families get homes from Minister Kotze's Department of Community Development?"

Mr A Rajbansi, chair-

man of the SA Indian Council, said that although the Government's positive indications about Mayfair East were far from what the SAIC wanted, it was still a foot in the door

"But we regard Fordsburg as instalment one and the possibility of Mayfair east as instalment two along the way of what we really want to achieve"

WAITING LIST

"There is a waiting list of approximately 7 000 Indian families and 6 000 coloureds To my knowledge there are not serviced sites for these people There are also no houses available"

Dr Essop Jassat, chairman of the Transvaal Anti-SA Indian Council Committee, said "The world should not be misled into believ-

Rapist avoids Death 'because of his youth

A young man who raped a 75-year-old Craighall Park woman five times and raped or robbed three other elderly women in the area in 1981, was yesterday sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment when he appeared in the Rand Supreme Court

Family and friends of Anthony Matamela (21) gasped when they heard the sentence, but Mr Justice P J van der Walt had said he could have imposed the death sentence He had not done so because of the accused's

youth

Matamela, a citizen of Venda, pleaded guilty to three counts of rape

He was found guilty and was convicted on a further charge of robbery and two charges of robbery with aggravating circumstances

A 75-year-old woman, who was admitted to hospital after being attacked in her Craighall Park home on January 2 1981, said that on that morning she was attacked at her front door by two men, one of whom was Matamela

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Row erupts over housing issue

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

A MAJOR row is brewing between the United Financial Trust (UFT) and the West Rand Administration Board

(Wrab) over alleged housing deals concerning scores of Soweto home-seekers.

The housing backlog stands at 16 000 but the UFT maintains that the board is refusing to give them sites on which to build homes

Wrab's chairman, Mr John Knoetze, has

warned that some property agents were getting money from clients and promising them sites when none were available.

The issue was sparked-off following large-scale complaints by residents that they had paid money to the consultants to assist them obtain houses in the area.

Some of the residents, apparently desperate to get homes, have been forced to demand re-funds from the consultants who told them "Wrab says no sites",

according to Mrs Sheila Mondlane of Morolo village.

Mrs Mondlane told the SOWETAN that during last September she paid R300 to the UFT and was promised a house soon. Several attempts to get the house failed.

"I decided to demand my money back and was told I would get it but nothing has materialised so far. I wonder why the consultant does not want to give my money back," she said. Another resident, Mr

Richard Radebe said he wanted to buy a R12 000 house owned by a Klipspruit family. He paid R1 000 towards the deposit of the house and the UFT promised to help him.

"I now have difficulty in obtaining the house because the board is saying that paying the money back will be a financial strain for me," he said.

Mrs Clementina Nel of Westdene said she paid R500 to the UFT and was promised a house, but nothing has happened. She was not

refunded her money when she asked for it

Mr Qubell Rasemeni also claimed that he paid R300 to get a house in Soweto. When it seemed his attempts were failing on deaf ears he went to reclaim his money.

"The consultants told me on numerous occasions that I will get it, but each time I go to them they tell me different stories."

Mr Kyrnizis has appealed to all those people who have problems in getting their "refunds" to come and see him. He denied that some of the people demanded to be refunded "My doors are always open and I shall deal with every case on its merits. I am not out to swindle people of their money. I am prepared to help everybody obtain a house to reduce the housing backlog," he said.

Mr Knoetze warned that people should avoid falling into the trap of housing consultants. The offices of Wrab were opened to everybody for advice on obtaining a house. There are not sufficient sites in Soweto and if they are available then the board allocates them according to merit, Mr Knoetze explained.

Selling boom to ¹²⁷ Jo'burg coloureds

NO FEWER than 81 houses were sold to their coloured tenants by the Johannesburg Municipality last month.

Out of a total of 4 252 houses which can be bought by tenants who want to avoid spiralling rents, 2 577 have already been sold

Mr Thys Wilsnach, director of housing, told HOMEFRONT yesterday that his department had a further 60 appointments booked by people wanting to buy their houses.

"Sales have been going exceptionally well," he said. In Riverlea Ext 2, 278 of the 467 houses available for sale had already been sold for between R18 000 and R23 000

Most purchases have been on deed of sale. Building society loans are not available for unproclaimed stands.

There were also 1 650 newly-built houses for sale, 223 of

them in Eldorado Park Ext 9, Mr Wilsnach said

The Eldorado Park houses cost R35-R37 000, so would-be buyers needed to earn R1 000 or more a month to be able to afford the monthly repayments of approximately R400.

They would also need to pay a deposit of approximately R4 000

Loans were available from the municipality for those who needed help with buying their rented homes or buying new homes. Many employers were also helping with finance.

Once again, because stands were not yet proclaimed, building society finance was not available, Mr Wilsnach said.

"But we give a guarantee that the moment houses in that area are proclaimed, then bonds can be registered," he said.

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'Raids' were just routine inspections, says Wrab

Star 3/3/83
By Jon Qwelane

What took place in the Soweto township of Jabulani early on Tuesday morning was not a raid but a routine inspection by clerks employed by the Soweto Community Council, the West Rand Administration Board said today

The chief executive officer of Wrab, Mr C J Bezuidenhout, said the inspections were carried out early because the intention was to reach "rent defaulters" before they left for work

He said what had led to the early morning inspections was that notices had been sent to people to pay their arrears at the Wrab office but they had not done so

Told that the majority of those detained in the pre-dawn swoops had

said they were not in arrears in their rent but were taken in for not paying the R20 electrification fee, Mr Bezuidenhout replied that the fee was now part of the rent

"We don't raid people — we only get them in time before their accounts grow and create more problems for them. We cannot allow a situation where arrears in rent get out of control," he said

Mr Bezuidenhout added that the R20 a month every householder was expected to pay for the electrification of the townships would be raised to R30 next year and would probably continue to rise. Payment of the fee would be on a monthly basis for up to 30 years, he said

At R30 a month, this means the average Soweto householder will have

paid R10 800 over 30 years

Mr Bezuidenhout said it was the people of Soweto themselves who had agreed to the electrification of the area

"With electricity in their homes they will not be worse off than now. They will actually save on coal, paraffin, wood and candles. With that money it should not be very difficult to pay for electricity," he said

By the time Soweto, with its estimated 105 000 houses, has been electrified, its householders will have paid millions of rands for the project

The chairman of Wrab, Mr John Knoetze, said the fees required from home-owners in Soweto were contributions "towards the redemption of a loan which was obtained at 10 percent in-

terest a year"

The director of townships for Soweto, Mr J J Oosthuizen, said yesterday that the introduction of the minimum R20 fee for wiring and piping had been agreed upon by the full community council

Mr Oosthuizen said that even if residents did not want electricity in their houses they would still have to pay the extra levy because they would be using street lights and the lighting in public places

Meanwhile the chief executive officer for the council, Mr Nico Malan, has issued a pamphlet to householders urging them to pay a R30 deposit for connection and a monthly fee of R20 "which must be paid in addition to your normal site and house rent"

Wealthy Indians kicking out Mayfair's poor

By Yussuf Nazeer

Indian families living in Mayfair were today warned to start looking for new homes — or be evicted from the properties owned by wealthy Indians under nomineeship. The owners want to demolish and rebuild the houses. Families said that the warnings came from white nominees.

This follows the Government's announcement yesterday that Mayfair east of Princess Street and bordering Fordsburg would probably become an Indian area.

Scores of Indian and coloured families live in this area and it is known that whites have sold out to wealthy Indians in the past four years under nominee agreements.

A former member of the South African Indian Council, Mr I F H Mayet, told a Group Areas Board hearing in Johannesburg last year that "two-thirds" of Mayfair was "owned" by Indians, and the area should be given to them. He was critical of the rich getting the area exclusively.

Two anti-group areas spokesmen, Mr Cassim Saloojee, chairman of Actstop, and Dr Essop Jassat, chairman of the Anti-SAIC Committee, said that they had anticipated that rich Indians would kick out poorer ones.

Families in Mayfair facing charges for living in a white group area do not know where to find alternative housing if evicted by their Indian landlords.

Mr Saloojee said "I was afraid it would come to this. The Government's minor concession has benefited only the rich who bought out properties in this area." He said that Actstop would find it difficult to halt evictions.

Dr Jassat slammed the SAIC for being "in cahoots" with the Government to create the "false impression" that concessions had been given to Indians in general. It was a "concession to the rich only", he said.

It is expected that the whites — about 200 — left in Mayfair East will make a fortune on the sales of their properties.



KICKED OUT: Mr Japhta Motloung and his belongings after he was ordered out of "his" Orlando East house.

Evicted family sleep in veld

By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

AN ORLANDO East family of 10, including a one-month-old baby, was thrown out of "their" house for not "qualifying" to be in the area.

The Motloung family of house number 6101 had by yesterday already spent two nights sleeping in the open after they were ordered to vacate the house on Wednesday morning by Soweto Council police

Mr J J Oosthuizen, Soweto Council director of townships, yesterday confirmed Mr Japhta Motloung's family was

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told to vacate the house because he did not have a permit nor was he on the waiting list, despite his claims that he was the only son of deceased Mr Isaac Motloung who was a Johannesburg permit holder

Mr Motloung told The SOWETAN he was not on the permit because his father had taken him to his Reitz home in the Free State when he was young

He said he was born in Sophiatown and had moved with his family to Orlando. He has been paying rent for years after his father became sick and was up to date with his rent

"I do not know what I am going to do with my large family. Since my father's death I considered this my home and even tried unsuccessfully to get the house registered in my name," he said.

Mr Oosthuizen said Mr Motloung's case had been brought to their attention but he failed to produce a single document to prove he was the deceased's son

He said Mr Motloung might be one of the relatives who had come from Vereeniging to attend the funeral and had decided to take over the house. They had been aware people were staying in the house but had not cancelled the house permit because they knew relatives came from all over and often decided to stay for a while to sort out family matters

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Tenant
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Court Reporter

THE Rand Supreme Court brought a halt to the war between the tenant of a prestige Killarney flat and his landlord yesterday by granting an order of eviction against the tenant

Mr Justice B J Curlewis said in judgment that the probabilities were overwhelmingly against the version Mr David Bank, 60, of 509, Chartwell, 4th Street, Killarney, told the court of his vendetta against Mr J Jacobs, a director of Herjoe Investments Chartwell Pty

Herjoe Investments was seeking an order evicting Mr Bank from his flat because he was harassing the domestic servants and disturbing the tenants of the building

Mr Bank testified yesterday that the rebuttal he had received from Mr J Jacobs when he complained about the "unabated noise" coming from the servants quarters, started the war

Mr Bank admitted he wrote a letter to Mr Pen Kotze, Minister of Community Development in which accused Mr Jacobs of extortion, high rentals, payments for water and the general low standard of the building

He also admitted to giving an interview to a Sunday newspaper in which he alleged that Selcob Finance Pty — the administrators of the building — were charging for water in contravention of municipal bye-laws

"This was all part of the plan I wanted tit for tat I was defending myself against Mr Jacobs He had accused me of being a violent person in a letter

"Mr Jacobs deserves having rent control reimposed on his building He started the trouble with his rudeness I was trying to get my own back," Mr Bank said

Mr Bank said the whole situation had arisen because he would not tolerate Mr Jacobs' "victimisation" of himself, his daughter and other tenants

Judge Curlewis said in judgment the last thing a landlord wanted is to have police "clumping about" the place day and night

The court must accept that there was a relative peace and quiet before Mr Bank arrived at Chartwell

Herjoe Investments have established that the acts committed in connection with the servants were in breach of the lease agreement and were unauthorised

Where 450 men must make do with only three toilets



TOO SMALL: An inmate posing next to the lockers they use for locking up their groceries

OVER CROWDING One coal stove serves 20 inmates

THE FILTHIEST hostel ever seen by The SOWETAN and whose living conditions are so appalling that no self-respecting pig would want to live in it, is the KwaThema Hostel in Springs.

By any standards, the hostel is unsuitable for human habitation and everything about it poses a health hazard for people who live there

The SOWETAN visited Block J of the hostel yesterday and found that about 450 people living in the block had only three toilets to use among themselves. Each of the three toilets had seven cisterns and, in one of the toilets, all the cisterns were blocked and seemed to have been out of order for a long time.

In the second toilet, only five cisterns seemed to be in working condition while in the third one, only two were working. This meant that the 450 inmates use

seven cisterns — one for every 64 inmates

For washing themselves and their clothes, the inmates in the block have only 12 wash basins among themselves and none of the 12 taps have handles

The block has two shower rooms with 12 shower taps, all of which were without nozzles. If all the inmates went to the shower rooms and each one of them was allocated one hour during which to wash, in 24 hours' time, only 288 of them would have washed themselves!

Everything in the shower rooms seemed to be falling apart and the smell inside was strong enough to kill any fly that would be foolish enough to venture in there. One inmate said that in the eight months he had been living at the hostel, he could not remember once seeing the toilets and the shower rooms being cleaned

The SOWETAN also found that the warm water geyser for all those inmates was about the same size as one for an average three-bedroom house with a family of about five people

The rooms where the

stay at the hostel. We live like animals here," he said

Another inmate showed The SOWETAN a single coal stove used for heating and cooking. The stove is big enough to take only one average sized pot at a time, but it is used by 20 people

Said the inmate "Just tell me how on earth can 20 people use one kitchen with one stove as small as this one. As a result, we use paraffin pressure stoves for cooking and you should know the amount of noise they make and the disturbance they cause when other people want to sleep

"We have no privacy here and there is no safe place where we can keep our valuables. If you look at the lockers provided for our groceries, they are so small and one wonders whether the authorities were aware that human beings would have to live here when they built this place," he said

By SAM MABE

The block has two inmates sleep are stuffy and overcrowded. A bedroom of about eight by three metre in size sleeps six people, each of whom pays R11,50 in rental per month

The bedrooms have no outside doors and get their light from one centrally controlled bulb. An inmate who did not want to be named, said "You can imagine what the atmosphere in here is like when we are asleep and we obviously cannot sleep with the windows open because that would be dangerous"

"But what can we do because I am from KwaZulu and the only condition of my being allowed to work here is that I

Heroes to be honoured

THE PEOPLE of KwaThema are proud about achievements made by their fellow residents and they are planning to honour them at a ceremony to be held in September.

A well-known East Rand showbiz promoter, Mr Aaron Molo, told The SOWETAN that KwaThema had several personalities who had made noteworthy contributions to the advancement of things like sports, education and life in general, but who were unknown to the majority of KwaThema's residents.

Black people do not have ceremonies where they honour their heroes

except for political heroes and this is done only when such heroes are dead. We need this type of thing and we are going to do it.

"We are going to be an example to other townships. We have great soccerites, boxers, educationists, businessmen, civic leaders and other people who have distinguished

themselves in various spheres of life.

"Some of these people appear in newspapers from time to time but there are people in KwaThema here who do not know of these people.

"We are thinking of a big ceremony where we will have church choirs, music bands and distinguished figures invited

probably from other outside places to come and deliver speeches.

"This will be a 'Springs Honours the Greats' occasion.

"I am currently consulting with a number of people who can be helpful in this because I am thinking of September as the most suitable time to do this," said Mr Molo

SPOTLIGHT

ON KWATHEMA

Hostel has its very own wall of shame

ANYBODY who goes under or over the Berlin Wall which separates East Germany from West Germany runs the risk of losing his life because guards who watch the wall day and night prefer to shoot first and to ask questions afterwards

At KwaThema Hostel, there is a "Berlin Wall" which inmates may not cross unless they are prepared to pay a R10 spot fine to guards who sometimes waylay trespassers who use an opening made in the wall from time to time

The SOWETAN questioned a few inmates seen going through the opening to leave or to get into the hostel premises why they were using the opening instead of the gate

The inmates would not give their names, but one of them said "If you look at the way this hostel is constructed, you will realise that it looks like a jail or a con-



RISKS A trespasser crosses the "Berlin Wall" at KwaThema Hostel

centration camp

"It is an enormous complex with only one gate for going in and out of the hostel complex. We suffer the inconvenience of having to travel all the way to the gate which is far from where we live

"For instance, the bus stop is situated about 200 metres from my room, that is if I go there via this hole we

made in the wall. If I don't use the wall and travel all the way to the gate, it means walking for between 800 metres and a kilometre

He said further that there were times when East Rand Administration Board policemen arrested everybody seen going through those holes and that the fine for that type of offence was R20

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By MONTSHIWA MOROKE

THE West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) yesterday demolished at least four corrugated iron dwellings in Orlando East, Soweto, instilling a new fear in the occupants of the township's 4 000 shacks

Wrab's demolition of the dwellings comes a week after a Supreme Court judge ordered the Soweto Council to restore a demolished shack and leave another standing

Mr Justice F H Grosskopf said in judgement last week the council was not entitled to demolish shacks. The council was also ordered to pay the costs of the action

The latest demolitions come on the eve of a mass rally at the Eyethu Cinema, in Mofolo, tomorrow which residents, civic parties, community councillors, church people and the youth are expected to attend

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Buti condemns Wrab 'bribery'

By SOPHIE TEMA

A STATEMENT by the Alexandra Liaison Committee condemning certain officials for participating in bribery and corruption has been sent to all divisional heads of departments of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab)

The statement, signed by the chairman of the ALC, the Rev Sam P Buti, was circulated yesterday

Meanwhile the ALC is investigating allegations that people who have been temporarily housed in an unused beerhall in Alexandra township by Wrab are paying up to R500 for a "permit" to qualify for houses in the area

Mr Buti said reports had been made to the ALC by people who say they have paid huge amounts of money for permits to qualify for houses in the township He

said it was believed certain whites were involved in the racket, using black touts to whom they paid a fee

The statement released by the ALC yesterday reads "My attention has been drawn to the fact that corruption is on the increase among the ranks of Wrab and the ALC

"Officials accept bribes, gifts, and other presents from persons requiring permits, houses and qualifications to stay in the area

"This is an illegal act and persons found to be participating in this exercise will be dealt with accordingly

"All cases dealing with housing, permits and residential qualifications will initially have to be screened at the information centre and only people with referral letters will be attended to at either Wrab or ALC offices

Council to sell 800 stands to whites

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By JEANETTE MINNIE

THE Johannesburg City Council plans to sell 800 serviced stands to lower-income whites, the chairman of the council's housing committee, Mr Carel Venter, said yesterday

He estimated the council would pay more than R6-million for the purchase of the stands from the Department of Community Development

"We are in the process of

finalising the selling price of certain stands to the council with the department, but I will endeavour to have the stands available for sale next month I am very keen to get this project going and if everything goes smoothly the sale of the stands will be approved by the council at this month's council meeting"

Half of the stands would go on sale in the suburb of Sunderoord between Glenanda

and Winchester Hills, but substantial numbers of stands would also be available in the Jeppe-Fairview-Troyeville area, as well as in Newlands, Triomf and Albertville, Mr Venter said

There were also a fair number of individual stands that would be available in other Johannesburg suburbs

"After finalising the sale with the department we will draw up our selling prices

and conditions of sale In keeping with the spirit of the housing Act, we will give priority to people in lower income groups when we sell these stands

"And we will do our utmost to assist people to buy these stands, whether by loans from building societies, from the council itself or from the National Housing Commission," Mr Venter said

The council would not sell

the stands with an eye to profit "We will have to sell at a small profit, but only to cover the costs to the council in acquiring and selling the land," he said

Mr Venter also announced that the council would assist about 100 tenants, with incomes of about R1500 a month and renting council houses, to purchase their own stands This would free the houses for another 100 people with low incomes

Mayfair

Expressions in their eyes tell both sides of the story

By David Breier, Chief Reporter

The eyes of the people in Johannesburg's eastern Mayfair tell the story of this week's announcement that the district is being investigated as a possible Indian group area.

The eyes that gleam belong to property owners who expect to make a killing as rich Indian businessmen scour the area, buying up shabby houses at exorbitant prices in anticipation of the reclassification.

The sad and angry eyes belong to tenants of all races who face a future of homelessness or high rentals as the wealthy move in to buy up the houses — either for themselves or as investments.

At the heart of the problem is the housing shortage, which affects all races, with prices in Mayfair east rocketing as demand exceeds supply.

A knock on the door of an extremely modest house in 9th Avenue brings an anxious face to the window asking "Who's there?"

People in this part of town don't readily open their doors to strangers.

It turns out that the householder has just been visited by an estate agent. "I am asking R100 000," she says.

R100 000 for a house with only two bedrooms and practically no garden.

She's content to leave because "this isn't a nice area to live anymore — with all the hooligans, fighting and drinking," she says.

The "hooligans" turn out to be local whites — not the Indian neighbours, who are quiet and law-abiding. She declines to have her name published as she lives in fear of her white neighbours who once heaved a brick through her window after she complained about their noisy dog.

Across the road an Indian businessman has just bought a house — a somewhat bigger one — for R65 000.

He's been shrewd — making his offer before the Minister's announcement this week. It's been common knowledge for some time that the area was due to become Indian, with about half the population being Indians living there illegally already.

As the businessman and the estate agent confer on the pavement, the agent declares that Indians will benefit from the reclassification as they will no longer face the trouble and expense of having to get white nominees and pay "key money" for houses.

After he leaves, the buyer confesses to having made the deal under a company name in order to present a legal front as the area is still officially white.

Hanover Street in eastern Mayfair has long been mixed, and there has been no friction between the races. Now the whites will probably be moved out. This is cold comfort for Mrs Gladys Govender (second from left) who recently won the right in the Supreme Court to stay on. She now fears wealthy Indians will buy the homes and put her and her family on the street. This study is another in the "Eye on Your City" series featured every Saturday. We invite pho-



He predicts that when this section of Mayfair is officially reclassified, Indians will start moving into the rest of Mayfair illegally, again presenting the Government with a fait accompli. The rest of the area will also have to become Indian, he prophesies.

But behind the scenes of all this wheeling and dealing, the poorer people of Mayfair east worry about more basic issues — like having a roof over their heads.

Mrs Rosaline Manson (68), of Hanover Street, pays

R55 for her "semi" — and heard that alternative home. Vrededorp and Pageview in month. There's no way to pension.

Next-door neighbour Mrs. fears a future of homelessness. Indian businessmen will buy out on to the street. With housing mortgage that'll go

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R55 for her "semi" — and is terrified by stories she's heard that alternative housing for whites in nearby Vrededorp and Pageview will go for R300 to R400 a month. There's no way she can afford that on her pension. Next-door neighbour Mrs Gladys Govender also fears a future of homelessness. She's certain that rich Indian businessmen will buy up the row and push her out on to the street. With the current drastic Indian housing shortage, that'll leave her with nowhere to go.

There's also a racial side to the resentment in Mayfair. Mr Gino Letard, of 9th Avenue, says he comes from Durban and dislikes Indians. He threatens drastic action against Indians moving into the area. And Mr Willie Anthony (76), of Park Drive, says Indians haven't fought for South Africa and shouldn't be rewarded by being given part of Mayfair. On the other hand there are those like Mrs Fatima Moolla, of 8th Avenue, who pleads that the area should become multiracial so that whites can remain.

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By Jon Qwelane

The early morning wind swept through the wire mesh of the police van's

canopy, and the hapless group of people in the back of the vehicle shuddered now and then as the van negotiated the tricky township streets.

They shuddered possibly from the chill that is a precursor to the harsh highveld winter which is already at hand, but most probably because the van they were travelling in had as its destination the township superintendent's office

Chilly new dimension to the dawn raid

That was shortly after 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning, when scores of residents in the Soweto township of Jabulani were awakened by loud knocks and opened their doors to men who identified themselves as policemen of the West Rand Administration Board.

Pre-dawn raids have already become part and parcel of the traditional township way of life. It is not uncommon for

families to be awakened from their deep sleep, torches shining in at every window, to open for men saying they are members of the Security Police in search of "terrorists".

It is also not uncommon for Soweto families to be awakened by what are commonly known as "blackjacks" — Wrab police — because the families are said to be in arrears with their rent pay-

ments and ought therefore to explain their problems to the superintendent before houses are locked up.

This week's raids were different and introduced a new dimension to morning swoops, because in some cases residents said the police refused to say why they were being taken in.

But Mr. Absalom Zwane and his wife Mary refused to be locked into

a van and trundled off to the office without explanation, because they knew they were not in arrears with their rent.

"After much argument with the police, one constable wrote his name down and said the police had been sent by the superintendent to fetch us to his office so that he could explain the intended supply of electricity to our house.

"I asked them why

they had chosen such an awkward hour for their business and they did not reply. I then refused to go to the office with them, because I felt it was unreasonable for them to wake my wife and I up at that time and still lock us in a police van when we had done nothing," Mr Zwane said.

At the office the superintendent called them in one by one, explaining that they had first to pay

a deposit of R30 for power to be supplied to their houses, then R20 for January and an equal amount for February for the wiring and piping done to their houses.

In addition the monthly rental of R38,80 had to be paid.

If residents were to pay all the money at once, it would mean parting with R108,80 at one go.

The director of town-

ships for Soweto, Mr J J Oosthuizen, later explained that a loan had been raised for the electrification of Soweto "and that loan must be repaid".

That was the reason for the demand of monthly payments of R20, though he could not give the reason for the pre-dawn swoops because "it is the first I have heard of them".

In Soweto R108,80 is a lot of money, especially for old-age pensioners

New turn in rents war

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By MATSEMELA MALOSE
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PRETORIA — The war over the proposed rent increases in Atteridgeville and Saulsville took a dramatic turn this week.

The community council this week refused to hold talks with local administration board over the issue. The board wanted to persuade the council to accept the proposed R17,63 rent increase.

The chairman of the council, Mr Joe Tshabalala, said talks with the board would be futile because his council has tacitly rejected the increase.

Mr Tshabalala said: "We are not prepared to meet the board on matters related to the increase, and we will fight it."

"Should the board go ahead with the increase, I will personally urge residents not to pay, even if it means being arrested."

Mr Tshabalala also said the increase will only be reviewed by his council in November, and then only if the council's demands are met.

A spokesman for the board said it was unfortunate to have the council refusing to meet them but another meeting will be proposed.

"We hope they will change their minds."

DATELINE MAYFAIR... THIS TIME IT'S THE WHITES WHO ARE TO BE 'RESETTLED'

Why won't they just leave us in peace?

PARTHEID means very little in Mayfair, the decaying relic of mining-camp Johannes-burg where people of all colours live happily side by side.

The ones who want to mix, do so freely. The ones who don't, simply keep to themselves. But even this little bit of integration, in a tiny corner of South Africa's biggest city, cannot be allowed to survive.

This week the down-to-earth folk of Mayfair were stunned by a Government decree that whites will have to go to make way for the Indians in yet another painful apartheid race shuffle.

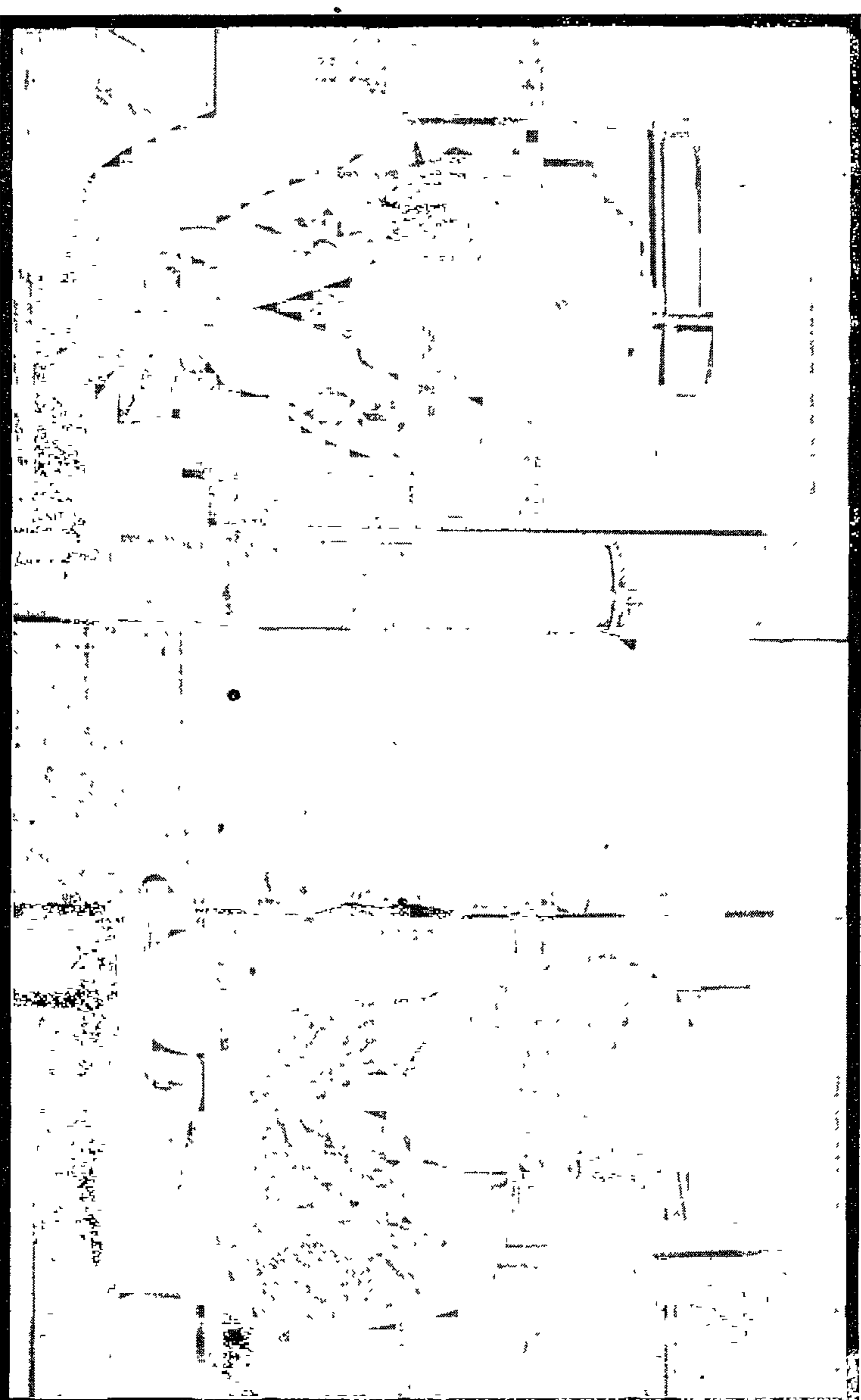
The whites are angry, the Indians and colourists are angry. No one wants the forced segregation.

A fist-shaking mood of defiance gripped scruffy Hanover Street on Thursday morning, the day after the news broke. People of all races were huddled together in shop doors and on cluttered stoeps, some emotional whites even vowing to burn their homes rather than be forced out.

Mayfair children, many too young to understand, have formed natural bonds across the colour line. Young Eddie Hendritz, a lean Afrikaner teenager, sauntered casually down the street. On his shoulder was perched a little Indian boy.

"He's my friend, Donovan," explained Eddie. Friendships like this abound in Mayfair, a contradictory suburb where most whites vote Nationalist that is, the ones who don't support the Conservative Party or the NNP.

On a step, there were two cherub-like little girls — one blonde and blue-eyed, the other sooty-skinned — playing with their dolls.



IN 'WHITE' MAYFAIR... Mrs Gladys Governder and her friend and neighbour, Mrs Doreen Manson, chat around a dividing wall

At the church school, "Hey, mister, take a picture of me an' my friend" — a sly black boy by the hand, ran up to us saying most of these white friends.

They, mister, take a picture of me an' my friend — that they will not be able to afford the higher rental, ran up to us saying most of these white friends.



IN 'WHITE' MAYFAIR... Mrs Naomi Noyle... 'I will never share this area with Indians'

Mrs Susan Barrett, a staunch Conservative Party supporter, said "The rents are around R10 a month. I would get a flatmate or my seamstress would be able to afford a new home? Anyway, why should I move out of the home I've lived in for 20 years?"

Mrs Barrett shares the opinion of most Mayfair residents, who concede their multiracialism grudgingly. We would rather share with the Indians than be moved out of the area. It's not a new idea — we've been sharing with them for quite awhile now.

For quite awhile now, the driving wall of their neighbourhoods across the road, she said. We've tried everything to get rid of them and nothing has worked.

She sometimes they just get together to complain about the ever-rising cost of living or their children's most recent illnesses.

Said Mrs Manson "I wish everyone would just leave us alone. We are so happy here and I prefer having Gladys as a neighbour to someone of my own race."

The Joseph family live a few streets away and send their children to the local multiracial church school.

Racially integrated schools are a sign of the times we live in and are an indication of what's to come," said Mrs Joseph.

Her young son recently had a birthday party and asked if he could invite three of his friends from school.

"The only told us their first names, and when they turned up, each one was a different colour."

Mrs Joseph laughed. "This created some tension among some members of the family," but she added that a conglomerate of different and it turned into a non-malicious party."

She said newcomers choose to live in Mayfair because "so many interesting things are happening here and it has such a cosmopolitan air."

At the door, I was tempted to tell Mrs Noyle that I was Indian and not white as she obviously presumed.

But I didn't want to spoil her day. Despite her attitude, Mrs Noyle summed up Mayfair when she said, closing the door.

"Why don't they just leave us alone?"

"Hey, mister, wanna take a pic of me an' my friend?"

IN 'WHITE' MAYFAIR... 'Hey, mister, wanna take a pic of me an' my friend?'

IN 'WHITE' MAYFAIR... Eddie Hendritz, 17, gives his friend Donovan Moses, 5, a ride

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**Other
Asians
now in
apartheid
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By FAY SALEH

THE race classifications of nearly 1 000 people were changed in a remarkable juggling of racial identities by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr F W de Klerk, last year

A Cape coloured and three blacks, for example, were reclassified as "other Asians"

Mr de Klerk also changed three "other Asians" to Cape coloureds

Confusion exists over "other Asians" and their exact position in the order of South Africa's race classification system

According to a proclamation in the Government Gazette of May 26, 1966, "other Asians" are "persons generally accepted as Zanzibari Arabs (also called Zanzibaris or Kiwas), or people "whose national home is in any country in Asia except India China or Pakistan"

Tribe

But there are exceptions The Japanese, for instance, are "honorary whites"

"Other Asians" form part of the ethnic grouping under the race group "coloured" as defined by the Population Registration Act of 1950

This act is the cornerstone of race classification in South Africa

It divides the country's population into three groups black, white and coloured

A black is a person who is or is accepted to be a member of any original race and tribe of Africa

A white is a person who is "obviously white in appearance and is generally not accepted as a coloured, or a person who is generally accepted as a white person although in appearance is not obviously white"

A coloured is defined to be a person "who is not a white or black person"

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Rent hike issue goes to court

CIVIC bodies on the West Rand intend contesting in the Supreme Court the recent rent hikes in Kagiso and Mohlakeng.

Behind the move is the Krugersdorp Residents Organisation (KRO) and the Mohlakeng Civic Association (Moca) who have both briefed lawyers. The case is expected to come up this week.

A lawyers' spokesman

By LEN KALANE

acting for the bodies said they were still drafting papers to contest the case against the West Rand Administration Board

Meanwhile the bodies have announced that residents in the areas were paying the present increased rates under protest, depending on the outcome of the case

The new hikes became effective in Kagiso and Mohlakeng in February and the second phase of the increases will become effective on April 1 when the rents will be effectively increased by R10.64 and R13.73 in Mohlakeng and Kagiso respectively.

The other affected areas, Munsieville and Bekkersdal are expected to join forces to present a united front along with Kagiso and Mohlakeng on the fight against the increases

In Munsieville the civic body is still mobilising for the support of the community

Bitter battle for a house

By LEN MASEKO

A BITTER row has erupted between two families over a house in Meadowlands.

One of the families — that of Mr Simon Sithole — was arrested last week for defying the Diepmeadow Council's ultimatum to move out of the house. But the family was released the following day and warned to vacate the house immediately.

The Zone 2 house is now occupied by the family of Mrs Tryphina Molope whose mother — who died last year — was the rightful tenant.

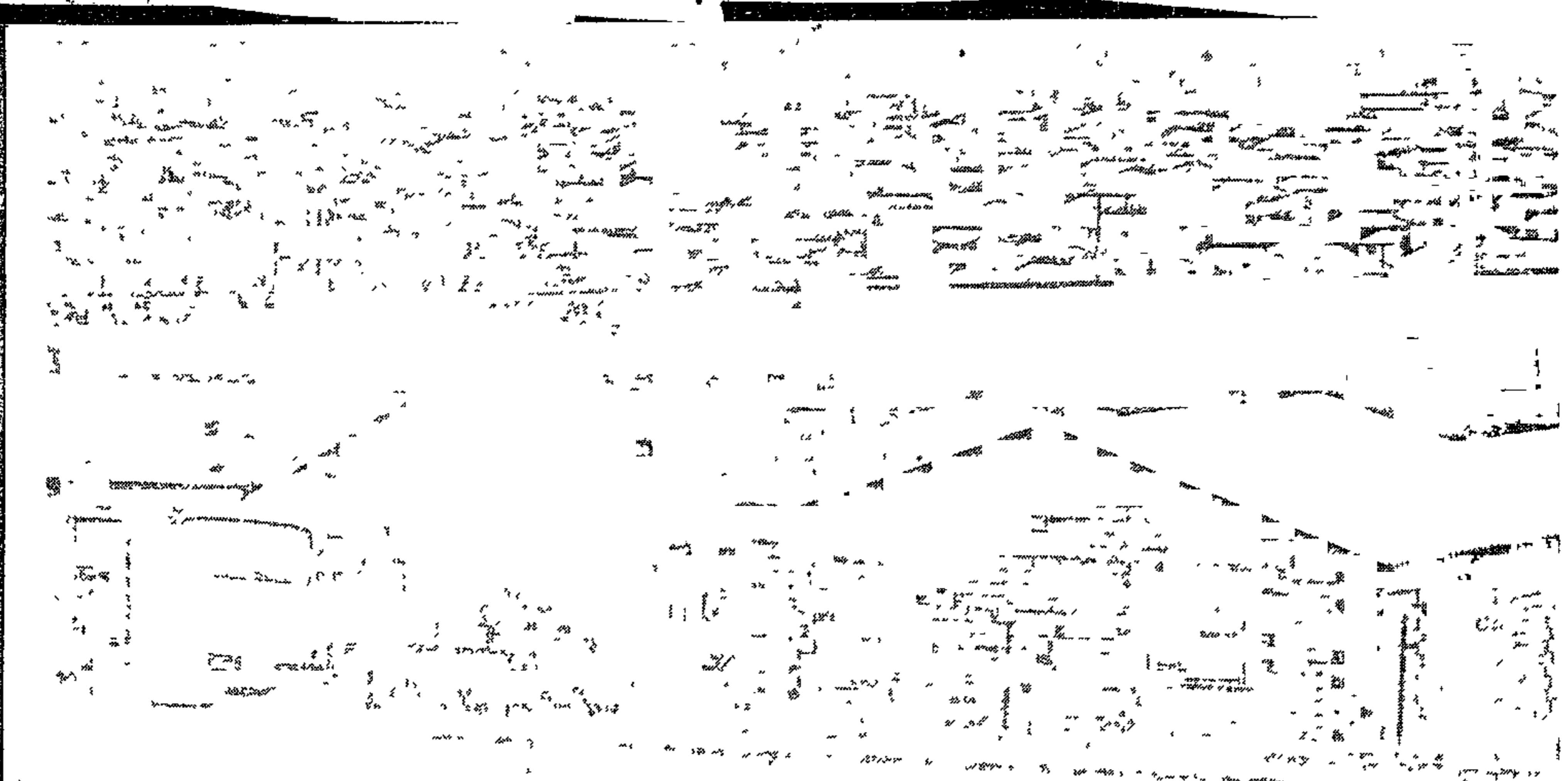
According to a relative of the Sithole's, Mrs Ruth Boinamo, the battle over the house started soon after the death of the tenant. The Sithole's had been staying with the tenant for about two years until her death.

"Before she died, she transferred the tenancy to my relatives. They lived in that house peacefully until the daughter of the previous tenant came to claim the house," Mrs Boinamo said.

But Mrs Molope said "We have a right to the house. It belonged to my mother. We could have allowed them to stay on with us but they took advantage of my kindness by trying to chase one of my children out of the house."

A senior township manager, Mr J Kraus, confirmed the Sithole family had been occupying the house illegally. "They have been ejected and are expected to remove their belongings out of the house anytime," he said.

MRS MOLOPO: "It's our house."



Soweto's urban sprawl contains about 103 000 houses inside 60 sq km — but 15 000 (official estimate) to 40 000 (Urban Foundation estimate) extra families are squeezed into these tiny houses as a result of the accommodation shortage. One of the West Rand Ad-

ministration Board schemes to alleviate the overcrowding as quickly as possible is to encourage Soweto householders to add an extra room on to their homes for renting out to homeless families.

2,5-m homes must be built to beat backlog

By Anthony Duigan

South Africa has a shortage of more than 800 000 homes at present and civic leaders, while welcoming plans to sell 500 000 State-owned houses at hefty discounts, have pointed out that this scheme will not help those without proper accommodation.

The shortage of homes for all races in the PWV area is conservatively estimated at well over 100 000, with that for blacks alone in the region of 70 000 units. This excludes the tens of thousands of homes needed in the homeland squatter community of Winterville, north of Pretoria.

Members of the Lenasia and Johannesburg coloured management committees have welcomed the Government's moves to encourage home ownership on a large scale but they have warned that the plight of the homeless is still the biggest single problem

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faced by black, coloured and Indian communities throughout South Africa

"Building more houses is the real and only solution to the nation's housing shortage," said Mr Dennis Pillay, chairman of the Lenasia Management Committee.

The economic planning branch of the Office of the Prime Minister recently estimated that South Africa needed to build 2,5 million homes during the next eight years if it was to beat the growing accommodation backlog.

At 1982 prices this would require an annual investment of R4 000 million — almost double the investment of both Government and the private sector in 1981, according to Dr Robin Lee, director of planning and development of the Urban Foundation.

"An expenditure of R4 000 million a year on residential buildings would have represented approximately six percent of GDP," Dr Lee said.

"This level of expenditure would bring South Africa in line with levels of housing expenditure in other countries. Thus, while the housing challenge is great, it is by no means beyond the capacity of the country."

The biggest housing shortage is among urban and rural blacks with 724 000 homes needed a year ago to overcome the backlog, according to the Office of the Prime Minister.

Coloured and Indian families need at least 66 000 homes while the current white backlog is about 18 000, according to the Department of Community Development.

● Starting tomorrow, The Star will publish a four-part series highlighting steps taken by families of all races to cope with the accommodation shortage. Over the months it will follow the progress of each of these families in their efforts to get their own homes.

Work begins on Vosloorus centre

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VOSLOORUS Community Council has started with the building of its controversial R3,5-million civic centre and community hall while hundreds of families in the township are living without decent accommodation.

Early this year the board announced that it had been granted R3,5-million by Erab to build a civic centre. Residents were furious about the council's move of building a centre instead of providing housing for needy families.

A source within Erab told **THE SOWETAN** yesterday that the council hoped to complete the community hall by the end of September this year and to start building the civic centre as soon as possible.

There are presently

two halls in Vosloorus — one in the Sotho section and the other in the Nguni section

The hall in the Sotho section was gutted by fire during the 1976 school disturbances and has not yet been repaired. Residents claim the other hall is a "white elephant" which is seldom used to entertain the community.

Mr Sizwe Myathaza of Vosloorus said, "I'm sure the council has got its priorities wrong, the main one in the township being the building of more houses."

Another resident, Mr Derick Kwape, an executive member of the Vosloorus branch of Azapo, said the board could instead have used part of the money to renovate the gutted hall in the Sotho section and

the rest of the money to build houses for needy families in the township.

There are currently more than 300 families on the housing waiting list in Vosloorus.

Part of the civic centre will include offices for the chairman, his deputy and the council's secretary. It is hoped that the project will be completed before the end of

next year.

Mr P Xulu, the chairman of the Vosloorus community council, and his deputy Mr I Mabote, were yesterday not available for comment.

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Mayfair: Actstop will aid all races

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By Yussuf Nazeer

Actstop, the body which defends Indian and coloured people from being evicted from white areas under the Group Areas Act, will also defend whites who may be evicted from part of Mayfair which could become an Indian area.

Actstop's chairman, Mr Cassim Saloojee, said Actstop could not accept a situation where white and coloured people would have to leave the area under the Group Areas Act.

The area which the Government is considering giving to Indians is the portion east of Princess Street up to the border of Fordsburg.

Indians have already bought property there. Some have given their Indian, coloured and white tenants notice through white nominees.

Mr Saloojee said: "We cannot deviate from Actstop's principles of opposing the Group Areas Act. To accept Mayfair as an Indian area would be to subscribe to double standards."

"Whites, coloured and Indian people have been living harmoniously in Mayfair now for quite some time, and that is how we want it to remain. Anyone must be allowed to live wherever they wish," said Mr Saloojee.

At a meeting of coloured and Indian tenants yesterday Actstop decided it would defend all tenants, including whites, who were forced out of Mayfair.

White tenants are drawing up a petition against losing their rented homes in Mayfair.

They said they did not want to leave Mayfair and live in Pageview. Many said they could not afford to buy a home or pay high rents in Pageview.

A South African Indian Council member from Lenasia, Mr Faiz Khan, said whites should not complain about being pushed out of Mayfair under the Act, which they voted for.

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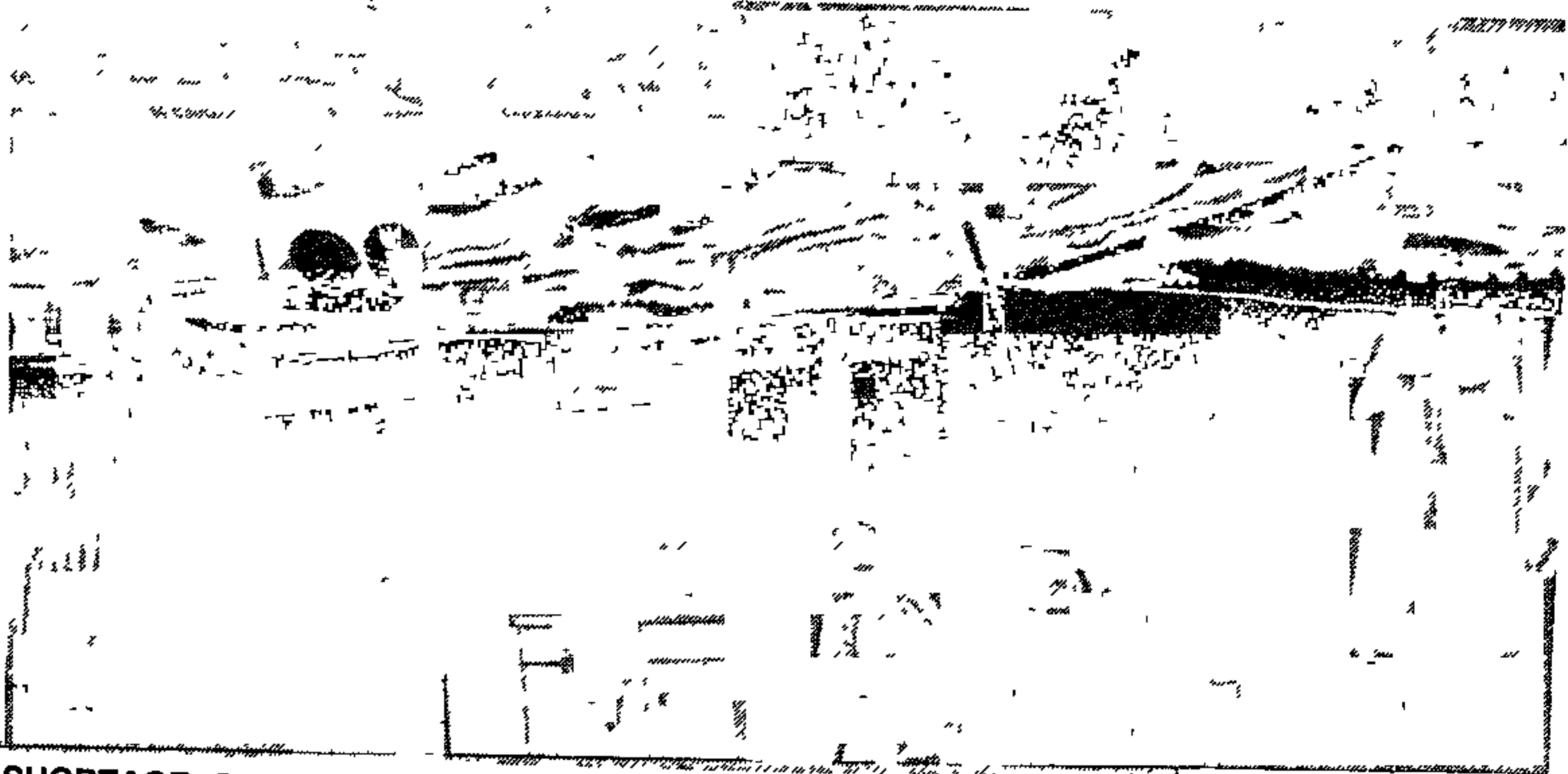
MR ALEC Rabie, Director of Community Services for the West Rand Administration Board for the past three years, is to leave the service of the board at the end of the month.

He said yesterday he would be joining a civil engineering firm for whom he was to start a company involved in black housing.

Mr Rabie was mainly responsible for housing in Soweto and Alexandra.

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Township exodus leaves old behind



SHORTAGE: Shack in the foreground, houses behind. The young of Mamelodi have nowhere to live.

THE OFFICIAL waiting list for housing stands at more than 3 000 and because of the acute shortage of houses, most families have built themselves shacks — all sorts of shacks — in their backyards to accommodate their families.

Recent threats by the Central Transvaal Administration Board to demolish these "illegal structures" were quickly condemned by the community leaders who demanded that the board erect alternative accommodation if the threats were carried out.

The board insisted that the structures were illegal and a health hazard. The residents agreed "But give us alternative accommodation," they said. There was none and the threats faded into thin air. And the shacks continued to mushroom both to the east and west of the vast piece of land called Mamelodi wa Tshwane.

The shacks are made of cardboard boxes with makeshift windows, others are wooden structures bearing the names of various factories — especially motor companies. Most are made out of old and rusted corrugated iron wherein sleep men and women and children of Mamelodi.

Those who can afford it have pre-fabricated structures built which are better than the tin shacks. Most of these are built to house newly-married couples who are on the official house waiting-list.

The shortage of houses in Mamelodi has resulted in an exodus of young couples to Soshanguve township which today is composed mainly of young couples from both Atteridgeville and Mamelodi.

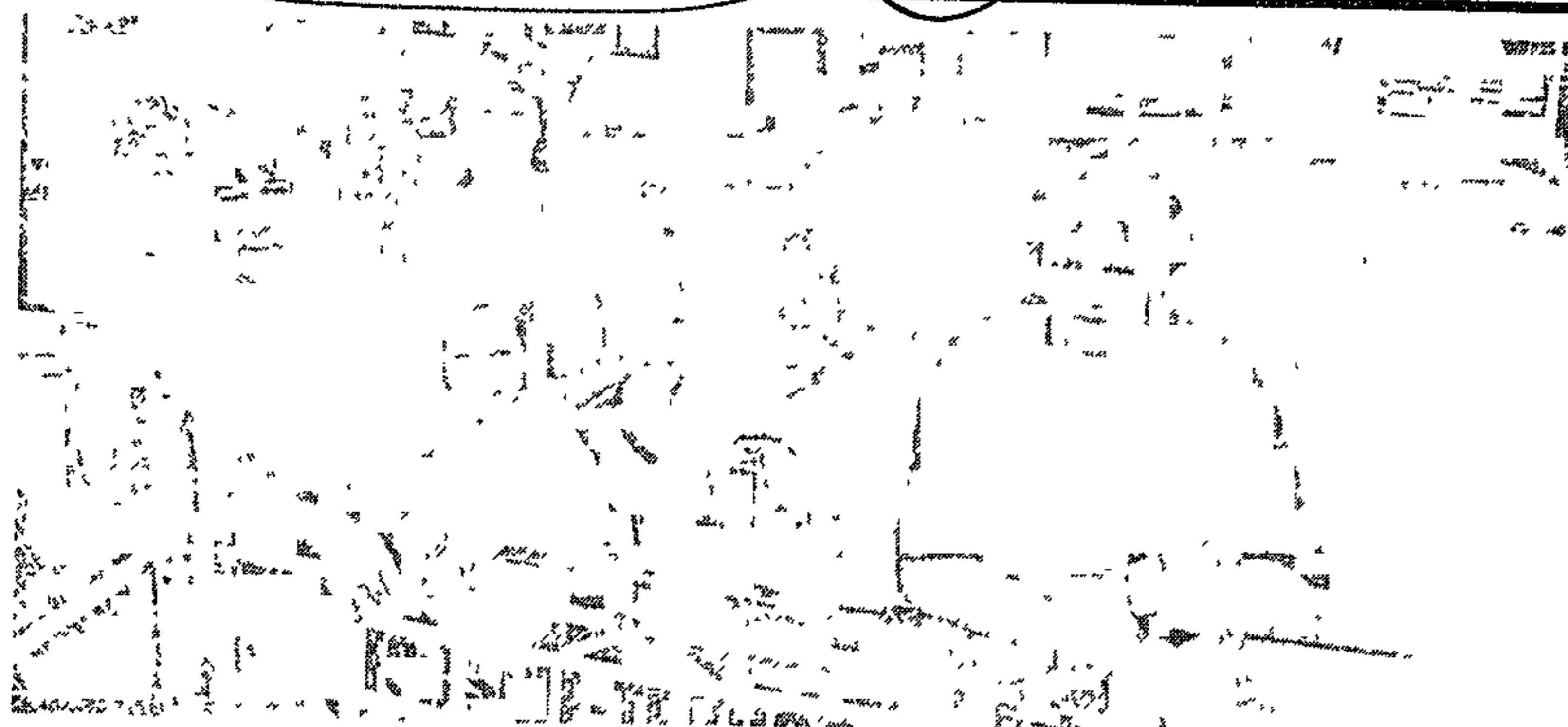
It was this exodus that led some local community councillors to say the township would soon be a township for only the aged. But the township's problems do not end there.

A number of residents have planted mielies in the township's open spaces in an effort to fight ever-increasing un-

employment and inflation. Although certain local community leaders had appealed that the planting of mielies be stopped, community council chairman Mr WM Aphane has always stressed that those who planted the mielies were poor and unemployed people.

Community leaders have argued that the fields served as a breeding ground for thugs who allegedly assaulted school girls.

The council, in an effort to alleviate the housing crisis, has announced that a total 789 residential sites would be available in the new elite Mamelodi area. More than R5-million has been earmarked for this development.



Mr George Moss, his wife Elaine and four members of their family — Mandy (8), Barry (11), Jaunetta (12), and George (19).

Forty-year-old Mr George Moss and his wife, Elaine (36), are about to build a roof over their heads after 16 years in a mobile home

In that time they brought up five children

They moved on to the Safari caravan site 14 km south of Johannesburg, near Kibler Park, in 1967. Before that "home" had been a succession of rented houses and flats around the city.

"It was awkward. You'd just get settled when the owners would sell the place or something like that would happen," said Mr Moss.

Their first home was a second-hand caravan, price R600. Tammy, their eldest daughter, now aged 17, was born in 1966. "At that stage we decided we needed something bigger," said Mr Moss.

Mr Moss, then earning R360 a month as a production supervisor with a soft-drink company, applied to the Department of Community Development for low-cost housing.

"They replied after six years, saying I could take my pick of a development in the Mondeor area," said Mr Moss. "I decided to laugh off this offer because I had grown tired of waiting, and went into debt to buy a R7 000 mobile home, new on the market at the time and hailed as the solution to low-cost housing for young families."

A building society bond remained outside the reach of the Moss family because Mr Moss's earnings were too low in relation to the houses available.

Four years ago the Moss family went to Naturena, near Johannesburg, and put their name down for a stand there. They paid the last instalment on the R6 000 land in October.

Stands similar to the one now owned by Mr and Mrs Moss at Na-

turena are selling for more than R10 000. Two weekends ago an excavator moved on to the site and dug the foundations for their home. That cost the couple R240.

Last week they submitted plans for a modest three-bedroomed R32 000 home to the city council. "It's nothing fancy," says Mr Moss, who plans to move the family in once the walls and roof are up. As an owner-builder he

then plans to "finish" a room at a time as funds allow. He's allowing about R800 a month to buy materials to finish the Naturena home.

Bricks will cost him R110 a thousand. By doing the bulk of the construction work himself he reckons he will save at least 15 percent on the total cost of the building.

Mr and Mrs Moss have been buying new and second-hand window frames

and other fixtures and fittings for their new home as and when they could afford them since paying for the land.

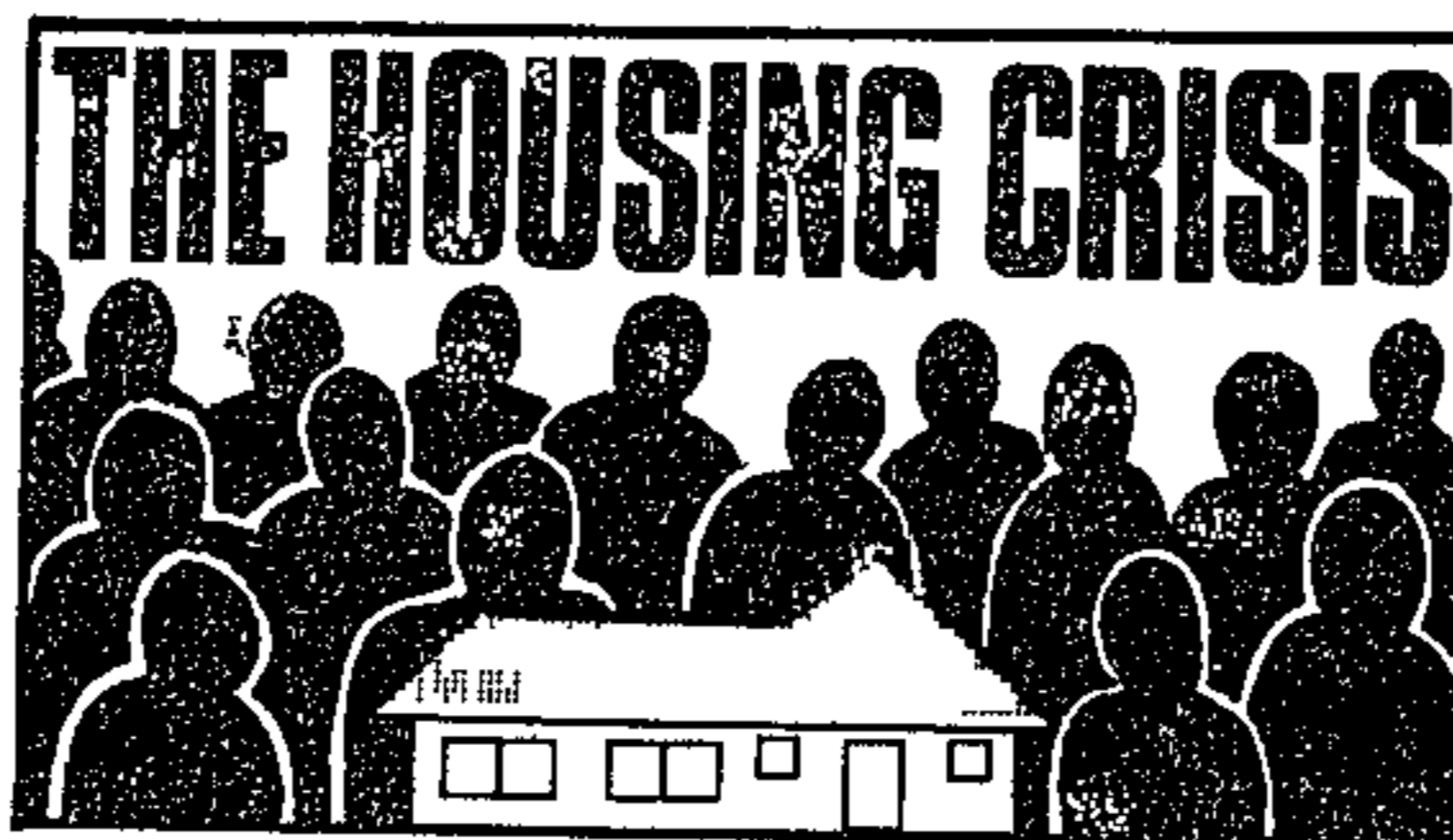
"If I'd left development another 18 months, inflation would probably have hit our plans hard, possibly setting them back quite a while," said Mr Moss. "It's a case of climbing in now before costs rise."

He can see few solutions to the crisis in housing, but suggests that low-cost land for low-cost housing be made available or that accommodation be rented at prices which allow prospective homeowners to save and buy land as a first step to owning a home of their own.

Mr Moss, who now works as a maintenance fitter with a firm involved with essential hospital services, emphasised that he was "of the old school", believing strictly in cash.

● Tomorrow: How 19 people ended up in one tiny flat

16-year wait for roof over their heads



In the second of four articles on the plight of families struggling to find proper housing, The Star looks at a Johannesburg couple who have lived in a tiny mobile home for 16 years — raising five children in that period.

'Illegal' city tenant is granted rent probe

By Colleen Ryan

In a historic case the Rent Board today agreed to investigate a complaint against a landlord made by a coloured tenant living in a "white" group area of Johannesburg

Mrs Molly Kopel, Progressive Federal Party councillor for the central city area, represented tenants from Orion House in Bree Street at the hearing

"I regard this as a tremendous breakthrough for Indian and coloured people living illegally in Johannesburg," she said.

"In the past they have been too frightened to oppose exploitation by landlords," she said

The Rent Board convened today to consider an application by the owner of Orion House, Mr Mark Steele, to increase rentals at the block of flats, Mrs Kopel said.

The flats are occupied mostly by coloured residents, who opposed the rent

increase application, she said.

On behalf of a tenant, Mrs R Brandt, Mrs Kopel alleged that the owner had contravened several aspects of the Rent Control Act, she said

She alleged that:

● Some tenants paid far in excess of the R95 rent stipulated by the Rent Board

● In some cases when tenants paid their rent they were asked to pay an "extra" charge of R120 (charges ranged from R105 to R305 a month)

● Residents were given no electricity bills without proof of a meter-reading

Contrary to what the owner claimed, the lift in the building had not worked for two years, she said

The owner of the flats was represented by Van Dyk Consultants, who told the Rent Board they were present

only to apply for an increase and could not reply to the allegations, Mrs Kopel said

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VAAL HOUSE RENTS SOAR

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HOUSE rentals and electricity tariffs are to go up by nearly R12,40 in Vaal Triangle townships as from April 1.

In a surprise move lodgers' fees for single persons and the heads of families will also hike from R6 and R8 to R10 per month.

The shock announcement by the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board (OVAB) comes amid the Government's promise to embark on the biggest housing sale to be launched in the country in June.

It also comes at a time when community leaders have called on the Government to scrap the Community Council Act and introduce the Black Local Authorities

Act in the wake of the continued demolition of shacks country-wide.

And, already opposition groups have warned that rent increases at a time of high unemployment would lead to political trouble and that the Government was aware of this.

Informed sources say that house rents and electricity tariffs are to be increased in Mamelodi, Atteridgeville, Soweto and most townships on the East Rand.

According to a circular sent out by Ovab, at its meeting, the Vaal Community Council resolved to increase service charges to the amount of R9,90 per month for the board's houses and R6,40 per

month for private houses with effect from April 1.

The basic charge of R7,50 will be increased to R10 due to the increase of electricity from January 1 by Escom, while the unit charge is also to be increased from R0 043 to R0.052.

According to the circular the "total amount" payable on electricity does not include the basic levy of R10 per month and the monthly levy for the wiring of the houses in Sharpeville (R1,90), Sebokeng, Borphatong and Zamdela R2,40 and R3,70 respectively.

Opposition members in the council disclosed that house rentals are likely to be hiked again

in June.

Mr J Ntsoereng of the Bafutsana Party said the council made decisions without consulting residents. The now defunct Urban Bantu Council and the Advisory Boards did the same, so "we call on the Government to declare the community council null and void and put the Black Local Authorities Act into practice immediately."

A similar call was made at the weekend where more than 1 000 Soweto residents' heard councillor Edward Manyosi, say the councils have failed the residents as they only served to increase rents and demolish shacks.

Council

writes

**off rent
debts**

THE Soweto Council has written off rent debts amounting to R2 111 for 45 residents who could not pay their rents because they are pensioners or disabled.

This was announced yesterday by the chairman of the Soweto Council, Mr David Thebehali, who said the rents remitted were for December 1982 and January 1983.

Thirty-five of the residents are old-age pensioners from White City Jabavu, whose monthly rental is R24,75 plus R9 flat rate for water.

Mr Thebehali said his council's investigations revealed that the pensioners had no sources of income other than the bi-monthly pensions they receive and that they have no children or other relatives who reside with them.

Seven others are from Zola. Two families from Naledi also had their two months' rental for December 1982 and January 1983 remitted. The families were destitute and had been living at the CMR Compound and were transferred to Naledi on recommendations of social workers.

In another case, a debt of R289 for electricity was written off as a bad debt in Orlando West because the ex-tenant of the house had absconded and the Council has not been able to trace him.

Mr Thebehali said it was the Soweto Council's policy to remit rentals of residents who had genuine reasons for being unable to pay their monthly rentals.

"We advise those who find it difficult to pay their rent to discuss their problems with their township managers who will make recommendations to the council."

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Sun City kicks out workers

FOUR of the seven Sun City employees who were fired this week moved out of their homes in the plush suburb of Mogwase, near Rustenburg, following a deadline set by the company for them to leave the houses.

The other three employees and their families have refused to vacate the houses, which are owned by Sun City, saying management would have to physically evict them out of their homes.

There was tension on Tuesday this week — the D-day for the evictions — when the families waited for the company officials to arrive. But none arrived. Instead, the families' spokesman, Mr Abe Ntlatleni, received an urgent message that the head of the Bophuthatswana Government — under which the area falls — wanted to meet him. But Mr Ntlatleni refused to meet President Lucas Mangope.

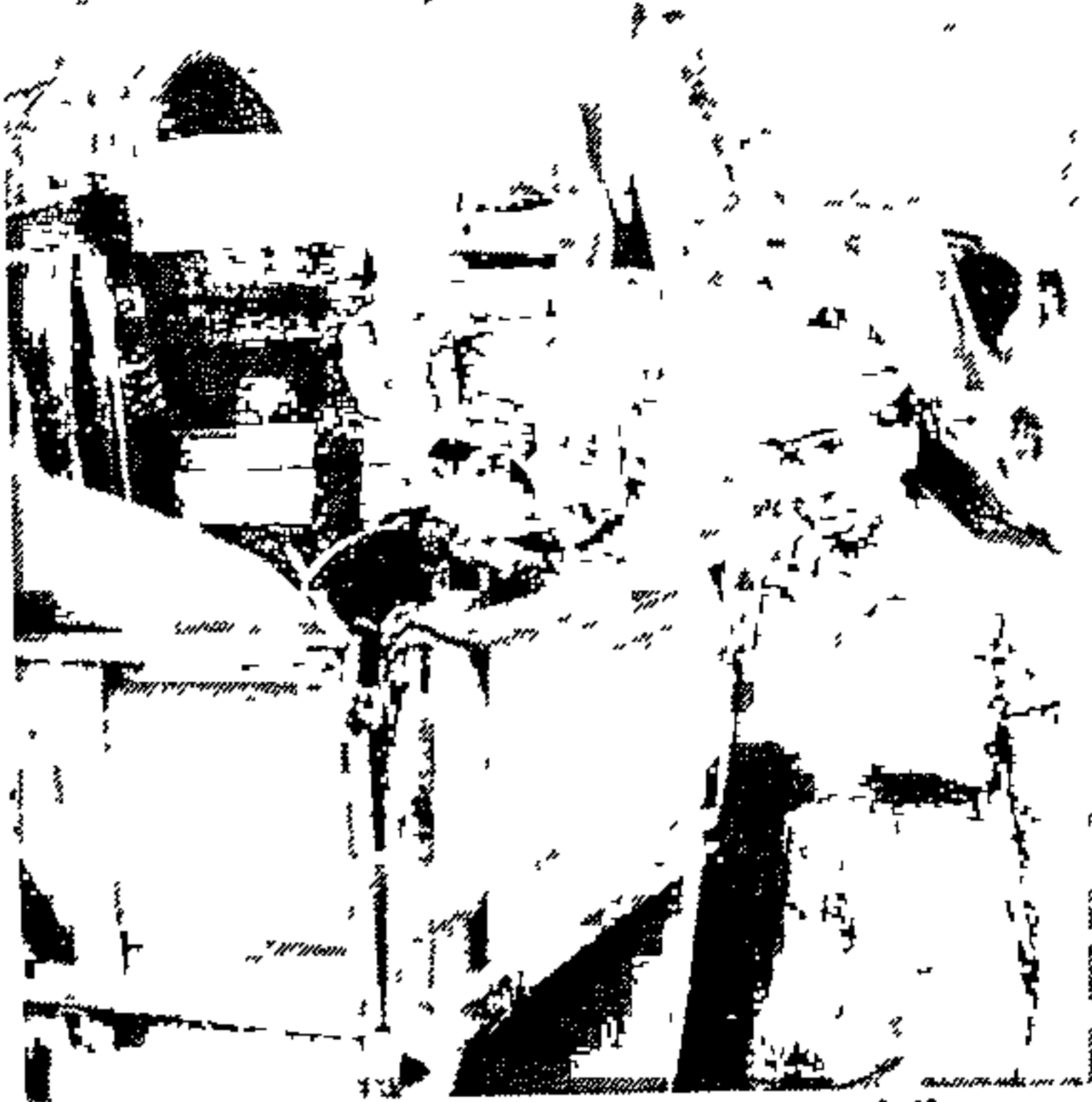
The saga started after six of the sacked employees — who constituted a workers' representative committee — complained of racial discrimination at the en-

By **LEN
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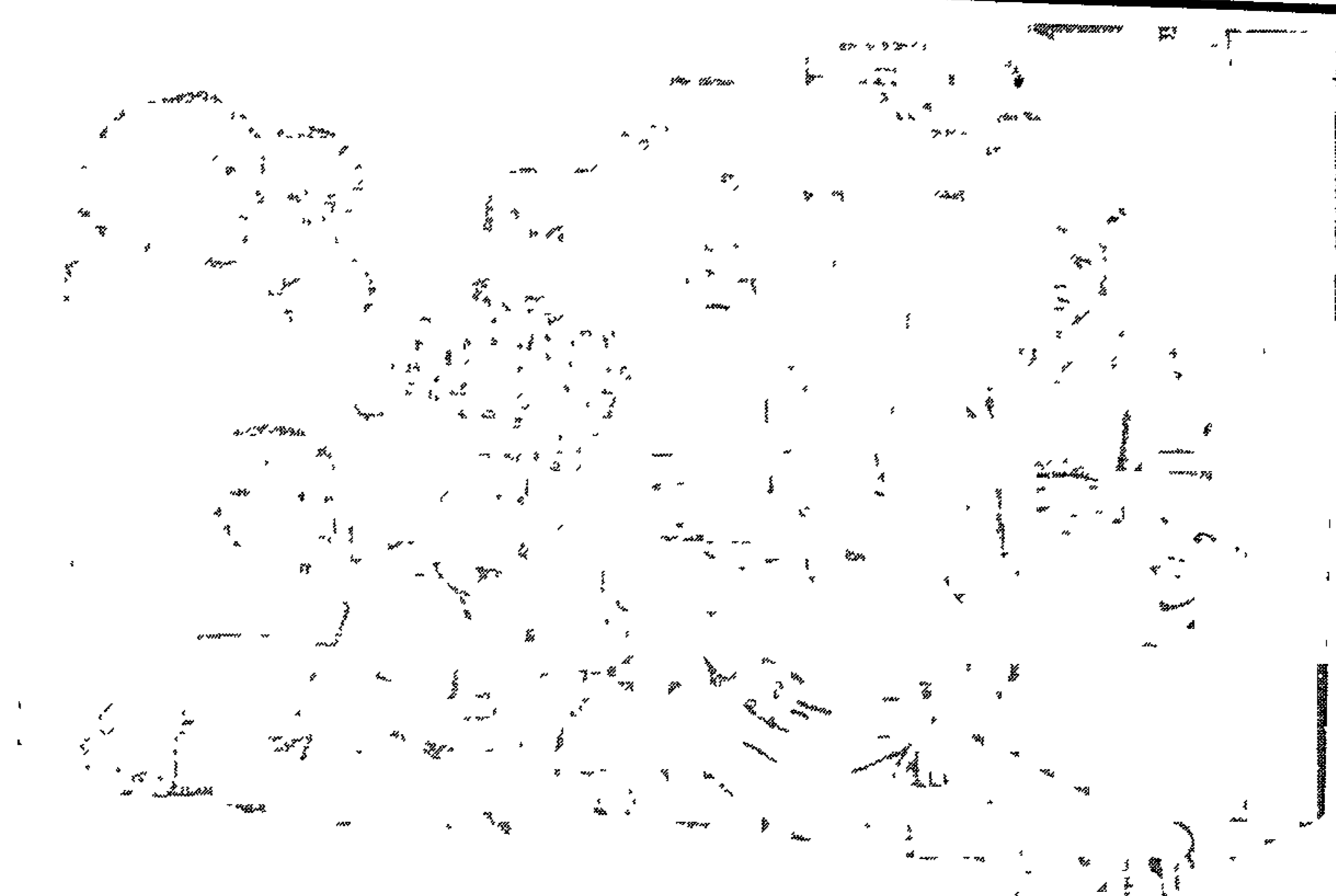
tertainment complex. According to the six, lack of response from the company resulted in them presenting their grievances to President Mangope.

An investigation was launched by the Bophuthatswana Government and the seven workers subsequently lost their jobs last week when, they claimed, President Mangope learnt that one of the workers had discussed the grievances with the Committee of Ten chairman, Dr Nthato Motlana.

● **LATE FLASH.** The three defiant families were evicted by Sun City officials from their home late yesterday afternoon. They have left the township and will today seek legal advice from a Johannesburg company of lawyers.



DISGRUNTLED: Signe Molefe, one of the employees fired by Sun City, with her furniture.
Pic: ROBERT MAGWAZA



Mrs Melda Appel (right) stands in one of the two bedrooms of the flat she shares with 18 other people who cannot find accommodation. With her are some of those who share the flat

Coloured family lose out on a home again

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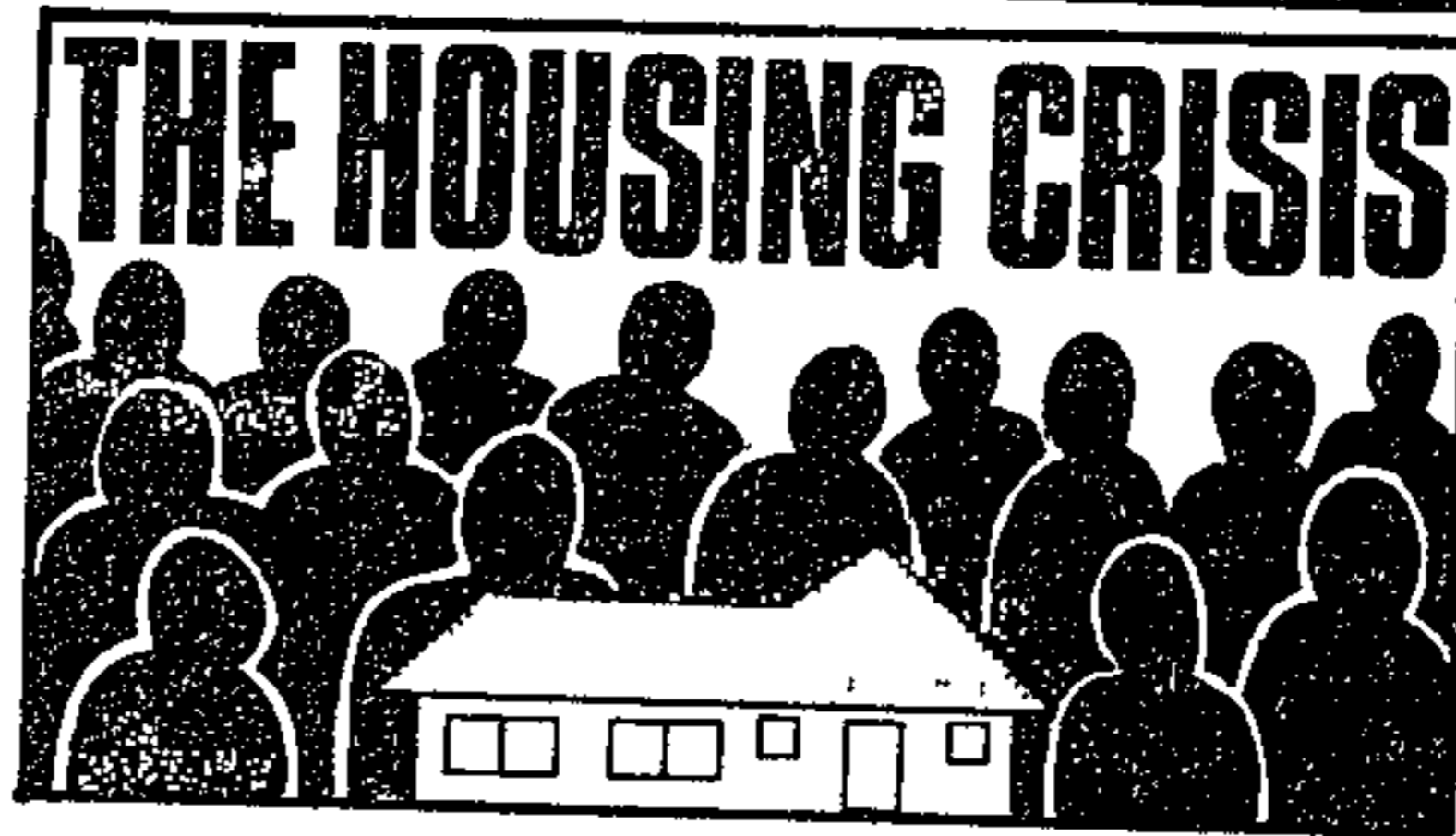
By Yussuf Nazeer

For 10 years the Appel family, of Eldorado Park, Johannesburg, has looked for a home. Today the six of them — mother, father and four children aged from five to 12 years — live in a two-roomed flat with 19 other people.

Their latest application for a house was answered by a letter from the Johannesburg City Council's coloured housing division which told them their application "was not approved for priority accommodation by the housing committee".

"We have moved from pillar to post all these years, sleeping on floors, in backyards and ga-

This is the third in a series of four articles on the plight of families struggling to find proper housing. The series focuses on black, white, Indian or coloured families who, for one reason or another, have not been able to get a home through normal channels.



rages. So far we have lived in eight different places and we have to move on again as the people we are living with are expecting their own families to return," said Mrs Melda Appel.

Neither the council nor the Department of Com-

munity Development, which are responsible for coloured housing, was able to give them a home.

"The council has a file full of my applications, including a letter from a lawyer and the management committee to prove

we genuinely need a home," Mrs Appel said — whereas the reply to her latest application states their accommodation problem is "not priority".

● Tomorrow: Why the Mabasos have to park their Mercedes outside the garage.

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336 Mr G B D McINTOSH asked the
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(a) How much money used for Black housing in Soweto is owed to the National Housing Fund and (b) what is the annual interest being paid on such money?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (a) An amount of R81,5 million is owed to the National Housing Fund in respect of housing projects, including projects in Soweto, which are situated in the area of the West Rand Administration Board. It is unfortunately not possible to specify Soweto projects separately.
- (b) R4,5 million in respect of the area as a whole.

Orlando shacks keep coming down

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YESTERDAY, less than two weeks after a Rand Supreme Court judge ordered the Soweto Council to stop demolishing shacks in Orlando East, several shacks were razed.

An atmosphere of tension continued to grip other shack dwellers who were not yet affected. At one of the houses in the area people were seen demolishing their own shacks. Some of the people were at work when the armed West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) policemen and Soweto Council employees pulled shacks down.

Crowds of anguished residents gathered around the area and watched helplessly as the structures were brought down and the material used to build the shacks — corrugated iron, advertising boards — were loaded onto a truck. A young man, Mr Oscar Radebe, claimed the Wrab police confiscated his camera as he took pictures of them pulling a shack down.

The demolition of shacks comes hardly two weeks after Supreme Court judge Mr Justice Groskopff, ordered the Soweto Community Council to stop demolishing shacks. He also ordered the council to rebuild a shack belonging to Mrs Margaret Hlongwane (72). He said the council had no right to demolish the shacks because it is not a recognised local authority.

Ms Tshidi Kalane said the Wrab policemen and council employees arrived at her home at about 11 am. "They told me to take all my belongings out of the shack I occupy with my husband as they had

By SELLO RABOTHATA

orders to demolish it. They also asked me how much rent we paid the landlord. I do not know why they wanted to know this as they would have gone ahead with their job anyway."

Mrs Wendy Mother's two shacks, whose residents were said to be at work, were pulled down. The material was also taken away in the truck. Lunch break for the Wrab policemen and council employees was also held on the spot where three vans brought their food. Thereafter they went back to work on the shacks.

The Soweto Council started with their shack demolishing on February 2 and so far more than 50 shacks have been razed. At the time it was said loans were available for residents to build proper structures.

A packed Eyethu cinema in Mofolo at the weekend called on the resignation of community councillors and a resolution to interdict the Soweto Council in order to stop the further demolition of shacks. The meeting was attended by more than a 1 000.

A Wrab policeman who was at the scene yesterday told **The SOWETAN** he would only know in the afternoon how many shacks they had demolished. He had no further comment to make and would not give his name.

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HOUSING SELL-OFF (127) Under the hammer

From July, SA's 8m urban blacks will have to make up their minds whether or not to participate in government's "home ownership" scheme. Given resistance to 99-year leasehold, they may take some convincing. Nonetheless, the move does appear to be a calculated step on the way to freehold rights. The widespread welcome for the scheme hinges on the security it offers to township dwellers.

The 500 000 State-owned houses coming up for sale — the vast majority in black townships — make up a substantial slice of the approximately 800 000 houses built by the National Housing Fund (NHF) since its inception in 1920. Welfare housing, like that specifically for pensioners or the disabled, is excluded from the scheme. And an estimated further 20% of the housing stock won't be sold.

The 40 000-odd houses being sold off in Soweto will offer security of tenure to existing tenants.

The main points of the scheme are

- Low prices and discounts. Original construction costs as well as current replacement cost will determine selling prices, but the aim is to keep them within tenants' means. Discounts between 35% and 40% are available for sales within a 12-month grace

period, in recognition of the period of occupation, and for cash transactions not financed by the NHF,

- Half of sales revenue goes to the relevant local authority for reinvestment in housing, after the original loan amount has been repaid to the NHF, and

- The NHF will not finance home-buying by purchasers earning more than R450/month. Maximum incentives are directed at harnessing private sector funds, as well as employer assistance and use of purchasers' savings.

New formula

The big, coercive, drawback is that after the selling programme ends in July 1984, "a new formula which takes into account adjusted rent values and family incomes will come into effect."

Administration boards and township councils are involved in a welter of meetings this week. Government's circular to local authorities outlining detailed procedures on issues like financing and publicity is expected within the next few weeks and a great deal of administrative machinery needs to be streamlined before midyear.

Building societies also have a decision to make. John Bennett, MD of NBS, points out that whether building societies are prepared to give loans to buy the basic 51/6 township matchbox depends on their individual policy. NBS does, provided that

basic improvements — like indoor plumbing — are undertaken by the would-be owner.

"Few people have approached us so far for loans to build under the 99-year leasehold scheme — only at the rate about 100 a month," Bennett told the FM. "Naturally few people were interested, what with low township rentals and the relatively high bond instalments involved. But now larger numbers may buy."

Bennett expects sales to move fairly slowly and feels that the black administration boards lack of machinery to process applications may produce bottlenecks.

Alec Rabie of Wrab, who until now has been mainly responsible for Soweto housing, disagrees. "We have trained superintendents ready. The question is whether the building societies have the logistics to cope."

One financing possibility is that building societies may finance a loan fund to be administered by the local authority. In the case of black townships, these are currently the administration boards, but within a year the revamped township councils will have local authority status.

Whether this year sees a rush to buy or not, the development of a tumultuous property market in townships is ultimately certain. While houses go onto the market, the land assigned to black townships in white areas is fixed. "It will always be a sellers'

market," says Rabie — because supply is fixed and demand is increasing. And a place to live is a cornerstone of government's criteria of who may stay in white areas — along with access to jobs.

Couple inside — and their car stays outside

By Jon Qwelane

A self-employed Soweto salesman, Mr Nkinkiza Mabaso, and his wife have to park their Mercedes Benz outside the garage. That is because they live in the garage — victims of Soweto's chronic shortage of houses and building sites.

The couple has been on the waiting list for housing for more than nine years, with each day bringing no hope of a home of their own. They are one of the estimated 15 000 families in the official Soweto housing backlog (unofficial estimates of the shortage are nearer 40 000).

Even the garage does not belong to Mr Mabaso. He rents it from a householder in Orlando East.

The arrangement has not been rewarding for the Mabasos. The car has twice been burgled and radios and sheepskin seat covers stolen.

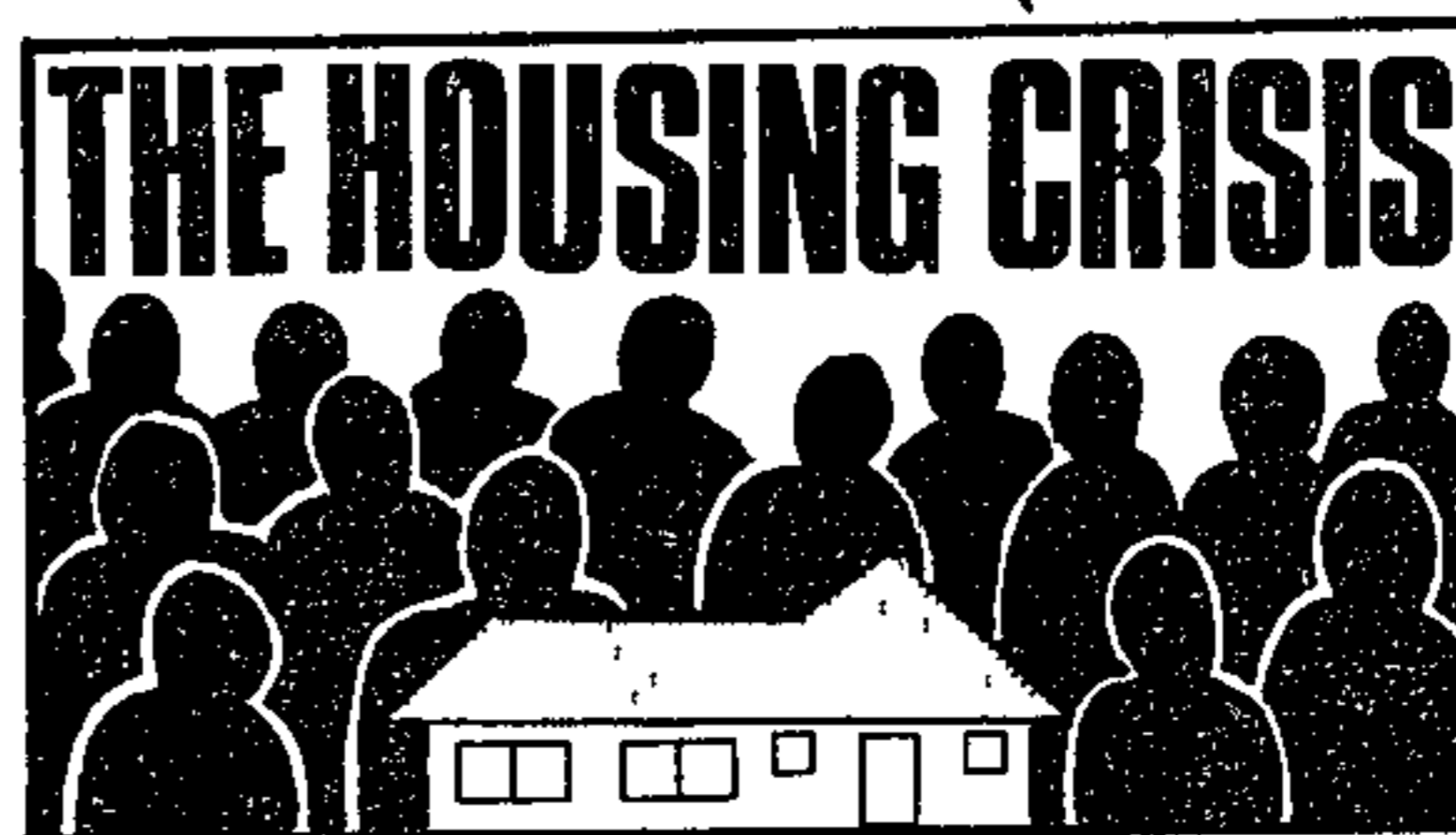
"I am not prepared to fit any more radios in that car," says a rueful Mr Mabaso.

The couple has been forced to part from their two minor children because there is simply no room for the whole family in the garage.

The children stay with Mr Mabaso's parents in Dube Village, Soweto, and only see their parents during weekend visits to Orlando East.

"I have become so disillusioned with our housing problem that I am now looking outside Soweto for a house, any-

The shortage of suitable building sites in Soweto is a major cause of the housing crisis. In the fourth article highlighting the plight of families struggling to find homes, *The Star* looks at a Soweto couple who own a Mercedes Benz — yet are forced to live in a garage.



where, even Pretoria, the Vaal, or the East Rand townships," says Mr Mabaso.

Mrs Mabaso has converted the little garage into a habitable place.

There are sofas in the small space, designated a living room, and along the one wall a small kitchen has been fashioned.

Their wardrobe divides the garage into two with the sleeping area cut off from the rest of their liv-

ing space. An expensive bedroom suite fills this space, with lace curtains neatly concealing the huge door through which a car would normally pass.

The outlook for the future remains grim for 30-year-old Mr Mabaso and his wife, Maud (28). Last week a notice went up at Soweto's housing office in New Canada saying that no more stands were available for building.

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Letters demand council resigns

THE Sofasonke Party has prepared circulars to be distributed among members of the Soweto Council calling for their resignation.

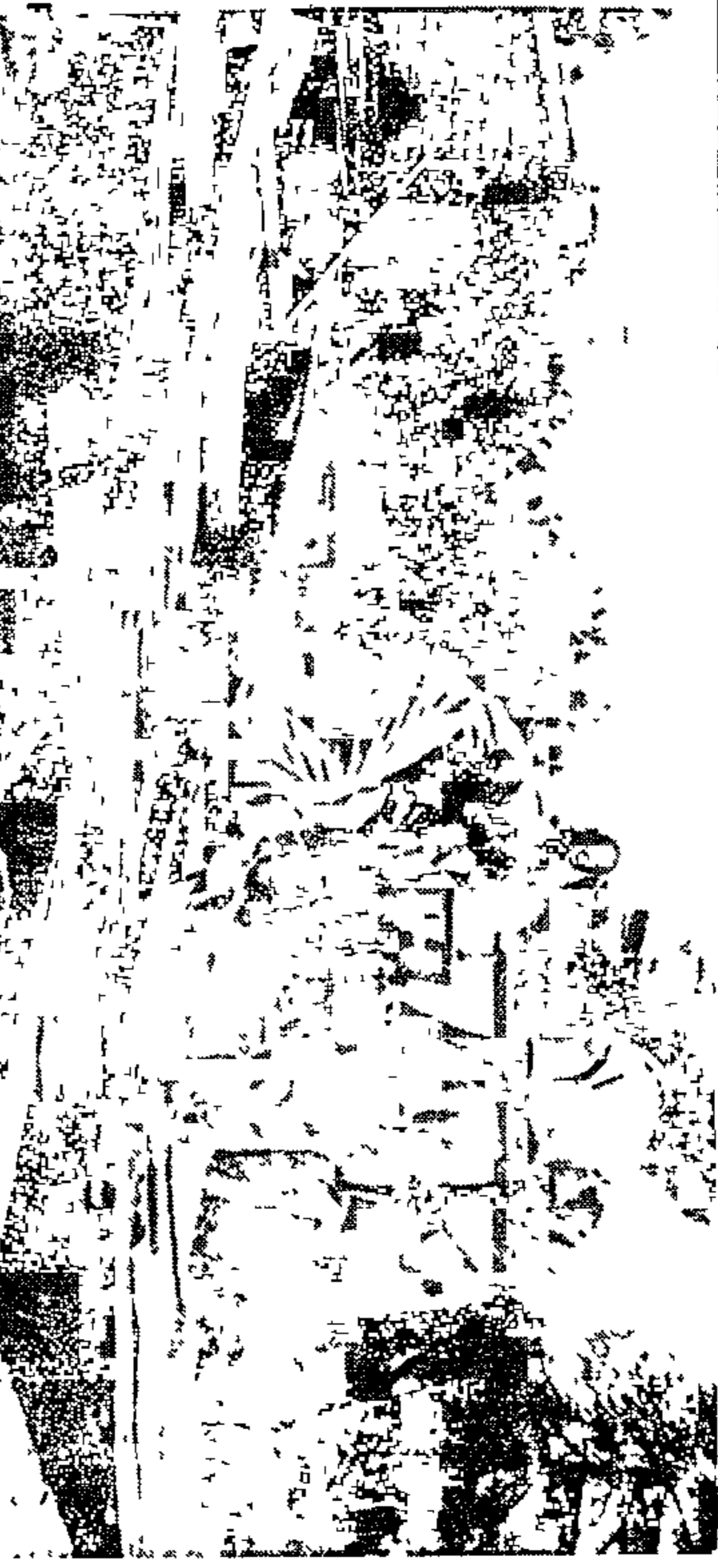
According to Mr Ambition Brown, a member of the Sofasonke, the circulars will be distributed this week whereby councillors will be asked to attach their signatures, binding them to resign.

The move follows a shack meeting which was held last weekend in which a motion spearheaded by Mr Ephraim Tshabalala called for the disbandment of the Soweto Council and the resignation of councillors.

The Sofasonke Party indicated that they wished to see the Soweto Council stop functioning until the Minister of Co-operation and Development had granted the township local authority powers.

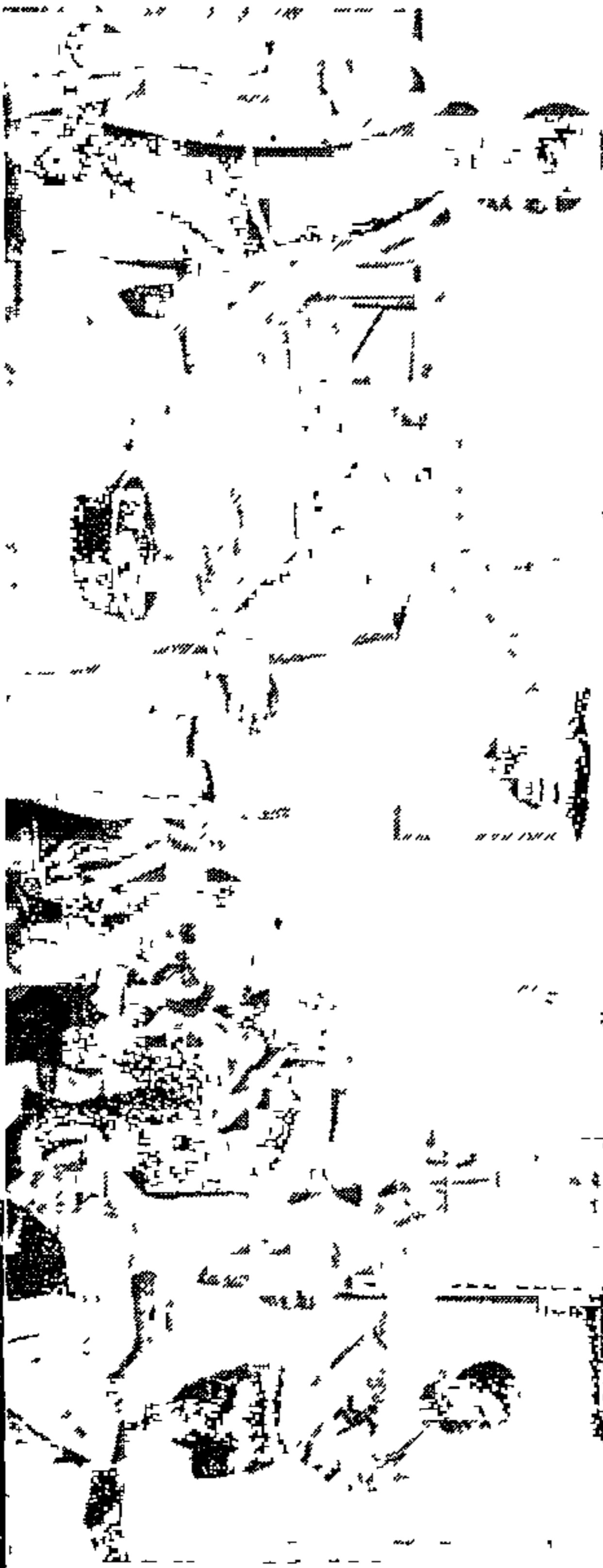
Mr Tshabalala, a councillor himself, supported the move during the meeting which was attended by representatives from the Reef

When Wrab trucks roll in . . .



DOWN The owners of this shack were at work when a Wrab policeman arrived to pull it down

... homes come crushing down



OUT: Ms Tshidi Kalane from Orlando (second from left) with curious onlookers, with her belongings scattered in the open after her shack was ripped down.

Temporary reprieve for Duduza

THE East Rand Administration Board has stopped its plans to demolish about 300 backyard tin-shacks in Duduza township near Nigel — at least for now.

Some weeks ago, the board issued a directive to the more than 3 000 registered tenants, threatening them with the cancellation of their residential permits if tin-shacks were found in their yards.

But the local community council said they were not party to the threats and blamed board officials for issuing the directive. Mr F E Marx, chief director of the board, told **THE SOWETAN** he was unaware of such threats.

A source within Erab said the board had temporarily halted its plans to demolish about 300 shacks in the township, pending investigations whether the shack dwellers qualified to be in the township or not.

Mr Kebane Molo, deputy chairman of the council said that his council had asked the area director of Erab in Nigel to intervene until the matter was fully discussed by its council and board officials before the end of the month. He also blamed the board for the mushrooming of shacks in the area because there were not enough houses.

Residents condemned the board for destroying backyard shacks without providing alternative accommodation. Residents have called on the board to allow the families to erect these structures as temporary accommodation. Until such time the board could provide them with proper housing.

Meanwhile close to 2 000 shacks have been demolished in Katlehong township near Germiston by Erab and more than 50 in Soweto's Orlando East by Wrab.

Mr. Brown said their contention follow a Supreme Court order in which the court had ruled that the council had no right to demolish shacks in Soweto.

Mr. Brown indicated that the Sofasonke Party might seek an interdict with the Supreme Court to stop the Soweto Council from functioning.

Thousands of houses renovated

THE Soweto Council spent R560 000 on renovations and maintenance of houses in Soweto between April and October last year — and this represents only 33 percent of the total renovations that are still to be done in the townships.

This is according to statistics released by the Soweto Council's executive committee on the programme of work covering the period of the council's financial year.

The total number of houses which needed renovation was 4 577 and by October, 1 537 of them had been renovated at a cost of R561 165.

Orlando East, which had the largest number of houses needing renovations — 1 099, had 447 of them completed by October. This was followed by Orlando West with 880 houses in need of renovations, of which 105 were completed by October.

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SOWETO'S controversial mass survey of residential stands is almost complete, and has slashed the cost of surveying individual stands from more than R425 to R45

While the planned national survey of stands has not yet got beyond the talking stage, most properties eligible for 99-year-leasehold in Soweto will be ready for registration by July 1, when the mass sale of State-owned, rented housing begins.

Even properties on which 99-year-leasehold is not yet available have been surveyed so that no further certification will be needed in the future.

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Soweto stand survey is really ahead

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SOWETO's controversial mass survey of residential stands is almost complete, putting the huge black city a big jump ahead of the rest of the country in the home ownership stakes.

While not a single parcel of ground has been handed over yet to surveyors for the national survey announced by the Government six months ago, most properties eligible for 99-year leasehold in Soweto will be ready for registration by July 1, when the mass sale of State-owned, rented housing begins.

Even stands with semi-detached and "train" houses — which do not qualify for 99-year-leasehold and the big sale — have been surveyed so that they will be ready for the day when blacks are granted Sectional Title.

All stands being surveyed for 99-year-leasehold — in Soweto and elsewhere — will be ready for conversion to freehold title when that, too, is one day granted to blacks.

Soweto's bulk aerial survey, which led to widespread protest when it was announced, has brought down the cost of surveying from between R425 and R450 a stand to R45 a stand, Mr Alec Rabie, Director of Community Services for the West Rand Administration Board, told **HOMEFRONT** yesterday.

Quoting from a report received from the firm of surveyors, Mr Rabie said

● By April 30, 40 700 stands will have been surveyed in Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville, of which 30 000 would be ready for 99-leasehold registration

Some of these were "A" classification, others were "B" classification, for which a bulk verification certificate would be available

Both classifications were acceptable for 99-year-leasehold

● The balance of about 40 000 had been surveyed but were still being processed.

Although the entire bulk survey would be complete by the end of June, results still had to be processed by the Department of Co-operation and Development and the office of the Surveyor-General

"All the procedures are be-



By LIN MENGE

ing expedited, and we are getting great co-operation from everybody, so we hope to be ready to implement the sale of houses under 99-year-leasehold from July 1," Mr Rabie said

The survey, which commenced last May, cost R3,9-million. The method of payment still has to be decided, Mr Rabie said

He stressed that every stand had been surveyed, whether the house qualified for 99-year-leasehold or not.

People whose stands were still "C" classification — which is not acceptable to building societies — should wait for the completion of the bulk survey before registering 99-year-leasehold, otherwise they would have to pay the full fee for an individual survey

Surveying of the rest of the country, for which the Government has set aside R28-million, is still at the committee stage.

Mr John Ewels, deputy director, housing, in the Department of Co-operation and Development, said yesterday that regional committees have been meeting with community councillors on to decide priorities and the number of sites to be surveyed

"Unfortunately, the survey profession has not yet moved in — except in Soweto. However, I am sure it will be only a matter of days before the surveyors are given their first allocation of land."

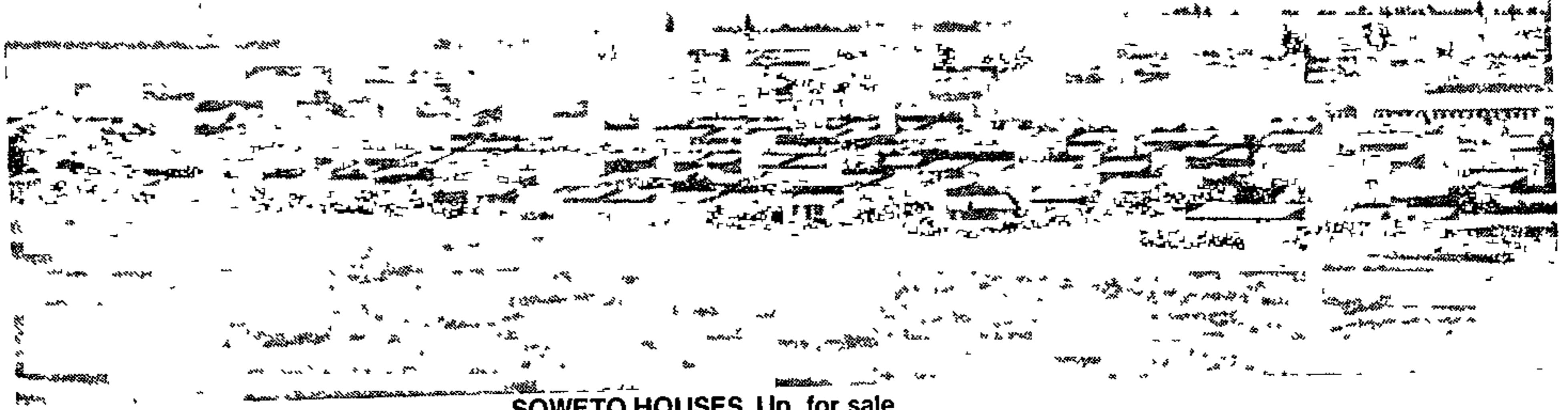
Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, announced the national survey last August

He said it would be completed within five or six years and would cut costs to an average of R65 a stand.

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SOWETO HOUSES Up for sale

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**Forty thousand
Soweto houses
to be sold at
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THE "For Sale" sign will go up next month for more than 40 000 houses in Soweto — the first in the Government's recently announced scheme of selling houses at discounts of up to 40 percent.

This was disclosed yesterday by Mr Alec Rabie, director of community affairs of the West Rand Administration Board, who added that a further 40 000 houses would be surveyed within the next three months. He said the R4,5-million survey of Soweto's 105 000 stands was expected to be completed by June. "Some 30 000 stands are in the process of being registered as ready for sale under the 99-year leasehold or the 30-year home ownership schemes," Mr Rabie said.

The availability of stands for leasing was in line with the recent announcement by the Government that 500 000 State-owned houses would soon be sold to tenants, he added. The houses would be sold at discounts of up to 40 percent.

By LEN MASEKO

Mr Rabie said that after completion of the survey, co-ordination would start within the Department of Co-operation and Development to "expedite the selling of the houses".

Already 17 000 houses valued at about R17-million have been sold under home ownership schemes in Soweto. Wrab officials at New Canada estimated that an average of 60 houses were being sold to tenants in the townships every month.

But, Mr Rabie added, not all the houses in Soweto would be sold. "Tram" houses in Klipspruit and Meadowlands and the "elephant" houses in White City and Orlando West would not be sold.

"These houses have no sectional title, that is, there are more than one family in one unit," he said.

Last year the mass survey became a centre of controversy when the Diepmeadow Council rejected it, saying money spent on the project could have been used for building houses. But the council was overruled by Wrab.

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Mams may stay

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THE CENTRAL Transvaal Administration Board yesterday denied they had threatened to break down "hundreds" of illegal structures in Mamelodi township.

"Only four notices were issued by one of our superintendents here following complaints received from a permit-holder," was the sharp reaction from Mr J P Nel, the local township superintendent, yesterday.

He said neither the board nor the local community council knew of the "hundreds of notices, as reported in certain newspapers yesterday," that were sent to permit-holders threatening them with prosecution unless they demolished their shacks

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Proud Constantia folk build their own houses and few take

As the Peninsula housing debate proceeds, the Orange-Vaal Administration Board has shown that self help schemes can work and set an example to other authorities. Staffer CH/

THE people of Constantia are usually proud of their homes. And most residents paid cash for their houses when they built them.

Constantia is a self-build housing scheme just outside Kroonstad in the Orange Free State.

"Constantia is successful and stands as an example of what could be achieved in the Cape Peninsula through self-build schemes if the people, and the housing authorities, were given the opportunity to establish the right preconditions for self-help by the Government," says Mr Paul Andrew, founder member of UCT's Urban Problems Research Unit and a member of the Divisional Council.

The Minister of Co-operation and

Development, Dr Piet Koorhof, recently announced the Government's intention of allocating 2 500 self-build site-and-service plots to people living in the open at KTC.

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Almost 800 families have now built their own homes while more than 600 are under construction. Building times are normally 24 to 36 months and, unlike the drab uniformity of the box-like structures in Cape Town's townships, every home is different.

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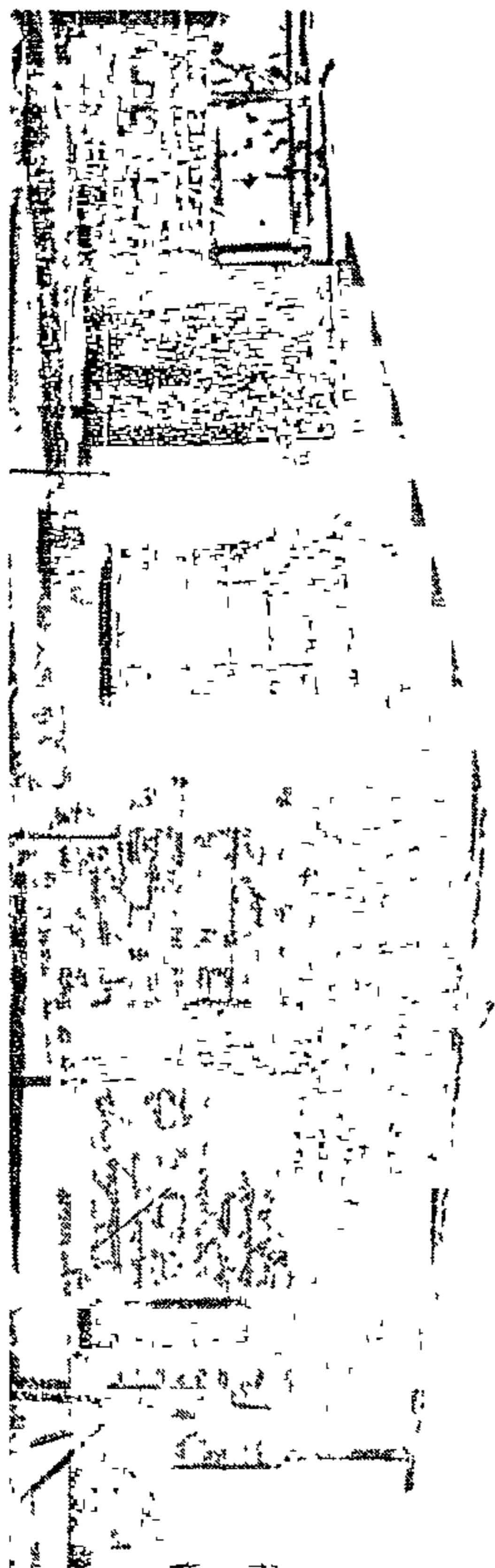
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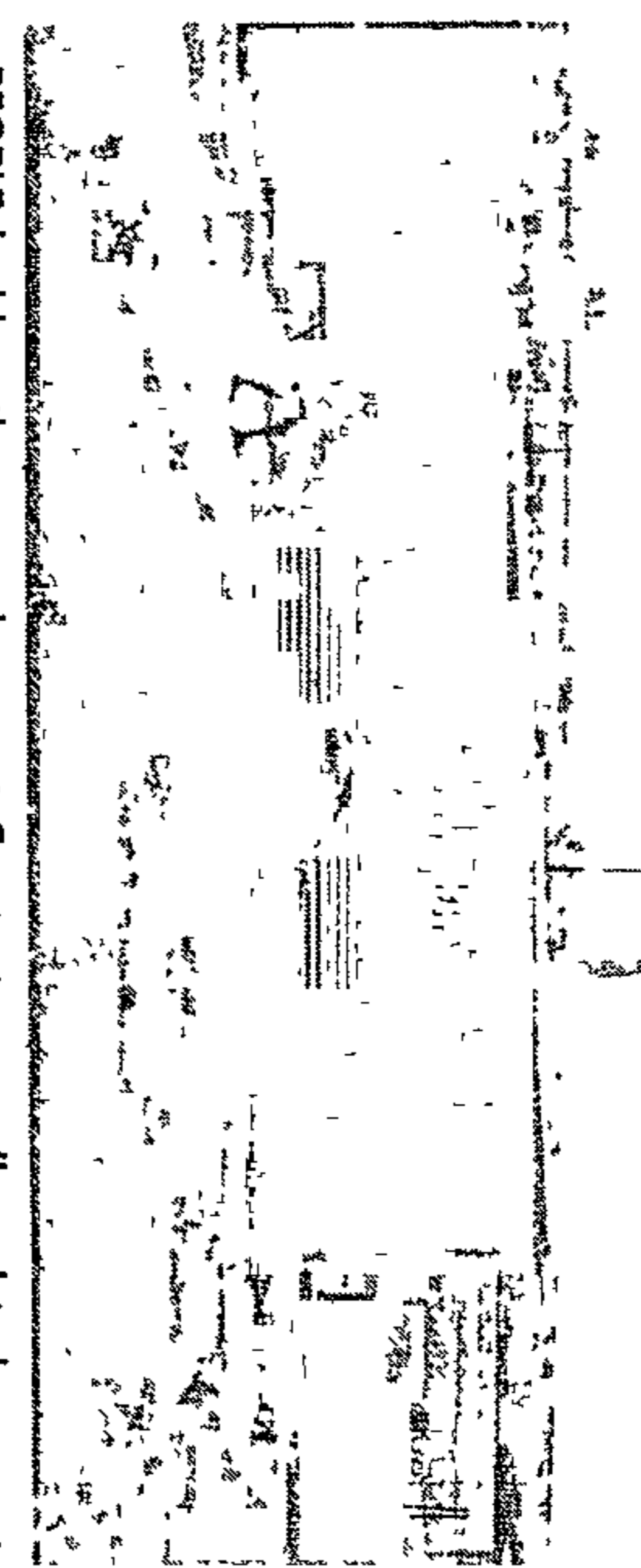
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A TYPICAL self-built home at Constantia nears completion. Some of the homes at the site are now worth R30 000.



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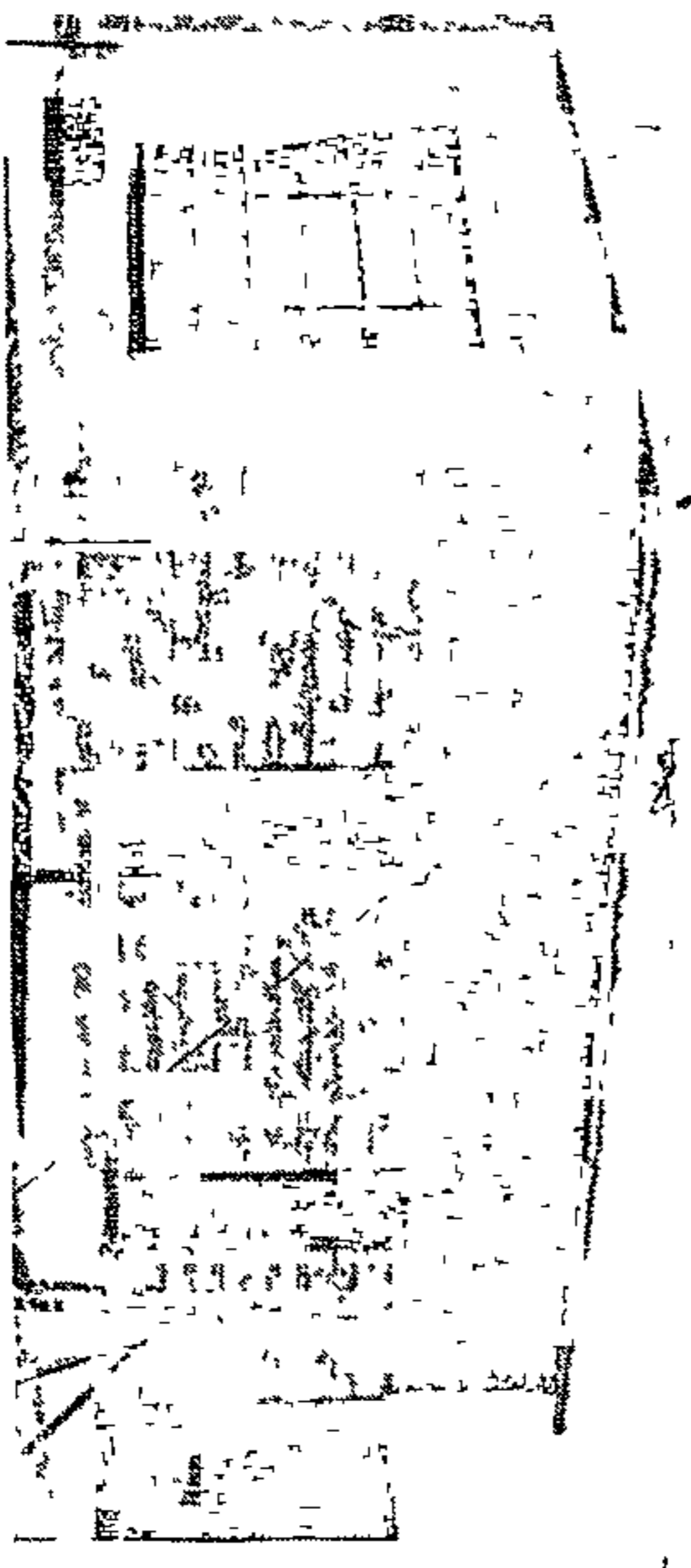
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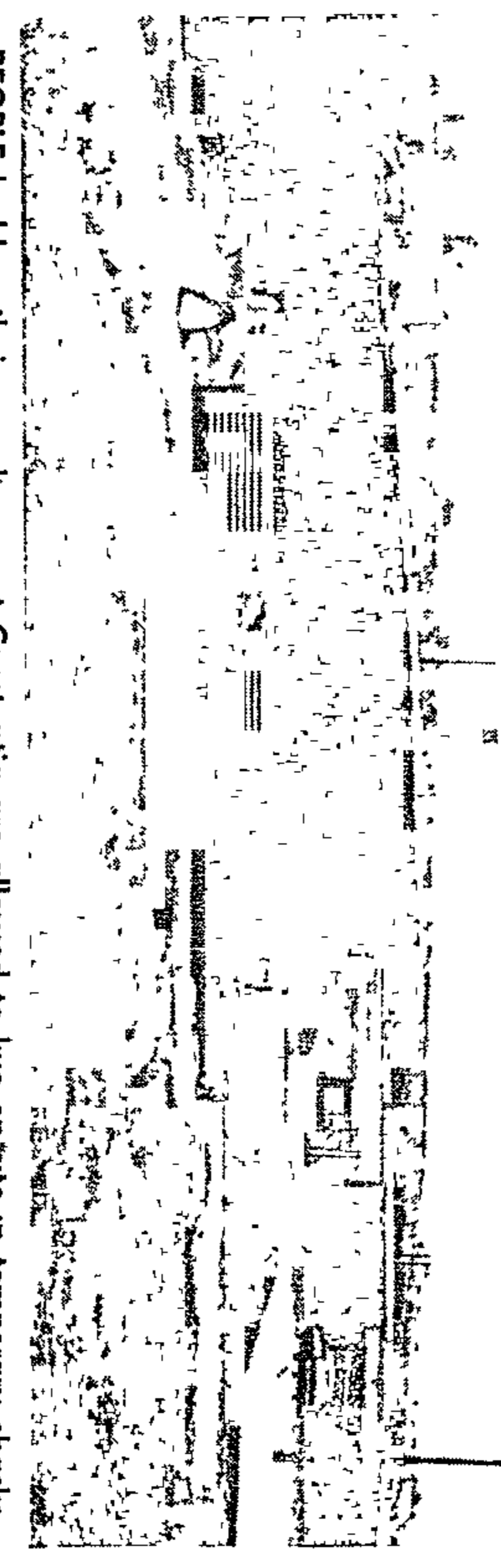
Mr Haasbroek estimates that Constantia has saved the Government R30-million in housing finance

All authorities are quick to point out that schemes such as Constantia should not be used as a substitute for conventional housing schemes

That point taken, self-build schemes such as Constantia prove people can comfortably house themselves. They also show that squatter camps such as KTC and Crossroads need not be necessary



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Angry residents slam 'crooked clerks

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Crooked rent cashiers are using thick security glass at Wrab's Pimville offices to hide their thefts, say angry residents.

Once their money is across the counters, say residents, the thick security glass partially hides it from their view — and some clerks cash in by slipping part of the payment into their pockets.

The crooked clerks are skimming the cream off their monthly rent, electricity and water payments, they say.

"I took R70 to pay my site rent last Friday," said irate Mr Peter Sekgwati of Zone 5, Pimville. "After I had given the money to a clerk he claimed I had only given him R60."

When he tried to complain, Mr Sekgwati told CP, he was told by a council employee that such thefts were "common practice here"

A woman resident

By
**TEBELLO
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who asked not to be named said she had seen a cashier telling a resident man he was R10 short.

"After a long argument, the clerk finally admitted he was wrong, saying the money had fallen on to the floor," she said

Senior township manager Johan van Nie-

kerk said complaints had been made against other cashiers, but it was difficult to decide who was telling the truth — the cashier or the resident

"But this is the first complaint I've had about this cashier"

Residents had also complained that the small security windows were thick and blurred and that it was not easy to see the cashiers as they spoke through a small hole when making payments

R3,6-m request for housing

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THE West Rand Board has applied to the Government for R3,6-million for a housing scheme to construct 360 units in Mohlakeng township before the end of the year.

The project has already been approved by the local-community council and Wrab Authorities said they were awaiting allocation of money from the Government to embark on the scheme

Wrab's director of public services, Mr Alex Rabie, said they hoped to construct 360 housing units in the area but that they relied on the Government for the project to get off the ground

He also said when money became available, they would service the area This includes laying on water and sewerage systems

The last batch of houses in Mohlakeng were built in 1978 and since the local community council came into power not a single unit has been built

Chairman of the Mohlakeng Community Council, Mr Alfred Tekwane, said they had been fighting for more land for houses but had experienced "hitches"

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Promises to Soweto's homeless

AT LEAST a quarter million people can be housed in the 18 000 stands still to be developed in Greater Soweto without overcrowding available houses.

This emerged in an interview yesterday with Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board,

who said by effectively using the vacant stands tremendous progress could be made to upgrade the housing situation

He said according to a survey carried on in the area, 14 000 sites had been marked in Soweto and Dobsonville for accommodation. An addi-

tional 4 000 stands have been recently acquired in the Diepmeadow area

The houses will bring new living units in the area to 123 000

Mr Knoetze said site allocation in the third and last phase of Diepkloof Ext's development would start soon pen-

ding a decision from the local council

He appealed to employers to assist their employees to buy houses and said as little as R200 was required as a deposit and anyone who was legally in the area could do so on the 99-year leasehold scheme or the 30-year home ownership system

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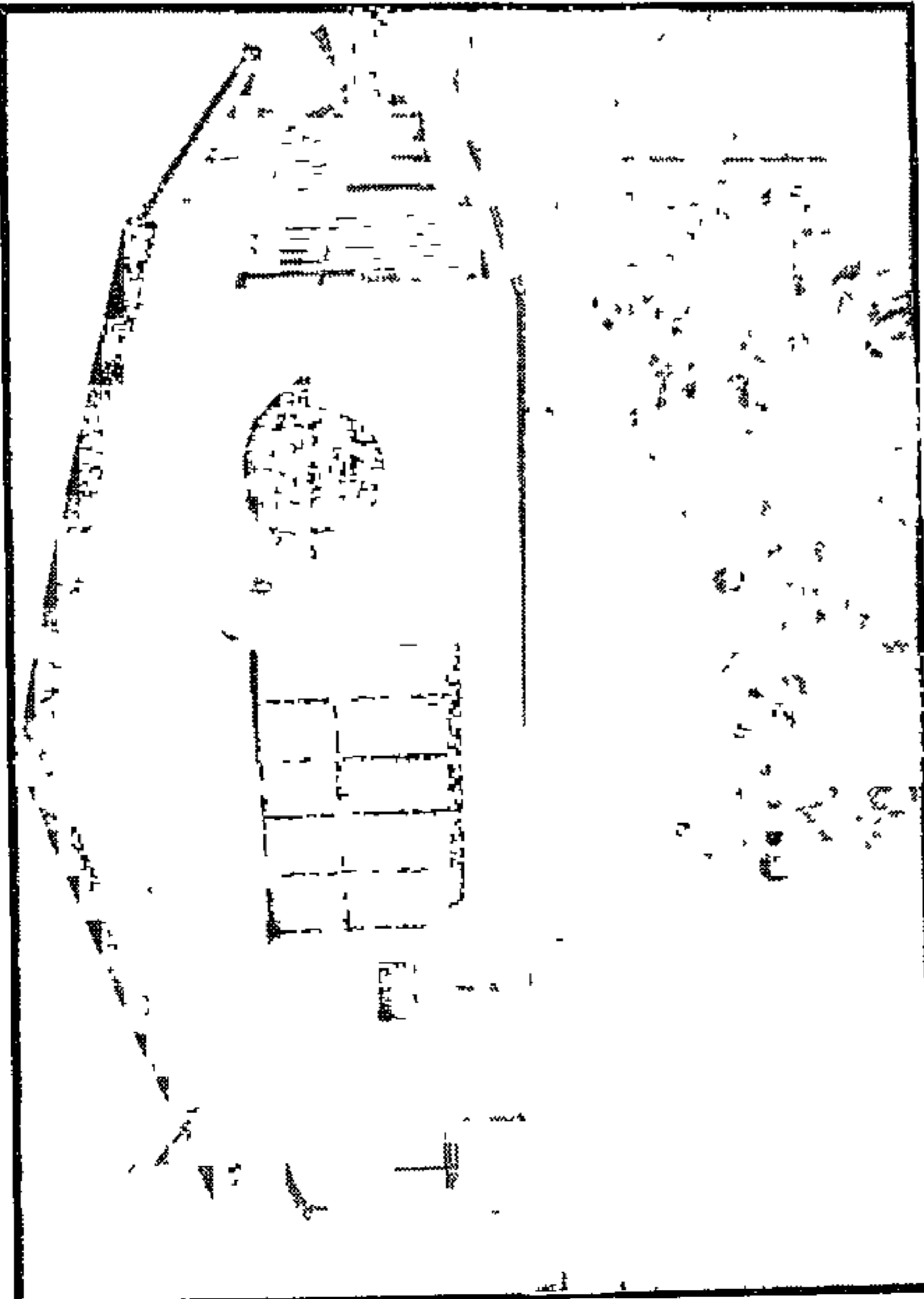
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ALL THE homes pictured here — ranging from a privately "improved" township matchbox house to a doctor's residence-cum-consulting suite costing more than R100 000 — are in Soshanguve, north of Pretoria

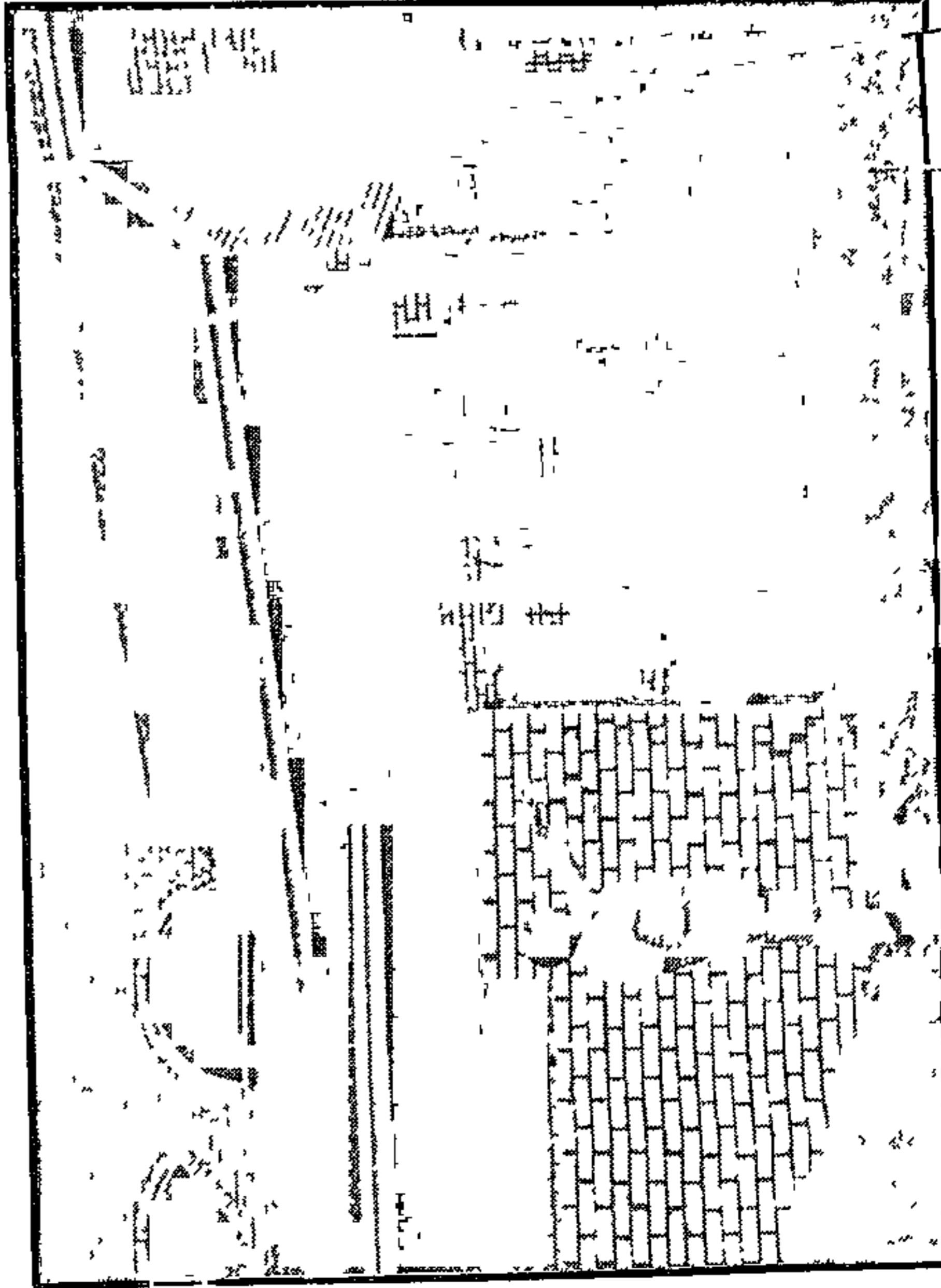
They are all the more remarkable for being built on State-owned Trust Land which means home-owners may only rent their ground and building societies cannot grant loans

Nevertheless, Soshanguve boasts many fine homes because the Economic Development Corporation (CED) makes housing loans available and has set up a black building construction and sub-contracting industry which slashes housing costs, while at the same time giving people their choice of house

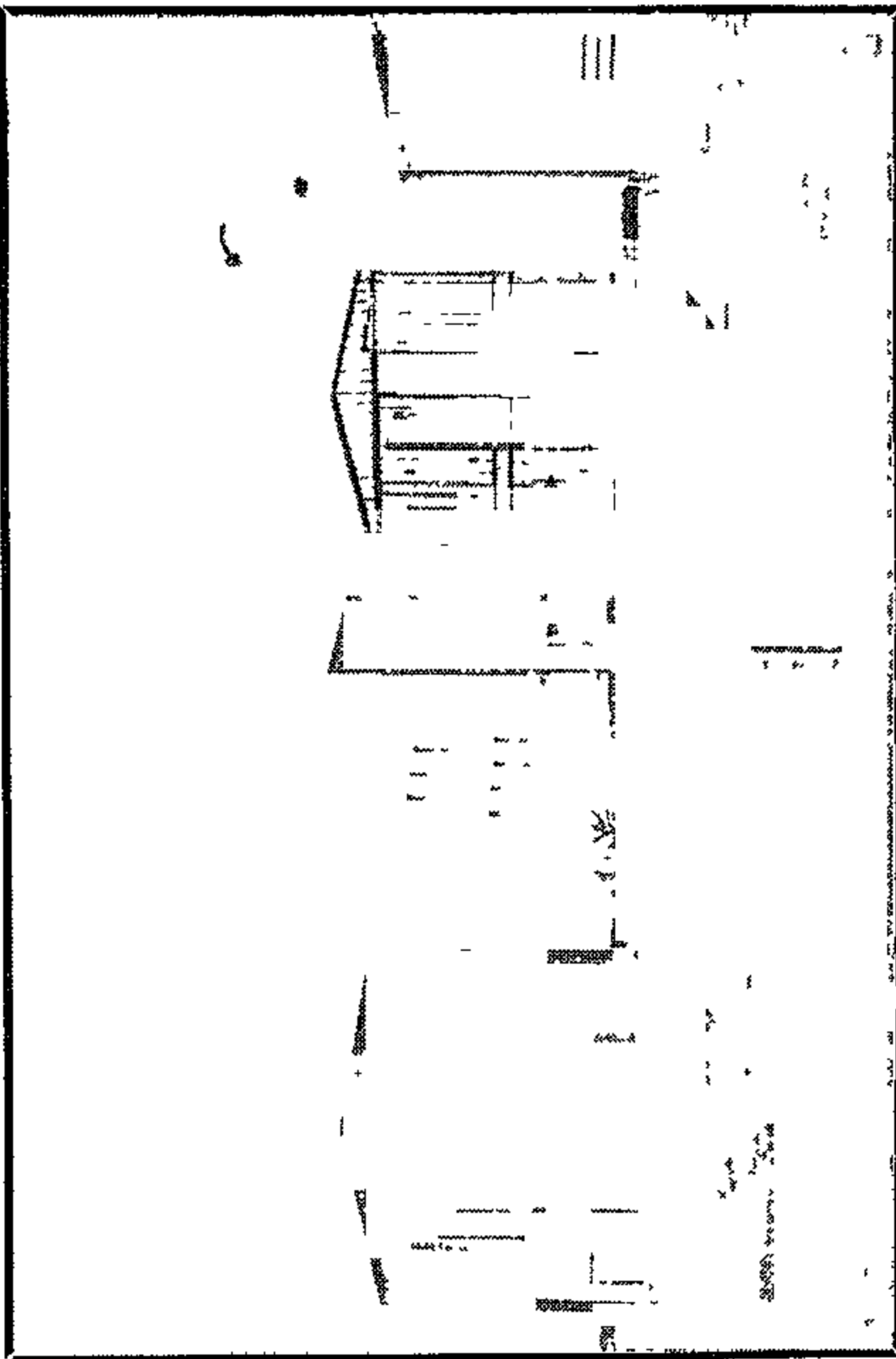
Watch HOMEFRONT for details of how the CED makes housing happen in distant Soshanguve.



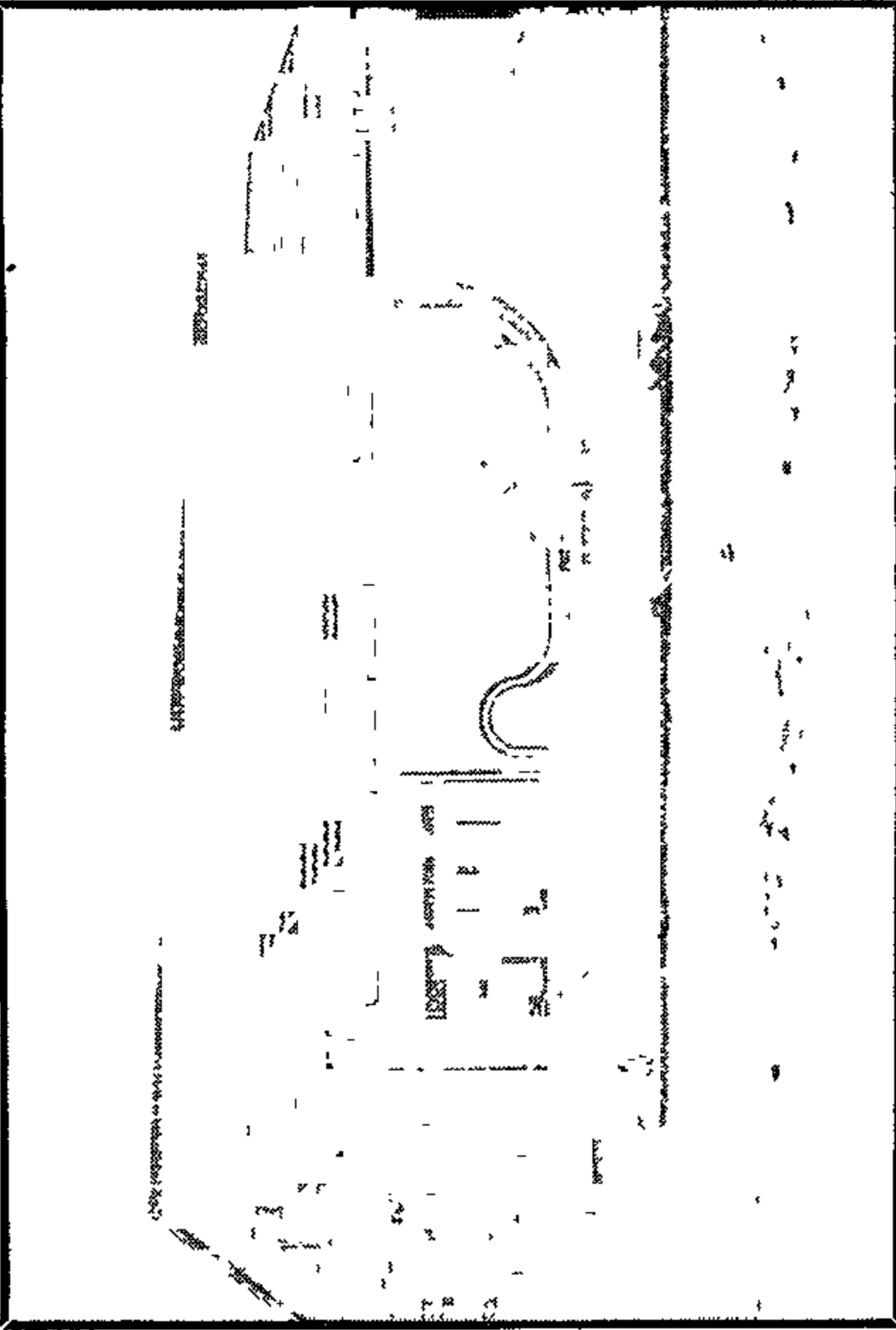
A R14 000, three-bedroom home built by the CED



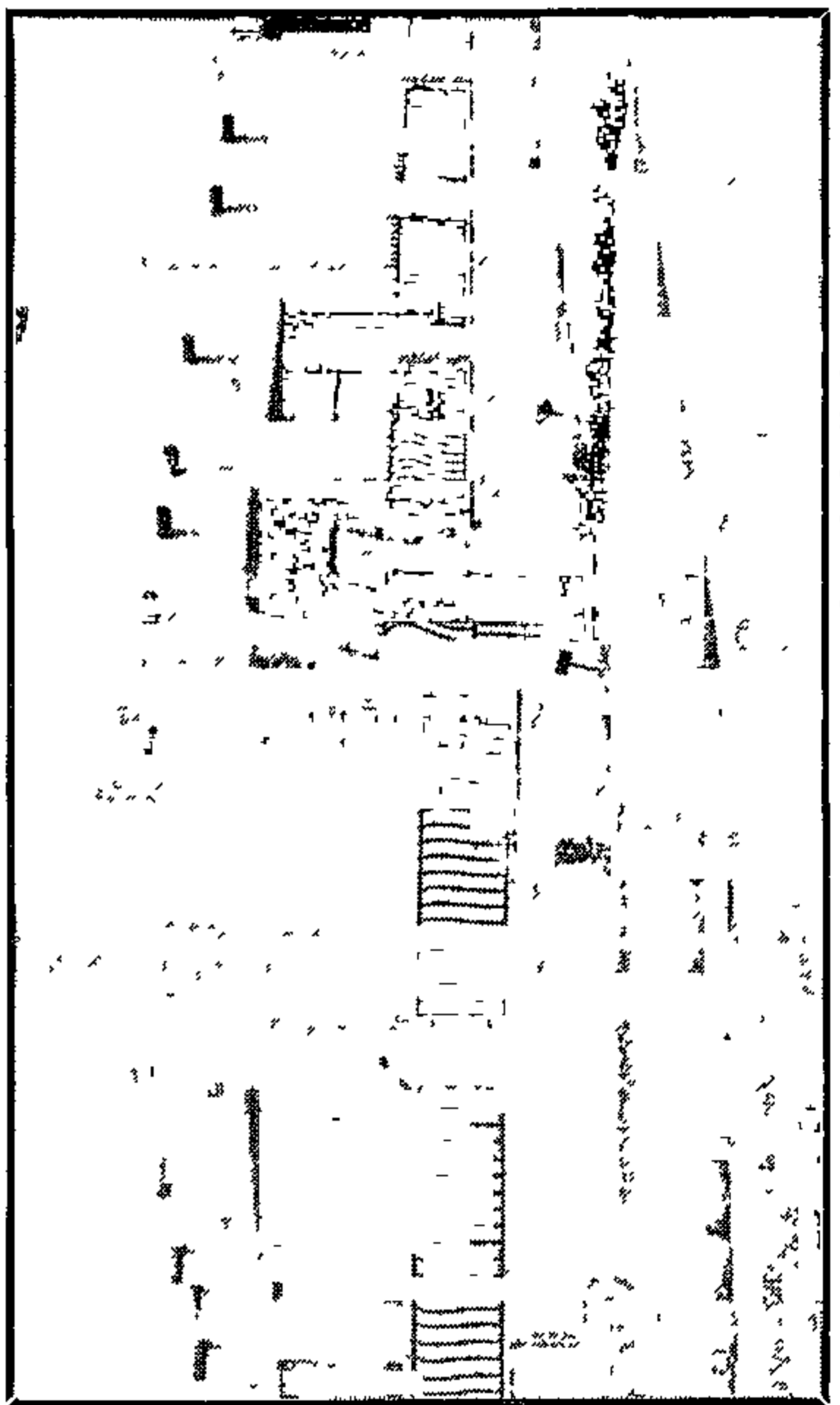
CED's all-black contractors are putting up this doctor's mansion



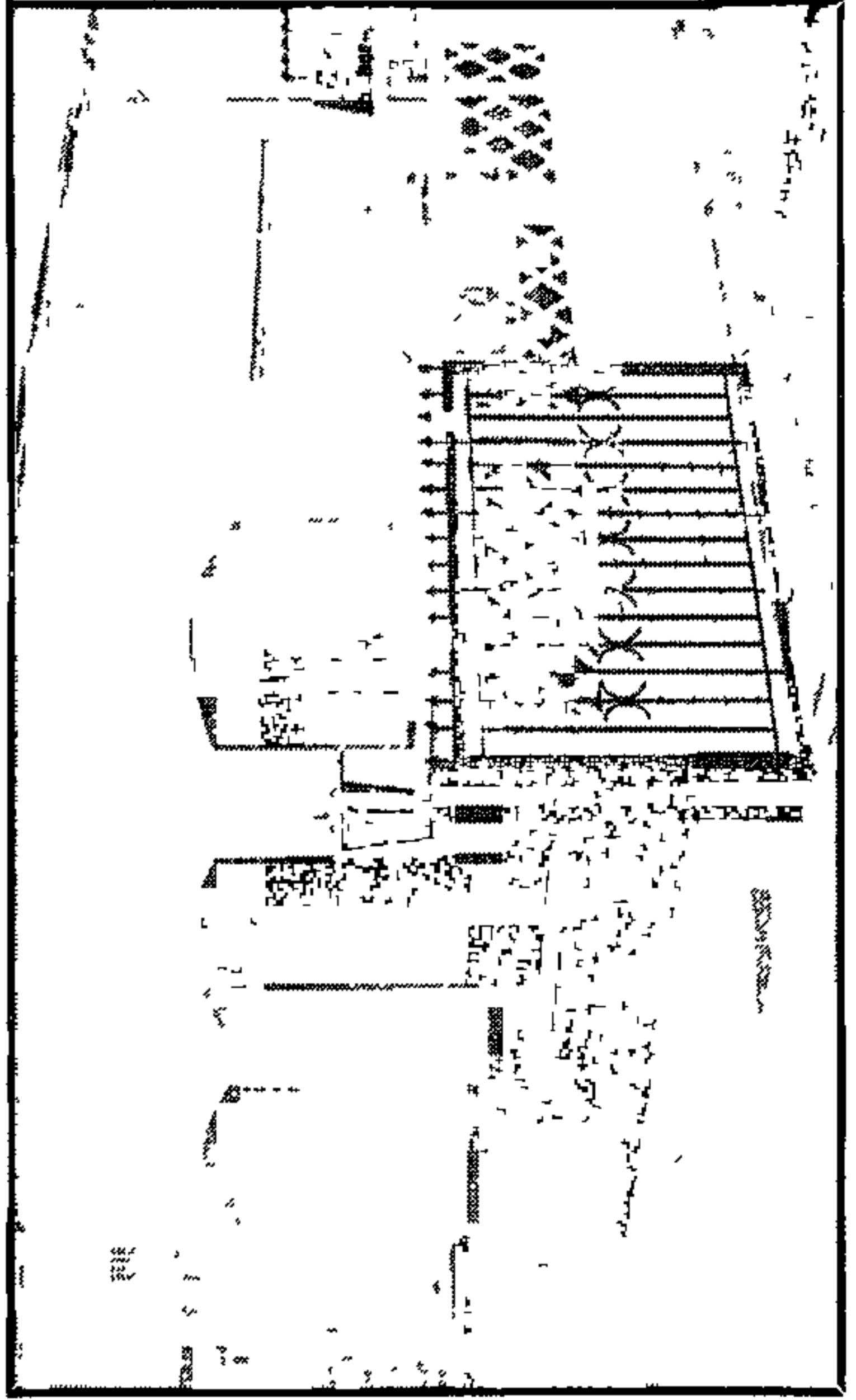
CED's black draftsman drew the plans of this house from a rough sketch.



The striking entrance to a house built by CED-trained builders



A CED loan helped finance this unusual, privately built house.



A 51/9 matchbox, privately converted to a three-bedroom home

Moca men face eviction

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TWO executive members of the Mohlakeng Civic Association (Moca) have been served with eviction notices unless they pay their rent arrears by Friday.

The notices have been sent to Moca chairman, Mr Pinky Ngakane and executive member, Mr Philip Tlhapane.

Mr Ngakane claims he owes rent for only one month while Mr Tlhapane said he owed for February when rents went up, and for March

The two executives feel that they are being deliberately victimised because Moca was at the forefront of the fight against increased tariffs which came into effect in February.

"I only owe rent for one month and they are already after my house. This is a clear case of victimisation. Other people in the township owe rent of up to three months," Mr Ngakane said

Mr Tlhapane refused to pay the increased portion of the February rent when rates went up during that month, but authorities demand the full amount

He said yesterday "That hardly gives them the excuse to kick me out of my house. They are picking on us because we are fighting rent increases. Our followers are being equally intimidated when it comes to the question of housing in the township."

The circulars state that the two Moca members have to pay their arrears by March 18 or face eviction.

Chairman of the Mohlakeng Community Council, Mr Alfred Tekwane said he knew nothing about the issue

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Wrab house sales

Rental revision

By **LEN MASEKO**

RENT payment in black areas will soon be revised in preparation for the forthcoming mass sale of houses, the chairman of the West Rand Administration Board said yesterday.

Mr Knoetze told **The SOWETAN** that re-calculation of rents would begin soon after his board received from the Government actual prices of the houses which will be going up for sale.

After revision, Mr Knoetze said, there would be a slight difference in rent paid by home owners and tenants, those who did not want to buy their houses. But tenants would not be forced into buying their homes, he added.

"Of course it will be advantageous for tenants to buy their homes

because they can improve them as they want or even sell them. If the tenants do not wish to buy their homes, their service charges will be gradually increased to a level which will pay for the maintenance costs," he said.

He said the Government's new deal to sell 500 000 State-owned houses at bargain prices would see some houses being sold for as little as R700. "A two-room house may be sold for R700 and four-room house, with a current market value of R8 000, could go up on sale for R1 000," he said.

Mayfair — latest entrant to the musical suburbs game

WITHIN hours of the recent announcement that Mayfair East would probably become an Indian area, businessmen were scouring the suburb for houses to buy

For many of the more wealthy Indians the announcement presented a rare chance to move out of Lenasia, a 32km drive from Johannesburg, to a suburb on the very edge of the city centre or to get around the massive waiting list for homes

The immediate demand from this group was so great that the prices of the small, mostly semi-detached and often run down houses soared overnight

Those who could afford it were offering prices up to twice what the houses were being sold for a week earlier, according to estate agents in the area

But the redeclaration of Mayfair was not welcomed by many According to the Action Committee to Stop Evictions (Actstop), the organisation representing the Indians and coloureds living illegally in white Johannesburg, the move will benefit only two groups of people, the more wealthy Indians and the white property owners

The first group will be able to move out of Lenasia or circumvent the massive waiting list for housing by buying the Mayfair properties The latter will be able to sell their properties at exorbitant prices

The whites who are renting their houses face the uncertain prospect of eviction and they have made their anger known Already this anger — often expressed in naked racism — has threatened to lead to violence

Similarly, for the hundreds of Indian and coloured families who have lived illegally in Mayfair and fought a bitter four-year legal battle to stay there, the announcement by the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, came like an execution order

When he told Parliament he had asked the Group Areas Board to consider declaring the area an Indian group area, the coloured and Indian residents of Mayfair could already picture their eviction notices

The massive demand for Indian housing — with 7 000 families on the Johannesburg waiting list — is likely to drive the coloured families out, according to Actstop

And with a waiting list of almost 10 000 for houses in Johannesburg's coloured areas, the prospects of them finding new homes are bleak

Most of the Indian families living in Mayfair are rent payers who do not have the finances to buy houses themselves, particularly at prices massively inflated by the disproportionate demand

Many of them are renting their homes from Indian businessmen who, having anticipated the announcement, used white nominees to buy the houses and then put tenants in until the position was more certain

Now that the future of the area has been clarified, most of these owners will want to move in themselves and are likely to evict the present tenants

The other houses are expected to be snapped up very quickly by Indians who can offer huge prices for them But this is unlikely to help more than 200 or 300 families

So, ironically, the hundreds of Indian and coloured families who moved illegally, to



By ANTON HARBER
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Mayfair and gave the suburb its nonracial character, may once again be searching for homes

Rather than helping the housing shortage, the Mayfair move is likely to highlight more clearly than ever just how severe the crisis is

In the last four years, the number of Indians waiting for homes went up almost 300%, from about 2 500 to more than 7 000 The list excludes those living illegally in white areas

And, according to Actstop, the Government has now finally indicated that they are unable to meet the rising need for housing and have said they will no longer build new houses They will only provide serviced plots for people to build on

Actstop say that Indians and coloureds moved to Mayfair out of desperation because they had nowhere else to live The crucial question is where will these people go to now?

Will the move just begin another step in the game of musical suburbs — the game that will drive the whites of Mayfair to Pageview and Vrededorp, the suburbs from which Indians were moved only a few years ago?

The effect of the move is thus twofold not only does it impose a racial division on the suburb, but it also brings out the divisions of wealth within the Indian community

Actstop sees the move as a ploy to sell the Government's new political dispensation by playing on these divisions, rather than as an attempt to address the housing crisis

To support their argument, they point to the timing of the announcement and the small number of people who will gain out of the move

The State was attempting to win support for the President's Council from middle class Indians by showing they were capable of bringing real reforms, Actstop's chairman, Mr Cassim Saloojee, argued

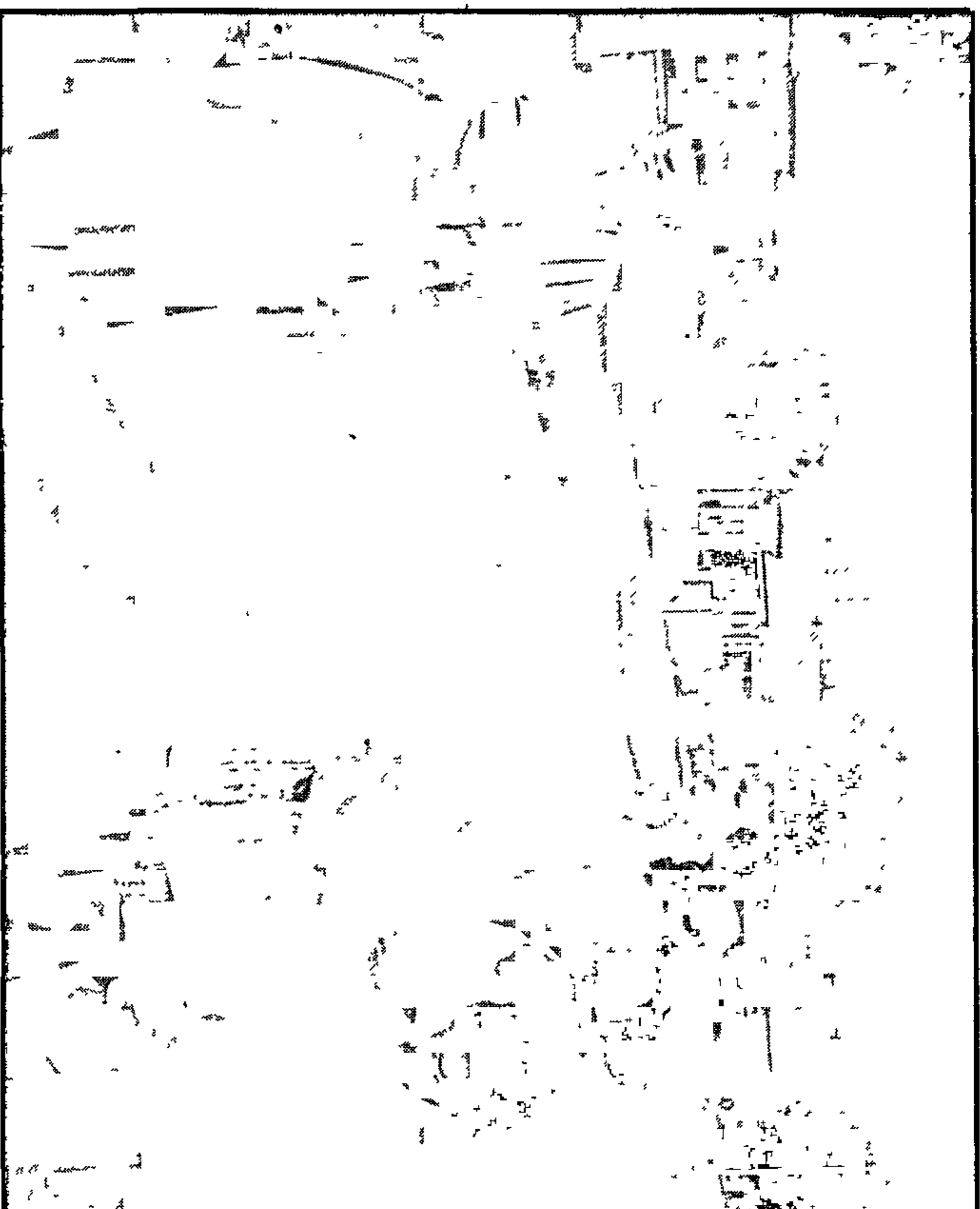
The South African Indian Congress, who support the President's Council, had "hijacked" the issue that had been fought bitterly by the residents and were using the residents to further their narrow political aims, he said

The reasonable solution, Mr Saloojee argued, was for the Government to legalise the position of those Indians and coloureds already living in Mayfair The Group Areas Act allowed for permits to be granted to these people, thus legitimising their presence without evicting others from their homes

Although all the illegal tenants previously applied for these permits, not one had been granted

"But in the end, it is still the Group Areas Act and they are still playing their old racial games

"The only long-term solution to the housing problem is for this Act to be abolished As long as it remains on the statute books, we will continue to have a housing problem," he concluded.



WHERE TO NOW? Mayfair housewives Mrs Gladys Govender and Mrs Evonne du Preez ask same question

Common question:

'Where to now?'

MRS GLADYS Govender — who has been on the waiting list for a Lenasia house for 30 years — went as far as the Appeal Court to fight her eviction from white Mayfair last year

But now that the area is likely to be declared Indian and she can live there legally, she and her five children will almost certainly be evicted

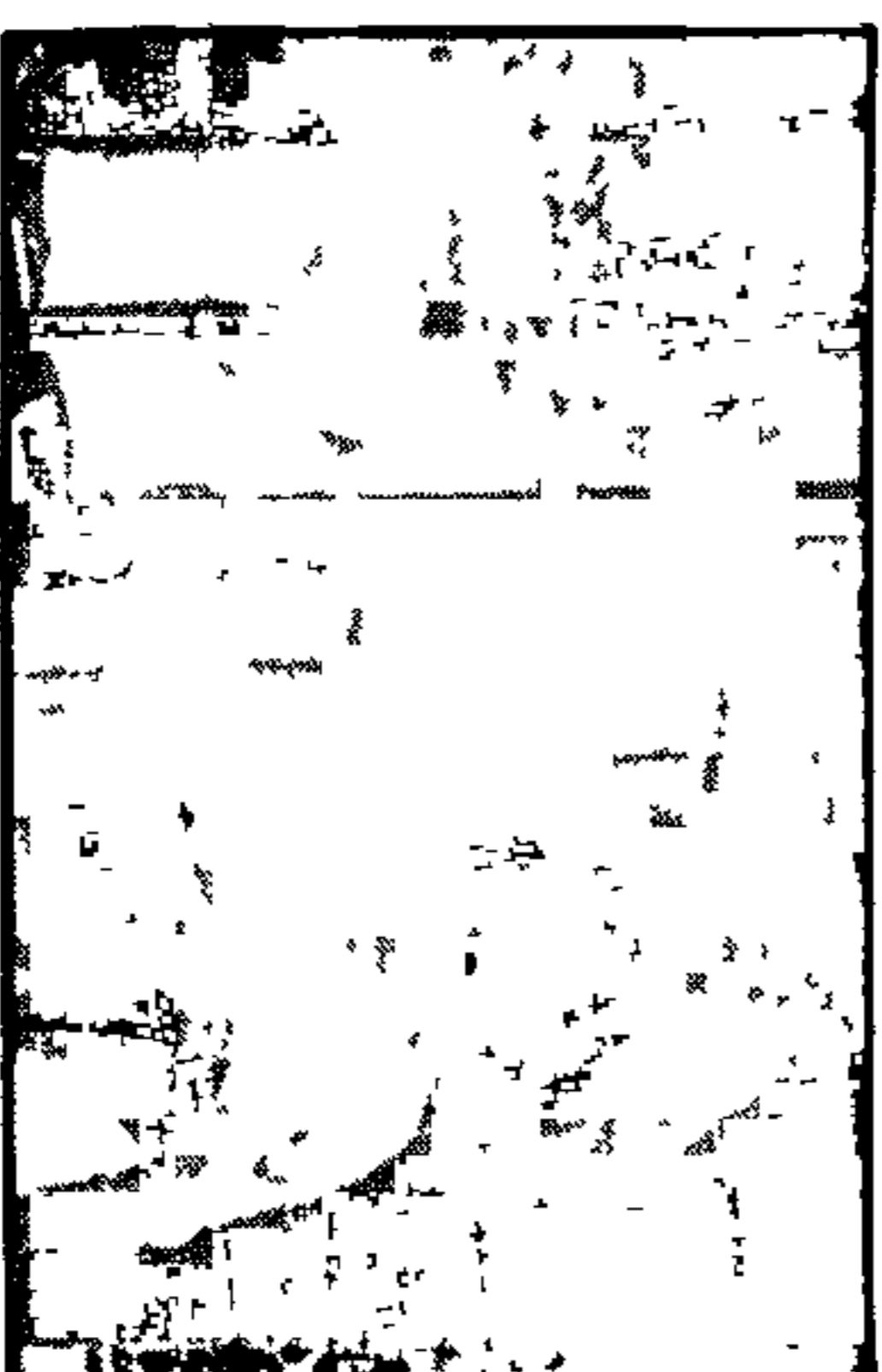
She is one of the many Indians, coloureds and whites living in the area who will lose their homes because of the announcement by Mr Pen Kotze, Minister of Community Development, that the suburb will most probably be declared an Indian group area

One of her good friends, for example, is Mrs Evonne du Preez, a white Mayfair woman who lives near Mrs Govender and whose children play with the Indian woman's grandchildren

They have suddenly been bound together by a common problem — both are facing eviction because of the announcement and both are asking the question "Where will we go?"

The two women are renting tenants Their homes will almost certainly be bought by wealthy Indians within a few weeks and then they will both be looking for somewhere else to stay

Mrs Govender is a divorcee who lived for 36 years in Fordsbury before moving to Mayfair She moved because she had only one room and a kitchen for herself and her five children



WHERE TO NOW? These children of Mayfair could soon be looking for a new home

When she was charged under the Group Areas Act, her case became a test case and she fought it all way to the highest court in the land

The judge's ruling — that the authorities had to take account of alternative accommodation before evicting people — won breathing space for herself and for all the coloureds and Indians living illegally in white areas

After three decades of waiting to be allocated a house, she quite simply asked the court the same question she asks now "Where will we go?"

where else, where the rents will be much higher I have no idea where I will go, I only hope they won't go through with it," she said

But not all Mayfair's white tenants express such feelings Most offer opinions too racially derisive to be printed

All of them say they will not be able to afford the higher rents they expect to be charged wherever they move to

For example, Mrs Catherine Nagel, a 71-year-old pensioner, said she could not sleep because she was so worried about where she would go to

"They have got Lenasia Why must they bring them here and make us leave?" she asked

Mrs Stella Milovanovic, 30, said she had lived in Mayfair all her life Her landlord has told her that he was negotiating a sale and it seemed obvious that she would have to move out soon

"I can't understand why they took Pageview away from the Indians and then they give them this place

"We will have to go and find somewhere, but we have no money to buy a house," she said

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State houses have to be sold

THE PROPOSED building of flats in Orlando East to solve the "shack problem" in the area depended on the forthcoming mass sale of 500 000 State-owned houses later this year.

This was said yesterday by Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), who added that the "flatland" idea would only become a reality if the township's residents

bought their homes under the leasehold or home ownership schemes

Mr Knoetze said his board expected most residents of the township to buy their homes when the selling scheme came into effect "Those who buy their houses will be approached to

find out if they are in favour of the idea of forming a consortium which will build flats That is, if residents staying in one street group themselves, they can then have their houses turned into high-rise flats," he said

More than 80 000 houses in Soweto are expected to go on sale when the Government's plans to sell all State-owned houses in black

areas are finalised soon

The Orlando East houses could be sold at cheaper prices — possibly for R800 "The housing stock in the township is very old and tenants get them very cheap," he added

At present, Wrab was still waiting for the Government to stipulate conditions for the selling of the houses Residents could buy the houses under the 99-year lease-

hold plan or the 30-year home ownership scheme

"The flatland idea could help solve the serious housing shortage in the area But the whole thing is a long-term procedure that will depend on the co-operation of the township's residents, Wrab, the Department of Co-operation and Development and the Soweto Council," Mr Knoetze added

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Elite houses not for us say residents

"WE desperately need accommodation. But we will never take the chance of buying those houses. They are just too expensive." This view was expressed by local residents, including newly married couples.

They were referring to the five lonely and newly built modern houses along Semenya Street, each with a price tag of R30 000. These houses have been vacant for almost a year because residents believe they are exorbitant.

"Those houses are really not worth the price. And the rooms are too small," Mrs Mirriam Mkhonza, a local housewife told **THE SOWETAN** this week.

"The private company that builds these houses should know

By **MONK NKOMO** *Sowetan* spokesman *(127)*

that blacks suffer for their money. So they must build houses we can afford and like," she added.

A spokesman for the local community council confirmed residents had complained about the houses' exorbitant prices and small rooms.

"The construction company has however informed us that they conducted a survey and said that 67 new houses will be built along Semenya Street this month to suit interested residents," a spokesperson said.

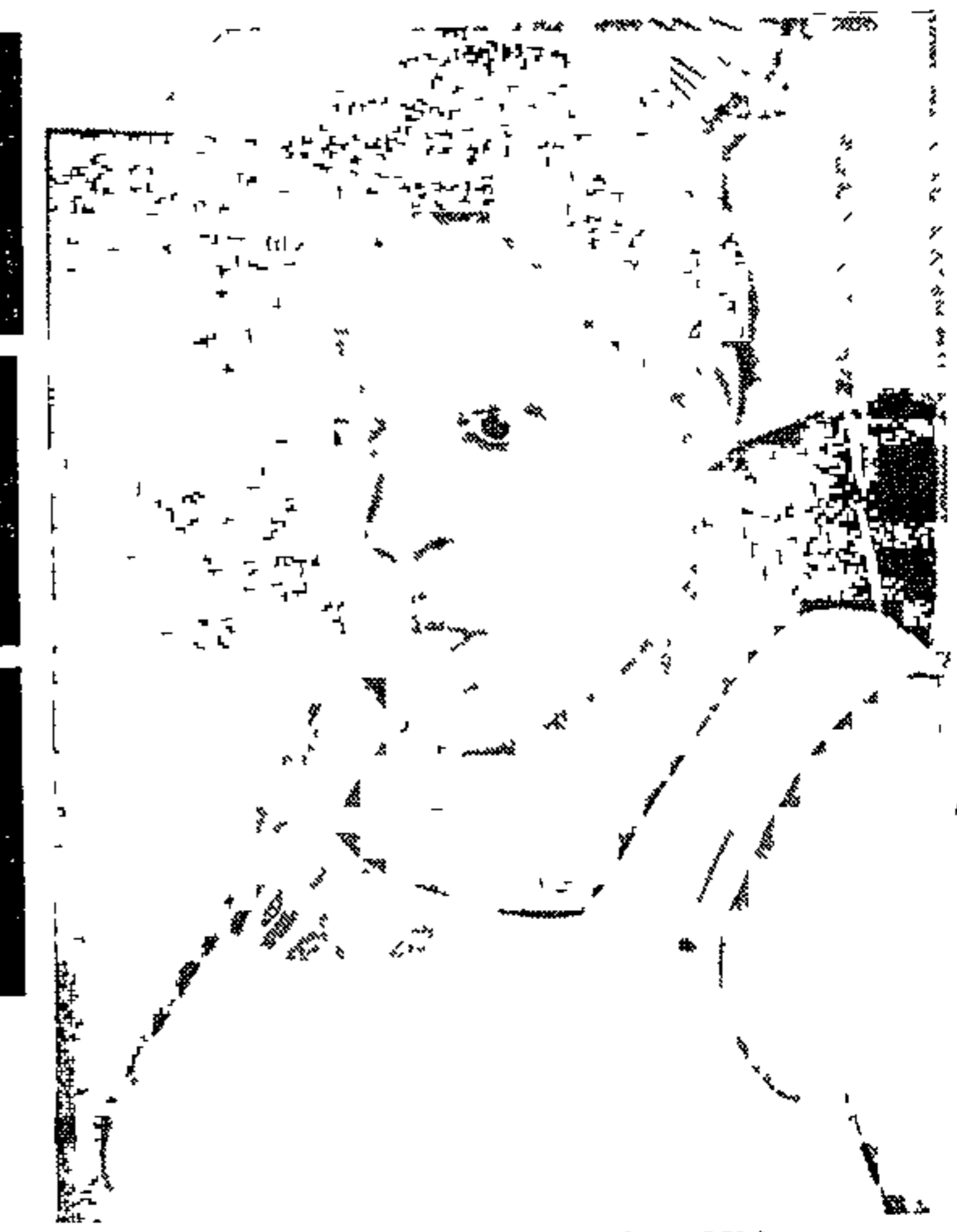
The prices of the new houses would range between R15 000 and R22 000 and will have bigger rooms, said the council

Mr Lazarus Moalosi, a local resident on the waiting list said "I am unemployed at the moment and really feel the price of those houses is too much for blacks who are under pressure from the ever-increasing cost of living."

He suggested the construction company should build ordinary four-roomed houses so that prospective owners could buy them at reasonable prices and improve them.

Mr Robert Padi said the white-owned construction companies were out to "frustrate and milk us financially," instead of helping.

Mr Padi said the construction company was taking advantage of the housing crisis. "They know we are desperate and would jump for any price, just to house your



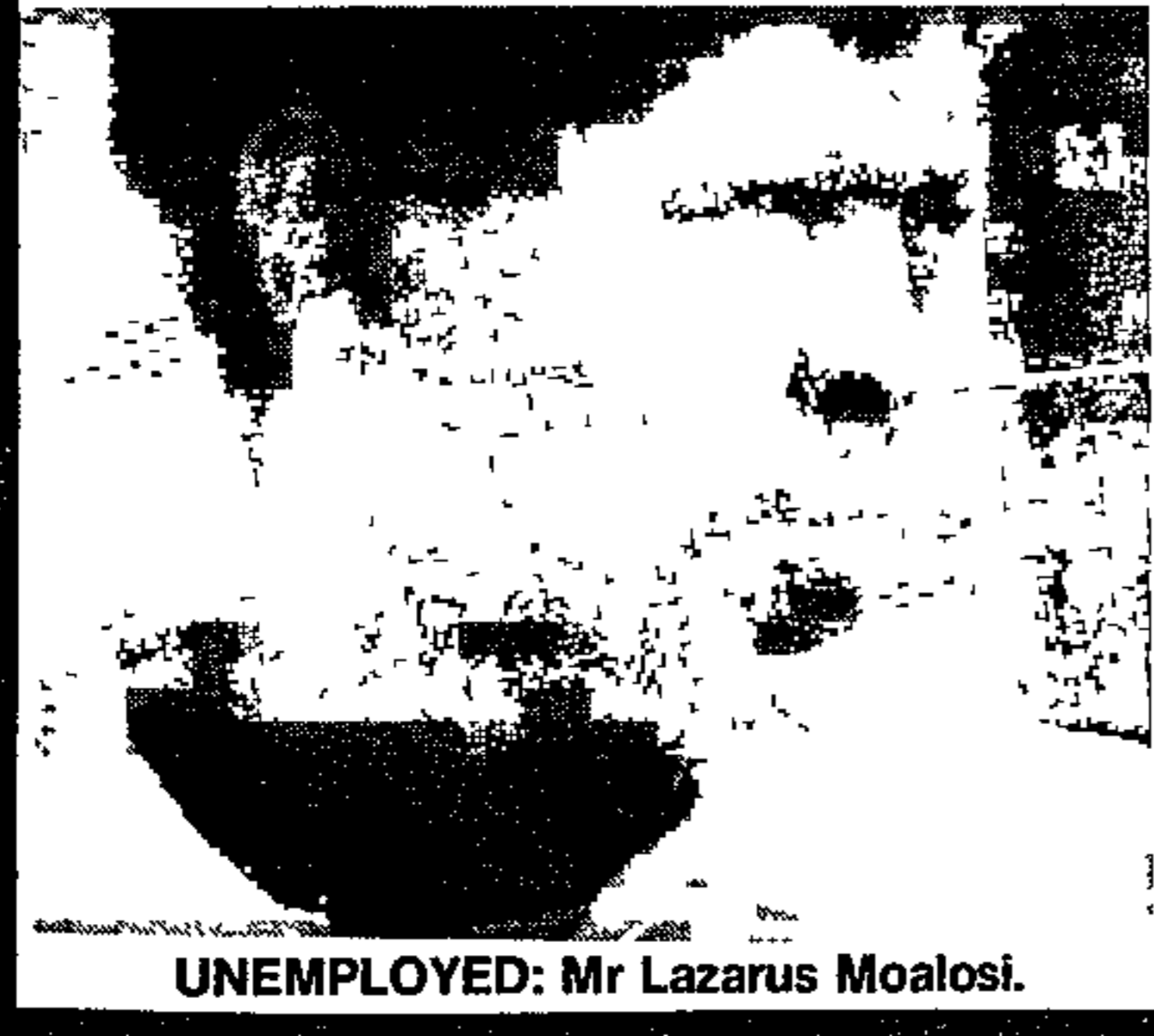
MONEY IS ISSUE: Mrs Mirriam Mkhonza.

family," he said. Mrs Mkhonza urged the authorities to build ordinary four-roomed houses which would be snapped up and improved by the respective owners.

"It is of no use to buy a R30 000 house, with small rooms and then live from hand to mouth due to the massive instalments.

According to Mrs Mkhonza, the construction company should build expensive and cheap houses so that residents could use their discretion.

"Those few who can afford it can have their mansions. But most people will welcome the idea of ordinary four-roomed houses," Mrs Mkhonza said.



UNEMPLOYED: Mr Lazarus Moalosi.

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Section IV



Pat Fourie and Daan Staander make housing happen

Cutting costs in ⁽¹²⁷⁾ ROOM ^{17/3/83} Soshanguve ⁽¹²⁷⁾

IT IS the proud boast of Pat Fourie and Daan Staander that not one white hand is involved in the construction of the Economic Development Corporation's fine housing programme in Soshanguve.

Mr Staander, as the CED's senior technical officer in Soshanguve, keeps an eye on the quality of the building and authorises payment to the builders as each stage is satisfactorily completed.

Otherwise, the whole housing process — from ordering building materials to actually producing door frames and windows, erecting fencing and installing plumbing, windows, tiles and carpets — is undertaken by some 250 building contractors, sub-contractors and their employees.

Some of the sub-contractors operate out of the industrial park set up and subsidised by the CED. The chief contractors are Mr Elfias Mashigo and Mr Joseph Khakhane.

"I've always said that if you can mobilise your black building potential, you can achieve wonders," says Mr Fourie, manager of the CED in Soshanguve.

The wonder is in the drastic reduction in building costs, achieved without any apparent loss of quality.

The secret, of course, is in cutting out overheads and middlemen.

The good work started in Soshanguve is being continued in the Sigma-Standard Building Society scheme in Mamelodi, recently described in HOMEFRONT.

Soshanguve is the distant dormitory town (population: 76-80 000) bordering on Bophuthatswana which houses overflow workers from Pretoria for whom there is no room in Pretoria's own townships of Atteridgeville and Mamelodi.

There are several large, modern worker-hostels, a fine teacher's college, shopping centres in the pipeline and an impressive Technikon in the process of erection.

But Soshanguve also has a dire housing need, which the CED has had to help satisfy.

This is because Soshanguve is State-owned Trust Land although home-owners have perpetual ownership of their houses, they can only rent their plots.

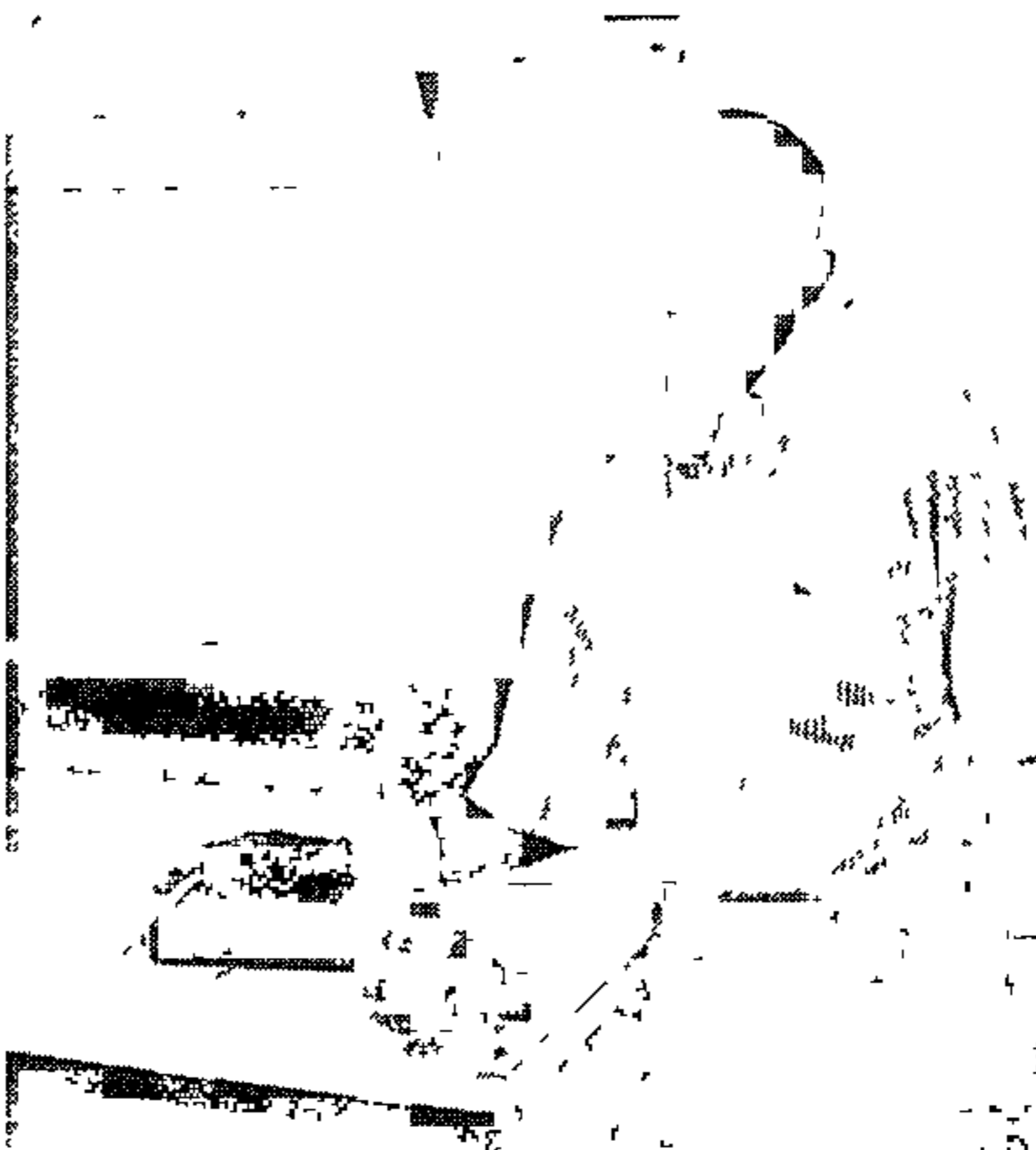
Because there is no land title, banks and building societies cannot lend money for housing, and even employers are reluctant to invest in housing.

Since 1978/9, the CED has granted 725 housing loans at a total value of R4,5-million in Soshanguve.

The maximum loan is R30 000, the maximum period of repayment 30 years. People who want to build for more must find the difference themselves.

The CED tries to lend smaller amounts to the many, rather than large amounts to the few.

Because the CED must find its own money on the ordinary money market at 15% to



Bennett Mphahlele in his drawing office



Report and pictures By LIN MENGE

16% interest, it charges normal building society interest rates for loans above R10 000.

For this reason it also concentrates on building R11 250 two-bedroomed houses with varied exteriors. These are a big improvement on the State-built 51/9 matchboxes, with their small windows, rough finish, no ceilings and showers only.

At one point the CED built 200 "super" 51/9s, which they sold for R4 000 each. These were built with large windows, interior doors, washbasins and a small stoep.

The man who comes to the CED for housing help is first referred to the right person at the Department of Co-operation and Development offices for a plot, in his ethnic area, which he hires at R7,20 a year site rental, says Mr Fourie.

His financial position is then assessed. Ideally, to afford a CED house, he should be a youngish man earning R500 a month who can then afford a monthly repayment of R140 a month.

If he doesn't quite make it, 50% of his wife's income might be added in. A sliding scale assists lower-income applicants so if a man wants a loan of R6 000 or less, he will pay only 2,5% deposit, and 8% interest. If he wants R15 000, he will only pay a 16% deposit, but normal interest.

The CED offers six basic housing plans, which can be varied to suit the individual, or he can build from his own plans.

Mr Bennett Mphahlele, the

CED draftsman, will do the rest. Building contractors are supplied if the man has no builder of his own, payment is made by the CED to the builder and insurance is included in the total cost.

It's an all-in-one service which can be completed within a couple of hours, the CED charging a total of R75 for administration and plans, Mr Fourie said.

The house itself will be built of bricks, plastered, painted and wired for electricity.

It will have a complete bathroom, with flush toilet, a kitchen with sink, a hot water geyser, ceilings, burglar-proofing, a small front stoep and a surrounding fence. All houses can be added on to later.

Price ranges (at December 31) show how building costs rise the smaller the house:

- Two bedrooms, no garage, 85sq m, for R11 250, at a cost of R193 per sq m.
- Two bedrooms, garage, 72,5sq m, for R12 600 (R173 per sq m)
- Three bedrooms, no garage, 74sq m, for R12 900 (R174 per sq m)
- Three bedrooms, with garage, 93,5m, for R15 000 (R160 per sq m)

Building takes six to eight weeks. Owners may live on site in shacks in the meantime.

There is also a good deal of private building, home improvement and self-building going on in Soshanguve apart from the CED scheme.

Home-pride is obvious in the originality of the designs, in the neat paintwork and bright little gardens.

● CORRECTION: Mr John Knoetze, chairman of Wrab, was quoted in yesterday's HOMEFRONT as saying that 80% of the people in Orlando East were illegal. Mr Knoetze has pointed out that he meant 80% of the squatters were illegal.

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Residents told to stand firm

Tembisa to get civic association

By GOBA NDHLOVU

THE ROAD of a civic association is full of dangers such as detentions, jailings and even death.

This was said by Mr Thom Manthata, secretary of The Soweto Committee of Ten, while delivering a keynote address at the launching of the first Tembisa Civic Association. Mr Manthata, whose Committee of Ten is the executive body of the Soweto Civic Association, was speaking at the St Vincent Roman Catholic Church in Kopanong Section before a large crowd of residents.

"However, be of good courage because in forming your own civic

association you have joined the many other townships who have the same problems as you do. It may be surprising that today we have to ask ourselves who we are? In trying to establish our own identity, of course, there are those who have already decided who we really are. They have tried several names from Bantu, through plural, to co-operative.

"Let me tell you frankly that the community councils are directionless. Who in his right mind would imag-

ine that money paid for rent could ever be enough to run the township? It is so obvious that we need other sources of finance to run our townships properly. But the community councillors keep on raising rents

"That is why our children despise us and showed us so in 1976. They looked down upon us because we are such failures. We need to organise ourselves and unite both as workers and residents," he said.

Mr Manthata told the meeting that they had rights which they had to fight for. In fighting for these rights, they were to be armed with "the truth."

He also said that the duty of the Government was to build houses for the people. Once these houses were built, he said, residents should be given a freehold land tenure rights. "Of course you know that once this is granted, it means the end of the Group Areas Act," he added.

Referring to the state of the economy, Mr Manthata said that one result of the recession was that there was great unemployment throughout the country. He said the condition would deteriorate with more and more people becoming jobless.

At the end of the meeting the present ad hoc committee was instructed to prepare for an annual general meeting when proper elections would be conducted.



New hostel for Putco employees

THE R300 000 hostel erected by Putco for its employees near Vosloorus, Boksburg, is nearing completion and may be in use from next month.

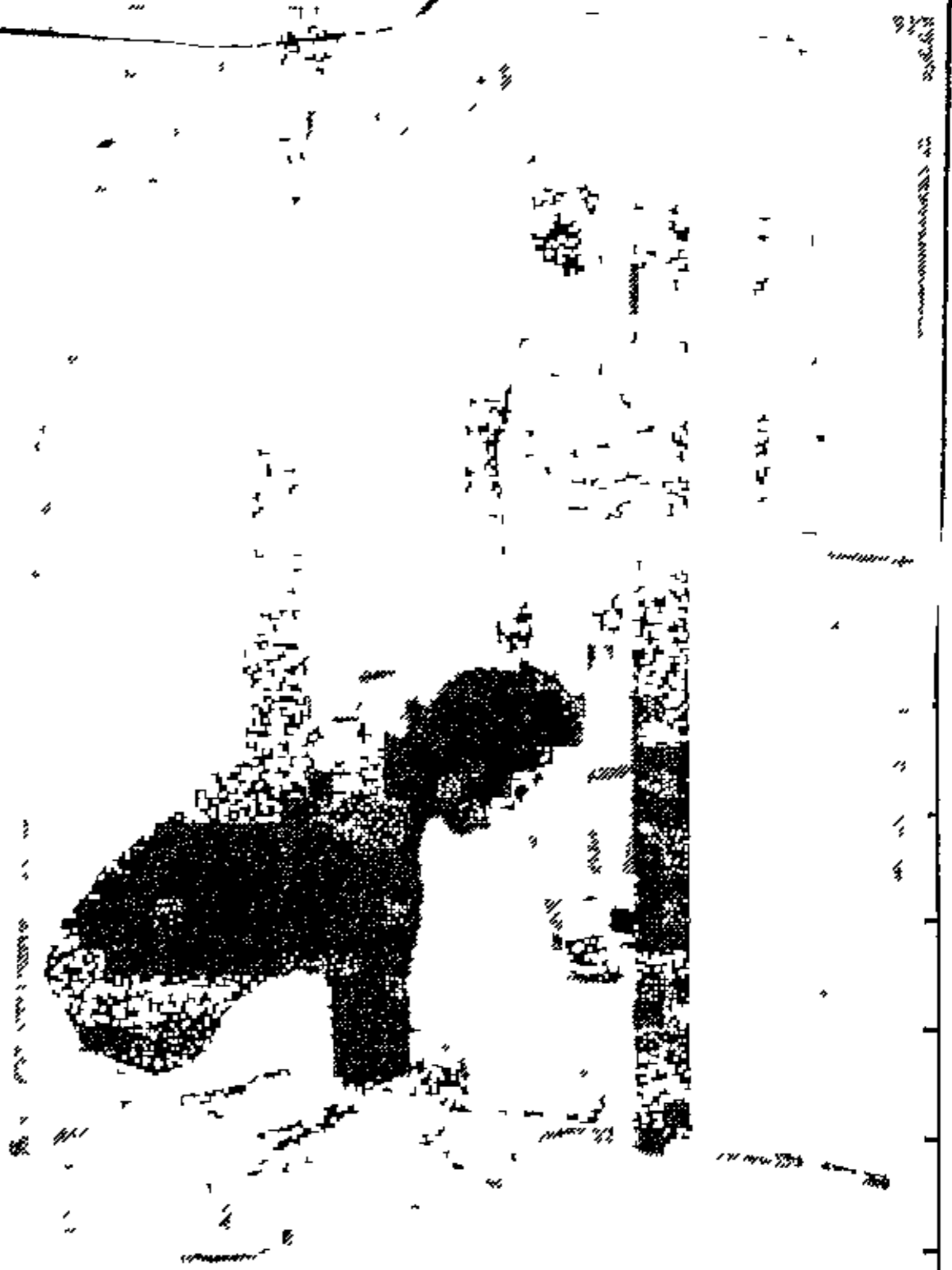
The hostel will house 130 bus drivers, two security men and one maintenance supervisor. It is near Putco's Vosloorus bus depot along M C Botha Drive, just at the entrance of the township.

Four men will share a room and each room will have a central light, a wall lamp for each bed, a wall heater, steel cupboards and bedside lockers. The windows, unlike in some hostels,

open and are stone-proof.

The diningroom will have a colour television set and the kitchen, three large industrial stoves and also five hot plates.

Putco's public relation executive Mr Pat Rogers told **The SOWETAN** that the inmates would pay R6 rent a week each and that Putco would be responsible for both maintenance and security at the hostel. He also said that Putco held the property on a 20 years' lease from the East Rand Administration Board, with the first option on a further pe-



EARLY STAGES: Builders work on the Putco hostel in Vosloorus.

riod of 10 years.

Mr Rogers also said that there would be nine toilets in the hostel, two large hand fountains, and five showers. The hostel is Putco's first

move towards providing employee accommodation. Mr Rogers said if all went according to plan the first inmates would move in at the beginning of next month.

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Cowshed is home to family of eight

By Yussuf Nazeer

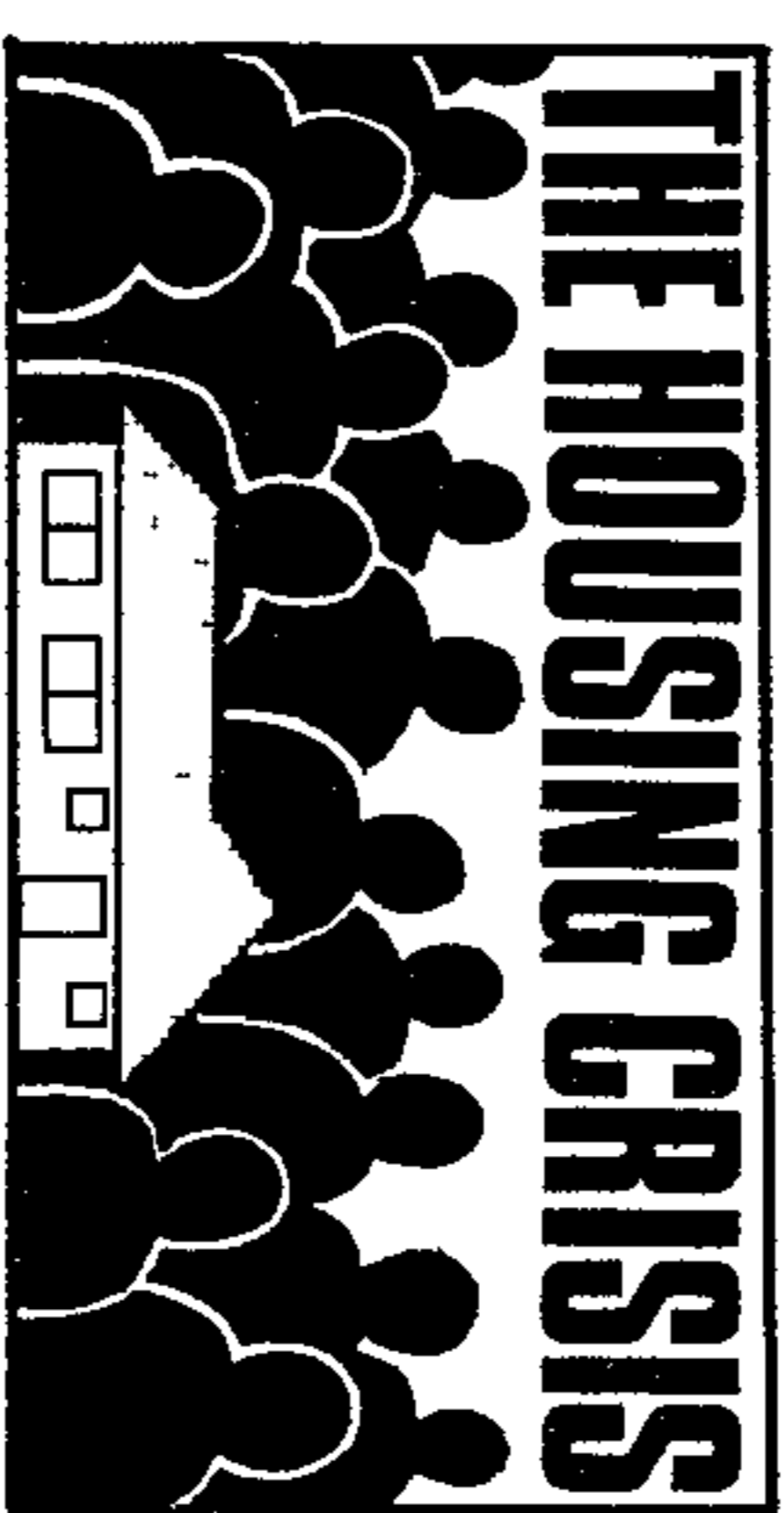
Home for one young couple with six children aged from four months to eight years is a dirty, dilapidated stable shared with labourers

Mrs Soraya Meyer (24), her husband Rashid and the children, who were initially boarding in Eldorado Park, have been forced to seek shelter in the disused cowshed on Olifantsvlei farm, adjoining Nancefield-Eldorado

Their problems started when the farm, originally owned by a white farmer, was bought by the Department of Community Development for incorporation into the coloured residential area of Nancefield

Last November the Meyer family, who had been house-hunting for five years, was given a house by the white farmer

"Three weeks ago a coloured man with seven strong-arm men came to my dwelling and showed me a rent card from the



Department of Community Development. He said he was now the lessee of my home

"He forced us out with all our belongings," said Mr Meyer

"I could not fight them. I was concerned about my wife and little children. A neighbour was kind enough to allow me to move into a stable which belongs to him. We are sharing the stable with farm labourers and an old car wreck," Mr Meyer added

Mrs Meyer pointed out two of her children, Omar (1½) and Rehana (3), who were playing in a furrow of dirty water

"I fear for them this coming winter. We sleep on the cement floor. This place is leaking and plagued with flies," she said

The stable had large cracks and openings all around

A community development official, Mr C van der Westhuizen, based at the department's office in Klipfontein, who collects rent from the coloured tenants on this farm, said the matter was subordinate when The Star approached him with Mr Meyer's problem

He said "I am not interested in the Meyer family's problem."

He then replaced the receiver

Mr Rashid Meyer, his wife Soraya and five of their six children are living in a stable which they share with farm labourers. They applied to the city council's Coloured Affairs Department for a home five years ago.

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Mofolo homes festival will attract thousands

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

SOWETO'S Mofolo Park is to be turned into a beehive of activity next month when the Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industry promotes a ten-day homemakers' festival expected to attract about 250 000 visitors.

The festival — the first of its kind in a township — is backed by Anglo-American Corporation and De Beers and is to be opened by the "mayor" of Soweto, Mr David Thebehali.

According to the organisers, already over 200 stands have been sold at an average of R2 000 a stand. Exhibitors taking part will display products ranging from building materials, home improvement products, furniture and food products.

The festival has been planned along similar lines to home shows on the Witwatersrand — but broader. It will be unique because it will give the manufacturers and distributors an opportunity to display their products and services to the most powerful emerging market in South Africa. It will also create consumer aware-

ness. According to the organisers the importance of the urban black market, particularly the huge spending power of the Sowetans, cannot be underestimated. The following factors have been noted:

- After payment of rent the disposable income in Soweto is R650-million a year, according to the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) statistics.
- Levels of earnings and expenditure continue to increase.
- The continuing electrification of Soweto, at a cost of R230-million, has enhanced the quality of life, expectations and the scope of goods and appliances that Sowetans can purchase.
- Public sector spending in Soweto will exceed R500-million over the next two years.
- Housing is the largest item on the budgets and right now 105 000 houses are on the market for improvement.
- Over 32 000 homes are owned by Soweto residents, some through the leasehold scheme.
- Within the next two years, according to the Steyn Committee report, almost all Soweto homes will be owned by the residents through the burgeoning home ownership system.

Mr Vela Kraai, chairman of the Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industry, told The SOWETAN that the festival would be the first part of a five-year plan structured by his chamber to provide a service to consumers and to realise funds for a major Soweto trader upliftment and education programme.

The festival which will open daily from 10am to 10pm in the evening is aimed at specific markets:

- Scholars — Their visits will be planned to include educational and career guidance and practical demonstrations.
- Housewives — during midweek afternoon periods Soweto women's organisations will host group visits to the festival. The emphasis of their visit will be on domestic activities (cooking, sewing, cleaning and home beautification) and consumer awareness.
- Working men and women — this group will constitute the dense weekend crowd of salary earners who will be ex-

posed principally to the exhibitors' wares and stands. This group is regarded as the buying force of Soweto.

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of Wrab, had this to say on the festival. "It has my full backing as it presents the possibility of increasing the quality of life in Soweto and of upgrading the existing stock of 105 000 houses."

I believe the festival will offer informational and technical advice to existing and prospective home owners on how to go about improving their homes.

project to the very fullest because we see it as being totally in line with objectives to educate and inspire the Soweto family into increasing the quality of their lives," he said.

ORGANISERS: Mr Vela Kraai, chairman of the Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industry with Ms Adele Lucas, the Soweto Homemakers Festival '83 show director.



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Rent shock for Moca

By MARTIN
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RANDFONTEIN

The Mohlakeng Civic Association (Moca) has been served with a 7-day eviction order to quit its rented houses for not having paid rent for this month.

Moca members are fuming over what they call "plain naked harassment" by Wrab officials.

Chairman Pinky Ngakane said this week: "We have expected this kind of victimisation from the community council and Wrab. Any person can see that we are being challenged by the officials. There are people who owe more than three months' rent, but they choose to pick on people who are not yet in arrears."

Wrab

When City Press spoke to Wrab's Director of Housing, Mr Alec Rabie, he said: "Moca has been in the forefront telling people not to pay their rents. The reason for them being served with the eviction orders is because they said they won't pay."

Mr Rabie said they still had the opportunity to pay the rent.

"If they refuse to pay we will go to the commissioner to authorise the eviction orders, and then we will evict them," he added.

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Mokoena tackles housing crisis

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SOWETO — A prominent black consciousness personality, Mr Aubrey Mokoena, in partnership with two local businessmen, has formed a construction company to

tackle the housing backlog.

The head of the company is Mr Peter Thabo Mokoena, formerly of Thabo's Building Construction which has been building houses in Soweto for the past two years.

According to a memorandum to the Soweto Council, the company was formed out of the acute housing backlog in black areas.

In addition to the conventional building methods, the company plans to use the revolutionary space frame

system. This comprises lightweight panels of concrete and polyurethane

It is claimed the concept has many advantages over the normal building methods including an alleged 20 percent saving

The company, which

is known as DTZ Construction, features Mr Z Nkosi as the third partner. Its offices are at the SA Mutual Building in Jabulani, Soweto.

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Sowetans expected to splash out

SOWETO residents are expected to spend more than R30-million in home improvements this year, and this figure is likely to rocket next year with the completion of the electrification scheme.

The PRO of the Berda Electricity Bureau, Miss Bongki Mtimkulu said potential expenditure on home im-

provements and electrical appliances would be a vast figure once Soweto was electrified

"Black earning power is expected to surpass that of whites by the turn of the century, when the black population will number 30-million compared with a white population of five-million

"Communal rooms

are no longer acceptable, as people want separate rooms in which to study or entertain — and electrification will bring with it a new standard in housing needs," she said

Miss Mtimkulu said it has, however, been announced in Parliament that the Soweto electrification project, scheduled for completion this

year, would only be finished next March

The delay would be "a big disappointment" to potential users, who are eagerly awaiting the switch on. Since its formation, the Berda Electricity Bureau has been inundated with enquiries from blacks nationwide anxious to educate themselves on electricity, she said

'Don't turn Orlando into a flatland!'



MS THANDI NXELE: Lots of problems anticipated.



MS ROSELINE NXELE: Let them build flats elsewhere.



MS SITHOLE: Lack of privacy.

ALL SORTS of ideas have come up on ways to deal with the serious housing shortage in Orlando East — Soweto's "shack" haven. But none has evoked stronger criticism from the township's residents than the turning of the area into a flatland.

Although the idea of flats could help provide accommodation to thousands of home-seeking families, residents feel this should not be done at the expense of their homes.

"Let them find sites for the building of the flats elsewhere. The township should be preserved as a monument," said one resident.

Their criticism of the idea — which was mooted by the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) — seems to emanate from the fear that flats could lead

oldest areas in Soweto, should be preserved as a monument. Besides, this could mean the end of family privacy in our homes.

"We want to own homes and be free to renovate our houses without anybody's interference. The idea of flats is new to us, so I anticipate that it could harm relations between neighbours. I, for one, would like to see my children playing in the yard of my home," said Ms Thandi Nxele.

Another resident, Ms Roseline Nxele, was also critical of the idea.

"The whole idea is very complicated. And there is also the question of shebeens. I would not

like to stay in the block that has a shebeen. I think that there are a lot of vacant sites where the flats could be built."

There are many people who feel that flats are alien to blacks. They mention that they have extended families and even if our present houses are tiny they try to keep their families together.

One resident said blacks have various ceremonies, from weddings to funerals which require at the least space in the yard where a tent can be pitched up.

"Our weddings are also big affairs and living in a flat would simply cramp our style," one man said.

Sprawling Soweto named after the men of its past

THE EXPANSION of Soweto around Orlando took place due to the natural growth of the community and houses were being built after people had resorted to building shacks, the Reverend O S D Mooki, who was secretary of the old advisory board, said.

Mr Mooki said after the shelters had been put up and Orlando, West emerged, authorities launched the idea of an area where people in the upper class could build their own houses. Such a township came into being — Dube

It was named after Dr John L Dube who was known as "Umafukuzela we Afrika". Its first resident was Mr A L Mncube, first chairman of the Urban Bantu Council.

Most residents who put up home in Dube did so because they needed bigger houses for their families. These included Mr P Q Vundla, Mr Ben Mabuzza and Mr M T Moeane, the former editor of the Bantu World. People came from different places like Sophiatown,

Western Township and the old Pinville. The expansion of Soweto was inevitable with the Orlando community growing. Houses in old Pinville were falling apart, other townships like Sophiatown, Western and those in the city were already overcrowded. The waiting list for houses was long and sub-tenants were desperate for houses, so by 1938 the situation was intolerable. Mr Mooki said "Houses were built by

the authorities and as the expansion took place we in the advisory board were asked to give names to townships that were beginning to sprawl. Among the names were those of Dr J S Moroka of Thabanehu, Dr J L Dube, the founder of Ohlange in Natal, writer Thomas Mofolo, D D T Jabavu who was a professor at Fort Hare University and Solomon Senaane who was a sports organiser with the Johannesburg Bantu Football Association.

Names like Phum, Emdeni, Mapepla and Dhlamini and others were decided on. When in 1938 people were getting desperate for houses another shantytown sprung up in an area called Albertynville, started by a man called Edward Khumalo. This shantytown grew rapidly



SOWETO: A vast city has risen from the early sprawl of matchbox houses and shanties of South Western Township.

He said "Why do these people not carry on honouring old residents who contributed to the progress and development of Soweto. This would be immortalising their own 'heroes' and the young people of today would know their history. Selection Park, like Beverly Hills, should be named after men like Mpanza, P Q Vundla and a lot of others."

But those who cannot afford it and whose companies do not build houses for them should not be forgotten. These people should also be given freehold rights, which would give them a sense of security.

He said it brought joy in his heart when places like Selection Park were built. "This sort of thing should be encouraged for those who can afford it, like in Dube and

until authorities built houses for the people in an area now called Tshawelo. Mr Mooki said he was pleased that houses in Soweto were to be sold to residents. This went back to a promise made to the advisory board in 1932. "I appreciate the present electrification project but I feel the Soweto Council should

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99-year leasehold system
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481 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

How many (a) applications had been (i) received and (ii) granted, and (b) leases had been registered in respect of applications made in Alexandra Township for occupation of houses in terms of the 99-year leasehold system as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?



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- (a) (i) 49
- (ii) 42
- (b) Thirteen to date

Five black destitutes housed ⁽¹²⁷⁾ by white

Star 23/3/83
By Jon Qwelane ~~2/83~~

A young white woman is looking after a black woman and her four children, evicted recently from an old building they had occupied for some time in Soweto

Mrs R (she declines to be identified) and her four young children — one a month-old girl born three days before the eviction — are being cared for by Miss B (not named in order to conceal her identity)

Miss B lives in a single-bedroom, semi-detached house in the city.

Mrs R showed me her reference book to prove she qualified to live in Johannesburg, having been born in the city.

"On eviction I was already ill and three days later gave birth to a girl in Baragwanath Hospital. My other children were staying by themselves in Mofolo and I telephoned my friend, Miss B, who picked them up

Miss B houses the destitutes in a backyard room, which Mrs R shares with the boys. The girl sleeps with Miss B.

Mrs R said, "I have a job and all I ask for is an official roof."



Some of the attractive new housing to be seen in Sebokeng
 Pictures: ROBERT TSHABALALA

A R6-m building boost by Allied

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ALLIED Building Society is to advance the Orange Vaal Administration Board (Ovab) R6-million over the next four years to finance black housing.



ALLIED'S JIM DODDS ... "must have confidence"

Mr Jim Dodds, executive director of Allied, and Mr J M van Rooyen, chairman of Ovab, signed the agreement yesterday in the presence of the chairmen of the community councils of the region.

Townships in the Harris-mith, Bethlehem, Kroonstad and Sebokeng/Evaton regions will each receive an annual amount of money for housing from the Allied loan.

Mr Dodds told HOME-FRONT that, while building societies could provide the normal bond assistance to middle class people of all race groups, when it came to the poorer sections of the black community the best solution was to lend money in bulk to the administration boards.

"But a lot depends on the calibre and attitude of the administration board and whether they give us a feeling of confidence," Mr Dodds said.

Three aspects of the Ovab administration impressed him, he said. These were:

- The acceptance of joint decision-making with blacks. Financial facts were put on the table and the people invited to make their choice of

priorities for the spending of the limited funds

- The advances made in the region in "sweat equity" housing, where people contributed through their own labour to the erection of their houses.

- The fact that work had carried on as usual in Sebokeng when other townships had been disrupted by riots

The money advanced by Allied will also be available to employees whose employers help them repay their loans

In Ovab's vocabulary, this is all part of self-help, because the board only provides serviced stands ... the rest is



Report: LIN MENGE

done by the owners

In fact, half the housing in the Ovab region has been provided by the residents themselves. With help such as the Allied is giving them, they hope to push this percentage soon to 60%.

There are 2 777 stands available in the area, and another 4 908 will be ready soon.

As part of the Government's mass countrywide survey of stands for 99-year leasehold, 10 000 stands will be surveyed in the Vaal Triangle portion of the Ovab region, and 10 000 in the Free state portion, before the end of March 1984.

The rest of the stands will be surveyed within the next five years.

Ovab has so far negotiated R11.5-million from building societies to further home ownership.

Well before 99-year leasehold was introduced, the board implemented home ownership by lending would-be home-owners the money made available in bulk by building societies.

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No home, teachers travel

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THE SERIOUS shortage of homes in Wattville has resulted in at least 30 school teachers resigning from their posts annually due to lack of accommodation.

Member of the school committee Mr Noel Mlokoti told The SO-WETAN yesterday that if the situation was not improved many others would resign

The problem, Mr Mlokoti said, would also result in the area producing bad school results because children

would be "left stranded"

"Because of accommodation problems, teachers are hard to find and even if they are recruited, they do not usually stay very long. Because most of the teachers have to travel from other townships, they usually stay until

such time as they can find work closer to their homes," he said

Mr Mlokoti said as teachers were changing their jobs so often, this did not help with the teaching of people in Wattville. The problem was so bad that it needed urgent attention from authorities. The last time any form of development took place in Wattville was more than

20 years ago. Since then not a single house has been built in the township. He blamed the East Rand Administration Board for making many unfulfilled promises.

He called on the

council and the Principals' Council in Wattville to join hands and meet Erab and education authorities with the aim of asking them to provide housing for teachers.

Community leader accuses Koornhof

Sowetan 25/3/82 (127)

By MONK NKOMO

THE ATTERIDGEVILLE/Saulsville Community Council this week lashed out at the Department of Co-operation and Development and accused the Minister Dr Piet Koornhof of creating "Red-tape" and retarding the progress of the township.

In a scathing attack on the department, Mr Joseph Tshabalala, the council's chairman, said the minister was always available to meet the "unpopular" administration board officials on issues such as rent increases in the townships but unavailable when the council wanted to discuss with him burning issues concerning the township.

"Almost everything we want here must first

get ministerial approval. Each time we seek that approval we are told the minister is either very busy or unavailable. We feel that it is now time for him to know his priorities as a minister of a department that governs millions of blacks in the country," he said. "He must have time for us and he must have time to meet us each time we want to."

Mr Tshabalala's attack on the department followed numerous complaints from residents that the council was doing nothing to alleviate the housing crisis.

The council has for the past year or two, an-

nounced that about 100 residential sites were available in the townships, but because of "red-tape" no progress had been made and no sites allotted. The official waiting list for houses now stands at about 1 600.

Mr Tshabalala said while the Government was "making a lot of noise" about boosting black housing in the country, they were concentrating on Soweto. The progress of Atteridgeville/Saulsville township was being retarded by "the very minister who is in charge of our affairs," the council leader said.

THE WHOLE TOWN IS TALKING ABOUT ...

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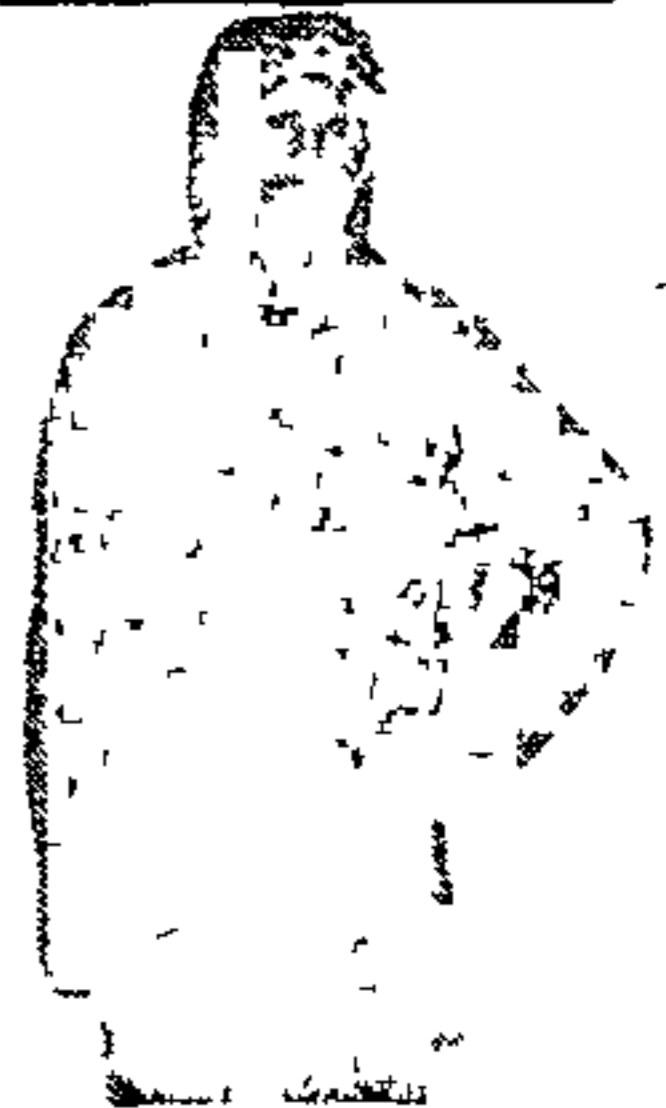
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Scope for business



leaves Wrab for the private sector at the end of the month.

Alec Rabie is Director of Community Services for the West Rand Administration Board. Until now he has been responsible for township housing but he

FM: Where are you going and why?

Rabie: I'm starting a property development company to build black housing. It will be called Goldstein Homes, to be part of the S M Goldstein group. It will supply low-cost township housing countrywide in the bracket up to R25 000. My role will essentially be planning and management — and cutting red tape.

Is there enough scope for the private sector supply of black housing?

Government money in townships will increasingly be going to the provision of

infrastructure, and there's plenty of scope for those who deliver the goods above ground.

It's been said that administration boards are like bureaucratic principalities, where what happens in an area depends on the personalities in the top hierarchy. What's your overview of the administration boards?

Here as elsewhere things happen despite systems and because of people. Administration boards and township councils vary from area to area. To make the best deal you need to be aware of the local strains and politics, the specific conditions that can lead to conflict and obstacles for developers. A developer who negotiates with the administration board can find himself bogged in ill-will with the township council, which feels slighted, because there's council-board antagonism in that area.

For example, instances occur when the township council believes it can allocate stands — but the board legally owns them. A developer dealing with the

board will generate ill-feeling.

I'm opposed to the growth of a kickback and gifts-for-goodwill system, which hearsay tells me about. If the private sector lets it get under way there'll be no stopping it. You must deal with the local council, and you can let them get credit for a development — the private sector must be aware that township councils can't be held responsible for lack of government housing finance in the past, and the present shortage it has caused.

Do you believe that the administration boards will always be with us, despite the President's Council recommendations to give them a solely technical function?

The boards won't disappear. They're a skills reservoir, supplying expertise and planning that councils don't have yet. And at this phase of development they're an important buffer between the township councils and government — Pretoria can't hope to deal with 500-odd councils directly and in depth.

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EVATON'S UNIQUE

HERITAGE IS BEING ERODED



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By STAN MHLONGO

THE future of Evaton — the only remaining area in South Africa with freehold rights for blacks — is becoming bleaker by the day.

Local leaders are hesitant when asked whether they visualize this township still having freehold tenure ten years from now.

The ogre responsible for much of the disappearing freehold tenure is the replanning scheme implemented by the Evaton Community Council to turn the township into a semi-cosmopolitan area.

Change is a necessity for any area, especially for a place which still very much resembles a slum.

But what most residents reject is that this plan to change the image of Evaton threatens their freehold right to own land.

The council argues that rates have to be increased in order to have roads tarred, to build schools, libraries and clinics.

Here the residents find themselves confronted with the tough regulation R322, designed for the Evaton people who live in an area far different from other townships which are leasehold areas.

Part of regulation R322 is the residential permit system, under which residents complain they are exposed to "legal robbery" by the authorities.

On top of their rent, they face demands by the authorities for payment for residence.

This payment has always been questioned. Why must we pay the

authorities when Evaton is privately-owned and belongs to the landlords?

But the landlords too are exposed to the same conditions. They have to pay ground tax.

But to return to replanning, residents have reason to smell a rat when advised to sub-divide their properties to curb the problems of squatting in the area.

The council has ventured to help those with no funds to build modest housing. In order to clinch the deal with them you must hand over your freehold title.

Evaton is slowly following the lead of Alexandra and other areas which eventually lost their freehold rights.

Evaton, argue the radicals, was cut into

portions and sold with freehold rights to blacks in 1904, making it one of the oldest black urban residential areas.

But the recent announcement by the Minister of Co-Operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, that blacks cannot own land on freehold tenure in urban areas does not auger well for the people of Evaton.

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311 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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(1) (a) Seven schemes

(b) Five schemes

(2) (a) (i) The schemes were initiated over a period commencing December 1980

(ii) West Rand Administration Board

It will depend on the availability of funds

Private sector

Unknown

(b) West Rand Administration Board	1 533
Houses	840
Flats	
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(3) At present no housing schemes for income groups in the category R150 per month and less are under construction in Soweto. This situation has been brought about by the fact that there has been a shortage of serviced building stands. The West Rand Administration Board has however, been channelling available funds amounting to approximately R1 million per month, by means of loans into alterations and additions to existing houses as from 1 January 1983

(a) and (b) Fall away

Soweto housing

312 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 1982

(2) how many such units are being built at present by (a) the West Rand Administration Board and (b) private owners?

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(1) (a) 800

(b) 904

(2) (a) West Rand Administration Board

For the period 1 January 1983 to date—nil

However the West Rand Administration Board is funding loans to existing home owners for alterations and extensions. Such loans have amounted to approximately R1 million per month since the 1 January 1983 to date

(b) Private Sector

For the period 1 January 1983 to date—approximately 50 units per month



EUGENE CLARK ... a man with a R3,5-million problem

WHEN Indians of Johannesburg and the Reef are crying out for accommodation, why is a R3,5-million townhouse complex built last year still standing almost empty in Rynsoord, Benoni?

Of the 68 duplex flats, only seven have been let and four sold under Sectional Title.

Yet it seemed a good idea at the time: luxury townhouses to complement the fine homes in an attractive suburb.

The obvious problem is the price: the 55, three-bedroomed units cost R69 500 each and the 13, two-bedroomed R59 500.

Yet for townhouses that would probably fetch more than R100 000 in Johannesburg's northern suburbs, this is not expensive

And compared with the one-bedroomed Sectional Title "pigeon holes" sold for R25 000 (or R350 a month) in Hillbrow, this is Paradise at a bargain

But bond repayments of R700 a month — and rent of R700 a month for the three- and R550-R600 for the two-bedroomed flats — is obviously a major obstacle, given the added high cost of car transport

In the block in which renting is permitted, there have already been evictions for non-payment

Requests for more than one family to share a unit have been refused, as this would lead to overcrowding

The developers — the Rynsoord Group of Companies, who have some Indian directors — are in a fix

Because they cannot sell, the companies who were to develop a further 70 townhouses alongside this complex are afraid to move in.

The result is untidy, weed-grown veld around the existing flats. And because the backyards of the otherwise spacious flats are too small, laundry is being hung out on balconies and even across pavements

Bringing the price down, or allowing families to share one flat, is to threaten elegant Rynsoord with a slum

High price of the 'white' way of life

SPACIOUS TOWNHOUSES ... but R700 a month is a lot of money



Report and pictures By LIN MENGE

tenement.

Yet the alternative: to upgrade the complex by providing some communal amenities and landscaping the surroundings, and maintaining them until the day people flock to buy, will be expensive

HOMEFRONT spoke to Mrs Julie Koopsammy, who moved in with her husband and four children in December

They bought their flat on sectional title and can, she says, just manage the repayments

Her husband is in the building trade and would like to have built his own house. But they love Rynsoord, and the only plots cost R40 000 each

Mrs Koopsammy, with her liking for privacy and quiet in a nice area fulfilled, is happy in her townhouse

But it is obvious from the modest, albeit tasteful, decor that she is prepared to make sacrifices to have it.

She points out to visitors the money-saving advantages of townhouse living — the lock-up garages, paved yards, carpeted and tiled interiors, tiny gardens, so there is little maintenance and no need for servants

But, as she says, this is a "white way of living"

Indians have large families, they like to be together, they like entertaining. so if they can afford these townhouses, she says, then they can afford, and would prefer, large conventional homes

So for families who pay extortionist rents of R300 for a garage or backroom in Actonville, a single family living in a R700-a-month townhouse is not necessarily a happy option.

Aside from the fact that the cost of erecting townhouses, anywhere, seems to be excessive, the killer is the high interest rate — although Standard Building Society, the bondholders, have brought their rates into line with other societies

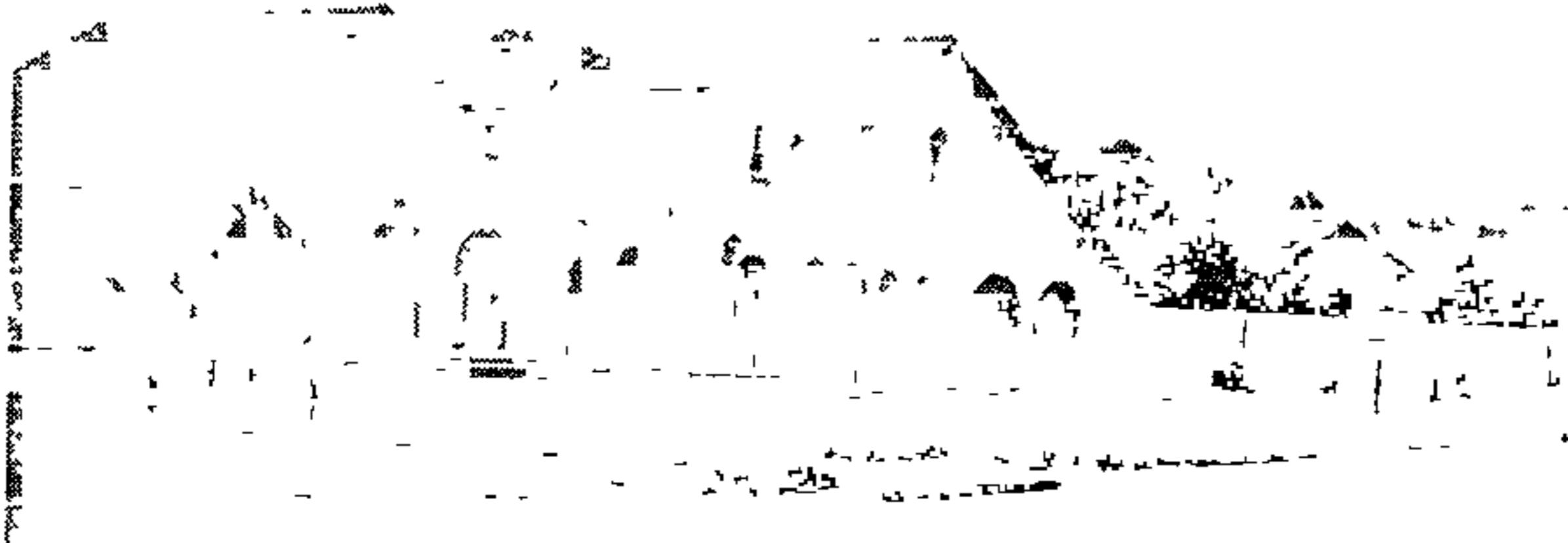
Mr Eugene Clark, who is marketing the Rynsoord townhouses, believes people who buy now are bound to enjoy lower interest rates by the time their title is registered.

Even so, it is hard to see Indian families rushing to adopt a style of living which conflicts with their traditions.

And yet, given the shortage of land, what choice have they? It is not only developers, but tenants, too, who need to be more realistic about the reduced options available to those who want to live in cities

HOMEFRONT suggests a compromise, which the developers might like to discuss with the Indian community — why not instal interleading doors on the groundfloor (solid, attractive arched doors with perhaps a metal gate) between groups of two or three flats, and then invite large families to buy those grouped flats, possibly at a slight discount?

Inquiries TELEPHONE Mr Clark at 845-2810



Houses like this make Rynsoord a fine residential area

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Goldstein gets housing going

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"IF THE public sector wants the private sector in, they have got to extend the hand of tax incentive" — TONY ACTON, executive chairman, S M Goldstein Ltd

Mr Acton speaks as a builder now entering the lower-cost housing market for blacks, as an employer of people who need such housing and as a developer who is prepared to offer employers a housing package which will cover even the financial problems

But a lot is going to depend on whether the Minister of Finance announces sufficiently realistic tax incentives today to get employers involved

Meanwhile, the good news from S M Goldstein, whose Gough Cooper operation already caters for the top end of the black market, is that a new company — Goldstein Homes — will market houses in the far bigger, lower-priced area of that market.

As soon as the final approval comes from the Minister and the Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, the company will proceed with its first scheme to build 60 houses in Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, costing between R18 500 and R22 050

Later they hope to build in Protea North in Soweto, in Bloemfontein townships and in Natal

Mr Alec Rabie, who leaves the service of the West Rand Administration Board tomorrow, will be divisional manager of Goldstein Homes.

"We believe we are now looking at the real bulk of the

"The Government has invited the private sector to enter, but the private sector has been rather sitting on the sidelines saying, 'How do we get into the scrum?'"

"We have tried to take the initiative by forming this new company



By LIN MENGE

"As usual, there were no serviced stands available, so we decided there was only one solution, to do the thing from scratch and service the stands ourselves

"But it took time to set up an agreement with the Central Transvaal Administration Board because we were breaking new ground"

Even so, the first houses should be ready for occupation by October and the rest by the end of the year

It's a small start, but it was market," Mr Acton told HOMEFRONT

a question of getting the thing going, Mr Acton said

"If we say 'Unless the scheme is 250 units, we're not going to do it,' then nothing is going to happen"

Although Goldstein Homes is a separate company it will have access to the building resources of the Goldstein Group, and it has had experience — through the Gough Cooper operation — of the administrative machinery involved in black housing

But it will use local black sub-contractors for finishing and sub-contracting wherever these are able to do the job

adequately

The company began with some informal research in the township

Their discussion groups revealed that many people did not have a basic frame of reference on which to base opinions

But then this is the first time people in Atteridgeville will have an alternative to Board-built houses

"This is one of the problems . the only way is to go into the market and develop experience and a track record.

"It may cost us something, but it is the kind of investment you need to make if you want to go in on a long-term basis," Mr Acton said

Preliminary marketing through their salesmen has, in just one week, found 46 would-be home-buyers who qualify for 99-year leasehold and have the necessary income

They will need the usual 20% deposit, and the company will obtain 80% bonds repayable over 30 years . . in this case, from the UBS

The three and two-bedroomed houses come in five designs, they will all have internal bathrooms and toilets, wooden doors, tiled roofs, ceilings, be plastered and painted inside and out and have concrete floors which people can cover to suit themselves

Construction will be of SABS-approved concrete blocks The 75-square metre houses will have separate dining and living rooms; the 56-sqm will combine these.

● For the biggest R22 050 house deposit R4 410, bond R17 640, monthly repayment R192, monthly minimum "family salary" R768

● For the smallest R18 500 house deposit R3 700, bond R14 800, repayment R159pm and family salary R636

● HOMEFRONT will be back on April 12. Happy Easter!

Shacks torn down

By SELLO RABOTHATA

THE DEMOLITION of shacks in Orlando East continued yesterday as employees of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) tore down the structures and took away the building material.

An atmosphere of tension continued to grip other shack dwellers whose shacks were not yet affected. At one of the houses in the area people were seen moving their belongings out of their shack, anticipating being the next victims. Some of the residents were at work when the armed Wrab policemen and employees razed the shacks.

Crowds of anguished residents gathered in the area and watched helplessly as the structures were brought down and the material loaded into a truck. Others helped the destitute residents

move their belongings

Mr Agrippa Radebe, whose shack was one of those demolished yesterday, said he woke up with a "premonition" that something was going to happen that

day. He stayed away from work and feels it was fortunate as he would otherwise probably have lost some of his belongings. The Wrab employees arrived at about 10 in the morning.

Mrs Mmamakgowa Marabe was also left homeless as her shack was torn down while her husband was at work. Mrs Marabe lives in Sofasonke Street, which was named after Mr James Sofasonke Mpanza who started the shack community in Soweto. She said she did not know what to do when night came but would probably sleep in the open.



RAZED Mr Agrippa Radebe with his belongings.



HOMELESS: Mrs Mmamakgowa Marabe (squatting) with cousin Mrs Dineo Melato.

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Illegal coloured

'Nobody is going to pressure me again. I am confident that we will succeed.'

tenants win right to challenge the landlords

AN HISTORIC Rent Board ruling in favour of a coloured woman who lives in a white area has paved the way for other 'illegal' residents to challenge landlords.

The hearing — the first to be held by the Rent Board on behalf of coloured tenants — was described by a Johannesburg attorney this week as a welcome channel of legal recourse for black, coloured and Indian people living 'illegally' in white group areas.

The ruling came after Mrs Ronnelle Brandt — who has lived in Orion House, Bree Street, Johannesburg, for seven years — complained to the board about her landlord, Mr Mark Steele.

The hearing was called to consider Mr Steele's application for a R100 rent increase. It also heard complaints by other residents.

Mrs Brandt was able to give evidence before the board because she was called as a witness by Mrs Molly Kopel, Pro-

BY STEPHANIE VENTER

gressive Federal Party councillor for the central city area, who represented the residents.

The board ruled in favour of the tenants on their complaint about an extra R120 monthly charge which they said they had been asked to pay for furniture. Rent Board chairman Mr F J Dietsch ruled that the fee for furniture was a contravention of the Rent Control Act, because the Rent Board had never been approached to decide on it.

The Rent Control Act does not refer to colour or race.

The attorney said "It seems that even illegal tenants can now have an opportunity to put their complaints to the Rent Board — it is a wonderful channel."

"The legal fraternity in general feels one of the most despicable acts is for landlords to miscarry justice for their own financial gain."

• Triumphant Mrs Ronelle Brandt after the Rent Board's landmark ruling which paved the way for coloureds and Indians to oppose extra charges for their flats in white Johannesburg

Mrs Brandt told the board last month that Mr Steele had been overcharging the residents and threatened to evict them if they refused to pay an additional R120 to hire furniture.

She said she was asked to pay, even though her flat was unfurnished.

The allegation was repeated by 16 other residents in signed statements presented to the board by Mrs Kopel.

The statements also alleged that residents paid much more than the R95 a month stipulated by the Rent Board, and that they were given R50 electricity bills without proof of a meter reading.

Mr M J van Dyk, of Van Dyk Consultants, who represented the owners of the flats, said he could not reply to the allegations as he was there to apply for a rent increase only.

Mr Dietsch advised Mrs Brandt to lay a charge with the Rent Board inspectors. He later ruled a R2 rent increase a flat.

Since the board's ruling, Mrs Brandt

and the residents of Orion House have formed a committee to oppose the extra charges.

Mr Steele said the R120 charge for furniture did not contravene the Rent Control Act because those who hired furniture did so through Harley Furnishers, not Orion House.

Mr Steele owns Orion House and is a director of Harley Furnishers.

He said electricity meter readings were taken by Oxers Meter Readers and each resident received a monthly computer printout of readings.

"If Mrs Brandt has a complaint she should report it to the Rent Board," he said.

Mrs Brandt stressed that other coloured residents should not be afraid to express their complaints as they could get legal help. "I am not a politician, I just know the difference between right and wrong."

She said after her appearance before the board "I just do not know where the

courage came from. I do not think about whether I am an illegal resident or not. I am a human being and I have got rights. I am not afraid."

Mrs Brandt, who lives in the flat with her husband and year-old son, told of the "shadowy world" of coloured tenants in the building, occupied mainly by whites.

"We were constantly afraid because we knew we were here illegally. We used to come home, creep into our flats and when it was dark we would switch off the lights and sit there in the darkness."

"If there was a knock on the door, we would rather it was broken down than answer it," she said.

"I was always a softy. I do not know what happened, but nobody is going to pressure me again. I am confident that we will succeed."

"I work hard for my money and I am not going to give it away just like that," she said.

BUG MY PHONE APHANE

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PRETORIA — Mamelodi council chairman Mr W M Aphane has asked the cops to bug his telephone and make constant checks on his home because he has been receiving numerous death threats.

He told City Press that the threats to his life followed the council's recommendation of a R7 50 rent increase

Phase one of the increase, of R2 50, starts tomorrow

Mr Aphane said the administration board should realise they were putting his life in danger by enforcing the rent increase

"Should anything happen, I will hold them responsible," he

By MALOSE MATSEMELA

said

He said he had called on the cops to bug his telephone so they could listen to the death threats.

And he said the cops would be making constant checks on his home to protect him and his family

Residents are furious over the rent increase. Last year rents went up by R16

The council's initial

decision to hold a 30th birthday celebration for Mamelodi also sparked their ire. Mr Aphane has postponed the celebrations indefinitely

And the administration board's threat to prosecute owners of backyard shacks has raised tensions in the township. Mr Aphane has promised residents he will take drastic action if the board carries out its threat

Row over PO's 'Subsidy Palace' project

By **STEPHEN DAVIES**
PROPERTY developers in Pretoria have condemned the Post Office's intention to complete the last phase of a two-block 'sub-economic' flat complex for its employees in Sunnyside

The R10-million complex has been described as 'palatial' and developers are angry that while other public projects have been shelved due to the recession, work is continuing on the second 15-storey block of the 'extravagant' complex.

The developers, who are reluctant to have their names published, pointed out that while the Post Office had recently increased its tariffs and was to do so again, it was providing flats costing R100 000 or R392/m² to build at rents as low as R40 a month on average

The completed flats, planned as sub-economic housing, were built from expensive materials and by costly methods

The recreational facilities of the completed first block include a tennis court, swimming pool, billiard tables and playgrounds for toddlers, and about R600 000 was spent on gardening and landscaping

A Post Office spokesman has said rents would be determined by the particular employee's income

But property experts said unsubsidised rent on similar three-bedroomed apartments would be at least R1 200 a month, which meant the taxpayer would be subsidising the Post Office workers by more than R1 100 a month on each flat

Wrab will help residents buy homes - Knoetze

THE West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) will help residents who experience problems in obtaining loans from building societies when the mass sale of State-owned houses comes into effect from July 1.

This news was revealed yesterday by Wrab's chairman, Mr John Knoetze, following weekend reports that township residents were going to battle to raise loans to buy their matchbox homes when the mass sale gets off the ground.

According to the reports, one of the biggest building societies involved in black housing — the Natal Building Society — has said stan-

dard matchbox houses will not qualify for loans. The society will not lend money to prospective home buyers unless the houses being bought have fittings such as proper ceilings, and floors, running water and indoor toilets.

"If the building societies cannot help tenants obtain loans, then Wrab will help them. We are absolutely geared to get the scheme off the ground. And we will help prospective home-buyers wherever we can," Mr Knoetze said.

Mr Knoetze added that the selling of houses under the 99-year leasehold and 30-year homeownership scheme in Soweto was "working well". An average of 60

houses were being bought in the townships every month, with the total number of houses sold so far being in the region of 17 000.

"Although the scheme is going well in Greater Soweto, the mass sale will help accelerate the present rate," he added.

Wrab was still waiting for the release of the Steyn Commission report on black housing before it could work out strategy on loans. Mr Knoetze said. The 500 000 State-owned houses that are going up for sale will be sold at discounts of up to 40 percent. At least 40 000 houses are expected to be sold in Greater Soweto.

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Coloureds must quit Hillbrow's High Point

A group of about 25 coloured tenants in High Point flats, on the corner of Claim and Kotze streets, Hillbrow, say they have until noon today to leave the building

Anglo American Property Services, the landlords, say in a letter, dated April 1 and delivered yesterday, that it has come to their attention they are "illegally occupying" the flats.

24 HOURS

"Should the premises not be vacated within 24 hours we shall have no alternative but to take the matter further," says the company

The letter was signed by Mrs H Maree, flat-letting department

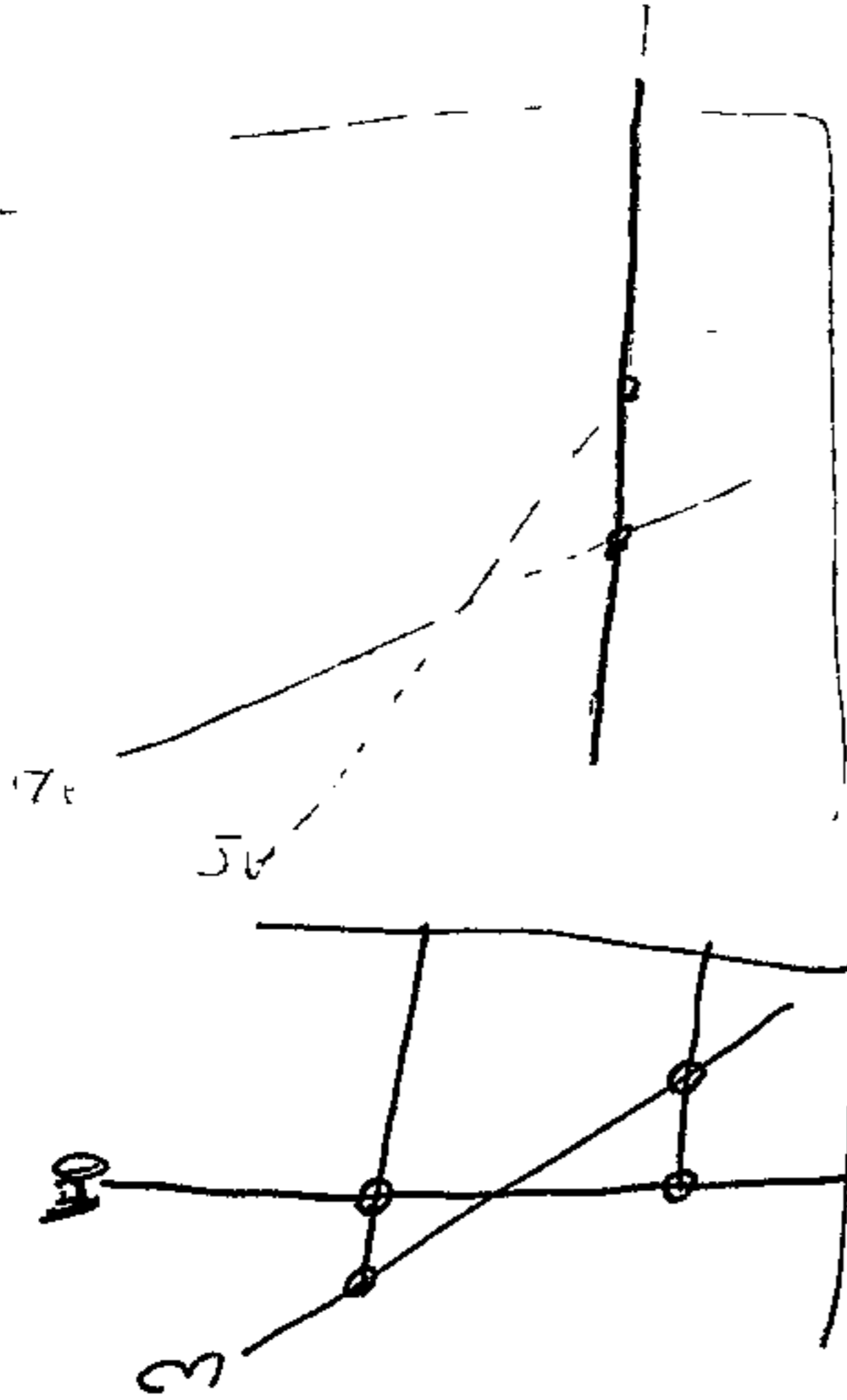
The coloured people say they have to go because of the Group Areas Act. A week ago detectives visited the flats and saw 25 coloureds

GROUP AREAS

"A detective we saw about a week ago quoted a month as a reasonable period in which to get out," said one of the anxious tenants. "There was no warning about the letter"

Because of the Group Areas Act, the coloured tenants got white nominees to sign the leases. Most of the 25 were involved in a similar 24-hour notice-to-quit fight at the High Rise flats in March 1982

Tenants claim that the only way Anglo American can get them out within 24 hours is by a court order.



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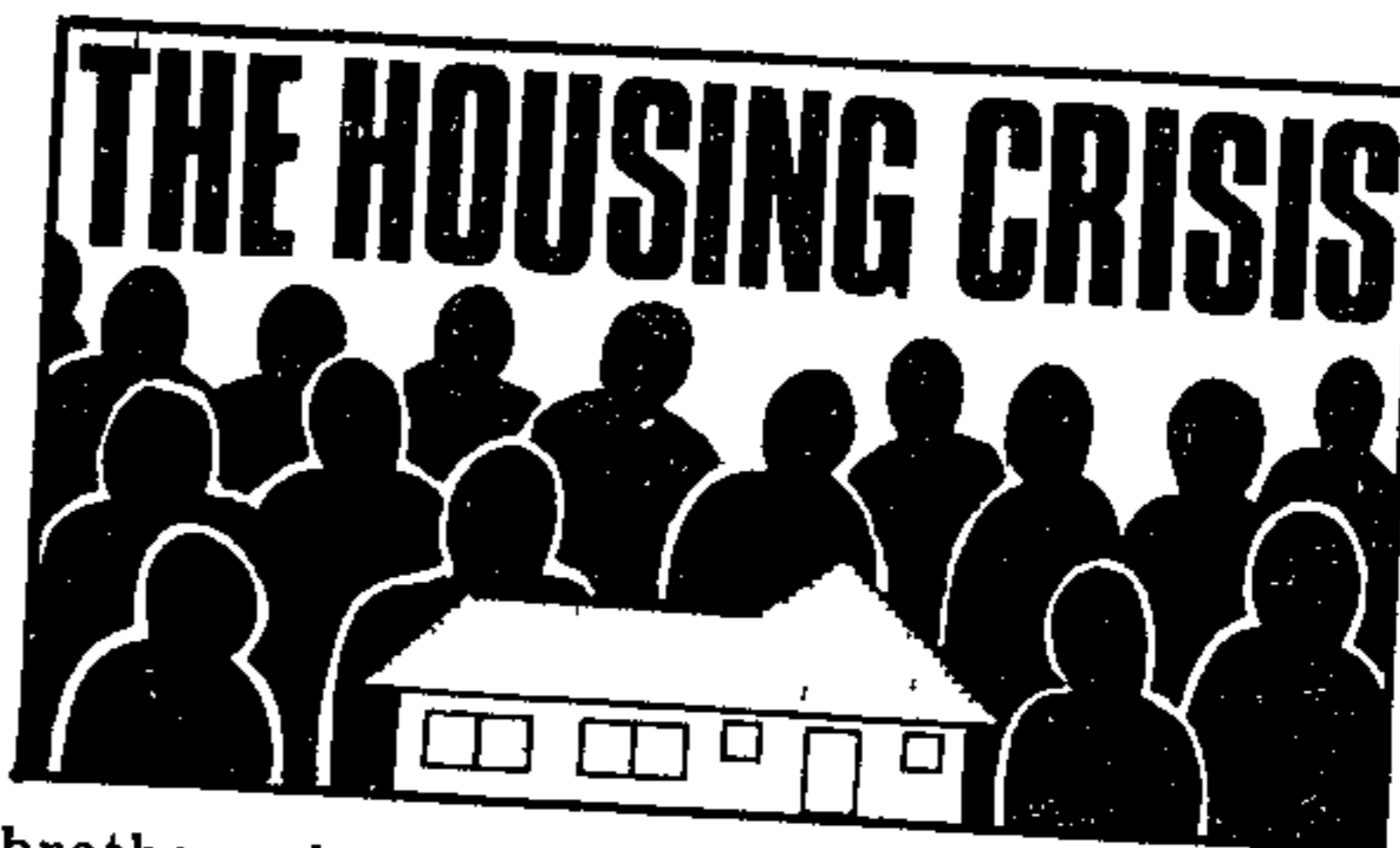
His bedroom is the back of a car

By Yussuf Nazeer

A Lenasia man living in an overcrowded backyard room with his wife, his brother-in-law and the latter's family is desperately looking for a home of his own or larger rented premises to accommodate his 52-year-old father, who is sleeping in a car, and his 80-year-old sick grandmother living in a congested room.

Mr Farouk Jassat (26), who needs the home, said he and his wife were worried about his father Mr Ahmed Jassat, an old hawker, who is forced to sleep in his car in a backyard

"My father is so frustrated that he has given up hope of ever finding a house of his own to live with his three children. My teenage sister was taken in by my other



brother who also has housing problems. Winter will soon be here and I don't know how my father is going to survive, sleeping in a car," Mr Jassat said.

Elderly Mr Jassat, a widower, has in the past been a lodger in several places — including a bus depot. His son Farouk has also been living in one-room backyards and garages.

"I have never been able to get a home from

the Department of Community Development," Farouk said. "My last application was in 1980, and I am still waiting." Community Development acknowledged this application and Mr Jassat is number 1 435 on the waiting list.

His furniture has suffered through moving and storage. "My R1 500 bedroom suite, which I was forced to store in an open car port has virtually perished in the heat and rain."

Shack-dwellers win legal battle

THE Sofasonke Party is to continue to fight for the rights and protection of over 4 000 Soweto shackdwellers.

This was said by the party's chief executive officer, Mr Ambition Brown, after a Johannesburg commissioner's court yesterday withdrew charges of erecting illegal structures against 35 shackdwellers, in-

cluding a 103-year-old widow, Mrs Emma Masoabu

At a previous hearing the 35 shackdwellers had applied for the cases against them to be withdrawn

At yesterday's hearing the prosecutor applied for the cases to be withdrawn and the commissioner granted his request

After the case, Mr Brown, who has been in the forefront since shacks were demolished by authorities, said "Now our next court action is going to be against the West Rand Administration Board who have continued their harassment and destruction of shacks in Soweto "

"We have succeeded

in stopping the Soweto Council from demolishing the structures, but it appears Wrab is acting on their behalf We shall fight them too.

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"The Supreme Court order restraining the council from demolishing shacks is a clear indi-

cation that the council has no powers to rule Soweto and our next move is to seek a court order declaring them null and void," he said

Mr Brown has called on a meeting of all residents at the DOCC Hall on Sunday at 9am

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Soweto councillors under fire

A 103-year-old Soweto granny, who together with 34 others, had charges of failing to demolish shacks in their backyards, withdrawn in the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court last week was one of the speakers at a Sofasonke Party's meeting on shacks yesterday.

Mrs Emma Mgwaba

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described the Soweto Council and the West Rand Administration Board as the most "cruel" and "heartless" of authorities she had ever seen in her life

She said for authorities not to care for hundreds of people now without shelter and still continue to demolish other structures housing them was the most sinful

action ever carried out by man.

"Imagine what happens to you if your shack, largely your only place of shelter, is demolished. These people do not care whether thugs attack you or kill you. They are very cruel," she said.

Mrs Mgwaba praised Mr Ambition Brown, leader of the Orlando East-based Sofasonke Party urging other shackdwellers to help him in the fight for shacks.

Other speakers also condemned the Soweto Council saying it was a "toothless bulldog".

Community councillors are like baboons who steal mealies and run away to the caves because they say people hate them. We do not hate them but want to catch them and extract their teeth to stop them from further stealing and make them live with the people", a speaker said

The meeting was attended by delegates from as far afield as Vosloorus and issues like migratory labour, education, and unity among all parties said to be fighting against the shack issue on the Reef were discussed.

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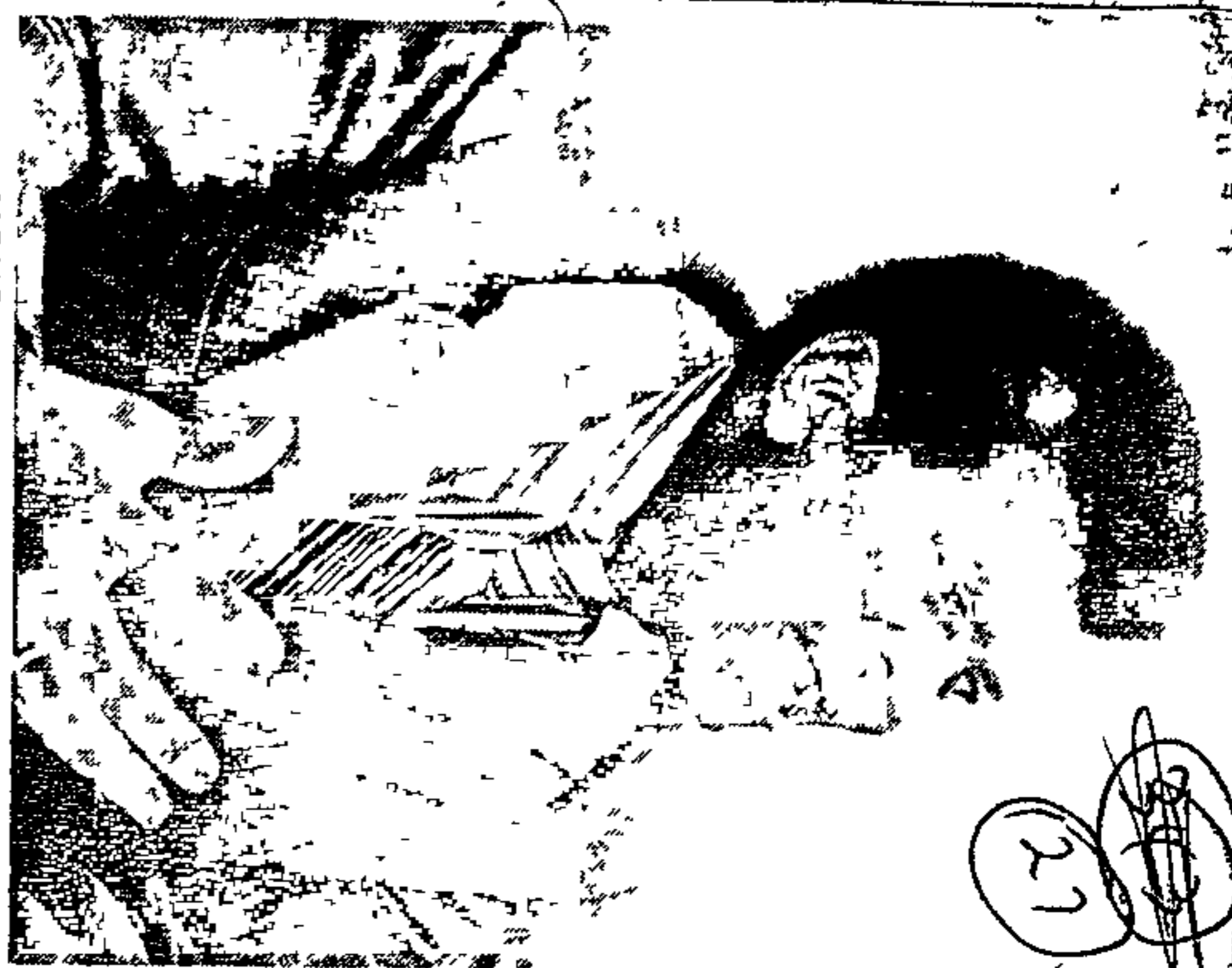
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R3,5-m shot in arm for Alexandra

By SELLO RABOTHATA



HOUSING The Rev Sam Buti

THE SOUTH African Government has granted the Alexandra Liaison Committee (ALC) R3,5 million for the redevelopment of the township, Reverend Sam Buti, the chairman of the committee, said yesterday.

Rev Buti said the ALC approached the Government to make certain funds available for the purpose of building low cost housing as part of phase one and two of the development scheme. The funds made available will be utilised as follows: 15 additional houses costing R200 000, 194 flats at the cost of R3 million,

and infrastructure on phase two at the cost of R300 000.

He said "It is well worth noting that since the reprieve of Alexandra in 1979, a number of promises concerning the physical development have been made. Granted, planning of the township was completed late in 1980, but the actual implementation of construction has been delayed. For the purpose of speeding this development up, the ALC approached the private sector to help in

the clearing and the laying out of the infrastructure and the erection of homes.

Responded

"Premier Milling Company responded by making available bridging funds amounting to R100 000 for the purpose of clearing and reticulating sewerage, electricity and storm water drainage so that development could begin on the first phase.

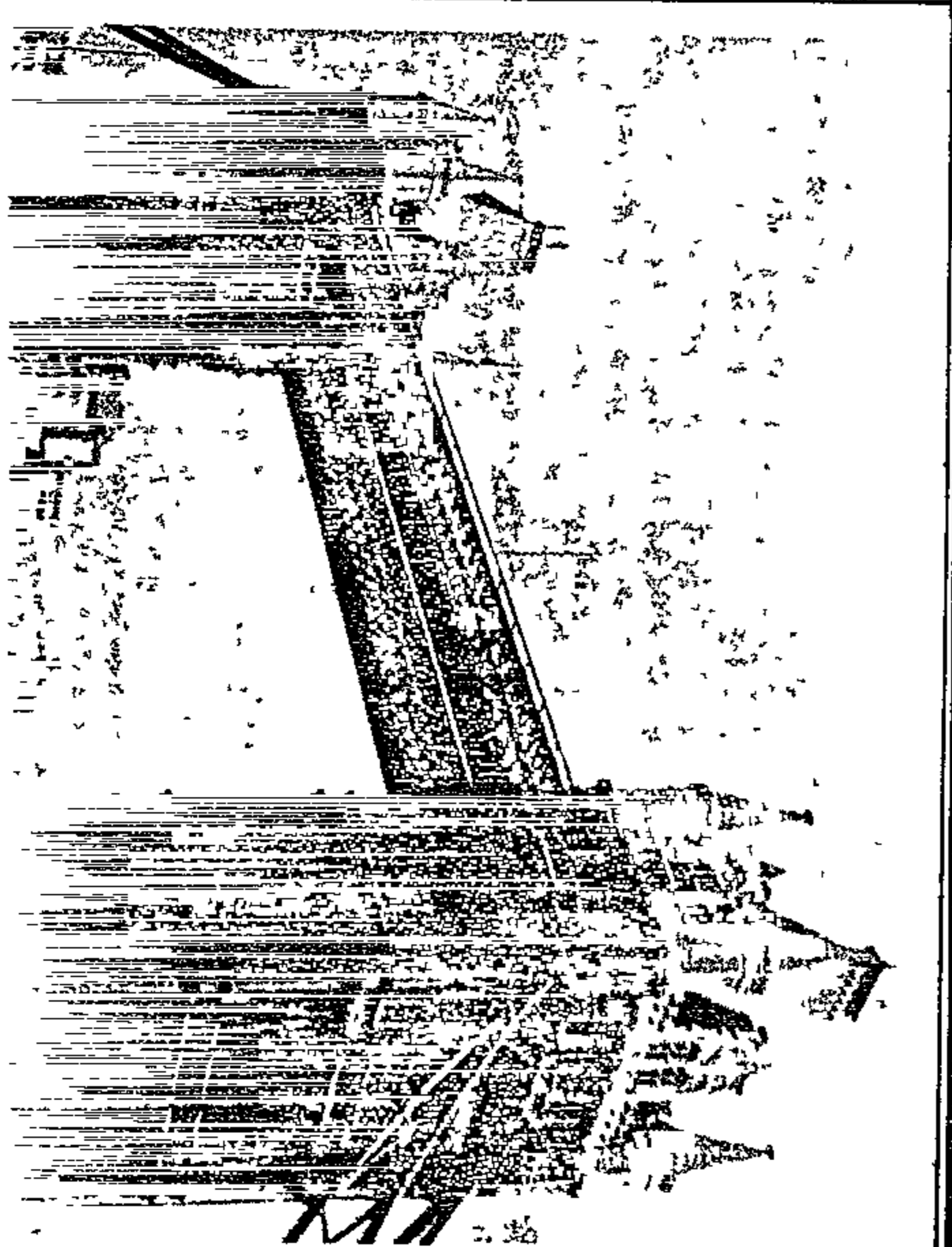
Mr Stan Goldstein was then approached to build ten houses on speculation. When this deal was found to be viable other firms such as Gough Cooper and United Building Society were approached to build ten houses each. These have also been completed. But we at the ALC realise that these houses are expensive and beyond the means of the average Alexandra family."

The project concerning low cost housing, which involves the recent funds from the Government, will kick off in six weeks. Consultants are now busy with phase two for which R300 000 has been allocated for the establishment of various services (sewerage, electricity and drainage). An old age home (Rev Buti prefers to call it a home for senior citizens), will be established in the near future at the old TB settlement. The cost will be borne by the Barclays Bank to the tune of R500 000.

He said plans were afoot for the development of the additional 102 hectares of land which had been obtained on the east bank of the Jukskei River.

COURT REPORT

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Prisoners kill man

A black long-term prisoner has died after being attacked by his fellow prisoners in the Waterval Prison at Utrecht in Natal.

The incident is being investigated by the Prisons Department and by the South African Police — Sapa.

R3¹/₂-m will help give Alexandra new face

By Lucille McNamara

The Government has taken another step in the redevelopment of Alexandra with the announcement that it will spend R3,5 million to improve the squalid conditions of residents living in crowded poverty

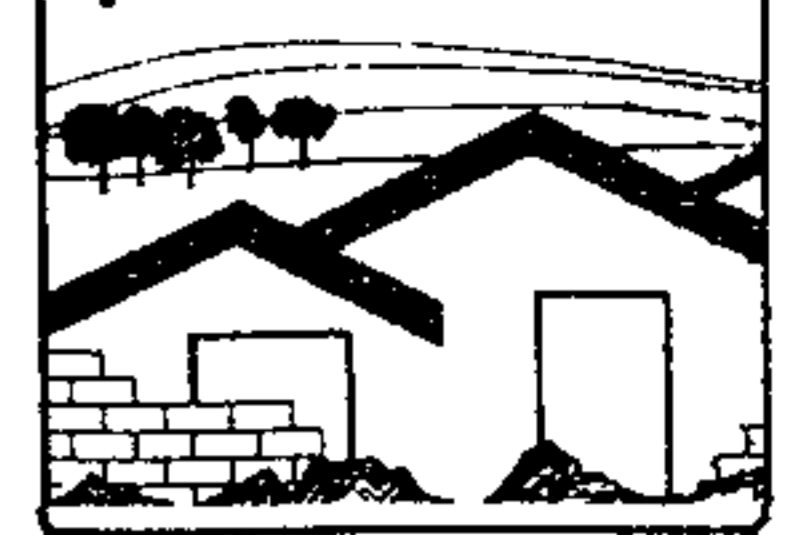
Building will begin within the next six weeks and the money will be used to provide 194 flats, 15 houses

and related infrastructure

The chairman of the Alexandra Liaison Committee, the Rev Sam Buti, has hailed the Government announcement as a major breakthrough for the township, which borders the Wynberg industrial area to the north-east of Johannesburg

The allocation of the money follows a meeting which Mr Buti had earlier this year with the

Uplift in Alex



Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof

After their discussions Mr Buti said Dr Koornhof had raised fresh hopes for the redevelopment of Alexandra and had indicated that major works would begin soon

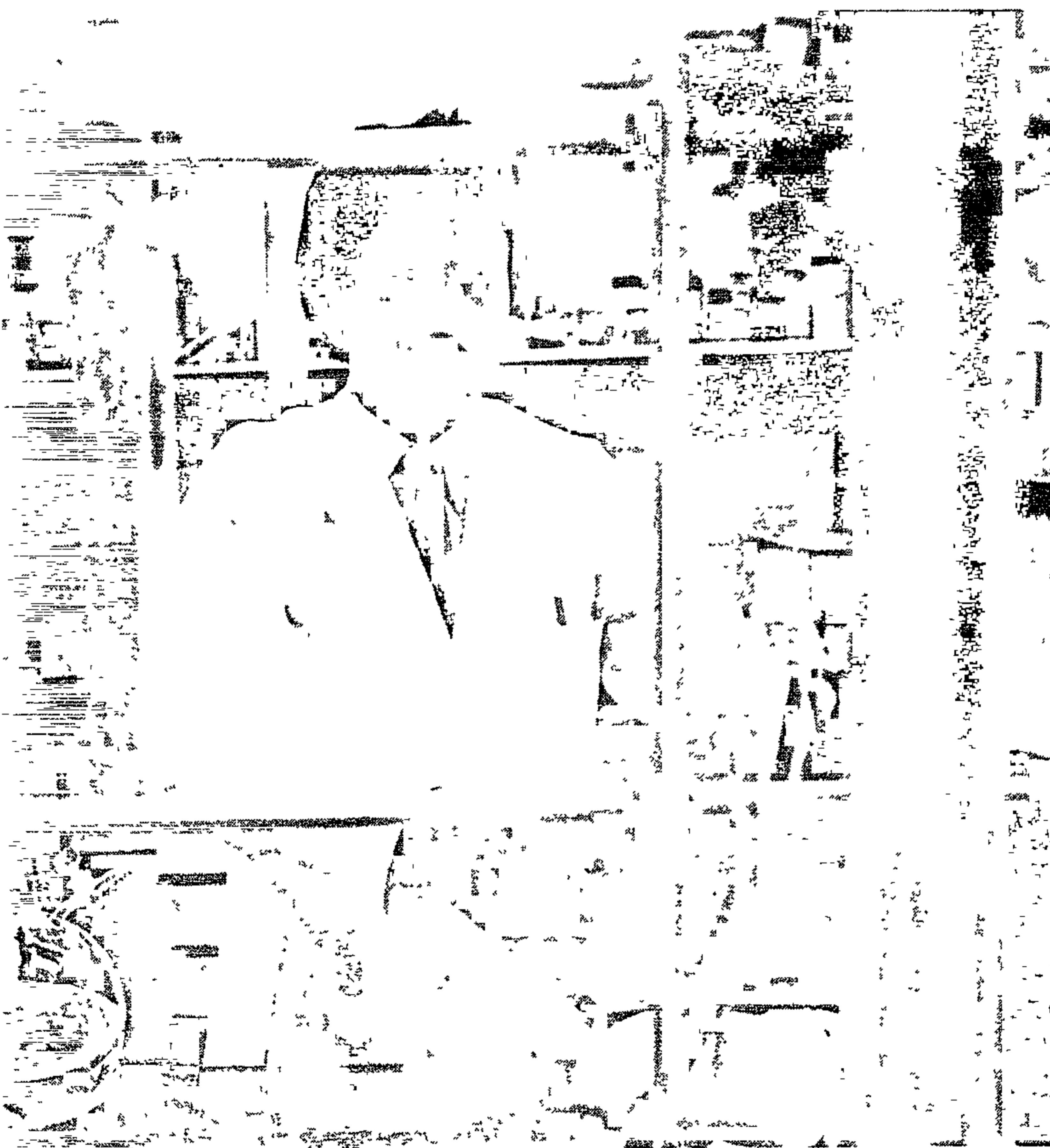
An elated Mr Buti said today that Alexandra residents were happy about the allocation of funds. High-rise flats which will house 194 families will be built at a cost of R3 million, 15 additional houses will cost R200 000, while R300 000 will be spent on water, electricity and sewerage

Mr Buti pointed out that a total of R80 million was needed to redevelop Alexandra, but that up to now the Government had provided only R6 million for the project

Mr Buti appealed to the Government to make more money available, and also to the private sector, which could help to alleviate the appalling living conditions of thousands of residents

"While we are satisfied that the Government is trying to make good its promise to redevelop Alexandra, we still have a very long way to go," he said

Only 150 new houses have been built since 1979, when Dr Koornhof announced that Alexandra would be transformed into a model self-governing town



of his laboratory at the Rand Afrikaans University which has been his study home for the past four years

● Picture by David Sandison

Man to face fraud charges

By Trevor Jones,
Crime Staff

A 31-year-old former employee of the Stannic hire

COLLEGE OF MARKETING

DON'T SELL YOURSELF SHORT.

By Yussuf Nazeer

Anglo American Property Services denied today that its "liberal policy" allowed coloured tenants to occupy its Highpoint flat complex in Hillbrow's white group area and said it had taken steps to have them evicted.

More than 100 persons occupying 35 flats are involved in the pending evictions.

Their white nominees — the legal leaseholders of the flats — have now been warned by letter to

get rid of their illegal coloured sub-tenants or face prosecution under the Group Areas Act.

A senior spokesman for Anglo American said "We are indeed sympathetic towards the coloured tenants and were quite content to leave them to live in the com-

plex

"But group areas inspectors who it appears are doing periodic checks in search of people infringing the Group Areas Act notified us that we had illegal tenants occupying Highpoint. We were told to evict them.

"We in turn have been

forced to place this onus on the legal leaseholders," the spokesman said.

He said he was unaware of reports that white tenants had complained about "rowdy coloureds" who threw noisy parties at weekends or white women complaining

about "coloured drunks" who accosted them in the lifts.

"I believe we had some decent coloured people living in Highpoint who tried to remain inconspicuous under the circumstances," the Anglo spokesman added.

When coloured people applied for flats at Highpoint they were treated as any white applicant was but the onus was on the coloured applicant to obtain a permit from the Department of Community Development to live there.

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THE DEMOLITION of shacks in Natalspruit continued yesterday as employees of the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) tore the structures down and took the building material away.

The demolition of shacks by Erab took residents by surprise following a court victory for shack dwellers in Soweto last week. An early morning raid by Erab employees was conducted in a van and a truck, and several shacks were razed.

One resident, Mrs Virginia Lloyd, said the

More Natalspruit shacks torn down

Erab employees arrived at her home at about 8.30 in the morning in a van and a truck. Those in the van stopped only for a few minutes and later left while the others began demolishing the shacks in the yard. She said not all the shacks in the area were demolished, but this was the second time that those in her yard had

been razed this year.

Some of the residents whose shacks were brought down were not present. The general reaction among those who were at home was "Where are we supposed to sleep tonight? They are not building any houses for us and still they demolish the only structures we can call home for our fami-

lies."

One man, who did not wish to be named, said when Erab is busy demolishing shacks, some of the residents run away to other areas and thereafter return to rebuild those that are destroyed. He said this caused a nasty incident late last year when, under the same circumstances, the Erab men

returned and "re-demolished" a locked shack in which there was a child. The child is said to have died when the shack came down. This could yesterday not be confirmed with Erab authorities.

Erab has, between October last year and February this year, demolished more than a 1 000 shacks in Natalspruit. The reason given by authorities at the time was that most of the people living in these shacks were illegals staying with their migrant husbands working in this area.

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By Lucille McNamara,
Municipal Reporter

Sandton awaits result of poll over township

An opinion poll which will assess whether or not residents of Sandton want a township for coloured people to be established on the borders of white suburbia is expected to be completed by the end of this month

The poll is being conducted jointly by the Linbro Park and Kelvin-Bucleuch Ratepayers' Associations and the findings will be sent to officials in Government, provincial and council departments

The councillor for Linbro Park, Mrs Jo Marais, said her constituents were not opposed to the establishment of a township for coloured people in Sandton, but objected to the creation of a sub-economic housing area in the midst of high-income

white residential suburbs

Sandton council has earmarked 93 ha of land north-east of the town to house 6 700 coloured people. The site is bordered by the Eastern Bypass to the west, the Modderfontein dynamite factory to the east and the white suburbs of Buccleuch, Modderfontein and Linbro Park to the north and south.

Of the 760 stands planned, it is estimated that 200 will be for economic housing with the rest set aside for owner-builders

After announcing the

council's proposal to establish a township for the 6 000 to 7 000 coloured people estimated to be living in "illegal" accommodation in Alexandra and Sandton, management committee chairman, Mr Rick Valente, invited residents to lodge written objections with the town clerk after which the issue would be discussed at a public meeting.

To date the council-organised public meeting has not been held, but ratepayers of the area met and decided to conduct the opinion poll. They also adopted a resolution which stated that while

they were not opposed to the establishment of a coloured township in Sandton, they did object to the site chosen by the town council

Mr Valente said yesterday that it would be a pointless exercise to call a public meeting as the one organised by the ratepayers associations, which he had attended, had been well supported and he had been given the opportunity to outline the council's proposals.

He said the town clerk had received a substantial number of letters from residents opposed to the siting of the coloured

township and these had been forwarded to the Department of Community Development, which was already investigating the council's proposals

But his explanation has not satisfied Mrs Marais, who said residents were still uncertain about the future of the area

"As far as I am concerned the matter is still in limbo, as are the residents, and it would now appear that Mr Valente's undertaking to call a public meeting was merely a ploy to smooth ruffled feathers," said Mrs Marais

HOME FRONT

Self-help, the way in which large numbers of homeless people are going to have to house themselves in the next few years, has proved itself at Khutsong in the W Transvaal Part I By Lin Menge

SELF HELP means helping oneself to acquire a house. Not necessarily building it oneself but getting it built, one way or another. But people need to be helped to help themselves. It is no good saying here's a plot, or there's a core house get on and build a house.

That way you end up with half dug foundation trenches and half-built walls. Few people can be left to house themselves without technical guidance, financial organisation, or a deadline for completing their homes.

At Khutsong, near Carletonville, poor, illiterate, and unskilled people have been housing themselves — there are 276 completed houses and 187 houses under construction — in a self-help project launched in 1978.

Khutsong's Ikhaya Lethu self-help housing project is a milestone in the history of housing in South Africa. That is where a team consisting of Western Transvaal Administration Board representa-



Through self-help, people were able to leave this shanty town and move into houses like these built by black contractors in Khutsong for R3 000.

From Shanty Town to Self-help stability

lives, the Khutsong Community Council, the Urban Foundation (UF) and an elected shanty town residents' committee proved that self-help can work, that it can create housing without Government funding, and organise even despairing shack dwellers into a confident and enthusiastic community.

It wasn't easy. Mr Matheu Nell, Transvaal regional housing manager of the UF, describes as "scary" the results of the survey the foundation carried out among 500 families before they started the scheme. Half the people had been living at least 10 years in the shanty towns of Vulkornbers and Spooktown created as a result of the "black spot" removals started in 1959. Water came from communal stand pipes, there

was bucket sewerage, a few dirt roads, and the shacks which all people were allowed to erect.

Average income was less than R100 a month, a third of the heads of households were women, eight out of every 10 heads of households were completely illiterate, most of the men were unskilled workers, most of the women were domestics whose white em-

ployers, being a mining community, stayed only a few years, so their employees constantly had to find new employment at the same bottom rates of pay.

Yet today the self-help scheme has created an impressive residential area which has made a significant dent in the appalling shanty town. It has also built a community. Jobs have been gen-

erated and money raised for educational facilities and a park.

● Tomorrow, How self-help was made to work

coloured man tried to deposit money for home savings at two building societies. The societies were not named because HOMEFRONT intends testing another branch of the unhelpful society before naming it. Because of the misleading nature of the headline, HOMEFRONT now names the helpful and courteous society. It was the Allied Building Society.

Helpful Allied

YESTERDAY HOMEFRONT told you how a

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Couple battle over house

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

THE SOWETO Council special housing committee is investigating allegations made by a Pimville man that his wife, with the help of hired thugs, forced him to leave the house he had occupied for seven years.

Mrs Martha Taylor, a member of the committee and a community councillor, told The SOWETAN that Mr Edgar Ntebe, a father of two, was forced to take up lodging at a men's hostel following alleged repeated beatings by his wife and alleged attempts on his life by hired thugs.

House number, 8249A, the scene of the incident, is now under lock and key pending



CLASH: Mr Edgar Ntebe and his younger sister, Nontozana, outside the Soweto Council chambers.

the completion of the investigations. The whereabouts of Mr Mtebe's wife, Sheila, who was allegedly living with a live-in lover, are unknown. Neighbours said they last saw her on the day the house was locked by officials of the Soweto Community Council.

Mr Mtebe, who accompanied the councillor to the meeting, told The SOWETAN that he and his wife were married in 1977. They lived in his mother's house and when she died the house was registered under his name. Two children were born before Mr Mtebe fell ill and was hospitalised.

When he came back home he said he found

his wife a changed person. "She was no longer the loving wife I had married, she had changed considerably," he said.

When there was no one in the house she would beat him up and force him to do the "dirtiest" jobs, he said.

At night, Mr Mtebe said, bogus cops came looking for him. He believes they were hired thugs sent by his wife to kill him so she could have the house.

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Aquarius rises



Aquarius Construction has been operating in Soweto for the past two years. The company specialises in building improvements and have built up a reputation for a high standard of work and speedy erection.

The company demands a good standard of workmanship from their employees, and the staff is 90 percent black.

Messrs Andrews and Gordon, the two directors of the company, hold firm the belief that Aquarius offers good scope within the company for black staff to develop their full potential with careful management and guidance.

Not only does Aquarius construction do the actual building, the company also offers a total service which embraces plans, finance, building etc. Miss Olivia Mears who is in charge of arranging finance through the various financial institutions, believes that helping the client to obtain a loan, serves a large part in making building improvements a viable proposition for many Sowetans.

The first step Aquarius construction takes is planning a housing budget with both husband and wife, as the case may be, whereby it is established what loan can be obtained by the applicant and improvements are then planned accordingly. A plan is drawn for a nominal fee which includes all submission fees, and then the client knows exactly what he or she will be getting.

People are generally not aware that building a home could constitute one of the biggest investments they will make in their lifetime, and unlike buying a hi-fi which can be examined in the showroom, building is a very complicated operation spanning many weeks and people must be extremely careful when appointing a building contractor.

Aquarius Construction is currently producing three units a week, as well as negotiating with top overseas companies, and plans to move onto four units per week within the next two months as well as planning mass housing for Soweto.

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Price of houses under heavy fire

COMMUNITY LEADERS in Soweto yesterday reacted with shock at the decision by the Diepmeadow Council to sell some ten thousand houses for as much as R12 000.

By MONO BADELA

They called upon the chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze 'to rap the Diepmeadow Council over the knuckles for taking this decision'. This week the chairman of the Diepmeadow Council, Mr Joseph Mahuhushi told a Press conference that ten thousand Diepmeadow houses were to be sold to their occupants in line with the Government's recent announcement that families would be allowed to buy their rented houses.

Mr Mahuhushi said his council welcomed the new scheme and would sell the 10 000 houses at an average price of about R12 000. The council will also negotiate for the Government to grant sectional titles which will enable them to sell 17 000 semi-detached houses at R7 000 each. The Press was told the same type of houses were being sold elsewhere for R2 235 each which means the R12 000 bargain was six times higher than the current price. Reacting to the announcement, the chairman of the Soweto Civic Association Dr Nthato Motlana said 'We were all pleased when we

heard that the chairman of Wrab had convinced the Minister of Community Development, Mr Kotze, to sell the houses for less than R2 000, and that there would be a moratorium for two years on price rises on these houses'. According to Dr Motlana the houses in Diepmeadow were built at a cost of only R450.

He said the Government had agreed that the occupants would pay less than R2 000. It therefore comes as a big shock to all of us when Mr Mahuhushi announced this week that his Diepmeadow Council would sell houses for R12 000. We call upon Mr John Knoetze, representative of the local authority in Soweto to rap the Diepmeadow Council over the knuckles and inform them of the agreed price for the houses.

Publicity secretary of the Azanian People's Organisation, Mr Ismael Mkhabela was even more critical of the announced price. He told **THE SOWETAN**: 'People have already paid for those houses which they are now compelled to buy. We see the selling of the houses as an act of robbery'.

Mr Mkhabela said the houses should be given to the people with no extra charges or expenses involved.



JOSEPH MAHUSHI Diepmeadow Council boss

Mkhize funeral

HUNDREDS of people from all over the country are expected to attend the funeral of Driefontein community leader, Mr Saul Mkhize, in Driefontem in the Eastern Transvaal tomorrow.

Buses will leave from Soweto for Driefontem tonight and the Soweto-based Workers' Support Committee has organised another bus for those interested in attending the funeral.

The bus will leave from the Methodist Youth Centre in Central Western Jabavu tonight at 6 30. The return fare is R5.

Other buses will leave from Zola and Zone 5, Meadowlands.

Mr Mkhize, leader of the 5 000 population in the area, was shot and killed by a white policeman two weeks ago, at a meeting called to protest against the Government's plans to remove the people there.

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Minister of Health stated

THE STATEMENT by the Minister of Health that "uncontrolled breeding" was partly responsible for the high death rate among children suffering from malnutrition, drew an angry response from community leaders yesterday.

Dismissing Dr Nak van der Merwe's statement as an easy way out of an apartheid-created situation, the Azanian People's Organisation (AZAPO)

community leaders yesterday stated that the high death rate was caused by the socio-political system in the country.

Prof Moosa had said in a newspaper report that the current drought could aggravate South Africa's death toll and

breeding. It is just an easy way out of an apartheid-created situation. The boast that the health facilities in this country were the best in Africa amounted to nothing considering that in rural areas little or no

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'Where is it all going to end?' cry evictees

Mail Reporters

"I don't know where to go or what to do Where is it all going to end?" — is the cry of more than 20 coloured and Indian families who have been ordered to leave their Hillbrow flats

Last Tuesday coloured and Indian residents, some of whom have lived in Highpoint flats for two years, were served with a notice to leave within 24 hours. Since then only a few of the families have left but most of them say they are waiting for a court order before they accept their fate.

The flats are owned by Anglo American Properties and coloureds and Indians are sub-letting from white friends who hold leases on the flats.

The illegal residents have been told to apply for a permit at the Department of Community Development, but the director, Mr Rousseau, said there is a "very remote chance" that permits will be approved.

He said there are only two circumstances in which permits are issued

- If it is proved to be in the interest of the white group for a non-white to live in a white area, or

- If undue hardship can be proved by the non-white applying for a permit

"It is not official policy to allow other racial groups other than whites to live in Johannesburg," said Mr Rousseau.

"Non-whites should not illegally move into white areas and then attempt to justify their action by applying for a permit. They should first ensure that their actions are legal."

Caretaker, Mr Fred Young, told some of the residents that white tenants had complained about their presence in the flats.

One of the women the Mail interviewed, Mrs Joy Bailey, has a white friend, Cathy, who also lives in the flats.

Cathy spoke to the Mail "Joy is my best friend and I can quite honestly say that I have never heard any of the white tenants complaining about non-whites living in the flats."

"Joy is one of the friendliest people here and she has never caused any trouble. She is probably better than a lot of the white tenants."

Mrs Bailey is originally from Cape Town. She moved to Johannesburg because she has asthma and the dryer air is better for her condition. She is a clothing designer and does general clothing alterations from her home.

"I have never suffered since I arrived here," said Mrs Bailey.

She works for the lady she sublets the flat from on a part-time basis.

"I have tried to find somewhere to stay in Johannesburg but there doesn't seem to be anywhere decent available," said Mrs Bailey.

"I have lived in a one-roomed shack which cost me over R200 and I don't see why I should be subjected to that kind of existence again. All I want is to live in a decent place and bring my son up as a respectable person."

"The lady I have been sub-letting the flat from has been harassed so much that she has given notice. I have to be out in June."

Mrs Nisha Hameff who lives in Highpoint and also leases a restaurant from Anglo American Properties, said when asked if she was also issued with a 24-hour notice "Yes unfortunately I am the wrong colour."

"My rand from my flat is not worth the same as my rand from my business any-

more," she said.

"Now that I am caught up in this eviction situation I just feel like going out there and saying 'let's start a war'."

"I have lived a peaceful life with my husband and two kids. We don't interfere with anyone. Why should they kick us out and leave others who are really causing destruction in this place?"

"That is why my husband says it better we get out of this place."

Also in the flats are a young married couple from Cape Town who have been living there for two years.

The couple who preferred not to be named, said "We have no place to go. We will just wait and see if anything happens. The only thing we will do if we are forced to leave is store our furniture at a friend's place and live in a hotel."

"But I believe they have to get a court order before they can evict us, so we will wait for that."

Taking a wider view of the situation, the wife said "Why should we move out of the building when people from other countries can come here and stay wherever they want? It's unfair."

An Indian woman who moved into the flat two months ago with her husband after a family row, said she visited Anglo American Properties after being served with the notices "They gave us until the end of the month," she said.

"But what can I do? We are looking for a place but I don't think we will find anything. It's virtually impossible to find accommodation. We will have to wait for the court order before we move," she said.

Mr Rousseau said "There are two types of court orders. First a civil order, where Anglo American Properties would be involved and a messenger of the court would serve the order. Secondly a criminal court order delivered by the South African Police following which the tenants would have to appear in court. The resulting eviction, if it occurred, would be done by my department."

A spokesman for Anglo American Properties said their hands were tied as regards the eviction of non-white tenants from their Highpoint flats.

"We have been told by police that non-white tenants are contravening the Group Areas Act and if we do not remove them we will be fined," said the spokesman.

"When prospective non-white tenants come to our flat-letting department we advise them to apply at the Department of Community Development for a permit which allows them to stay in a white area."

He said, though, that all the people who had attempted to obtain a permit had been refused.

"No permits that I know of have been forthcoming," he said.

"We feel the greatest sympathy for the non-white tenants because they have nowhere to go. There are about 25 families who have been asked to leave."

The spokesman said he could not comment on how many families had already left Highpoint because the flats all had white leaseholders.

"The practice of leasing a flat for a non-white friend is a contravention of the lease and the leaseholder should realise their friends are illegal tenants."

DIETMEADOW'S SHOCK HOME PRICE INCREASE

By LEN KALANE

JO-BURG — Despite Government assurances of big discounts when the mass sale of houses begins on July 1, the DietMeadow Council has done just the opposite — it has raised the price of its houses by a whopping 600 percent.

Chairman of the DietMeadow Council, Mr. J. C. Mahulushi, this week He said his council intended to inflate the price of the houses in order to pay off the electrification debt.

The council will sell 10 000 houses for a staggering R12 000 each instead of at their current R2 300 price tag.

It is feared that this move is likely to spread to other areas, where community councils are equally heavily indebted from the electrification scheme.

Mr. Mahulushi said his council had a R85-million debt, of which R60-million was for the electrification scheme loan.

He said the sale of houses at R12 000 would bring in R120-million. "With this we will be able to pay off the R85-million and still remain with about R40-million in our kitty and be in a position not to raise rents or service charges."

NEWSMEN END STAR STRIKE
JO BURK Black journalists returned to work at The Star yesterday after a three-day stoppage in sympathy with 209 fellow-members of the Media Workers Association of SA dismissed last month after a strike. The nine journalists were told if they did not return their jobs would be in jeopardy.



WIDOW FACES R100000 CLAIM

Destitute in a 10-room house

A Pretoria widow — who lives in a ten-room house and who has been described as "destitute" — has been called upon to settle a R100 000 law suite instituted against her dead husband.

And the man who wants his R10 000 is Pretoria's Anglican Church choirmaster Mr. Michael Rantho, and a prominent community leader.

The dead man, Mr. Johannes Makabela, a taxi driver, was first found guilty of having assaulted Mr. Rantho and was fined R30 in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court in 1979.

Then Mr. Rantho took the matter to the Pretoria Supreme Court and sued Mr. Makabela for R10 000 damages arising from the assault case. But Mr. Makabela died in a car accident in November last year without having paid the claim.

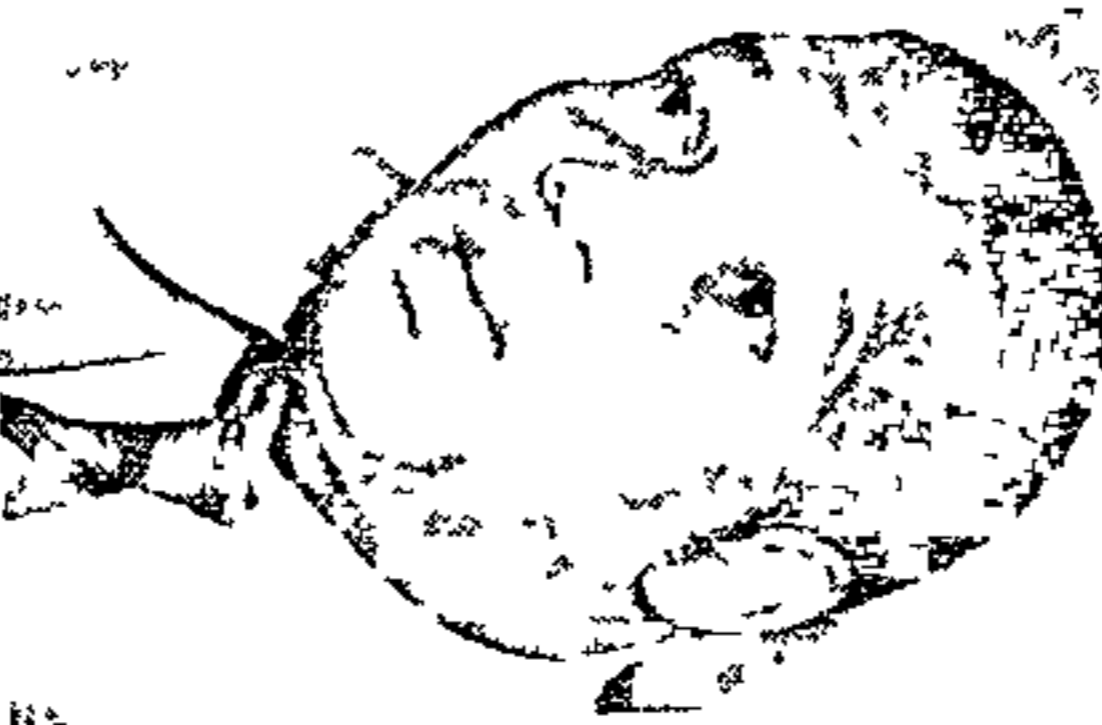
His widow, 44-year-old Mrs. Makabela has made a plea to the public for assistance, now that she has been

City Press Reporter

called upon by Mr. Rantho's lawyers to settle the court order.

Mrs. Makabela, who lives in a ten-room house opposite that of Mr. Rantho in Atteridgeville would not talk to City Press. She was instructed, she said, by her lawyers "not to speak to any newspaper".

Mr. Rantho said he had been approached by Atteridgeville council chairman, Mr. Joe Tshabalala, who pleaded on behalf of the widow who was described as "destitute". Mr. Rantho said, "even Bishop Tutu has been to see me on this matter".



● CHOIRMASTER RANTHO claiming R10 000

Mr. Rantho said the matter had dragged on for some time and he was now faced with a bill to pay his lawyers who represented him. This made it difficult for him to drop the claim.

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Mahuhushi says they will cost R12 000

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FURORE

CHAIRMAN of the Diepmeadow Council Mr Joseph Mahuhushi yesterday told The SOWETAN he was sticking by his guns — the prices of houses in the region will be R12 000 and R7 000.

Mr Mahuhushi's disclosure follows the furore which greeted his statement at a council meeting that the houses would be sold for R12 000 and R7 000

Later the chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze, slammed Mr Mahuhushi for saying that his council intended increasing the prices of its houses by a staggering R10 000 to pay off its electrification debt

Despite Government assurances that the houses would be sold to their present occupants at big discounts when the mass sale begins on July 1, Mr Knoetze said

By MONO BADELA

during the weekend the R12 000 price tag was way beyond the amount at which each house would be sold

He said "I regret that Mr Mahuhushi speculated about the price of homes likely to be sold in Diepmeadow Mr Mahuhushi jumped into things before knowing the details of the formula the Steyn Committee is presently determining for the price of the houses"

Mr Knoetze, in his statement, indicated the price would be well under R3 000 These houses would be available to people legally occupying them

Mr Mahuhushi said his council was an independent, autonomous and statutory body created in terms of the Community Council Act of 1977 He said Wrab was merely an agent of the Diepmeadow Council "I do not know where an agent can rap his principal on the knuckles I am glad

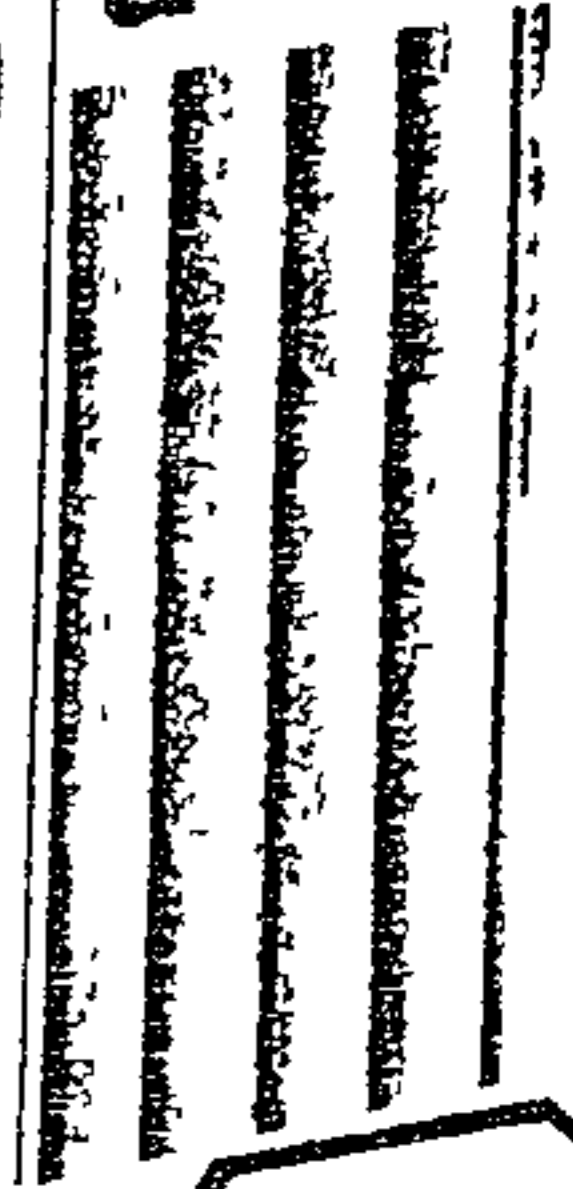
that Mr Knoetze in his statement was very factual in stating or elaborating about sales of houses," he said

Mr Mahuhushi said the question of the final price of the houses would be discussed with the relevant authorities namely the Department of Cooperation and Development and the Department of Community Development, on the basis and terms set by the Diepmeadow Council He said the Diepmeadow Council was indebted to the tune of R85 million on electrification and upgrading services for the area

"If the Diepmeadow Council's option is not accepted I am afraid tenants of the sellable homes will pay no less than R100 per month for their homes in future if the council were to redeem the loan of R80 million," he said

He said the cost of building a house in his area in 1956 was R500 Tenants occupying these homes had been paying sub-economic rents from 1955 to date

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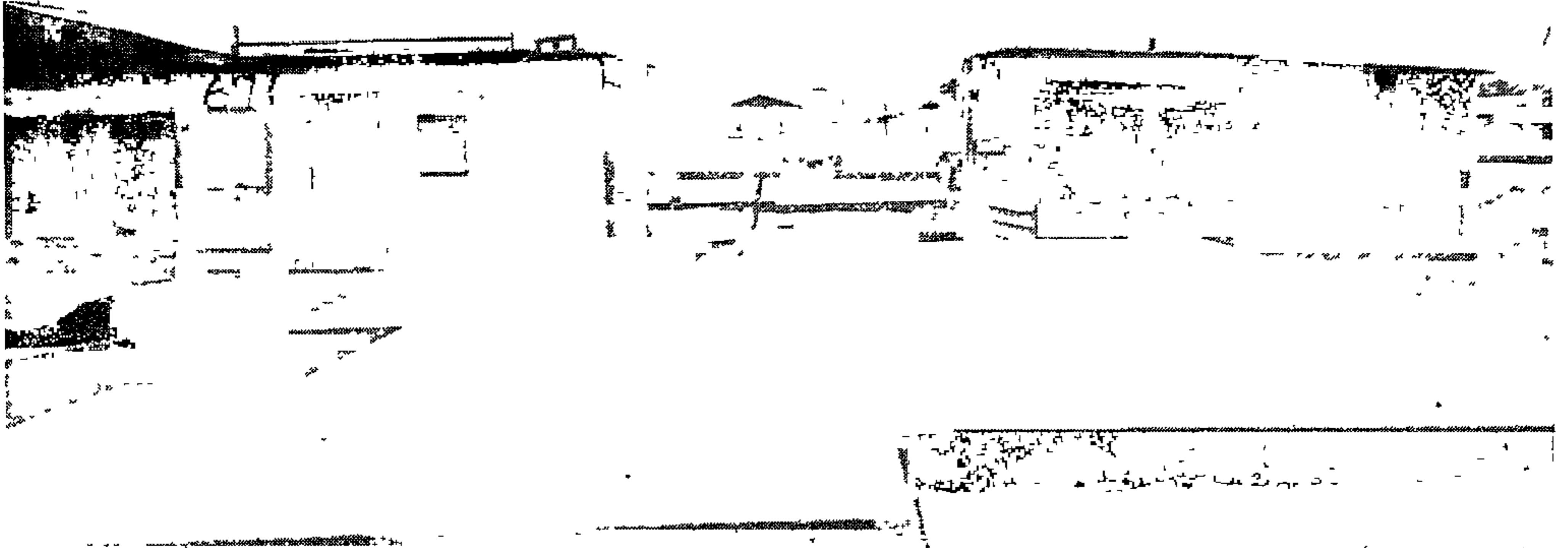
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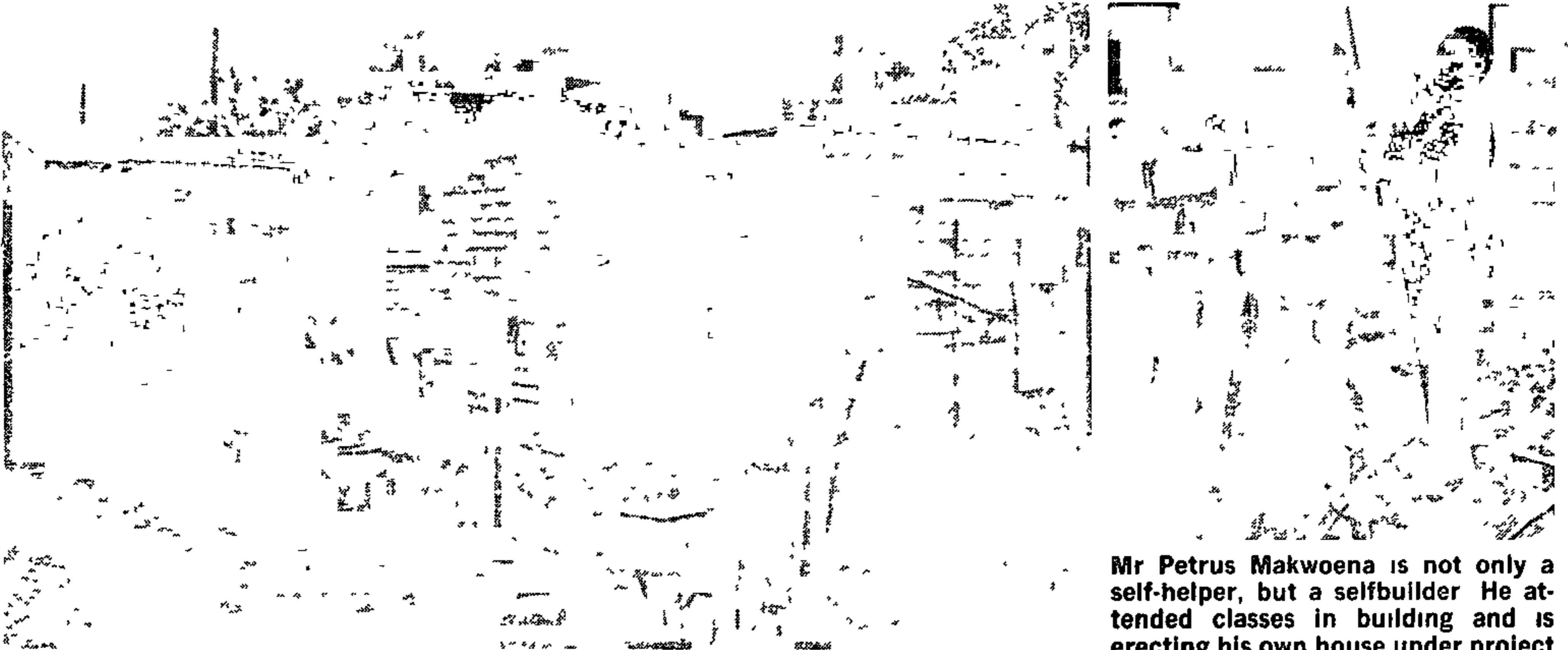
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Behind the foundation for their new house, the family live in two shacks on the site while their house is built.



Mr Petrus Makwoena is not only a self-helper, but a selfbuilder. He attended classes in building and is erecting his own house under project supervision.

The backyard shack existence from which Katlehong's self-helpers come

Turning dream houses into a self-help reality

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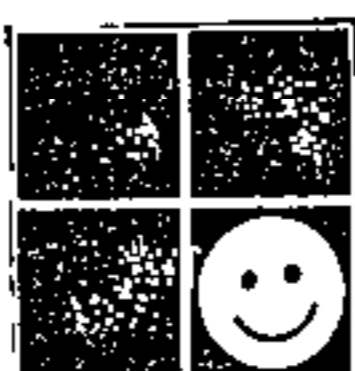


The first to be completed in the Katlehong scheme, this five-roomed house cost the Twala family R8 500. First thing they did was to plant trees.

TWENTY new houses are being started every month at the Katlehong Self-help Housing scheme near Alberton

The project, for which loan finance is provided by the United Building Society, caters for industrial employees from Germiston, Alrode and Alberton who live in backyard shacks or rented rooms in the old township of Katlehong

Through self-help, a worker earning R400 a month can acquire a five-roomed house for less than R12 000 or a more elaborate house for R16 000. The average size of



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the houses is 70m², the loans are issued in the form of building materials, and participants have one year in which to build and then remove their shacks. Some participants build themselves, others hire a contractor

There is a blockmaking factory which employs local labour, a concrete mixing plant, a materials store and technical guidance and supervision. Mr Stuart Hood

controls the project, and Mr Joe Motaung is the senior community worker who takes participants through the "housing game" in which dreams are translated into affordable reality (Even the children come along to share in the decision-making!)

With this scheme, the Urban Foundation was able to transfer what it had pioneered at Khutsong, near Carletonville, to an urban township with a better-paid, more advanced community. The East Rand Administration Board (Erab) initially provided 250 serviced stands

The scheme, which got un-

der way a year ago, is administered by the Urban Foundation, Erab, the Katlehong Community Council and a shack residents coordinating committee

Biggest problem was finance. 99-year-leasehold has been granted, but only in principle at this stage, so the building society cannot pass bonds at the start of the building process. The UBS, convinced by the soundness of this self-help project, arranged to lend the UF R750 000 through the UBS Insurance Company on an unsecured loan basis. The UF "draws down" on this loan,

reimbursing the loan each time a house is completed, the bond registered and the UF is able to recover its costs from the building society

The emphasis of such a scheme, says Mr Matthew Nell, UF Transvaal regional housing manager, is on helping participants, not on subsidising them. People who cannot afford the R20 000 to R30 000 houses built by construction firms are helped to afford an individually designed home — not with money borrowed from Government or employers, but from their own earnings, savings and labour

Fosatu takes stand over shacks

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THE Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu) has condemned the destruction of shacks and discussing the Orderly Movement Bill, confirmed the Transvaal region's decision to rally workers' opposition to these actions.

This decision follows a meeting between Fosatu shop stewards council and the Katlehong and Thokoza community councils. At the meeting shop stewards were informed councillors had no control over the destruction of shacks, as this was a central Government policy which was being implemented all over South Africa

Fosatu said the coun-

cillors felt they had no control over the issue and that events were controlled by the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) Councillors said they had been able to persuade Erab not to destroy the shacks of people with 10(1)A and B qualifications who were on the housing list, but not of other people

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The meeting decided that companies should

be made aware that the destruction of shacks was causing their workers severe problems It also stated that hostels were an unacceptable form of housing for workers They said that to make workers live there was inhuman and reduced workers to the level of machines They called for decent housing to become a priority for all workers and their families

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Workers condemned the community council in Katlehong for not even replying to the letters sent to them Workers said it showed that councillors did not represent anybody, as they refused to meet the people they claim to represent

The issue of shacks is to be discussed further at the forthcoming Fosatu central committee meeting

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Eviction faces 13 families

The Star 20 APR 1983
By Themba Khumalo

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Thirteen families living in the disused administration offices of the Diepmeadow Council in Diepkloof, Soweto, have been served with eviction notices.

The building has been sold to the Transvaal

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of the families, who have to leave by May 2, said they had moved into the building in 1977 on the instructions of a white official who worked at the offices. He had assured them

they would get houses in Diepkloof township at a later stage

Mr M J Mathala, a councillor for the area, said he was aware of the eviction orders and would see that the families were not thrown on to the streets

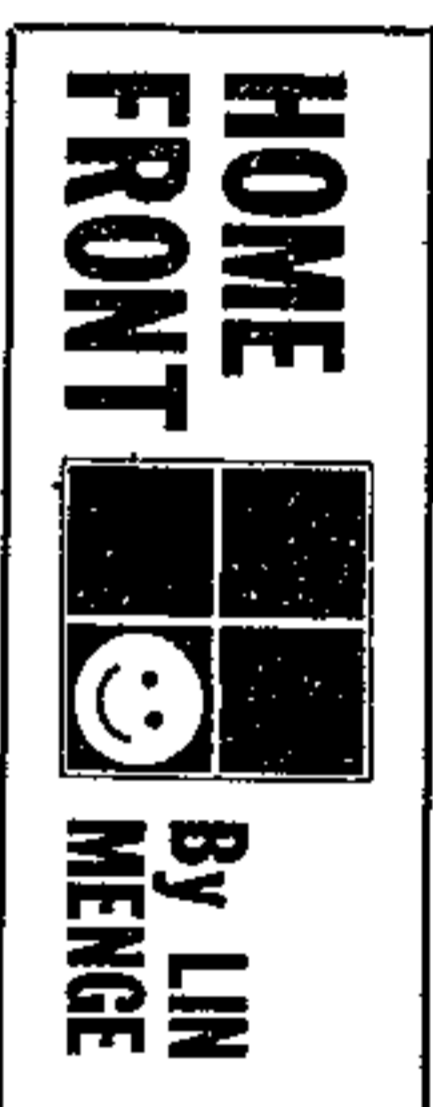
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Just a tap, but it's Edith's dream come true

THINK of Mrs Edith Shongwe — preferably at 4am because that is the time she has to get going — and think about the single outside tap, next to the backyard toilet, from which this ailing widow of 58 must stagger with heavy buckets of cold water to her tiny kitchen.

The weight doesn't do the disc trouble in her back any good. On top of that she has severe hypertension. But that doesn't stop Edith walking from her Klipspruit, Soweto, home to Nancefield station in the early dawn, catching a train to Johannesburg, then buses out to Sandringham to be at the home of her employer by 7 am. The long trek back in the afternoon starts at 3.30pm. She doesn't really cope with the

housework, but Edith cannot afford an early retirement. She must care for her little grandson, whose mother was murdered. Another of Edith's children died of burns. She has a son who cannot find employment, and another who, with his wife, stays in rooms he built in the backyard (proper rooms, not a shack) but he will soon qualify for help from his employers for a home of his own. When he goes, she will have no support.

She has worked for the same family for 23 years, but they are elderly, and struggling on a retired teacher's pension. And yet they have done whatever they could afford helping her, years ago, to buy her little house from Wrah, erecting a concrete retaining wall to protect the house from the rush of stormwaters, paying the R585 electricity connection fee so that when electricity comes to Klipspruit she can, at last, put away her candles. Edith too, has paid something towards all these improvements and at her own



expense had a security fence and gate installed which she is still paying off.

Mrs Jennifer Sugden is one of those rare employers who has often been to her maid's home, and knows how she lives. She keeps all Edith's documents on file, and even queues with Edith when she has official business to conclude.

But the one thing that would dramatically change the quality of Edith's life — indoor water with a sink in the tiny kitchen and a bathroom with toilet, is quite beyond the pocket of either Edith or her employers — it could cost more than R4 000. The minimum alternative is

merely a kitchen water connection and sink — that would be R400.

Mrs Sugden approached HOMEFRONT for advice on how to set about making Edith's life a little more bearable — by providing indoor water and sanitation. HOMEFRRONT decided that if ever a woman, and her caring employers, deserved a good turn, this was it. "LET'S PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS," we said. "We're always telling our readers to do something for black housing, so let's dip into our own pockets and give one of those wretched Soweto matchboxes a bathroom and a tired and sticky old woman unaccustomed comfort!"

Nothing fancy, mind — no ceiling, no tiles, just rough plastering inside. Her son, Edith says, will do the finish.

So off HOMEFRRONT went with Mrs Sugden and Edith to see Mr Piet Genus at Wrah's Home Improvement Centre at New Canada. The builder he had lined up

didn't keep the appointment, but another was found and he undertook to give us a quotation, to engage a plumber, and to have the plans drawn. Approval of the plans could take five weeks.

Too long, we told Mr Genus. "Look man, lady, we've got of lot of plans to do," he said. Maybe, but winter's on its way.

Of course HOMEFRRONT staffers don't have the ready cash so the cost of the improvement will be paid off in instalments in terms of Wrah's loan scheme. This week the first R100 was deposited in a transmission account opened with the Natal Building Society by a staffer and specifying it is for Edith Shongwe. We chose the NBS because that is Edith's building society.

● HOMEFRRONT will keep you informed on the progress of Edith's home improvement. If you are prepared to help someone whom you know is struggling to help themselves — let's hear from you (710-2505 and messages 2500)

MRS JENNIFER SUGDEN
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WIDOW: Mrs Festina Diale of Meadowlands.



TOO MUCH: Mr Ded Moshoeu of Meadowlands



'SUFFOCATING' Mr Daniel Ngakane of Meadowlands.

'Highway robbery!' ^{Sowetan} 20/4/83 (127) (3)

By MONO BADELA
OPPOSITION to the proposed prices for the 10 000 houses available for sale in Diepkloof and Meadowlands continue to grow with the latest protests coming from former residents of Sophiatown and Alexandra townships who describe the move of the Diepmeadow Council as "highway robbery"

Tenants interviewed at random told The SOWETAN yesterday that the move by the council was a polite way of chasing the old folk from their homes. A former tenant of Alexandra township, Mrs Festina Diale, who has occupied her house in Zone One since 1960 said all they were told when they were resettled in Diepkloof was that they should obey the law. She is a widow and claimed that even her kids would not be able to pay as much as R12 000 for a house which they had spent a lot on in terms of improvements

Her neighbour, 77-year-old Mr Petros Maboe, said the money he had paid in effecting improvements to his house since coming from Alexandra in 1960 and the rental paid to date, was far more than the required amount for the sale of the homes. "These homes are only worth R600 what they are now doing is highway robbery. It is really unfair," he said

Out at Zone One, Meadowlands, Mr Ded Mosheon, who arrived in Meadowlands from Sophiatown in 1956, said: "Already we have paid more than was necessary for these homes. They ought to give the homes to us now. The price is too much. Where will I get the R12 000?"

Sixty-eight-year old Mr Daniel Ngakane of 806 B, Zone I, who came from Sophiatown in 1955, said what the Diepmeadow Council was demanding was too

much "What can we do, we are an oppressed people. If we refuse to buy we shall be chased away from our homes. This is really suffocating," he said

The chairman of the Diepkloof Civic Association said in a statement that his association was shocked by the Diepmeadow Council's decision to sell the houses at R12 000. "When we were forced to move out of areas like Alexandra, Sophiatown and Newclare, the then settlement Board made us occupy houses which were quite uninhabitable. We had to spend our own money on improvements. Now, after a span of 24 years, we are told we can buy these houses for R12 000. It is not our fault that the council owes R60 million for the electrification project."

He suggested that the Diepmeadow Council raise money by demanding from the Provincial

Administration all money paid by motorists in black Townships car licences. This money should be used towards improvements. He also suggested that tax money collected from blacks should be channelled not to the homelands but to townships like Soweto. He called upon the council to reconsider its decision.

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, and Mr Joseph Mahuhushi, chairman of the Diepmeadow Council, were not available for comment. It was however reported that a Mr J. Kruger, housing manager of the Urban Foundation and a member of the Steyn Commission into the selling prices of town houses, that the occupiers of houses were likely to pay between R1200 and R1500 for their houses and not the R12000 suggested by Mr Mahuhushi.



UNFAIR: Mr Petros Maboe of Diepkloof.

Shack families are desperate

By ALI MPHAKI

our own will, but because of the unavailability of houses in Soweto we had no choice," said Mrs Josephine Kaposhi, one of the oldest inhabitants

But Mr Alfred Sibeko, also a resident, said he has been in the area from 1965 and he has had meetings with Mr T J Makhaya, deputy "mayor" of the Soweto Council about their plight.

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He said he went to the Soweto Council chambers in Jabulani and he met Mr Malan who promised to stop the demolitions

"What surprises me is that these people still come and tear down some of the structures despite Mr Malan's promise. We are living in fear ever since they started bringing down these structures as from last week Wednesday," he said

She continued "With the winter period almost having caught up with us, where do these people think we should go? It is long that we have been on the waiting list and the only sensible thing Wrab can do is accommodate us somewhere if they continue demolishing our homes"

SHACKS

Soweto Council's director of Housing Mr J J Oosthuizen said his council was not the one responsible for the demolition of these shacks but the Wrab

He said Wrab was bringing down structures of people who have recently erected them as a way of controlling the erection of illegal structures

THE PLIGHT of the Soweto shack dwellers is fast becoming as tragic as that in Cape Town where shacks are put up in the night and bulldozed in the morning.

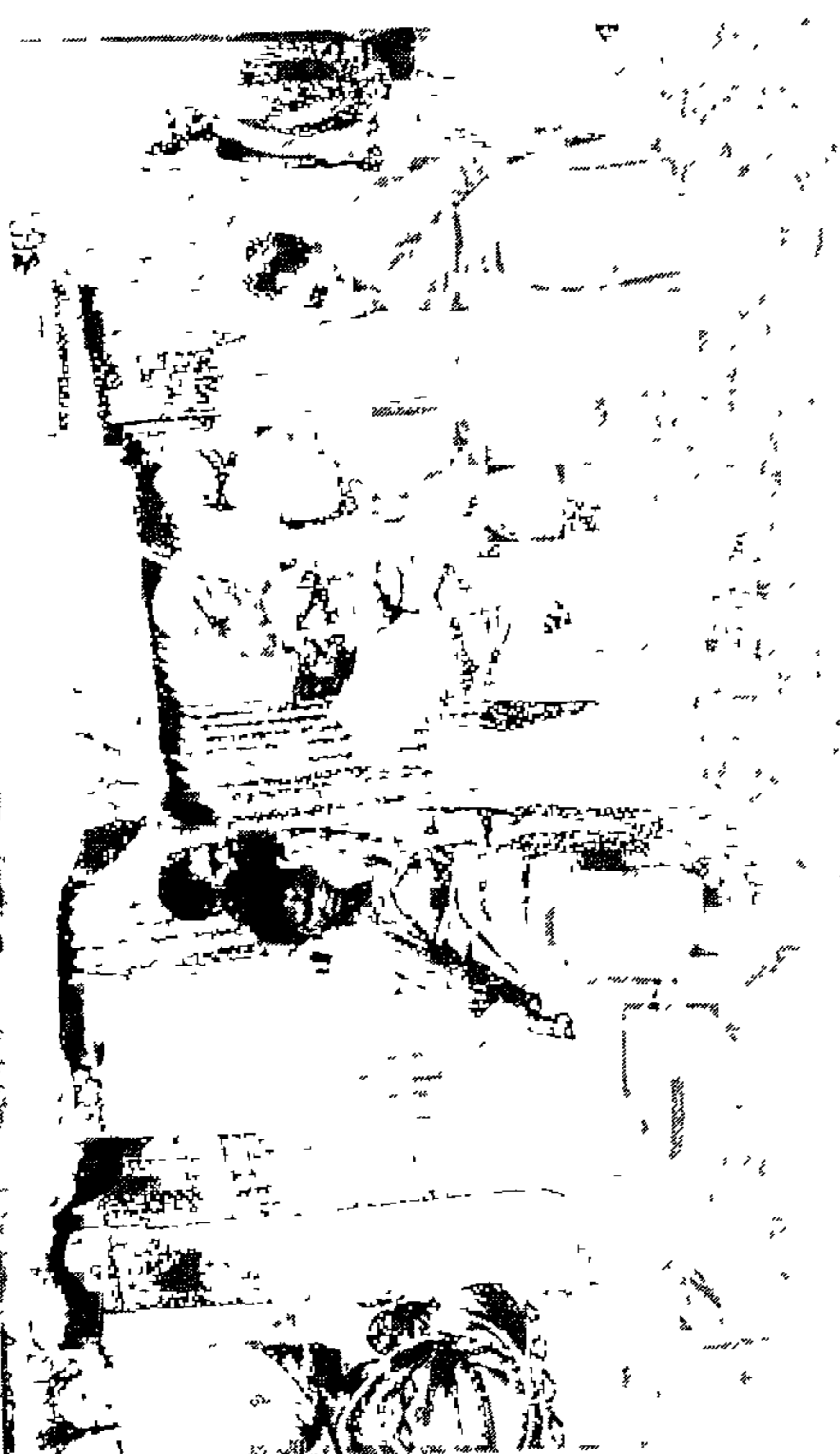
Some shack dwellers who had their homes destroyed in Orlando East by West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) workmen have put up new shacks near Rockville at a place commonly referred to as "Mochaeneng", a stone's throw from Regina Mundi Church

But soon after these had been put up, the bulldozers arrived and these people are once more on the run — homeless, dejected and helpless

ANGER

There are about 800 people living in the area, some from the '60s, and the demolition of some of the structures has created an atmosphere of anger, tension and uncertainty among them

"We did not come to live in this place out of



WAITING. Some of the residents at "Mochaeneng" waiting for their structures to be demolished

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Wrab rips down shack dwellings in Soweto



By Michael Tissong

Mr Johannes Tumane was almost speechless when West Rand Administration Board officials razed his shack home in Orlando East, Soweto.

Workers yesterday used crowbars to rip down the zinc walls.

They were watched by an armed supervisor who helped when there were difficulties.

Seated in the background were two green-uniformed guards with shotguns and revolvers. A few neighbours stood among the furniture Mr Tumane had removed from the shack.

SICK FRIEND

He said he had built it last June in his mother's backyard.

"My wife and I had intended it to be our home. When she comes back from work she will find it gone."

He pointed to another shack in the yard, awaiting its fate. All the furniture had been removed.

It belongs to his friend who is sick in Baragwanath Hospital.

"Mokoena does not know what is going to happen to his home. I wonder how he will take it when someone tells him it is no more."

TO CONTINUE

The Soweto Council and the West Rand Administration Board could not be reached for comment.

The Wrab chairman, Mr John Knoetze, has said demolitions in Orlando East will continue because the authorities will not allow people to take the law into their own hands and put up illegal structures.

He said that as a Christian he was very pained to see people thrown into the streets and without accommodation.

Katlehong rent will stay down

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

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KATLEHONG Community Council has decided not to increase rent at all in the township, even if it means the electrification master plan will come to a halt.

Recently, the council met with officials of the East Rand Administration Board and the electrification masterplan contractors to discuss means of raising funds to complete the project as planned within the next two years.

Residents feared that rents would be increased by at least R10 after council chairman Mr A P Khumalo had announced that the council was experiencing problems in raising funds to complete the project as scheduled.

Yesterday, Mr Khumalo assured residents there was no possibility of rent being increased to continue with the pro-

ject "Erab has granted us about R3-million to use for the project during this current financial year," he said "If this money is exhausted before the end of the year we will have no alternative but to halt the project until we can raise more funds. The council is not prepared to increase rents."

The project is estimated to cost about R17-million when completed and Mr Khumalo said so far the council had spent R5,2-million on the project. When the project started residents paid R2 for the first phase and the amount was increased to R3,50 in the second and R5 for the third phase.

When the project reaches the fourth phase in October, the amount will be increased to R7,50 and finally reach R10,50 in the final phase.

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DESTITUTE: Sickly Mr Seabe yesterday.

Pensioner kicked out of his home

By LEN MASEKO

AN AILING 70-year-old Alexandra pensioner with no-one to care for him was yesterday kicked out of the room he has occupied for four years.

The old man, Mr Ishmael Seabe, of 12th Avenue, is destitute and has no relative to offer him alternative accommodation after his unexplained eviction. He was born and bred in the township and his only remaining relative, his 30-year-old daughter, disappeared a year ago.

Mr Seabe was locked out of his home yesterday morning by three

West Rand Administration Board policemen who, he said, did not give reasons for doing so. And no-one, including top Wrab officials, seemed to know why the frail old man had been evicted.

The township's superintendent, Mr J Badenhorst, told **The SOWETAN**: "I am not aware of such an incident. I will have to investigate the matter immediately and find out why he was evicted. If Mr Seabe qualifies to be in this area, I will ensure that he is allowed back into his home as soon as possible."

The **SOWETAN** found Mr Seabe sitting next to his belongings yesterday afternoon. His eyes stared blankly at the sky and tears filled them, when asked why he had been evicted he murmured "Where can I go? I don't have any relative left. My wife died 10 years ago. My only child, a daughter, disappeared last year and has never contacted me since. I had told myself that, if I have to die, this will be the place. Now the authorities have decided to kick me out."

Mr Seabe has no other source of income except the bi-monthly pension of over R40. He finds it difficult to walk unaided and, every month-end, he attends treatment at a local clinic.

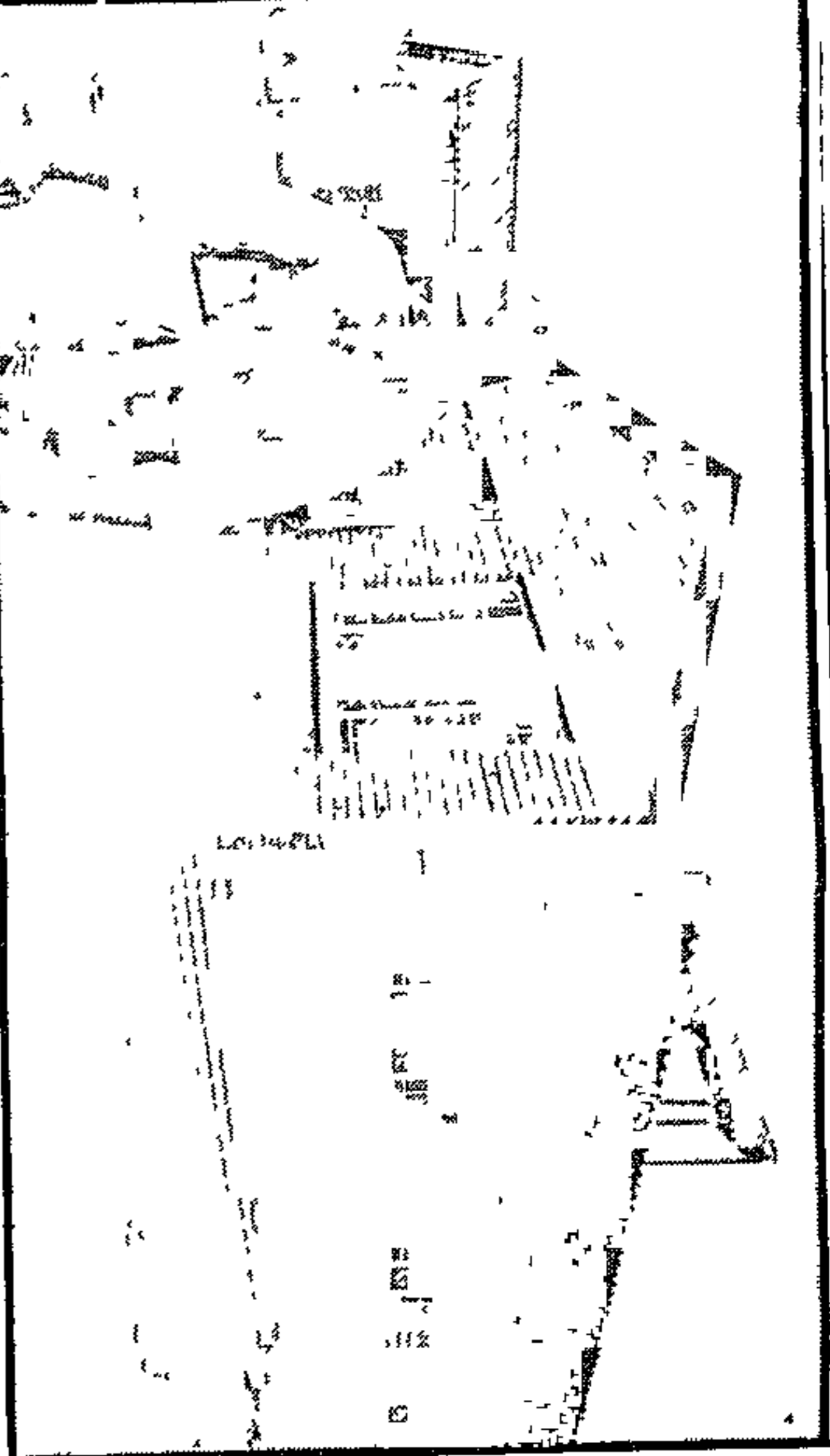
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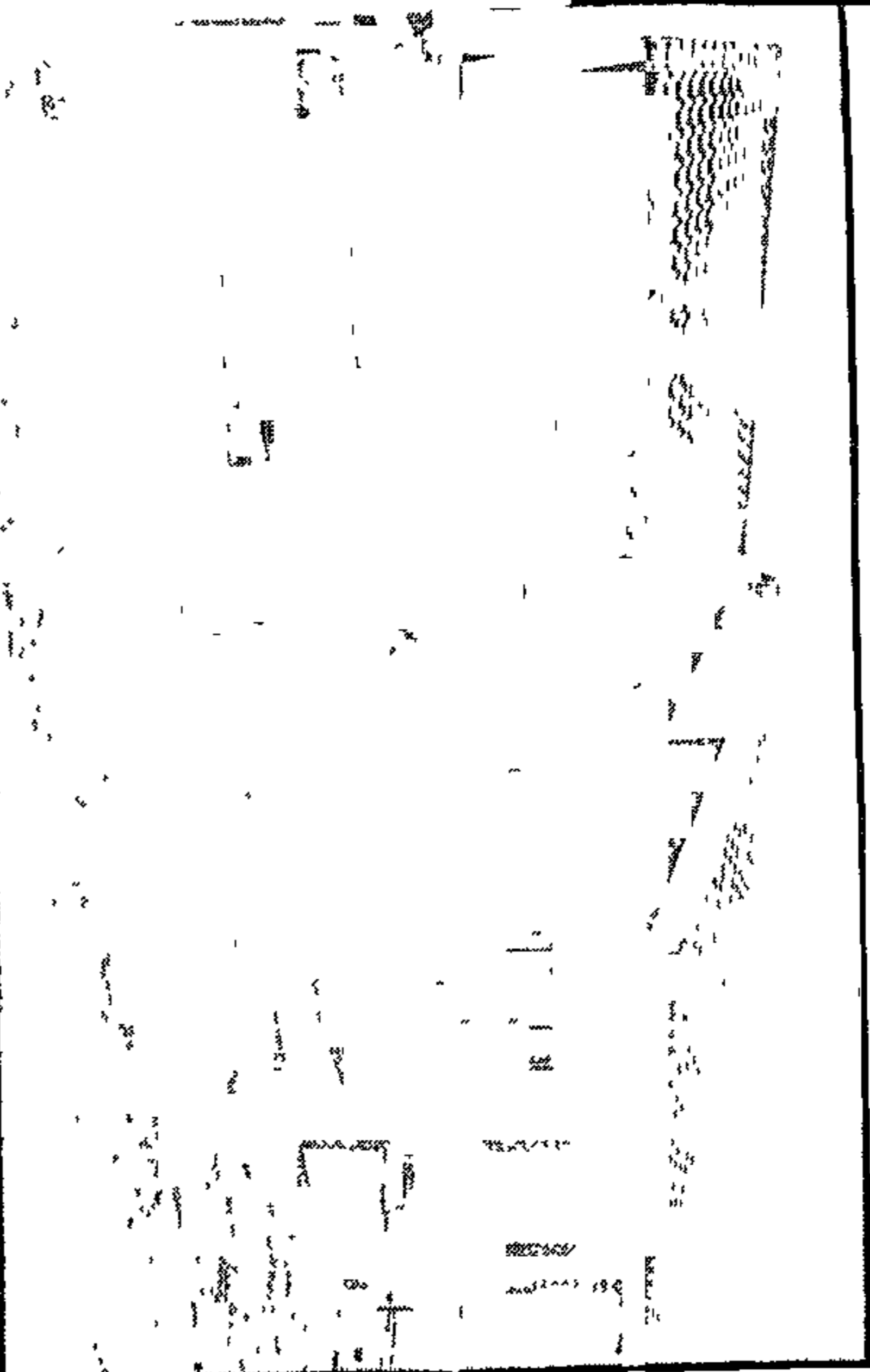
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Alain Roulier with the rectangular house he regards as the best value. Pictures, ROBERT TSHABALALA



The split-level roof and steep make this house pretty but pricey

Spec-built houses are snapped up in Tembisa

FIFTY houses built, 50 houses sold, and 30 firm buyers for the next 50 to be erected

That's the story at Matsi, in Tembisa, on the East Rand, where the African Development and Construction Co (ADCC) is to erect 300 "spec" houses in a R5-million scheme

While ADCC does the actual construction, ADCC Homes, has arranged land, finance and sales. Both companies are members of the Murray and Roberts group

Would-be buyers name their choice of building society and ADCC Homes then arranges the registration of 99-year leasehold and mortgage finance. The combined income of husbands and wives buying a house must be not less than R650 a month

Mr Alain Roulier, manager of ADCC Homes, gave HOMERONT a special preview last week

The developers have two years in which to complete the houses, Mr Roulier said. Water and roads were provided by the East Rand Administration Board but the developers had to provide sewerage

Electricity is not expected for some five years so although piping and plug points have been installed, each house also has solar heating to provide hot water for a 100l tank

Appearance of the houses is varied by clever use of colour - even the asbestos roofs will be painted when "cured" by a couple of months in the sun - and by window boxes and ornamental poles

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By LIN MENGE

Fascia boards give a smart finish to asbestos as well as tiled roofs. Doors are of wood, with a burnt-in design for the front doors

The larger houses have carpets and floor tiles and all have fences and gates. The price range - R15 000 to R23 500 (rising to R26 000 in the next batch) - includes the cost of the stands

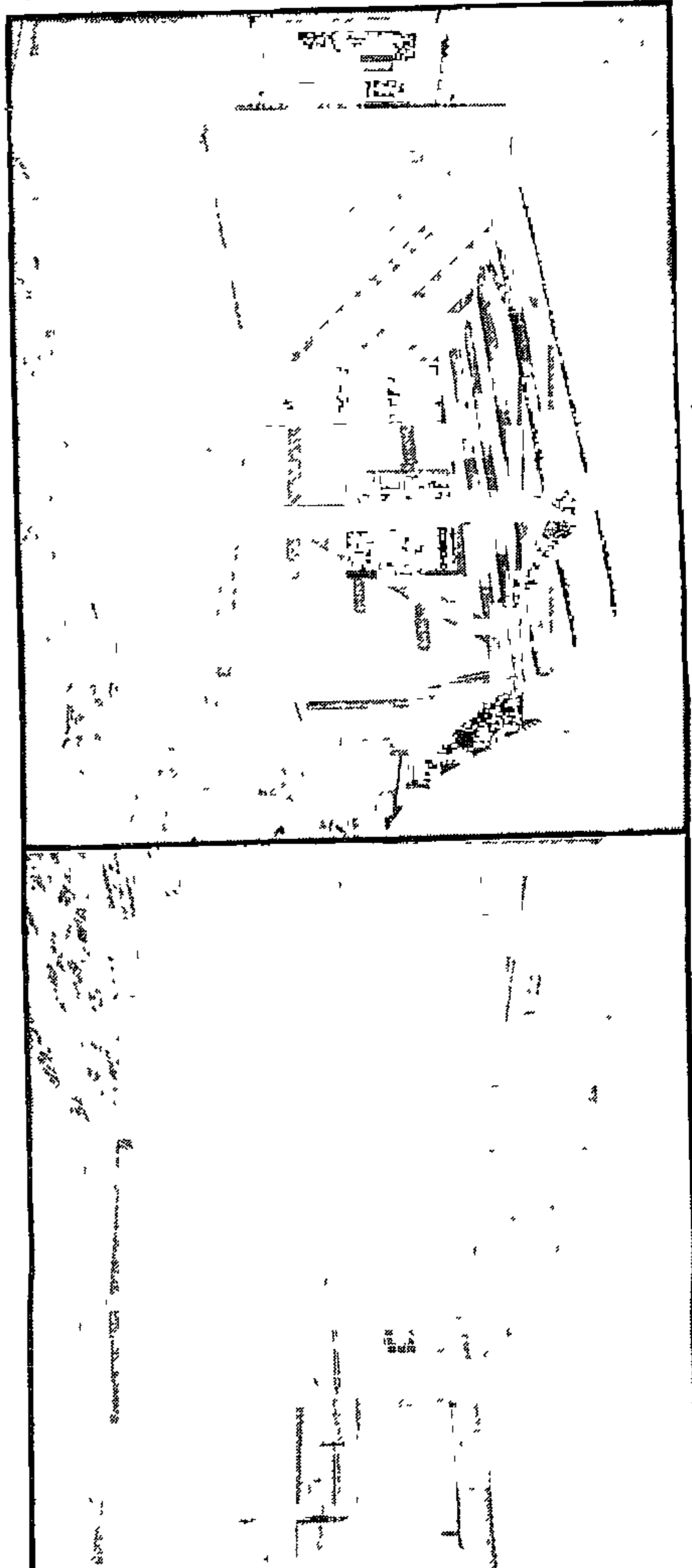
Mr Roulier said facebrick exteriors cost less to maintain, but add R2 500 to R3 000 to the price of a small house

He said some designs were better value than others. The 65m², three-bedroomed house, without garage, for R21 000 (all prices approximate) was not the best value because the rooms were so small

On the other hand, the two-bedroomed facebrick house for more than R17 600 is too expensive for most people, though the spacious rooms, split-level roof and verandah with pillars make it most attractive to look at

Another two-bedroomed facebrick design, with the roof extended to form a verandah, and attractive cottage-style window panes, costs about R17 000

"The best design in facebrick in my view is the simple, rectangular, 3-bedroomed house for R22 500," he said. In this house, lounge



Same house - three plans. The extra foundation can be left open, half of it being used as a stoop with a pergola, or entirely enclosed to form one big room with two large windows, or half-enclosed, giving an extra room and a stoop

and diningroom are combined and the bedrooms, bathroom and separate toilet all open on to a tiny central lobby

Two-roomed houses, 55m² in area and costing R15 000, are based on the traditional township matchbox, with each room made larger, internal water and sanitation, and varied finishes and entrances

They are built of concrete blocks, plastered and painted, and have plain concrete floors

There is also Mr Roulier's "baby" - a novel version of the rectangular two-bedroomed house with an extra foundation. This can be left as a verandah with a pergola, or half of it can be enclosed to provide an extra bedroom, or the entire section can be enclosed to form one large family room

Prices for this design vary from R16-R17 300

This is a clever housing scheme, varying the houses in such a way that the price differences are not obvious

At the same time it offers would-be home-buyers useful lessons about building costs (Inquires tel Mr Johannes Sihole at 53-9450)

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Tshabalala hits out at Koornhof

THE Atteridgeville-Saulsville Community Council yesterday accused the Department of Co-operation and Development and its Minister Dr Piet Koornhof, of being "a stumbling block"

in the council's efforts to alleviate the acute housing shortage in the township.

In a scathing attack on the department, the council, in a statement released yesterday, ac-

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cused the minister of unnecessary "red tape" and said he was retarding the township's progress

The attack on the minister stems from complaints by residents that the council was doing little in alleviating the housing crisis and that there was an unnecessary delay in the allocation of about 100 residential sites. Although the council had asked residents to apply for the sites they have not been allotted pending the Minister's approval on selling prices

Mr Joseph Tshabalala, the council's chair-

man, said although the minister was "making a lot of noise" about boosting black housing in the township, and encouraging the private sector to help in the housing schemes, "he is actually the person who is retarding progress"

Mr Tshabalala added: "The Minister is always available to meet the unpopular administration board's officials on issues such as increasing rents in the township. But whenever we want to discuss these burning issues with him, we are told to go through certain channels or that he is unavailable"

People stranded after living on farm for 10 years

Church evicts families

FOUR families have nowhere to go after being evicted by officials of the Soweto Council at the orders of the Dutch Reformed Church from the church's property near Emden Extension this week.

The SOWETAN yesterday found women, children and a sick old man huddled with their property outside their locked rooms in the chilly afternoon. Most of their clothes were locked in the room and they did not have anything warm to wear.

The four families have lived on the property for 29 years guarding the place. They claim to have made a number of renovations to the buildings in that time.

"When we came here this place was falling apart," said Mrs Betty Gumbi, who lives with her two children and her husband.

She arrived six years ago after the place had become a target for arsonists and church authorities decided to get more people to stay on the farm.

Mrs Sylvia Djanji and her family had been staying at the farm for about 10 years.

"We did some renovations as the place was not fit for human occupation. But the authori-

By **ELLIOT TSHINGWALA**

ties could not register us as the place belonged to the church," she said. They were not charged rent and the authorities refused to accept their money when they insisted helping with rent.

A month ago the families were told to find themselves other accommodation as the place would now house strictly church members.

"But it is difficult to get a place to live in Soweto," she said. "We explained to the superintendent and he promised to help but today we were surprised when they evicted us. We do not mind paying rent if

that is what they want us to do," she said.

Mrs Gumbi said she qualifies for a house in Soweto and has been on the waiting list for some time. The housing backlog in Soweto amounts to about 35 000.

The local priest, Dominee J Mnsi, refused to comment on the case. He said the matter would be discussed at a committee meeting in the near future. Meanwhile the church did not have alternative plans for the evicted people, he said.

The area's township manager Mr Piet du Plessis confirmed the evictions yesterday. The plot belonged to the church and they were free to do whatever they please, he said. The evictions were carried out by his staff members at the orders of the church.



STRANDED. Mrs Betty Gumbi with Mrs Sylvia Djanji next to their property after being evicted by the church this week.

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Black stands survey is 'off the ground'

By LIN MENGE

AT LAST — the mass, countrywide survey of residential stands for blacks is under way

In the Middelburg-Witbank-Standerton region of the Highveld, 7 000 stands have been parcelled out for surveying between nine surveyors

Mr H C Brown, a member of the council of the SA Institute of Land Surveyors and regional representative of surveyors on the Highveld,



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told HOMEFRONT yesterday that he hoped all these stands would be ready for 99-year-leasehold registration by the end of the year

The surveyors were being urged to do the stands in small blocks and submit certification to the office of the

Surveyor-General as they completed them

He stressed that exactly the same standards were being applied as were used in the surveying of white-owned properties for freehold title. It was essential that there should be no boundary disputes, and that the black home-owner enjoyed the same sense of security as the white home-owner, he said

Although aerial surveying was one of the available techniques, on-the-ground meth-

ods were being used because they were more economical

The countrywide survey programme was first announced last August and the Government has made R28-million available for the survey of 360 000 stands

Because it is able to do all the stands, and the cost of the survey is being spread across entire black communities, the surveying profession has been able to bring its prices right down — a vital factor in making home-ownership af-

fordable for township residents



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Cops help Wrab destroy shacks

ABOUT 35 shacks were torn down by the West Rand Administration Board workmen accompanied by police armed with rifles at "Mochaeneng" next to Rockville yesterday.

The blitz on shacks in the area, started two weeks ago despite numerous pleas from residents and Soweto deputy mayor Mr. Tolea Makhaya, to Wrab not to demolish the structures until there was alternative accommodation for residents.

About 800 people who occupied these structures are now homeless and by late last night they were still in

the cold, some had to seek refuge from neighbouring homes in Rockville but most slept in the open.

Some of these shacks have been standing for more than twenty years.

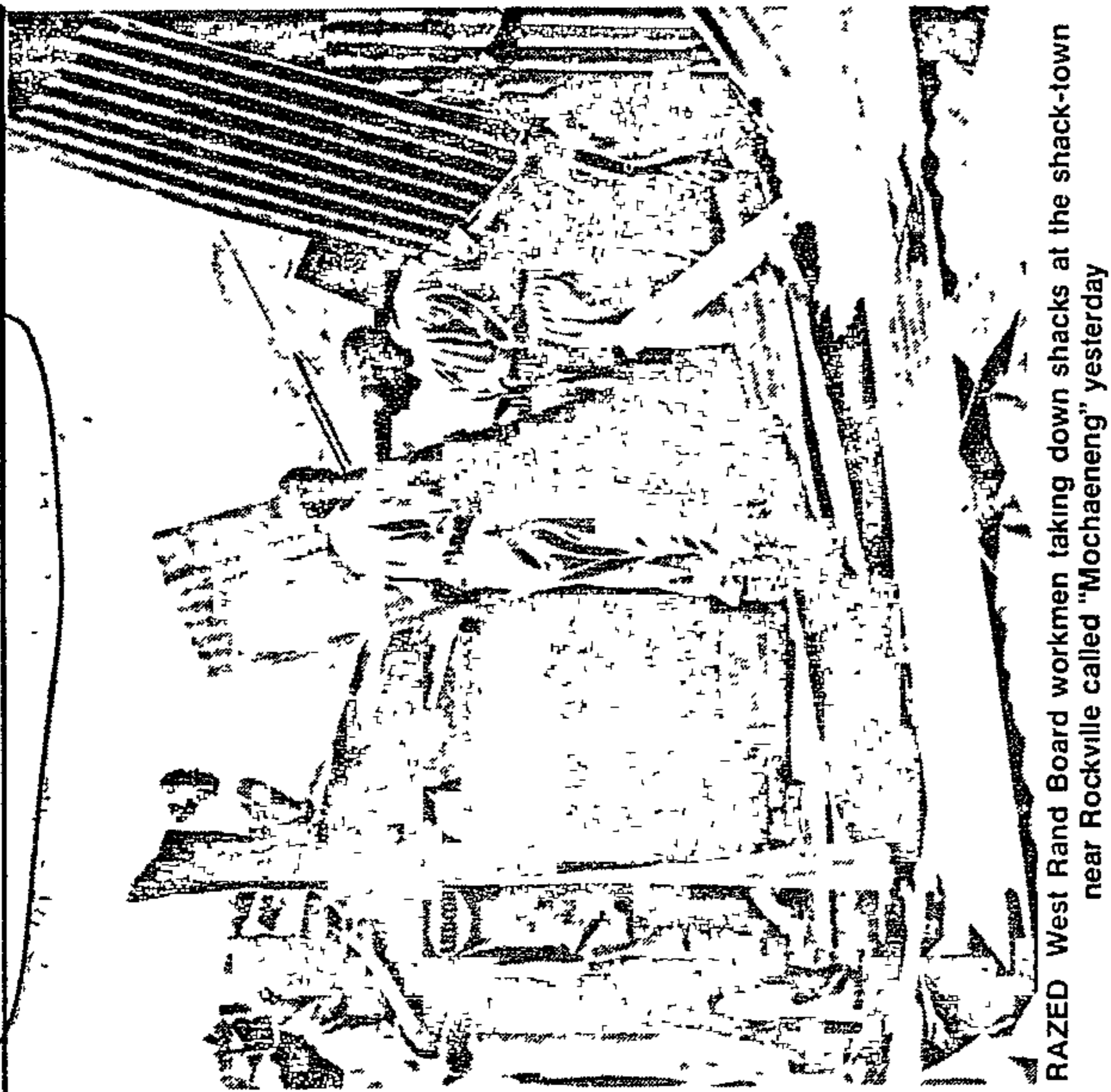
When Wrab workmen left the area, with their trucks loaded with corrugated iron which was used in the building of these structures they left a trail of helpless, homeless and troubled people with their furniture, household appliances all exposed in the open veld.

Said Mrs Lorraine Tshabalala, Even the

because we did not choose to stay in this place."

Mr J J Oosthuisen, director of housing for the Soweto Council, said although the council was no longer responsible for the demolition of shacks, the mushrooming of shacks in the area was a matter of grave concern.

If you leave them to mushroom further, you will be creating a situation which you will not be able to solve in the future," he said.

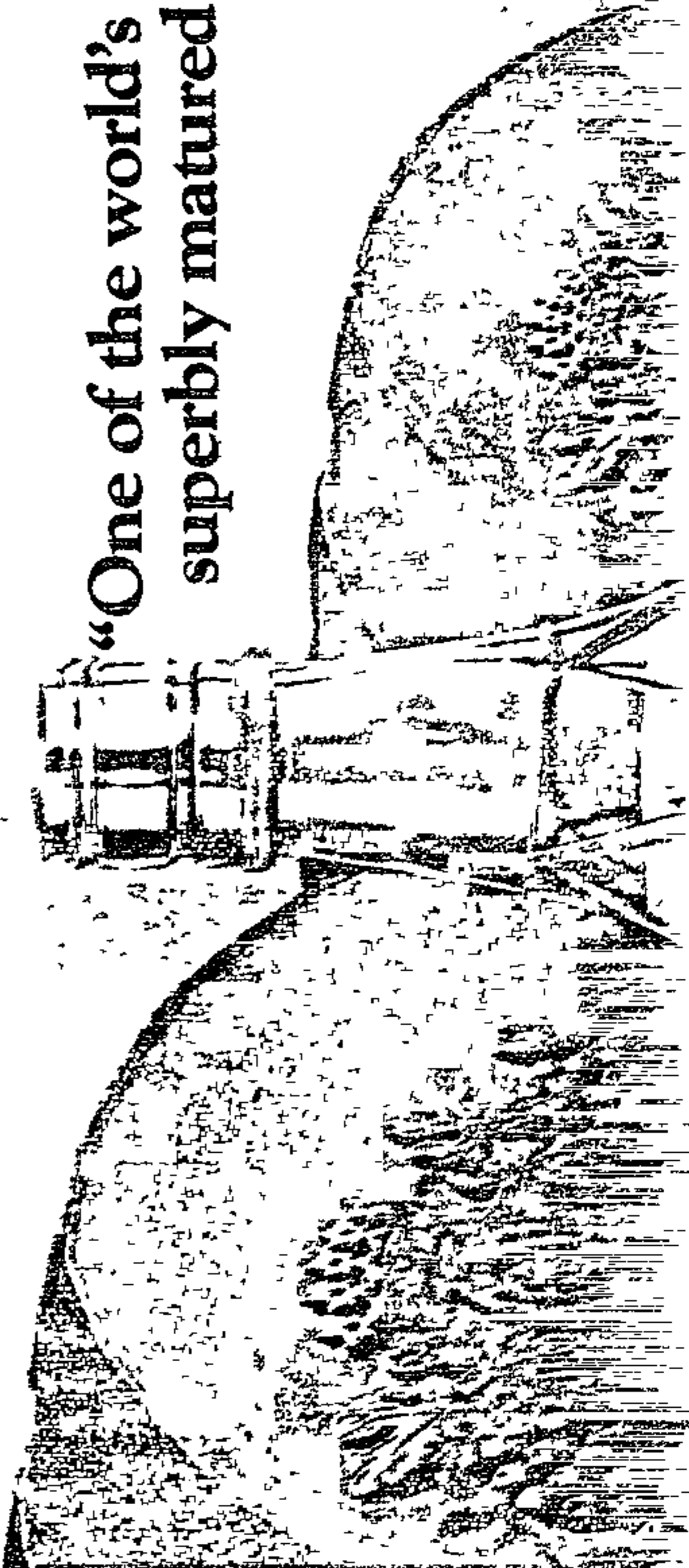


RAZED West Rand Board workmen taking down shacks at the shack-town near Rockville called "Mochaeneng" yesterday

Pitje's remark angers council

MEMBERS flared at yesterday's Mamelodi Council's monthly meeting after Councillor H M Pitje threatened to smash another councillor with a tea jug, and expressing his wish never to be "mayor because I don't want to be chairman of fools".

Reacting to remarks by Mr H F Nkoana that he did not know what he was speaking about, Mr Pitje said he would rather be chairman in a grave than for the local council.



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HOUSING FM 22/4/83
Right to demolish

The way is clear for largescale backyard shack demolitions in Soweto. In the Supreme Court last week, the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) successfully applied to be joined with the Soweto Council in a case brought by Joseph Mongwe and two other shack dwellers.

The Mongwe application was backed by the Orlando East Civic Association. Their urgent application in February this year to

block the demolition of three backyard shacks was successful, with the court ruling that the Soweto Council was not a local authority as specified by the Squatters Act, and so not empowered to demolish.

Once Wrab was joined with the Soweto Council, Judge Coetzee found that Wrab had an absolute right to demolish in terms of the Squatters Act, that it may obtain the services of any agents to carry this out, that such an agent could decide on planning and execution of demolitions, and that Wrab as the legal owner of land in the area can subsequently ratify the actions of its agent — in this case David Thebehali's Soweto Council.

Another application, by Mathope and two others, backed by the Sofasonke Party, succeeded in getting a final order on the Soweto Council not to demolish. This has been taken on appeal by the council. One of the grounds of the appeal is that the judge erred in not ordering that Wrab be joined with the council in the case — indicating that Wrab intends being joined with the council in this case as well.

The East Rand Administration Board (Erab) is also carrying out demolitions in the townships under its jurisdiction. But there the township councils have, unlike the Soweto Council, avoided associating themselves with the board's actions — still less fighting in court for their right to do so. On the face of it this seems prudent action by



**Soweto's Thebehali ...
demolitions prove his authority**

elective bodies.

Why has Thebehali's council, which faces elections within a year to 18 months, pursued this much-publicised course? Its opposition on the shack issue — from Inkatha to Ambition Brown's Sofasonke Party to

the many civic associations — have gained the credibility lost by the council. And it has attracted much of the "anti-landlord" acrimony previously directed towards Wrab.

The boards' rationale for demolition in a period of acute housing shortage is that, firstly, backyard shacks are conducive to slum conditions. Householders have complained that shack builders impose themselves with threats of force, and that shack dwellers have complained of being charged exorbitant rents. Finally, building loans are being offered for the erection of permanent structures.

But an official, asked by the FM whether the course of large scale demolition, however legal, was prudent, replied that Thebehali and his council had for years been slammed by their opponents in Soweto as powerless tools of the board. So, "determination to prove their authority" was a possible factor in the council's stubborn demonstration of its role in evictions.

If there is substance to this theory, it's an alarming development that political vendettas can be fought out on the level of housing policy. Soweto's most explosive issue. Of course, having proved authority so effectively, Thebehali's council may not hold it forever — unless government extends their term of office yet again — without elections.

Family thrown out onto the street



● The Dube children, Thoko and Daphne, guarding their belongings in the garden where they used to sleep before they moved in to stay with a neighbour.

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SOWETO Two babies, their mothers and another five members of the family slept in a garden for two nights after they were thrown out of their home.

The Dube family of White City Jabavu were taken in by a neighbour who found them sleeping in her garden.

The evicted family told CP they were thrown out of the house on March 30, two days after the "makoti" of the elder son Reginald was arrested by the Soweto Council police and fined R30 at the Moroka police station for being in the house without a permit.

"We have been evicted because the superintendent said we were occupying the house illegally. We have been

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By DERRICK LUTHAYI

here for almost 20 years," said Ms Daphne Dube.

The assistant to the superintendent, Mr Ben Moko, said the house has been given to another person because the previous tenant had died and he does not know what happened to her children.

Trouble for the Du-

be family started in April 1980, when their mother, Mrs Josephine Dube died. Since then they have been running in circles to obtain her death certificate.

Ms Dube added that they were evicted despite being up to date with their rent. "The superintendent came with his men, threw our belongings out and took the furniture," she said.

BOOTED OUT, THEN...

BUTI GETS HIS ROOM BACK

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Wrab Black Jacks
this week threw 70-
year-old pensioner
Buti Seyabi out of
his rent-free room —
for rent arrears.

Sitting in the street
with his meagre belong-

By STAN MHLONGO

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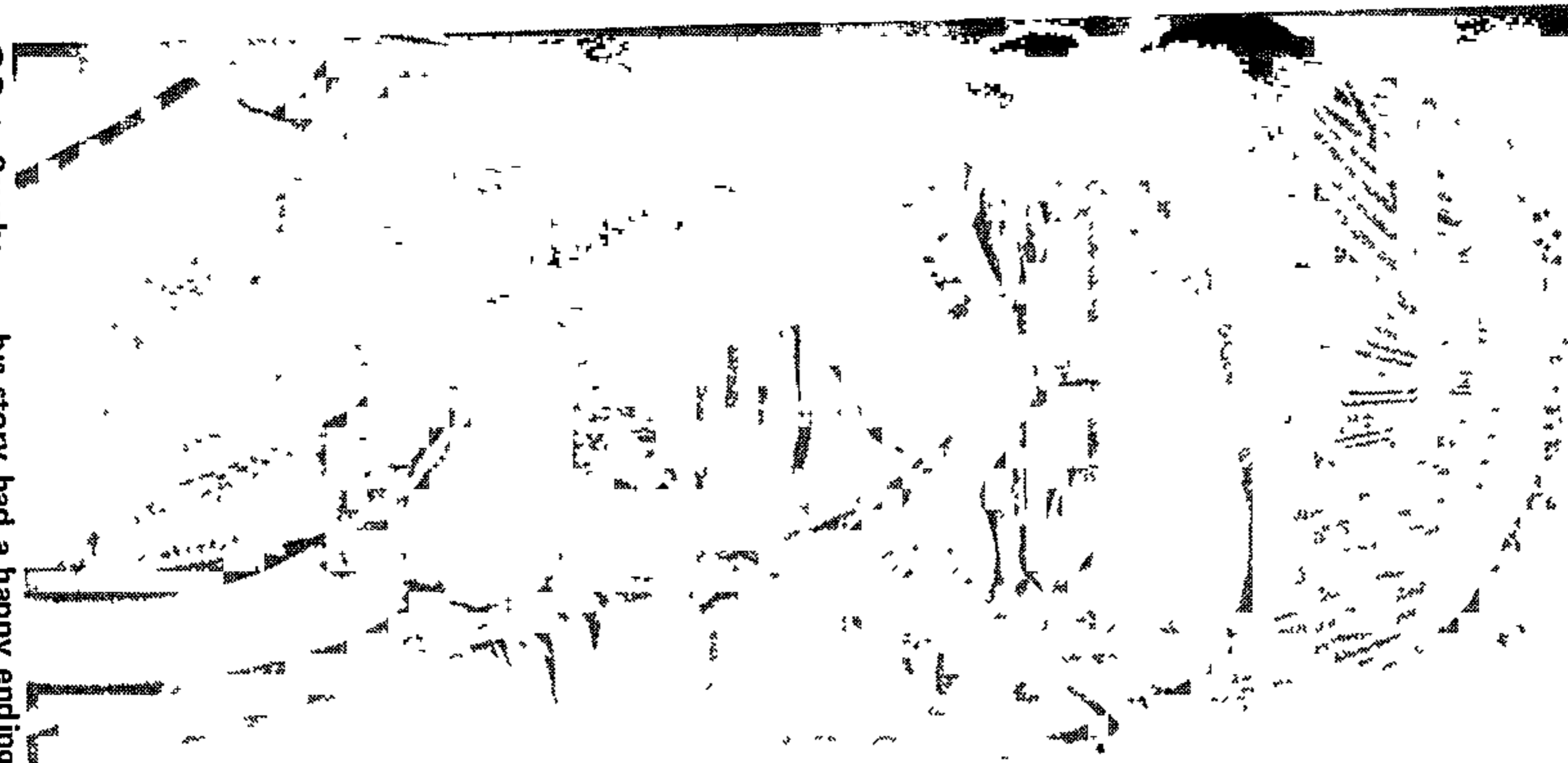
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know where to turn
The police often raid
rent defaulters around
here, but they've never
raided me because they
know I'm here rent-
free," he said.

But the story has a
happy ending.

Approached by City
Press for comment,
Alex township manager
Gert Steyn said "The
police made a mistake.
I will make sure he
gets his room back



● Buti Seyabi . . . his story had a happy ending.
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Help Jullia help herself

PERHAPS Jullia works for you, or you have seen her walking to work.

She works for four employers, walking from the Parkhurst home of one employer to other weekly jobs in Craighall Park, Parkmore and Morningside

There are no connecting buses Her Parkmore employer drives her back Described as a "very good worker," Jullia earns some R200 a month in all. Her entire earnings go in supporting her four children, who are scattered in places such as Hammanskraal and Bethulie (her husband deserted her)

Two of her employers — we'll call them "Mrs Parkhurst" and "Mrs Parkmore" — care about Jullia

"Mrs Parkmore" is so determined to help Jullia acquire a home for herself and her children that she has set in train a process she cannot bear to see stopped

Thanks to this housewife's efforts, Jullia, a Zulu, has been provisionally allocated a stand in Madadeni Township, near Newcastle If the allocation is approved, she will have to produce proof that she possesses at least R1 000, or a letter from her employers saying they will assist her in building a house

If she can't do that she loses the stand because the authorities do not want stands lying idle while so many blacks are desperate for housing

If she can produce the necessary guarantee, she must produce plans of the proposed house

Once these are approved she

I would very much like to have a house of my own so that my children will have some where to stay and also I think for them to feel more wanted and cared for and not to feel worried for the rest of their lives.

Jullia, who does not have a home, understands what a "home" means Below is what she wrote in full for HOMEFRONT

THIS is Jullia Nyembe

I have four children I have got no husband, and no Mother or Father I have got no house for my children to stay in so I have to give the other people my children to look after for me and I have to pay these people and I send food to Them

I am working every day But not Sunday when I GO to Church and I use this money to send my children to School and to buy them the School Clothes

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will be sold her stand for R79,20 Later, she will also have to pay a water and sewerage connection of about R50 and a monthly service charge of R6,40

She must start building within two months of being given the go-ahead, and the house must be completed within two years

The KwaZulu Development Corporation (KDC) offers building loans, helps people find builders and super-

and not to feel worried for the Rest of their Lives

They will know they have a home and also that I really love them cause I don't see them often to show them this

I am a Zulu Born in Newcastle Natal I am 34 years The people I went to for help told me I need a lot of Money Before I can buy a House and I dont have a lot of Money because all the Money My Madams pay me I spend on school, food, clothes an to pay the people who look after my children

Jullia Bhehira Nyembe



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HOMEFRONT helps those who help themselves!

vises the erection of their houses but whether Jullia could be helped by the KDC would depend on how much money she could

deposit, as well as their own waiting lists and the availability of loan finance (SA building societies may not operate in the "homelands")

Jullia is lucky to have the chance — if only she could afford to take it — of obtaining a house through a properly controlled, disciplined process

"I'm determined to make it happen" vows "Mrs Park-



more" She cannot put up ready finance for her once-a-week employee, but she is going to use her own skills to fundraise for Jullia

She will also try to find a church member who will draw Jullia's house plans a useful saving

HOMEFRONT suggested a way in which Jullia could earn something extra to put towards her dream house

She grabbed the chance and earned herself a good first deposit for the home savings account we will help her open But this was a one-off which cannot be repeated

Now we need *your* ideas on how Jullia can raise those extra rands

● Leave a message on 710 2501 . . . we will call you back. Or write to Lin Menge, HOMEFRONT, Rand Daily Mail

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Minister objects to Nazi jibe

Political Correspondent

THE ASSEMBLY — The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, yesterday strongly objected to being called a *gauleiter* — the leader of a district under Nazi control

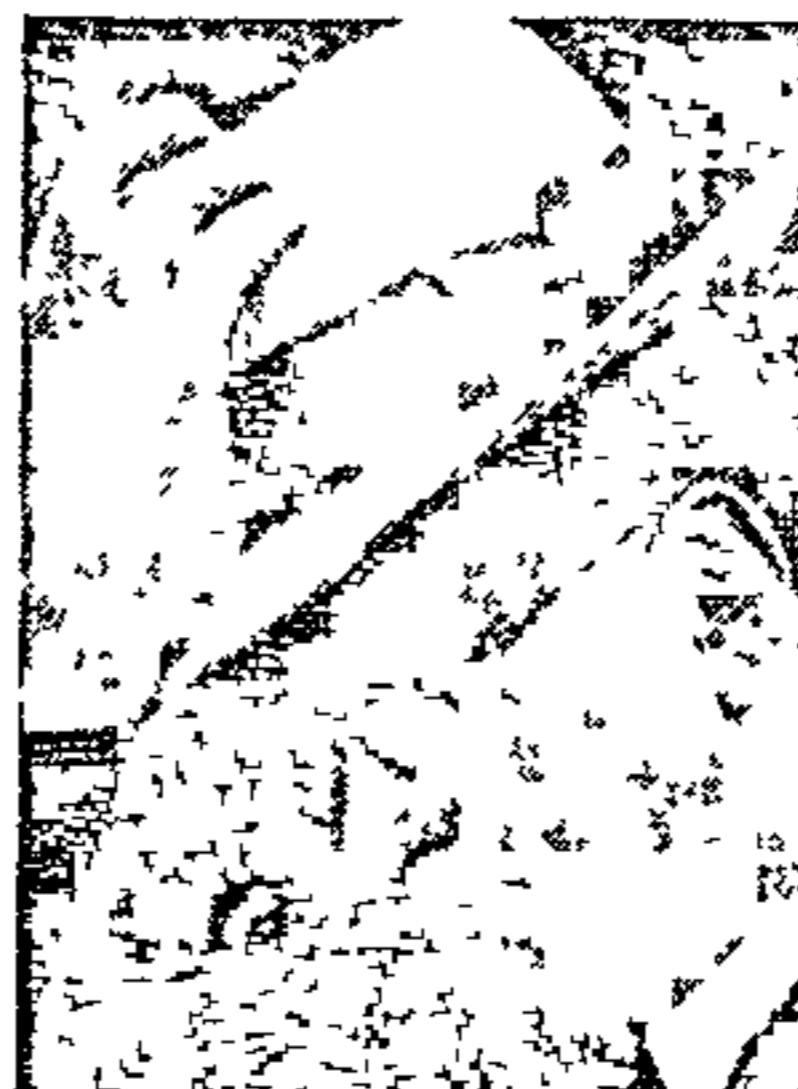
When the allegation was made during a speech in Parliament by Mr Dave Dalling

CP calls for probe into Fanie Botha

By JOHN BATTERSBY Political Correspondent

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — The Conservative Party has taken up the gauntlet thrown down by the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, last week to call for the appointment of a select committee to investigate allegations against the Minister of Manpower, Mr Fanie Botha

Mr Fanie Botha, who is also leader of the Assembly, was in Parliament yesterday when Mr Frank le Roux, MP for Brakpan, formally gave notice that a select committee



calls for the investigation of Mr Botha's alleged involvement in the construction and subsequent demolition of a hydro-electric installation on the farm Hyoma in the Southdistrict

The committee will be asked to investigate whether the cost of the hydro-electric installation was taken over and paid for by the Njelele Irrigation Board and whether the cost was included in the R1 143 467,45 that was eventually written off

Subsequent revelations

By JOHN BATTERSBY Political Correspondent

THE ASSEMBLY — The Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, yesterday turned down an Opposition call for the appointment of a commission of inquiry to investigate the desirability of retaining the death penalty in South Africa

"Nothing has happened since 1969 to cause the re-opening of the book on the death penalty," he said

Mr Coetsee was responding to a call by Mr Dave Dalling, the Progressive Federal Party's justice spokesman, who called for a commission of inquiry into capital punishment when he opened the parliamentary debate on the Justice vote

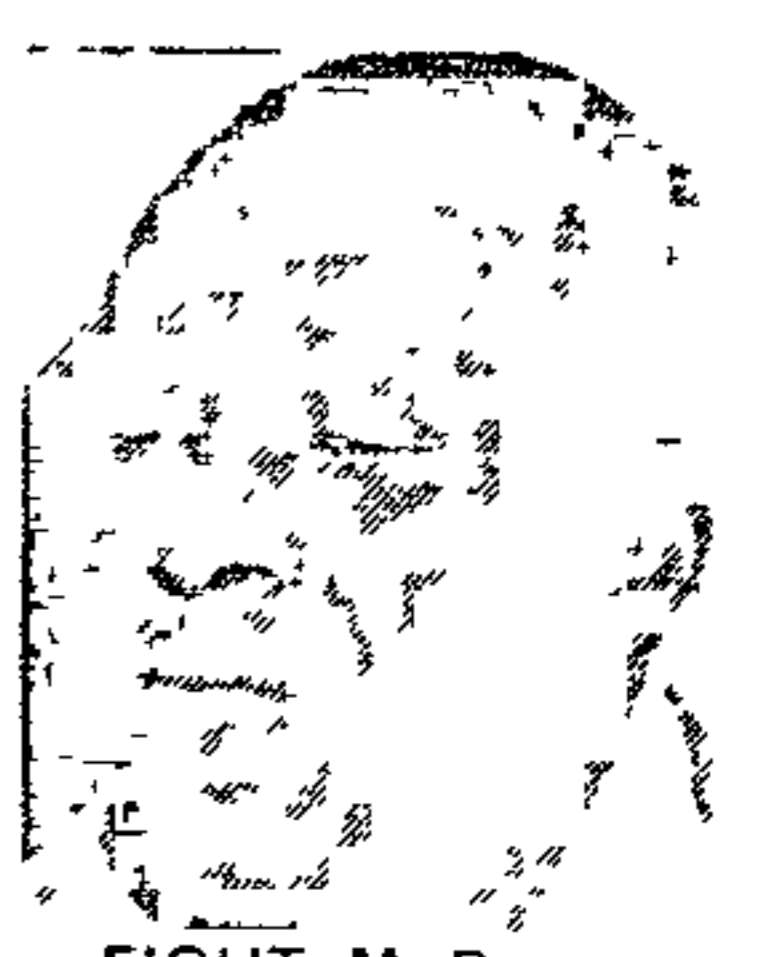
"It is an inhumane and archaic form of retribution"

Court ruling will allow council to demolish shacks again

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FIGHT Mr Brown

THE SOWETO Council will again wield the hammer in the demolition of the townships' 4 000 shacks following a dramatic Supreme Court decision.

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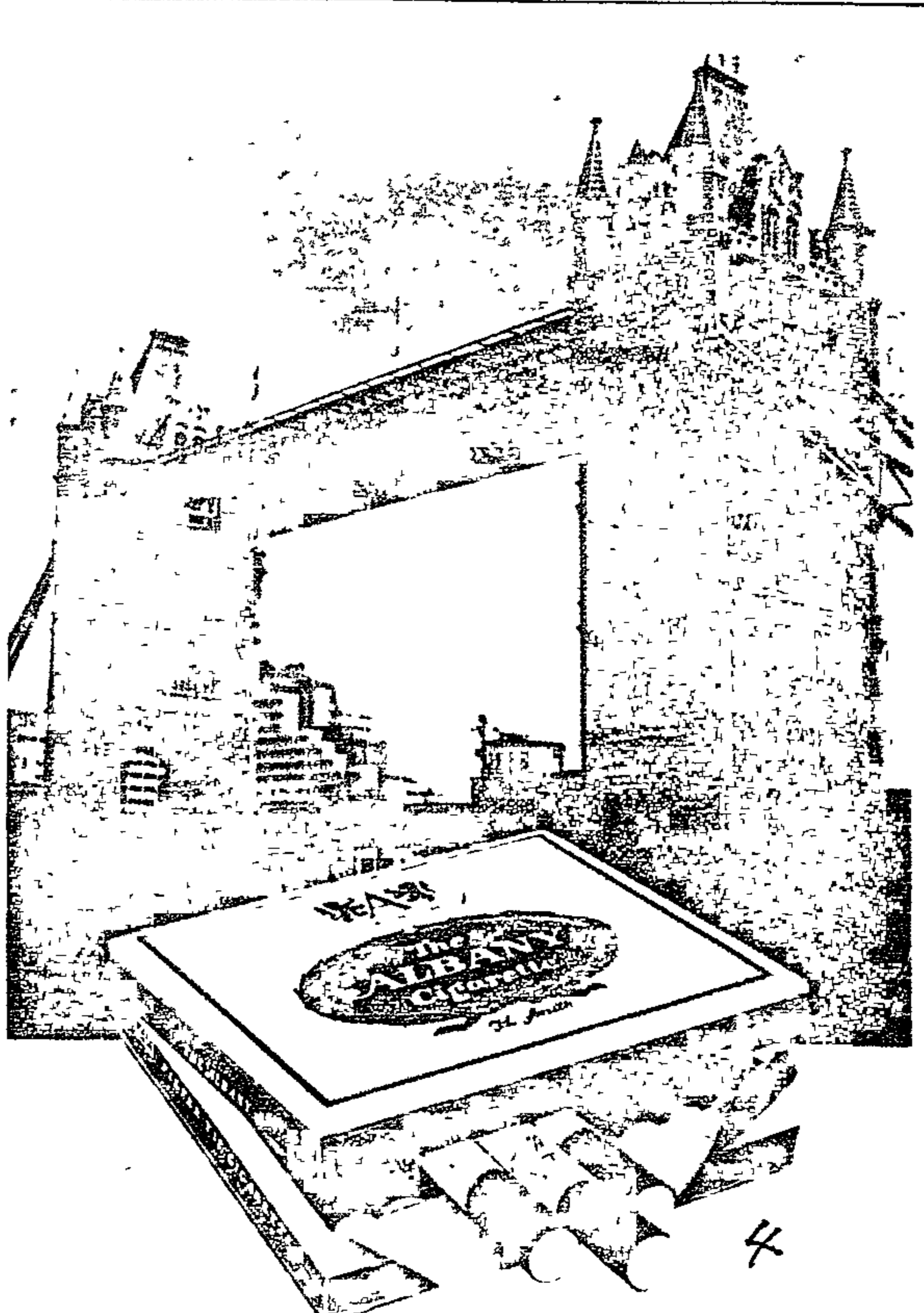
This decision comes at a time when the council is awaiting an appeal against a Supreme Court judgment that because it was not a local authority it was not empowered to demolish the structures. The ruling which was made in February this year also required the council to rebuild all those shacks — about 15 — it had already demolished

Mr Jack Jacobs the council's deputy chief executive officer confirmed yesterday that his council would again resume demolishing shacks following the court decision "The demolitions will be carried out after arrangements with the board. We will act as the board's agents since the land belongs to them," Mr Jacobs said

Asked whether Wrab made the application because it was short-staffed, Mr Jacobs said "This is not the case. Wrab has enough personnel to carry out the demolitions"

Passing the judgment, Mr Justice Coetzee found that Wrab had absolute power to demolish the structures, and also that the council, as the board's agent, could be used in the clearing of shacks

However, Mr Ambition Brown, who has led the fight against the demolitions, said yesterday the ruling had not brought about any change in the whole situation "because council



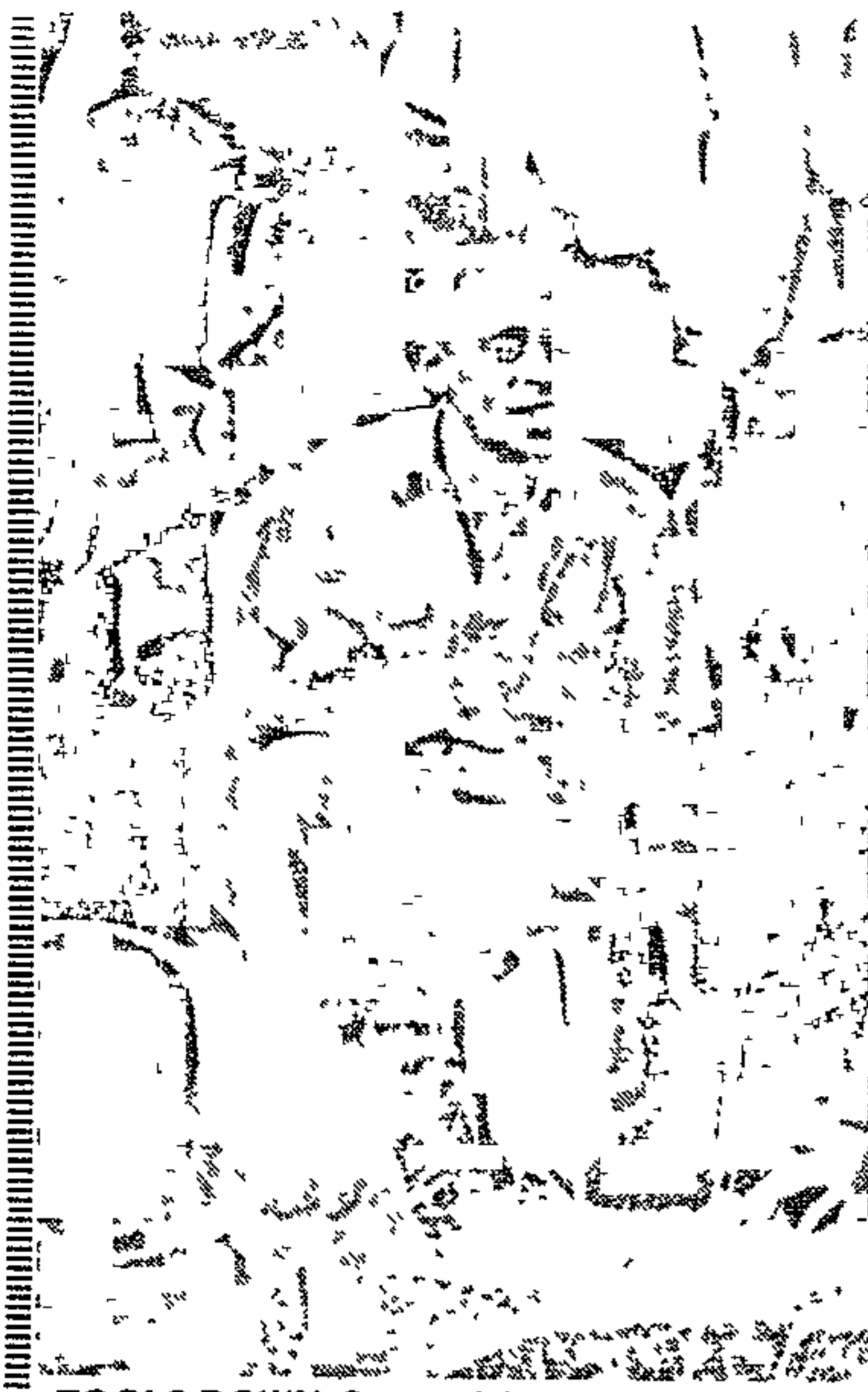
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cartridges were found at the scene of the crime

Mr Selepe was among those praised by a Pretoria Supreme Court Judge for the part he played in the arrest and conviction of three members of the banned African National Congress last August

The three Telle Simon Mogoerane, Jerry Simano Mosololi and Thabo Marcus Mo-



TOOLS DOWN Some of the 300 Premier Paper Milling workers at Kliprivier near Alberton who went on strike yesterday. See page 2.

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However, the council will only do so as an agent of the West Rand Administration Board which last week successfully applied in court to be joined with the council in the demolition of shacks in the area

This decision comes at a time when the council is awaiting an appeal against a Supreme Court judgment that, because it was not a local authority it was not empowered to demolish the structures. The ruling, which was made in February this year also required the council to rebuild all those shacks — about 15 — it had already demolished

Mr Jack Jacobs the council's deputy chief executive officer, confirmed yesterday that his council would again resume demolishing shacks following the court decision. The demolitions will be carried out after arrangements with the board. We will act as the board's agents since the land belongs to them,' Mr Jacobs said

Asked whether Wrab made the application because it was short-staffed Mr Jacobs said 'This is not the case. Wrab has enough personnel to carry out the demolitions'

Passing the judgment, Mr Justice Coetzee found that Wrab had absolute power to demolish the structures, and also that the council, as the board's agent, could be used in the clearing of shacks

However, Mr Ambition Brown, who has led the fight against the demolitions, said yesterday the ruling had not brought about any change in the whole situation 'because council employees have been given the role of labourers' He likened the council's role — in the light of the court ruling — to that of 'his master's voice'

Man to be tried for death of cop

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A 28-YEAR-OLD man, who allegedly murdered a Mamelodi Security Policeman last year, will appear in the Pretoria Supreme Court next Wednesday.

Mr Mahisela Benjamin Molose of 220C Sunnyboy's Plot, Stinkwater, is alleged to have murdered Detective Warrant Officer Philipus Selepe in Mamelodi on November 7 last year

Mr Selepe (54), who was attached to the Security Police in Pretoria and had been a member of the South African Po-

By **MONK NKOMO**

lice for more than 30 years, died in a hail of bullets fired from an automatic rifle while he was entering the gate of his 214 Section A, Mamelodi West home

At the time of his killing a spokesman for the police said the killer had apparently been hiding nearby waiting for W/O Selepe to return home

About 25 rounds of ammunition were allegedly used for the killing and more than 20 spent

cartridges were found at the scene of the crime

Mr Selepe was among those praised by a Pretoria Supreme Court Judge for the part he played in the arrest and conviction of three members of the banned African National Congress last August

The three, Telle Simon Mogoerane, Jerry Simano Mosololi and Thabo Marcus Motaung, were subsequently sentenced to death for attacks on the Orlando Moroka and Wonderboomport police stations

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Fifty families face impending eviction

Fire station to replace old training college

ABOUT fifty families staying at the old Fred Clark Training College are to be moved from their homes to make way for the building of Soweto's R2-million fire station.

This was confirmed by the Soweto Council's director of housing, Mr J J Oosthuizen, who said that his council had earmarked the site on which these families were staying for the building of Soweto's second fire station.

However, a senior official at the centre, which is owned by the Salvation Army, yesterday refused to confirm

that the families would have to leave their homes to make way for the erection of the station.

FUTURE

Meanwhile the families at the college told **The SOWETAN** that their future was in the balance as the Salvation Army officers had not told them of alternative accommodation.

Mr Oosthuizen said because his council had bought the site from the Salvation Army it was not the council's responsibility to house these

families, but the Salvation Army's.

Mr Gamalakhe Khumalo, an ex-soldier, said he came to Fred Clark after being on the waiting list for ten years.

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He said that when he came back from war and wanted a house, he was not considered because he was not married by then. "I did not go to war beside a woman and it surprised me that I was supposed to have one immediately after the war to be able to get a house," he said.

An atmosphere of tension has gripped the families who said they had nowhere to go.

Many said they had long been on the waiting list and that up to today nothing had been done, but Mr Oosthuizen said. "You cannot give a squatter first privilege over a more senior applicant. If people staying in houses realise that squatters are being given houses, they will all say 'let us also go and stay where they were squatting so that the council should give us houses as soon as possible.' You must discourage squatting," he said.

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Mass house sale in July

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By
MZIKAYISE EDOM

COMMUNITY leaders on the East Rand have called on the Government and the East Rand Administration Board in particular, to sell houses in the township for not more than R1 500 each when the mass sale of houses begins on July 1.

The Department of Co-operation and Development announced recently that it had pledged to sell about 500 000 houses throughout the country at a "huge" discount. The mass sale, according to the Government, is due to start as from July 1.

Mr. F. E. Marx, chief director of Erab, said yesterday that he could not say how much the board was going to sell the houses for until the Government had completed and determined the formula for the mass sale.

"We are still waiting for a word from Dr Koornhof to inform us how to go about the whole project," he said. Mr Marx said he was hoping that the houses would sell for not more than R2 000 each.

Mr Johnny Mokoto, chairman of the Duduza Council said: "The houses are old and they should not be sold at more than R1 000 each. We hope that this time Dr Koornhof will keep to his promise of selling the houses at a huge discount."

Mr Gilbert Motlhaping, chairman of the KwaThema Community Council, said the Government should sell the houses for not more than R200 each and, if not, should forget about selling the houses at all.

Pupils used to back Group Areas campaign

Headmaster's call sparks witch-hunt for coloureds

APR 1983

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Pupils at a primary school in Johannesburg have been given a letter from the principal to their parents "strongly advising" them to complain to the police about any blacks ("anderskleuriges") living in Hillbrow and the centre city.

Mr F.O Gouws, principal of Laerskool Joubertpark, asks parents to fill in a questionnaire and list any tenants other than white they might be aware of, and the addresses.

The letter has outraged tenants' representatives and coloured and Indian leaders.

Mr Gouws said today that he and his school committee supported the Group Areas Act and felt it should be implemented properly.

"It is there to create order, and we would like to see the shortcomings — which have allowed coloureds and Indians into white areas — set right," he said.

Strong response

There had been an immediate and strong response from parents, he added, many of whom had remarked that mixing led to undesirable social conditions.

Mr Gouws denied that his stand was political. "I am acting only to put a law that already exists into operation."

He said it was his committee's intention to join forces with church groups and other organisations interested in keeping the area white.

Actstop, the organisation fighting Group Areas Act evictions, has strongly condemned the move, branding it a "witch-hunt" tactic reminiscent of the Nazi era in its "crude" use of children.

A spokesman, Mr Mohamed Dangor, said today. "We find it disgusting that the Transvaal Education Department can allow its schools and its pupils to be used for racist political ends. We expect it to take note of this incident and to ensure this abuse comes to an immediate end."

Mr Dangor said the Prime Minister was talking reform and reconciliation, but the reality was that Afrikaner nationalist groupings were provoking racial hatred. He added that Mr Gouws, who held a public position in the civil service, had flagrantly broken the rule that public servants should be politically neutral.

No comment

The TED has declined comment.

The Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, said "We believe that while the Group Areas Act exists, it is inevitable people will act in an inhumane and unchristian manner."

Mr Gouws has made it clear in his letter that the object is to have tenants charged.

"I was in touch with Adjutant Grobler of the police's Group Areas division and he assured me it was the right of residents to lay complaints when the Act is broken."

The police phone number was given.

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

- (1) Whether an interdict has been issued against the registration of 99-year leaseholds in Alexandra Township Extension 1, if so (a) by whom, (b) why and (c) when was it issued, if not,
- (2) how many certificates of right of leasehold had been registered in Alexandra Township Extension 1 as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION
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- (1) No (a) (b) and (c) Fall away
- (2) Seventeen up to 27 April 1983

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Loan scheme fails

MAMELODI residents have shown little interest in applying for loans put aside by the local community council for the improvement of housing in the area, the chairman of the Council, Mr W M Aphane, told The SOWETAN yesterday.

Earlier this year the council allocated a sum of R100 000 to help finance people who wish to extend or improve their houses. Each resident was entitled to a loan for R2 000 only.

Mr Aphane said only nine people had so far applied for the loans

He said he was disappointed by residents who "do not like beautiful things. The council offered loans to residents but they don't seem to want to do anything about improving their living conditions — even when there is money," he said.

Most residents said R2 000 was too little to extend a house. They said that with the cost of building materials so high, the money would only serve to pay for labour. They said the council should have negotiated for more

money if it had the welfare of its people at heart.

A resident, Mr R Khonothi, said it was surprising to find that the council, which was against the erection of shacks in the township, expected the community to put up proper houses with the little amount offered.

"There is a possibility that the council made provision for improved shacks and not houses. Every resident is aware of the type of houses black people build for themselves of late

It is high time councillors came up with sound resolutions," Mr Khonothi said.

A national secretary for the National General Workers' Union (NGWU), Mr Donnie Khumalo, said he suspected the residents' reluctance to apply for loans was caused by loss of confidence in community councils. He said the council failed to represent the community's interests and that only a handful of people ever sought help from the body.

(Point to produce)

Vaal housing boost

ESCOM is to spend R11-million for the building of about 1 400 houses in Sebokeng later this year.

A spokesman for Escocom said yesterday the multi-million rand housing project was mainly for the company's employees in the area. Construction of the houses will begin within the next three months.

Meanwhile the Vaal Community Council is to introduce stringent control measures to ensure that no further shacks are built in the area.

The council's director of housing, Mr. E. Leevrink, said urgent action was needed to prevent the building of more shacks in the townships. At present the council had stopped raiding people staying in these illegal structures pending a report on the matter.

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Soweto Council helps pensioners

THE SOWETO Council has written off more than R3 000 owing in rentals by 86 Soweto pensioners who cannot afford to pay for their houses.

The decision to write off a debt of R3 091,55 was taken at the Soweto Council's monthly meeting yesterday, where it was decided to write off the debts because the pensioners had no other sources of income besides the old-age pensions they received once every two months.

Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Council, said that several other pensioners who could not afford to pay their monthly rentals could have them remitted if they informed their township managers of their plight.

Answering an accusation by Councillor J. Ramathibela that the majority of remissions were for rentals owing in Jabavu, which is Mr Thebehali's ward, Mr Thebehali said many pensioners, widows and divorcees lived in Jabavu and that economically Jabavu was the most depressed area in Soweto.

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Price of Pretoria houses soon

BY MONK
NKOMO

MINISTERIAL approval on the selling prices of the residential sites in Atteridgeville/Saulsville township would be given soon, Mr H C Knoetze, chief director of the Central Transvaal Administration Board, said this week.

Mr Knoetze, who retires at the end of the month, told the local Community Council at their monthly meeting that their recommendations on the selling prices had been forwarded to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, and an approval "is expected very soon"

The council recently accused the Minister of "red tape" and retarding the progress of the township

ATTACK

The council's attack follows complaints from local residents that it was doing nothing to alleviate the housing crisis in the township and that there was an unnecessary delay in the allocation of the hundred residential sites in between the township

The council had accused the Minister of withholding their recommendations which were submitted early this year

A spokesman for the council said a number of applications had been received and the people who had found financial backing were anxiously waiting for the Minister's approval

BURSARIES

The council also announced that it would allocate a total of R8 600 this year for bursaries to needy students attending school at the local seven high schools. The bursaries would be allocated to students at the Flavious Mareke High School, Hofmyer, Saulridge, David Helen Peta, Saulsville, Doctor W. F. Nkomo and the Holy Trinity High School.

Mr Z. Z. Mashao, deputy chairman of the council, also announced that the chairman, Mr Joe Tshabalala, would jet out of the country this weekend as a guest of the American Ambassador, Mr Herman Nickel. Mr Tshabalala would be accompanied by his wife Mobe, and the couple will spend about six weeks in both the United States and Israel

Housing crisis worse: report

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Municipal Reporter

It will take 2½ years to wipe out Johannesburg's backlog of applications for aged and economic housing if the City Council does not build any more homes and its ever-increasing waiting list remains static.

In his annual report for 1981-82, housing director Mr Thys Wilsnach states that the white housing crisis is continuing with an overall increase in applications of 76,47 per cent.

The single most startling increase — 140 per cent — was for assisted housing for people whose monthly incomes do not exceed R250.

Mr Wilsnach said his department had received 1 860 applications for all categories of housing provided by the council.

The Housing Department controls and administers a total of 5 519 units but has plans to build another 2 054 homes, of which 566 will be for the aged.

Schemes which have been approved include

- Moffat View R5,7 million will be spent on 236 economic dwellings and 120 old age units.

- South Hills 14 flats for the aged

Proposed schemes include

- Elandspark 490 economic units, 210 old age dwellings and a scheme to sell 374 stands to the public

- Crown Gardens 120 units for the aged and a small economic family housing scheme comprising 18 homes

- Claremont 102 units for the aged.

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Council to use R12-m loan for Jabulani flats

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THE controversial R12,25-million Urban Foundation (UF) loan offer which the Soweto Council had earlier turned down, has now been accepted and is to be used for the construction of bachelor flats in Jabulani and Tshiawelo.

This was announced at the Soweto Council's monthly meeting yesterday, where it was also decided that because of

By SAM MABE

the escalation of prices in the building industry,

it was essential to launch the project as soon as possible.

Bachelor flats consisting of a kitchen, sitting-room, one bedroom and an inside toilet and bathroom will cost R127 in monthly rental and two bedroomed flats R203 per month.

Mr Thebehali said that since its inception, the Soweto Council had directly and indirectly been responsible for the provision of 3 024 housing units.

"I realise this effort did not reduce the housing backlog sufficiently. However, with the completion of the upgrading of the infrastructure, the building programme by both the private sector and the council can now be accelerated to the extent that the housing demand can be met with greater confidence," he said.

Mr Thebehali also said that an existing scheme specifically earmarked for solving the plight of shackdwellers in Orlando East and elsewhere is scheduled to commence next month.



PLAYING: Small children march happily between their makeshift homes oblivious of the fact that their parents have been evicted from their shacks in "Mochaeneng" next to Regina Mundi. The tents were pitched at the weekend by the Wits Council of Churches.

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Pic LEN KUMALO

More tents for homeless

AT least 15 more tents are to be pitched today for destitute families whose shacks were demolished more than a week ago at "Mochaeneng" next to Regina Mundi.

At the weekend, the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) supplied 25 tents to house stranded families who have been sleeping in the open after the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) workmen pulled down their structures.

The Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-president of the WCC, who was at the site yesterday and crowded by people who are still roofless, said the tents were only a temporary measure.

He told **The SOWETAN** that last week his council's executive members had talks with Wrab officials including Mr John Knoetze, the board's chairman.

"We presented a memorandum that regretted another meeting with Wrab officials after we have been to them two years ago on the plight of Klip-town squatters.

"We conveyed to them our shock, deep concern and protest in the name of Christ the inhuman, immoral actions of Wrab to render the people homeless.

"We also made it clear there were no moral

grounds for destroying shacks without providing alternative accommodation. We told them even the scriptures support us in that we should love one another and do to others as we would have them do to us," Rev Begbie said.

Of the 25 affidavits presented to Mr Knoetze detailing information of the shackdwellers, 13 show that the people were born in Johannesburg. They also presented photocopies of people who had applied for houses, some as long ago as 1973.

According to Rev Begbie, they requested that alternative accommodation for evicted families be treated as a matter of absolute emergency, that the practice of evicting families without an alternative be scrapped and that the Minister concerned be requested to look seriously at the urgent need to alleviate serious housing shortage in Soweto.

"After Mr Knoetze had said people should present themselves at Wrab offices where they would be helped, those who went to the Jabavu office last week were not well received," Rev Begbie said.

He added that although the families needed assistance, what they needed most was a roof over their heads. Those who would like to offer help, can contact Rev Begbie at 27-1159.

Pretoria Correspondent

The appeal against the eviction of an Indian man from his Mayfair home after a conviction under the Group Areas Act has been referred by the Pretoria Supreme Court back to the trial magistrate for further explanation

The ruling follows a precedent-setting judgment by Mr Justice R J Goldstone, concurring with Mr Justice le Grange, in November last year

They then ruled that an eviction order was not to form part of the sentence for a contravention of the Group Areas Act

Their judgment stated that in terms of the new Act a magistrate had the

Eviction: back to the magistrate

discretion to make an order

But the order could only be made if it was preceded by a formal application from the State and a full inquiry into the circumstances of the offender must be held

The judges also remarked that a practice amongst magistrates at

the Johannesburg courts to follow a conviction under the Act with an automatic eviction order was wrong and had to cease immediately

On September 23 last year Mr Abdul Summat Cassim was convicted of living in an area reserved for whites, namely 87

12th Avenue, Mayfair, Johannesburg.

He was fined R200 (or 200 days) of which R100 (or 100 days) was suspended for five years on condition he and his family vacated the premises before December 31 1982

Yesterday, Professor John Dugard, appearing before Mr Justice W J Human and Mr Acting Justice I W B de Villiers, argued that no full inquiry or formal application was made into the granting of the ejection order

This case was heard when it was still a practice to make an ejection order part of the punishment

Professor Dugard said that the appeal against the conviction of Mr Cassim would be abandoned

The Consultative Committee refused to join FOSATU alleging that the organisation was dominated by non-africans. In October 1980 unions of the Consultative

FOSATU initiative. from the Consultative Committee because of the continued participation in the talks preceding the formation of FOSATU. These unions were subsequently expelled and Allied Workers Union and Paper and Allied Workers' Union took part in the Some Consultative Committee unions (Glass and Allied Workers' Union, Engineering

Union (Transvaal). the National Union of Clothing Workers of South Africa and the Textile Workers' were the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union of South Africa, Transvaal. In addition to unions affiliated to the Urban Training Project formed the Consultative Committee, a loose co-ordinating body operating in the At the end of 1973 trade unions associated with the Urban Training Project courses in Johannesburg and Durban and assisted in the formation of trade unions. Urban Training Project as a workers' service organisation. It ran trade union In 1971 officials of the defunct African Affairs Section of TUCSA set up the

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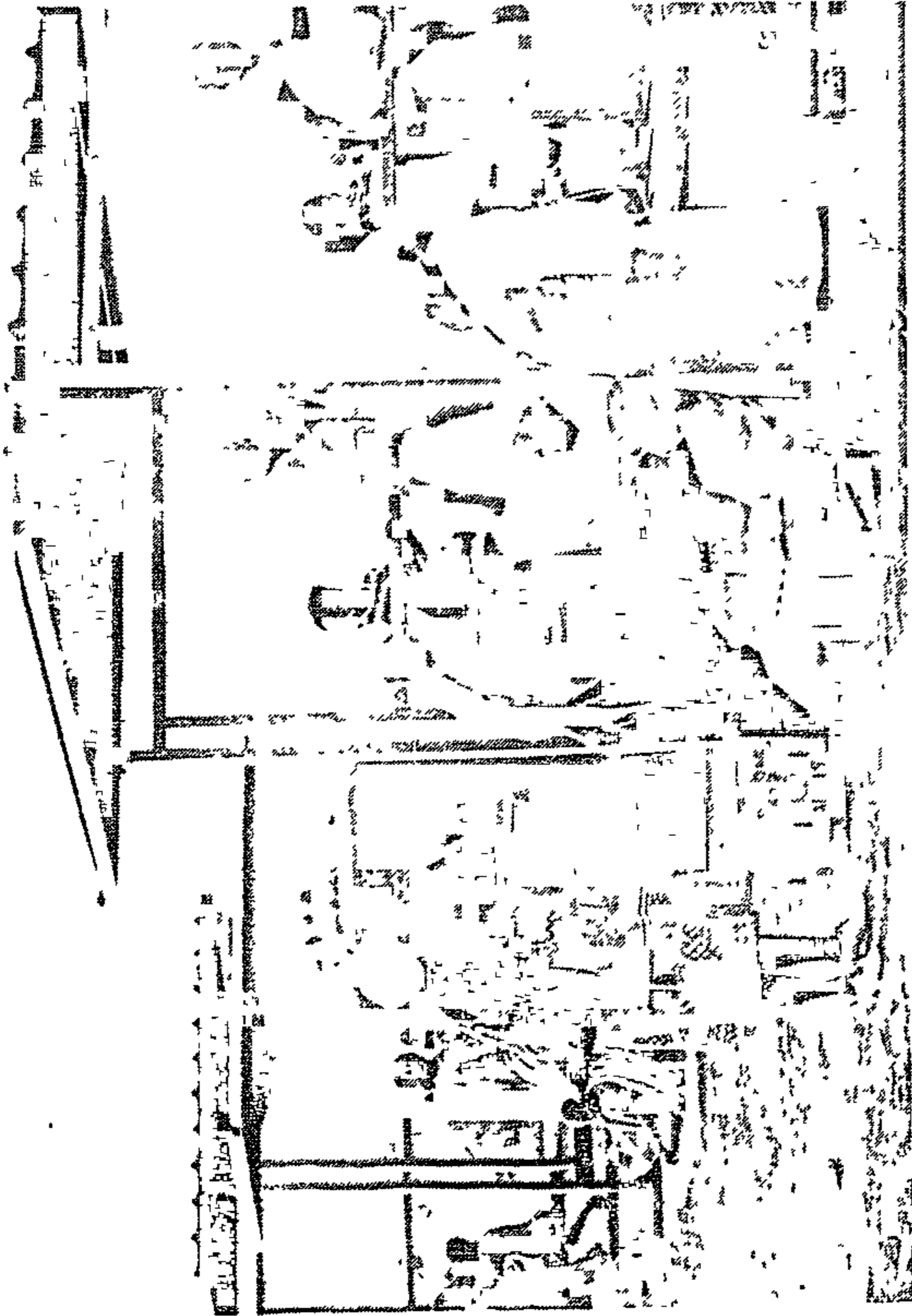
Crime breeds amongst those

tin shacks

ANY densely populated area — particularly if built hastily with shabby corrugated iron — breeds crime. A section of Khutsong township in Carletonville known as Mekhukhung is no exception.

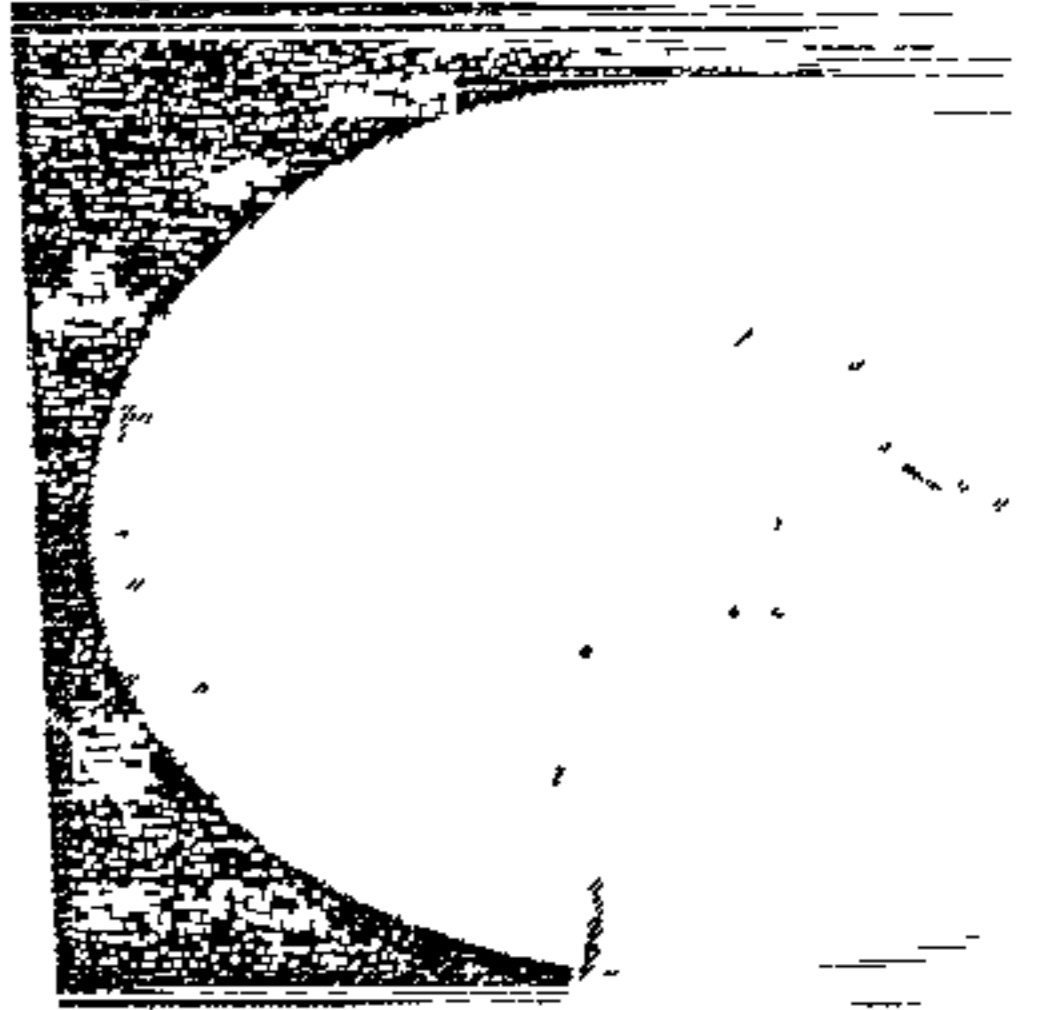
Although the place is still notorious for its crime, one resident told The SOWETAN that things had improved slightly after the Urban Foundation launched a housing project in the township a few years ago.

He said there were about 200 illegal shacks in this area compared to about 1 000 before the project started. This number excludes that of many other illegal structures found in two-roomed yards in other sections of the township.



Elderly hawkers at a bus stop sell fruits and vegetables to augment their meagre pension money

IKHAYA LETHU



Apart from these makeshift structures, there are also those allowed by the local council. These we were told, were of people who have bought stands and intend building their own houses soon.

One resident, Mr Denis Makhalemele, said like any other person proud of his area, he would like to see the shacks disappear because they are an eyesore.

He said they turned the place into a slum and were a health hazard because they could bring pests resulting in disease. They were also a danger in that once they caught fire, there were bound to be casualties.

“On the other hand, one must admit that like all over the country, they are here to stay with us so long as there is a housing shortage,” he said.

problem in his township, Mr Makhalemele said it was worsened by the many migrant labourers working in the area. “You find that some of these people staying in these shacks are employed by the mines. When their contracts expire, they do not want to return home and prefer to stay in the township.”

Others bring their families with them and the only place is in the township. This is the set-up for as long as their contracts last but the minute they move out, other stranded people are waiting to get in,” he said.

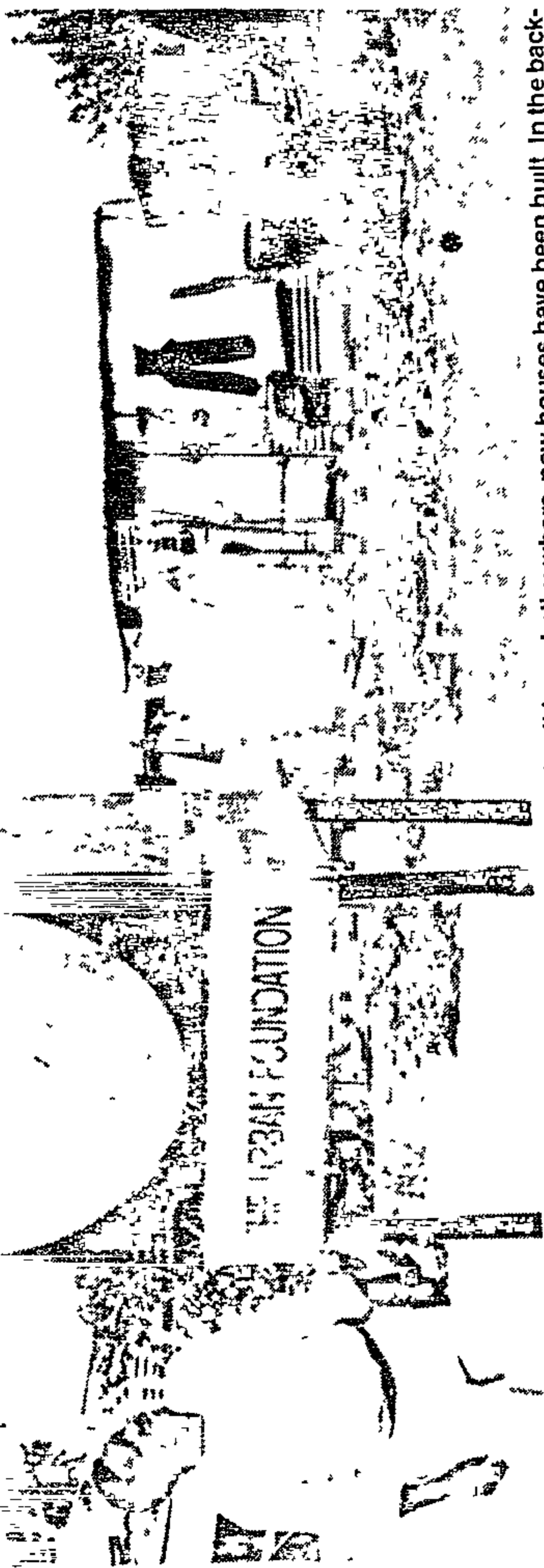
The only solution, he said, was for the authorities to make more land available for housing desperately needed by the residents. As for migrant labourers, their employers should provide accommodation for them together with their families as this would strengthen the family.

As a 10-year-old, he said families as this would strengthen the family unit

Explaining the shack unit

SPOTLIGHT

ON CARLETONVILLE



Mr Denis Makgalemele stands next to an Urban Foundation signpost in Khaya-Leithu where new houses have been built. In the background are some of the shacks at the area known as Mekhukhung

Story: NKOPANE MAKOBANE
Pics: LEN KUMALO



One of the many families staying in an area known as Mekhukhung in Khutsong township. They would like to have a decent home but for the moment this is home

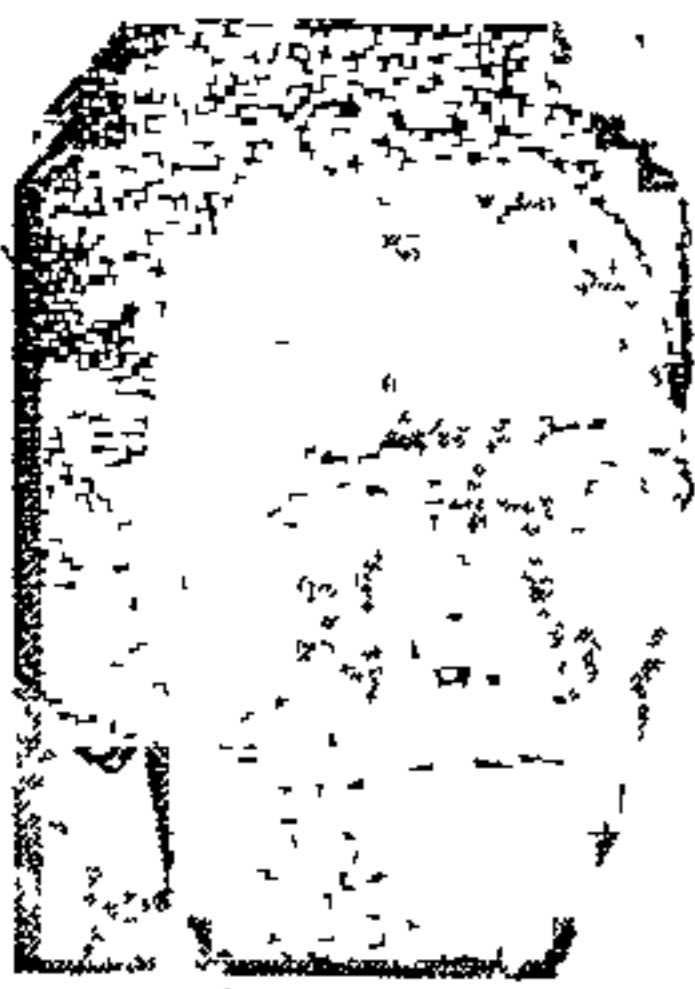


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Continuation to the Soweto Cripple Care movement and tomorrow night, to mark her birthday, she gives a performance for the same charity at the Garden Restaurant in the Carlton Centre See Tonight!



Songwriter
Pulling strings

Phil Coulter, an internationally recognised songwriter and record producer, has been in Johannesburg producing music by black musicians for the international market

Phil, who wrote such hits as "Puppet on a String" and "Congratulations", talks to Peter Feldman in Tonight!

ban/Pietermaritzburg road, each with his own supply of water

● The penalty for exceeding the water allocation has set off a new crime wave in Pinetown — stealing tanker-loads from hydrants

Early today traffic police scared off a gang who had already connected a stand pipe

One of the meanest stories is of a man in Pinetown who connected his hose to a neighbour's garden tap then spent the afternoon watering his garden

Wrab keeps an eye on Soweto's tent town

The West Rand Administration Board is keeping the Sowetan tent town, set up by evicted shack dwellers, under constant surveillance

Wrab's chief director, Mr C J Bezuidenhout, said no more tents would be permitted, although those set up on Saturday would not be taken down immediately

"That is why we are keeping a watch on the area," he said

The tents site was unserviced and the settlement could become a health hazard

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Principal offers reward to help find his daughter

A desperate East Rand school principal, Mr Robbie Bekker, whose young daughter has been missing since Friday, believes she may have been forcibly abducted while walking near her home

A reward of R500 has been offered for information leading to the whereabouts of Kerry Bekker (11) of Geduld, Springs

The police have been told of her disappearance and her picture has been given to police stations

The Pinegrove principal said today he believed his daughter may have been forced into a car and abducted

"She would never accept a lift from anyone I believe she was taken by force," Mr Bekker said

Kerry was last seen at about 3 pm on Friday at her school. The school nanny told Mr Bekker she had left the school for home about then

Kerry went home, changed her clothes and then mysteriously disappeared

The blue-eyed brunette was wearing a red check summer dress at the time

Anyone with information should contact Mr Bekker at 812-2644 or Major van Tonder at 56 0771

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City Councils move to close 17 of its 300 city parks to blacks, attempts will now be made to get legislation which will prevent town and city councils making "racist" decisions

Speaking out against the move, Mr Douglas Gibson, MPC for Bezuidenhout and PFP leader in the Transvaal Provincial Council, said town and city councils were expecting greater autonomy to exercise "local options" in terms of the new constitutional proposals. But he said he would call for legislative steps to prevent local authorities from making irresponsible decisions based on race during today's Provincial Council session

The Government "should now find time to consider legislation, either at the parliamentary or provincial level, to prevent local authorities from making racist decisions," Mr Gibson said

It now appears that only direct Government pressure would be able to get Pretoria to reverse

Council shut parks 'off its own bat'

Pretoria Correspondent

clusively by people of a specific race or class

The Pretoria City Council

Teargas routs mob

DURBAN — Police used teargas to disperse mobs of youths who went on the rampage in Lamontville, Durban, again last night attacking the home

The fund was also given R1 000 by Juicy Lucy who made the roll Juicy Lucy's development manager, Mr Alan Feldt (right), looks on happily as some of the 450 pupils prepare to sink their teeth into the roll.



Mabopane outrage follows rent levy

MABOPANE residents have reacted strongly to the 50 cents levy which has been imposed on their monthly rentals "to build and improve schools" in the area.

Residents said what annoyed them most was that they were never consulted when decisions which affect them were taken. They blamed the authorities for making it the community's responsibility to maintain the township.

In a circular issued by the township manager's office, residents were warned that 50 cents would be imposed on

By ALINAH DUBE

their rents

One angry resident, Mrs Nancy Mokoena, was surprised to hear the money was intended for a school project because the same reason was given when school fees at primary schools in Bophuthatswana were increased from R10 to R15 early this year.

She said such moves showed that residents would constantly be taxed to improve the quality of life in the area. "This is the price we are forced to pay. The most discouraging

issue is lack of communication between the authorities and residents. We are never consulted," she said

Mrs Matshidiso Nong said they often faced rising costs but nothing was done to improve the township. She said services were poor and that it was the responsibility of the Government to build or subsidise school projects.

"The levy charged to our rent may not seem much to authorities but they have to take into consideration that most people are unemployed," Mrs Nong said

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UNCERTAIN: Some of the residents at the "tent city" in Mochaeneng.

Cops harass tent people

A CLOUD of uncertainty hung over the about 30 families at "Mochaeneng" next to Rockville yesterday as West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) police continued to surround the place.

It is a trying time for the families because of the presence of armed police who have kept vigil over the place since Monday afternoon.

Last week, after the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) met Wrab, the WCC pitched about 25 tents at "Mochaeneng", bringing relief to the families who have been sleeping in the open, following the demolition of their homes by Wrab workmen two weeks ago.

Wrab chairman, Mr. John Knoetze, said he was aware of tents in the area but refused to comment further because Wrab and the WCC were still negotiating.

In last week's meeting with Wrab, the WCC presented a memorandum stating that people who have been evicted should be provided with shelter and also that Wrab should ask the Minister concerned with black housing to give this matter urgent attention.

Residents yesterday told The SOWETAN that when Wrab police arrived on Monday they threatened to dismantle their tents at midnight. "We could not sleep as these people disturbed us by shining torches in our tents and threatened to pull our tents down," said Mrs Maria Tsotetsi.

"How can we go to work when we do not know what will happen to our children and belongings while we are still at work," asked Mr Selby Sibeko.

Members of Azapo, WCC and the Committee of Ten met late yesterday afternoon at the Regina Mundi to discuss possible strategies.

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Church, Wrab head
for clash over tents (127)

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The Witwatersrand Council of Churches looks set to defy the West Rand Administration Board's edict that no more tents be pitched at Soweto's tent town

The council's vice-president, the Rev Cecil Begbie, said today it would "seriously consider" pitching the tents if no official moves were made to help the evicted shack dwellers

Yesterday Wrab turned down an urgent plea by the council to allow it to put up more tents for the homeless. Mr Begbie said Wrab had told the churches that they would not be allowed to put up another 17 tents they had hired for the homeless — but the 25 tents already up would not be torn down

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ful conclusions from the sum total of applications on such waiting lists as to the extent of demand for housing owing to the duplication and obsolescence of applications, personal preferences incompleteness of particulars and a host of other reasons

- (2) The whole question of housing needs and shortages are closely linked to the new policy directives announced by me in terms of which as part of a comprehensive housing strategy it has been determined that state funds in future will be made available only for the provision of infrastructure to ensure an adequate supply of building sites, and for the provision of housing to the very lowest income group, the aged and other welfare cases, whilst greater involvement by the private sector in the housing process, especially by the individual himself, his employer and utility companies will be purposefully pursued and actively promoted. Where the Government will in future accept responsibility for only a portion of the housing needs, local authorities have been requested to revise projects that have already been planned as well as to bring planning to provide in existing housing needs in line with the guide lines given above

A large number of building sites in the Johannesburg area are at present available for Coloureds as well as Indians

Johannesburg: accommodation

*15 Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Community Development

- (1) Whether any alternative accommodation is available at present for (a) Coloured persons and (b) Indians evicted from White areas in Johannesburg, if so, (i) where and (ii) for how many families in each case, if not,
 (2) whether he will give the necessary permission for Coloured and Indian

families currently residing in White areas in Johannesburg to remain in such areas until housing becomes available in their own group areas, if not why not?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (1) The Department of Community Development accepts responsibility for the resettlement of Coloured and Indian families which, as a result of the application of the Group Areas Act, 1966 have become disqualified to continue living in White group areas of Johannesburg. No such families have been evicted
 (2) It is customary to afford sympathetic consideration to the granting of permits, where necessary to Coloured and Indian families occupying premises lawfully but I cannot see my way clear to condoning unlawful occupation and in such cases the law must take its normal course

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 Johannesburg area: accommodation for Coloured persons and Indians 1189
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 *14 Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Community Development

- (1) How many (a) Coloured and (b) Indian families were on the waiting list for accommodation in the Johannesburg area as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,
 (2) whether any steps are being taken to provide additional housing for (a) Coloured persons and (b) Indians in such areas, if not, why not, if so what steps in each case?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

- (1) Although both the department and local authorities keep waiting lists to serve as a register of home-seekers that qualify for National Housing, it is not possible to draw any meaning-

Registration can

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proved by him and (b) how many erven are involved?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

- (1) (a), (b) and (c)
 - (i) Yes
 - (ii) (aa) Soweto—30 September 1982
 - Diep-Meadow—22 September 1982
 - Dobsonville—24 August 1982

(bb) *Soweto Community Council* approved a detailed report regarding the aerial survey and appointment of consultants subject to the following conditions—

- that the Soweto Community Council should insist on the consultant surveyors observing the 0.07 mm limit of error in the aerial survey of Soweto,
- that the costs are to be divided between areas surveyed and individual stand dwellers are not to pay more than 36 cents per month,
- that the people living in the areas that are not to be surveyed are not to be charged, and
- that the Director Finance prepare a report on the financial implications of the aerial survey and above recommendations

Diep-Meadow Community Council rejected the detailed survey report pointing out that the Community Council had never approved of an aerial survey or any ap-

pointment in connection therewith and was not liable for any expenditure in this connection. The Council further resolved that the West Rand Administration Board, as the agent of the Council, be instructed—

- to stop Professor Olivier and his associates from undertaking further work in the Council's area.
- to have all aerial survey point marks removed within one month without cost to the Council,
- to prepare a properly motivated report about the financial implications for consideration by the Council,
- to compile a panel of registered land surveyors for consideration by the Council

Dobsonville Community Council rejected the detail survey report and requested additional information

- (2) No it was not its function On 14 April 1982 the Greater Soweto Planning Council recommended an amount of R4 million for the mass survey as part of the revised programme for the R150 million project for the upgrading of civil services. This action was approved by the Soweto Community Council on 19 April 1982, the Dobsonville Community Council on 20 April 1982 and the Diep-Meadow Community Council on 23 June 1982. In order to give effect to this the Administration Board at its meeting held on 22 April 1982 resolved that Messrs G C Olivier and Associates be instructed to commence with the survey of Greater Soweto

- (3) No Ministerial approval is not required for the appointment of consultants as it falls within the ambit of the

functions of the Administration Board

- (4) No
- (a) and (b) Fall away
- (5) Falls away
- (6) No
- (a) There have been delays due to bad visibility conditions
- (b) No completion date was stipulated in the contract
- (c) It is anticipated that the field work will be completed by the end of June 1983

(7) (a) and (b) Yes

(8) (a) and (b) Nineteen plans involving approximately 20 000 erven have been upgraded to Class B plans and approved. Bulk verification for these plans are being processed. In addition verification certificates for a further 1 610 erven are being examined for approval. A further 7 plans involving approximately 9 000 erven have been completed and are in the process of being drawn.

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Greater Soweto: aerial survey 1186
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 *12 Mr G B D McINTOSH asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether the community councils of (a) Soweto, (b) Dobsonville and (c) Meadowlands/Diepkloof adopted any resolutions relating to the (i) aerial survey of Greater Soweto and (ii) appointment of any consultants in connection therewith, if so, (aa) when and (bb) what was the purport of these resolutions
- (2) whether the Greater Soweto Planning Council recommended the appointment of such consultants if not why not.
- (3) whether he approved the appointment of these consultants if not, why not.
- (4) whether these consultants were instructed to discontinue the survey on or about 23 September 1982, if so, (a) by whom and (b) why.
- (5) whether the survey was subsequently resumed, if so, (a) when, (b) on whose authorization and (c) why.
- (6) whether the survey has been completed, if not, (a) why not (b) what is the completion date stipulated in the contract and (c) when is it anticipated that it will be completed.
- (7) whether the survey has been approved by (a) him and (b) the Surveyor General if not, why not if so
- (8) (a) how many plans have been ap-

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Soweto aerial survey
Q. Col. 1172 - 1173
*1 Mr G B D McINTOSH asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether he has received any representations in regard to the 300 mm limit set down in Regulation No. 4(4)(a) promulgated in terms of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act, No 25 of 1945, in respect of the aerial survey of Soweto, if so, what was his response to these representations,
- (2) whether the verification by the aerial survey of the boundaries of stands in

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Soweto which appear on Class B plans will be submitted to the Surveyor General for examination if not, how will he ensure that the prescribed limit has been adhered to?

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) No representations have been received. The rest falls away.
- (2) Yes. The rest falls away.

Mr G B D McINTOSH Mr Speaker arising out of the hon. the Minister's reply, could he confirm that the limits for the aerial survey of Soweto have been reduced from 300 mm to 1 000 mm or to put it differently, from 30 cm to 100 cm?

The MINISTER Mr Speaker from a reply I will be giving to a question which appears later on the Question Paper the hon. member will obtain that information.



THEBEHALI: Announced new housing scheme for Pimville

Housing scheme for Pimville

ABOUT 69 hectares of land on the eastern side of Zone One and Zone Six in Pimville, have been earmarked by the Soweto Council to accommodate about 2 700 residential sites.

Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Council, said that his council was going to request the West Rand Administration Board's town planner to prepare a layout plan of the area which had been a buffer strip separating Pimville from the white residential area near the Orlando Power Station

He also said that the town planner would be asked to strive to make the maximum of stands available and to place emphasis on development by self-builders and private enterprises

Because the area is

adjacent to a township consisting of luxurious homes, the area will not be made available for low cost housing to safeguard the interests of property owners there and to prevent the value of their property from depreciating

"Experience has shown that people of Soweto want to live in houses they can plan themselves to suit their tastes

"It is for this reason that development by self-builders and private enterprise is going to be encouraged. Another advantage is that the value of such areas goes up much quicker and residents wishing to sell out, stand a good chance of selling their property at a good profit," said Mr Thebehali

Aphane wants end to ethnic grouping

THE acute housing shortage will never be solved unless the Government scraps the unpopular policy of ethnic grouping in black townships, Mr W M Aphane, chairman of the Mamelodi Community Council said yesterday.

Commenting shortly after the official hand-over of ten modern houses to Siemens' employees in Mamelodi East yesterday, Mr Aphane lashed out at the Government and accused them of "creating more problems instead of solving them with the implementations of the policy of ethnic grouping".

Mr Aphane, who also

By MONK NKOMO

declared that the 99-year lease hold scheme was a total failure, said the housing crisis would never be solved until the Government and the private sector involved themselves in helping the "poor masses" by building four-roomed houses.

"I appreciate what the private sector is doing to alleviate the housing shortage in the township," he said, "but my worry is those people in the lower income groups who cannot afford these modern houses. The Government should embark on a scheme to

build ordinary four-roomed houses which can later be improved by the owners."

TOTAL

Siemens' personnel manager in Pretoria, Mr K Kohlstadt yesterday said the company had already spent a total R605 498 during the past three years to provide houses for 517 of their employees. The official handing over of the ten houses, with prices ranging from R16 000 to R22 000, was a joint effort which included the Urban

Foundation, Sigma Motor Corporation and the Standard Bank Building Society, Mr Kohlstadt said.

Mr W Zieler, Siemens' chief executive said it was his company's responsibility to help "as far as we can" in providing housing for their employees.

He said a total of R62 000 was earmarked for 12 more houses in Mamelodi and similar projects would be extended to the coloured township of Eersterust in Pretoria.

The official waiting list for housing in Mamelodi stood at about 400 according to Mr Aphane.

naid's farm, the black-jacks will arrest them for vagrancy, while the Ndabazabantu will endorse them to some obscure homelands

That then, is the story of another African farm

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PHIRARA is known as Pretoria to mlungus. It is also known as the white man's last stand. There "die kaffir ken say plek" and every whitey moves around as if there is nobody else on God's earth.

So it is not surprising, to me at least, that the city fathers of Pretoria have voted that the city's 17 parks be closed to blacks.

What will klein ba-sie Wynand do when nanny is not allowed to enter the park, and he regards nanny as his mommy?

For that matter, every nanny will have

EVATON ASKS GATSHA TO INTERVENE

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EVATON — Residents here have appealed to Chief Gatsha Buthelezi to stop the local administration and community council from encroaching on the "people's freehold rights"

At a meeting called by Isolomuzi Association and the local branch of Inkatha this week, a memorandum containing the grievances of the people was drafted.

Residents heard that blackjacks of the Orange - Vaal admin board had shot two residents who were "illegally" building shacks on their properties.

Inkatha member Tom Nhlapo said "We must act quickly."

"The chief commissioner in Bloemfontein is investigating whether the council and Orange-Vaal board are operating legally here."

"We intend to ask

By STAN MHLONGO

Chief Buthelezi to ask these bodies to refrain from charging rates, arresting squatters."

Mr Gilmond Nkutha, the chairman of Isolo-

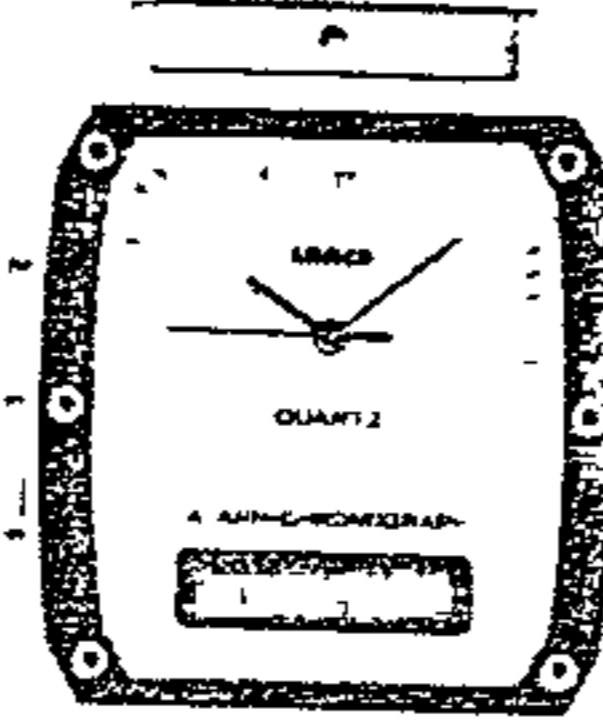
muzi, said the two parties are not looking for confrontation.

"But to expect residents to pay for residential permits on their own properties is a gross injustice," he said.

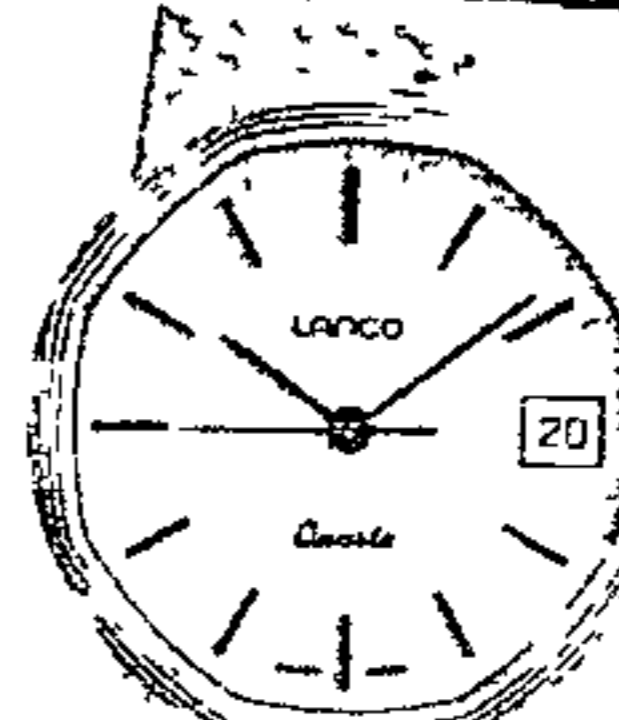
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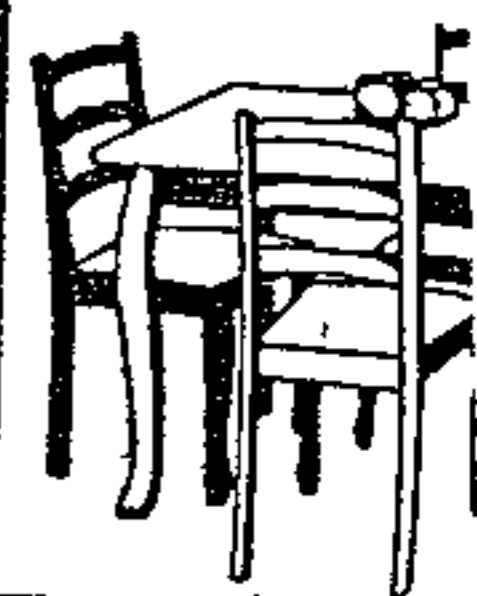
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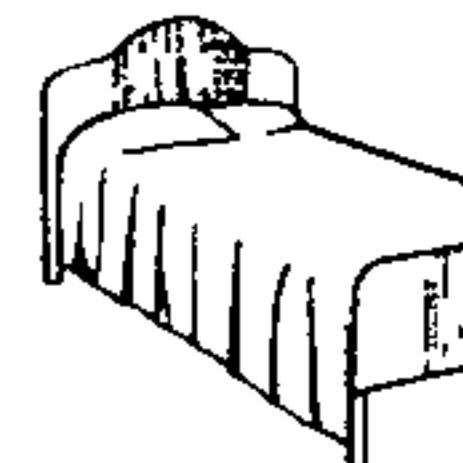
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R41-m housing deal

Business Times Reporter

THE contract has been signed for the United Building Society Development's largest single investment project — the R41-million housing scheme for Pretoria.

The exclusive township will help alleviate Pretoria's chronic housing shortage, and, with house prices exploding faster in Pretoria than in any other South African city, UBS's investment will pay off handsomely.

Currently under construction, the Faerie Glen 2 suburb will comprise 222 homes, ranging in price from R109 000 to R160 000, on a 60ha site

Property developers Habitech say that the first 15 houses will be ready for occupation towards the end of the year

The total marketing span will last four years, says the project's marketing company, Pieter Ferreira Estates.



The Giezen family of Newlands faces a bleak future they have to leave the garage in which they have been living by Thursday and are still waiting for council accommodation for which they applied nearly a year ago. Mrs Dora Giezen (left), holding her youngest child

Gertbrecht, is seen with her married son Petrus, his wife Karen and their daughter Charmaine (1) and her daughter Sannette (14)

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Family of 10 faces eviction from garage

By Lucille McNamara
Municipal Reporter

After waiting in vain for nearly a year for a Johannesburg council house, a family of 10 now faces eviction from a garage in Newlands because their landlord has decided to increase their rent to R100 a week

Their "home" in 14th Street has no electricity, water, toilet or washing facilities. The floor is concrete and the roof corrugated iron

The Giezens are just one of nearly 2 000 families waiting for council accommodation. Last week The Star learnt that hundreds of houses are being occupied by people

whose monthly incomes far exceed the cut-off limit stipulated by the municipality

The councillor for the central city area, Mrs Molly Kopel, said it was unforgivable that subsidised housing was being occupied by middle-income families when desperately needy people had to wait for up to a year for a council home

"The situation the Giezens are in is a typical example of the hardships being suffered by families who are being kept out of council housing estates by others whose incomes far exceed the poverty line," said an angry Mrs Kopel

There are 663 council houses which fall into this category, but last week the Housing and

Utilities Committee decided to offer those families stands which it is busy acquiring from the Department of Community Development.

People who buy will be given one year in which to vacate their council homes, while six months' notice will be given to those who refuse

Mr Piet Giezen is a porter at the Johannes-

burg Hospital and his monthly take-home pay just tops R430. Out of that he has to support his wife Dora, six children (including a married son), his (the son's) wife and small daughter

He used to pay R100 a month for the garage, but was recently told that he would have to leave the property unless he was prepared to pay R100 a week

He has until Thursday to find alternative accommodation. "We applied for a council house in June last year, but have been told that there are still no homes available," said a distraught Mrs Giezen

Ratanda gets 90 new sites

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RATANDA Community Council in Heidelberg have been allocated about 90 sites by the East Rand Administration Board to start a site and service scheme.

Early last year the Ratanda Council applied to Erab for at least 200 sites to start the scheme. Erab only approved the application early this year and only allocated 90 stands.

Presently, about 611 families are on the housing waiting list in Ra-

tanda. Mr C B Mocke, the Ratanda township manager said they hoped to be allocated more sites by Erab before the end of the year.

So far 32 families have moved onto their stands and most of them are staying in tin shacks while busy building their houses.

"The shacks have to be demolished within 18 months, by which time at least two rooms of the permanent house must

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have been erected," Mr Mocke said. "If families fail to erect these two rooms within this period, they will lose their sites."

The families are expected to pay R620 infra-structure fees before they can be allocated stands. They also pay a monthly rent of R26.15.

HOMELESS MOVED TO KLIPTOWN FARM

THERE was a sigh of relief and general satisfaction among the about 30 families who were moved from "Mochaeneng" next to Rockville to the Chicken Farm near Kliptown by the West Rand Administration Board on Saturday.

It took five Wrab trucks and some top officials to uproot the 25 tents at "Mochaeneng", which were erected by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches to house people following the demolition of their shacks by Wrab about three weeks ago.

Their removal from "Mochaeneng" to the Chicken Farm, was like an exodus to the land of milk and honey, with sanitation facilities and water, which were not available at "Mochaeneng".

This dramatic move by Wrab comes after a series of meetings with the WCC over the plight of the "tent people". The WCC also sent

By ALI MPHAKI

Wrab two memoranda which stated that they should provide people whose shacks were demolished with alternative accommodation and that Wrab should consult the minister concerned with black housing to give this matter his urgent attention.

Last week Wrab chairman, Mr Knoetze, appealed to clergy and churches to express their concern for the homeless people by providing them with temporary accommodation. He refused the WCC permission to pitch more tents for about 23 families who are still without ac-

commodation.

Mr Knoetze requested that Regina Mundi, which is adjacent to "Mochaeneng" provide the families with ablution until Wrab could offer alternative relief.

Dr A B Asvaat, who owns a surgery in "Mochaeneng", offered his surgery for sleeping purposes for the families and also allowed families to use his toilet facilities.

The same number of tents have been pitched in Kliptown and there was rumour among the families that Wrab would soon replace the tents with prefab structures. The SOWETAN could not confirm this with Wrab yesterday afternoon.

And yesterday Wrab policemen armed with guns were patrolling the farm.

Souls freeze in the cold of Tent City

WINTER has not yet shown its claws but a night spent in one of the tents donated by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) to the stranded people of Mochaeneng, was like an evening in a fridge.

I spent a night with the family of Mr William Nkosi, an experience I am not likely to forget in a hurry

By ALI MPHAKI

There were four of us in the mini tent, including Mr Nkosi's one-year-old daughter Sibongile who was seated on the cold floor covered with cardboard paper. The primus stove that had been used to cook supper was kept on, but its heat was something of a joke compared to the penetrating cold wind from the nearby spruit. We were hardly in bed and already I was regretting my impetuosity on spending the night here.

SNIFFLING

Our vast shadows cast menacing figures on the side of the tent as the candle bravely tried to keep the place lit.

There was occasional laughing from nearby tents and this gave the scene an eerie air, as if we were on a battlefield and somebody was trying to keep his spirits up.

I had mixed feelings about the West Rand Administration Board police keeping vigil over the place. At first there was the suspicion that they might take the place apart in the night. Later I was cheered by the thought that they might be keeping thugs at bay. Then I thought I would be hauled off to jail if I was found an interloper in the place. Then I wondered if I needed my passbook, a permit, all sorts of insane thoughts. If anything, my busy mind stilled my chattering teeth somewhat.

ACTIONS

At about midnight there was action. A woman in a nearby tent started to have a screaming argument with a man. It seemed the man wanted to share her tent, perhaps her bed, with her. She

would not have it.

Some of the men in the other tents woke up to investigate. We got hold of the Wrab police who quickly despatched the culprit from the scene. The widow was told to blow her whistle should the intruder try and sneak back into the tent. Then silence. The occasional hum of cars from Potchefstroom joined the howling of dogs from the nearby houses. It was bitterly cold and I longed for the warmth of my bed. I had feelings of deep pity and constant fear for myself and these people. That they had to spend most of their lives in this kind of situation seemed inhuman, impossible. I was young, I could take the occasional discomfort, but not as a way of life.

Although I had my sleeping bag and two of my "winter special" blankets, I could not help feeling the help feeling the devastating cold air

that at times shook the well anchored tent.

CRYING

A child from one of the tents was heard crying and then hush words from the mother trying to stop the little thing from troubling the sad quietness of the place.

BUS

I think I must have fallen asleep after that because I was woken up by the sound of a Putco bus in the very early hours of the morning. By then it appeared the cold had gained a striking intensity. Although the couple that was sharing the tent with me were sleeping very close to each other, I guess so as to afford their little child some warmth, I could see that the bitter cold had telling effects.

Mochaeneng is about three kilometres from the prestigious Selection Park, Dube, and about walking distance from Rockville. As I woke up I could see smoke coming up from chimneys in these areas and I considered myself and many others who are living in "better" houses very fortunate indeed.

TENT CITY: My host Mr Nkosi and family sleeping on the floor of their mini-tent at Mochaeneng.

SHARE: Mr. Johannes Peterson and wife share their mini-tent with widow Mrs Edith Ngaben, sleeping on sofa.

WRAB PLANS SHELTER FOR TENT PEOPLE

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SOWETAN

10 MAY 1983

LIVING IN tents and being exposed to the bitter cold of the night will soon be a thing of the past for the about 30 families at Chicken Farm near Kliptown.

The West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) will erect prefab structures at the farm, the Reverend Cecil Begbie of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) said.

Mr Begbie added that an agreement was reached between the WCC and Wrab that no additional tents may be pitched at the farm as Wrab will erect prefab units to house the families.

This move by Wrab, comes after a series of meetings with the WCC over the plight of the families. On Saturday top officials from Wrab and five trucks uprooted 25 tents that were pitched at "Mochae-

By ALI MPHAKI

neng" by the WCC to house the stranded families whose shacks were demolished by Wrab about three weeks ago, and resettled them at Chicken Farm.

Mr Begbie said yesterday morning they were busy at Wrab's Jabavu offices trying to help some of the families who have not been housed yet. Mr Begbie said although there might be some who do not qualify to be in Johannesburg, they hoped to get in touch with organisations like the Black Sash and the South African Institute of Race Relations to help them.

He said he was grateful for the role the Press had played in exposing the plight of these people.

Wrab's chairman Mr John Knotzee said no private organisation will be allowed to pitch tents in the area. He said an "agreement" has been reached between him and the WCC that no additional tents will be pitched and if any organisation had money to house these people, "let them give it to us as we are in a better position to use it by building these people houses instead of tents".

He said the appalling conditions of sleeping in tents as reported in The SOWETAN yesterday were a matter of great urgency to Wrab and they were arranging "something" for the families.

Lenasia residents spurn high rates

By Yussuf Nazeer

10 MAY 1983

More than 2 000 protesting residents from Lenasia Extensions 8, 9, 10 and 11 today refused to pay the Peri-urban Board's water and electricity rate — which is 40 per cent higher than that of the Johannesburg City Council

Instead they converged with placards on the board's payment depot in Lenasia to pay their accounts according to City Council rates. The clerks did not argue and simply accepted the lower payments

The residents also handed the board a letter stating that their payments were being made "in full and final settlement"

Residents paid the following rates bills — as opposed to the Peri-urban accounts which are shown in brackets R35 (R52), R39 (R58), R50 (R70), R62 (R84), R42 (R61)

Residents also complained that they had no shopping facilities, no adequate public transport, no post office or police station, no clinical services and that Extension 10 had no tarred roads, no drains and no street lighting.

400 homes to be built

By LEN MASEKO

THE SERIOUS housing shortage in Mohlakeng, Randfontein, will soon be alleviated following Government approval of a R3,6-million housing scheme.

The project, which has already been approved by the local community council and the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), involves the building of about 400 houses in the township.

Wrab's director of community services, Mr Steve Burger, said yesterday the surveying of sites in the area had already started and that this process would be completed within the next two weeks.

LOAN

"The Department of Co-operation and Development has given us the green light to build the houses. All that is left for us now is to obtain a housing loan from the National Housing Commission, from whom we have asked R3,6-million," Mr Burger said.

The scheme will go a long way towards solving the housing crisis in the area, he added. The last batch of houses in Mohlakeng were built in 1978 and, since the inception of the local community council, no houses have been built in the township.

SCHEME

Meanwhile a scheme involving the building of about 800 houses at a cost of R10-million in Dobsonville has been started. The first batch of eight houses, which will serve as showpieces for prospective home buyers, is nearing completion.

Dobsonville Council Chairman Mr B Mashao said yesterday contractors had already started work on the servicing of sites, for which the council had set aside R1-million. In addition, the council has made available 350 sites for development by individuals.

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Prefab units ^{SMC} for Soweto ^{10 MAY 1983} tent dwellers ⁽¹²⁷⁾

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Sturdy, serviced homes are in sight for most of Soweto's evicted shack people who moved into tents in desperation 10 days ago

Chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze, confirmed yesterday that the board would provide homes — probably prefab units — on serviced sites as a temporary measure.

He had visited the tent town pitched at Chicken Farm, near Kliptown, and found it "cold, miserable and dangerous". Mr Knoetze added "We are anxious to provide shelter for these families before the onset of winter, but we won't have an uncontrolled tent town"

Conflict over the fate of the evicted shack dwellers broke when the Witwatersrand Council of Churches provided the families, whose shacks were demolished by Wrab, with tents as temporary shelter

Wrab argued that the council had taken the law into its hands instead of bringing the families to the board

The council said it had appealed to the board in vain and families had visited Wrab offices without result

The tents were erected on an unserviced site opposite the Regina Mundi Church. At the weekend they were moved under Wrab supervision to Chicken Farm, where services are available.

Rent shock for squatters

HARDLY a week after the West Rand Administration Board resettled families from "Mochaneng" at the Chicken Farm next to Kiptown, residents who have been living in the area in prefab structures for the past two years, are in for a R40 a month rent shock as from June 1.

This was announced by the Soweto Council director of housing Mr J J Oosthuisen, who said as soon as the families living in tents were housed in prefab structures they would be expected to pay similar rents

There are ten prefab structures on the farm and the families occupying them have not paid rent ever since they were resettled there by

Wrab about two years ago. But Mr J J Oosthuisen said "The council cannot render services for free."

He said the council has to remove night soil from the area, provide water and other services which amount to about R40 a site

A spokesman for the Witwatersrand Council of Churches said they would meet Wrab to discuss this issue. He said the rents were too high. "Imagine paying R40 for staying in a prefab, it is ridiculous," he said

The announcement was met with mixed feelings from the residents yesterday but the majority said they were prepared to pay as long as they were allowed to stay in the area

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Lenasia people march on Peri-Urban offices

Residents protest over rent

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MORE than 100 Lenasia residents marched on the local offices yesterday to pay their rents in protest.

The action followed a demand by local residents to have one council in charge of its affairs

Mr Mohammed Valli, secretary of the Lenasia Federated Residents' Association said extensions one to seven in the area fell under the Johannesburg City Council while extensions eight to 11 have been placed under the Peri-Urban Board

He said residents in the last four extensions have since discovered that Peri-Urban's tariff charges on electricity and water are 40 percent higher than those of the JCC. This has angered residents and they are

By SELLO RABOTHATA

demanding the benefits due to them as people who qualify to live in Johannesburg

When the Peri-Urban Board took over those extensions earlier this year, FRA requested a meeting with the authorities but authorities allegedly failed to turn up. A fortnight ago residents received their rent accounts and noticed that these were 40 percent higher than those extensions under the JCC

"FRA, which represents about 75 percent

of these residents, converted these accounts to those of the JCC which are less, and by whom we demand to be administered. We collected about one thousand accounts and took them to the Peri-Urban offices to pay the JCC tariffs. We also wrote a letter advising them of our action," Mr Valli said

FRA feels that extensions one to seven pay less because the JCC has vast electricity and water resources and can afford to subsidise residents. Those in the other extensions feel it is also their right to demand JCC administration. One resident who paid R35 while still under the JCC now has to pay R50,20 under the



PROTEST: A poster that says it all.

Peri-Urban. This includes R8,65 for service charges which they claim are none existent.

Other grievances advanced by FRA were

that the four extensions, eight to 11, had no recreational facilities, the roads are not tarred and the Peri-Urban Board office is in the veld.

Stands not the ~~key~~ solution — ¹²⁷ Kopel

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Johannesburg's white housing crisis will be eased by the acquisition of 621 stands from the Department of Community Development to be sold to the public by the city council

With more than 2 000 people on waiting lists for council accommodation and severe funding cutbacks by the Government, the council recently established its own fund in a bid to ease the problem

But the land will have little real effect on the shortage of accommodation unless the city council changes its housing policy, says the councillor for the central city area, Mrs Molly Kopel

The housing and utilities committee decided last week that people living on council housing estates who earn more than R800 a month will be given the chance to buy the new stands. A report compiled by housing director Mr Thys Wilsnach revealed there were 663 such families — more than the number of stands now acquired

Despite protests by Mrs Kopel the committee decided to give tenants who earned more than R800 a month a year's notice to quit their council houses if they agreed to buy a stand, and six months' notice to those who refused

"Their reasoning is cockeyed because the middle to upper income families who live in council houses can easily afford to buy these stands which will be sold by the council below market value," said Mrs Kopel

She advocates that such tenants be given a month's notice so the council can house those who cannot compete for accommodation on the open market

"These people are rip-offs and are depriving people desperate for subsidised accommodation of a roof over their heads," said Mrs Kopel

Coloureds win rent row, then landlord evicts

By Eugene Saldanha

A coloured woman who earlier this year won a historic Rent Board ruling against her landlord was evicted from her Johannesburg flat yesterday

Now Mrs Ronelle Brandt — who has been living in Orion House, Bree Street, for the past seven years — claims he victimised her

Mrs Brandt said she received a telephone call at work yesterday informing her that her family's belongings had been thrown out of their flat

She immediately hurried home and found her maid outside with her two-year-old daughter.

An ejection order was pinned to the door and the furniture was on the pavement

"The eviction came as a shock because we have been living there for so many years. My husband had to rush home from work to try to find a place to store the furniture," Mrs Brandt said.

Mrs Brandt's landlord, Mr Mark Steele, yesterday said he applied for the ejection order under the Rents Act because Mrs Brandt had refused to move out so he could have the flat renovated

"The flat is in urgent need of repair, and Mrs Brandt refused to move out temporarily so that I could have it renovated. I had no choice but to have her evicted," Mr Steele said

The Rent Board hearing in March was the first held on behalf of coloured tenants, and was described as a breakthrough for illegal tenants who wished to challenge their landlords

It was called after Mrs Brandt and other tenants challenged Mr Steele's application for a R100 rent increase

The chairman of the Rent Board, Mr F J Dietschz, ruled in favour of a R2 rent increase for each flat.

The board also ruled in favour of the tenants on their complaint about an extra R120 a month they said they had been asked to pay for the use of furniture

Mr Dietschz said the fee for furniture was a contravention of the Rent Control Act because the Rent Board had not been asked to decide on it.

The Brandts last night stayed with Mrs Brandt's brother who has a flat in Johannesburg.

Hostel rents indaba

THE Alexandra Liaison
Committee (ALC) is to
make representations to
the West Rand Adminis-
tration Board concern-
ing hostel rentals which
have been hiked by al-
most 180 percent — be-
tween R9 to R25 a bed —
from May 1.

The committee's
spokesman slammed the
new tariffs and said that
they were concerned
about the level to which
Wrab has increased the
rents.

"We are going to per-
suade Wrab to reduce
the hikes. Ordinary peo-
ple cannot afford to pay
so much. If we fail in
persuading them we will
have to devise some
means to help the hostel
dwellers," the spokes-
man said.

Wrab's chief exe-
cutive officer in Alexan-
dra, Mr Gert Steyn, said
the hikes at the old hos-
tel, were to bring them
in line with those at the
new men's hostel which
is R31,10

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OUSTED CHAIRMAN: Mr Richard Sepotokele.

Ikageng's Sepotokele is a very bitter man

ONCE YOU HAVE PUT your heart into helping your community, that is where it will always lie, as Mr Richard Sepotokele who has been number one resident (mayor) in Ikageng, near Potchefstroom, until last year will tell you.

Mr Sepotokele, community leader, businessman, farmer and perhaps most influential resident in Ikageng, is a bitter man. He was ousted from the chairmanship of the local community council last year for leading a protest against rent increases.

He told the story this way "Ikageng township was founded in 1958 and most of the present residents were from two ghettos, Makweteng and Willem Klopperville. All the residents were allowed to build their own houses, that is why the place was called Ikageng. The same thing still applies today. Our community is building itself up."

Two years after Ikageng was established, Mr Sepotokele became committed to the locals. He was elected to the then Bantu Advisory Boards which have since been replaced by community councils. He became chairman of the community council since its inception until last year.

The Western Transvaal Administration Board (WTAB) wrote him a letter last year asking him to resign both as chairman and member of the community council. This was after he had failed to pay rent for three months as a sign of protest against increases of 150 percent. The WTAB had raised rents from R10 to R25 a month, and the residents were up in arms.

After he received the WTAB's letter, Mr Sepotokele started paying his rent and the residents also followed suit. Six months later they were surprised to hear there were by-elections for their vacant seats. They were replaced in the council's chambers, but not in the hearts of the residents. On this belief, Mr Sepotokele feels he must stand as a candidate in the next council's elections.

Apart from being involved in the community's welfare, Mr Sepotokele is an active businessman. His cat-

tle are more than 200 and he still buys and sells. His involvement in business has provided jobs for a number of people. He also owns three general dealers in the township and his son-in-law, Mr A M Mogoar, is helping in the running of the family business.

The Sepotokeles' house — oooops mansion oops castle, simply called home, is a showpiece — right at

the entrance to the township.

He said Ikageng was a peaceful place to live in. He should know as he has been there for the past 25 years. That is since it was founded and he has been involved in its planning and representation. Opportunities are there for the hard workers. He just would not like to see people being exploited, he stands for their rights first.

By SELLO RABOTHATA



CAUGHT IN THE ACT: This little girl could not help but look in amusement at one of the Wtab policemen who are keeping a vigil at the Chicken Farm — a new constituency for the people from "Mochaeneng". See page 3.

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* Mr G. B. D. McINOSH asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(a) What is the estimated total cost of the aerial survey of Soweto and (b) how is the survey being financed?

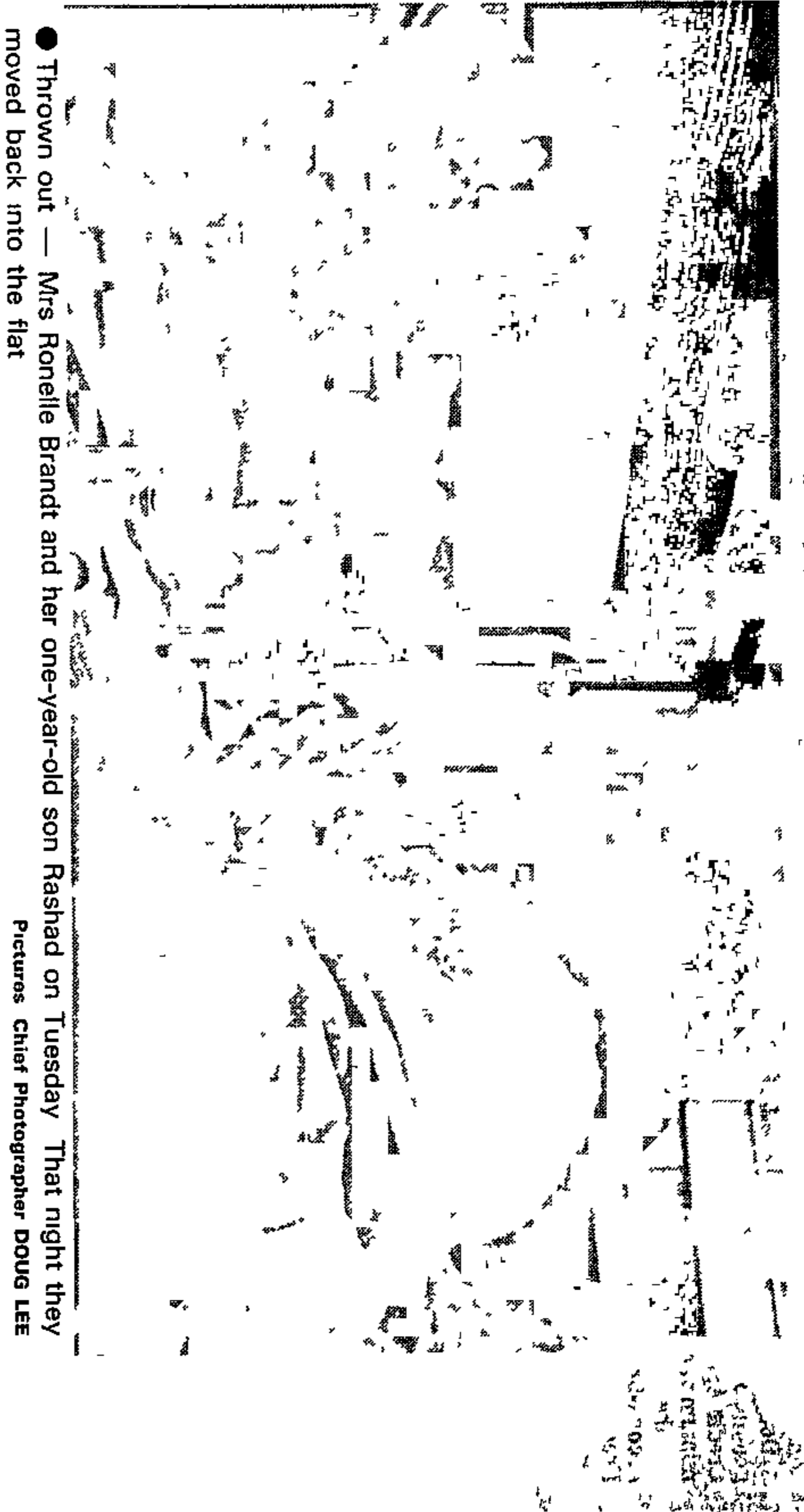
The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(a) Approximately R4 million

(b) An application for a loan from the National Housing Fund has been submitted to the Department of Community Development

Evictions, 'enemy', boots out coloureds

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● Thrown out — Mrs Ronelle Brandt and her one-year-old son Rashad on Tuesday. That night they moved back into the flat.
Pictures: Chief Photographer DOUG LEE

BY STEPHANIE VENTER

A MAN who defied the Group Areas Act for seven years by letting flats to coloureds now says it is against the law — and he is evicting them "for economic reasons".

Mr Mark Steele, a founder member of Actstop — the action committee to stop evictions under the Group Areas Act — this week tried to evict a coloured tenant from his apartment block.

The move comes shortly after Mr Steele asked Actstop to defend him on charges under the Group Areas Act in court next month.

But Mr Steele, owner of Orton House in Bree Street, who says he still opposes the Group Areas Act because it is "inhuman", has given his 30 tenants notice "for economic reasons".

Almost half the tenants are coloured and the others Indian.

Mr Steele intends converting the building into a hotel at an estimated cost of R100 000.



● MR MARK STEELE, Orton House landlord

verted the entire block into a hotel.

Mr Steele said he felt no moral conflict over the issue but wanted to convert the flats to make more money.

"Every landlord wants to get the best return on his money," he said.

Mr Steele gave all his tenants six months' notice, which expired at the end of last year, and then further extended it for another six months.

He said tenants were reminded of their notice in March this year.

In the past, there were two landlords on Actstop's 15-member committee. Now there is none.

Mr Steele first allowed coloured tenants to live in Orton House seven years ago when he found that whites who wanted to live there were of a lower income group.

"The whites earned on average R400 a month whereas the coloureds earned over R1 500. They were a much better type of person," he said.

Mr Saloojee said that like many other property owners, Mr Steele took in black tenants when it suited him.

"But now he does not need them he is throwing them out," he said.

"He knows that the people have nowhere to go." However, although he found coloured tenants preferable to whites, Mr Steele said that because it was against the law, it had never

"suited" him to take in coloured tenants.

The agony of trying to find somewhere to live has been a part of Mrs Brandt's life since she moved to Johannesburg from Cape Town in 1976.

She had no family in Johannesburg and initially lived in a crowded Eldorado Park home for a year.

But when that house became over-crowded, Mrs Brandt, then unmarried, had to find somewhere else to live.

She moved into Orton House in 1977 but was only there for two weeks when, she said, all tenants were given six months' notice by Mr Steele.

At that stage she was married and had a baby.

Her desperate search for accommodation took her to a house in Doornfontein which, she was told, would be demolished in another five years.

But after two weeks there, she was given a day to move out because the bulldozers were due to start demolishing the next day.

She went back to Orton House and Mr Steele agreed to give her a flat. She has lived there ever since.

After she was given permission to move back into her flat, four policemen went to evict her. But after consultations between Mrs Brandt and Mr Steele's lawyers she was allowed

back into the flat.

On Friday, the Johannesburg Magistrates Court granted a request by Actstop's legal advisers for the warrant of ejectment to be stayed.

The matter will be heard in court on June 10.

This follows a Rent Board hearing in March, the first held on behalf of coloured tenants, at which Mrs Brandt and other Orton House tenants challenged Mr Steele's application for a

R100 rent increase. He was finally granted a R2 increase.

The Board ruled in favour of the tenants after Mrs Brandt complained that Mr Steele had asked tenants to pay an extra R120 a month for furniture.

The historic hearing was later described as a welcome channel of recourse to the law for other coloured, Indian and black people living illegally in Johannesburg.

On Tuesday, he evicted one of his tenants, Mrs Ronelle Brandt, her one-year-old son Rashad and her husband Michael. Mrs Brandt arrived home from work to find the contents of her flat dumped outside the door.

She was later given permission to move back.

Mr Steele's action was this week slammed by Actstop's chairman, Mr Cassim Saloojee. He said it raised doubts as to why Mr Steele became a member of the organisation in the first place.

Mr Steele, former treasurer of Actstop, was on its committee for about a year.

"I joined because I felt the Group Areas Act was wrong and inhuman. Coloured people must understand that if Mrs Brandt was a white person she would have also been asked to move out."

He wanted Mrs Brandt out so he could convert it into a "model flat" before he con-

Group Areas team studies plan for Sandton coloured township

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THE Group Areas Board is considering a proposal to establish a coloured township in Sandton

The board will also consider the findings of a socio-economic survey on the coloured population of Alexandra and surrounding areas

The survey was conducted by the Save the Alexandra Coloured Party, which was assisted by West Rand Administration Board and the Alexandra Advice Committee

One of the findings is that most of the coloured families who responded to the survey have a monthly income of R600 or more

The report says that this means there will be little necessity to build sub-economic homes, erasing fears by whites that a township would devalue their properties.

This view was endorsed by the chair-

man of the Sandton Management Committee, Mr Rick Valente

Most of the homes in the proposed township would be owner-built with help of bank loans, the report says.

The township is planned to house between 6 000 and 7 000 people and may be situated between the Eastern Bypass, the Modderfontein dynamite factory, and the suburbs of Buccleuch, Modderfontein and Linbro Park

According to a Linbro Park town councillor, residents are not opposed to a coloured township, but are loath to see a sub-economic housing area built next to a high-income residential suburb

But Mr Valente said that plans for the township are still very much in the pipeline

"A resolution was passed by the council to establish a coloured township, and this is now in the hands of the Department of

BY KAREN LE ROUX and STEPHANIE VENTER

Community Development"

The decision on the township lies with the department

A spokesman for the department said the report from the management committee had been submitted to their offices in Pretoria and then passed on to the Group Areas Board for final consideration

"The board is a national body and has a long waiting list," he said

Mr Percy Williams, chairman of the Save the Alexandra Coloured Party, has sent a report on the findings of the survey to the management committee

The survey, to which 80% of the coloureds living in Alexandra responded, took two months to complete and had a

favourable response from coloureds living in Alexandra and also those who work near the township

The report also says that thousands of coloured people who work in the Kew-Wynberg-Sandton industrial area have to commute about 60km daily to their homes in the coloured townships south of Johannesburg

These people would also like to be incorporated into the Alexandra coloured community

The report says the establishment of a coloured township in Sandton would reduce travelling costs, absenteeism and arriving late for work and would increase productivity

The establishment of such a township would also provide much-needed accommodation for people living on farms in the Sandton area and illegally in Johannesburg

The reports says 90% of school teach-

ers in Alexandra travel from Pretoria every day

The proposals for the township, initiated by the Progressive Federal Party in November last year, met with fierce resistance from opposition Sandton town councillors and there is still a great deal of dissension among both councillors and residents

An opinion poll to assess whether Sandton residents want a coloured township developed on the boundaries of their prestigious suburb has been conducted by the Linbro Park and Kelvin-Buccleuch Ratepayer's Associations and the results are expected to be released soon

"I can see no reason why the Department of Community Development would object to establishing a coloured area in Sandton Coloured people play a very important role in the industrial and commercial fields in Sandton and neighbouring areas," Mr Williams said this week

The council rent dodgers

RICH 'rent dodgers' are lining their pockets while keeping Johannesburg's needy out in the cold
 And until last week, the Johannesburg City Council turned a blind eye to the abuse

People earning salaries of more than R1 200 a month — and in some cases as much as R3 000 a month — are living in 200 low-rent council houses set aside for those earning less than R650 a month

As a result, the number of destitute people on the city council's waiting list for cheap housing for whites has grown to a staggering 1 200

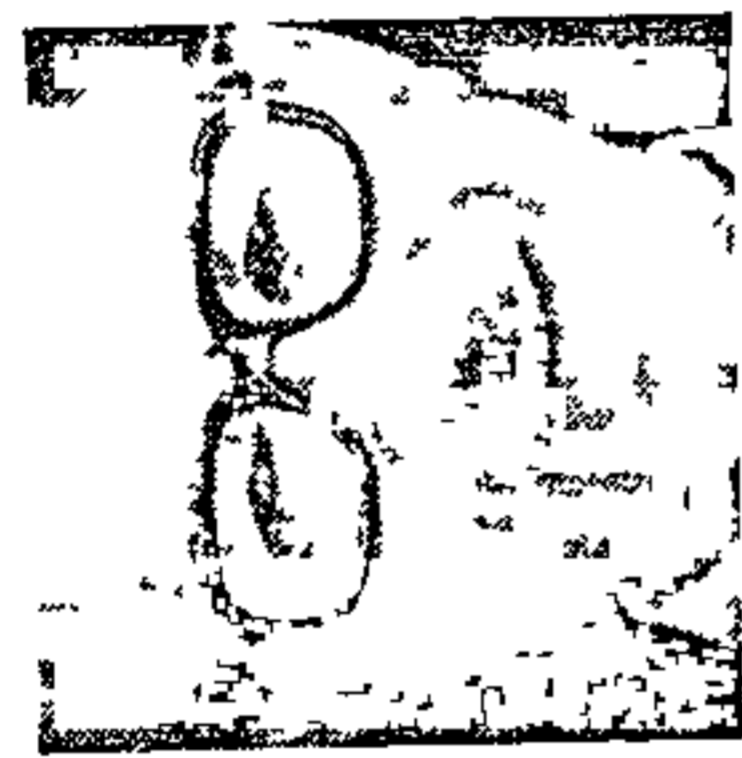
But for them, hopes of beating the crisis seem to be slipping — already 663 council houses are occupied by people earning more than R650 a month

Rents for some of the council's sub-economic houses are as little as R100, and in some cases, R60

By comparison, privately-owned middle-class houses fetch as much as R500 to R600 in rent, which means that occupants of council houses are making massive savings

The situation has dragged on for several years but until

Rich tenants in council homes pay low rents as poor are out in the cold



● MR CAREL VENTER council turned blind eye

out on housing while others made money at their expense

"There have been cases where a man's wife and children work and bring in a lot of money and he just sits around and claims he has no salary," Mr Venter said

"Because he is classified as

But he said the council had adopted a lenient line and had not enforced the regulations

The chairman of the housing and amenities committee and deputy-chairman of the management committee, Mr Carel Venter, also conceded some needy people had lost

at salaries below the maximum wage level but now earn a lot more," he said

At last week's meeting of the housing and utilities committee, the Progressive Federal Party's Mrs Molly Kopel slammed the council's leniency, saying many poor people were being deprived of housing and people who earned more than the stipulated limit should be told to move out

"Some of these people in council houses earn more than R2 000 a month"

Mr Venter said the council checked on each household-er's annual income but until now, it had not told anyone to move out

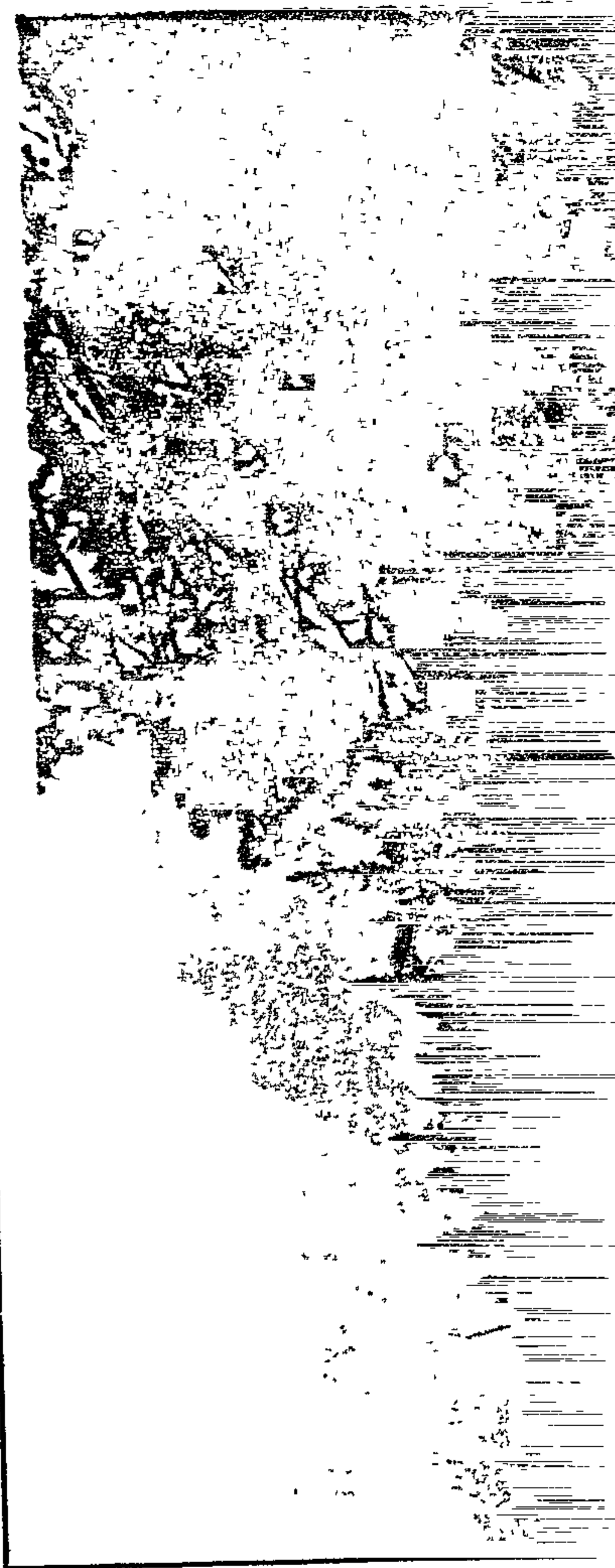
"Not all people earning more than R650 a month deliberately abuse the scheme," Mr Venter said "Sometimes

If a family decides to buy a plot, it will be given one year's notice to vacate its present council house

Councillor warns of 'boerefees' centenary

By DEENA SHAPIRO

JOHANNESBURG's centenary celebration is in danger of turning into a 'boerefees' at Wemmer Pan and Zoo Lake



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Anti-eviction man throws family out

By SAVVAS GEORGIADIS
A FOUNDER member of Actistop — the Action Committee to stop Evictions — who evicted a coloured family from their flat, says he still abhors the Group Areas Act



MRS RONNELLE BRANDT
With year-old baby Rashad

Mr Mark Steele, 35, says he evicted Mrs Ronnelle Brandt, 27, to renovate her flat

Mrs Brandt says she was evicted because she fought and beat an attempt by Mr Steele to increase her rent by R100 a month.

flat with her belongings scattered in the passage.

An eviction notice was pinned to her flat door in Orion Place, Bree Street, Johannesburg

Mr Steele said all the tenants were given notice because he wanted to renovate the building.

He claimed the eviction notice had nothing to do with the Group Areas Act but was for commercial reasons

He was one of the founder members of Actistop and

their first treasurer

"I felt the Group Areas Act was unfair. They were evicting people from the city centre without giving them alternative housing"

"The Government should give landlords permits to house the various race groups"

"Instead they are creating islands within the city"

"It makes no sense that a hotel is given international status while the building next door is restricted to whites"

only," he said.

Mr Steele has had coloured tenants in his building for the past 10 years and has found them to be more suitable than some white tenants

"When I first allowed coloureds into my building I was warned this would cause racial friction"

"I have had more problems with whites in my Mayfair building than I have had with the coloured tenants in the city centre," Mr Steele said

"I have already paid

R1 500 in repairs for dampness in Mrs Brandt's flat but the dampness is seeping through again"

Another tenant, who asked not to be named, said the whole building was filled with nonwhites

"We were all given notice to protect Mr Steele from the police," the tenant said

Mr Steele denied he had asked Mrs Brandt to pay extra rent or that he had issued notice to evade prosecution

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Indaba over Reef housing

A DELEGATION from the Reef Steering Committee representing thousands of shack-dwellers will today meet the Chief Commissioner of the Department of Cooperation and Development to discuss housing projects in Johannesburg.

According to an executive officer of the committee, Mr Ambition Brown, the discussions will include the position of shacks on the Reef and tent dwellers.

The committee was formed by interested parties on the Reef following large scale demolition of shacks in Soweto and on the west and east Rand by administration boards and community councils.

Mr Brown said following several complaints by residents about the housing crisis the committee decided to submit a memorandum to the deputy minister of Cooperation and Development, Dr Morrison, who advised them to meet the commissioner for the area

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Big break for the better-off

By LIN MENGE

THERE are 670 serviced stands awaiting allocation to individual blacks willing to build houses for R40 000 or more in Diepkloof Extension

Mr George Brophy, chief executive officer of Diepmeadow Community Council, told HOMEFRONT that

● The stands in this third phase of development of this "elite" township are being allocated to individuals who must find their own builders

In the first and second phases, stands were allocated largely to building societies and developers. Some individuals were allocated sites, but many of them got into trouble when they employed fly-by-night builders

● There is less danger now of people being cheated by their builders

People can now see for themselves what various builders have erected in Phases One and Two of Diepkloof Ext, and Diepmeadow Council has a panel of reputable builders to serve as a further guide

● Some 14 black builders are being given two stands each in Diepkloof Ext, on which they will soon begin erecting their own show houses

Home-seekers will then be able to compare the work of these builders with that of the big white construction firms before deciding whom to go to for a house

Allocation of most of the stands will be held back for eight weeks or so until these show houses are ready

Diepmeadow Council has a



The woman who bought this Diepkloof Extension house improved its value from R22 000 to R50 000 and added a charming garden

waiting list for home-ownership (to which anyone qualified to live in the Johannesburg area may ask to add their names), as well as a list for renting matchbox-type houses

But the aim is to keep Diepmeadow Council unashamedly elitist for the person who wants to be able to capitalise on the value of his house and for that he needs to be in a good neighbourhood

The decision to allocate stands to individuals, rather than developers, has been made on the basis of past —

sometimes painful — experience

Allegations of corruption tend to be flung around, fairly or unfairly, when one developer receives a large allocation

There are other problems. Recently, in an answer to a Question in Parliament, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, confirmed that "a certain housing development company accepted R250 each from approximately 400 blacks in respect of sites in Diepmeadow which the company was to develop"

The problem — as the Rand Daily Mail reported in an investigation into the company, Impact Homes — was that the company had not been allocated any stands

According to Dr Koornhof, his department then issued a circular to all Chief Commissioners, administration boards and community councils asking "blacks wishing to obtain houses in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme to be on their guard when requested to make payments in the form of a cash deposit or first instalment"

"Such prospective buyers

were to be advised to approach the Administration Board, as the owner of the land, for advice before making any payment"

However, earlier this year Mail investigators found another white firm — UFT Consultants — which had not been allocated any stands, saying it would find people housing in Soweto and charging several hundred rands for "plans"

The main problem now — in Diepkloof Ext, at least — will be to protect standholders from bad builders

Now Mr Jan van Biljon, housing officer for Diepkloof and Meadowlands, can advise people, whether they are building with Wrab or building society loans or their own cash

He may not recommend a builder, but he can warn people off bad builders and will show them the work and price range of reputable builders from whom they can make their own choice

"Now, if everybody chooses the same builder .. good luck to him," says Mr Brophy

The community council does not want to build more matchboxes. They would rather move lower-income people into the matchboxes vacated by those who find better houses

But there are people who would like an improved matchbox, with fitted-out kitchen and internal bathroom for about R10 000, or a smart little home for R18-R20 000.

For these, Mr Brophy promises, there is the prospect of building on land previously reserved for parks. Smaller parks will be developed and the resulting buffer strips used for some 2 500 houses

Both Mr Brophy and Mr Van Biljon lend a helpful ear to employers just telephone 673-5200



Jan van Biljon (left) and George Brophy

An elegant "Phase One" house which made good use of a tiny stand

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Tent babies freezing

By ALL MPHAKI



BRRR. Little Thembinkosi Nkosi at the Tent City

THE advent of extremely cold weather has brought the fate of the families of the "tent city" in Chicken Farm, Klip-town, a little closer to that suffered by the people of the KTC camp in Cape Town. They almost froze to death last night.

And with more snow expected to fall in the eastern Drakensberg mountains, and rain in the southern coastal area according to a Weather Bureau spokesman in Pretoria yesterday, the families could be risking serious illness if they are not ac-

comodated properly very soon. Frost and dew accumulated in their tents yesterday morning, and women with babies on their backs had their teeth clattering because of the bitter cold. Temperatures dropped as low as 2 degrees Celsius in the early hours of yesterday and snow fell at various parts of the country, the Weather Bureau said. The Bureau added that the cold weather is

likely to persist for some time, and the heavy frost of winter was expected last night over most parts of the Transvaal, northern and central Cape

Bitter

Families at the tent city were bitter with the West Rand Administration Board for demolishing their shacks about a month ago, and claimed the shacks were a bit warmer than the tents

They said what made matters worse was that they could not put their braziers into their tents as they could catch fire

"The sooner Wrab completed the prefabricated structures they said they are erecting for us the better as we are literally freezing especially during the night," said Mr Johannes Peterson

The pressure stove which is their only heater and stove is inadequate as it fails to bring any warmth into the tents

"No matter how many blankets you have, the penetrating cold wind, especially in the night makes us freeze. We are very worried about the children as they are risking pneumonia by staying at this place," Mrs Edith Ngabem said

A Wrab spokesman yesterday said the prefabricated structures being erected for these families would be ready soon. He said the families would be asked to pay rent but he was not yet able to say how much as discussions were still in process

Councillor knocked down by train

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Home gives to tent people

IN what could be a challenge to other community organisations, the matron of the Orlando Home Mrs Maggie Nkwe, donated jerseys, soup packages and carpets for the families of the tent city in Chicken Farm in Kliptown.

"Although we here at the home are in very serious need of food, clothing and other material, we felt we should donate some of the material we had to other people who might be in a more critical situation than we are," said Mrs Nkwe.



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(127) House rental/service charges 20/5/83
Household Q 61 1335-1336
*15 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co operation and Development

- (1) What was the average (a) house rental and (b) service charge in force in the townships of (i) Dobsonville (ii) Meadowlands/Diepkloof and (iii) Soweto as at the latest specified date for which figures are available
- (2) whether there is a shortfall per household on the basis of the tariffs charged, if so, what is the extent of the shortfall?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND FAIRS (for the Minister of Co operation and Development)

(1) (a) (i) Dobsonville			R2 58 per month
(ii) Meadowlands			R3 40 per month
Diepkloof			R3 30 per month
(iii) Soweto			R3.25 per month
(b)	Service charges	Site rental	Total
(i) Dobsonville	R25 18	R16,39	R41,57
(ii) Meadowlands	R22,77	R11,18	R33,95
Diepkloof	R22,77	R10,78	R33,55
(iii) Soweto	R23,73	R13 32	R37,05

- (2) Dobsonville—R1 873 000 per annum or R39 per home per month Diep/Meadow—R2 398 000 per annum or R7,40 per house per month Soweto—R13 163,00 per annum or R14,90 per house per month

The West Rand Administration Board yesterday passed a R147 million operating budget.

Departments handling direct services — housing, electricity, job placement and unemployment funds — got less than R19 million, but this belies the work they supervise. Jo-Anne Collinge reports.

Wrab is reliant on outside housing funds

The budget of the West Rand Administration Board reflects only a portion of the housing activity for which it is responsible — funds are generally channeled through Wrab rather than provided by it

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of Wrab, reported yesterday in his budget speech that his department of community services, which is responsible for housing, gets about R3,5 million of the R147 million budget. But building work many times that value has been done in the Wrab areas in recent years.

The chairman's budget report indicates that Wrab itself erected only 579 houses in 1982/83. It showed greater involvement in procuring single occupancy hostel accommodation, building a 1500-bed unit in early 1982 at George Goch, where two further units — accommodating 2000 — are nearing completion.

The board plans to extend the Kagiso Hostel by 312 beds and to lease the No 2 compound at Rand Leases Mines to house 2500. A further three-year lease has been signed by Wrab on the CMR hostel.

Funds for housing come mainly from the National Housing Fund and the private sector, the report reveals.

The housing fund will provide for 514 units in Alexandra and Mohlakeng in 1983/4. It has also funded the servicing of sites for a further 1513 units in the pipeline at Alexandra, Krugersdorp and Mohlakeng.

Mr Knoetze states: "Progress is being made in negotiating an external private sector loan on terms that will enable it to be channelled into low-cost housing schemes." The amount involved is R25,5 million intended to provide over 3000 units in various townships.

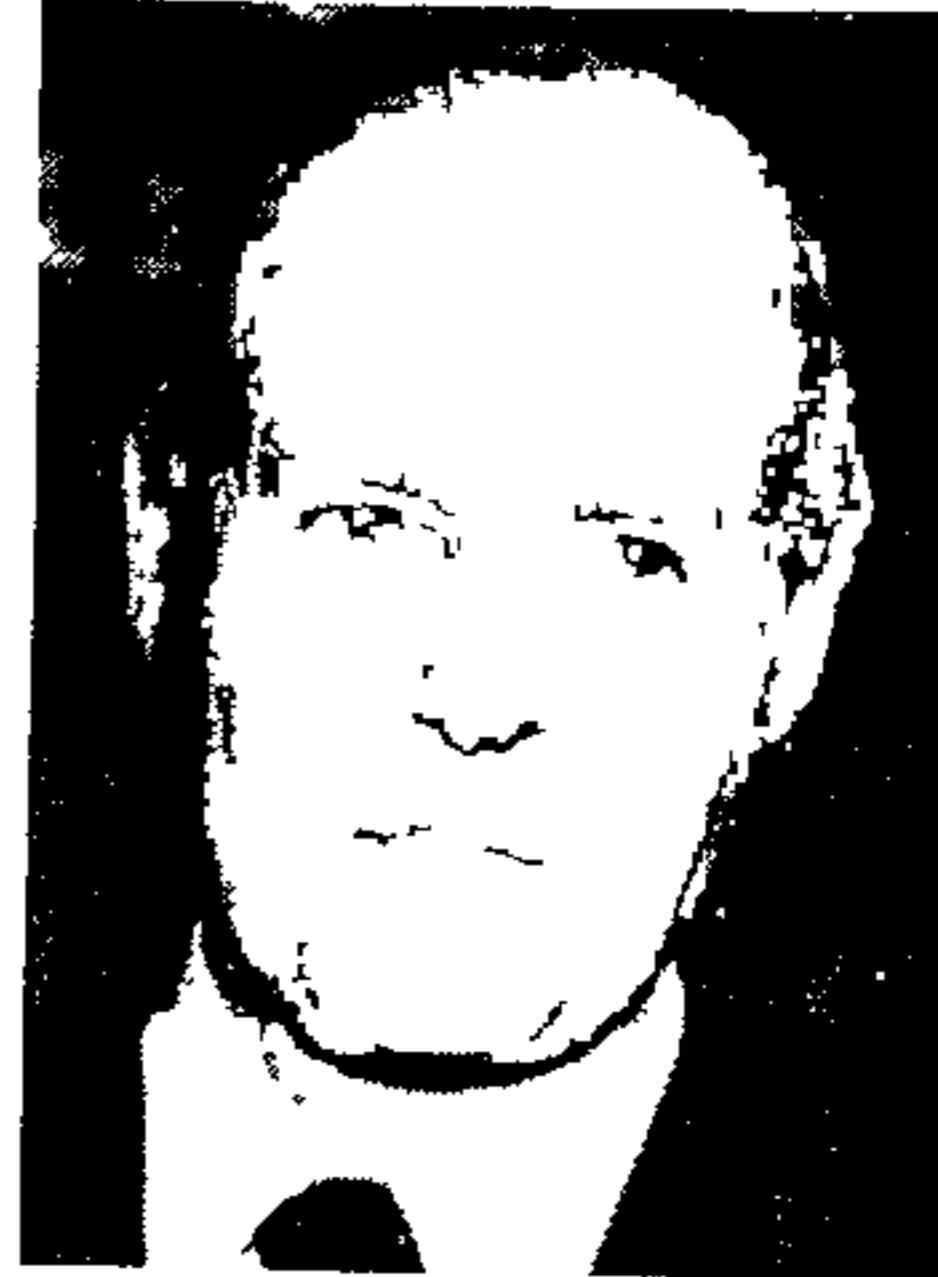
In the past three years renovation plans for work to the value of R32 million have been approved by Wrab. The number of homes involved is 6166.

While 17131 homes have been sold on certificate of occupation since 1976, 2657 leasehold sales have been contracted and 1462 more applications for leasehold have been made.

● Wrab estimates there are about 500 families of squatters in the townships it controls who qualify for family housing.

The chairman reports the board has begun building an emergency camp near the Fred Clark centre in Soweto "where a limited number of families can be accommodated in neatly constructed zinc huts and where essential municipal services can be provided at the lowest possible cost."

He adds that the camp is a purely temporary measure and that the servicing of more than 1000 sites in Naledi, where core houses will be erected, is being pursued with urgency.



Wrab chairman John Knoetze

Many Manpower Dept duties taken over

The West Rand Administration Board has assumed many of the service responsibilities of the Department of Manpower in its area and the expenditure of its own manpower department is expected to be nearly 27 percent higher in 1983/4 than in the previous year.

The chairman's report states that Wrab's manpower department is "responsible for the orderly movement of blacks who work and live in the white areas in the board's jurisdiction."

It undertakes job placement

and administration of unemployment insurance as an agent of the Department of Manpower. It also assists in tracing recipients of workmen's compensation payments.

Wrab reports that there are 575805 registered workers in its area, excluding 76216 miners. About 170000 of these are women.

It says it is "forced" to recruit manpower from the homelands and independent states. "Available local labour is not always readily available to fill the different categories of work," the report says.

Soweto electrification scheme on schedule

The R250 million capital scheme to electrify Soweto is on schedule and should be completed by the end of the year, reports Mr Knoetze.

Explaining the growing budget for the electrical department, Mr Knoetze pointed to increasing demand for maintenance and operation of newly installed equipment.

He said 32109 homes in Greater Soweto already had power and that the wiring of 72862 houses had been passed by the local authority.

"The main extra high tension reticulation system has been fully completed and taken into service," he reported. Regarding the secondary 11kV system, Mr Knoetze said 816 of 955 mini-substations were either complete or nearly complete.

The chairman reported "satisfactory" progress on the upgrading of water supply, sewerage, roads and stormwater drainage in Greater Soweto.

PENSIONER IN EVICTION DRAMA

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AN AILING Soweto pensioner was forced to sleep in her neighbour's house after she was locked out of her home without prior notice that she was in arrears with her rent.

By ALI MPHAKI

Mrs Florence Marilela of 943A White City Jabavu, said she was fetched by Wrab police from her home to the local office where she was served with an eviction notice with immediate effect

She said although she tried to explain to the superintendent that she would only be receiving

her bi-monthly pension pay today he would not listen

"I was shocked when after all my explanation the superintendent ordered his men to go and lock my house," she said

But a superintendent

at the Jabavu office denied that he served Mrs Marilela with an ejection notice. He said he could show **The SOWETAN** a carbon copy of the notice served on Mrs Marilela which only warned her that she should pay her rent within seven days

When asked why he did not consider the fact that Mrs Marilela would only be getting her bi-monthly pension pay today, he said he would investigate the matter

Mrs Marilela was returned to her house after the Rev David Nkwe of the St Paul's Anglican Church paid her rent. Her house was opened hours after her rent was paid



LOCKED OUT: Mrs Florence Marilela.

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Granny evicted for power bill

A 64-YEAR-OLD widow and her family of 20 children and grandchildren has been evicted from her Orlando East home for owing R1 000 in electricity.

Mrs Gertrude Matoni, also had all her house furniture confiscated by officials of the Soweto Council and 15 people who live in four shacks erected in her yard were arrested.

According to a receipt she showed to **The SOWETAN**, Mrs Matoni has paid her monthly rental for up to May and she said she did not understand how she could be owing R1 000 be-

Mrs Matoni has 10 children and eight grandchildren. She said that after the eviction, she slept at a friend's house and her children had also divided themselves into groups and sought temporary accommodation at houses of friends and relatives.

Mr J J Oosthuizen, housing director of the Soweto Council, said he was not aware of the incident but promised to look into the matter and find out what circumstances surrounded Mrs Matoni's eviction.

He also said that under normal circum-

stances, residents were not evicted from their houses for owing electricity.

"Orlando East has been problematic for us. I know that we are taking action against many people in the area because many of them don't show responsibility in settling their electricity debts in time."

"We don't normally evict people who owe electricity but if like you said there is R1 000 owing, possibilities are that several other methods of recovering that money could have been unsuccessful."



MRS MATONI With some of her grandchildren in Orlando

Housing projects

SOWETO
SEVERAL housing projects costing millions of rands are in the pipeline for the West Rand.

20/5/83
Announcing the budget for the 1993/84 year, West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) chairman Mr John Knoetze said there had been remarkable achievements towards the purchase and upgrading of houses in black areas during the past year

In Soweto, where multi-million rand upgrading projects were in progress, 800 houses in Tshiawelo Extension had been completed during the past year. Projects in the pipeline in the area were the building of 226 houses in Dlamini at a cost of R2,7-million, 440 flats and 53 houses in Jabulani (R5-m) and 420 flats in Tshiawelo

Housing crisis on Reef will worsen

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NO END TO SCARCITY OF STANDS AS DEMAND INCREASES

By Julian Kraft

THE critical housing shortage on the Reef is going to become even more severe in the near future.

With the economic upturn just round the corner, the scarcity of stands for building will become far worse, with only a fraction of the demand being met, says Piet Hamman, MD of De Hulzemark, one of the leading residential estate companies on the Reef.

The rapidly increasing demand is illustrated by the fact that prices of residential properties handled by De Hulzemark in Johannesburg and the West Rand since the beginning of the year have increased by 24%, and Mr Hamman predicts that the figure will be at least 50% by the end of the year.

In January the average price for these areas was R93 328, while the average for this month to date is R115 444.

Since the beginning of the year the company has sold 575 residential properties with a total value of just under R60-million.

Taking Bryanston — one of the areas where De Hulzemark is especially active — as a barometer of trends in the upper-income bracket, during the period January to April this year the average price (excluding a handful of

sales of more than R300 000 which tend to distort the average) was R156 000, compared with R127 420 for the same four months of last year. The company's top sale in Bryanston during this period was R475 000.

Mr Hamman attributes the supply problem chiefly to the fact that the era of the housing developer is over.

"The housing industry is living on the legacy left by former property giants such as Glen Anil and Corlett Drive Estates. The costs involved have frightened off most township developers."

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The regulations nowadays were much stiffer than in previous years. The required guarantees meant that millions of rands in cash had to be tied up — something most groups were not prepared to do at current interest rates.

A further aggravating factor in the shortage of buildable land was the long delays in township proclamations, which took anything up to three years. This also meant that capital was tied up unproductively for long periods.

The interest which several institutions had begun to show in township development meant that the position would improve in the long term, but it would take years before their proposed investments matured.

"In the interim the shortage of land for housing is going to become critical unless the time taken for completion of the development procedure is drastically reduced," Mr Hamman said.

However, the economist for the Stellenbosch Bureau for Economic Research, Charles Martin, told Business Times that the supply of new dwellings in the future would not be a major problem, as the authorities had accepted new forms of housing such as timber-frame houses, which could be erected quickly, and there was no shortage of finance for building.

"The finance is available, but at a price. The main problem is affordability — new houses are out of reach of the average middle-income person," he said.

Housing construction costs, which increased by 16% last year, were expected to increase by 13% this year and 15%-16% next year.

Investment by the public in property appeared to have accelerated this year, but this was part of a trend which had started in the middle Seventies, when double-digit inflation stimulated more investment in property as a hedge against inflation and because, unlike other investments, the capital gains from property are not taxable.

STUFF YOUR STADIUM!

JO'BURG — Chairman of the Alexandra Liaison Committee, the Reverend Sam Buti, this week slammed the Government's decision to build a 40 000-seat stadium in the township instead of making housing its top priority.

This follows the announcement in Parliament by Minister of Co-Operation and Development, Dr Piet Koorhof, replying to a question tabled by PFP MP for Sandton, Mr David Dalung.

Said Dr Koorhof "The planned facilities include a site for a 40 000-seat sports stadium, mainly for soccer but also for any other sport as dictated by demand".

Other plans, added Dr Koorhof,

included provision for a trampoline and a jogging area along the township's Jukskei River.

"I'm not impressed," said Mr Buti "It seems Dr Koorhof was dodging the development of Alexandra. You can't shield behind sports fields and such matters."

Mr Buti emphasised that the development of the slum, with 53 440 officially-registered residents, must and should be the Government's top priority.

Later in the week Dr Koorhof announced that a new masterplan for Alexandra had been approved. The plan would be implemented in 11 stages.

In the first stage 94 houses and 194 flats would be built

BY ZB MOLEFE

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Rev Buti

and 79 houses were already under construction.

The second phase, he said, involving 320 houses and 93 flats, had been approved.

Dr Koorhof also pointed out that Alexandra residents still did not have a post office.



● The Reverend Sam Buti: "I'm not impressed."

(2) how many stch units are being built at present by (a) the East Rand Administration Board and (b) private owners?

Delmas 0
Devon 0
Tsakane 160

Housing schemes

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

834 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) (a) (b)

	(aa)	(bb)	(b)
Cullinan	0	20	270
Tokorn	440	0	1 510
Wattville	0	4	2 469
Daveyton	30	196	11 220
Vosloorus	204	98	5 408
Kwa Tema	0	0	9 757
Ratanda	0	23	1 520
Katlehong	215	46	17 588
Duduza	235	0	3 733
Tembisa	50	64	18 312
Delmas	0	4	817
Devon	0	0	182
Tsakane	334	67	6 138

(1) Whether any housing schemes are at present being developed in (a) the Black township of Cullinan (b) Tokorn, Alberton, (c) Wattville (d) Daveyton, (e) Vosloorus, (f) Kwa Tema, (g) Ratanda, (h) Katlehong, (i) Duduza, (j) Tembisa (k) the Black township of Delmas (l) the Black township of Devon and (m) Tsakane by the (i) East Rand Administration Board and (ii) private sector, if so,

(2) (a) how many in each case (b) when were such schemes initiated, (c) when is it envisaged that they will be completed and (d) how many housing units are involved, in each case.

(3) whether any housing for lower-income groups under construction in such townships, if so, (a) how many, and (b) how many housing units are involved, in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(2) (a) (b)

	(a)	(b)
Cullinan	0	
Tokorn	0	
Wattville	0	
Daveyton	0	
Vosloorus	0	
Kwa Tema	0	
Ratanda	0	
Katlehong	124	
Duduza	0	
Tembisa	120	

(Figures in respect of private owners are not readily available)

(1)

	(i)	(ii)
Cullinan	No	No
Tokorn	No	Yes
Wattville	No	No
Daveyton	No	Yes
Vosloorus	Yes	Yes
Kwa Tema	No	No
Ratanda	Yes	No
Katlehong	Yes	Yes
Duduza	No	No
Tembisa	Yes	Yes
Delmas	Yes	No
Devon	Yes	No
Tsakane	Yes	No

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Family housing units 1368
24/5/83

833 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) How many family housing units were (a) built in 1982 in (i) the Black township of Cullinan, (ii) Tokorn, Alberton, (iii) Wattville, (iv) Daveyton, (v) Vosloorus, (vi) Kwa Tema, (vii) Ratanda, (viii) Katlehong, (ix) Duduza, (x) Tembisa (xi) the Black township of Delmas, (xii) the Black township of Devon and (xiii) Tsakane by (aa) the East Rand Administration Board and (bb) private owners and (b) there in each of the above townships as at the latest specified date for which figures are available.

	not granted as funds were not available and 133 applications pending)
(b) Tokorn	0
(c) Wattville	0
(d) Daveyton	321
(e) Vosloorus	63
(f) Kwa Tema	242
(g) Ratanda	7
(h) Katlehong	141
(i) Duduza	2
(j) Tembisa	220
(k) Delmas	0
(l) Devon	0
(m) Tsakane	0

	Delmas—(No applications received)	Devon—(No applications received)	Tsakane—(No applications received)
(k) Delmas			
(l) Devon			
(m) Tsakane			

(2) (a) Cullinan—(No applications received)	
(b) Tokorn—(No applications received)	
(c) Wattville—(No applications received)	
(d) Daveyton—Yes, (168 granted, 15 applications withdrawn and 138 applications pending)	
(e) Vosloorus—Yes, (26 granted and 37 applications pending)	
(f) Kwa Tema—Yes, (170 granted, 2 not granted as funds were not available and 70 applications pending)	
(g) Ratanda—Yes, (4 granted and 3 pending)	
(h) Katlehong—Yes (68 granted and 73 pending)	
(i) Duduza—No, (2 applications pending)	
(j) Tembisa—Yes, (77 granted 10	

	Private Owners
(b) Between 1979 and 1983	
(c) Between 1983 and 1985	
(d) East Rand Administration Board	
Cullinan	0
Tokorn	14
Wattville	0
Daveyton	264
Vosloorus	300
Kwa Tema	0
Ratanda	0
Katlehong	1 208
Duduza	0
Tembisa	300
Delmas	0
Devon	0
Tsakane	0
350 Stands (site and service)	
124	
0	
120	
67 Stands (site and service)	
103 Stands (site and service)	
160	
700 Stands (site and service)	

(3) No

(a) and (b) Fall away

99-year leasehold scheme

835 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) Whether any persons in (a) the Black township of Delmas, (l) the Black township of Devon and (m) Tsakane have applied for leases in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme from its inception to 31 December 1982, if so, how many in each case.

(2) whether any of these applications have been granted, if not, why not, if so, how many in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) Cullinan 0

(1) Whether any persons in (a) the Black township of Cullinan, (b) Tokorn, Alberton, (c) Wattville, (d) Daveyton, (e) Vosloorus, (f) Kwa Tema, (g) Ratanda, (h) Katlehong, (i) Duduza, (j) Tembisa, (k) the Black

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Alexandra gets R2 million for housing

Star 24/5/83

By Jo-Anne Collinge

State funding of more than R2 million is available for the second phase of the Alexandra township renewal project

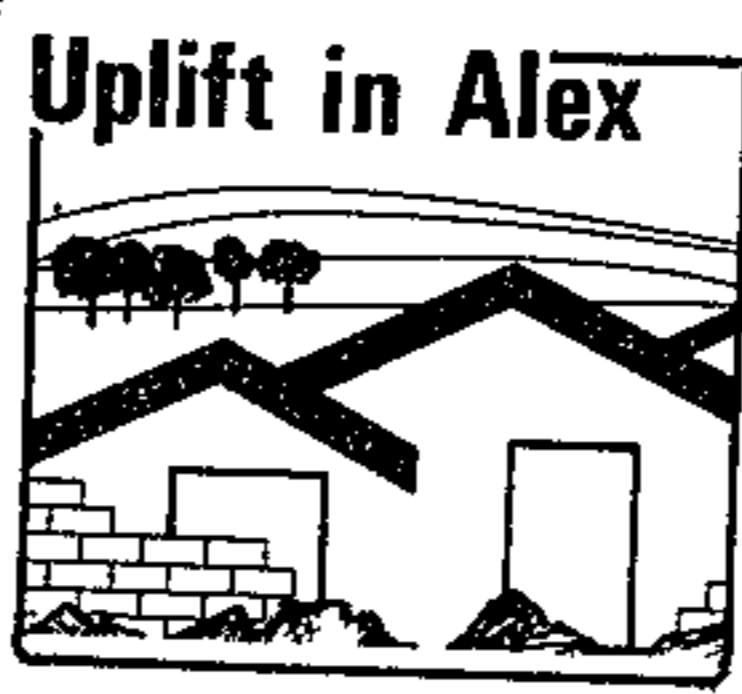
The chairman of the Alexandra Liaison Committee, the Reverend Sam Buti, said yesterday that tenders would shortly be invited for 200 houses and extensions to complexes of flats. The flats are planned as part of phase one but have still to be built

Many of the houses in phase two would be sub-economic but some stands were being held for private development, he said.

He had been assured that there would be no delay due to unnecessary red tape

Finance from the National Housing Fund amounted to R2 million and a further R300 000 was available for water and sewerage provision, Mr Buti said.

Since Alexandra was reprieved from demolition in 1979 only 79 houses have been built by the West Rand Administration Board and 60 by private contractors.



Earlier this year R3,2 million was allocated to complete phase one by erecting 15 more houses and 324 flats

In his budget speech last week, Wrab chairman Mr John Knoetze said planning had reached an advanced stage but lack of funds had delayed progress.

A further R5,5 million has been tentatively earmarked in the Wrab 1983/4 budget for Alexandra housing. It is part of a private sector loan of R25,5 million which has yet to be finalised.

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Lodgers' permits 24/5/83
Q. Col 1363 - 1364
838 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister
of Co-operation and Development

Whether any lodgers' permits had been issued in respect of (a) the Black township of Cullinan, (b) Tokorn, Alberton, (c) Wattville, (d) Daveyton, (e) Vosloorus, (f) Kwa Tema, (g) Ratanda, (h) Katilehong, (i) Duduza, (j) Tembisa, (k) the Black township of Delmas, (l) the Black township of Devon and (m) Tsakane as at the latest specified date for which figures



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are available if so, how many in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Lodgers' permits are being issued in the townships referred to but fees in respect thereof are not levied separately from house permits. Statistics in regard to the number of lodgers' permits are therefore not readily available.

Sowetan

Evicted widow must pay up

24/5/83
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By SAM MADE

THE 64-year-old Orlando East widow who was kicked out of her house for owing R1 000 for electricity last week, will not be allowed back into the house, unless she pays all she owes to the Soweto Council.

This is according to the Soweto Council's Director of Housing, Mr J J Oosthuizen who said the electricity at Mrs Getrude Matoni's house has been cut off because she could not pay her bill, but that power was illegally re-connected again.

Also, he said, illegal electricity connections had been made to an illegal shack in Mrs Matoni's yard

Mr Oosthuizen added that his council's officials have handled many cases of a similar nature with leniency, "but our leniency has bred a lot of irresponsibility on the part of some residents, and we cannot tolerate this forever," he said

Mrs Matoni was last week kicked out of her house together with her family of 20 which included her children, and grandchildren. She said she had been told she owed R1 000 in electricity.

She said yesterday that a man from the Orlando Power Station came to her at the weekend and informed her she owed R300 and not R1 000. This, was dismissed by Mr Oosthuizen as unfounded

He said Mrs Matoni should have at least had the decency of taking her matter up with the Soweto Council rather than tell unfounded stories to the Press

Erab gives housing big lift

By MZIKAYISE EDOM
THE East Rand Admini-
stration Board (Erab) is
to spend about R6-mil-
lion on the development
of a second township in
Bronkhorspruit.

The township, to be

known as Enkangala,
will house about 1 378
families when com-
pleted before the end of
the year, according to an
Erab official

Mr J H Opperman, a
senior director of Erab,

Sweeten 21/5/83 (127)
said a better type of
house was being built
at Enkangala. The price
of each of the 620
houses already erected
in the township varies
between R6 500 and
R12 500

plotted." Erab has also
approved the devel-
opment of an industrial
area near Enkangala at
a cost of R7,5 million

Mr Opperman said
"The construction of a
railway line from Forfar
to the industrial site has
been planned at a total
value of R5,2 million
which will be spread
over a period of two fi-
nancial years "

He said. "The board
will further provide 758
sites with water, sewer-
age and electrical ser-
vices. Two reservoirs
have already been com-

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Highveld Administration Board
accommodation
Hansford Q Col 1388 - 1389
Mr B B GOODALL asked the
Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether there is a waiting list for accommodation in the area administered by the Highveld Administra-

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tion Board, if so, how many persons are waiting for accommodation

- (2) whether steps are being taken to provide the necessary accommodation if not, why not if so what steps
- (3) whether any moneys have been allocated for this purpose, if not why not, if so, what amount?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION

(1) Yes 5 052 persons

(2) Yes

— 1 117 sites have been made available for the erection of houses in terms of the leasehold system

— 802 sites are being provided with services for allocation in terms of site-and-service schemes

— The provision of infrastructure to 2 656 sites is being planned

— Schemes for the erection of 742 houses with infrastructure have been approved

(3) Yes R7 million

Questions standing over from Friday, 20 May 1983

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Alexandra O. Col. 1380-
25/5/83 1381
*13 Mr W C MALAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development †

What steps does his Department intend taking in respect of (a) housing and (b) infrastructure in Alexandra in the current financial year?

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The West Rand Administration Board which is responsible for the development of Alexandra, has undertaken the following projects during the current financial year —

Housing Erection of 15 houses (balance of 94 house project)

Erection of 324 flats

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Infrastructures Provision of water and sewerage to 220 residential sites and to flat sites for 120 units

For the above-mentioned purpose R3,5 million has originally been allocated and thereafter R2 million, thus a total of R5,5 million. In addition negotiations are taking place at present to obtain a soft loan of R10 million.

Note Attention should, however be drawn to the fact that several other projects such as the construction of roads, storm water drainage a new sewerage system and the erection of houses and flats are also envisaged but are dependent on the availability of funds.

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Council happy with progress on complex

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THE ATTERIDGEVILLE community was "reasonably happy" with the progress made in the development of Atteridgeville Extension Two, the elite area planned for the eastern end of the township.

Council spokesman Mr Solly Rammala told The SOWETAN this week the development of the area was a major project which could not just be rushed through.

Mr Rammala was reacting to reports last week that the community council was dragging its feet in implementing development projects in Atteridgeville and Saulsville.

He said that provision had been made in their budget for the current financial year to finance the infrastructure of the new area.

"A sum of R175 000 has been budgeted for sewerage networks, R600 000 for water re-

treatment and R990 000 for electricity," said Mr Rammala, adding that they were only waiting for their budget to be approved.

He added that over and above these amounts, various private companies had also indicated an interest in assisting in the provision of these services. "The Urban Foundation, a building society and some private construction companies are not only keen to be allocated stands, but also expressed willingness to help in the provision of the infrastructure," he said.

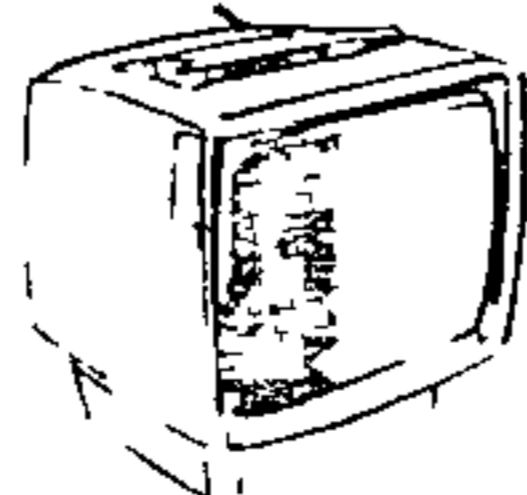
Referring to complaints by residents in the area surrounding the circle where a new business centre is being set up, Mr Rammala said that they were aware of the "nuisance" created by the re-routing of traf-

fic while work was in progress. "Right now we have re-routed buses and they are not using roads which are not tarred. We hope that all the work will be completed in the next month or so."

"There is also no truth in the rumour that the houses in the affected area will be demolished now. There are several issues that have to be looked at before any such decision is taken and such a decision can only be taken in full consultation with the people concerned," he added.

He said the whole shopping centre project was a long-term project and said there was a need for such a centre. "By using the circle, we are just utilising space which was going to waste. The centre will also help keep money in the township," he concluded.

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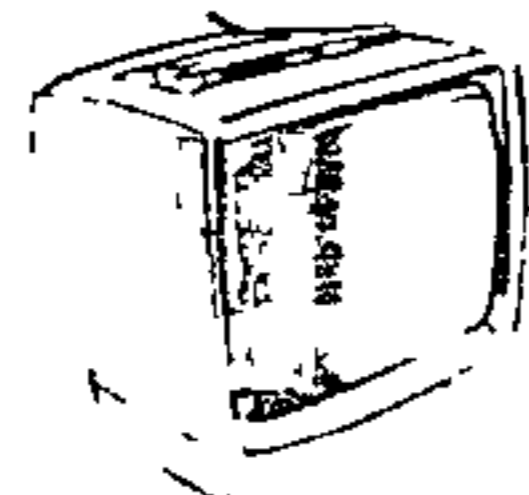
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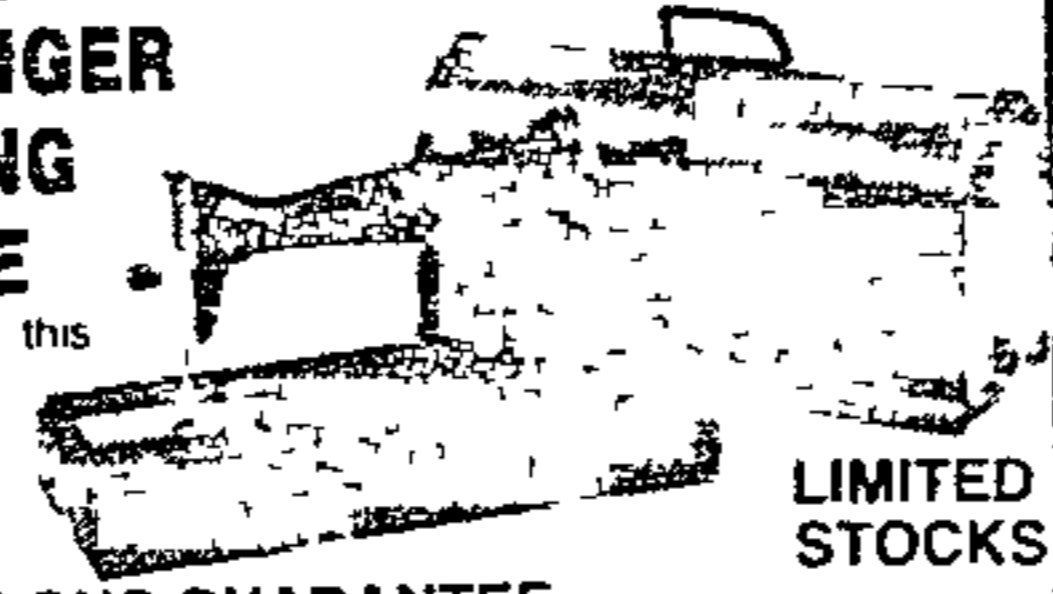
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Mr John Knoetze chairman of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), told The SOWETAN that work on the project was proceeding ahead of schedule and "most satisfactory" progress was being made.

Slightly over 32 000 houses in the area were now receiving electricity under either the new or the old system, Mr Knoetze said. About 72 860 houses had already been wired and accepted by the local authority.

"For all practical purposes the project will be completed by the end of this year, with everything running according to schedule," Mr Knoetze added.

Construction of mini-substations, which will supply the black city with electricity, was nearing completion. About 800 mini-substations — of which 153 had been completed and commissioned — would soon distribute power in the townships.

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Wits (127) Architecture students set out to change face of Soweto

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SOUTH Africa's first-ever housing research unit has been formed at the University of the Witwatersrand. For thousands of township people it will mean a chance to buy subsidised, well-designed houses.

**Report by CHARLOTTE BAUER.
Pictures by PAUL VELASCO.**

ARCHITECTS are quick to complain about the monotony of housing in the townships but are seldom interested enough to do anything about it.

Responsibility for the design and construction of houses in Soweto, for example, tends to get left in the hands of bureaucrats, draughtsmen and politicians. Not the happiest combination of 'experts' to spend the prospective homeowner's hard-earned cash.

But, as Mr Franco Frescura, organiser of the Wits Housing Research Unit points out, architecture seems to have developed an elitist nature — ambitious young architects are not going to stake a claim on the status scale by dedicating themselves to humanitarian housing causes.

If the research unit gains ground, however, the preoc-

cupation with making the grade on retreats for the rich and city skyscrapers should and could change.

And the township middle and working classes will be the first to benefit.

Franco Frescura attacked the status quo

"The biggest single expenditure anyone makes in a lifetime is on a home," says Frescura "It is suicidal to say to an under-qualified person who has not even learned the basics of design 'Here is my money, spend it'."

"The professional involvement of the bureaucrats responsible for rural and urban township housing is of a very low order. These guys are not designing cost intensive spaces. They waste long corridors, they waste materials — I've seen north facing bathrooms."

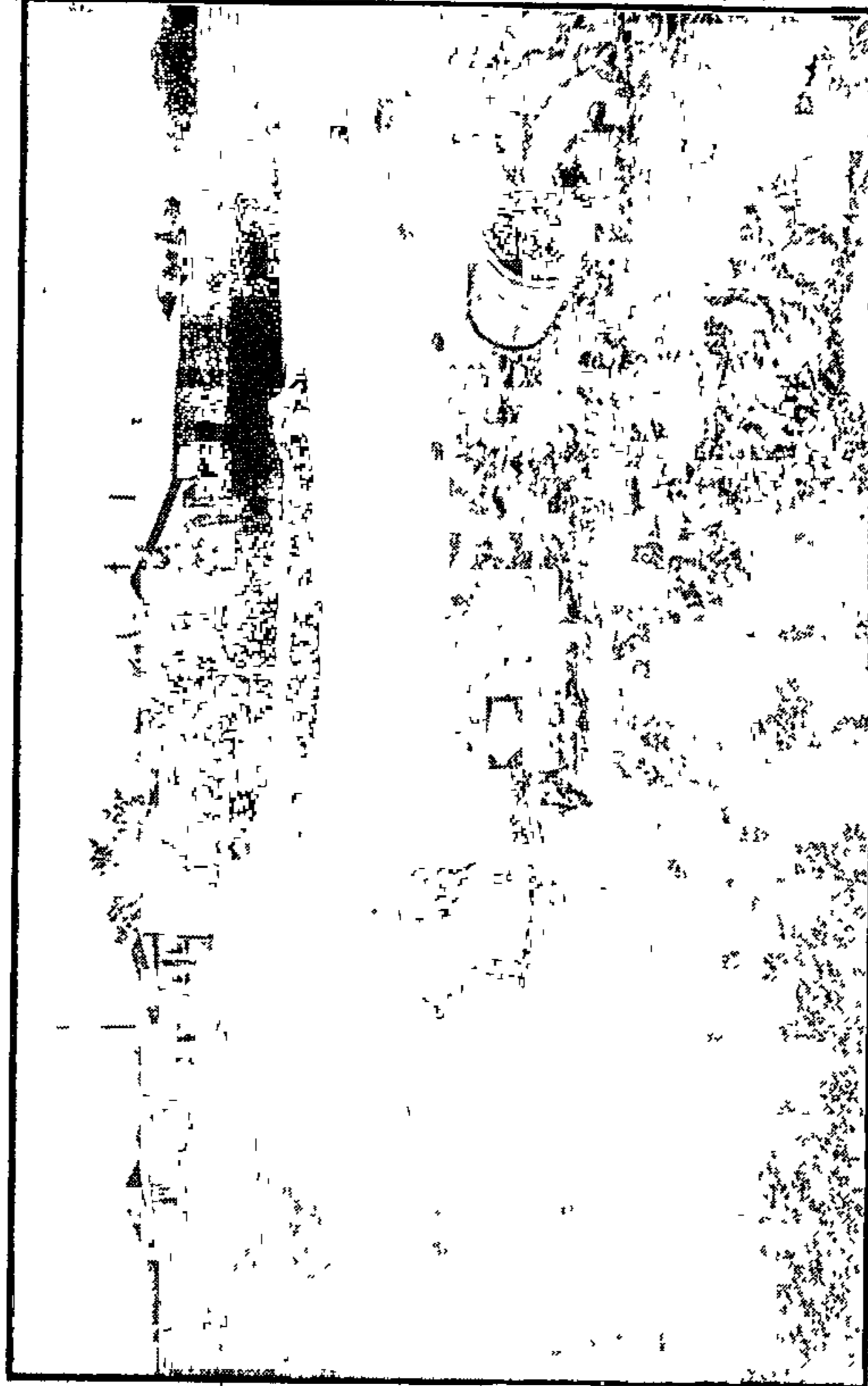
No draughtsman could

handle the work of a fourth year architecture student — it's as straightforward as that, says Frescura.

It appears the lack of quality in housing construction is seeping through to the countryside — Venda, Pietersburg, Burgersfort — homeland bases with urban links.

Their rich rural architecture is being wiped out and replaced indiscriminately by badly designed, flat-roofed houses — "anonymous, expensive and downright ugly in most cases."

Black, lower economic housing is an area which, Frescura believes, architects have deliberately been kept out of by the Government since the early 70s. After a housing symposium at Rand Afrikaans University in 1973 a Government circular went out suggesting to local boards that the best way to waste mon-



The matchbox houses, badly designed and laced out — typical of the townships.

ey was to appoint architects to supervise construction ventures

There emerged a policy which did not differentiate between the housing of a labourer and the housing of a doctor. They lived cheek by jowl in a mishmash which saw the middleclass suffer.

NE 51/6 (a prototypical township house) has not been changed. On the contrary, it has spread throughout the country with incredible monotony from KwaMashu to Kwa-Tema.

"The Government policy that prevailed up to recent times was designed in the 50s to meet the needs of the 30s in the 80s," says Frescura.

Wits architects now aim to rectify a situation they have traditionally had no part in.

The Wits Housing Research Unit is being partly financed by Toncoro, a brick company in Tongaat. This will mean a subsidised housing rate and the ability to charge fees proportionate to individual income.

"As far as we are concerned," says Frescura, "housing has always been an issue deeply embroiled in politics, we believe it should be taken out of the political arena and become the concern of all people."

All people because housing is (or should be) multidisciplinary, involving town planners, doctors, health authorities, quantity surveyors and social anthropologists as well as ar-

chitects

Social anthropologists are involved because of the cultural clash experienced by the rural contract worker arriving in the city. Says Frescura, "The contract worker finds it soulless and faceless at home he had a high-profile identity. The new, monotonous urban environment can lead to anti-social behaviour and crime."

The research unit, the first formal body of its kind in this country, plans to offer a range of professional facilities to both individuals and committees responsible for housing.

"When the local boards and township councils gain local power they must be able to find people to help them with long-term planning," says Frescura.

"We do not believe the West Rand Administration Board is qualified to give this assistance. Some kind of outside agency should come in on a consultative basis."

But the research unit does recognise that the draughtsmen and women who work in the townships are, in Frescura's words, "a fact of life".

Wits architects and students are hardly plotting a business monopoly.

"We'll be robbing Peter to pay Paul but we won't be taking away business from anyone... there is such a vast void in this area, so much work — enough to keep everyone happy."

"We've already had contact with the draughtsmen



Children come out to play — there's no room inside a Soweto house.

and I envisage we could even work with them in some way."

The service offered by the Wits Housing Research Unit is going to be fractionally more expensive than that offered by the draughtsmen.

But, because the scheme is subsidised and the unit is a university body, it will be a lot cheaper than hiring a private architect.

And it won't matter how much money the prospective homeowners have. A few weeks ago a man came to the research unit to inquire about a home with R2 000 to his name.

"It's not much, but with that money we could build him a couple of rooms with local mud brick. This could then be built on to if necessary, one room at a time," says Frescura.

"We will try to tailor our designs to whatever is wanted. If a guy comes to us and wants a self-built house, we will act in an advisory capacity."

"There probably won't be much desire for this in Soweto — it's too bourgeois. But in the rural areas it will probably be quite popular."

One advantage for the homeowner will be getting over the WRAB red-tape hump without the usual sweat and tears since the architect normally takes full responsibility for the house from beginning to end.

The Wits housing scheme is not being implemented just to give architecture students a break. But, fortuitously, it probably will anyway for they'll work on the scheme under the supervision of qualified architects.

"We hope that we'll be giving students the kind of practical experience they should be getting as trained architects."

The Wits Housing Research Unit will bring architectural skills to an area that was not infiltrated previously by the profession that was meant to craft it.

A 'WHITE' SOLUTION TO A 'BLACK' PROBLEM

CP Reporter
SOWETO — There is bad news for people planning to build or extend their houses: The job will cost you about 50 percent more.

This is because new building industry legislation forces black contractors — who will probably be doing the job for you — to register with the Industrial Council.
“Instead of ensuring protection against fly-

Black building contractors forced to charge more

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by-night operators, this system will be a big disadvantage,” said the vice-chairman of the Soweto Building Contractors Association, Mr Joe Leisegang.

“The council will be looking at wages and working conditions in the townships to bring black contractors into line with their white colleagues

“Soweto residents are going to be hit hard. Our increased expenses in wages, building fees and other costs will have to be passed on to customers,

Mr Leisegang said that the cost of building a garage and two outside rooms is about R7 000 at the moment but will probably go up to R12 000

because black contractors are compelled to charge “white” rates. When the Black Building Workers Act of 1951 (amended) was repealed in August last

year contractors in Soweto were forced to register with the council

Mr Leisegang said: “Looking at the building industry in Soweto as a whole, this is a ‘white’ solution to a ‘black’ problem.”

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Council to investigate

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By TOM GWEBU
THE ATTERIDGEVILLE/Saulsville Community Council has promised to investigate electricity failures in the township.

This follows complaints by residents living between Seophela Street and Tau Street. Mr Ben Mabena (20), a student at Unisa, is among those affected. "This whole thing has

disrupted my study programme. Every evening between 6 pm and 9 pm for the past weeks I've had to endure this", said Mr Mabena.

He also added that, together with other students living in the affected area, they had circulated a petition and obtained signatures. The petition, he said, was sent to the superintendent's office.

Mr Sol Rammaala, a spokesman for the community council, said the petition had not yet reached his desk. He was, however, informed by the local electricity department that there was a broken cable and that there were going to be power cuts while they repaired the cable. The council was not in-

formed which areas would be affected.

The spokesman also said the council was aware that residents were buying more electrical appliances and that the existing network was inadequate. However, he appealed to residents to exercise patience and try to understand the council's problems.

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WHEN Theresa Johnie first came to Johannesburg 24 years ago, she had to live illegally in "white" Doornfontein, share a garage in Albertsville, lodge in Horseshoe until they knocked it down and then rent a tiny, four-room asbestos roof house in Riverlea

Now her children, grown up and working, are still with her in that little Riverlea house, with no prospect of finding homes of their own in Johannesburg's desperately overcrowded coloured areas for years to come

But Mrs Johnie, who is divorced and working as a switchboard operator in Hillbrow to support a son of 11, wants to make the best of what she has

"I bought my house on deed of sale from the City Council three years ago and I'm still paying it off

"Now I want to add on and make us all more comfy. Is there anywhere I could get a loan" she asked HOMEFRONT

Yes, we said Owners of free-standing houses in Riverlea can now take transfer of their properties - immediately because their stands have been properly surveyed and subdivided

That means a building society could take over the amount she still owed and give her a building loan

Mrs Johnie asked the city housing department for her balance

She then made an appointment with a bonds official of her building society the Allied HOMEFRONT went too

"I've never done anything like this before - and, you know, being a woman, having to do it on my own" she began, uncertainly

But the kind and friendly man soon put her at her ease. At the end of the interview she shook her head in disbelief "I feel so secure now," she said

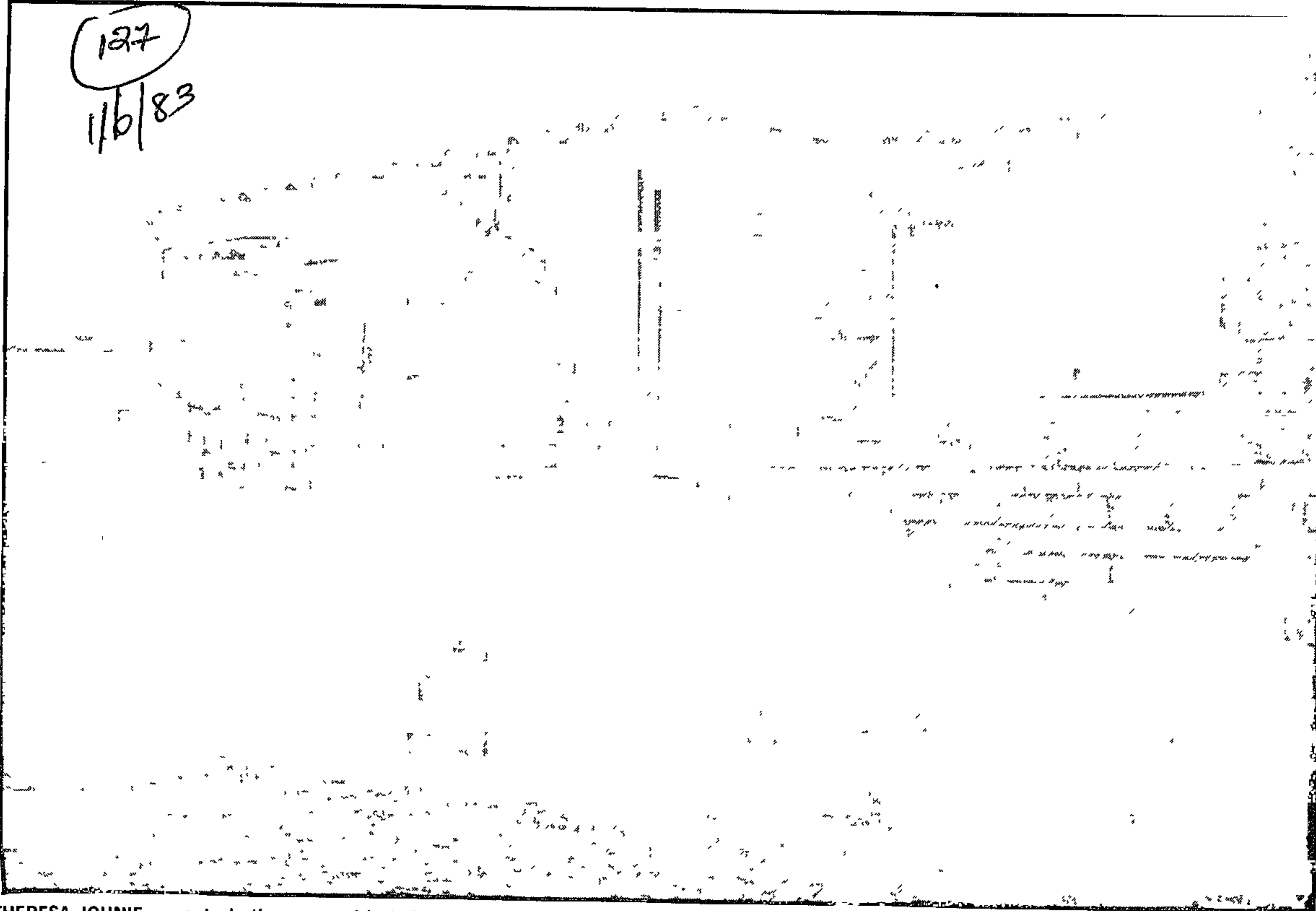
"This is how the interview went

Mrs Johnie's experiences, which HOMEFRONT will be recording, could help many other-readers

Mrs Johnie still owes almost R5 000 on the house, which she has been paying off at R56 a month

The architect who drew the plans for the alterations said they would cost R15 000

ALLIED B S SPOKESMAN "So we're looking at a bond of about R20 000. We look at 25% of income when we calculate the repayments, so that you do not over-commit yourself



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THERESA JOHNIE... outside the cramped little house in Riverlea that she is going to turn into a comfy family home

Helping Mrs Johnie make the best of things

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from her working children put her well clear ALLIED "I don't think you're going to have a problem, so I'll give you an application form to take with you

By LIN MENGE

"Also give us the date on which you bought the house, and the purchase price. Our inspectors will then value the property as it stands, and with the intended alterations, to give us a complete picture of what it will look like when it is finished

valuation we can go to a maximum of 80%. We'll see if we can do that on a bond of R20 000 or whether we need to go higher"

plan Take a look at the builders' work We have a panel of builders people whose work we know to be satisfactory. If we don't know your builder, we will call for three names and addresses where he has built and have a look at his work"

ALLIED "Yes, they fluctuate with the interest rate (14% in your case). If the interest rate drops you may apply for a decrease in your payments, but we suggest you pay the higher level

ALLIED "We pay the council what is owing to them and then hold back the remaining R15 000 to pay the builder as he progresses

"The R249 is the minimum repayment on your bond, so you can increase your repayments as you like because, that way, you reduce your capital and, with it, the amount of interest charged"

"Once your builder has been approved, we monitor his work. He may get to window height and then tell you he wants R5 000. You tell us and if our inspector approves we will pay him that amount

ALLIED "That depends on the availability of funds, but if not in June, then in July"

"But if the inspector wants something fixed up, we may, say, pay him only R3 000. We protect you against bad workmanship because we are protecting our security

ALLIED "We automatically insure the house and pay the premium on your behalf. One-twelfth of the annual premium is added to your monthly instalment"

"And we will always see there is sufficient money in that bond for someone else to finish the job should the builder walk out on you... we see you get a square deal"

ALLIED "It is not our desire to take your house away. If only people would tell us when they are in difficulties, we could try to meet the problem

How much will it cost to register the bond? ALLIED "On R20 000, about R334. That you must pay separately"

"The very first month you fail to pay we write to you. If you remain in arrears, we write a second time. If there is still no response we ask you to come in and talk it over"

Is it 99-year leasehold? ALLIED "No, that applies only in black areas. The title to your land is freehold, which is the same as for whites"

"If there is no alternative, we foreclose, and the house is put up for public auction by order of court. We bid up to what is owing to our society. Only if others bid beyond that will you be paid the difference"

"From the total of that

The alterations will turn her "box" into a three-bedroomed, two-bathroomed house with a large lounge and a garage

ALLIED (Looking at the plan) "Probably the whole roof will have to be lifted that is where the cost comes in

"It is also most important that you should spell out exactly what kind of finish you want - carpets, fittings, type and colour of bath - because it will affect the price considerably

"We want to be able to give a true valuation of the house as it will be when it is finished"

What about the effect of the area... there are flats nearby? ALLIED "That could affect the valuation adversely, on the other hand the inspectors might ignore it because of the tremendous coloured housing shortage"

"Repayments on R20 000 would be R249 per month over 20 years that means you must clear R996 a month"

Her salary, by itself, falls short, but maintenance and the monthly contributions

Does the building material matter? ALLIED "We lay down minimum specifications to which the builder must conform

There is no way that he is going to build and then we turn round at a later date and say, sorry, he used the wrong materials"

What about a builder? ALLIED "Shop around for several quotations on your

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99-year leasehold scheme
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6 Mr P A MYBURGH asked the
Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 672 on 4 June 1982, the general plan relating to the application of the 99 year leasehold scheme to Nomondi Township, Mol-

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teno, has been approved and registered, if not, when is it expected to be (a) approved and (b) registered if so

(2) whether any applications for 99 year leases in this township have been (a) received and (b) granted, if so, how many in each case

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION

(1) (a) and (b) No The appointment of land surveyors has been approved by the Eastern Cape Administration Board and instructions for survey have been issued It is anticipated that the survey will be completed and a general plan approved and registered within approximately six months

(2) No

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Council 3/6/83 blames ~~the~~ Govt for deadlock

THE Minister of Co-operation and Development Dr Piet Koornhof has been accused by the Duduza Community Council of applying delaying tactics by not solving the backlog between them and the East Rand Board, over the installation of the sewerage system in the township.

The sewerage project had to be abandoned late last year when both the council and the board refused to finance it. The council insisted that the board was responsible for the welfare of the Duduza community while the board maintained that residents had to foot the bill.

The board had decided on rent increases of R9 in October last year, a further R6 this year in April and finally R7,03 next September when the project is completed to meet the R5-million costs.

At a meeting called by residents, the increases were rejected, forcing the board to cancel the scheme.

Courts tighten security

Security has been tightened at the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court

White court orderlies now carry firearms and people are being searched at entrances

The Fox Street entrance has been closed, and bags and briefcases of people using the other entrances are searched

In accordance with a recent decision by the office of the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, all white court orderlies must be armed

The Chief Magistrate, Mr O A de Meyer, said he had issued the order that all people be searched

"I have a responsibility to the public and have decided that security needs to be tightened," he said

Alexandra coloureds challenge Minister

By Eugene Saldanha

Alexandra Township's coloured leaders have challenged the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, to visit the area and see the conditions in which people are living

The challenge comes after Mr Kotze's reported announcement last week that he would not consider establishing a township for Alexandra's coloured residents for "another decade"

The Sandton municipality has proposed land on the north-eastern side of Alexandra for coloured housing development. The plans have been submitted to the Department of Community Development for approval

But Mr Kotze's statement has placed a damper on the coloured residents' hopes

The Mayor of Sandton, Mrs Zoe Marchand, said the council had been in touch with the Minister about the plans and was awaiting further information

If the Sandton Town Council's plans are approved it would be the second resettlement of coloured families from Alexandra

Last year 100 coloured families were moved out of the area and resettled in Klipspruit West near Soweto

Many of the remaining coloured families will have to move out of the area once the redevelopment of the township begins, because there is not enough land for them

The chairman of the Alexandra Coloured Peoples Party, Mr Percy Williams, said the Minister's statement was "shocking".

Mr Williams said coloured families in Alexandra had forged close ties with the African community, and many of them had intermarried

"But there is an urgent need for decent homes for the community. If Mr Kotze visits this area he might realise there are human beings here who are faced with a real problem," Mr Williams said.

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Pledge on boundaries of Soweto

By Peter Sullivan, Political Correspondent

Whites on the West Rand worried about a bursting Soweto have been given a promise by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, that no black residential areas will be extended without consulting MPs and town councils.

This follows attempts by councils and national planning committees to work out a "master plan" for black housing on the West Rand.

Dr Koornhof's statement was welcomed today by the MP for Roodepoort, Mr Wilhe Cuyler.

"This gives clarity to the people who live to the west of Soweto," he said.

Dr Koornhof's statement released last night follows a series of meetings between various bodies and the "Quadro-Council" composed of the town clerks and councilors of Roodepoort, Krugersdorp, Randfontein and Westonaria

Dr Koornhof said he was aware that the West Rand Administration Board was in the process of acquiring a small section of land between the proposed K-102 road and the north-western boundary of Soweto. This would round off the boundaries of Soweto in that vicinity.

Roodepoort City Council and the local MP, Mr Cuyler, had been consulted and had subsequently agreed to this extension but other departments and bodies consulted still had to react.

"As soon as this has been done, I will consider the matter," he said.

He added that there would be an increase in the housing density in Soweto which could provide an additional 50 000 housing units.

Soweto tent people relocated

By Jo-Anne Collinge

About half the inhabitants of Soweto's Chicken Farm tent town were yesterday removed to an emergency camp, and police raided the 15 remaining households early this morning — taking away four men.

New homes for 10 households in the group — which spent five weeks in tents after Wrab demolished their shacks — consist of single-room iron huts at a former Salvation Army centre.

Also, Mr T F Bronkhorst, senior township manager for Pimville, said 20 huts had been completed in a temporary housing scheme.

The tent dwellers had occupied 25 tents, often living two families to a tent, but Mr Bronkhorst said each family would be housed separately. Facilities on the new site would be improved.



AT WORK Mr Mehlole Tom Rikhoto operates a machine that produces bolts and nuts in Germiston

RIKHOTO WANTS A HOME

By MONO BADELA

THE man behind the historic influx control decision, Mr Mehlole Tom Rikhoto is here to stay.

Interviewed by The SOWETAN, Mr Rikhoto yesterday expressed joy and triumph after being given his 10 (1) (b) rights by the East Rand Administration Board, making him legal "I am now fully qualified to stay with my wife and four children in Johannesburg. My problems are over."

He said his family was in Tzaneen, in the northern Transvaal and that for a long time, he had lived a very lonely and abnormal life.

"I was thrilled when I read in the newspapers on Tuesday that finally I was entitled to reside in Johannesburg permanently. As soon as I am through with my registration I shall start looking for a home where I will start a new life. Imagine going home everyday after 5 pm to be met by your kids. This is going to be a dream come true," he said.

His boss at work said he would not mind giving help to Mr Rikhoto and the rest of his 60 work force to buy houses which would soon be available next month.

An Appeal Court decision earlier this week rejected with costs an appeal by the East Rand Administration Board against a September 1981 Rand Supreme Court judgment upholding Mr Rikhoto's right to live in the cities. This means that a precedent set by the Rand Supreme Court now applies throughout the country.

The Government is to state its views shortly on the implications of the Appeal Court judgment on the permanency of blacks in white areas and on influx controls.

A spokesman for the deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr George Morrison, said in Cape Town that his department was awaiting the Appeal Court documents on the verdict.

The Chief director of Erab, Mr F E Marx, said that in the light of the court decision, administration boards have no other choice but to grant permanent residential rights to those with similar problems.

It is estimated that about 11 000 single blacks on the East Rand will be affected. He said serious problems could arise as a result of a housing shortage in the region.

velopment phase

Since government granted a reprieve to Alex in 1979 only 79 houses have been built by the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) and 60 by the private sector. Wrab chairman John Knoetze blames lack of funds.

Buti says 'The R2m will be used for building a variety of housing types. This will include 220 houses, 120 flats and the provision of serviced plots for self build schemes.'

The provision of flats in Alex is likely to set a precedent. Adds Buti 'The first block of flats — a four storey walk-up — will be complete by the end of the year. The provision of the flats is being undertaken as a pilot project to test residents responses. The ALC did a survey and found that there are people prepared to live in flats, but the reality could be different.'

There are still a number of problems to be ironed out — not least the provision of a main out-fall sewer for the township which Buti believes to be the major stumbling block to development.

According to Buti 'Some 243 families will be affected by the construction of the sewer. Although we still have to raise R10m for construction this is complicated by the need to remove people whose homes lie in the path of the proposed sewer and to provide temporary alternative accommodation for them during building operations.'

'Connections to the existing sewer outlet are being laid and 120 houses have already been connected. However for the total development to continue it is essential that the main sewer is built as soon as possible.'

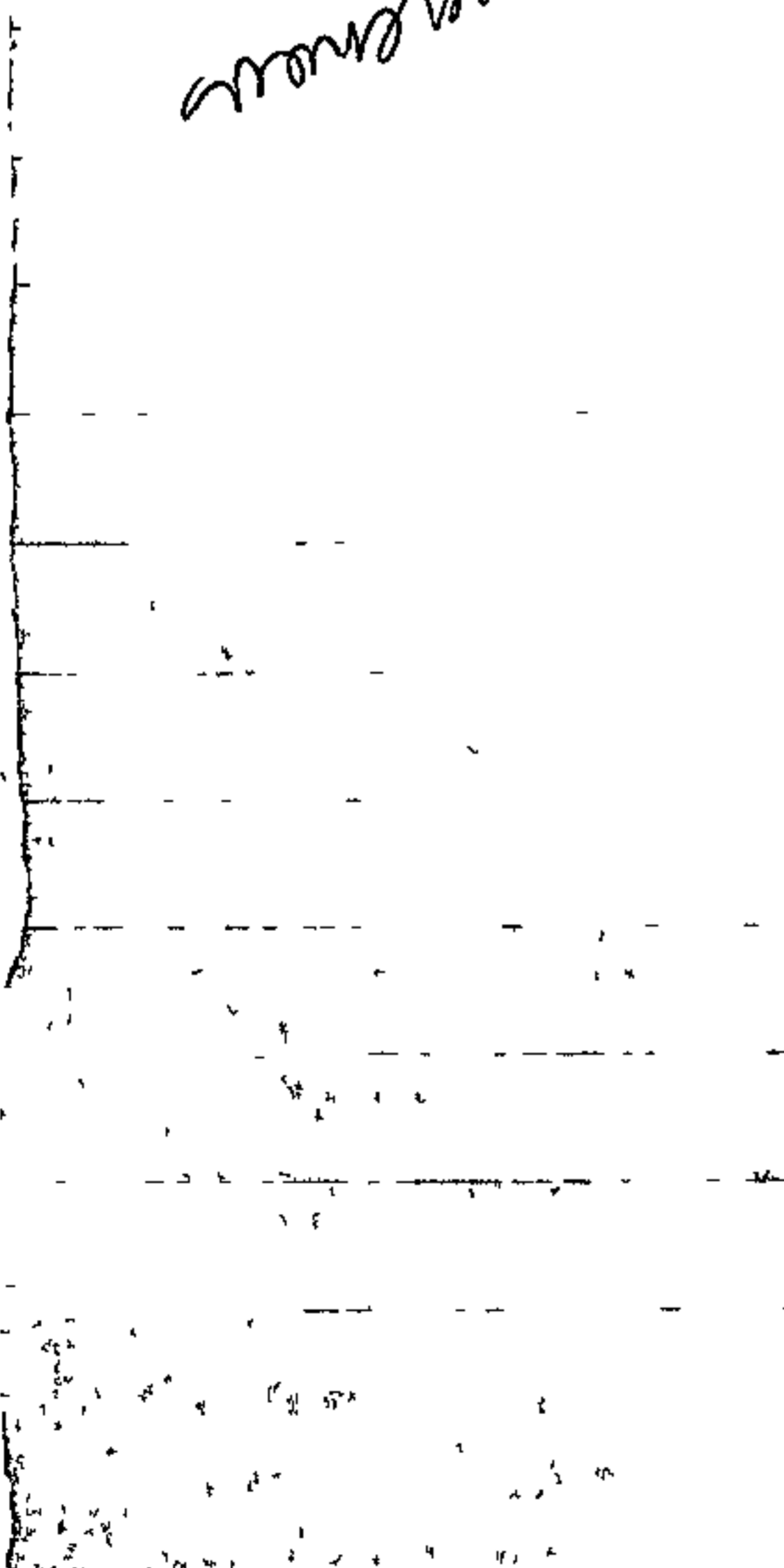
An additional R80m is needed to complete the development project. Buti is negotiating to raise R10m at present. 'I was frustrated at the rate of progress in Alex but now things are beginning to shape up and we can probably expect things to progress at a faster rate' he says.

ALEXANDRA FM 3/6/83 Starting to move

Many residents of Alexandra township had given up hope of seeing improvements to their blighted township. They often felt government was focusing attention on the upgrading of Soweto for "political reasons" at the expense of other equally needy townships. Now things could be changing.

The Reverend Sam Buti, chairman of the Alexandra Liaison Committee (ALC), has announced that the Department of Co-operation and Development has made R2m available for the second phase of the Alexandra Township renewal project. In addition, Buti has called for tenders for the construction of flats and for the second de-

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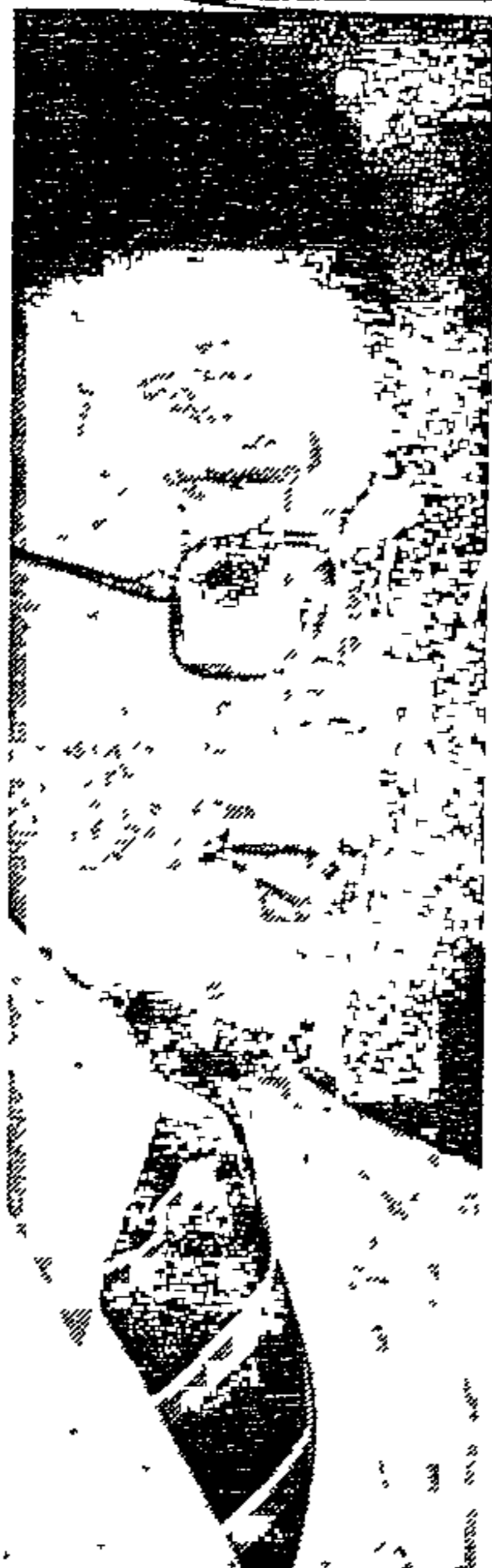


Accused arrested

officers who also asked for his driver's licence. Passengers were ordered to alight and the vehicle was searched at about 8 15pm. When they left, the driver had told them the Mamelodi policeman had been killed. He (Munyangen) had related the incident to his family including Mr Moloise who had spent the next two weeks in Cullinan.

Rights levy

had originally decided that each household in Soweto would be liable for a R20 monthly levy for the repayment of the loan which will be paid up over 25 years. At the council's monthly meeting last week, it was decided that the levy be reduced to R12 and increased in stages until it came to R29 a month in 1986. Residents who installed their own electricity without making use of the council's scheme will pay R4 and those who used it to upgrade their electricity will pay R8.



NO COMMENT Dr Matlhare

Matlhare home not to be sold

DR AARON Matlhare's posh Beverley Hills house that set tongues wagging in Soweto, is no longer for sale. A relative of Dr Matlhare said that the house was not on sale and that it had been bought by Mr Daniel Gumede. An advert stating the house would be sold yesterday was carried by Johannesburg newspapers. The sale would have been in execution of a judgment of the Supreme Court granted against Dr Matlhare in a suit that was brought against him in 1976 by Dr Motlana and Mrs Mandela. Judgment was granted in favour of Dr Motlana and Mrs Mandela on May 19, 1981, and Dr Matlhare was ordered to pay both R3 000, including costs of R11 872. A call to Dr Matlhare in Botswana met with a "no comment" from him. Mr van Dyk said he had received several inquiries since the sale in execution was advertised in the local newspapers. He said even as late as yesterday people called to make sure that the sale was still on.

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Mr Joseph Mahuhushi, chairman of Diepmeadow Council, and Mr Roy Mowson stand in front of the showhouses



Mr Roy Mowson shows off the latest trend in bathtubs

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It's the same house — built for all races

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IT'S THE same house, whether Gough Cooper Homes builds it in black, white or Indian areas, says the managing director, Mr Roy Mowson

Then why the difference in price, HOMEFRONT asked

It's the price of land, Mr Mowson said. In white areas you won't find a stand for less than R15 000, whereas in "elite" Diepkloof Ext, where the company had a show-house day yesterday, sites cost R3 000 to R5 000 each

The three houses on show yesterday (all sold) were part of a large development by the company where prices range from R30 000 up. The

houses, three-bedroomed, are 120 to 130m² in size

When they first started building in Diepkloof Ext, they told the Diepmeadow Community Council they were prepared to offer buyers shell houses or lower-quality finishes to keep down prices. But there was no demand for such down-grading because people preferred smaller houses with a better finish. Now, when specifications are updated for Gough Cooper homes, they apply to housing for all races. One recently-completed double-storey mansion cost R154 000

The company offers 80



standard designs which can be adapted to suit individual tastes. They do not spec-build and then sell — they build for specific clients who want their preferences built in. Mr Chris Labuschagne, Transvaal divisional manager for the company, said their own survey had shown that 3,5% of the total household population of Greater Soweto could afford to buy in the firm's price range. But,

he stressed, people wanted one, all-inclusive price — they would not accept being asked afterwards for all sorts of extra payments. The price must thus include design fees, bond costs, plan fees, inspection fees, interim interest, legal fees and escalation. Fences, electric stoves and TV points are also provided.

"Choice and consultation — that is what people like," Mr Labuschagne said. Customers were encouraged to choose from a variety of floor coverings, roof tiles, pelmets, light fittings and kitchen units. Bonds were guaranteed by the firm, pro-

vided of course the applicant met his building society's income requirements

Now that stands in Phase 3 of Diepkloof Ext are to be allocated by the Diepmeadow Council solely to individual blacks, and not to developers, the company is confident of finding plenty of customers who have seen their work. They also build in Soweto, Alexandra, Vosloorus, Katlehong and will soon be going into Dobsonville

On a R35 000 house, with a R28 000 bond, monthly repayments would be R358, requiring a joint income of R1 434 a month

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Dearth of S. Times 5/6/83 houses worsens

By DIRK VAN ZYL

A CRITICAL accommodation shortage in Pretoria is worsening because of a failure by developers to meet even half the annual increase in demand for houses and flats, according to a leading estate agent in the capital city

"Last year about 2 500 houses and flats were built, while the demand for them is double that," Mr Hans Klooster said this week.

The house-hunting public — a large percentage of whom are civil servants — is being caught in a vicious circle of rising prices due largely to supply failing to keep pace with demand.

Plots sold six weeks ago in a new suburb east of the city centre for R31 000 are now fetching R38 000. And estate agents feel the Government's recently announced new subsidy system will not help much.

Scheme

In terms of the scheme, a 20 percent subsidy on monthly payments will be paid to certain people buying homes for the first time, provided the house — excluding the cost of the ground — does not exceed R48 000.

But property consultants in Pretoria have pointed out that R40 000 houses just do not exist in the city any more.

According to an estate agent who deals largely with lower-priced homes, R90 000 is the going rate for houses in Pretoria.

"But we daily have numbers of applicants for houses in the R45 000 to R50 000 category, especially, from railway workers," she said.

Developers and the authorities must just build more houses."

Spud king

ADRIAN DODGE, 33, from Frome, Somerset, England, peeled three-quarters of a ton of potatoes in a marathon spudbash for Cancer Research.



...ou in action while friends hurl anything they find onto the floor

Picture: TERRY SHEAN

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Old-age lovebirds crash

Sunday Times Reporter
London

PENSIONER lovebirds Alf Scrimshaw, 80, and Patricia Birch, 84, walked arm-in-arm into a register office to wed ... and crashed down a flight of stairs.

Widower Alf and bachelor girl Patricia, did not get a chance to say "I do" before being rushed off to hospital together in an ambulance.

Four days later, Patricia was still being treated for head injuries at Lincoln County Hospital, 40km away from her lonely husband-to-be.

But Alf, nursing an injured leg at home in Gainsborough, Lincs, is determined the accident will not thwart their plans for long.

Alf is a First World War cavalryman and retired railway shunter.

He said: "She's a grand old lady. We'll be married."

Aggett search: court action

By BENNIE VAN DELFT

A MEMBER of the Security Branch and a former member, now back in the uniform branch of the SAP, who allegedly forced their way into the home of Mr John Aggett, the father of detainee Dr Neil Aggett, are to face criminal charges.

The Attorney-General of the Cape, Mr D J Rossouw, confirmed to the Sunday Times this week the men would be prosecuted for searching the premises without a warrant.

The case will be heard in the Somerset West Magistrate's Court on a date still to be decided.

The two accused are Lieutenant Steven Whitehead, now with the uniformed branch of the Brixton police, and Sergeant P Erasmus of the John Vorster Square Security Branch.

At the inquest on Mr Neil Aggett, who died in detention last year, it was said that the two policemen entered the Somerset West house and

tried to bribe a domestic servant in March last year

They allegedly went through the personal papers of Mr Aggett senior while he was away in Pretoria.

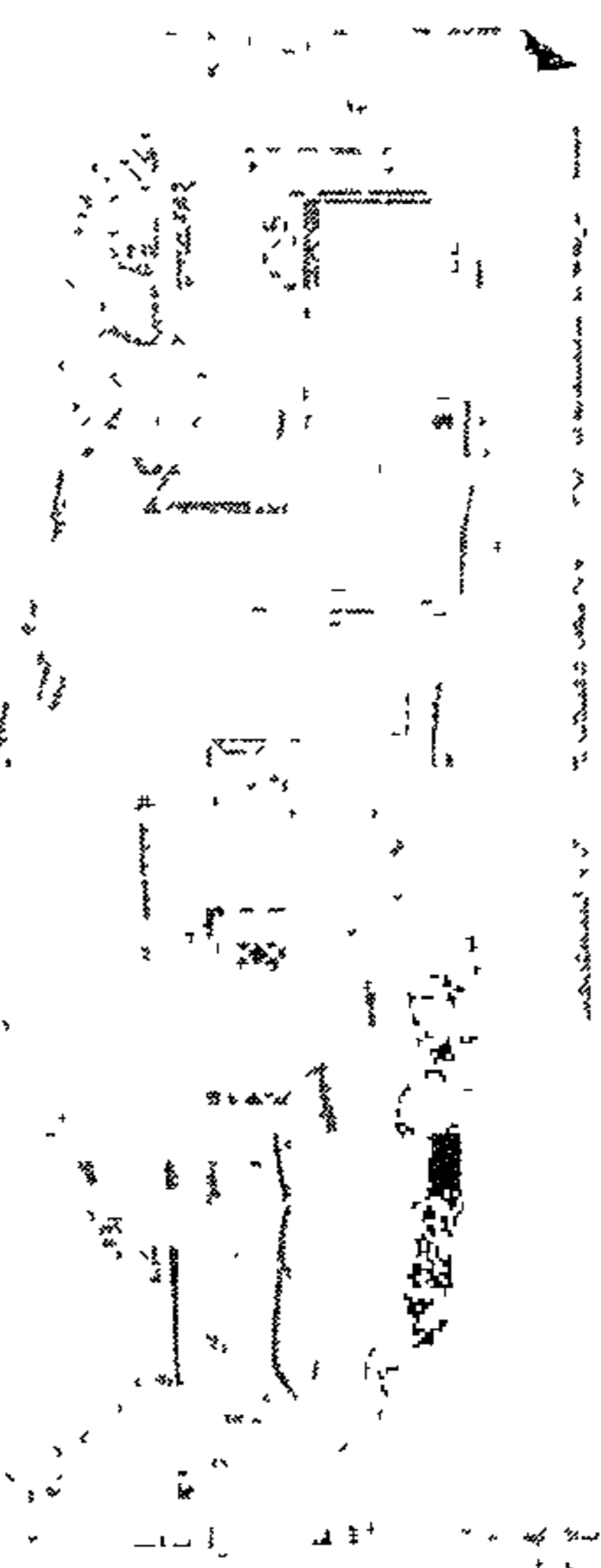
The men then allegedly threatened the servant with jail if she told anyone about the incident Mr Aggett laid a charge against the policemen.

If found guilty, the men face a maximum fine of R200 or six months imprisonment.

Mr Aggett this week welcomed the decision to prosecute the men.

"I want fair play and my rights enforced. I don't want to make trouble for anybody just for the sake of trouble, but the men had no right to enter my home."

Now the Modisellis have a home — for R31 500 in cash



● The first bid for this Dube house was R10 — the final bid was R31 500

By TERRY MEYER
Property Editor

THE first home in Soweto to be auctioned by a white Johannesburg estate agency attracted bids ranging from R10 up to R31 500 — the final price.

The modest three-bedroom house was bought for cash by a 52-year-old father-of-two who works as a driver for a tin-manufacturing company

Although the home is small by white standards and is set on a tiny plot, it has three small bedrooms, lounge/dining room and bathroom/toilet, and other modern facilities

It even has its own 'granny flat' — the original servants' quarters that were converted some years ago

The house has been built up bit-by-bit from a basic Wrab home

The auctioneer, Mr Robin Field of Aida Real Estate (South), said that all 15 prospective buyers turned up at the auction in luxury motor cars — and had ready cash in their pockets

Mr Field said he received hundreds of phone calls from prospective buyers before he started advertising the

For the first time, a white firm auctions a Soweto house

home

But most of them lost interest when they heard there was no bond

"I reckon we could have got at least R10 000 more for the home had we been able to offer a bond," he said

The bidding was keen and the eventual buyer topped his next competitive bidder by only R500," he said

The home in Dube was bought by Mr Lucas Modiselli

Mr Field's company decided the best way to sell the property was to auction it as there are no recognised estate agents in Soweto

"The sale had to be for cash. Since the house was not built on freehold land, it wasn't in a part of Soweto that enjoyed the 99-year leasehold scheme and all that the buyer bought was

the 'permanent improvements and the right to occupy the stand'," Mr Field said

"For this reason we couldn't get any building society interested in financing the home for the buyer — it had to be a strict cash deal

"When the first bid of R10 came, I nearly had a heart attack, but thereafter bids went up at R1 000 a time until we reached R28 000. After that, it went more slowly at R500 a time until it was knocked down at R31 500," he said

Mr Field, an experienced auctioneer and long-time professional in the property field, went into the auction feeling like a complete beginner

"I just wasn't sure how to set a value of a house that has no freehold title and I had to go to the West Rand Administration Board for some guidance"

Wrab had given Mr Field the assurance that he could go ahead and sell to anyone — provided they were legally entitled to stay in Soweto

The house, said Mr Field, would fetch about R28 000 if it were in a 'white' suburb such as La Rochelle — "but even then, the buyer would want bond financing up to the hilt"



Not quite what the Government has in mind with its new policy of "house yourself" — but it's what will happen if stands aren't provided more quickly.

Picture: GARTH LUMLEY

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It's an even longer house wait for Indians in Lenz

By LIN MENGE

INDIANS on the waiting list in Lenasia will have to wait even longer

In January a spokesman for the Department of Community Development said it was hoped to start marketing stands in Lenasia South Ext 1 towards the end of February

Now, four months later, a spokesman has told HOMEFRONT that the Lenasia South Ext 1 stands are still not available because the area has not been proclaimed.

Proclamation, which has become a major stumbling block to the availability of land for all races, could take months. The holdup is caused by the red tape the Government has wrapped around township proclamation procedures



But at least, when these Lenasia South Ext 1 stands become available, they will be fully surveyed and proclaimed and building society finance will therefore be available to those who have deposits ready and can meet the income requirements

In the absence of any official explanation for the hold-up in Lenasia, HOMEFRONT assumes it is because of the Government's change of policy on housing. In the past the stands would have been marketed before proclamation and people could have applied for loans from the Department of Community De-


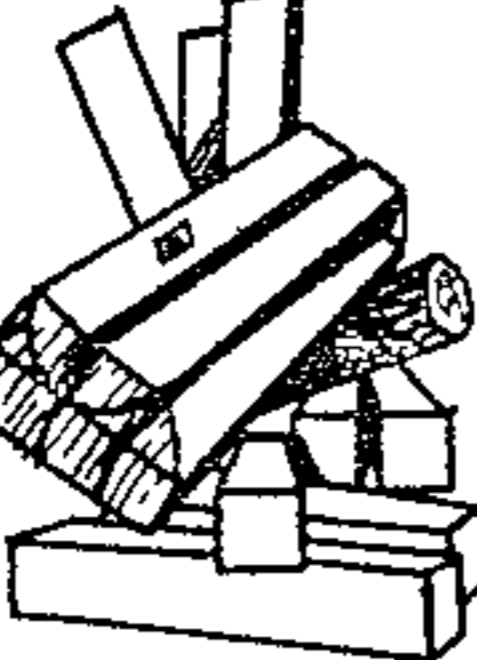


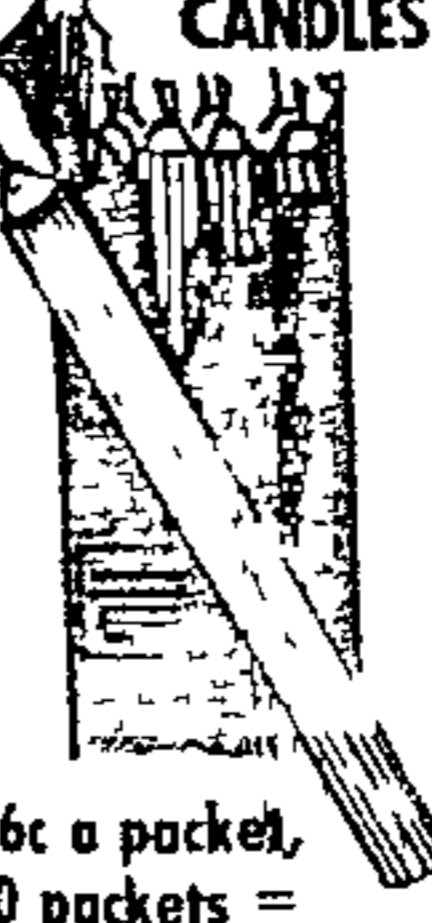

velopment. But under the new housing policy the Government's priority is to provide stands on which people can then build with their own savings or bank or building society loans

The hopeful news is, as HOMEFRONT reported recently, that the Government will try to negotiate a mass countrywide survey of stands for all races with the land surveying profession, similar to the one which is already under way for stands occupied by blacks in urban areas

Meanwhile some 1 000 stands have been serviced and surveyed in Lenasia South itself in a private development led by the Natal Building Society Gough Cooper Homes, which recently created an Indian division, is building on 100 stands there

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THE AVERAGE MONTHLY ENERGY EXPENDITURE FOR SOWETANS

COAL	WOOD	PARAFFIN	GAS	CANDLES	OTHER
					
6,95 a bag. 7 =	R1 a bag 7 bags =	5 litre bottle at R3,20 20 litres =		56c a packet, 10 packets =	
R48,65	R7,00	R12,80	0,51c	R5,60	32c (?)
TOTAL = R74,10					

Nicky Taylor

The switching on of Greater Soweto

Greater Soweto — a conglomeration of the three administrative units of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville — is the country's largest and most progressive black area.

About 300 500 Soweto residents stream into Johannesburg daily to work.

Although it is only a stone's throw away from Johannesburg, Soweto remains a mystery to most whites. Few visit it and to many it is a tempestuous, unpredictable source of political disturbance and a breeding ground of crime.

However the South African Government, through its appendages — the three community councils of Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto and the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) — is determined to turn this "black city" into a showpiece and an oasis in the black urban areas.

Money has been poured into various developments in the townships — notably the upgrading of roads, sewerage and a huge electrification project.

For decades some of Soweto's people, whose numbers total about two million, have known light

only from candles and paraffin lamps, heat from coal or gas and warmth from sunshine.

The beginning of the end to this primitive life began six years ago.

Dissatisfied with the life of the people and dismayed at the lack of Government efforts to improve it, the community councils of Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow clubbed together to confront the authorities. They lobbied and agitated and even went to the private sector for support.

Finally, this led to the development of a consortium by the country's leading engineering and planning firms to identify the needs of the black city.

Ecoplan, commissioned by the three community councils to define the townships' infrastructure and requirements, was established.

Among other things, Ecoplan found that fewer than 20 percent of the houses in Greater Soweto — there are about 110 000 units — had electricity, and even these were poorly wired and served by an overloaded system.

The three councils chose electrification as the priority from the

overwhelming list of essentials.

On August 29 1980, after four years of talking, politicking and manoeuvring, the great electrification programme swung into gear.

With a preliminary

they were filled with water and mud and had to be cleared out before cables could be laid.

Few people turned up for jobs offered by the contracting companies and work started late and proceeded slowly until enough labour could be

For decades parts of the "shadow city", home of an estimated 2 million blacks, were without electrical power. A scheme to rectify this has been plagued with problems. In the articles on this and the facing page, Sol Makgabutlane examines the situation.

loan of R20 million acquired from several banks, including Volkskas Merchant Bank, National Merchant Bank, Standard Merchant Bank and Union Acceptances, the first phase was fully subscribed immediately.

A second phase of R80 million, the loan clinched from the Post Office, was equally successful. So was the third of R50 million from the banking consortium.

From the outset progress was plagued by setbacks. No sooner were the trenches dug than

found from sources other than Greater Soweto itself.

Much of Soweto's ground is solid rock which could not be removed with picks. Blasting could not be done because of the unstable foundations of houses, which could collapse from the shock of the explosion.

But despite this, about 27 000 houses were wired and ready for the switch-on by December 1981, and work gathered momentum in a bid to meet the December 1983 deadline.

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Cost of Soweto's light sparks loan hunt

Soweto's mammoth electrification scheme took an auspicious turn last week when the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) electricity department's director said all Sowetans, including those in privately owned houses, would be drawing power by March 1984.

Mr M van der Spuy said 32 109 Soweto houses, including those that had previously had electricity, were already switched on and about 72 862 had been wired for power. At the end of this year another 70 000 houses would be connected.

The project gained pace with the near-completion of 663 of the 960 mini-substations which will serve the township.

Mr van der Spuy said "The wiring of houses is slightly ahead of schedule, while the infrastructure is a bit behind, but the contractor has indicated it will be completed to meet next year's deadline."

"It means the main job will be complete by the end of the year and the first quarter of next year will be spent on tidying up."

When completed, the Greater Soweto electrification project will have produced some interesting statistics.

Contractors will have dug 3 000 km of trenches (a return trip from Johannesburg to Cape Town), more than 300 km of piping will have been used (a distance from Johannesburg to Welkom), and more than 12 000 km of cables will have been laid (Johannesburg to Moscow).

It was also the first time such a scheme had

been undertaken in a township.

However, Wrab has a problem which could hinder the project's progress — escalating costs.

The price of the project was set at R150 million when the scheme was launched five years ago but a Soweto Community Council report said last week it had rocketed to R250 million — R100 million more than the original budget.

The council's acting chairman, Mr T J Makhaya, said at the meeting a loan of R56 million was urgently needed to keep pace with the rising costs.

It was then agreed that Wrab's finance director be authorised to seek the money from a consortium of banks.

Mr Makhaya said loans available for the scheme now amounted to only R194 million though it needed at least R250-million.

Mr van der Spuy blamed the rise on the high inflation rate now running at 13 percent.

"The electrification cost has been climbing by about R22,5 million every year since 1977."

As the original loans did not meet the rising costs, the need to impose tariffs on residents had developed.

Through an availability charge all householders, whether they want electricity or not, will contribute in a bid to cover the loans.

Mr van der Spuy said that from June the availability fee of R12 a month would be charged for housing units and trading sites where electricity was available or would be available.

From June 1 1984 the availability charge will be increased to R17 a month. The following year the charge will be R23 and in 1986 it will go up to R29 a month.

The availability charge will be in addition to the metered cost of electricity consumed.

Mr van der Spuy said people who had wired their houses privately would pay R8 less a month in availability charges.

Why will those who do not want electricity be charged the availability fee?

Mr Van der Spuy said "It's like a road. A person cannot say he won't pay for its costs because he does not own a car."

"Everyone who stays along that road must pay because they may buy cars later."

What price the benefit of power?

Many Sowetans want electricity in their homes, but fear they won't manage to afford the levy — which will rise each year — and the monthly accounts.

This is the conclusion reached from results of a snap survey of 50 Soweto residents last week.

EXORBITANT

Questions asked were:

- Are you in favour of electricity being installed in your house?
- If so, why?
- If not, why not?

All 50 replied "yes" without hesitation to the first question, and 80 percent added that their reply should not be misconstrued as agreeing to pay the "high levy and exorbitant monthly accounts".

All those interviewed said electricity would improve the quality of life in the township complex,

and the consensus was that it would save them money on basic consumer goods such as paraffin, candles and coal.

Several public figures and political organisations in Soweto last week expressed opposition to the electrification project because it entailed "huge" levies and monthly instalments.

Apart from this opposition, it seems all recognise the important role electricity will play in the lives of the more than one million Sowetans.

EDUCATED

Mrs Polly Modiko, public relations officer of the Berda Electricity Bureau, a body that was formed to advise Sowetans on different aspects of electricity, said: "The people realise they will lead a completely different life after electricity has been installed. For

example, there won't be hassles like chopping wood and making a fire when tired parents return from work."

She added that since the electrification project township complex began a few years ago, the bureau had been receiving a steady flow of Soweto residents eager to be educated about the pros and cons of electricity.

The bureau advised householders on how to deal with lightning and power cuts, which electrical appliances to buy, how to save electricity and how to deal with a person shocked by electricity.

"For example, we advise them to buy only appliances approved by the South African Bureau of Standards."

But inquiries at leading Johannesburg furniture stores indicated that the electrification had not

had much bearing on sales.

The director of one company said: "Although there has been a slight increase in the sale of such goods, it was not as substantial as we hoped. I don't think the electrification of Soweto has affected our sales."

COAL STOVES

But another said: "There has been a marked difference in the sale of electric utensils, especially television sets, in the past two months. It was probably because of the electrification."

A spokesman for a third company said: "We noticed in our Benoni branch after the electrification of Daveyton that blacks still preferred old-fashioned coal stoves, even when they had current in their homes. Because of that we do not

expect any rise in sales in Johannesburg."

But one great relief for Soweto residents, when the Greater Soweto electrification project is completed next March, will be the end of the cable-trench menace.

Named "progress holes" by Wrab, the trenches, often left unfilled for several weeks, have claimed at least five lives and have left scores of unwary residents injured after falling into them.

RELIEF

Wrab maintains that trenches are marked and that planks are provided to be used when crossing the ditches. It also claims that these are always stolen or destroyed. But when the final trench is filled in early next year residents will heave a sigh of relief.



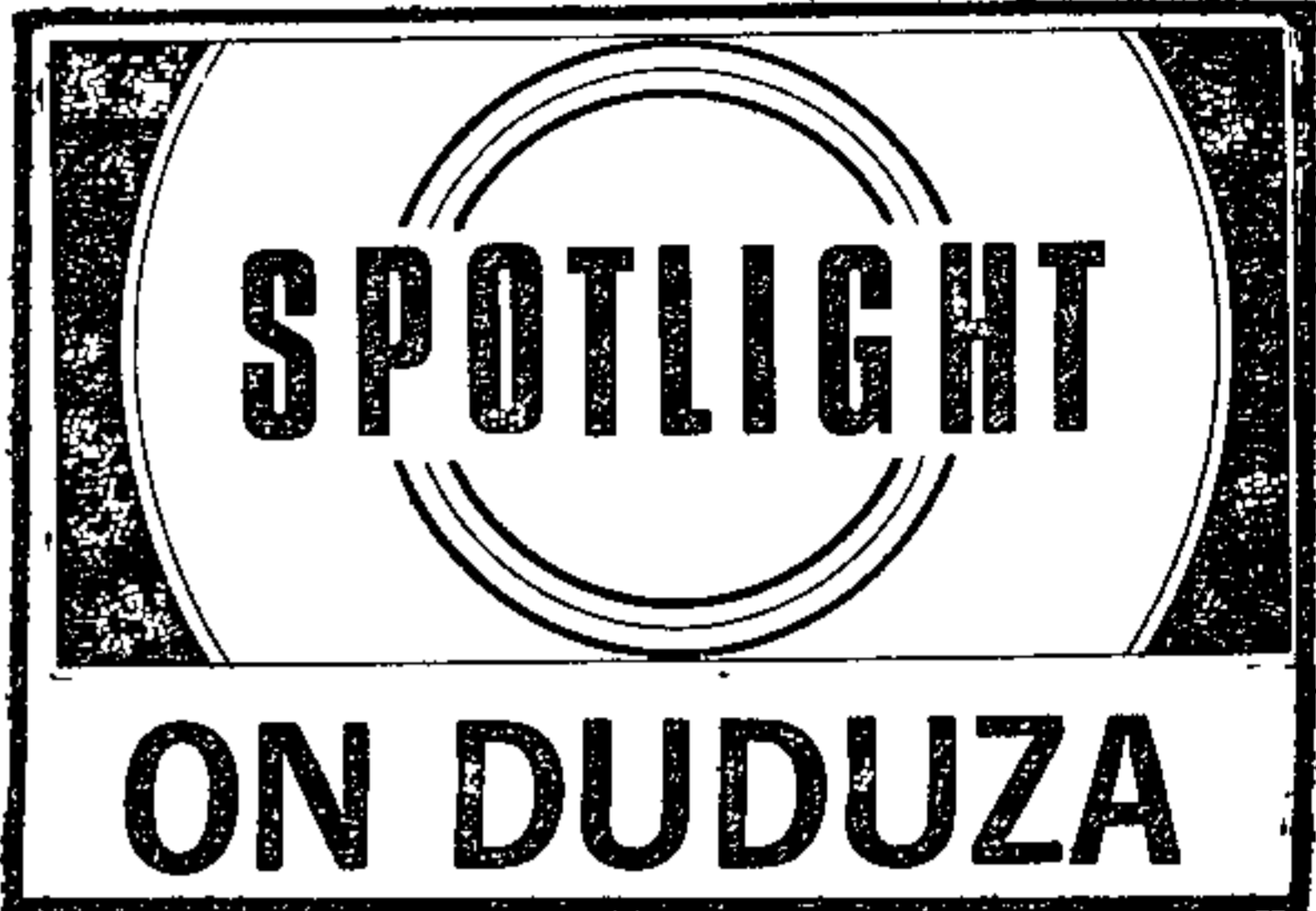
The huge wheels of progress. Soweto children play among the reels of electric cable.

Any dishonesty will render the candidate liable to disqualification and to possible exclusion from the University

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'Harassment is a way of life here'

Story: LEN MASEKO
Pics: LEN KUMALO



WATER An inmate enjoys an early morning shower

THEY left their families in poverty-stricken rural areas — hundreds of kilometres away — to seek jobs in big cities, but none of them say their long trek has been rewarding, except for the meagre pay.

These are men who were driven away by hunger from their homes in "national"

states like Lebowa, BophutaTswana and Venda. Some even come from neighbouring states like Lesotho.

Although they comprise the main workforce in urban towns, migrant workers continue to be victims of exploitation with most earning wages below the subsistence level.

As is found elsewhere, they are crammed into hostels where the word privacy is non-existent. Because of influx control laws, they cannot enjoy normal family lives by bringing their loved ones to their "temporary homes" in the town.

Although the historic Rikhotso ruling has paved the way for these workers to live with their families in the cities, the current housing crisis in urban areas is another hurdle that stands between them and a normal family life.

At Duduza Hostel, Nigel, The SOWETAN found that hostel inmates were an unhappy lot. Their grievances ranged from thefts harassed by the East Rand Administration Board's policemen.

Thirty-four inmates are crammed into one sub-divided room. Fights among inmates over who should cook first are not an uncommon thing as only one little stove is allocated to each room.

Said one inmate: "The cupboards are dilapidated and, because of this, we have no place to store our things. As is always the case where people are crammed into one place, there is a high-rate of theft at the hostel."

"And Erab policemen are not making life easier for inmates either. They always raid our rooms in the wee hours of the morning to check

if we have paid rent. They also stop us daily at the main entrance to check if we have permits to enter the hostel."

Meanwhile Duduza hostel, for some inmates, has become a permanent home. These inmates are those who have lost contact with their relatives and do not know whether their next-of-kin are still alive.

One such man is Mr William Matavu (82), originally from Ciskei,

whose only source of income is a meagre bi-monthly pension. "I last saw my family about 20 years ago and have never seen them since. If I am to die, I will die in this place. I am not going anywhere," he said.

However, despite all their daily hardships, most migrant workers at the hostel continue to maintain contact with their families — from whom they get inspiration and love.



MR MATAVU. Has lost contact with his next-of-kins



WASHING: With their wives hundreds of kilometres away, migrant workers are forced to do their own washing.



SQUALID: An inmate, Mr Jonas Tshiya, cooks his lunch from the only stove provided for 33 inmates

So you want to buy grandma's house? Better be careful . . .

By LIN MENGE

SO YOU want to buy or improve "your house" — but the house is in someone else's name?

This is the latest problem to be brought to HOMEFRONT, and it could affect very many people, especially in coloured and black townships

For example

● Mrs A is a widow, who rents a house in Orlando East from Wrab Her family want to buy the house for her and add a large number of extra rooms (which she can rent out) with a building society loan which THEY will repay

● Mr B is a widower who lives in Coronationville He took in lodgers, who have not only bought the house for him on deed of sale from the municipality, but who intend to extend it with a building society loan which THEY will repay He will continue to live rent-free in the house

Can this be done? Yes — but Mrs A and Mr B are the lawful owners, so any deed of sale or right of leasehold or building society bond must be in their names

They must accompany their families or lodgers to any consultation with the authorities or a building society. The people who intend repaying the bond have to sign sureties holding them responsible for the repayments.

That goes some way to protecting the old people from being thrown out of their own homes, but it does not protect the people who are spending money on these houses

For example, if the old person dies, even a will made out in their favour will not protect relatives or lodgers from losing the house, if it turns out that other people have a claim on the old person's estate

Also, if a court action was brought against the old person and he was declared insolvent, his assets (ie the house) would be sold — and once again the people who had bought or improved the house for him could end up with nothing

If the old person quarrelled with the people in his house, he might decide to sell the house, and once again the people who had put their life's savings into the house would lose every penny

What can be done to protect both the old person and the people who pay for the house?

They must see a lawyer, HOMEFRONT was told But legal advice is very expensive, and as Mail investigators know only too well, poorer and less-educated people sometimes fall victim to unscrupulous operators

In any event, the law concerning property and bonds is a specialist field where it is important that all loopholes be closed

HOMEFRONT consulted an attorney, who suggested



that families who put their money into other people's houses should arrange for a second bond

Just as the building society protects its security with a bond on the property of Mrs A or Mr B, so the families who repaid those bonds could protect their security with a second bond

"So Mrs A would pass a first bond to the building society which is lending, say R20 000, for the improvement of her house She must then agree to pass a second bond to her relatives, or lodgers, who are going to be repaying that R20 000 loan

"The building society charges interest on the first bond, but I would suggest the second bond should be interest-free

"The second bond would be payable in the event of Mrs A's death, or in the event of the house being sold"

In other words, the family, who had put up the money for the purchase or improvement of the house, would then get their money back or be able to take out a new bond on the house, in their names, and continue to pay off the loan

UBS says: Ask for a 2nd bond

WE took the above suggestion to Mr Piet Kruger, assistant general manager of the United Building Society

We asked him whether the building society's own attorneys could deal with the second bond, because this would keep the legal aspect in expert hands, and cut out unnecessary delays

Mr Kruger said there should not be a problem, because building societies routinely passed second bonds in favour of third parties A second bond would naturally add to the cost of registration but it would offer the necessary protection, provided it was worded in a way which protected both the old person and the people paying for the house

The United Building Society's advice to people in this situation is that they should go to their building society and say they want a second bond which will protect the interests of both parties

They can ask that this be dealt with by the building society attorneys at the same time as they register the first bond

Mr Kruger said a second bond was by far the safest arrangement, because it gave people a registered right Any other way would be a very loose arrangement between the owner and the person who was paying HOMEFRONT helps you help yourself

ALL SET FOR BIG SALE OF HOUSES

By **LEN MASEKO**

ALL is set for the selling of State-owned houses on the West Rand and the Vaal areas from July 1 while the mass sale will only come into operation in East Rand townships within the next two years.

A mass survey of 50 000 stands in five townships on the East Rand will begin later this month in preparation for the Government scheme. About R3-million has been allocated for the survey on the area.

Mr E Marx, chief director of the East Rand Administration Board (Erab), said yesterday land surveyors would begin with their work before the end of the month. Of the total 80 000 houses in townships under the board's jurisdiction, 30 000 had been sold to tenants under the 99-year leasehold or 30-year ownership schemes.

The survey will be divided into two phases. 8 000 stands will be surveyed in phase one during

the first year, while the balance will be surveyed the following year. Each stand will cost R65 to survey.

In the Vaal, work is in full swing to complete the survey of 20 000 stands in the area.

Mr G D Guns, chief director of the Orange-Vaal Administration Board, told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that

stands — surveyed at R75 each — were being inspected in five Vaal townships.

SOLD

Mr Guns said 9 000 houses had already been sold to residents on leasehold or home ownership schemes, while a further 10 000 would be retained for those who

did not want to buy their homes.

"The whole survey will cost R1,5-million. Discounts will be available for those who are interested in buying their homes," Mr Guns added.

In Soweto, the survey of about 60 000 stands is expected to be completed before the end of this month. Over 40 000 houses will be sold to residents at discounts of up to 30 percent.

order for the South African Transport Services, if so, (a) for which ports, (b) at what total cost and (c) what are the expected delivery dates?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION (for the Minister of Transport Affairs)

No Although provision has been made in the Capital Budget for 1983/84 (Item No 689) for the replacement of the dredger Bontebok at Durban harbour, it has been decided to defer the placement of the order due to the present financial position

54-325 10/6/83 Hansard Colleges of education Prof N G J OLIVIER asked the Minister of Education and Training

(a) How many colleges of education are there under his Department for the training of Black teachers and (b) what was the total number of students that could be enrolled at these colleges as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- (a) 9
(b) 2 696

Statistics as on 2 March 1982 I can further point out to the hon member that at the other three universities namely the one in Zululand, Fort Hare and the University of the North, there are 1 745 education students At Vista there are 633 education students as well as 2 234 teachers undergoing further training

Questions standing over from Wednesday, 8 June 1983

Robben Island

*1 Mr K D S DURR asked the Minister of Defence

(1) Whether, in view of the envisaged take-over Robben Island from the Prisons Service by the South African Defence Force, it is being considered to allow public access to the island in

order that certain aspects of the (a) built and (b) natural environment may be viewed, if so, what procedure will be followed in this regard,

(2) whether attention will be given to the (a) preservation of the cultural-historical environment and (b) conservation of the (i) flora (ii) fauna and (iii) marine life at the island, if so what steps does he propose to take in each case

(3) whether the Murray harbour will be available for use by sailing craft?

†The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

It will be premature to supply conclusive replies to the questions at this stage as the island will remain under the control of another Department for several years to come However, I am prepared to state now that when the South African Defence Force assumes control over the island it will as a matter of course consult with the Department of Environment Affairs and other Departments concerned with regard to the conservation of plant, marine and animal life and buildings of historical value and that, subject to security requirements the public will be granted access to the island and harbour During the previous occupation of the island by the S A Defence Force the public was allowed to visit certain parts thereof at set times

Hansard 10/6/83 Hendrik Johannes van den Berg v. Abraham Johannes Lategan Q. 1532-1533 Mr J H VISAGIE asked the Minister of Justice

Whether the State made a contribution in favour of a party in the case of Hendrik Johannes van den Berg v Abraham Johannes Lategan in respect of the (a) claim instituted and (b) legal costs incurred, if so, (i) in favour of which party was this contribution made and (ii) what amount was contributed in respect of the (a) claim and (b) legal costs?

†The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

- (a) No
(b) Yes

(i) The Honourable Mr Justice A J Lategan

(ii) (aa) None

(bb) It has been decided that the attorney and client costs which the Department of Justice has incurred on behalf of the Honourable Mr Justice Lategan in connection with the contested application, as well as general Van den Berg's party and party costs payable to him by the said judge in terms of the settlement between the parties in connection with the application, should be defrayed from State funds by virtue of the State's interest in a commission of inquiry appointed by the State President A final determination in accordance with this decision still has to be made According to present indications the costs will amount to R14 173 08

It has also been decided that the Honourable Mr Justice Lategan must himself pay his attorney and client costs in connection with his appeal against the judgement and in connection with the action which was instituted against him by the plaintiff, as well as the party and party costs incurred by General Van den Berg in both the last-mentioned actions

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS OF PARLIAMENT

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION Mr Speaker, I should like to thank the hon Prime Minister for his willingness to reply to this question I should like to ask him whether the report which appeared in Die Burger this morning, namely that Parliament will meet again on 8 August is correct The report states that the hon the Prime Minister said so himself As how definite can we

regard this date and is there any other information in this regard which the hon the Prime Minister wants to furnish to the House?

†The PRIME MINISTER Mr Speaker Die Burger approached me in view of the fact that there is general interest in the matter of when Parliament will meet again or rather till when the Assembly will adjourn after 30 June I thought it fit to give an indication at this stage in order to give hon members an opportunity to make their arrangements because some hon members want to go overseas others have obligations towards their constituencies while others have other commitments I mentioned a date namely roundabout 8 August but I do not want to commit myself to that date I hope to be able to give a more definite indication later in the session For the rest the report in Die Burger is basically correct

For written reply

127 Hansard 10/6/83 Johannesburg: Coloured housing Q. 61-1534-1535 874 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Community Development

(1) What amount (a) was allocated for Coloured housing in Johannesburg in the 1982-83 financial year and (b) had been allocated for this purpose in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which figures are available

(2) what amount (a) was allocated to local authorities to make loans available for the purchase of building material for houses in the Coloured group areas of Johannesburg in the 1982-83 financial year and (b) had been allocated for this purpose in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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in the course of execution—no allocations for new projects have been made as local authorities are revising all approved projects at the request of the Department in the light of the Government's new guide-lines on housing priorities. It is expected that allocations of funds in respect of the revised projects will be made in the near future.

- (2) (a) and (b) An amount of R30 million is available during this year for building material loans country-wide and applications from Johannesburg are still awaited.

If you chose a deed of sale

COLOUREDS and Indians who have bought their houses on deed of sale from municipalities or from the Department of Community Development will not be able to benefit from the discount now being offered with the Great Housing Sale

Several people have asked HOMEFRONT this question, seeing that blacks who bought on right of occupation or "home ownership" from their administration boards will be able to benefit from the discount if they convert to 99-year-leasehold

A spokesman for the Department of Community Development told HOMEFRONT that the conditions under which coloureds and Indians had bought on deed of sale were quite different to those under which blacks had bought on right of occupation

The houses were, in most cases, relatively new when people in coloured and Indian townships bought them on deed of sale, he said. Even so they were able to buy them at cost

They paid no more than 9% interest on the loans they obtained from either the mun-

icipalities or the department and the deposits they were required to pay were also smaller than those required by building societies

It was for this reason that many people bought on deed of sale, the spokesman said. They could not afford building society loans, even if their townships had been surveyed and building society finance, therefore, was available

Unless people in these areas wanted building society loans because they planned to improve their properties, they should continue with the deed of sale and pay the lower interest rate, the spokesman said. Once they had paid 20%, ie the normal building society deposit, they could register freehold

People who bought on deed of sale would not benefit under the terms of the Great Housing Sale because they obviously could not be offered their houses for less than cost, while they would have to start paying market-related interest rates on their loans

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A SYMPOSIUM on "The role of urbanisation and housing in developing areas" will be presented by the faculty of economics and administration of the University of the North on June 29 and 30

It will be followed by a tour of the neighbouring homelands on July 1. Inquiries should be directed to the chief public relations officer, Mr Dries Bekker, telephone (01522) 4310 or telex 4-22798

Soweto
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Building society boosts housing

THE United Building Society has agreed to accept basic "51/6" houses as security for mortgage loans to urban blacks in Soweto and elsewhere, the society announced at the weekend.

The 51/6 houses are constructed of cement blocks under asbestos roofs and comprise two bedrooms, a livingroom, a kitchen and outside toilet facilities. The anticipated selling price in Soweto range between R800 and R1 400.

The society's decision follows the recently announced marketing campaign involving some 500 000 housing units owned by the Department of Community Development and local authorities. Of these 300 000 have been earmarked for blacks.

CRITERIA

All properties accepted as security would have to comply with normal criteria, notably soundness of construction and marketability.

In cases where the joint monthly income of husband and wife is below R350 monthly repayments plus site rental should not exceed 25 percent of joint income.

While the United's decision to enter the field of mortgage finance for low cost housing is a major breakthrough in black housing, it will also be extended to whites, coloureds and Indians.

BONDS

The building society has already lent more than R22-million to urban blacks in terms of the 99-year leasehold legislation, or about 50 percent of the total number of bonds registered by societies.

The chairman of the society's head office board of directors, Mr P W Scales, said the announcement was a further manifestation of the society's commitment to their social responsibility towards the provision of adequate housing for all racial groups. — Sapa.

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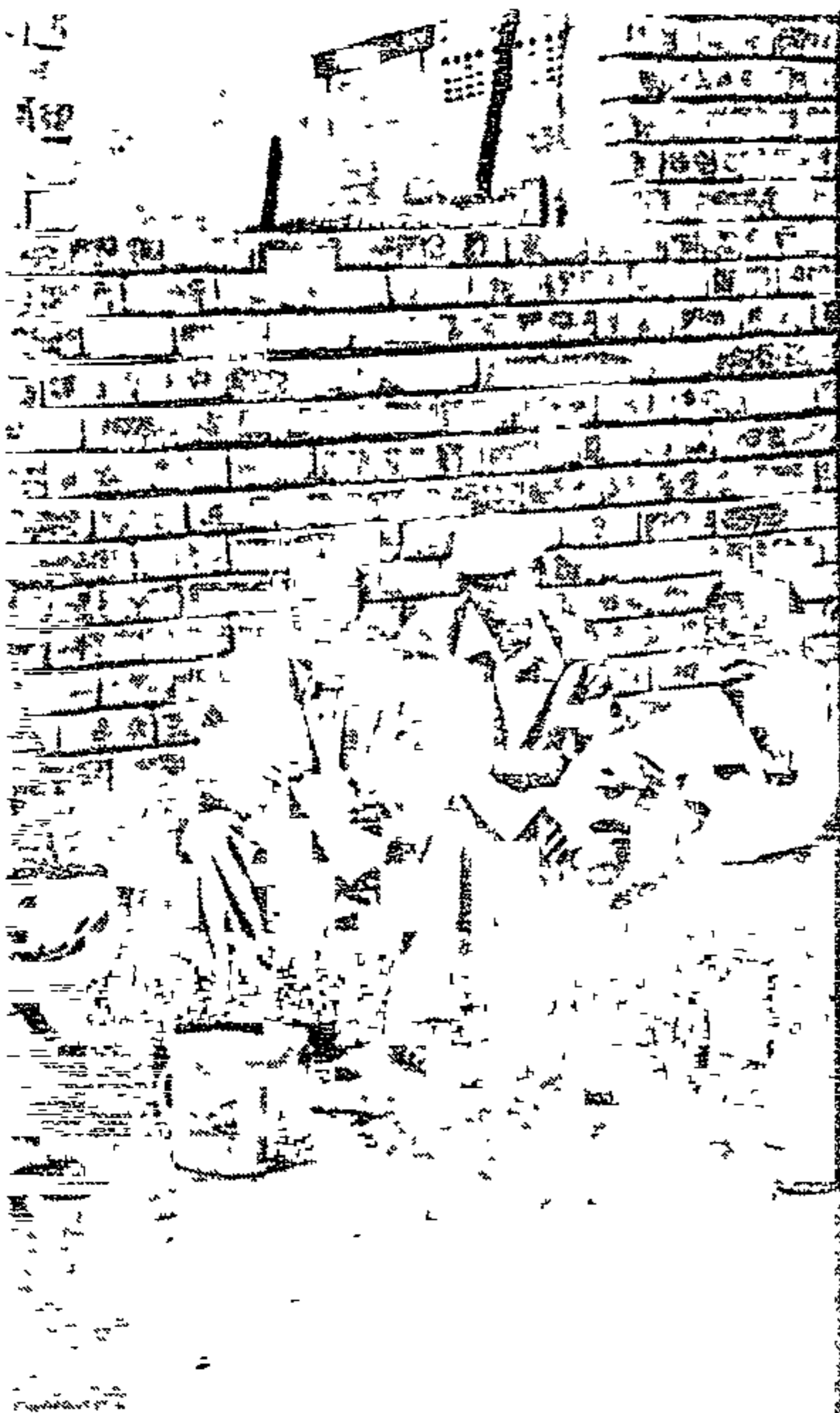
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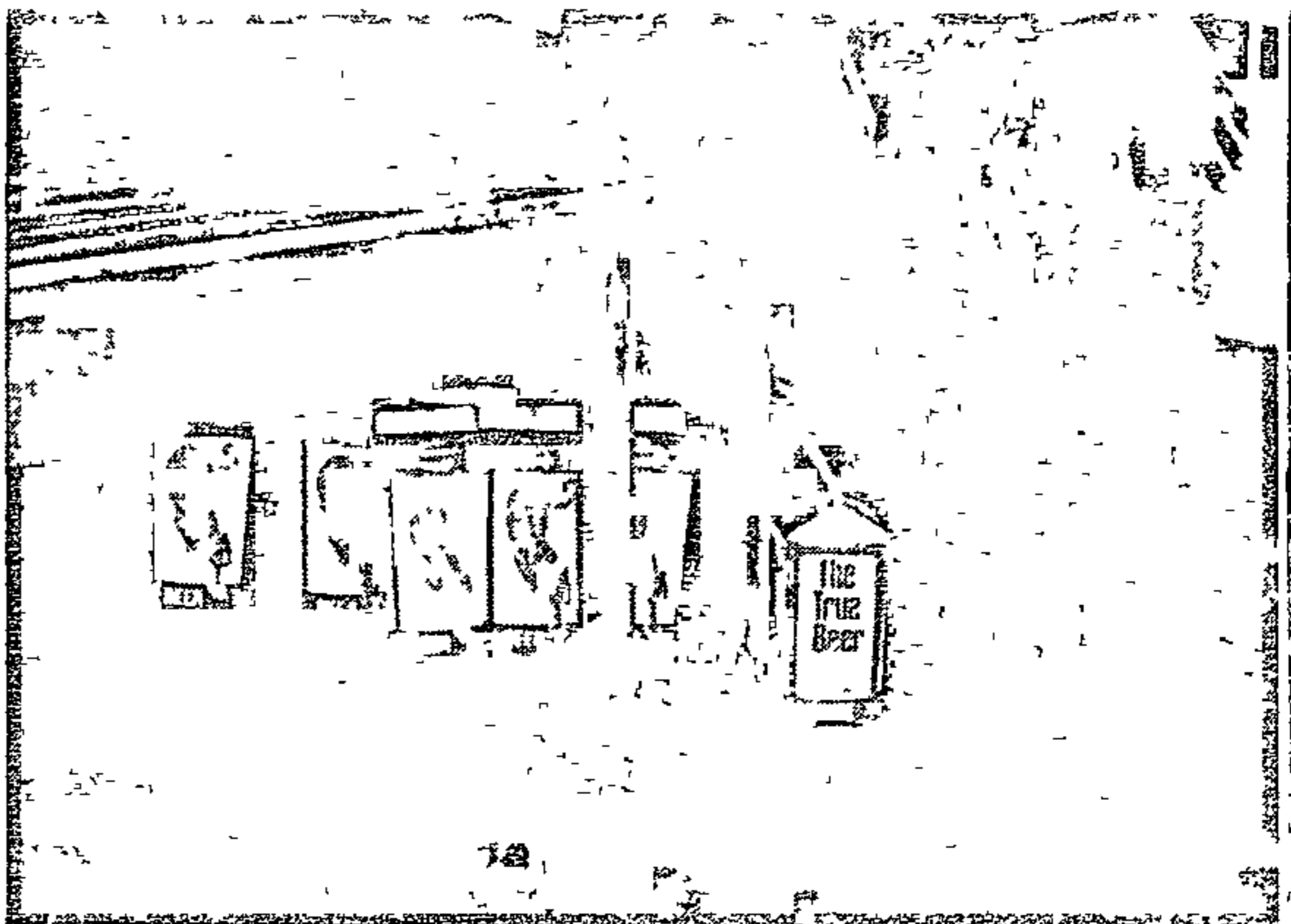


BEER Small children buy sorghum beer for their parents at one of the many selling points in the township

KAGISO, near Krugersdorp on the West Rand, is one of the few townships in the country that can



making beer next to one of the incomplete sorghum selling points



BEER Small children buy sorghum beer for their parents at one of the many selling points in the township



KAGISO, near Krugersdorp on the West Rand, is one of the few townships in the country that can boast industries in the residential area.

This huge complex comprises three parts, Kagiso I and II, and Munsieville — the oldest of the three and situated about ten kilometres from the main township

The township under the jurisdiction of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab), has a population of more than 53 700 and is no exception to the critical housing problem facing the rest of the country

What makes the crisis worse in its case is the pending removal of 7 400 Munsieville residents in the near future to the main Kagiso

A chat with Kagiso and Munsieville residents revealed they were unhappy with the Government's resettlement plan. Many feel the motive behind the removal is a racial issue simply because the area happens to be adjacent to a white suburb

They argue that there is inadequate housing for Kagiso residents and the removals would make the situation even more chaotic. Others feel the residents should be left in peace and encouraged to improve their old homes

A drive through Kagiso underlines residents' concern. In many yards one sees all kinds of backyard shacks. The dwellers say they have no alternative but to erect them because they have been on the waiting list for too long

But the positive aspects of living in Kagiso is evident. Talking to a number of workers having lunch next to a firm in the vast industrial complex, their pleasure of being able to work close to their homes became clear. They said they saved a lot of money because they walked to work and at times enjoyed their lunch at home

In contrast to many townships around the Reef, the residents here seem to be satisfied with transport provided by the Greyhound Bus Service and local taxis

They told **The SOWETAN** that they wanted the local council to tar all streets, particularly the road leading to the cemetery

It was clear from many that they would not like to see the building of more sorghum beer selling points. They would prefer more sports and entertainment facilities, especially playing parks for small children to keep them off the streets

All in all, it is clear that Kagiso residents take pride in their township and would like to see it take its rightful place on the map like its big neighbour — Soweto

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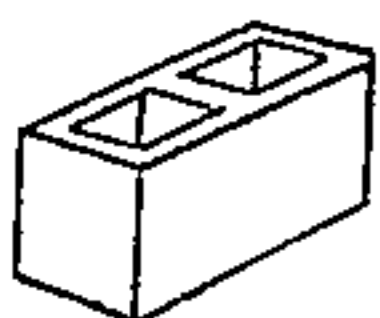
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Battle for bathroom grows desperate

(127) ROOM 14/6/83

By LIN MENGE

TO GIVE Edith Shongwe an indoor water supply and a bathroom in her little Klipspruit house is no longer just a nice idea it is a matter of life and death, because Edith is very, very ill.

When she returns home from the Hillbrow Hospital to care for her little grandson — his mother was murdered — she will not be able, ever again, to lift buckets of water and carry them into the house. An indoor bathroom and toilet will not be a luxury, it will be something without which, in her pain-racked state, she will not be able to survive.

Apart from that, HOMEFRONT's promise of a bathroom is one of the few joys left for Edith.

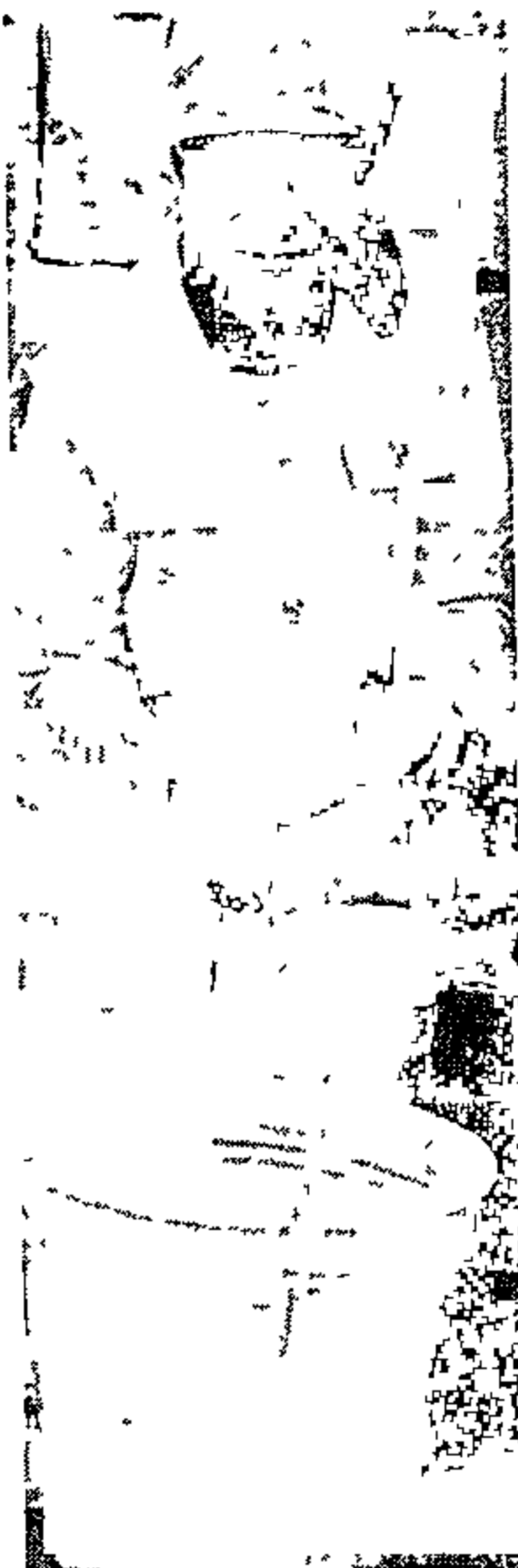
But to get one little bathroom built in Soweto seems to be a bigger project than building Sasol III!

When HOMEFRONT staff members decided to build the bathroom for Edith, because it was beyond the resources of either Edith or her pensioner employers, we wanted to do it through Wrab's Home Improvement Centre (WHIC), using a township builder and paying it off with a Wrab loan.

This was to encourage our readers to do likewise — but it did not work out that way.

To remind readers — Edith, 58, a widow, has been rising at 4am to walk and then catch a train and a bus out to the house in Sandringham where she works as a domestic servant. Because Mrs Jennifer Sugden wanted the ailing Edith to have things a little easier, she approached HOMEFRONT for advice on how to go about giving her indoor water and sanitation. That was last November.

HOMEFRONT suggested Mrs Sugden approach WHIC who said they would send builders out to assess the job. Edith insisted that no one had come near the place, while WHIC insisted they had. The stalemate persisted until February when HOMEFRONT intervened.



MRS EDITH SHONGWE can no longer lift a bucket



When the builders finally reported back we were told a bathroom would cost R4 500.

So we met Edith and Mrs Sugden at WHIC — in April — but the builder they had asked did not turn up. A second builder expressed interest, but never got round to quoting for the job.

A plan was drawn at WHIC but was approved before we could check it. So it's wrong. We found, at our May meeting with WHIC, that it provided for large front windows, which we didn't want, but did not include the water supply to the kitchen, plus

sink. WHIC said it didn't matter.

Township builders Three and Four came to this meeting, waving a calculator. They quoted more than R4 000, site unseen, and said anything less would be "charity." WHIC told us they were "approved builders" but we must not come to WHIC if we had trouble with them.

But didn't Wrab pay out only if the job was satisfactory, we asked? Yes, but there was always trouble with builders.

In that case there seemed to us — women with no building knowledge — to be no point in dealing through WHIC. Nonetheless we asked for quotes and received one via WHIC for R3 600 from a township builder, but it was apparently for the bathroom only.

So we've been to Edith's house with Peter Neumann, of Neumann Design and Construction, and he has agreed to do the job for us within the next few weeks. His firm is better known for building mansions in Diepkloof Ext than humble bathrooms in Klipspruit, but his quote will be the lowest we've had, and we will pay cash.

Is the battle over? Not yet. These little 51/6 houses were never built to be "improved." That is why the home-improver is told the whole roof must be raised to accommodate the pitch of an extra room. This means reroofing the whole house, and possibly knocking those thin "built on edge" walls down in the process.

"It is nonsense. It is not necessary," Mr Neumann said.

Will he come up with an acceptable solution? He thinks so.

And if Edith and her bathroom do not have troubles enough, half the street and half her yard have been dug up for the laying of electric cables. Just getting to this tiny building site is going to be a nightmare.

But get well, Edith. We promise, one way or another, you'll have your bathroom.

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Matchbox houses to be accepted as security for loans

SOUTH Africa's largest building society, the United Building Society, has agreed to accept basic 51/6 houses as security for mortgage loans to urban blacks in Soweto and elsewhere. These houses are constructed of cement blocks under asbestos roofs and comprise two bedrooms, a livingroom, a kitchen and outside toilet facilities and measure approximately 47,5 square metres. Anticipated selling prices in Soweto range between R800 and R1 400.

This decision follows

hard on the heels of the recently announced marketing campaign involving some 500 000 housing units owned by the Department of Community Development and local authorities. Of these 300 000 (mostly of the 51/6 type) have been earmarked for blacks. The United expects to provide a substantial proportion of the mortgage loans for these houses, now being offered for sale at an aggregate selling price in excess of R600-million.

The decision to accept low cost housing as secu-

rity does not suggest an abandonment of sound-lending policy on the part of the United. All properties accepted as security would have to comply with normal criteria, notably soundness of construction and marketability. In cases where the joint income of husband and wife is below R350,00 per month, and provided such cases are found acceptable in all other respects, monthly repayments plus site rental will be expected not to exceed 25 percent of joint income.

While the United's decision to enter the field of mortgage finance for low cost housing is a major breakthrough in the critical sphere of black housing, it will also be extended to whites, coloureds and Indians. Applications will be treated on merit.

The United has, to date, lent more than R22-million to urban blacks in terms of the 99-year leasehold legislation, which represents some 50 percent of the total number of bonds registered by societies.

Council promises more houses for Kagiso in 'the near future'

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE KAGISO Council is concerned about the housing situation in the area and is giving it serious consideration.

This emerged in an interview with the chairman of the local council, Mr Lesaoana Moeketsi, when the Spotlight team visited the township last week.

He said three housing schemes were presently underway. The first project was for 1 000 houses for people in Kagiso I and II who are on the waiting-list. Of these houses, 500 are already complete, 80 are occupied while the rest are still being allocated.

The second scheme of 1 025 houses has been earmarked for the first batch of people to be moved from Munsienville in the near future. The third scheme involves 176 luxury houses.

Turning to the resettlement of people from Munsienville, Mr Moeketsi said it was positive that the Government had reached a final decision. They were at the moment only waiting for loans from the Department of Community Services to start the ball rolling.

He conceded that this was going to be a considerable task but everything had been worked out with great care. He said despite the great numbers, they were fortunate that they had abundant land with 981 hectares presently available.

"We are also aware of the backyard shack problem in the township. Although we regard them as an eyesore, the attitude of my council so far has been that they should not be tampered with until alternative accommodation has been provided for those people who qualify.

"However, there will not be any mercy shown on people who are illegals in the area. We cannot allow them to stay in the township for free without paying for essential services such as water and refuse removal and we are going to launch a strong campaign against them very soon," he said.

Mr Moeketsi said a recreational centre, a huge business complex and a cinema to be owned by a private enterprise were also in the pipeline. They were also looking at the possibility of erecting one or two



LESAOANA MOEKETSI, Chairman of the Kagiso Council.

more secondary schools.

They are also giving attention to sports facilities. One stadium is presently under construction and eight soccer fields, four all-weather tennis courts, 15 netball fields, four softball fields and the development of ten sites for recreational parks are all in the pipeline.

"My council is doing

everything in its power to better and uplift the standard of the Kagiso community. Small as the township may be, there is great potential and prospect for advancement. The future looks very bright for us in view of the fact that we are one of the 25 councils that have been earmarked for autonomy," he said.

Couple wed to keep home

By Themba Khumalo

A Soweto man, Mr John Fulanta, yesterday formally married his common-law wife, who had been threatened with removal if the couple did not produce a marriage certificate

This bizarre state of affairs came about when West Rand Administration Board officials ordered the couple, who have lived together for five years, to marry or face eviction

Mr and Mrs Fulanta live in the "tent city" on Chicken Farm in Kliptown. They consented to the marriage, which took place at the Commissioner's Court, as they wanted to keep their tent home.

Mr John Fulanta and his wife Sophie with their children, Richard (5) and Nthabiseng (18 months), in front of their tent after being married at the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court yesterday. They were given until yesterday by West Rand Administration Board officials to marry in order to be considered for the housing waiting list. Until yesterday they had been married under customary law

● Picture by Alf Kumalo.



Mr Fulanta said: "A Wrab official told us that if we wanted to be on the housing waiting list we had to get married or my wife would be sent back to Lesotho I qualify to be in the area but she does not. We were given until yesterday to marry"

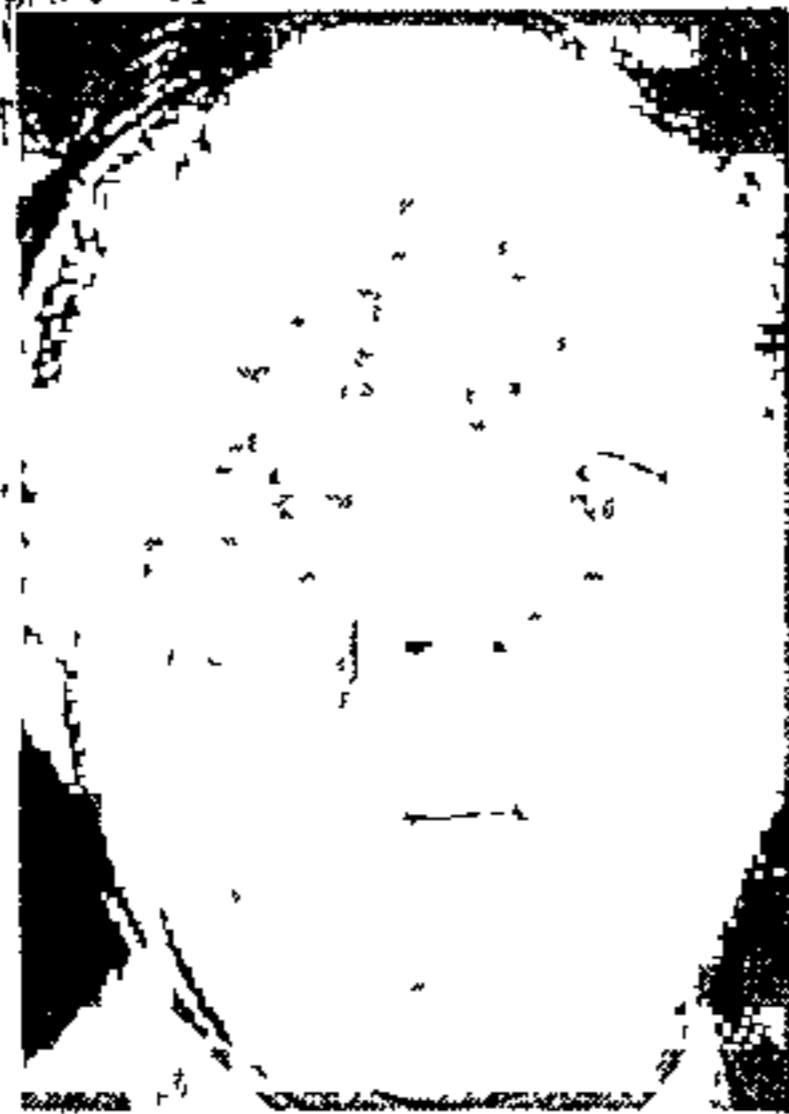
He said his attempts to sort out their problem had kept him away from work since Monday. He would submit his marriage certificate to the authorities this week

Their tent is among the 10 remaining tents donated by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches

Attempts to contact Wrab officials were unsuccessful

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Starting a fixed deposit led to a home of her own



MR STAN DAVIS
congratulated Vosloorus



By LIN MENGE

"I DID it on my own"

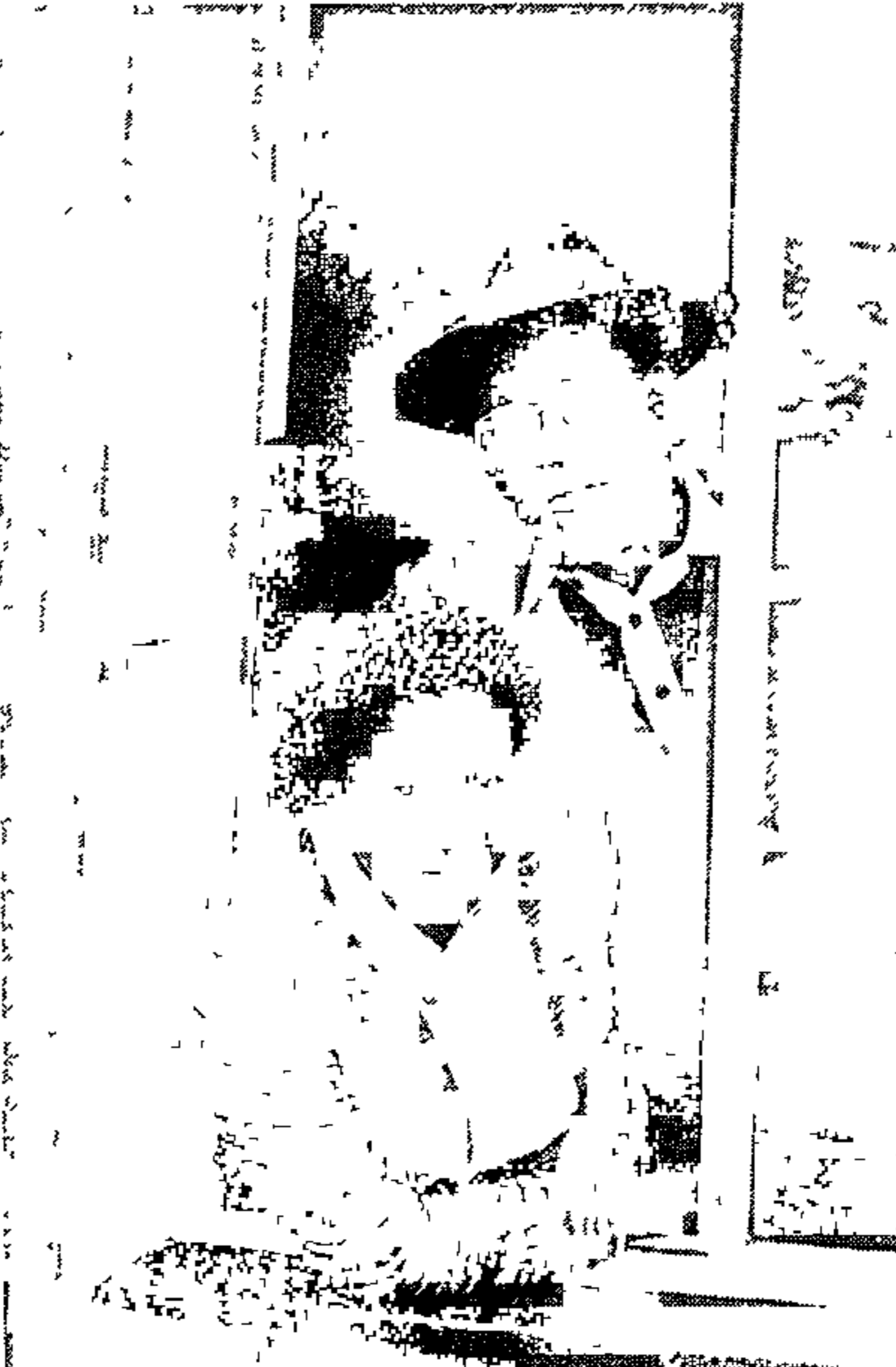
That was the happy cry of Nursing Sister Hannah Dlamini when she was handed the key of her new house in Vosloorus yesterday

"I told myself you've got to do it," Ms Dlamini said. So she put money on fixed deposit in a bank and in four years managed to save R7 000 towards the cost of a house where she could live with her two children instead of having to send them away to board with her mother.

Her new house, which cost R14 700, was one of 42 new houses proudly shown off yesterday by the Vosloorus Community Council and the East Rand Administration Board.

Mr Stan Davis, Deputy-Director State Finance, was there to see the completion of this first phase of the "imaginative" scheme being applied in Vosloorus.

The community council has taken R500 000 of its own



A happy Ms Hannah Dlamini with Mr Isaac Mabote, vice-chairman of Vosloorus Community Council, at the window of her new home. Pictures ABSALOM MNI

funds to use as a revolving or repeating scheme (first reported in HOMEFRONT last month). They have sold these first 42 "middle class" houses and will now use the money again for more housing — this time a shell and core house development of 80 houses for lower-income buyers.

According to Mr George Prinsloo, assistant area director for Erab in Boksburg,

they will first complete a small pilot scheme to test public reaction to these core and shell houses.

Mr P T Xulu, chairman of Vosloorus community council, said the erection of houses for upper and middle income groups eased the township waiting list because these people vacated the small township houses for less well-off residents to occupy.

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Two ways to help house your workers

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By LIN MENGE

WHITE-owned companies can buy or build houses for employees in coloured or Indian areas — and retain those houses until they are ready to sell them to their employees

Employers of coloureds who cannot afford those new houses in Eldorado Park Ext 9, might like to think about this

What is needed is a Group Areas permit for the employer, which must be obtained from the Department of Community Development (DCD)

The concession was disclosed by a DCD official, Mr C Perold, at the recent "Housing Challenge" conference in Pretoria of the National Building Research Institute

Mr Perold said that companies would be allowed to obtain title to the houses they built for an indefinite period — until they were ready to transfer the properties to their employees. In the meantime the houses must of course be occupied by company workers

HOMEFRONT asked Mr Thys Wilsnach, director of housing for Johannesburg municipality, whether this meant companies could buy those R35-R37 000 houses in Eldorado Park Ext 9 for their employees. There are more than 200 of these houses still available for sale (on deed of sale only) because coloureds



complain they are too expensive

Mr Wilsnach said this was so. He said interested companies should apply to the City Housing Department, which would negotiate the purchase of the property for them and support their application for a permit to the Department of Community Development

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USE the drought to help your employee put money by for housing. That is the advice of a Johannesburg housewife who does not want to waste water or electricity by using her dishwasher

But she doesn't like washing dishes either. Nor does her handyman-cum-gardener — he thinks it's woman's work

But he is saving for a house so she has made a deal with him. She's promised to donate towards his house fund, so if he will wash up for an extra R5 a week, she will put matching fivers into his house fund.

For R10 a week, she feels it's worth it and the handyman hums away happily over the suds

Stand by for an advert for one dishwasher, almost new

Urgent need for crisis help — expert

By Malcolm Fothergill

Central Johannesburg desperately needs crisis accommodation for homeless, jobless people of all races, says industrial psychologist and nutritional expert Mr Eric Galli

Mr Galli, a Roman Catholic who has been the social worker at St Mary's Anglican Cathedral for the past eight months, is determined to see the city get that accommodation

"I am negotiating on a number of levels," he said. "If anyone can be of help I will do all I can to gain his support"

He said he had already received a "tremendous response" to his plans from social workers and welfare organisations keen to help any developments that would help their clients

Mr Galli said St Mary's was not alone in finding the number of people needing help of all kinds had grown considerably in the past year



Mr Eric Galli, searching for help

At St Mary's, the files show 25 entries in the petty cash book, recording monetary help handed out, for May last year. In May this year the figure was 74

In June last year, 16 entries were made in the petty cash book. Up to June 14 this year the figure was 29

Among the reasons for the increase in social workers' work-

loads, Mr Galli said, were the pressures of contemporary society

The increasing cost of living, the lack of security of accommodation for many people, noise pollution and traffic congestion all played a part in causing more people to develop personally problems

Since the increase in the number of people needing help had coincided with a harsher economic climate in which less was being given to charity, social workers were forced to turn away some people who needed help

"You have to weigh up where you will help the most. That means you must withhold assistance from some, based possibly on colour"

"I had 14 blankets in my office recently, and every white client who saw them wanted one

"When I told them I was

keeping the blankets for people who needed them to keep out the cold they told me they were cold as well. I had to tell them I knew of people who were even colder

"My priority was the tubercular African woman who lost all her own clothing and that of her three grandchildren in a fire"

Mr Galli, who was studying in Assis to become a Franciscan when a problem involving his son forced him to return to South Africa two years ago, believes the materialism of the 20th century is another reason why so many people today need help to deal with their lives

"Money can't bring you security inside," he said. "The more you have of material things, the less you are satisfied"

He said he believed that if St Francis were alive today in South Africa he would be "very much at home"

Doornfontein facelift almost complete

By J Manuel Correia

The multimillion rand facelift of Doornfontein, once the haunt of early Johannesburg society but for long the slummy Cinderella of the city, is almost complete. But developers are holding back on residential development until the slum stigma is removed

This was disclosed this week by a spokesman for Murray and Roberts

"The commercial sites and

the shopping centre have either been sold or are under option

"Most buildings have been completed and the remainder are in the process of being completed

"The roads in the area are almost all completed

"Although the commercial element has been totally sold we are deliberately holding back on residential development because we don't believe the area is ripe for it yet

"I'm afraid the area has a

slum stigma still attached to it. In particular we would like to see the area around the Ellis Park stadium cleared up. It's very slummy

"We would also like to see building on the new Technikon Witwatersrand reach a more advanced stage before going into property development

"We are aiming at a good quality residential area but until the slum stigma is removed it would be premature to start marketing in this field," he said

The spokesman said there had been no difficulties with tenants

"The approach we have adopted is to try wherever possible to find alternative accommodation and to relocate people

"At the moment there are very few houses left in the area, which has now really jelled and taken on an entirely new character"

The spokesman said the current recession had not affected development

Big waste of water after pipe damaged

A Ridgeway housewife is

incensed at council workers who damaged a water pipe while repairing her pavement two weeks ago, resulting in the wastage of hundreds of litres of water

Mrs A Basson, of Davina Street, said this was the second time during the past three months that a water pipe outside her home had been damaged

She said she had made over nine telephone calls to the council's maintenance department during the past two weeks, but nothing had yet been done about the broken pipe

"This is an unnecessary waste of water when the council is asking residents to use water sparingly. In March a water pipe outside my home was damaged by council workers, and the maintenance department only sent someone out to fix it three weeks later," Mrs Basson said

A spokesman for the council's engineering department said the council's maintenance staff were investigating the water leak

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Be patient for the July Great House Sale

By LIN MENGE

THAT Great Sale of houses is NOT going to start at one minute past midnight on July 1

Administration boards and regional offices of the Department of Community Development have until June 30 to give the department details and prices of the properties in their areas which are to be put on sale to tenants at discounts of up to 40%

The West Rand Administration Board, which is probably better prepared for the big sale than many other authorities, expects to be able to send its price list to the department by June 30, Mr Steve Burger, the director of community services, told HOMEFRONT yesterday

But he said he did not expect to be able to announce the prices to the public before about July 10

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TENANTS of those tiny, two-roomed houses in Orlando East will have to find their own cash to buy the houses. Building societies are not going to give them loans to buy them

However, the societies may be prepared to grant building loans for improvements to the houses

The United Building Society, which has so far gone further than any other building society in its readiness to grant mortgage finance on township houses, will not drop its minimum lending standard below the four-roomed 51/6. Some other building societies will not lend on the 51/6 at all unless the would-be buyer takes out an "improvement" loan at the same time to bring the house up to a certain standard

The UBS announced recently it was prepared to accept unimproved four-roomed 51/6 houses with outside sanitation as security for mortgage loans, provided the construction was sound

The UBS is also prepared, where the joint income of husband and wife is below R350 a month, to see that the



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monthly bond repayments PLUS the monthly site rental and service payments these people have to make, together do not exceed 25% of their joint income

Asked yesterday about loans on those two-roomed Orlando East houses, the assistant general manager of the UBS, Mr Piet Kruger, told HOMEFRONT the society would consider building loans for people who wanted to improve the houses, but the loans would not cover the cost of the houses. For that, the buyer must have his own cash ready

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A SOWETO resident showed his home improvement plan to HOMEFRONT yesterday because we had promised to help him approach his building society for a loan for the improvements

The plan labelled the two extra bedrooms, which are attached to the garage, as a "study" and a "storeroom"

Why?

Because the draughtsman had told him it was easier to get the plan passed at New Canada if they were not labelled bedrooms, the man said

"No way" we told the man. His building society would not lend him money on a plan that is based on a lie. The draughtsman, who works at New Canada and should know better, must draw a proper plan — or we find someone else to do the job

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1 000 face blackout in Lenasia

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By Yussuf Nazeer

Electricity supplies to another 400 Lenasia residents were cut yesterday and 400 more are expected to be cut off today.

By tonight more than 1 000 Lenasia householders under the Peri Urban Board's jurisdiction will be without hot water and lights.

The board has decided to discontinue the supply of electricity to residents who refuse to pay the new electricity tariff.

More than 3 000 residents who have lights and hot water pledged last night to switch off their power supplies from 7 pm to 9 pm for the next three nights.

They will hold a three-night candlelight vigil in protest against the Peri Urban Board and the Transvaal Provincial Administration which, they claim, have shown no interest in responding to the ratepayers' call for a meeting.

At a Press conference in Lenasia last night, the chairman of the Federation of Residents Associations, Dr Ram Salojee, read a letter from Transvaal MEC Mr Hein Kruger who said he fully appreciated the "unsatisfactory state of affairs which have prevailed in Lenasia for some time"

Mr Kruger said the disparity in water and electricity tariffs was "only one of the various problems arising from the dual control presently exercised over Lenasia".

He added that, over the years, his department had made representations to the authorities to have Lenasia placed under a single control but without success.

Shopping complex to replace homes

Springs residents upset by evictions

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By JOHAN BUYS

SPRINGS property owners and pensioners living near the central business district face heartbreak, tears, and sleepless nights for the next two months.

They have been warned by the town council to get out of their homes, which will be flattened for a multi-million-rand parking garage and shopping complex which is part of a master development plan for the central business district.

Residents in the area have received letters informing them to find other housing within 60 days.

They can apply for extensions.

Pensioners fear they will not be able to buy new homes with the money they are to get for their properties.

Some of them have been living in their homes for more than 30 years. They accuse the council of "treating us shamefully and giving us a raw deal."

But the town clerk, Mr J F van Loggerenberg, disagrees. "We are not callous. We need the property and we are following normal procedures before expropriating. We are giving home owners 60 days' notice of our intention to expropriate," he said.

"They can then submit a claim for the value of their property. We compensate them on a fair basis to enable them to buy alternative homes."

Mr Van Loggerenberg said the affected home owners could buy the same type of houses in the lower parts of town, or in older suburbs such as Casseldale and Strubenvale.

Most of these home owners and pensioners bought their properties in Seventh and Eighth streets years ago at modest prices as places to which to retire.

Now they say they have

nowhere to go because they do not know if they will get the prices they are claiming from the town council.

Mr Pieter Verster, 70, a pensioner of Seventh Street, said: "The council have us tied by the hands. They say there is a shortage of houses, yet they are now going to knock these down for a car park."

He and his wife Kotie had lived in their home for 32 years.

"We have to bear the brunt. I have renovated the house. Where must I go at my age," asked Mr Verster, a R400 a month pensioner.

Another home owner, who did not want to be identified, asked "How the hell are we going to look for new properties if we do not know how much money we are going to get from the council with which to buy?"

One pensioner, Miss May Kingston, of Eighth Street, said "I am terribly upset. I have lived in this house for 51 years. I have built it up over the years."

"It is shattering. I will have to leave my garden which I love. There must be progress but it is terrible to be turned out of your home."

"I have nowhere to go yet. I want another house, but I do not know how much I am getting."

Miss Kingston said her servant had been working for her for 31 years and she had the servant's rooms extended.

"I do not want to move into a flat or old-age home, and will not be disloyal to my servant because he has been loyal to me over the years."

Mr Van Loggerenberg said it was normal procedure to send residents to be evicted an eviction letter in which residents were asked to submit their claims. Valuers would assess these and then compensation would be determined.

Zondi families turfed out of homes

THREE Zondi families were locked out of their Soweto Council-owned houses and their furniture thrown out by West Rand Board policemen for owing rent.

The three families were among a group of twenty houses raided in an early morning swoop yesterday. The other 17 families paid their arrears or made arrangements to pay the remainder in instalments.

Mrs Iris Tabane (61), and Mrs Caroline Mbaliso, both widows who depend on their children for maintenance, accused the Soweto Council of being unsympathetic. "They know we are widows and do not have any other source of income, but as soon as we run into arrears they do not want to hear any explanations," said Mrs Tabane whose husband died 10 years ago.

They also complained bitterly about the R20 electricity levy which they are required to pay, although their area has not been switched on yet.

Mrs Mbaliso said she was surprised when inspectors informed her that in addition to owing two-months rent, she also owed the council R40 for electricity.

Mr Nico Malan, Soweto's Director of Housing, confirmed the raid. He said his men had taken 20 people from their homes early yesterday to the local office where they were required to explain why they had not paid their rent.

Mr Malan said some of the people owed up to four months rent. He also called on widows and pensioners who cannot pay their rent to discuss the problem with their local township managers. Arrangements can be made to allow these people to pay half, he said.

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Gerald's dream is smothered in red tape

By LIN MENGE

FOR AS long as Gerald Adams can remember — perhaps 30 years — the tiny plot where he would love to build a little house for himself has been vacant.

It lay vacant while he and his wife squeezed into one room in the house occupied by their in-laws in Western Township — the old black township which, a generation ago, was given to the coloureds for "temporary" housing.

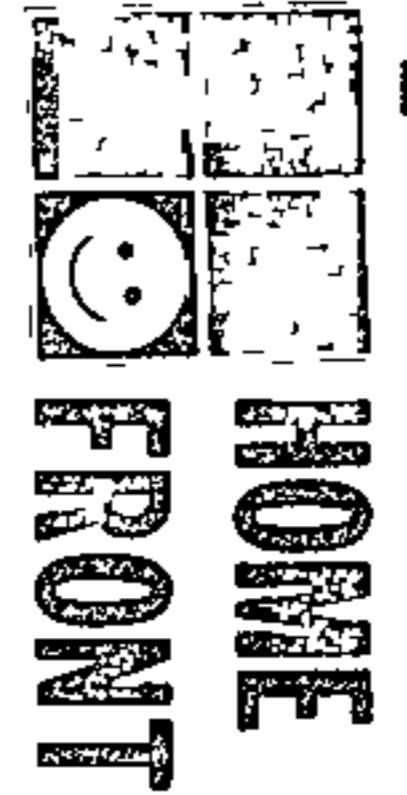
It has lain vacant these past four years while he and his wife and three children have crowded into a one-bedroomed flat in Westbury, adults sleeping in the bedroom, children in the lounge. (The other two rooms are a kitchen and a bathroom.)

Mr Adams could have bought that plot, in Newclare, over and over again. He has saved for it. He has boulder friends just waiting to build a tiny double-storey for him on that 496 sq m plot. His employers, a hydraulic engineering firm where he is a production clerk, would also help him, he says.

So what's the problem? Why doesn't Mr Adams get on and build? There are some 5 000 coloureds on the official housing list. The flat the Adams family occupies so unnecessarily, and unhappily, would be snapped up by someone else.

Red tape is the problem. Year after year, when he looked at that rubbish-strewn little corner stand next to a decaying shop, Gerald Adams saw in his mind's eye the "prettiest little house" where his children could enjoy a decent upbringing and privacy.

So, driven by this vision, he wrote to the owners, the Department of Community De-



velopment (DCD), who referred him to the Johannesburg municipal housing department, who told him they could not help him. That was last year.

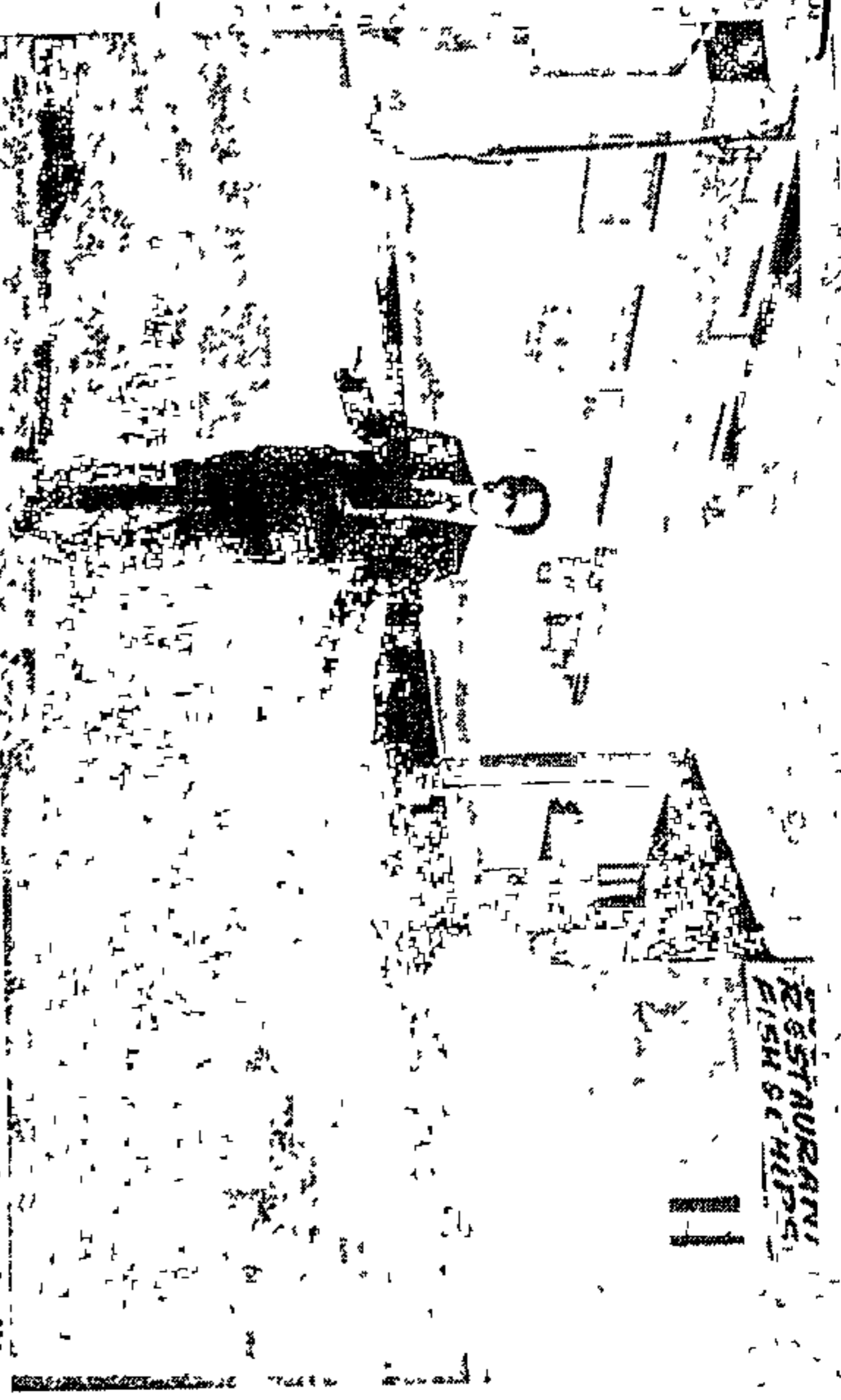
This year HOMEFRONT found the stand was one of no fewer than 128 stands in Newclare owned by the DCD and due to be sold off by the municipality to coloureds in terms of the government's proposed Great Land Sale.

We were told Mr Adams should go to the housing department and put his name down for the stand. Ready cash, and ability to build speedily, would be important considerations in the allocation of stands, the Mail was told.

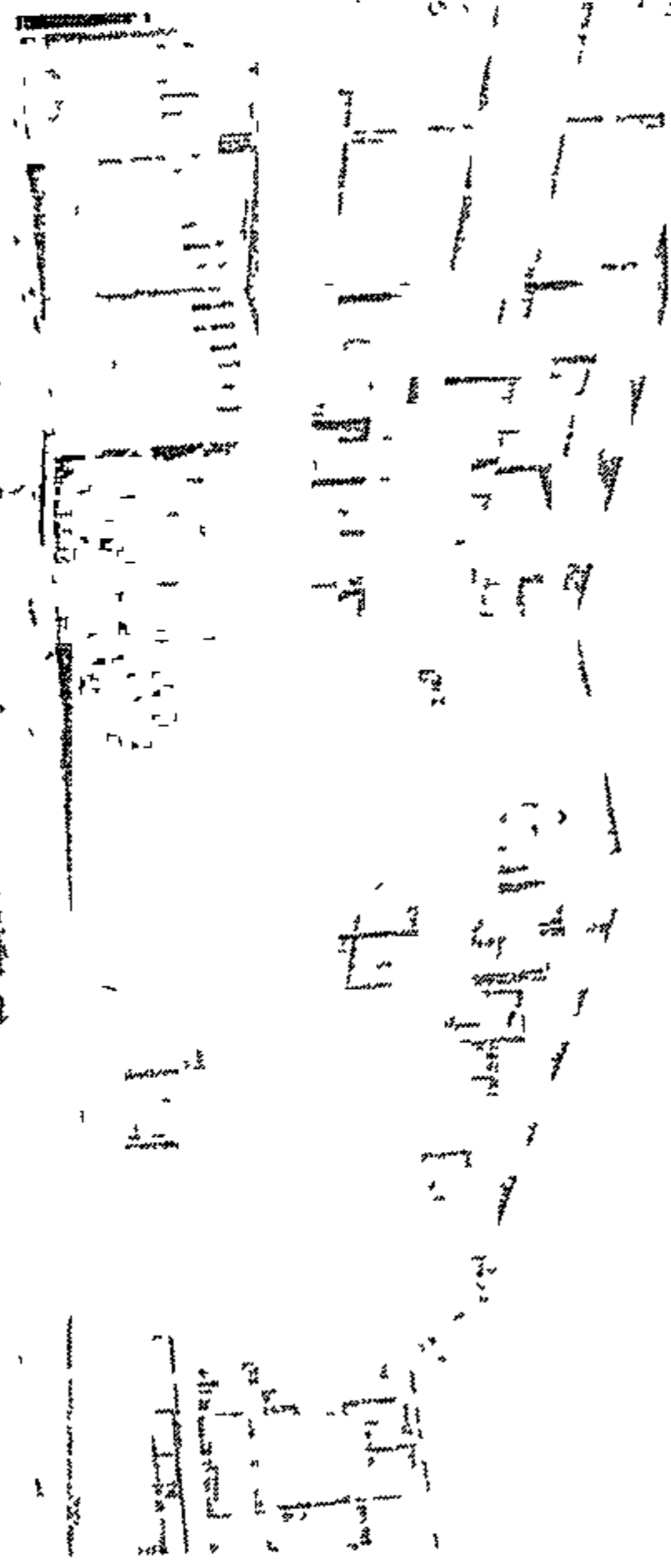
HOMEFRONT helped Mr Adams draft his letter of application to the housing department. It was not acknowledged. When he telephoned, an official said he should phone again in a few months' time.

In the meantime Mr Thys Wilsnack, director of housing, told HOMEFRONT the municipality had bought the Newclare stands. All that was needed was for the State Attorney to transfer them into the name of the council.

Will it be weeks more, or will it be months? All the despairing Mr Adams can do is phone every now and then, watch for the stands to be advertised, then whip in his application, and wait for a committee to decide the fate of the stand — and the man who could have turned it to good use years ago.



Gerald Adams on the vacant stand where he could, long ago, have built a home.



While land lies vacant, the Adams family must crowd into one-bedroomed flats like these.

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Mr J Nikolaou, 43, of Park
Lane Hotel, Hillbrow, was
giving evidence yesterday at
the trial of himself and Mr H
Ikonomou, 42, of the same
address

They have pleaded not
guilty to charges of house-
breaking, theft and fraud

Mr Nikolaou said he was
introduced to Steve by an
auctioneer who claimed
Steve could help him out of
his financial problems

He said he did not know
Steve's surname, address or
telephone number.

Steve, who said he was a
millionaire and the best bur-
glar in South Africa asked
Mr Nikolaou to break into the
Triomf house of a stamp
dealer, Mr Apostolos
Souyouljis, and steal his
stamp collection

Mr Nikolaou said Steve
also told him to steal house-
hold goods and "muddle" the
house to give the impression
it was not a theft aimed only
at the stamp collection

The robbery took place on
November 17 last year

Mr Nikolaou said Steve
told him Mr Souyouljis was
his friend and knew about the
plan

Steve promised him
R40 000 for stealing the
stamps But after the theft,
he told him he would pay him
only after the stamps were
valued

He said Steve had once told
him he would not hesitate to
kill anybody

Mr Ikonomou has pleaded
guilty to another charge of
illegally possessing a fire-
arm Mr Nikolaou has plead-
ed not guilty to this charge

The trial continues on
Monday

Evictions — how to stop them before they start

By LIN MENGE
and SOPHIE TEMA

AN SOS from a Johannesburg
housewife sent HOME-
FRONT hurrying into Soweto
yesterday

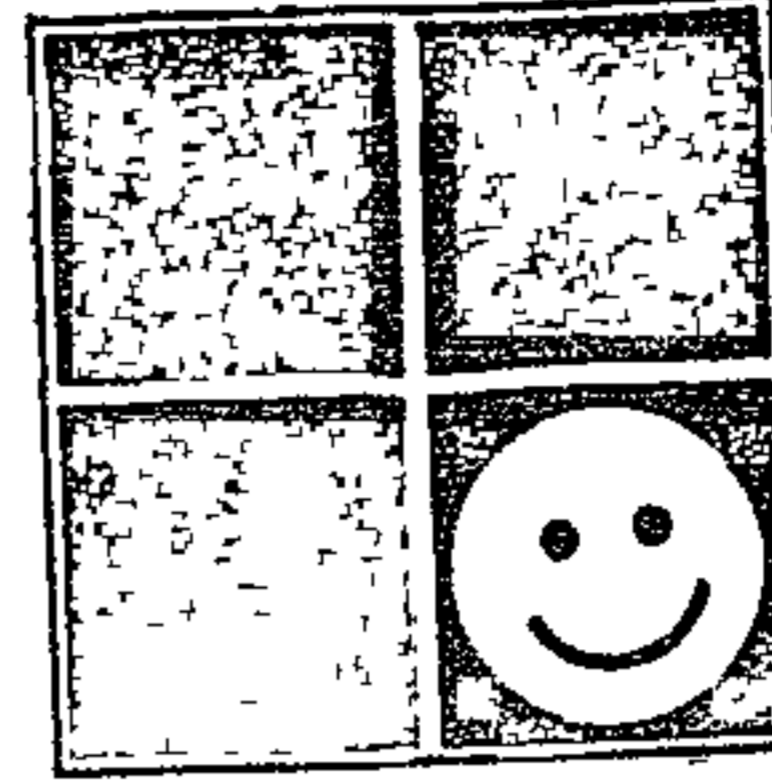
The family of her maid, she
told us, had been locked out
of their house in Zondi over-
night for being in arrears
with their various monthly
payments A small child was
among those who had had to
spend the night locked out If
the R112 owing could be paid
before 2 30pm, the family
would be allowed back into
the house

This shocking occurrence
was, so the housewife was
told, due to the fact that the
elderly woman who paid in
the various charges every
month was not aware they
had been increased

As the Mail reported yester-
day, 20 families were raid-
ed by Soweto Council police
early on Thursday morning
for being in arrears with
their rent and electricity lev-
ies Only three families were
unable to make any arrange-
ments for payment, even by
instalment

It was on behalf of one of
these families that HOME-
FRONT hurried to the Zondi-
Mofolo offices with the mon-
ey There we found that

- The full amount had been paid that morning and the family were back in their house
- The monthly payments had



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been in arrears since
January

- The elderly woman had signed the notice informing her of the R20 electricity levy which came into effect in February

- A final notice had been issued to her in May

HOMEFRONT then went
to the house to check that all
was well, and to find out if
the family was in debt to any-
one for the money they had
paid No, it was their money
Apparently the woman felt
she could not afford the extra
R20, and didn't want electri-
city anyway, and had told the
office so, and then simply
didn't pay

Fortunately the steep R20
increase has been reduced to
R12 From July 1, this family
must pay R52,30 in house and
site rent and services

charges and electricity avail-
ability levy — whether they
intend using the electricity or
not

That, for a tiny four-
roomed house without inside
water or sanitation, is a lot
And if the tenant can't afford
to buy the house when the
houses go on sale the tiny
house rent portion of those
monthly charges will be in-
creased considerably

Dawn raids, evictions hav-
ing your possessions thrown
on the pavement — these are
horrible, embittering experi-
ences — especially in mid-
winter Your employee or her
family could be next — what
can you do about it?

- Find out what they pay monthly and what they think it is for Tell them they must show you any notices of in-creases etc

- Telephone the township su-
perintendent yourself (you
will find the numbers listed
under Administration Board
in the telephone book), give
him the house number and
ask how much the occupier is
supposed to be paying and
what it is for Don't listen to
clerks' Make sure your em-
ployee is not being charged
wrongly — eg a flat rate for
water when he is already
paying for metered water

- Ask whether the payments
are up to date You don't
want to hear about it after
the family has spent the night
on the pavement

Asks a society of non-smokers

meeting
is the No 1 killer
male drivers, 18 to
old, in the United
the association said

states have set 21
of age as the minimum
to purchase any al-
and 15 states, plus the

District of Columbia, have
set 21 years of age as the
minimum age to purchase
distilled spirits

"This situation results in
thousands of youths aged 18
to 21 years driving across
state lines to legally drink
and causes a health and safe-

ty hazard to themselves and
innocent citizens"

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in trouble

ARE — A surprised
gave birth to twins at
stop yesterday — hours
being told her babies
not due

Jane Mpofu went into
while travelling home
Harare Hospital, after
staff had told her she
not yet ready to give

the delivery an am-
rushed the mother
back to hospital —

Too close for comfort ...

CAPE TOWN — A massive
retaining rock wall collapsed
in heavy rain and smashed
against the home of a Camps
Bay woman, hurling rubble
and a window-frame over her
bed

The lintel and rubble fell
on either side of Mrs Um-
berta Jupin as she lay sleep-
ing in her bed, missing her by
only inches

Mrs Jupin's screams
brought her son-in-law Mr
Clive Thelander, and her
daughter Diana, running to

her bedroom
The back of the house was
almost demolished as the six-
metre thick wall collapsed,
and rubble, rocks and debris
were piled high against the
shattered walls of the house

The kitchen, Mrs Jupin's
bedroom, a spare bedroom
and a bathroom were exten-
sively damaged

Large cracks penetrated
deep into the house along the
interior walls, causing dam-
age which Mr Thelander esti-
mated at about R25 000 —
Sapa

Zimbabwean judge retires

HARARE. — Zimbabwe's
Acting Chief Justice, Mr Jus-
tice Leo Baron, 67, will retire
at the end of this month for
health reasons

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months in detention, he left
for Britain The following
year he took a post with the
Zambian Government and
was appointed President of

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No 701 will be midnight on Thursday June 30, 1983 The solution will
be published on Saturday, July 2, 1983 For rules to Jackpo

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Councillors cheat death

ONE of three Wattville Community councillors who last week went into hiding following raids on their homes by irate and armed hostel inmates, yesterday spoke of death threats made on them by residents who called them "cowards."

The raids and threats followed the announcement that rent increases of R3 would come into effect from July 1

The councillors are Mr J Poo, the chair-

man, Mr J Moalasi, vice-chairman and Mr P Ntshona. A fourth man, Mr Fred Tloane, a representative of the local hostel has also been threatened with death by inmates armed with an assortment of pangas and knives

The three councillors went into hiding after receiving tip-offs of the impending raids. When the raiders arrived at the houses of the men at different times during the night,

they found them missing

Mr Ntshona is believed to be slightly injured on the forehead. Efforts to trace him drew a blank over the weekend

Immediately after circulars signed by Mr Poo were distributed to residents last week, the raiders besieged his house but found him missing

According to Mr Moalasi the inmates were travelling in two cars.

Since many NPSI teams are steeped in superstition, Morok Swallows Limited must have thought themselves bewitched when the referee disallowed an Angelo Burts goal in their game against Mamelodi Sundowns at George Goch Stadium. And the incessant drum beating and a needling bugle fanfare from Sundowns' supporters, who were resplendent in green and yellow colours, must have been agonising as "The Birds" lost 1-nil to the young upstarts

Indeed, providence can be seen to have played an unkind hand on the pride of Soweto

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TEARGAS was apparently not the cause of death of the two babies who died in Lamontville near Durban amid disturbances there last week. It is reliably understood that post-mortem examinations conducted on the babies, two-month-old Siphindile Radebe and seven-month-old Khayehle Sibeko, show that

Tea gas did not cause death of kids

down
The Freedom Charter will one day triumph over apartheid because the Charter stands for democracy. Apartheid should have been seen as another way of advocating dialogue, rather than...
Mrs Greta Ncapayi, executive member of the Federation of South African Women (Fedasaw), said South Africa was a big country that could accommodate all her inhabitants and had all the wealth to enable every body to get enough food.
She described the Freedom Charter as a harmless document which the Government cars kept a close watch Security police in two tributed at the meeting. dom Charter were dis- extracts from the Free- Pamphlets containing Africa.
youths to opt for violent methods of bringing about change in South Africa.
She said police action against advocates of justice had forced many youths to opt for violent methods of bringing about change in South Africa.
Pamphlets containing extracts from the Freedom Charter were distributed at the meeting. Security police in two cars kept a close watch at the meeting and took photographs of delegates attending the meeting.

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Wrab in rent row

Family threatened with eviction

By SELLO RABOTHATA

A FORMER political detainee who stays in Kagiso claims his family has been threatened with eviction by the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) if they do not pay rent arrears of R105 by the end of the month.

Mr Siphon Mtshingane of 2916 Sebenzisa Drive, said the threat has worried the family because his mother has never skipped paying her rent. They were surprised that Wrab could issue such a threat amid the present housing short-

age in black townships

He said "Wrab policemen came to my home at about 3 30am two weeks back and said I should accompany them to the administration offices. I asked if I could follow them later at 8am, but they refused. They told me it was in connection with the house rent.

"I was only able to see the township manager at about 8,50am. I was surprised to learn that we owed R105 in rent arrears. I had receipts to prove this was not so but I was told these were not considered."

Mr Mtshingane said he was now at his wits' end as he was told they would be evicted by the end of June if the money is not paid by then. He is

presently out of work and his mother earns only R88 a month and this is what their family of 12 lives on.

He was released from detention on April 20. He was detained on May 21 last year under Section Six of the Terrorism Act and later transferred to Section 29(1). His father died while he was in prison and he only learnt of this on his release.

Wrab's director of housing, Mr Steve Burger, said "I have spoken to the man in charge in Kagiso, he is Mr Coetzee. Mrs Mtshingane should go to his office and come to an arrangement on how she can pay off her arrears.



THREAT Mr Siphon Mtshingane

We found that she was in arrears of R105,92 and if she could pay off her monthly rent of R34,80 and add a small amount towards the arrears then everything would be alright."



MOURNING Mrs Ramogase

advice from US

burger that, if whites made a peaceful evolution impossible they would make a violent revolution inevitable.

"Against this background one must assess

the inadequacy of steps taken by the Government. On the constitutional level I believe the steps are not only inadequate but dangerous," he said.

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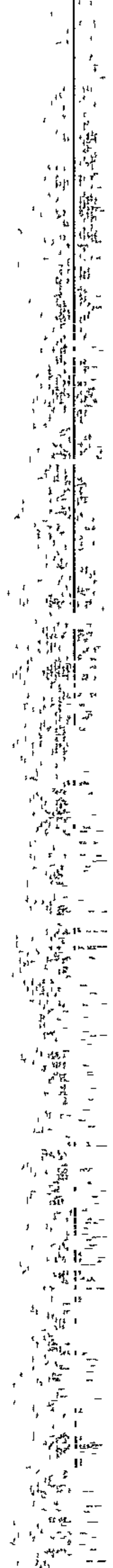
The Pure Cane Spirit

Mlokoti clarifies stand 28/6/83

By Mzikavise Edom
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FOLLOWING death
threats on three Watt-
ville community coun-
cillors a fourth coun-
cillor has dissociated
himself from the rent
increase of R3, which
comes into effect as from
Friday.

Mr Noel Mlokoti, told

The SOWETAN yester-
day that he was against
the increases when they
were first suggested by
the council early this
year. He said he failed
to convince the council
not to implement the
increases when the
majority of the coun-
cillors voted for the mo-
tion



(127) 99-year leasehold scheme 28/6/83
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 980 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether any persons in (a) the Black township of Witbank, (b) Mhluzi, Middelburg, (c) Siyathemba, Balfour, (d) Syathuthuka, Belfast, (e) Mfuleni, Leandra, (f) Thula, Ogies, (g) Nthorwane, Greylingstad, (h) the Black township of Perdekop, (i) Vukuzakhe, Volksrust, (j) Sakhile, Standerton, (k) the Black township of Hendrina, (l) Emzimoni, Bethal, (m) Mbalenhle, Secunda, (n) the Black township of Dullstroom, (o)

the Black township of Lydenburg and (p) the Black township of Machadodorp have applied for leases in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme from its inception to 31 December 1982, if so, how many in each case.

- (2) whether any of these applications have been granted, if not, why not, if so, how many in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The leasehold figures in respect of the Black townships mentioned are as follows —

	(1) Applications received	(2) Granted	Not granted	Reason not granted
Witbank	216	189	27	Pending
Middelburg	0			
Balfour	0			
Leandra	0			
Ogies	0			
Greylingstad	0			
Perdekop	0			leasehold not applicable
Volksrust	2	2		leasehold not applicable
Standerton	0			
Hendrina	0			
Bethal	1	0		Pending
Secunda	57	38	19	Pending
Dullstroom	0			
Lydenburg	0			
Machadodorp	0			

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99-year leasehold scheme
Alloc 28/6/83

974 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) Whether any persons in (a) Mamelodi, (b) Atteridgeville, (c) the Black township of Brits, (d) the Black township of Thabazimbi and (e) the Black township of Warmbaths have applied for leases in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme from its incep-

tion to 31 December 1982 if so how many in each case,

(2) whether any of these applications have been granted, if not why not if so how many in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The leasehold figures in respect of the Black townships mentioned are as follows -

	(1) Applications received	(2) Granted	Not granted	Reason not granted
Mamelodi	124	96	28	Pending
Atteridgeville	66	22	44	Pending
Brits	0	—	—	Leasehold not applicable
Thabazimbi	0	—	—	Leasehold not applicable
Warmbaths	0	0	—	Leasehold not applicable

127 *Hansard Q. Col. 1703*
 Housing schemes
 28/6/83

977 Mr. P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether any housing schemes are being developed at present in (a) the Black township of Witbank, (b) Mhluzi, Middelburg, (c) Siyathemba, Balfour, (d) Syathuthuka, Belfast, (e) Mfuleni, Leandra, (f) Thula, Ogies, (g) Nthorwane, Greylingstad, (h) the Black township of Perdekop, (i) Vukuzakhe, Volksrust, (j) Sakhile, Standerton, (k) the Black township of Hendrina, (l) Emzimoni, Bethal, (m) Mbalenhle, Secunda, (n) the Black township of Dullstroom, (o) the Black township of Lydenburg and (p) the Black township of Ma-

chadodorp by the (i) Highveld Administration Board and (ii) private sector, if so.

- (2) (a) how many in each case, (b) when was each of these schemes initiated, (c) when is it envisaged that each of them will be completed and (d) how many housing units are involved in each case
- (3) whether any housing for lower-income groups is under construction in these townships, if so, (a) in which townships and (b) how many housing units are involved in each case?

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(1)	(i)		(ii)
(a)	Witbank	One (177 stands site and service)	One (2 houses)
(b)	Middelburg	0	0
(c)	Balfour	One (380 bed hostel)	0
(d)	Belfast	0	0
(e)	Leandra	Two (352 bed hostel and 712 houses)	0
(f)	Ogies	0	0
(g)	Greylingstad	0	0
(h)	Perdekop	0	0
(i)	Volksrust	One (30 houses)	One (44 houses)
(j)	Standerton	0	0
(k)	Hendrina	0	0
(l)	Bethal	Two (178 bed hostel and 435 stands site and service)	0
(m)	Secunda	Two (640 bed hostel and 105 stands site and service)	0
(n)	Dullstroom	0	0
(o)	Lydenburg	0	0
(p)	Machadodorp	0	0

- (2) (a) Indicated under paragraph (1)(i) above
- (b) Between 1980 and 1983
- (c) Between 1983 and 1984
- (d) Indicated under paragraph (1)(i) above

(3) Yes

(a)	(b)
Leandra	398
Volksrust	30

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500 000

State

houses

go on sale

THE DEPARTMENT of Co-operation and Development is expected to despatch formulae regarding the mass sale of 500 000 State-owned houses to administration boards throughout the country this week.

The massive Government scheme will swing into action this Friday, with most matchbox houses in black areas expected to sell between R700 and R1 200.

In Greater Soweto, approximately 40 000 houses will be available for sale to tenants at special discounts of up to 40 percent under the 99-year leasehold scheme.

The West Rand Administration Board's director of community services, Mr Steve Burger, said yesterday special discounts on the prices of the houses would only be applicable for one year. "However, there is a possibility that the one-year discount period may be extended," he added.

Conditions for the discounts are as follows.

- Tenants who raise — either through a bank loan or from their own funds — their own finance to buy (cash) their homes will be offered a discount of 25 percent,
- A further five percent discount will be available to the above tenants if they have lived in the same homes for a period longer than five years;
- Another five percent discount will be offered if the State houses are bought during the one-year period from July 1,
- Finally, prospective home buyers, who qualify under above sections (1), (2) and (3) will score a further discount of five percent if the homes they want to buy have a price-tag of less than R2 500.

Mr Burger said the recently-built 800 Tshawelo Extension 3 and 1 000 new houses in Kagiso would be sold at prices over R2 500. "The board will not make any profit from the sale of these houses but will only sell them to recover construction costs," he said.

About 30 000 houses have already been bought on 30-year home-ownership or 99-year leasehold schemes in Greater Soweto.

Rent hikers will pay for sewage

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THE Government will only instal a sewerage system in Duduza township, Nigel, when local residents approve a three-phase rent increase to be used towards completion of the scheme.

This was the reply from the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, when asked in Parliament why there had been a delay in the installation of the system in the area.

Answering a series of questions by Progressive Federal Party MP Mr Peter Soal, Dr Koornhof said work on the installation of the system was suspended because of the local community council in December last year.

Mr Soal took up the issue after The SOW-ETAN highlighted residents' complaints about the "big stink" caused by the bucket system in the township.

The council was forced to suspend the scheme — which had already been designed — because residents refused to fork out money for its installation. Instead, the community suggested that they be levied for using the system — not for its installation.

Dr Koornhof said the system was to have a cost estimated at R1,4 million with residents expected to foot the bill. To finance the system, a three-tier rent increase totalling R23 would have been effected over a period of 12 months. "The local community had initially approved the scheme but changed its decision after residents said they were not prepared for its installation. However, the council is at liberty to re-instate the scheme in the event that it can be paid for by the users," Dr Koornhof added.



welcomed at Jan Smuts Airport yesterday Lord Pritchard will be VIP guest at the

Picture: GREG ENGLISH

hand over stages today

The Czechs and 20 Portugese, who are still captives, were taken hostage on March 12 ITN correspondent Wynne Roberts said Unita will not let them go until Angola frees Unita prisoners and seven British mercenaries who have been held by Luanda authorities since 1975 He said Unita freed the women and children as a humanitarian gesture "The guerrilla movement blames the Czech Government for the suffering of the families They say Angola is a war zone and they should never have been sent there," he said During their captivity, Mr Roberts said, the hostages had slept in the bush to evade detection and lived on maize and occasional elephant and rhinoceros meat In Pretoria a spokesman for the Department of Foreign Affairs said yesterday South Africa would welcome the release of the Czechs and any other foreign nationals He was quoted by SABC radio news as saying the South African Government would for humanitarian reasons do everything possible to ensure that the captives were returned to their countries of origin - Sapa-AP

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ed Mr Wentzel died where a doctor inspected his

Don't pay until you get a home

LAST October Mr P had been six years on the Diepmeadow Council waiting list which went back 12 years He was also in a job, earning R450 a month

Today he is out of a job, dependent on the R40 a week earned by his wife He has now been seven years on the waiting list, which now goes back 13 years And he is also minus R300 which he paid to housing "consultants"

This is what happened to Mr P

A friend told him about this firm of consultants, so off he went to see them

Did he do any checking beforehand? Did he know anyone who actually got a house with their help? No

He says the white man asked him how much he earned, where he worked and what size house he wanted

"He then put me through for a deposit to sort things out," Mr P told us

He paid R300, for which he received a receipt, which he had to sign He says he did not sign anything else

"The man told me to get another R2 000 if I could He did not say what it was for," Mr P said

The consultant apparently showed Mr P a plan and said he could build him a house for about R24 000 in Diepkloof Extension

"He said he had been promised 200 sites by Diepmeadow Council"

Where did Mr P think the money was coming from? How was he going to repay it, we asked No, Mr P didn't know The consultant "said he had sources to get money," Mr P told us

Mr P went away believing, however stupidly, that he would get a R24 000 house He phoned regularly to ask when his house would be ready, he says

In March he phoned HOMEFRONT "Go and ask for your money back," we told him But Mr P went on hoping for this magic house

After he lost his job and needed that R300, he decided to cancel his arrangement with the consultants

Phoned by the Mail, the consultants said Mr P would have to pay for the plan that had been drawn for him, unless someone else would take over the plan and pay for it, in which case he would have to pay to have the names changed on the plan

In the meantime the consultant has enjoyed the use of Mr P's money If he can get deposits from lots of people like Mr P, the consultant can put the money on fixed deposit and enjoy the interest the bank pays him Even if he has to repay Mr P, he still keeps the interest



What are the lessons to be learned from Mr P's experience?

- Do not pay anyone — a consultant or a building contractor — any money unless you already have a stand
- If someone tells you he has stands, check with the executive officer or the housing officer of your community council
- Do not pay money to someone who says they will arrange finance for you HOMEFRONT phoned this consultant's firm and were told they "arranged" building society bonds If you want to know whether you can get a loan from a building society, go in and ask the society yourself They will give you all the advice you need — free! If you are nervous, ask your employer for help
- Do not deal with strange firms unless you have talked to someone who has had a house, not promises, from them If Mr P had checked out this consultant, he would have found other people have been trying to get their money back from him The consultant sent one woman to look over a house "for sale" The widow who occupied the house was very upset when she found someone was plotting to sell her house behind her back Mr P would also have found that this same consultant was previously the manager of a firm of insurance brokers The firm did not pass on the insurance payments made by blacks who had to struggle to get their money back
- If you are owed money by a "consultant" or a builder, report the matter immediately to the housing officer for that area
- No-one will protect you if you throw away your money Last year the Mail wrote about another housing firm which took hundreds of deposits from blacks although it had no stands People had to wait months to get their money back The matter was even raised in Parliament and the Minister, Dr Piet Koornhof, said later that a circular had been sent to all administration boards and community councils warning blacks to be on their guard if they were asked to make cash deposits Yet that firm is still in the black housing business, and this new consultant has been asking for even bigger "deposits"
- Why don't we name the firms? Because we are not giving them free advertising

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Dobs rents up again (127)

DOBSONVILLE residents, still reeling from last October's R13 rent hike, will face another increase of R4 from July 1.

The shock increase, together with that of monthly hostel rents, which will go up on the same date from R15 to R20, were approved by the Dobsonville Community Council in its monthly meeting yesterday.

Among other hikes announced were: Lodger's fees go up from R1 to R5; creche fees go up from R10 to R15; trading sites per square metre to up from R1 to R2,50.

have become available in the Black township of Warmbaths

(b) As at 31 December 1982—

(i) Mamelodi	13 846
(ii) Atteridgeville	9 841
(iii) Brits	878
(iv) Thabazimbi	69
(v) Warmbaths	736

(2) (a) Nil.

(b) Nil

Family housing units

978. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) How many family housing units (a) were built in 1982 in (i) the Black

township of Witbank, (ii) Mthluzi, Middelburg, (iii) Syathemba, Balfour, (iv) Syathuthuka, Belfast, (v) Mfuleni, Leandra, (vi) Thula, Ogies, (vii) Nthorwane, Greylingstad, (viii) the Black township of Perdekop, (ix) Vukuzakhe, Volksrust, (x) Sakhile, Standerton, (xi) the Black township of Hendrina, (xii) Emzinoni, Bethal, (xiii) Mbalenhle, Secunda, (xiv) the Black township of Dullstroom, (xv) the Black township of Lydenburg and (xvi) the Black township of Machadodorp by (aa) the Highveld Administration Board and (bb) private owners and (b) were there in each of the above-mentioned townships at the latest specified date for which figures are available,

(2) how many of these units are being built at present by (a) the Highveld Administration Board and (b) private owners?

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(1) (a) Built in 1982

	(aa)	(bb)	(b) (On 30 April 1983)
(i) Witbank	0	15	3 903
(ii) Middelburg	430	11	2 309
(iii) Balfour	0	0	543
(iv) Belfast	0	0	638
(v) Leandra	0	0	1 385
(vi) Ogies	0	0	648
(vii) Greylingstad	0	0	181
(viii) Perdekop	0	0	99
(ix) Volksrust	100	0	1 331
(x) Standerton	0	0	2 459
(xi) Hendrina	0	0	266
(xii) Bethal	0	1	1 458

(xiii) Secunda	0	0	1 543
(xiv) Dullstroom	0	0	130
(xv) Lydenburg	9	0	534
(xvi) Machadodorp	0	0	165

(2) (a) Nil

(b) 191

127 *Housand R Col. 1769*
Family housing units
30/6/83
927 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) How many family housing units (a) were built in 1982 in (i) Mamelodi, (ii) Atteridgeville, (iii) the Black township of Brits, (iv) the Black township of Thabazimbi and (v) the Black township of Warmbaths by (aa) the Central Transvaal Administration Board and (bb) private owners and (b) were there in each of the above-mentioned townships at the latest specified date for which figures are available

(2) how many of these units are being built at present by (a) the Central

Transvaal Administration Board and (b) private owners,

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(1) (a) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) and (v)(aa) Nil (bb) Nil

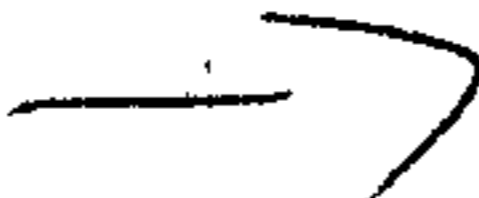
It should however be mentioned that as a result of replanning, in Mamelodi 1 304 sites with services and 798 sites with out services and in Atteridgeville 312 sites with services and 538 sites without services have become available for the same reason an additional 350 sites

127 Q Housing schemes
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970 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister
of Co-operation and Development

(1) Whether any housing schemes are being developed at present in (a) Mamelodi, (b) Atteridgeville, (c) the Black township of Brits, (d) the Black township of Thabazimbi and (e) the Black township of Warmbaths by the (i) Central Transvaal Administration Board and (ii) private sector, if so,

(2) (a) how many in each case, (b) when was each of these schemes initiated, (c) when is it envisaged that each of them will be completed and (d) how many housing units are involved in each case,

(3) whether any housing for lower-income groups is under construction in these townships; if so, (a) in which



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townships and (b) how many housing units are involved in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)

(i) None

(ii) None

(2) Falls away

(3) Falls away

It should, however be mentioned that, as a result of replanning, in Mamelodi 1 304 sites with services and 798 sites without services and in Atteridgeville 312 sites



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(127) Housing schemes W1.1782
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 1016 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether any housing schemes are being developed at present in any townships falling under the control of the Orange Vaal Administration Board by (a) the said Administration Board and (b) the private sector, if so.
- (2) (a) how many in each specified township, (b) when was each of these

- (2) (a) Sebokeng
- Evaton
- Bothaville
- Kroonstad
- Zamdela
- Bethlehem

schemes initiated, (c) when is it envisaged that each of them will be completed and (d) how many housing units are involved in each case

- (3) whether any housing for lower-income groups is under construction in these townships, if so (a) in which townships and (b) how many housing units are involved in each case?

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- (1) (a) Yes
- (b) Yes

	Administration Board	Private Sector
	1	6
	1	1
	3	1
	1	0
	0	3
	0	1



(b) Between 1980 and 1983
(c) Between 1983 and 1984

	Administration Board	Private sector
(d) Sebokeng	2 150 Houses	837 Houses
Evaton	478 Core-houses	44 Houses
Bothaville	945 Core-houses	20 Houses
	200 Shell-houses	
Kroonstad	1 000 Core-houses	0
Zamdela	0	120 Houses
Bethlehem	0	6 Houses

The following sites are available for self-build—

Evaton	10 000
Residensia	500
Zone 3	30
Zone 7	Nil
Zone 10	1 668
Zone 14	95
Zamdela	300
Refengkgotso	10
Arlington	57
Bethlehem	250
Bothaville	520
Cornelia	30
Edenville	358
Frankfort	Nil
Harrismith	52
Heilbron	1 273
Kestell	Nil
Koppies	156
Kroonstad	2 600
Lindley	259
Memel	30
Oranjeville	276
Parys	1 291
Petrus Steyn	69
Reitz	686
Steynsrus	196
Tweeling	60
Viljoenskroon	Nil
Villiers	309
Vrede	431
Vrededorst	502
Warden	78

(3) Yes.

	(a)	(b)
Sebokeng	2 150	
Evaton	478	
Bothaville	1 145	

1017. Mr P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) How many family housing units (a) were built in 1982 in each specified township falling under the control of the Orange Vaal Administration Board by (i) the said Administration Board and (ii) private owners and (b) were there in each of the above-mentioned townships as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) how many of these units are being built at present by (a) the Orange Vaal Administration Board and (b) private owners?

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	(1) (a)	(1) (b)	(2) (a)	(2) (b)
(i) Arlington	—	—	—	—
Bethlehem	—	—	47	2
Bothaville	—	—	532	47
Clarens	—	—	1	1
Frankfort	—	—	22	22
Harrismith	—	—	16	16
Heilbron	—	—	14	14
Kestell	—	—	4	4
Koppies	—	—	111	111
Kroonstad	—	—	15	15
Lindley	—	—	1	1
Parys	—	—	—	—
Sebokeng	—	899	—	—
Bothaville	—	100	—	—
Frankfort	—	200	—	—

99-year leasehold scheme

1019. Mr P. G. SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) Whether any persons in any townships falling under the control of the Orange Vaal Administration Board have applied for leases in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme from its inception to 31 December 1982, if so how many in each specified township

(2) whether any of these applications have been granted, if not, why not if so, how many in each case?

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	(1) Yes	(2) Yes
Sebokeng	243	
Zamdela	145	
Sharpeville	21	
Kroonstad	11	
Viljoenskroon	3	
Frankfort	2	

Sebokeng—204 Granted, 39 Cancelled by applicants due to financing problems
Zamdela—120 Granted, 25 Cancelled by applicants due to financing problems
Sharpeville—Nil granted, 11 Pending
Kroonstad—Nil granted, 11 Pending
Viljoenskroon—Nil granted, 3 Pending

Frankfort—Nil granted, 11 Pending

(2) (a) 2 874 Houses
(b) 1 307 Houses

Evaton	5 000
Residensia	309
Zone 3	2 899
Zone 7 A	2 156
Zone 8	478
Zone 11	2 087
Zone 12	3 115
Zone 13	3 812
Zone 14	2 842
Sharpeville	5 933
Bopalong	2 095
Bophelong	1 407
Zamdela	1 240
Refengkgotso	1 175
Arlington	342
Bethlehem	3 385
Bothaville	800
Clarens	81
Cornelia	128
Edenville	222
Frankfort	1 076
Harrismith	1 822
Heilbron	1 015
Kestell	209
Koppies	344
Kroonstad	6 200
Lindley	581
Memel	122
Oranjeville	73
Parys	1 944
Petrus Steyn	420
Reitz	918
Steynsrus	380
Tweeling	156
Viljoenskroon	750
Villiers	400
Vrede	857
Vrededorst	363
Warden	496

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1029 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether any persons in any townships falling under the control of the Northern Transvaal Administration Board have applied for leases in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme from its inception to 31 December 1982, if so, how many in each specified township.
- (2) whether any of these applications have been granted, if not, why not, if so, how many in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) No
- (2) Falls away The 99-year leasehold system is not applicable in any of the urban Black residential areas under the jurisdiction of the Northern Transvaal Administration Board

Family housing units

1031 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) How many family housing units (a) were built in 1982 in each specified township falling under the control of the Northern Transvaal Administration Board by (i) the said Administration Board and (ii) private owners and (b) were there in each of the

above-mentioned townships as at the latest specified date for which figures are available.

- (2) how many of these units are being built at present by (a) the Northern Transvaal Administration Board and (b) private owners?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) (a) (i) Nil (ii) Nil
- (b) As at 31 December 1982--
 Messina—667 Houses
 Louis Trichardt—540 Houses
 Soekmekeer- 82 Huts
 Durwelskloof -- 32 Houses
 Roedtan—47 Huts
 Naboomspruit— 358 Houses
 Nylstroom -460 Houses

- (2) (a) None
- (b) None

Housing schemes

1032 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co operation and Development

- (1) Whether any housing schemes are being developed at present in any townships falling under the control of the Northern Transvaal Administration Board by (a) the said Administration Board and (b) the private sector if so
- (2) (a) how many in each specified township (b) when was each of these

schemes initiated, (c) when is it envisaged that each of them will be completed and (d) how many housing units are involved in each case,

- (3) whether any housing for lower-income groups is under construction in these townships, if so, (a) in which townships and (b) how many housing units are involved in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) (a) and (b) No housing schemes are at present being developed by either the Administration Board or the private sector in any township falling under the control of the Northern Transvaal Administration Board The South African Development Trust is, however, involved with the development of housing at Seshego, Vleyfontein and Steilloop where housing schemes are being developed by the Administration Board as its agent Particulars regarding these schemes are as follows

Township	Scheme initiated	Envisaged date of completion	Number of houses
Seshego	1980	1984	600
Vleyfontein	1980	1984	500
Steilloop	1980	1984	300

The following number of serviced sites are also available for self-build purposes

Vleyfontein—654
Steilloop—700

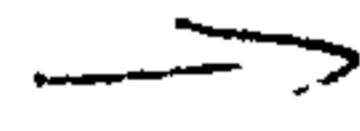
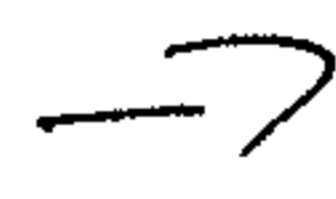
- (2) Falls away.
- (3) No. (a) and (b) Fall away

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99-year leasehold scheme
Q. 61.1813
104] Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister
of Co-operation and Development

(1) Whether any persons in any townships falling under the control of the Western Transvaal Administration Board have applied for leases in



terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme from its inception to 31 December 1982, if so, how many in each specified township,

(2) whether any of these applications have been granted, if not, why not, if so, how many in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) Yes
Klerksdorp—10
Carletonville—6
Orkney—4

(2) Yes
Klerksdorp—0 (Pending)
Carletonville—0 (Pending)
Orkney—3 (One not granted because applicant did not qualify for a right of leasehold)

Family housing units

1043 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) How many family housing units (a) were built in 1982 in each specified township falling under the control of the Western Transvaal Administration Board by (i) the said Administration Board and (ii) private owners and (b) were there in each of the above-mentioned townships as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,

(2) how many of these units are being built at present by (a) the Western Transvaal Administration Board and (b) private owners?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

(1) (a) (i) Nil
(ii) Potchefstroom — 59
Klerksdorp — 153
Carletonville — 280

Stilfontein — 79
Orkney — 26
Fochville — 9
Bloemhof — 4
Schweizer Reneke — 41
Ottosdal — 8
Leeudoornstad — 5
Ventersdorp — 17
Makwasse — 1
Hartbeesfontein — 16
Christiana — 117
Lichtenburg — 31

(b) Potchefstroom — 4 209
Klerksdorp — 3 552
Carletonville — 2 523
Stilfontein — 1 547
Orkney — 995
Fochville — 206
Biesesvlei — 24
Bloemhof — 556
Wolmaransstad — 724
Coligny — 319
Schweizer Reneke — 717
Ottosdal — 271
Leeudoornstad — 361
Ventersdorp — 447
Makwasse — 294
Hartbeesfontein — 219
Koster — 503
Christiana — 581
Whitpoort — 37
Lichtenburg — 592
Swartruggens — 158
Zeerust — 584
Sannieshof — 156

As at 31 March 1983

(2) (a) 228
(b) 435

Housing schemes

1044 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) Whether any housing schemes are being developed at present in any townships falling under the control of the Western Transvaal Administration Board by (a) the said Administration Board and (b) the private sector, if so,

(2) (a) how many in each specified township, (b) when was each of these schemes initiated, (c) when is it envisaged that each of them will be completed and (d) how many housing units are involved in each case,

(3) whether any housing for lower-income groups is under construction in

these townships, if so, (a) in which townships and (b) how many housing units are involved in each case

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) Yes
(b) Yes

(2) (a) (i) Administration Board
Potchefstroom, 1
Carletonville, 1
Klerksdorp, 2
Stilfontein, 3
Orkney, 1
Fochville, 1
Bloemhof, 3
Wolmaransstad, 1
Makwasse, 2
Hartbeesfontein, 1
Christiana, 1
Koster, 2

(ii) Private Sector
Nil
Nil
Nil
Nil
Nil
Nil
Nil
Nil
Nil
Nil
Nil
Nil

(b) Between 1979 and 1983

(c) Between 1983 and 1985

(d) Administration Board (i) Private Sector (ii)

Potchefstroom 20 Houses
Carletonville 58 Houses
Klerksdorp 60 Houses
Stilfontein 540 Stands site and service
Orkney 30 Houses
Fochville 85 Stands site and service
Bloemhof 28 Houses
Wolmaransstad 43 Houses
Makwasse 23 Houses
Hartbeesfontein 90 Stands site and service
Christiana 50 Houses
Koster 10 Houses
80 Stands site and service
8 Houses
11 Houses
20 Houses
10 Stands site and service

(3) Yes.

(a) and (b) Carletonville	58
Klerksdorp	60
Stilfontein	30
Orkney . .	28
Fochville	43
Bloemhof	23
Wolmaransstad	50
Makwassie	10
Hartebeesfontein	8
Christiana	11
Koster	20

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 Housing schemes
 Q. 61. 1774
 Q89 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister
 of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether any housing schemes are being developed at present in (a) Ezamokuhle, Amersfoort, (b) Empindim Barberton (c) Silohela Carolina (d) Kwa Thandeka, Amsterdam (e) Kwa Zanele Breyton, (f) the Black township of Chrissiesmeer, (g) Kwa Dela Davel (h) Wesselton Ermelo (i) the Black township of Lothair, (j) Sivukile, Morgenzon, (k) Ethandakukhanya, Piet Retief (l) Simile Sabie, (m) Isizamelem, Wakkerstroom (n) Fmgwenya, Waterval Boven, (o) Kanyanmazane Kangwane (p) Kabokweni Kangwane, and (q) Mutsulu Kangwane, by the (i) Eastern Transvaal Administration Board and (ii) private sector if so
- (2) (a) how many in each case, (b) when was each of these schemes initiated, (c) when is it envisaged that each of them will be completed and (d) how many housing units are involved in each case
- (3) whether any housing for lower-income groups is under construction in these townships, if so, (a) in which townships and (b) how many housing units are involved in each case

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION
 AND DEVELOPMENT

(1)	(i) Administration Board	(ii) Private sector
(a) Amersfoort	Yes (2 schemes)	No
(b) Barberton	Yes (3 schemes)	No
(c) Carolina	Yes (2 schemes)	No
(d) Amsterdam	No	No
(e) Breyten	No	No
(f) Chrissiemeer	No	No
(g) Davel	Yes (2 schemes)	No
(h) Ermelo	No	No
(i) Lothair	No	No
(j) Morgenon	No	No
(k) Piet Retief	Yes (3 schemes)	No
(l) Sabie	No	No
(m) Wakerstroom	Yes (1 scheme)	No
(n) Waterval Boven	No	No
(o) Kanyamazane	No	No
(p) Kabokweni	Yes (1 scheme)	No
(q) Matsulu	No	No

(2) (a) As indicated in brackets in (1) above

(1)	(i) Piet Retief—360 Stands site and service, 100 Houses; 240 Bed Hostel	(ii) Housing units
(b) During 1981	Wakerstroom—76	Housing units
(c) During 1984	Kabokweni—14	Experimental housing units
(d) Amersfoort—172 Stands site and service, 20 Houses		
Barberton—50 Stands site and service, 308 Bed hostel, 70 Rooms single accommodation		
Carolina—76 Stands, site and service, 10 Houses		
Davel—112 Stands, site and service, 10 Houses		

Family housing units

990 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) How many family housing units (a) were built in 1982 in (i) Ezamokuhle, Amersfoort, (ii) Emjindini, Barberton, (iii) Silobela, Carolina, (iv) Kwa Thandeka, Amsterdam, (v) Kwa Zanele, Breyton, (vi) the Black township of Chrissiesmeer, (vii) Kwa Dela, Davel, (viii) Wesselton Ermelo, (ix) the Black township of Lothair, (x) Sivukile, Morgenon (xi) Ehandakukhanva Piet Retief (xii) Simle Sabie, (xiii) Eszameleeni.

(2) how many of these units are being built at present by (a) the Eastern Transvaal Administration Board and (b) private owners?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

	(1)(a)(aa)	(1)(a)(hb)	(1)(b)	(2)(a)	(2)(b)
Amersfoort	0	0	226	20	2
Barberton	0	2	1 044	0	15
Carolina	0	0	520	10	2
Amsterdam	0	1	256	0	1
Breyton	0	6	839	0	7
Chrissiesmeer	0	0	43	0	0
Davel	0	0	126	10	0
Ermelo	0	0	2 086	0	51
Lothair	0	0	353	0	0
Morgenon	0	0	152	0	0
Piet Retief	0	1	771	100	5
Sabie	0	0	490	0	0
Wakerstroom	0	0	168	76	0
Waterval Boven	0	0	643	0	4
Kanyamazane	0	0	4 040	0	12
Kabokweni	0	0	1 220	0	12
Matsulu	0	3	476	0	22

Figures under (1)(b) as at 31 December 1982

99-year leasehold scheme

992 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) Whether any persons in (a) Ezamokuhle, Amersfoort, (b) Emjindini, Barberton, (c) Silobela, Carolina, (d) Kwa Thandeka, Amsterdam, (e) Kwa Zanele, Breyton, (f) the Black township of Chrissiesmeer, (g) Kwa Dela Davel, (h) Wesselton, Ermelo,

(i) the Black township of Lothair (j) Sivukile, Morgenon, (k) Ehandakukhanva, Piet Retief, (l) Simle, Sabie, (m) Eszameleeni, Wakerstroom (n) Emgwenya, Waterval Boven, (o) Kanyamazane, Kangwane (p) Kabokweni, Kangwane, and (q) Matsulu, Kangwane, have applied for leases in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme from its inception to 31 December 1982 if so how many in each case.

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- (2) whether any of these applications have been granted; if not, why not, if so, how many in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION
AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) No applications have been received in respect of the townships referred to. Attention is, however, drawn to the fact that the leasehold system is not applicable in the Black townships of Barberton, Amsterdam, Chrissiesmeer and Lothair Kanyamazane, Kabokweni and Matsulu are situated in a National State where the 99-year leasehold system is also not applicable.

✓ (2) Falls away. X



PLEA: A desperate Ms Sheila Hlongwa.

Mum fights for house

A SOWETO divorcee, despite having won a divorce case against her husband, has been told to leave her home — because she has no children by her former spouse.

With her ejection supposed to be effected today, a desperate Ms Sheila Hlongwa made a last-minute plea yesterday to the Soweto Council to suspend her eviction from her Pimville home while she sought alternative accommodation.

And Ms Hlongwa's former husband, Mr Lucas Hlongwa, who has since married another woman, is seeking legal advice in a frantic bid to retain the tenancy of the house.

However, Pimville's township manager, Mr

T F Bronkhorst, said yesterday that Ms Hlongwa could not hold the tenancy of the house because "she has no dependents, which also applies to her former husband."

Asked if Ms Hlongwa did not have an edge over her former husband regarding the tenancy since the court had ruled in her favour, Mr Bronkhorst said "We cannot allow a single person to stay in a house. There are hundreds of families who want houses and who should be considered for the occupancy of the house. The problem is that she has no children, by her former husband. Her two kids by her first husband are not on the permit."

The bitter row over the house started five months ago after the couple separated. After the court had ruled in Ms Hlongwa's favour, the couple were asked to discuss the tenancy of their home — in which they had stayed for eight years — with the township's superintendent.

According to Ms Hlongwa, her husband later apologised for the "misery" he had caused her and committed himself to a "fresh start." The couple were told to re-marry so that they could retain the tenancy of their home.

"I was shocked when a councillor, Mr J Shabangu, told me that my husband had married another woman, meaning that I should vacate my house. Even the Soweto Council housing committee ruled that I should leave the house. The whole thing has created misery for me," Ms Hlongwa told **The SOWETAN**.

Councillor slams evictions

A TEMBISA councillor, Mr G D Twala, is angry that the council's name is being quoted in notices instructing residents to vacate their houses when some council members know nothing about the matter.

He told The SOWETAN yesterday that at least two residents had come to him with letters stating that the council had resolved that they leave their houses. One person was to leave his house by yesterday and the other has been given until the end of July.

He said the letters were signed by the township's superintendent said to be acting on the directive of the council.

"My executive members who are an opposition in the council, are definitely not going to leave the matter unchallenged. We are compiling a motion to be presented next week to counter this state of affairs.

"The only time the council's name can be quoted is when there is an item on the agenda and a resolution is taken

at a council meeting. We cannot be dragged into something to which we were not a party to.

"We want to inform the residents that as far as the cases of these two residents are concerned, we were not approached to discuss the issue. The whole thing is the work of individual councillors under the wing of the chairman of the council," he said.



Site, Johannesburg yesterday. See

Rent hike rejected

A MOTION by the Executive Committee of the Soweto Council for a rent increase of R1 70 on every householder, was yesterday thrown out by the majority of councillors at the council's monthly meeting

The councillors objected vehemently to the proposal that money was needed to cover expenses for the building of more parks and maintenance of existing ones. The councillors insisted that Soweto residents could not afford "such luxuries"

It was then recommended that other means of raising funds be looked into

Prior to this, Mr T J

By SAM MABE

Makhaya, deputy chairman of the Soweto Council, had advanced that the current expenditure was in excess R1 5 million a year, which he said, Soweto residents had to contribute towards

Mr Makhaya had said there was a wrong belief that parks were a luxury associated with good living

"Every citizen is entitled to have a development park in his or her suburb. In fact, parks are an essential aid to the development of a stable family. If this amount is paid by the residents, then the grad-

ual development of parks can be speeded up and their standard of maintenance will be upgraded," he said

He pointed out that the present Soweto parks were over-utilised and the playground equipment overloaded

This, he said, was evidence of the fact that people needed more parks because the existing ones were not adequate

Councillor Simeon Hanyane, one of the many who opposed the increases, said that the people could not be overburdened with further hikes because, "the current rentals are high enough"

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the country have strongly condemned the recent spate of banning orders, particularly in view of Government declared proposed reforms and new political dispensations

Dr Nthato Motlana said "It is absolutely incomprehensible to us that a modern police state like ours, armed to the teeth with the most sophisticated electronic devices, armed to the teeth by a mighty economy with an army of informers throughout the country, could find a lonely and isolated woman a danger to State security"

The Detainees Parents Support Committee asked when the Government would realise that the silencing of its critics by banning and detentions was a for-

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House sale draws nearer and Wrab's almost ready

THE July Great House Sale is almost upon us. Mr Johan Kruger, who is co-ordinating the sale of houses for the Department of Community Development, has assured HOMEFRONT there will be no hold-up from his end.

Wrab's Director of Community Services, Mr Steve Burger, is confident Wrab house prices will be ready within the next 10 days.

Erab's Chief Director, Mr Frans Marx, said this week the prices at which the 50 000 houses will be offered for sale to their tenants in East Rand townships will be made known by the end of July.

Asked about East Rand residents who want to take out "improvement" loans when they buy their houses, Mr Marx said limited loans were available from Erab Township officials will assist with advice and with the



drawing of plans, he said

One person who is ready and waiting for the Big Sale is a woman who works as a domestic servant and lodges with nine others — sisters, brothers, and their children — in a two-roomed house in Orlando East.

Although she earns only R150 a month, she has managed to save more than R2 000 by putting by "little bit, little bit" in subscription shares. She wanted advice on how to extend the house so they could all live more comfortably.

The house is in her brother's name because when their mother died he had to marry

to qualify to keep the house. But he is out of work and doesn't pay the rent — the sisters do.

We told her she cannot do anything about buying or improving the house while it is in her brother's name. But if he is agreeable that his sisters should help buy the house, they should go together to discuss the matter with the superintendent once the houses come on sale. If they apply for a building society loan to extend the house, they will have to ask the society's lawyers to devise a way to protect the rights, and money, of both the brother and his sisters.

Remember don't go offering to buy or improve a house that is not in your name — you could lose every cent. There are ways to safeguard your position — your building society will help you.

NOW DAWN RAIDERS

(127) (233) City Press ARE AFTER THE RENT

By KHULU SIBIYA 3/7/83

SOWETO — Scores of families in Soweto's elite suburbs are being "frog-marched" daily to the Soweto Council offices for failing to pay their monthly rentals in time.

Mr J J Oosthuizen, chief director of housing in Soweto, said this week his council is losing thousands of rands in employing extra manpower and extra vehicles to round up rent defaulters.

"It is the elite in Soweto that fails to pay rent on time, and we are forced to go out of our way to get the money, even if we end up losing in the end," said Mr

Oosthuizen.
Raids are being conducted in the early hours of the morning, and Mr Oosthuizen said the main culprits are in townships like Dube, Orlando West, Mofolo and Chiawelo Extension 3

Last week the Soweto Civic Association warned the Council to use better methods and said "strong-arm tactics" would aggravate the situation

But Mr Oosthuizen said. "Black people must learn to pay their accounts."

An announcement regarding rents in Chiawelo Extension houses would be made soon, Mr Oosthuizen added

Beware! Don't pay if there's no stand

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By LIN MENGE

LAST week we told you the sad story of Mr P who paid R300 to a white "consultant" on black housing, but still doesn't have a stand or a house — or the money to pay for one

A man who read the story of Mr P told HOMEFRONT this same "consultant" was boasting that he had show-houses

So what? Does this man have a stand? No So where does he think he is going to have his house built?

First he must be allocated a stand by the community council — and that may not happen for another few years When he has a stand he should he take a rough sketch of the kind of house he wants to, at least three builders — not just one — and get quotes He should look at the kind of houses they have built for other people and talk to the people in those houses

If he wants to know what sort of house he can afford on



his salary, he should go to a building society for FREE advice

There are no Father Christmases handing out houses, money or stands If one of these "consultants" asks you for a deposit or money for a plan when you don't have a stand, don't pay and don't sign anything Report it immediately to the executive officer or the housing officer of the community council

Meanwhile Mr P and his wife continue to lodge with his parents HOMEFRONT has suggested he ask his father to buy and then add on to the house so that they can all live more comfortably until, one day, Mr P can afford a house of his own.

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Removal of township to cost over R11-m

~~027 633~~ By Margaret Floyd,
West Rand Bureau

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It will cost about R11 027 633 to complete the long-delayed move of Munsieville township from the white residential area of Krugersdorp to the local Kagiso township

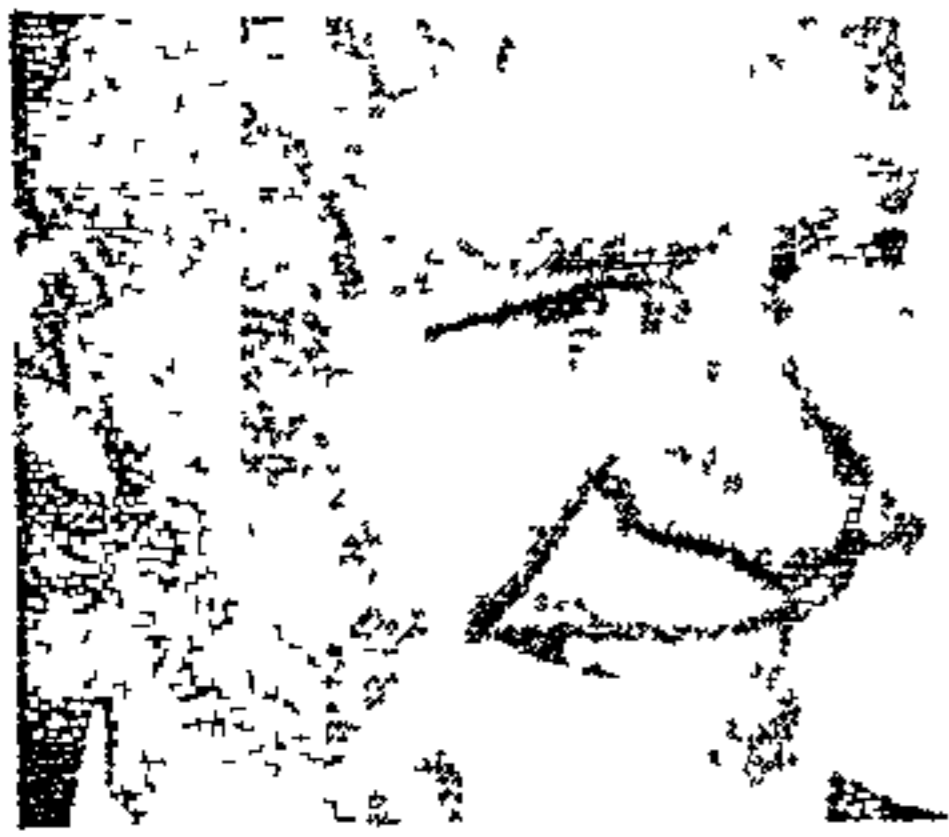
The move to begin next year is expected to take about two years to complete, having been delayed by a shortage of funds

The town council has given the West Rand Administration Board R2 million for the coming financial year to establish the infrastructure of the scheme

Wrab has told the council it has completed plans for two housing schemes in Kagiso providing 2 025 houses

More funds will be made available annually until the move is complete, said the Krugersdorp town clerk, Mr Kobus Nieuwoudt

The member of Parliament for Krugersdorp, Mr Leon Wessels, told the council that an estimated R11 027 633 had been approved for the project and R2 million had been made available for the coming financial year to start the move



Mr John Knoetze
prices established

By Anthony Dugan

Overall pay increases during the past years aside, nine out of 10 black householders earn less than R450 a month — meaning they cannot afford conventional brick houses

This is the conclusion of a study quoted in the Municipal Engineer magazine of March April and it highlights the positive steps taken by the Government to put all the estimated 500 000 State-owned houses on sale at significant discounts

The mass selling campaign — and every black, white, coloured and Indian occupant of a State home is eligible to apply to buy his or her dwelling — was due to get off with a bang last week, but the sheer complications of dealing with so many units all built over a considerably long period appear to have bogged the scheme down for the present

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, said the selling prices of the 40 000 houses eligible for sale in Greater Soweto had already been established, but still had to be cleared by the Department of Community Development

Four-roomed Soweto home at around R1 400

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At the same time it appears likely that the four-roomed township houses will sell, with discounts, for about R1 400. It is felt that this formula will put home ownership within reach of many black householders who could never pay anywhere near market value for a home

Community Development spokesmen in Pretoria could not give breakdowns of the number of white, coloured, Indian and black homes involved because they were still waiting for statistics to come in from local authorities

This figure should be available by the end of July, said Mr Johan Kruger, CD official in charge of co-ordinating the selling campaign

One of the "logistical problems" Government officials are grappling with is the selling prices of the houses which are worked out by using a formula based on the original erection cost of the home, and the present cost of replacing it

The hundreds of thousands of units covering all the major local authorities in South Africa were all built at different times during the past 30 years or so and each housing scheme and type of house requires individual pricing

The broad outlines of the scheme are as follows

- The special sales programme with stretch over the coming year at least during which time there will be special discounts for buyers. Only those whose incomes are R800 or below per month qualify under this scheme.

- Once the selling price has been determined for an individual dwelling the first option will go to the present occupant.

- For those who pay cash for their house — and cash includes getting a loan from any financial institution — there will be a discount of 25 percent on the cost. But houses whose selling prices are R2 500 or below — like the four-roomed township houses — may only be sold for cash. Their discount will be 30 percent.

- Other discounts are a further five percent for those who have occupied these houses as tenants for longer than five years, and another five percent for those who buy within the first year of the selling campaign. In other words, a total reduction in the cost of these houses of between 35 and 40 percent is possible.

- Leasehold and other charges

Ninety percent of black householders earn less than R450 a month, and the sale of 500 000 State-built houses at large discounts means their only hope of ever owning even the most humble home. The scheme will eventually prove a boon, but right now it is bogged down with immense logistical problems

that go with buying a home will be added to the discounted selling price

- Those whose incomes are below R450 a month may apply to the National Housing Fund (through the Department of Community Development) for a loan if they cannot find the money privately or through a building society or employer loan. If a Housing Fund loan is granted there is no 25 percent discount for cash.

- Blacks who buy the State houses may sell them at any time at market value. Whites, coloureds and Indians have to sell them back to the Department of Community Development at a pre-determined price during the first year after buying them.

The selling of black homes in several areas outside Soweto, like the East and West Rand, will be delayed until surveys have been completed on the stands

People who have queries about the selling scheme should contact the regional offices of the Department of Community Development in each town or should phone Mr Kruger at (012) 323-9581

Today in HISTORY

- 1535 — Sir Thomas More is executed in England for treason
- 1699 — Captain William Kidd the pirate, is taken into custody at Boston Massachusetts. He later is hanged in England
- 1770 — Russian fleet, with British officers, defeats Turkish Navy at Cheshme, Turkey
- 1782 — British and French fleets clash in battle off Madras, India
- 1827 — Treaty of London, whereby Russia, Britain and France recognise autonomy of Greece and agree to force truce on Sultan of Turkey
- 1919 — British dirigible lands at New York's Roosevelt Field mark-

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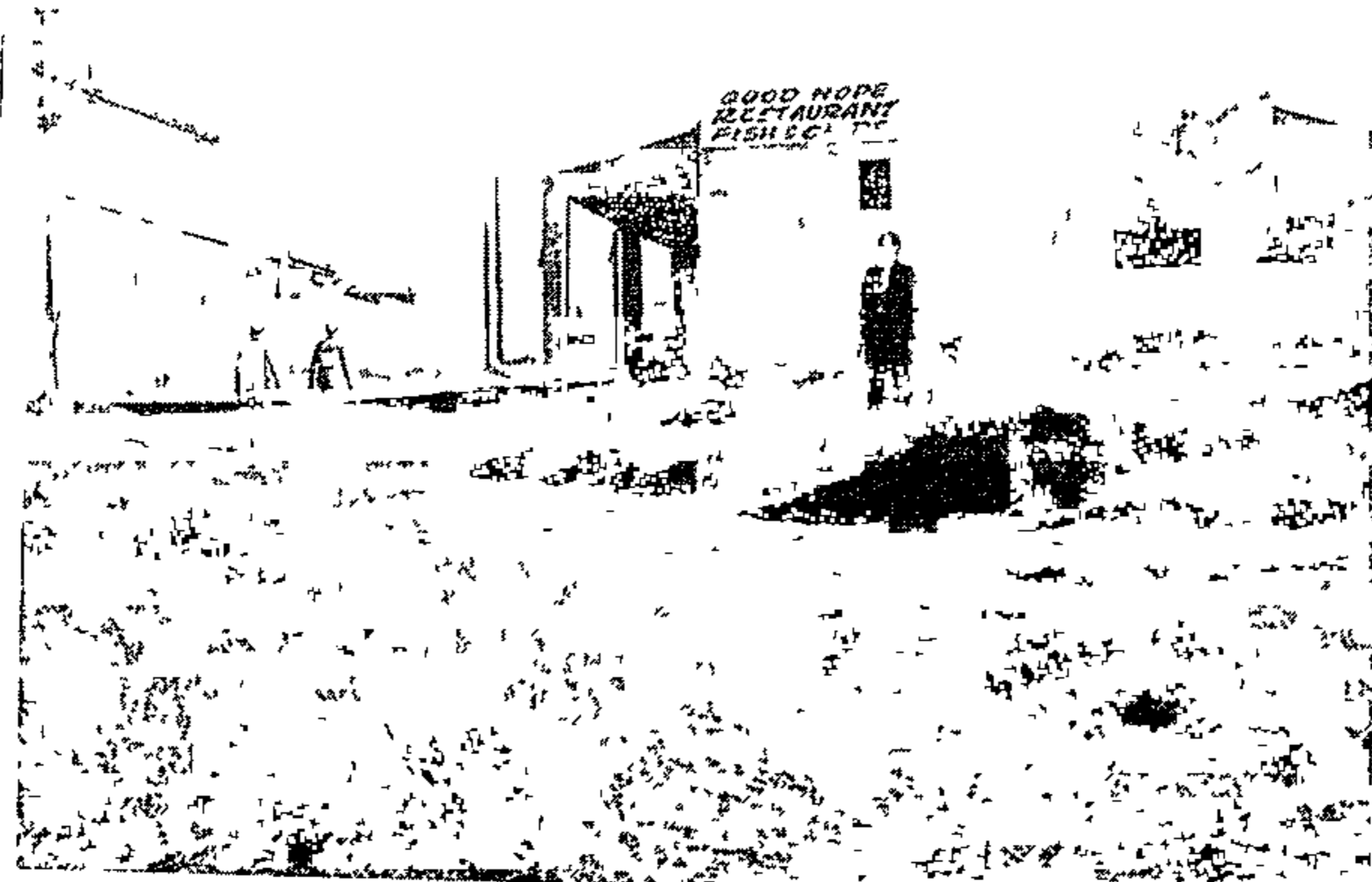
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Waiting for a transfer

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THIS rubbish-strewn plot in Newclare has been lying vacant for 30 years. It could be the site of a home for one of the thousands of coloured families who must live in one rented room or occupy "white" flats illegally.

Two weeks ago **HOME-FRONT** reported how Mr Gerald Adams, above, whose family of five have to survive in a one-bedroomed flat, has



dreamt for years of being able to build on that site.

It is one of the many stands the Department of Community Development has at long last sold to the Johannesburg

municipality for future coloured purchase. There are 128 such stands in Newclare alone.

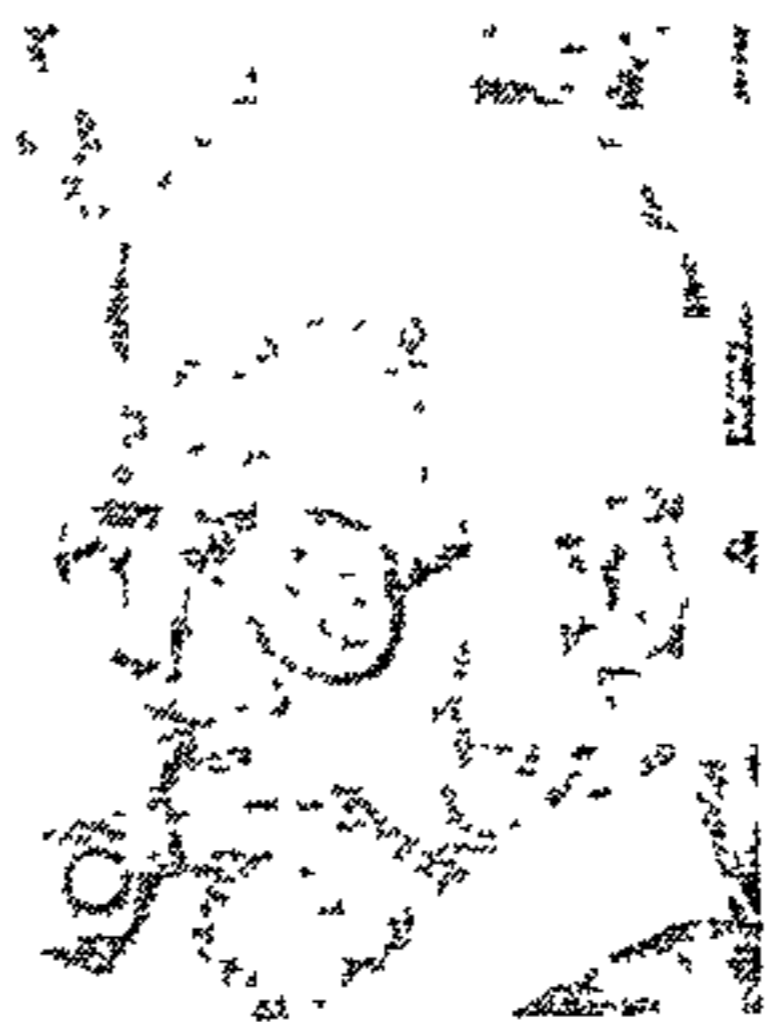
But first the State Attorney in Pretoria must transfer the stands into the name of the council, and this week the matter was still with the State Attorney.

How much longer? Watch this space.

EXPOSÉ

Mahuhushi in shock land deal

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IN AN expose that could rock the community council in Soweto and elsewhere, The SOWETAN has established that Mr J C Mahuhushi, the "mayor" of Diep-Meadow, is alleged to have allocated himself a site big enough to accommodate 20 houses.

The site, allocated sometime last year, is 7 000 square metres in size and is situated near Blackchain Shopping Centre in Diepkloof.

Mr Mahuhushi has confirmed that he has a site on which he is going to build an office block

He would not confirm the size of the site and denied that he participated in the decision by the Trade and Transport Committee to allocate the site to himself. The committee which allocates sites consists of councillors who work under Mr Mahuhushi.

It is believed that the white officials of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) are not permitted to attend meetings at which sites are allocated. But in other councils, Wrab officials do sit in at such meetings.

An average-sized site for a Soweto house is approximately 300 square metres, which means that Mr Mahuhushi's site can accommodate 23 houses.

When confronted with questions on how he obtained the site and what he was going to do with it, Mr Mahuhushi said he got it through the normal channels followed by all members of the public who apply for trading sites.

He said he was going to build an office block because he realised that many doctors had no surgeries and were hiring rooms at private houses from where they conducted their practices.

"There is nothing sinister about it. I applied like any member of the community would have done because I am also a member of the community."

And in terms of the regulations, my application was advertised and

House sale

THE GREEN light had been given for the sale of the first of 350 000 houses which had been made available to black renters countrywide under a new Government scheme announced recently, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, said in Pretoria yesterday.

The first sales of state-owned houses in black townships were expected to begin this week, he said. The homes would sell for between R800 and R1 500, depending on their age, he added.

Under the same scheme, an estimated 150 000 houses throughout the country would be made available to other race groups.

Dr Koornhof said "all channels" had now been opened for the sale of 350 000 houses in the black townships, and potential black home owners could begin applying to financial institutions for financial assistance. — Sapa

on the day the decision was taken by the committee as to who the site was allocated to, I was not present. The committee decided in my absence to allocate the site to me," he said.

In terms of the Urban Areas Act of 1945 as amended regulation 1036 of 1968 requires that all applications for trading sites be advertised for a minimum of 14 days at the township managers' offices where members of the public can see them.

But yesterday, the Chief Executive Officer of the Diep Meadow Community Council Mr G H Brophy, said it was the council's prerogative to decide who may or may not have access to the applications.

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Mass homes sale delayed

By LEN MASEKO

THE mass sale of 500 000 State-owned houses could not go off the ground as scheduled on July 1 — because the authorities are still to approve the price formulae for the homes.

The Department of Community Development is expected to approve the prices for the rented homes, which will be sold at discounts of up to 40 percent, today.

The West Rand Administration Board's (Wrab) director of community services, Mr Steve Burger, confirmed yesterday administration boards throughout the country would receive details regarding the price of the houses today. The department,

he added, had delayed in approving prices recommended by the boards.

Discounts on the houses to be sold to tenants will depend, among other things, on the number of years the occupants had been staying in the house, whether the householders will pay cash when buying their homes.

Proceeds from the mass sale will help establish a fund, which will be used in community development projects.

Meanwhile the Diepmeadow Community Council chairman, Mr Joseph Mahuhushi,

could not be drawn this week to confirm whether the houses in the area would be sold at R12 000 a unit, as recommended by his council earlier this year.

"All I can say is that my council is working towards determining the prices," he said.

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700 more homes for Mamelodi

A R1,5-million housing project aimed at providing accommodation for more than 700 Mamelodi residents will be launched this month.

According to the chairman of the local community council, Mr W M Aphane, the project was part of a programme to provide housing for residents who were on the waiting list. About 789 houses will be built in the new residential area.

He said R1 633 million would be used for laying out basic services including sewerage, water, electricity and the grading of new roads in the area. The new houses would be sold on the basis of the 99 year leasehold system.

Mr Aphane said different companies had already shown interest to help with the building of different types of houses.

Divorcee given reprieve until end of the month

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A SOWETO divorcee ordered to vacate her home because she has no children, has had the deadline set for her eviction extended until the end of this month.

Mrs Sheila Hlongwa, of Pimville, was to have been evicted last Thursday from the home she has occupied for the past eight years but was

granted a temporary reprieve after a last-minute plea to the Soweto Council. She is now required to leave the house by July 31

Mrs Hlongwa said yesterday. "I am grateful that, at least, they have allowed me on while I seek alternative accommodation. At present, I have no idea as to

where I will store all my furniture"

The whole saga started five months ago after Mrs Hlongwa and her husband separated. The divorced couple, although the court had ruled in Mrs Hlongwa's favour, were both told to leave the house since there were no children born out of their marriage.

Meanwhile, Mrs Hlongwa's husband, Mr Lucas Hlongwa, who has since married another woman, is seeking legal advice in a desperate bid to retain the tenancy of the house.

ELECTRIFICATION

Soweto on target

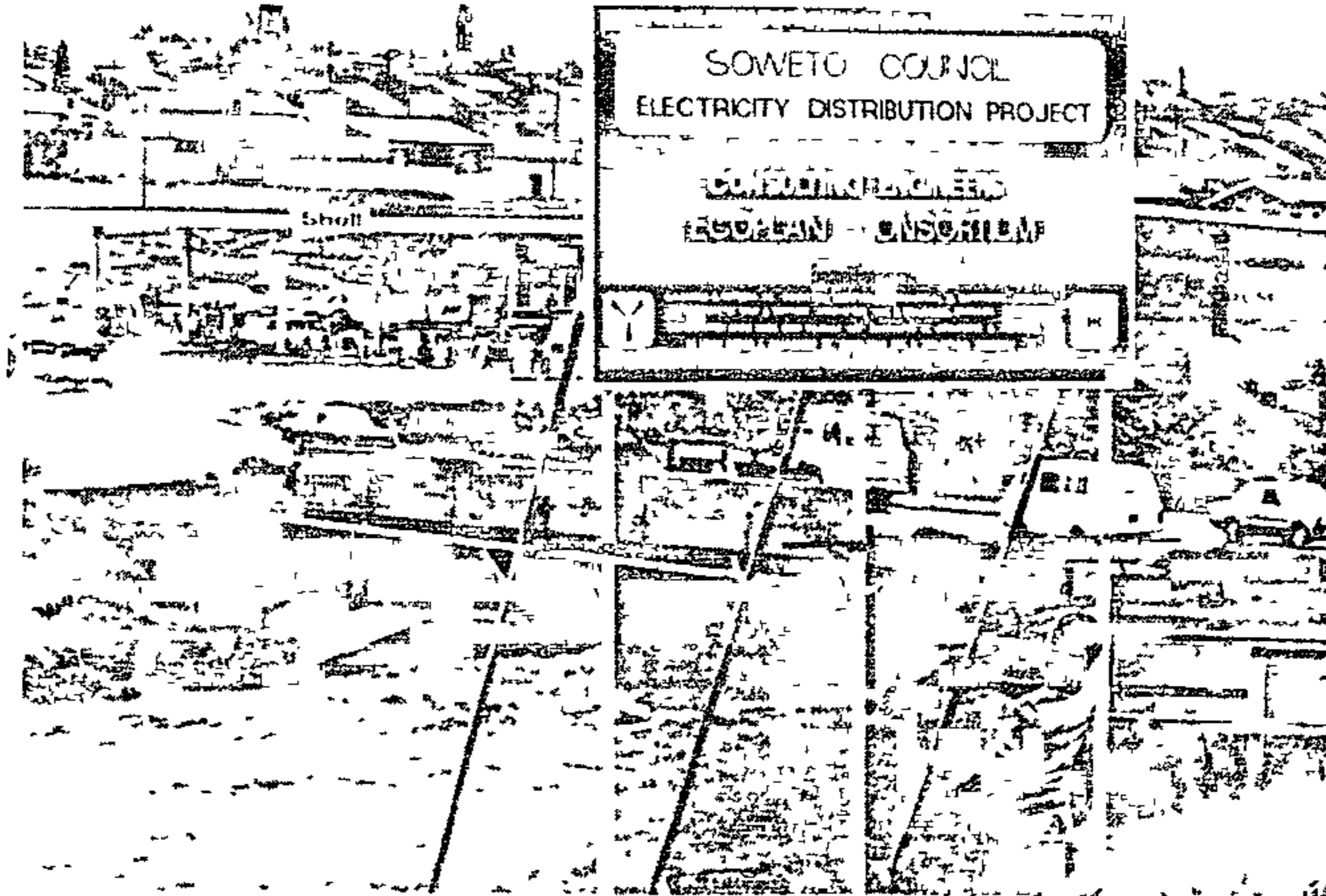
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Soweto's R250m electrification project is "right on target," according to West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) chairman John Knoetze, and should be completed by the end of the year. To date, however, it has not led to the predicted boom in the sale of electrical appliances.

Wrab's electricity director, Melt van der Spuy, says "The wiring of nearly 73 000 houses has been completed and 32 000 are already receiving power. Approximately 30 000 houses are still to be completed, but the programme is ahead of schedule."

So far the programme has had minimal impact on sales of electrical goods, according to industry sources. Tedelex joint MD Jack Cohen says "Sales have picked up, although not dramatically. I think demand will rise progressively and constantly over the next few years."

Peter Broad, marketing manager of appliance manufacturer Berda, agrees. He says "We haven't noticed a dramatic in-



Soweto electricity ... no consumer boom

crease in sales yet. This is happening on a gradual basis. We do expect an increase, but not on an overnight basis, rather gradually over the next few years."

The Bureau of Market Research's forecast of retail sales for 1983 predicts that sales of television sets and radios, household appliances and foodstuffs are expected to show a relative increase in the year although total retail sales will be 2% lower, in real terms, than in 1982.

Berda has started a special advice bureau for new consumers of electricity. The bureau's Marie Louise Holliday says "We received many complaints resulting purely from the misuse of appliances. So we started the bureau as a non-profit service to the

community. We receive about 200 letters of inquiry a month in addition to holding talks and demonstrations."

But Knoetze sounds a note of warning "A lot of inferior equipment is being passed on to the consumer. I appeal to the trade to make suppliers aware of the need to encourage people to buy durable and simple equipment."

The electrification programme has not been without problems. Approximately 5 000 km of cable have been laid in Soweto and connections to the 950 sub-stations are still in progress. As a result, open trenches from both the civil and electrical projects have resulted in a number of deaths.

But, says Van der Spuy, "the open trench-

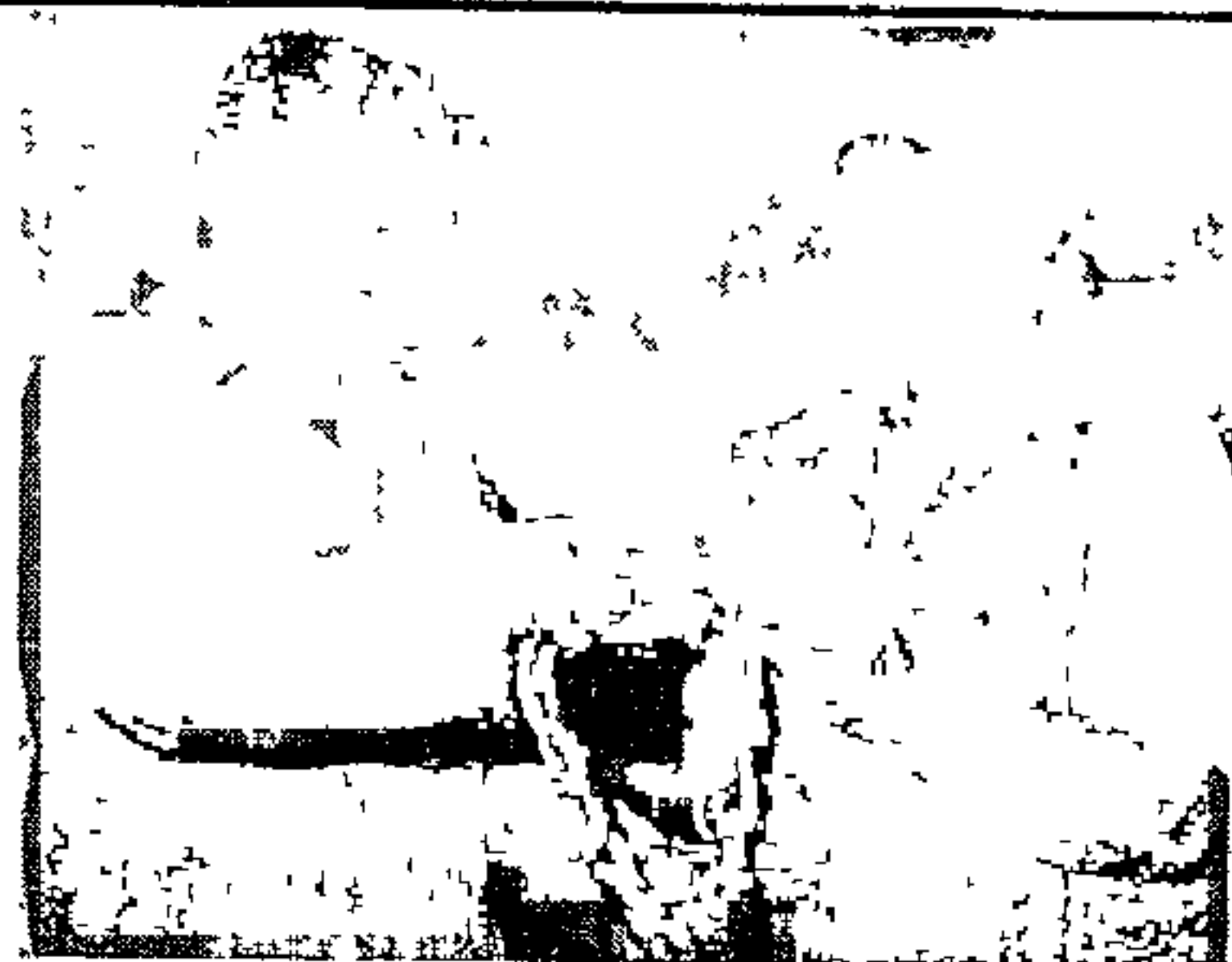
es have been of tremendous concern to us and we've done everything we could to prevent injuries."

Since the beginning of June, residents have been charged a R12 monthly levy to recover the capital costs involved in the project. All residents are charged the levy as soon as electricity is available, whether the house owner intends using electricity or not, and this has met with some opposition.

Van der Spuy explains that "the levy is being imposed as a municipal levy and is the equivalent of rates. The black community councils themselves decided to repay the loan in this manner by charging a separate levy rather than an amorphous sum levied through increased house rental."

Couple kicked out of house

By SAM MABE



LOCKED OUT: Mr Nkosi and his wife holding the chain and lock used by council officials to lock up his house.

ABOUT 16 Soweto Council policemen are alleged to have invaded a house in Zondi where they assaulted a man and his wife before arresting them and locking up their house because they "owed" rent.

Mr Abram Nkosi, of 152 Zondi 2, said he was hit with the butt of a gun and his wife, Lena, beaten with a sjambok while both were dragged to a police van which took them to Jabulani Police Station on Friday last week.

Mr Nkosi was accused of owing rent when, according to him, he is up to date with his payment. He said there was a confusion over his house address.

His house number is 152 and his receipts show that on four occasions his rent was paid into a different account, that of house number 1522. He said this was a mistake made by clerks at the township manager's offices.

"I found it very hard to understand how I could be owing rent when I knew that I always paid my rent in time and there is not even a single month that I skipped.

"And probably because of an oversight on my part, I have never bothered to look at the address on the payment

receipts.

"I have been charged and I appeared in court together with my wife on Monday. As it is, we are both out on bail," said Mr Nkosi.

"We spent the whole day at the police station and it was only after my lawyer arrived that R50 bail was fixed for each of us and we were able to return home at night. However, my gates were locked and a new lock had also been fitted on my door."

At the time of going to press, the Soweto Council offices were closed and no comment could be obtained.

Wrab denies a pregnant woman shelter

A WOMAN, seven months pregnant, who has been sleeping in the open veld in Kiptown with her husband and two children could not be given accommodation by the West Rand Administration Board yesterday because she had lost her reference book.

A tent to house the family temporarily was pitched in a coloured area by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches late yesterday.

Mrs Esther Mtotoba, born in Johannesburg and married to a man with Section (10)1(a) rights (those born in a white area are permitted permanent residence there) could not be given temporary accommodation by the Wrab because she lost her reference book and now has to prove her right to be there.

The Mtotoba family and many others were discovered by the Rev Cecil Begbie, vice-chairman of the WCC yesterday when he and other members, including a local practitioner Dr Abubaker Asvat, visited the area.

The Mtotoba family was taken to the Pimville Administration Board offices where Mr Begbie and Dr Asvat appealed to the township manager, Mr J A Bronkhorst, to give them temporary accommodation.

Mr Bronkhorst said there was nothing he could do to help Mrs Mtotoba and suggested that she ask for a copy of her identity documents or her registration number from the offices of Co-operation and Development to prove her right to be in the area.

He suggested the Mtotoba family report to

his office again on Monday morning.

A request by Mr Begbie for permission to pitch a tent to house the family temporarily was turned down by Mr Bronkhorst, who said "I have been given strict instructions by the authorities not to allow any more tents to be pitched in this area because we have to combat squatting".

He said there were no more prefab units available at the Fred Clark emergency camp for squatters because Wrab had run out of building material.

Mr Begbie then appealed to members of the Good Shepherd in Eldorado Park who agreed that a tent could be pitched on their premises to provide the family with temporary accommodation.

The case of the Mtobas is no different from that of many others sleeping in the veld behind the Kiptown market every night.

Some claim the sky has been their roof for more than two years.

Mrs Mabel Davidson, a 60 year-old woman who also claims to have Section (10)1(a) rights shares a disused panel-van with her son and his wife and lives by scavenging food from dustbins near the Kiptown fruit market.

She claims she lived alone in the van until a few months ago when she was sexually attacked by a group of men.

Her son and his wife, who shared a chicken stall with several others, then decided to move in with her.

Mr Begbie also referred Mrs Davidson's case to Mr Bronkhorst, who agreed to meet her at his office on Monday morning.

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Clerk is one of first to acquire Government scheme home

By ANNE SACKS

MR JOHN RABEDE, a clerk at the Orange-Vaal Administration Board, is one of the first black South Africans to buy his own home in terms of the Government's massive sale of 500 000 houses

The scheme was officially launched at an elaborate ceremony in Sebokeng, Vereeniging, yesterday with the

Minister of Co-Operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, disclosing some of the hidden costs of buying a State-owned house.

He announced to about 250 guests of Ovab that the cost of surveying a stand will be included in the purchase price of the house.

In the interim, he said, the cost of surveying 370 000

stands in black townships would be borne by the National Housing Fund and will take five to six years to complete

A delay in the surveying of stands is one of the major reasons for the sluggish implementation of the homeownership scheme, although top Government officials say the programme is ahead of schedule

Workers in community organisations believe the cost of each house is relatively cheap — between R800 and R1 500

But the real expenses will be in service and infrastructure charges

In terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme, Mr Rabede is granted title to the house but not to the land

He bought the house for R4 160 with a building society loan

But with special discounts, he will have to pay back R2 800 over 20 years

YOU have a key black employee, but he has not been with you long enough to qualify for urban rights? What can you do about it?

The legal provision is there for you to help him. It is now possible for white employers to register a right of 99-year leasehold in a black township.

Employers have to apply for right of recognition as a "qualified person" in terms of Act 25 of 1945 through the Administration Board for the area where they wish to house their employees. The Minister of Co-operation and Development grants the right, although the authority is actually delegated to the Commissioner.

Once he has that right, the employer should register 99-year leasehold over the property. He is then free to sell, transfer or even demolish the property — with one major restriction to prevent speculation, such a white may not keep title to that property for more than 30 years.

This means he may rent the house he has bought or built on that stand to his employee until the man qualifies for urban rights. He can then transfer the property to the man when he becomes legal.

It is worth noting that, in terms of proposed legislation, migrant workers who qualify for Section 10(1)(b) urban rights in terms of the Rikhotso judgment can only be joined by their families in white urban areas if certain types of accommodation are available — one of which is family housing provided by an employer.

Employers or developers who merely wish to build, and immediately sell off houses to qualified employees, can also apply for a leasehold right which they may retain for two years from the date of allocation of the stand.

● Employers who wish to build and sell, or build and rent, housing to their workers in coloured and Indian Group Areas can do so by applying for a Group Areas permit from the Department of Community Development.

● When it comes to the Big Sale of houses, employers will not be allowed to buy the

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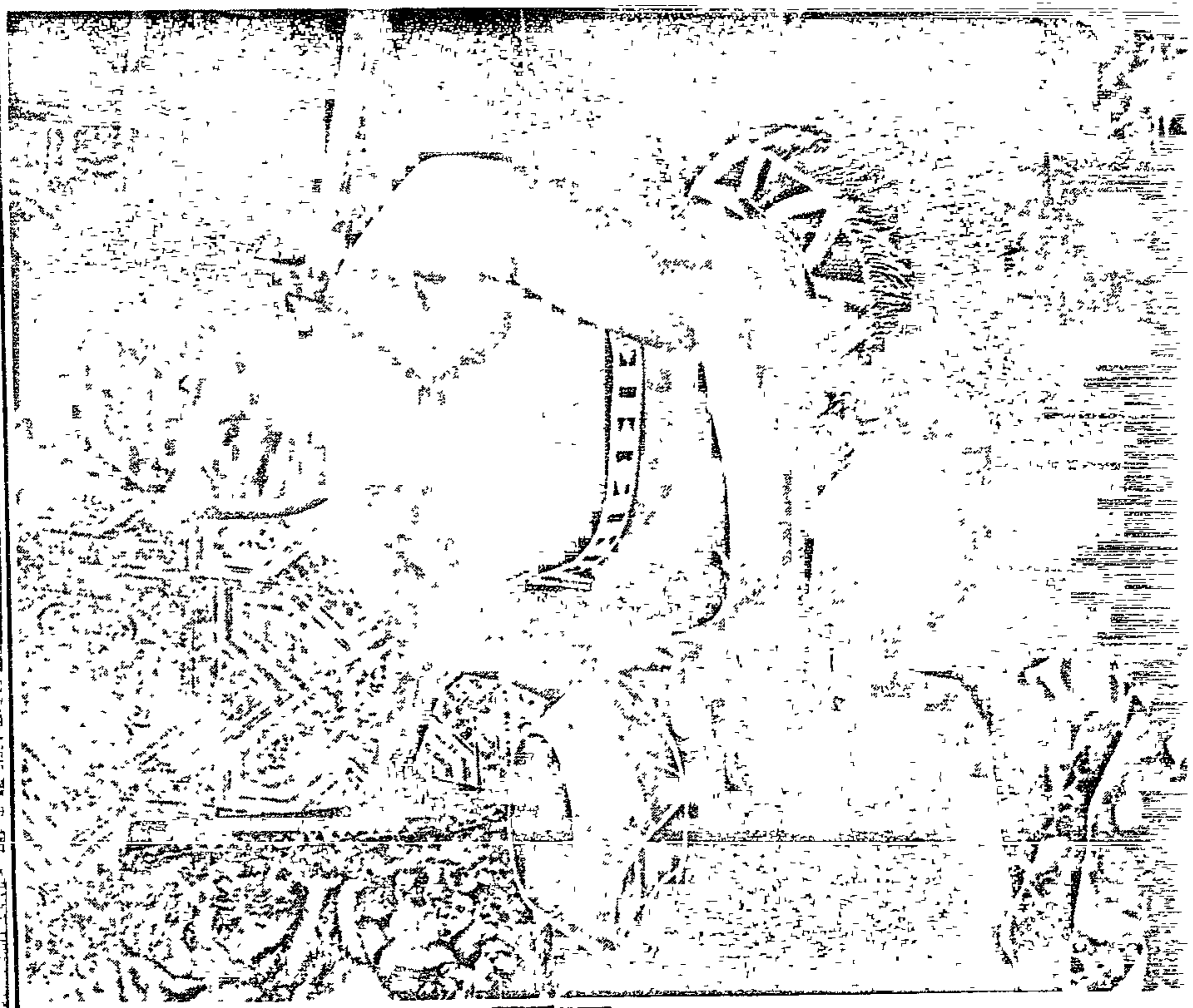
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houses for their employees in terms of the procedures referred to above. Mr Johan Kruger, co-ordinator of the sale of houses in the Department of Community Development, said only the tenant of the house will be allowed to obtain the 99-year leasehold or freehold tenure over the property.

However, if an employer wanted to lend a man the money to buy his house during the Big Sale, and was afraid the man would either fail to repay him or might change jobs before he'd repaid him, he could register a second bond over the property even though it was in a black, coloured or Indian group area.

● Watch Homefront for Wrab's House Sale prices this week. We will publish the full list but we will NOT give prices over the phone.

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SPOTLIGHT

ON BOPHELONG

High prices are being used to kick us out

Residents kick up row over rents, electricity

Story by Elliot Mshingwa '89

PICS: LEN KUMALO

HIGH rent and electricity bills are the biggest headaches for residents of Bophelong township in the Vaal Triangle. Not only that, they believe this is a concerted move to drive them out of the area.

Residents who spoke to **THE SOWETAN** claimed that the average rent they pay for their three-roomed houses plus electricity was about R70. This is nearly twice what their neighbours in Sharpe-

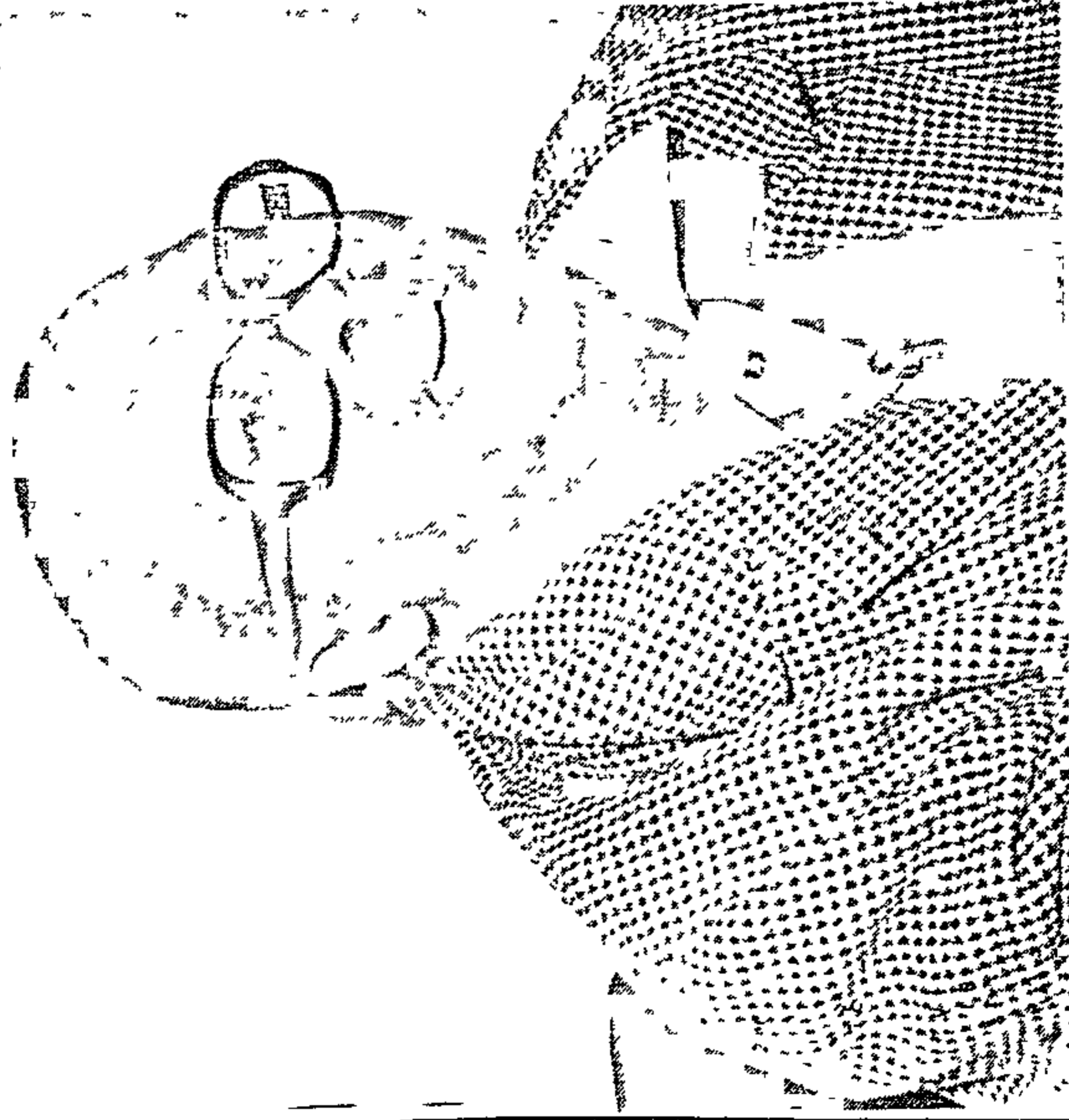
ville are paying for their four-roomed houses. They also complained that they were paying a monthly rate for community services whose projects they never see.

Veteran politician and former secretary of the new defunct Vaal Advisory Board, Mr George "Zuka" Khoza said the Government was using the rent issue as a stick to drive them out of the township to make way for industry.

"We will not be intimidated," said the no-

nonsense Mr Dikoko. He claimed his rent varied between R90 and R100. One resident, a Mr Kilkton Ntshingila is believed to have been sent summons to pay R220 for rent and electricity.

Mr Khoza said the Government seemed to be singling them out because they want to leave their homes and settle in other townships where the rent is lower. Orange Vaal Administration Board (OVAB) police were also being



POLITICIAN: Mr George "Zuka" Khoza ... "We will not be intimidated"

Molape is wearing a grass skirt made from grasses only found in the Free State and Lesotho



ANGRY: Mr Paul Dittlanang ... lived in a small three-roomed house but pays an average of R67 per month

used in the onslaught against Bophelomians, he said. People are raided for owing rent even though notices have not been sent to them, he said.

Mr Paul Dittlanang said his rent for this month was "a clean R80." He lives in a three-roomed house with his family and his parents and he complained that the rooms were too small for everybody.

"I am paying the same amount for what people in four-roomed houses are paying in other townships," he said.

Mr Lempe Lempe, who has bought his home under the 30-year-old leasehold, said site and services rates have risen a mere R8 in 1963 to R82 this year.

"This is disguised violence," Mr Lempe said. He said he did not see any advantage in buying the house, "because I am still paying the same as other people," he said. Last month he paid R82 for site rent and electricity.

The acting director of OVAB, Mr Boet Potgieter denied that rents were as high as the residents were saying. He said the rents were raised by arrears emanating from monies left unpaid on other months. He invited Mr Ntshingila and any other person who has a complaint to bring the receipts to him.

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Owners of homes face cost of cracks

By Gavan O'Connor

Many Johannesburg householders whose homes have cracked badly because of the drying of clay soils are having to bear the cost of repairs themselves.

The Star found that the southern areas of the city and some north-eastern suburbs had been affected.

An insurance broker says the homeowner would have to ask for an extension to his policy if he wished to insure against the possibility of subsidence. This would cost an additional 0,25 percent of the value of the property to be added to the cost of the policy.

He said such insurance could cover earthquakes, but not mining operations — that would mean another extension to the policy.

The broker stressed that such policies were available, but that it was usual for the insurance company to seek a geological survey of the ground on which the house was built before it would insure the home.

He said that most often homeowners were unaware of extensions to policies, as building societies were usually intent only on insuring themselves for the bond amount — which was for the risk they were taking.

Building societies would not insure without referring to an expert, he said.

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'Sorry, we don't lend
to coloured families'

By LIN FENGE

Does home-ownership or home improvement have to be made quite so difficult for Johannesburg's coloured community?

Here are some of the problem cases which have come to the attention of HOMEFRONT

● Mrs 1, who lives in Horsehoe, Riverlea Ext 2, bought her house on a deed of sale from the municipality. Now she wants to extend it but she needs a loan. But can she apply for one?

No — because the area has been awaiting proclamation since 1972. The municipality hopes this will come about within the next six months. When that happens, she will be able to take transfer of her property, but will she be able to apply for a building society bond?

Read on — and you will see why we ask that question.

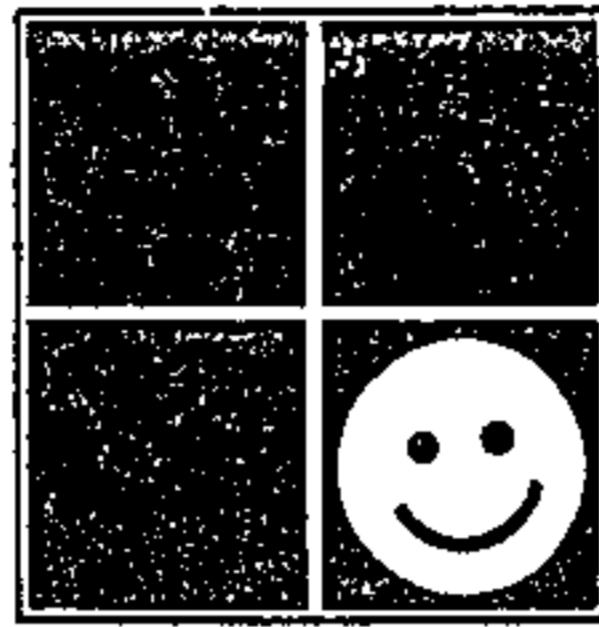
● Mrs 2 owns a stand in Ennerdale and has been told that if she does not get on and build, she will lose it. But she, too, cannot apply for a mortgage loan because the ground is not proclaimed. She can apply for a Department of Community Development loan, HOMEFRONT has urged her to do so.

● Mr 3 has a stand in (formerly white) Fleurhof. Two building societies have turned down his application for a loan, so he is trying a third. The problem is old mining ground with slimes dam deposits — but Mr 3 is prepared to spend an extra R3 000 on special foundations.

The Department of Community Development has told HOMEFRONT it would be sympathetic to a loan application from him if he can prove he cannot get assistance elsewhere.

● Mr 4's family lives in a room in a house in Western Coloured Township. The decaying, formerly black township is to be demolished but when the present tenants are rehoused, lodgers like Mr 4 are likely to have nowhere to go.

Every application his firm has made on his behalf — HOMEFRONT has seen them — is turned down either because the houses have already been allocated, his salary is too low, or there are said to be more desperate, older applications.



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His firm could buy one of those expensive Eldorado Park Ext 9 houses on a Group Areas permit and rent it to him until he could afford to take transfer. But again, only deed of sale is available because the area isn't proclaimed and the firm isn't keen to set a precedent. Mr 4 is so discouraged he isn't even trying to save.

● Mr 5's family lives in a one-bedroomed flat while 128 stands lie vacant in nearby Newclare. HOMEFRONT has been told they will be sold to coloureds as soon as the State Attorney transfers title from the Department of Community Development to the municipality.

Last week, however, a housing official told Mr 5 the stands were going back to the department. Maybe they were tired of his calls.

● Mr 6 wants to buy the house he rents in Noordgesig. He cannot do so because the municipality will first have to get it proclaimed as a township and then as a coloured Group Area. That is expected to take a long time.

● Mrs 7's family has no alternative but to hang on to and extend its tiny house in Riverlea. The family can take transfer of the house from the city council so talked loans with a building society and left with an application form and advice on getting builder's quotes.

But when the plan was submitted, back came a phone call. Sorry, we don't lend in Riverlea. Pressed for an explanation, the society said "As a general rule, we don't lend in that part of Riverlea." What seems to have happened is that the inspector took one look (his first?) and decided the society couldn't lend in a place like that.

● Mrs 8, of Coronationville, telephoned her building society to ask about bonds. "Sorry, we don't lend to coloureds," was the reply. Mortified, she withdrew her

savings of a few thousand rands and kept the money at home.

Another society invited her to come in for an interview. She so feared another snub she was nearly ill before the interview. She went away soothed, to have plans drawn and to seek quotes.

But her plot is so tiny she needs to extend upwards. The foundations won't take a normal second floor, so an architect and an engineer are trying to devise a solution for the problem. Will she, when she produces that costly, pioneering plan, be told "Sorry, we don't lend in that part of Coronationville?"

HOMEFRONT has a message for building societies. Try not to compound coloured insecurity. You have accepted their savings all along. Now that they are at last entitled to apply for bonds and meet the income requirements, are you going to reject their applications because, by Parkhurst or Saxonwold standards, their addresses do not offer the kind of security you like?

Coloureds don't have a choice of addresses. They have to live in what they can get in their Group Areas — next to rubbish-strewn vacant lots and scruffy flats, alongside drunks and criminals and layabouts — like it or not.

So find out where a coloured applicant lives and check the area out before his hopes are raised and he starts spending money and time on plans and finding builders.

We suggest building societies find out how coloureds HAVE to live. If your society can't risk lending in those areas, say so now.

Then we can all think again how coloured people are supposed to fit in with the Government's policy of putting the onus for housing on the individual and the private sector.

Beware! Don't let your house be taken away

BEWARE the Great House Sale doesn't become the Great House Snatch.

Two reports have reached HOMEFRONT which suggest that unwary blacks could lose their homes to sharp operators who want to buy them and then sell them at a profit.

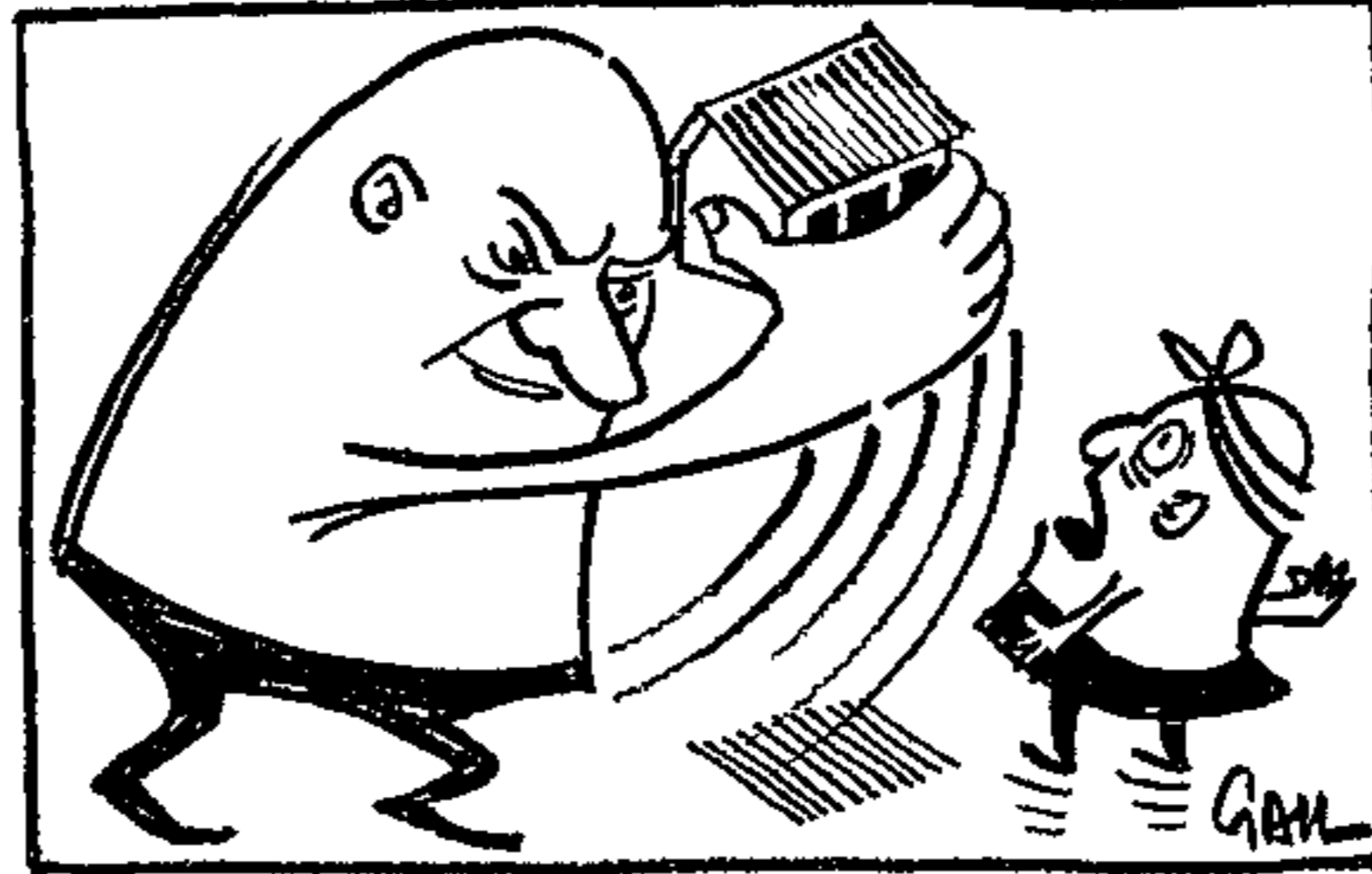
● An official at Wrab's New Canada office last week referred a man who asked for housing help to a Soweto "estate agent". The man brought the business card of the "estate agent" to HOMEFRONT. It turned out the man is not a registered "estate agent", but a man whose methods of operation have repeatedly been condemned by other Wrab officials.

● A community councillor in Kagiso claims to have a secret list, separate from his official ward waiting list and the community council's official list, for houses which fall vacant through evictions.

Both Government and Wrab officials have given repeated assurances that houses in the Big Sale will be sold to tenants only, not to outsiders, and that no-one will be forced to buy.

But if councillors "co-operate" with clerks who handle rental payments and eviction notices, or officials push business for self-styled "estate agents", there is a danger that unsophisticated and gullible tenants could find themselves evicted before they can buy their houses.

Reports reach HOMEFRONT of accounting errors in township offices and of wrongly issued "final warnings". Employers telephone us to say their employees — widows, deserted wives, Zimbabweans — have been told by clerks they will have to



"get out"

Some tenants miss out on their monthly payments or sign notices without knowing what they mean or ignore warning notices until they are actually evicted. Some township offices, contrary to instructions, do not issue receipts which give a breakdown of the various charges, so tenants do not always realise that a particular charge has been increased, or why.

HOMEFRONT discussed the problem with Mr John Knoetze, chairman of Wrab. He appealed to residents who got into difficulties over their monthly payments, and the periodic increases in tariffs, to discuss their problems with township officials as soon as possible.

"People who don't buy their houses must keep up their monthly payments," he warned. "If no explanation is given for non-payment two, three months after warning notices have been issued, then they really are going to be in trouble."

HOMEFRONT appeals to employers to

● Help their employees buy their rented houses under 99-year leasehold as soon as sales get under way (Watch HOMEFRONT for the prices — any day now!)

● Check with township superintendents exactly how much their employees owe in monthly payments and what the payments are for — site rent, services, water, electricity. Check that he is up-to-date with his payments — he dare not default.

● Do not deal with anyone, black or white, who says he is an estate agent unless you have checked whether he is registered with the SA Institute of Estate Agents.

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DELAYS in the delivery of bricks normally cause irritation. Right now, the delay in taking a tiny load to a house in Klipspruit is causing suffering.

There's poor Edith Shongwe, lying dreadfully ill with bone cancer and still having to use an outside tap and toilet — while the bathroom HOMEFRONT staff have been trying for months to have built for her can't get started until the bricks are delivered.

When the long-awaited boom in black housing starts — will there be bricks?

Ovab evicts Bophelong families

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Sowetan (3/7/83)

THE property, furniture and clothing of several families in Bophelong township near Vanderbijlpark have been confiscated by the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board because the families are in arrears with their house rent.

Families interviewed by The SOWETAN yesterday estimated the cost of the confiscated material at thousands of rands. They have been left completely stranded, they said.

Those whose belongings were taken include Mr Zakhe Mafa of 949, Mr P Tladi of 871, Mr

Payika Nako of 1129 and Mrs M Moete 723, all of Bophelong township.

Several other homes have been locked and the families left out in the cold because they failed to comply with the regulation that house rent should be paid before the seventh of every month, according to sources.

Mr Mafa told The SOWETAN he believed his case has been based mainly on his activity in trade union movement and involvement in the Congress of South African Students (Cosas).

He claimed that he lost two jobs because he

was accused of being a politician and even when "I tried to pursue the authorities they would not listen".

His rent has been in arrears for three months because he was unemployed. He raised money to pay the rent but then he went to pay the authorities refused to accept the money.

He said the family has been visited by two other families who claimed they have been allocated their house and wanted to know when they would be "moving out".

"I am completely at sea and have consulted my lawyers on the mat-

ter. They have promised to help because I feel I am just a victim of circumstances. The value of our goods are over R2 500."

The township's senior superintendent, Mr Frans Janje Ticht, said some of the residents whose houses were locked have moved back into the houses after settling the debts.

VICTIM: Mr Zakhe Mafa - property confiscated.

Rudeness and red tape will not build houses

Your letter dated 2 September 1982 has reference.

The delay in replying is regretted.

Kindly be advised that sites are not available. Investigations concerning land availability are well under way. Please contact me again after three months.



HELP your people with housing That's what everybody's urging employers

But what happens when an employer wants to build houses?

HOMEFRONT has received an irate letter from a woman who nagged the firm employing her domestic servant's husband to do something about housing their workers She says the firm finally decided to build about 12 houses and contacted Wrab

Our correspondent does not name the firm, or say when they contacted Wrab, but she has sent us the printed circular they received, dated June 9 and signed on behalf of the chief executive officer of the Soweto Council

It reads "Sir, Application for building sites Your letter dated 2 September 1982 has reference The delay in replying is regretted Kindly be advised that sites are not available Investigations concerning land availability are well under way Please contact me again after three months"

HOMEFRONT hopes this company still feels like helping with housing But who can blame them if they don't?

Meanwhile we have written back, explaining nicely that stands should become available when the upgrading of Soweto is complete and referring them to other, communicative officials

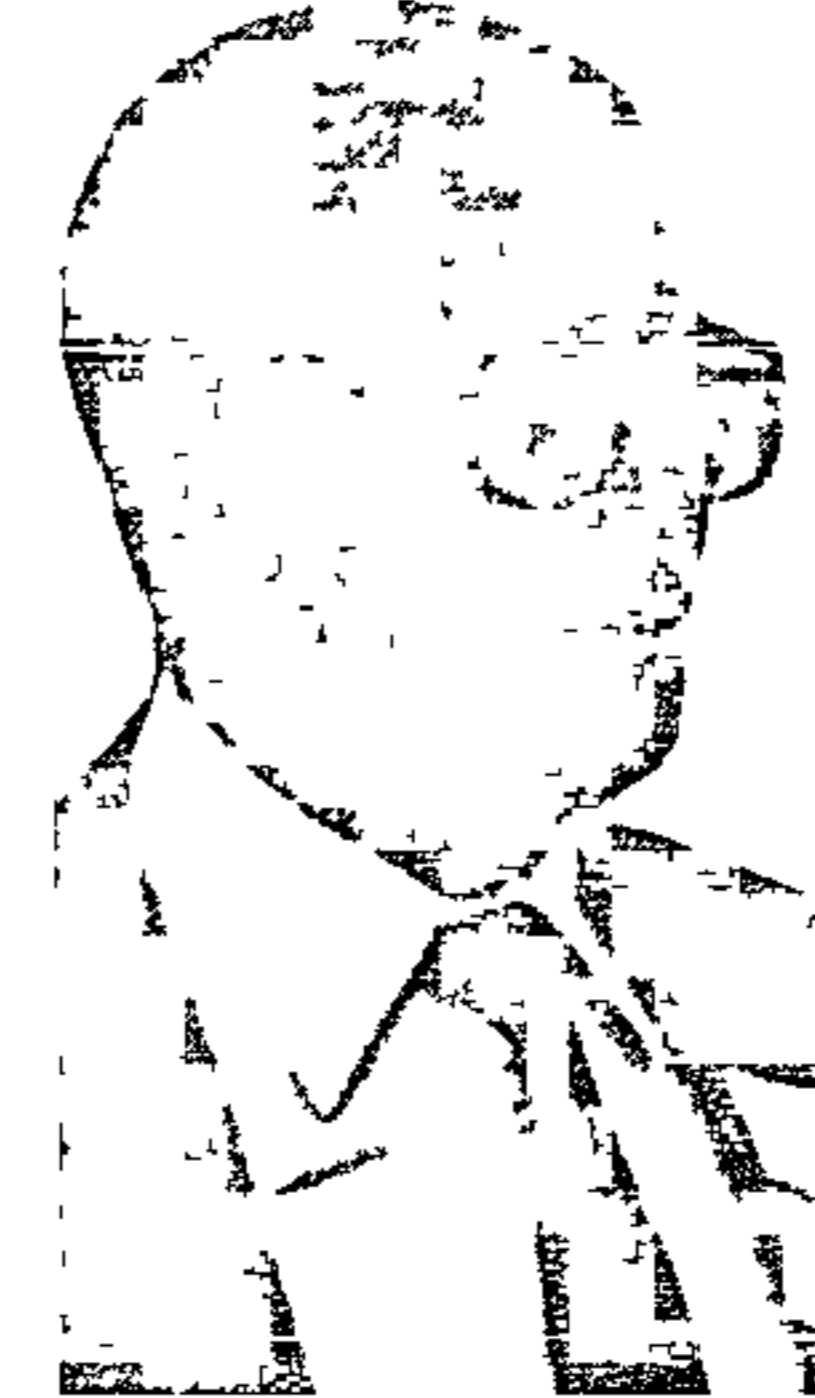
Businesses try

MORE discouragement for the private sector

African Development and Construction Co Holdings (ADCH) have been trying for almost a year to get approval to build 150 houses in Kwa-Thema, near Springs

There are two points to note

● ADCC, the construction company, is already building in the East Rand Administra-



MR MOTSUENAYANE not black enough?

tion Board (Erab) area — they have completed the first 50 houses on 300 stands allocated them in Tembisa

● ADCH, the holding company, is black-controlled The chairman is Nafcoc president Mr Sam Motsuenyane Yet as developers, ADCH had to apply to be "qualified persons" to register 99-year leasehold in black areas

Mr Matodzi Liphosa, project development manager for ADCH, told HOMEFRONT they filed their application for qualification last August. Later they were told by the office of the Chief Commissioner for Co-operation and Development in Pretoria that, as a black-controlled company, this was not

necessary But the company could not get this decision in writing That was in April There was also a dispute between officials as to why it was not necessary for ADCH to 'qualify'

Then Erab decided that as the company was already developing in Tembisa the only new agreement needed for the Kwa-Thema project was an annexure which dealt with the costs of the infrastructure Erab insisted on typing the document — which is standardised — although Mr Liphosa said his office could do it The typing, and to-and-froing of this document between the housing, technical and legal departments of Erab took weeks

Then Mr Liphosa was told the document was posted last week, but by yesterday it still hadn't reached him

Meanwhile ADCC thought they'd get down to the site and put up an office and start building But there is a new difficulty It now appears the Surveyor-General has not yet approved the plans and building cannot start until the precise size of each stand has been fixed That could take another four to eight weeks

But after 11 months of waiting around ADCC is going to open its site office and start with foundations anyway

● The Good News is Wrab's House Sale Prices, and procedures for buying, will be in tomorrow's Mail Don't miss it — NO prices will be given on the phone

day, 37, of Oaklands, Johannesburg, has re-ate in anthropology from the University of thesis. "The role of old women in Zulu culture". white woman to earn a degree from a black they said because her study was of Zulu people, university was the logical one to study the culture. The thesis bore special reference to the Nkandla district — the Biyela, Dlomo and

Lenasians get power 'reprieve'

By Yussuf Nazeer

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The newly-formed Lenasia South East Consultative Committee today swung into action by stopping the Transvaal Peri Urban Board from cutting the electricity supply of more than 350 Indian ratepayers in extensions 8 to 11.

A spokesman for the board said almost 1 000 householders were in arrears with their electricity bills

He confirmed that the consultative committee chairman, Mr W Dinky Pillay, telephoned the board to ask that the cutting be suspended until householders were given a chance to settle their accounts

"They have until Monday to pay their bills, failing which we will have no alternative but to cut the supply of electricity," said the spokesman

Last month more than 1 000 householders had their electricity supply cut after meter readers converged on South East Lenasia

The Federation of Residents Association (FRA), which is opposed to the board's 40 percent increased services charges, decided not to pay the higher tariff /

When this accumulated as arrears on householders' accounts, the board began cutting electricity supplies.

A board spokesman said R42 000 was now outstanding on electricity bills

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CALL FOR BOARD TO SPEED SALE

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THE Central Transvaal Administration Board has been urged to speed up the sale of rented township houses.

In a hard-hitting statement, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, a Mamelodi community councillor, also urged the Mamelodi and the Atteridgeville/Saulsville community councils to reject the Administration Board's delaying tactics in implementing the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof's promised sale of houses

"We have had enough of the Administration Board. This is a second major decision by the Government to improve the housing situation in the townships which the Board appears reluctant to implement. It is about time they were told that enough is enough," said Mr Ndlazi

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Mr Jaap Cloete, the Board's director of community affairs, said earlier this week that the surveying of sites would delay the sale of houses in Mamelodi, Atteridgeville/Saulsville and Warmbaths

About 13 000 of the 23 931 houses would be put up for sale in these areas, he said

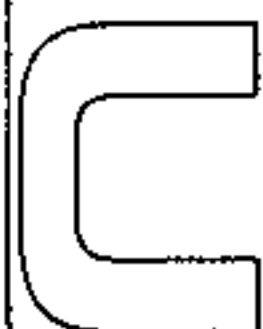
"The surveying of sites is not the problem. We want the houses to be put up for sale. The houses are there. All the administration has to do is to put the prices for these houses. Why do they shy away from implementing the decision announced by the Minister last week?" asked Mr Ndlazi

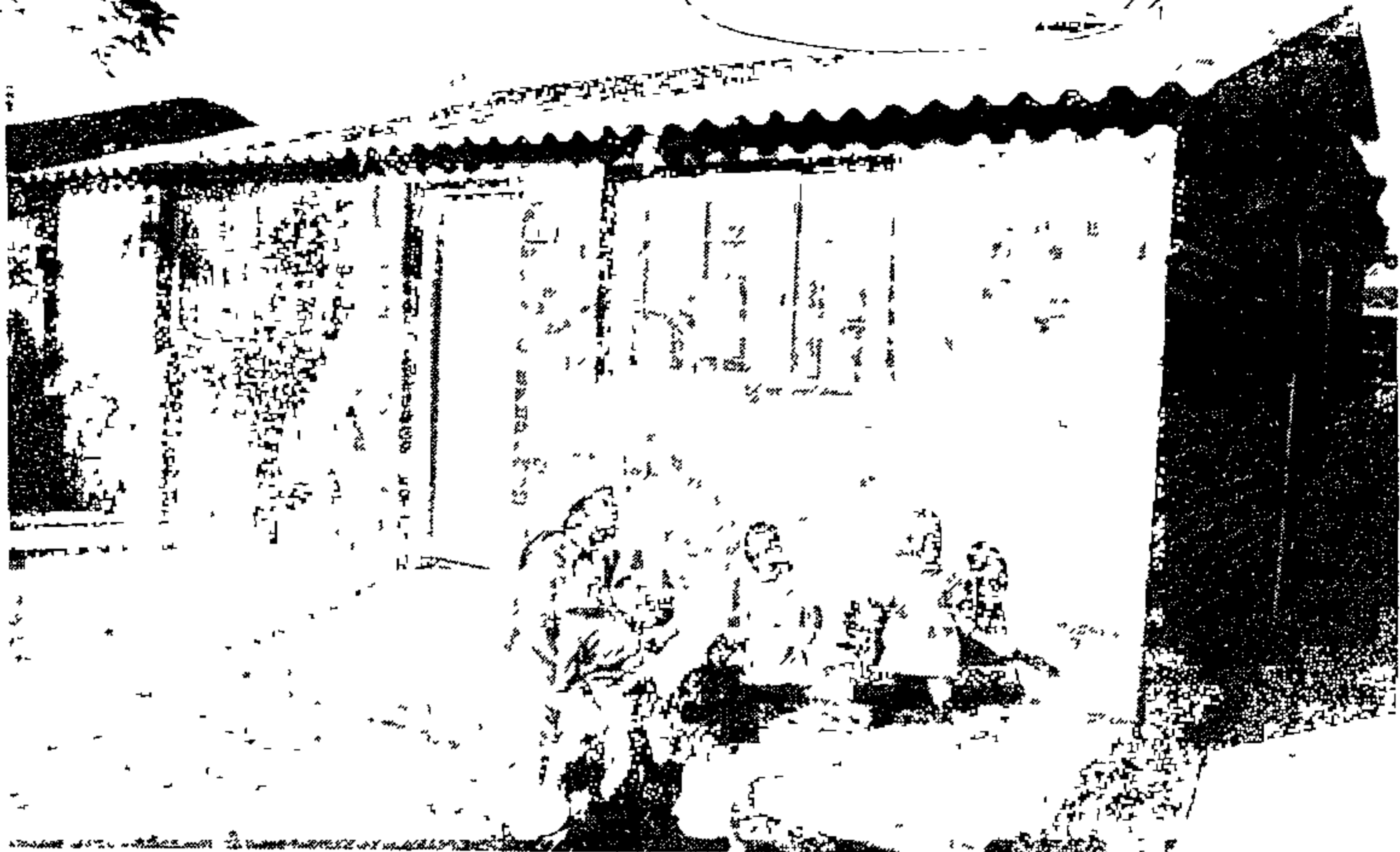
Mr Koos Nel, the Mamelodi township manager, said yesterday his office had not yet begun the work of selling the houses to the home renters.

"We have not yet received a single application from residents to

purchase their houses under this scheme, but as soon as we get the green light from head office, we will advertise in the press and radio for people to come forward and buy their houses," said Mr Nel — Sapa

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ON SALE TODAY: A family in front of a typical Soweto house.

Soweto houses on sale as from today

MASS SALE

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SOWETO HOUSES are to be sold for an average of R600 each as from today, a special meeting of the Soweto Council decided yesterday.

This is going to mark the beginning of the biggest housing sale in black townships ever, which ought to have started on July 1 this year.

The mass sale, which carries discounts of up to 40 percent on cash purchases, was delayed because the price formula for the houses was not completed.

Announcing the new prices yesterday, Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Council, said the ordinary four-roomed house will sell for R793 and the two-roomed Orlando East house for a minimum of R400.

The prices, however, do not include costs for registering the houses under the 99-year lease, a maximum of R600.

But the only residents who are going to benefit from the massive discounts are those who have occupied their houses for more

By **SAM MABE**

than five years and those who are going to pay the full price within 12 months, beginning July 1.

Mr Thebehali said a 5 1/6 type would sell for R1 750 under the old home-ownership scheme, and if the same house was bought under the new 99-year lease before July 1, it would finally cost R2 350, including R600 leasehold costs.

Under the "new scheme" the selling price for a house not qualifying for a discount is R1 321 plus R600 for leasehold, amounting to R1 921. With a 30 percent cash sale discount, the selling price comes down to R925 plus leasehold costs.

A further five percent discount for those who have resided in their houses for five years brings the selling price to R859 plus leasehold costs, and for buying the house between July this year and June 30 next year, qualifies the buyer for a further five percent discount, bringing the selling price to R793 plus leasehold costs.

Mr Thebehali also told the meeting he wanted to dispel false rumours being spread in the townships about the big sale. Some people have been told that the Council was going to evict people who will not be buying.

"I don't understand why people want to tell lies about this programme. I hear that some pensioners have been told they will be moved to two-roomed houses in White City if they cannot buy the houses they live in."

"This is a terrible thing to do. We are not going to force anybody to buy. We are encouraging them because of the advantages of buying, and probably selling at a high profit in future. Besides, there is no better investment than property," he said.

He also told his councillors that they should be exemplary by buying first.

Meanwhile Mr Joseph Mahuhushu, "mayor" of Diepmeadow, said his council has received a price list for houses in his area. These would be submitted for consideration to the Executive Council next week as they are complicated.

Simple burial for Chicken Farm child

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By Jo-Anne Collinge ~~243~~ 15/7/83

Churchmen and representatives of community groups joined the people of Chicken Farm, Soweto, at their shanty settlement yesterday to hold a simple funeral service for baby Thabisa Ndongeni, who died this week

Mourners filled the yard of Mr and Mrs Leonard Ndongeni's flimsy home. The boy's tiny white-and-gilt coffin was placed in their midst by a single pallbearer, who cradled it lightly in his arms.

Baragwanath Hospital doctors had diagnosed month-old Thabisa as having bronchial pneumonia and meningitis. His death has thrown the spotlight on the harsh conditions at Chicken Farm, where the West Rand Administration Board "temporarily" housed families it had evicted from Kliptown two years ago.

Bishop Desmond Tutu, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, told mourners that Thabisa's death had been caused by apartheid and that it had been deliberately caused.

"Jesus would have wept at the death of this infant, knowing that the child would be alive today if born under normal social conditions," he said.

The bishop declared, "The God we worship is the God of those who are persecuted and despised." He said that the birth of Jesus in a stable was a sign to Christians that He identified with the impoverished and hounded.

The service was conducted by Methodist minister the Rev Tom Mbabane of Jabavu. Organisations represented included the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, the Health Workers' Association, the Azanian People's Organisation, the Azanian Student Movement and the Soweto Committee of Ten.

The burial took place at Avalon Cemetery, where a long row of graves in the children's section stands open. Thabisa's grave was a simple mound, devoid of decoration. Many surrounding graves bore toys, baby bottles — and piles of medicine bottles, a sad reminder of the infectious illnesses that ended these children's lives.

Here's what to do...

TO BUY your house, first approach Wrab's estate offices at New Canada (673-5200) or your senior township manager.

A special sales campaign, through employers, is being administered from the administration board's head office in Albert Street (21-4911) and from the offices of senior township managers.

Only the present, registered tenant may buy the house.

To qualify for 99-year leasehold

● The tenant must have been born and brought up in an area controlled by Wrab; or

● He must have lived legally in Wrab areas for a continuous period of 10 years and still be living there legally; or

● He must have worked for one

employer in a Wrab area for an unbroken period of 15 years

Applicants' reference books must record these rights.

Persons who do not qualify may apply to the Minister, through Wrab, to be declared qualified persons for the purpose of 99-year-leasehold (White employers will not be allowed to apply for this qualification to buy houses on the Big Sale so they can rent and later sell them to their employees. Only the employee may buy his house on the sale.)

If you have any queries, put them to Wrab at New Canada. Please do not telephone HOMEFRONT for the price of a particular house — the officials must work it out for you.

Six of the best if you want to help

HERE ARE six good reasons why you should help someone buy his or her rented house:

● It is something positive you can do about the terrible housing crisis, instead of blaming everyone else

● It will give the owner security he has never known — something to leave to his family, to sell at a profit, or to demolish so that he build something better

● It will enable him to apply for a building society loan to improve and extend his house and so help relieve overcrowding, or comfortably accommodate a paying lodger

● It is a first lesson in capital appreciation, in investment, in what is meant by a hedge against inflation, in possessing an asset against which he may borrow — concepts you take for granted but which he has not been allowed to experience.

● It will start a gradual market in houses in black areas Matchboxes will become available for the homeless, the lodgers, the shackdwellers, as better-off people

sell up and move into newly-bought houses

● Failure to buy could bring hardship, because the small "house rent" portion of his monthly payments for site and services will begin to rise very considerably to economic levels after the end of the Big Sale year

Perhaps you don't believe in giving people handouts?

That's why HOMEFRONT suggests you follow our example and make home improvement a condition, or challenge your employee to find half the cost of the house and leasehold charges. When he does, you give him the other half

If you believe your employee should work for the money to buy his house, give him the time or opportunities to raise the extra amount.

If you are prepared to lend him the money to buy his house, but you are afraid he will not repay you, or that he will leave his job before the debt is repaid, arrange with the building society for a second bond to protect you

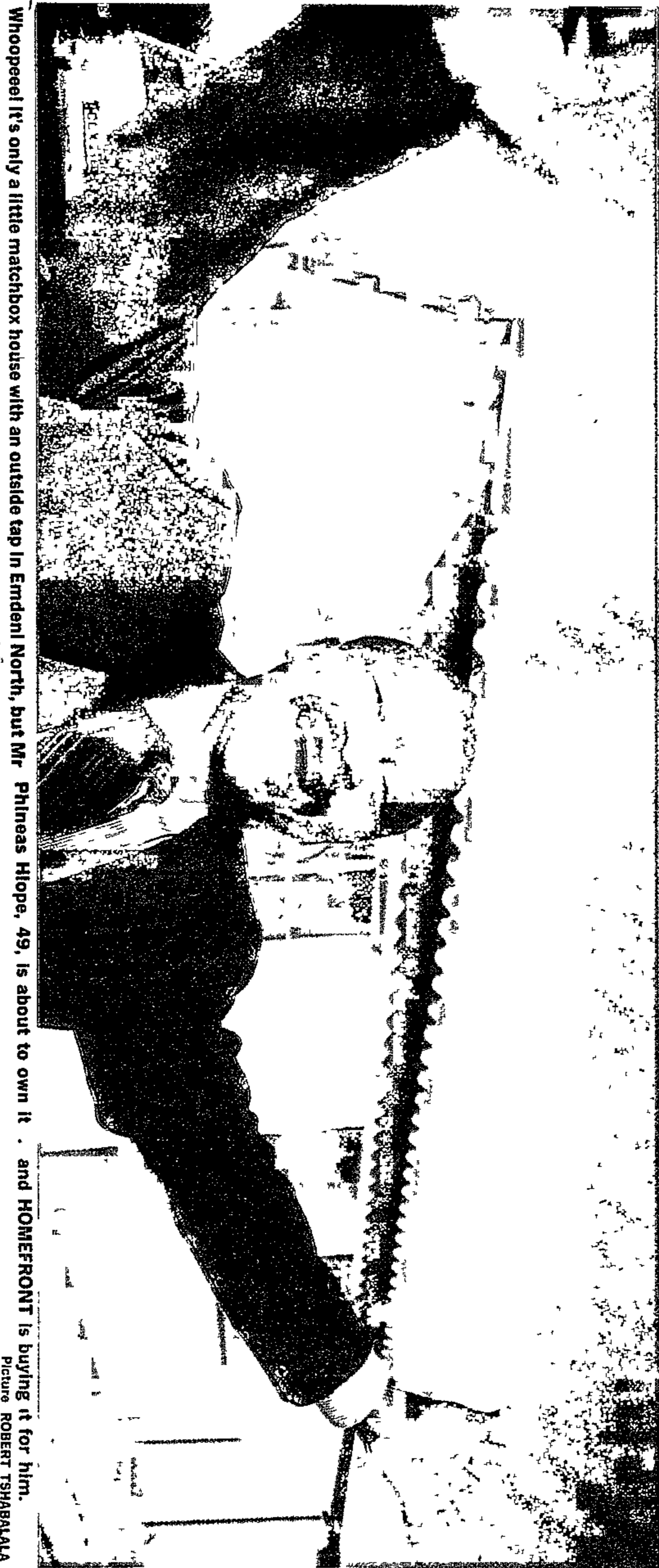
If the house your employee

lives in and could afford to buy is actually in the name of an elderly and poor relative, discuss the problem with the old person, your employee, the township manager and the building society

Ask the building society if its attorneys can devise a contract that will protect both the old person and the investment of your employee who is footing the bill. A second bond would probably be the best answer

If the tenant you are trying to help buy a house is a woman, you may find some building societies refusing to give her a bond because of the insecure legal position should she re-marry under tribal law. One solution is for you to stand surety. But don't take no for an answer — one or two building societies do grant bonds to black women on merit

Finally, avoid so-called housing "consultants" — white or black — and unregistered estate agents. And don't listen to township office clerks or let your employee be misled or threatened by them



Whoopee! It's only a little matchbox house with an outside tap in Emdeni North, but Mr. Phineas Hlope, 49, is about to own it — and HOMEFRONT is buying it for him. Picture: ROBERT TSHABALA

AT LAST, Phineas Hlope gets a home of his own

And here's why Homefront is helping him

TODAY the West Rand Administration Board officially starts the sale of 48 489 houses for discounts of up to 40% in the State's Big House Sale — and HOMEFRONT staff are ready to buy 447 Emdeni North for R792 in cash for the Hlope family.

There will be a further R600 or so for leasehold charges: total R1 392.

Why the Hlopes? Because they're family — Mr Phineas Hlope is an air freight clerk with SA Associated Newspapers, owners of the Rand Daily Mail, and his son, Stan, is a Mail reporter

Secondly, Pa and Ma Hlope deserve a break. They have sacrificed every cent to educate their six children, aged 11 to 26 years

Two have passed matric studying by candlelight. A third writes matric this year, a fourth is in JC

All that in spite of the terror of 1976 which kept them cowering at home for months. One child even had to be sent to boarding school for a while

But HOMEFRONT has insisted the Hlopes extend their house, because the children, both grown up and growing, have no chance, for years to come, of finding other accommodation. So HOMEFRONT has helped them get a plan drawn which they will take to their building society with a request for a modest loan

For Phineas Hlope security and comfort is at last in sight. He grew up between the mud walls of the Orlando shelters. Then he lodged with an uncle in Dube. Then he lived with his young family in a shack for a year while matchbox houses were erected

For the past 23 years he has lived in the tiny four-roomed house, with its outside tap and toilet and coal stove and candles, in deepest, smoggiest Soweto. He has plastered and painted the inside walls and plastered the floors and kept it "nice"

"Now if the house is bought I will have no worries," he says. "Things will be more secure if anything happens to me"

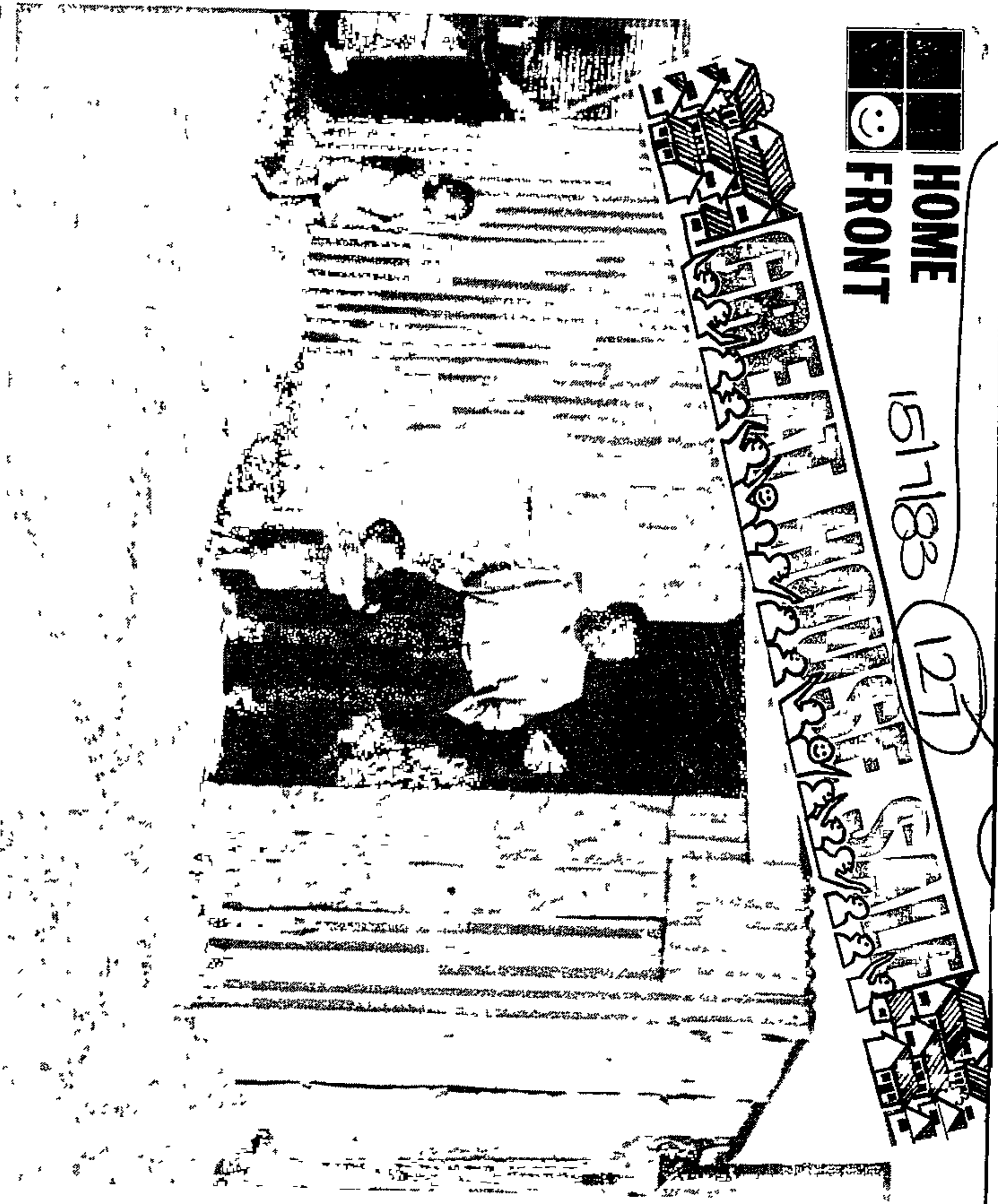
"And it will be nice to own a property"

The house qualifies for the full 40% discount because it is being bought for cash within the year of the sale, it costs less than R2 500 and the Hlopes have occupied it for more than five years. Before the Big Sale, the price of the house was R1 750

Mr Hlope will sign his intention to purchase now, and HOMEFRONT will buy the house for him as soon as details of the purchase and the improvements have been cleared with his building society. That's one house snapped up for a worthy employee. That leaves 48 488. What are YOU waiting for?

HOMEFRONT will be collecting names and addresses of genuine hardship cases, such as pensioners. If you are interested in helping someone like that buy their house, leave your name and number with Paola (710-2501).

Twenty-three years ago the Hlope family lived in this shack on stand 447 while their matchbox was being erected.



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Black housing: tomorrow's timebomb

This week's launch of the mass sale of Soweto homes under the Government's new discount scheme has focused attention on the black housing scene again — and raised the politically-loaded question of land for future black housing development in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal Triangle area ANTHONY DUGAN reports.

WHERE will the PWV's exploding black population be housed during the coming two decades? This is the politically explosive issue Government officials do not want to talk about.

Right now there are about five million African, coloured and Indian people — three times the number of white people — living on less than a tenth of the land area given over to white residential development in the PWV.

Add to this the 100 000 African, coloured and Indian families already waiting for housing in the industrial heart of South Africa and the issue becomes an equation of critical proportions.

The official guide plan for the development of the PWV — intended to establish the future shape of South Africa's most dynamic region — is an indication of official thinking about the question of land for the urban black population. It totally ignores the existence of the eight million blacks expected to be living in the area early next century — in spite of the fact that almost three out of every four people in the area will be black by 2020.

Mr Nigel Mandy, chairman of Johannesburg's Central Business District Association, believes the question of further land for black housing is the issue nobody wants to talk about.

"I think we are at the end of a stage of the grand design during which there was first a restriction on the entry of blacks to urban areas and secondly the creation of black states," he said.

"Things are now falling apart and the permanence of the urban black is now accepted. But black areas have to expand. There is no chance of keeping black migration away."

Mr Sam Moss, veteran Johannesburg city councillor and former chairman of the Johannesburg Non-European Affairs Committee, be-

lieves there is a real danger of a mass removal of "surplus blacks" from the PWV to nearby deconcentration points like Bronkhorstspuit.

"I would almost pose a question here have they imposed a limit on the growth of black areas like Soweto?"

"What is worrying me is that the Government may have gone back to thinking that the tide will be turned and blacks can be housed in nearby homeland areas."

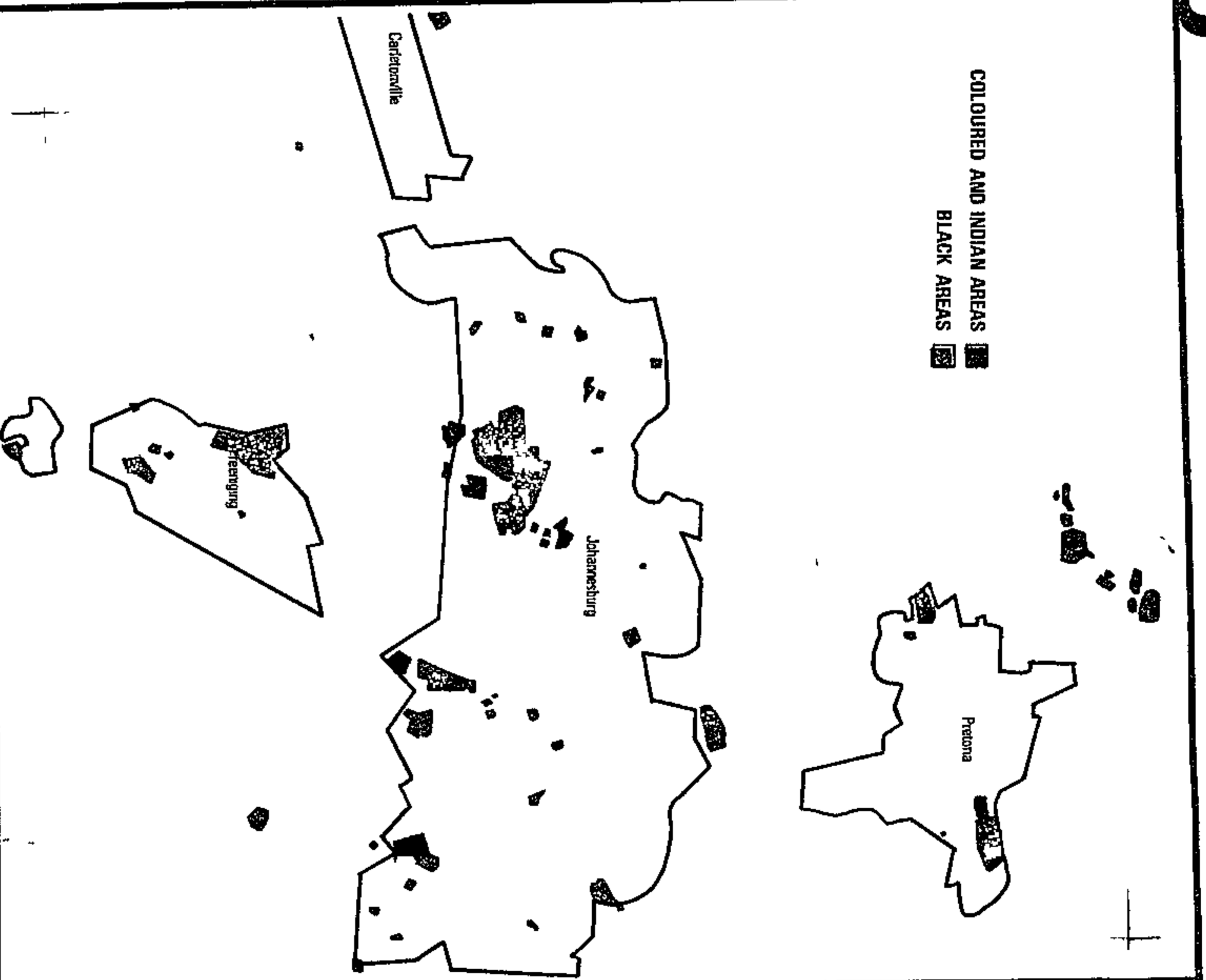
Officials of Administration Boards controlling the black areas in the PWV have confirmed that extra land for black housing has been purchased or that negotiations to purchase are on the go. But it is acknowledged that the issue is a politically explosive one and the officials will say little about their future plans for new black townships.

Last month the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, told West Rand whites that no expansion of black areas would take place from Soweto westwards unless they were first fully consulted.

The Viljoen Report on the housing of Soweto's homeless recommended that immediate attention be given by the Government to purchasing more land. It was estimated that another 2 200 ha had to be added to Soweto's present 8 000 ha to take up the backlog of housing needed up to 1985.

Dr Flip Smit, the Government's adviser on black urbanisation, believes the emphasis put on extra land for black housing in places like Soweto is wrong. What was needed was better planning and use of available resources and an increase of the density in Soweto which has yet to develop properly as a city.

At the same time he believed the obvious direction for black housing development was westwards towards Randfontein.



This map shows the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging area, the dynamic generator of almost half of South Africa's gross national product. The tiny shaded zones are the areas set aside for African, coloured and Indian homes and represent less than 10 percent of the size of the residential area set aside — and continually being extended — for white residential use.



Piet Koornhof.



Sam Moss



WHAT YOU'LL PAY

By LEN QUINN

THE Great Township house sale was officially launched yesterday with the release of full details of prices for Sow-

eto and the entire West Rand. The average 4-roomed house in Soweto will cost R1 400, including all discounts.

of the country are not yet available, but it is understood that the same formula will apply countrywide. Prices for the more than 48 000 houses in Soweto and on the West Rand now on sale range from as little as R400 with discounts to R5 000 for a four-roomed house with inside bathroom in Mofokeng.

But all buyers will have to pay an extra R600 for surveying and leasehold costs. So the lowest total price will be about R1 000. The discounts announced by the Government yesterday are:

- 30 percent for those who pay cash, that is with money not obtained from Government sources.

The Government is not providing any finance for houses costing less than R2 500 — the majority of homes. Those who do get money from Government sources will lose this discount.

- Five percent for tenants who have occupied their homes for five years or more

- Five percent for those who buy their houses within 12 months. The Government is determined to sell off all the houses within the year.

These discounts total 40 percent.

There will also be a rebate (reduction) of up to 20 percent depending on the condition of the house.

Semi-detached houses are not for sale but the Government says it intends to sell them soon.

AND WHERE

Examples of West Rand selling prices before discounts and rebates and excluding the R600 surveying/leasehold costs are:

- Chiawelo, Jabulani, Dlamini: four rooms with outside toilet — R1 320.
- Dube, Mofoko Central: four rooms with outside toilet — R1 566.
- Orlando East: three rooms with outside toilet — R875-R1 001.
- Dobsonville: four rooms with outside toilet — R1 750.

- Kagiso: two rooms with outside toilet — R923.
- Kagiso: four rooms with outside toilet R1 750.
- Mofokeng: three rooms with outside toilet — R1 459.
- Meadowlands: four rooms with inside toilet — R2 235.
- Meadowlands Zone 2: five rooms with inside toilet — R3 036.
- Diepkloof Zone 1: four rooms with outside toilet — R1 750.
- Diepkloof Zone 1: five rooms with inside toilet — R3 920.

THE TALES OF TWO JO'BURG HOUSING 'LOSERS'

DELAYS in proclaiming townships are affecting thousands of Johannesburg coloureds. One of them is Mr Sidwell le Bruh, a credit controller at a major insurance company.

He has lost more than R3 000 in the seven years that he has been living in his house in the unproclaimed Eldorado Park Ext 4. Proclamation of the township was applied for in June 1975.

Because the area is unproclaimed, Mr le Bruh a father of two children, cannot accept his company's offer of a loan at an interest rate of 3½% a year.

He bought his house on deed of sale from the Council and has had to pay off the loan at an interest of 8½%. He was recently notified that this would increase to 11¼% in October.

His enquiries to the Council and the Department of Community Development have led him to the same reply: No one can tell him when and if the township will be proclaimed.

Of his monthly rental of R90,45, he pays R68,18 in interest (8½%). If the township had been proclaimed he would only be paying R28,08 interest a month.

"It is easy for them to increase our rates, but after seven years they cannot make it any easier to give us proclamation," he said.



● Mr. Sidwell Le Bruh ... proclamation delay has cost him R3 000 and he can't accept his company's offer of a 3½% loan.

MR STANLEY Esau, an insurance underwriter and father of five children, bought a house in Eldorado Park Extension 4 over six years ago. His employers offered him a loan at 3½% interest.

He has been unable to accept it.

As he has been unable to get a loan for renovations, he has spent over R3 000 of his own money on several alterations and additions to his house.

"We would like to extend the kitchen, build an en-suite bathroom and a room for the servant," he said.

"My company could give me a loan for it when the township is proclaimed. And I could have done alterations five years ago when building costs were far cheaper.

"We are just being taken for a ride. The people who have represented us have not done much about it. It is unfair."

Homes cash crunch for thousands

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THOUSANDS of people living in nine coloured townships in Johannesburg cannot get loans to buy their houses because the townships have not yet been proclaimed.

A delay of between four to eight years in proclaiming the townships has brought frustration and disappointment to residents — who are forced to pay high interest rates on their loans from the Johannesburg city council and cannot accept more competitive rates offered by their employers.

This means they also cannot get loans for improvements to their homes.

Prominent city councillors have spoken out against the system which creates these long delays but no one knows if and when these townships will be proclaimed.

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The situation is desperate, and in June last year it led to the formation of an 18-member commission of inquiry into township establishment headed by the Deputy Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Mr A A Venter.

But the results of its two preliminary reports are still being considered by the Government and it may still take several months before its findings are released.

The Johannesburg city council recommended to the commission that Johannesburg and other Transvaal cities be empowered to establish their own townships.

This, it said, would prevent the "ridiculous" delays caused by the present system which dictates that an application for proclamation has to be considered by about 48 different bodies.

They would prefer a system such as that followed by the city councils of Durban and Maritzburg which proclaim their own townships in about six months.

According to the Johannesburg city council's director of housing, Mr Thys Wilsnach, about 1 761 houses and 180 stands in the unproclaimed areas have been sold on deed of sale.



Each of these families therefore experience tremendous problems in financing the purchase of and alterations to their homes.

The unproclaimed townships are Eldorado Park Extensions 4, 6, 7 and 9, Klipspruit West, Klipspruit West Extensions 1 and 2, Riverlea Extension 2 and Bushkoppies.

No houses have yet been built at Bushkoppies as it consists only of serviced stands.

Mr Wilsnach said about 100 000 of the 140 000 coloureds in Johannesburg lived in the nine extensions of Eldorado Park.

He told the Sunday Express that the increase in the interest rate applied to the 365 local authorities which have loans from the Department of Community Development's National Housing Fund.

He said the residents had been given three months' notice before the increase took effect on October 1.

The issue of unproclaimed townships was recently raised in a city council debate by Mr Christopher Newton Thompson, PFP city councillor for Parktown North, Dunkeld and Rosebank.

"Obviously these applications have to be carefully considered, but it is unacceptable to have to wait for four to eight years," he said.

"These people cannot take advantage of substantially subsidized loans. It is a vital, most urgent problem."

He said that on May 31, there were 5 526 coloured families on the waiting list for housing in Johannesburg. But there are only 1 400 suitable stands available in Johannesburg.

"I believe that the delay occurs at the provincial authorities," Mr Wilsnach said. "Eight years is completely ridiculous."

"We are basing our hopes on the results of the commission," he said.

The leader of the National Party on the Johannesburg city council, Mr Carel Venter reiterated that the hope of achieving a more rapid system was pinned on the results of the commission.

"I am not blaming anyone, but the system is wrong if it takes so long," he added.

He said it was unnecessary that proclamation be done centrally.

"Our officials are just as capable of establishing townships."

He said the larger Transvaal cities already had vast, comprehensive planning departments and would be able to cope.

A tree spells home for twelve Alex families

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

ABOUT twelve Alexandra families are living in an open field under a tree because of the acute shortage of homes in the "dark city"

The families told The SOWETAN yesterday their homes had been demolished by the West Rand Administration Board in 1980 and since then "we have had nowhere to stay"

They also claim that Wraab officials often harassed them by raiding their homes, prosecuting them and making them pay fines ranging from R10 to R15 on charges of being "illegal blacks"

Mrs Mareka Nkabinde said she came to Alexandra in 1949 and later worked as a domestic in the city. She married but her husband died three years ago after their home was demolished



Some of the families living under the tree in the Dark City

"Since then I have had nowhere to stay because the authorities could not provide alternative accommodation for me and my children. In a moment of desperation I asked for a temporary shelter and was forced by circumstances to stay under this tree."

After she had erected a "temporary structure" to stay with her kids she was joined by other families with similar problems

"Although police raid us day in and day out, we have nowhere else to stay nor money to buy food because we are un-

employed," she cried

Some of the "tree-dwellers" had gone to seek food in the neighbouring Bramley and Wynberg suburbs when The SOWETAN team visited the place yesterday

The chairman of the Alexandra Action Committee, Mr Michael Beca, said the families were living under "very squalid conditions" and that the committee was trying to find them roofs over their heads

Plans were also afoot to provide them with food and to help them

and their families live "properly and under healthy conditions," he said

A spokesman for the Alexandra Liaison Committee said they would investigate the people's problems. Meanwhile, he said, the people should come to the Alexandra Help Centre

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THERE is a shock in store for Soweto residents who want to buy their houses under the new mass sale of houses — they will have to pay an additional amount of up to R600 for electricity, which is not included in the purchase price.

As a result, the cost of some houses will double.

Even those people who have not bought their houses but are renting them, will not escape this payment as they will pay a monthly levy of R12 over 25 years.

These amounts will go towards the repayment of the R250-million loan the three councils re-

By **ZWELAKHE
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ceived and they do not include the monthly electricity bill, nor the R30 that is required as deposit.

People who buy their houses will pay between R400 and R620 for electricity.

The breakdown for the amounts that will be paid is for the electricity cubicle in the street, connecting electricity to the house and internal wiring.

This means that residents will have three electricity payments to make. The first is the monthly electricity bill, the lump sum or levy for

wiring and connection and the R30 deposit required against the account.

Those who connected electricity to their own homes and did their own wiring will be paid a monthly rebate of R8 which comprises R4 for internal wiring and R4 for the connection.

The rebates will also be paid over 25 years.

Further, the monthly levy of R12 is only applicable for the first year but is expected to escalate thereafter.

Besides being used to repay the loan, the money will also be utilised to make up for the interest that will accrue on the loan.

Reprieve for Lenasia residents

Ad 19/7/83
By Yussuf Nazeer

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Hundreds of householders in South-East Lenasia Extensions 8 to 11 will continue to have electricity for 12 more days following the decision by the Transvaal Peri-Urban Board to postpone yesterday's cut-off deadline until July 31

The reprieve came after the South-East Lenasia Consultative Committee met board officials in Pretoria to discuss the plight of residents who could not meet their bills

The five-man consultative committee, led by chairman Mr W Dinky Pillay and his deputy, Mr M S Shah, also got the board to reduce the service charges from R8,65 to R7 for each home. Power will be turned off on August 1 if bills are still unpaid. There are 2 500 homes under the Peri-Urban Board's control

in South-East Lenasia's Extensions 8 to 11

The consultative committee has drawn up a memorandum of residents' grievances to present to the Administrator and the Director of Local Government when the committee has its inaugural meeting with the Peri-Urban Board on August 3

Among the grievances will be a request to institute one local authority to control all Lenasia, and to hold an election to have one management committee for the entire township

At the moment Lenasia Extensions 1 to 7 are represented by the Lenasia Management Committee while Extensions 8 to 11 are represented by the nominated consultative committee. Parts of Lenasia are also controlled by the Johannesburg City Council, the Peri-Urban Board and the Department of Community Development

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The big house sale: Wait for a letter from council

WAIT — wait if you want to buy your house in the Big Sale from the West Rand Administration Board

Firstly, Wrab, which released their prices last week, has not yet issued the individual house prices to the township offices and to New Canada

"We have a special team working into the night to complete the detailed price list," Mr Irvine Florence, Director of Finance for the Soweto Council, told HOMEFRONT yesterday

He expected the lists would be completed within the next few days and a full briefing will then be given to all the officials concerned

Secondly, a letter will be sent to each individual registered tenant of a saleable house telling them that they may buy their house if they wish, and what the price will be, Mr Florence said

The letter will also advise them that if they wish to buy their houses they will have to make their own arrangements to insure the houses once they, and not Wrab, are the owners

This is most important — people dare not leave their houses uninsured. If the house burns down, they stand to lose everything. HOMEFRONT appeals to employers to help their employees insure houses bought in the Big Sale through reputable insurance companies

People who buy their houses with building societies will have them insured by the building societies

Tenants who want to have



MR BOB TUCKER loans for 51/6 houses

everything ready for the purchase of their houses should collect an application form from their township offices

When Mr Phineas Hlope, whose house is being bought for him by HOMEFRONT, called at his township office yesterday, he was told forms would not be available for another month. This was nonsense — don't listen to clerks! The forms are there and he will have to go back again today. Why waste working peoples' time?

Provided the applicant qualifies for 99-year-leasehold and does not have any

rent payments outstanding, the senior township manager should be able to sign his application without further delay

The applicant must then take the form to New Canada to arrange the purchase

But give all the officials a few days — they haven't got their facts right yet. And watch out for cons and crooks! There were mysterious people handing out bits of paper with prices on them to poor old people in Orlando East at the weekend

When working out the purchase price, remember to allow not only for the special sale price and discounts, but also the R600 or so needed for leasehold charges. Monthly payments for site rent and electrification and electricity use continue whether the house is bought or rented

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THE SA Permanent Building Society held its annual meeting in Johannesburg last night and the managing director, Mr Bob Tucker referred to the Big Sale

Mr Tucker said the Perm would grant loans against the security of unimproved 51/6 houses, provided the structure was sound and the borrower fulfilled the society's requirements

He added "The Perm does not believe it appropriate to commit itself to any specific sum until such time as it is apparent how fast the scheme can be implemented by the Government and the level of demand for loans by prospective buyers"

What you pay for electricity after switch

By LIN MENGE

CONFLICTING statements from officials in Soweto have raised questions about the cost of electrification and how and when this is paid.

HOMEFRONT readers have been warned repeatedly that whether they rent or buy, their monthly repayments for site rental, services, water use and electricity will continue, and are likely to increase. On June 2 we explained the monthly charges and the need for people to understand them. On June 25 we reported the eviction of several families in Zondi because they had ignored the new electricity levy imposed in their area in February.

Yesterday we asked Mr Steve Burger, Director of Community Services for Wrab, to give us a full breakdown of who pays what for electricity and why.

The basic electrification of Soweto is complete. What is still being done is the reticulation of electricity to the different parts of the township complex. There are many mini substations, each of which caters for about 100 houses. When the cables have been connected and the houses wired around one of these substations, the registered tenants are informed that their houses are now ready to be "energised" or electrified.

The cost of this whole operation — from the

primary reticulation down to the wiring of each house and the connecting of each house to the cables outside — is being paid with that R212-million loan raised by the councils of Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville.

The repayment of this loan is being spread across all households in the form of a compulsory R12-a-month levy. This levy was reduced from R20 but it will increase annually until it reaches an economic level.

This levy comes into effect only when electricity becomes available in that particular area. But then everyone in the area must start paying it, whether they intend to use electricity or not. Their houses will in any event all be wired and connected to the local electricity supply.

It is expected that all the houses will be electrified by April next year.

This R12 a month payment comes into effect one month after a person's house is ready for "energising".

If the householder is going to use the electricity, he has to pay a R30 deposit.

After that his house is "switched on" and he pays a monthly bill in accordance with the amount of electricity he uses.

The wiring and connecting of all houses, which were Wrab property in May 1979, is being done by contractors for Wrab.

What happens in the case of people who bought their houses from Wrab before May

1979 and did their own wiring and/or connections? They also have to pay that R12 a month levy, but they get a rebate. If they wired the house themselves, they will pay only R8 a month. And if they connected their house to the local supply as well as wired it, they will pay only R4 of the levy every month. This also applies to people who have built new houses and had them wired and connected at their own expense.

What about persons who bought their houses from Wrab before May 1979 but did not do anything about electrification? They must get them wired and connected so that they can be switched on when electricity becomes available in their area. They can either hire and pay a private contractor, or they can ask the Wrab contractors to do it while they are in the area. They can then pay a lump sum — if they can afford it. The wiring will cost them R420 to R480, with a further R480 for the connection. Total approx R900. Or they can simply pay the R12 a month levy like everyone else.

Mr Burger stressed that electrification has nothing to do with the mass sale of houses. People pay the electrification levy whether they rent or buy. If they buy their houses on the discount sale they will have to pay the sale price of the house, plus R600 in leasehold and survey charges. Details of both amounts will be given in the letters Wrab will soon be



sending out to each tenant of a saleable house, he said

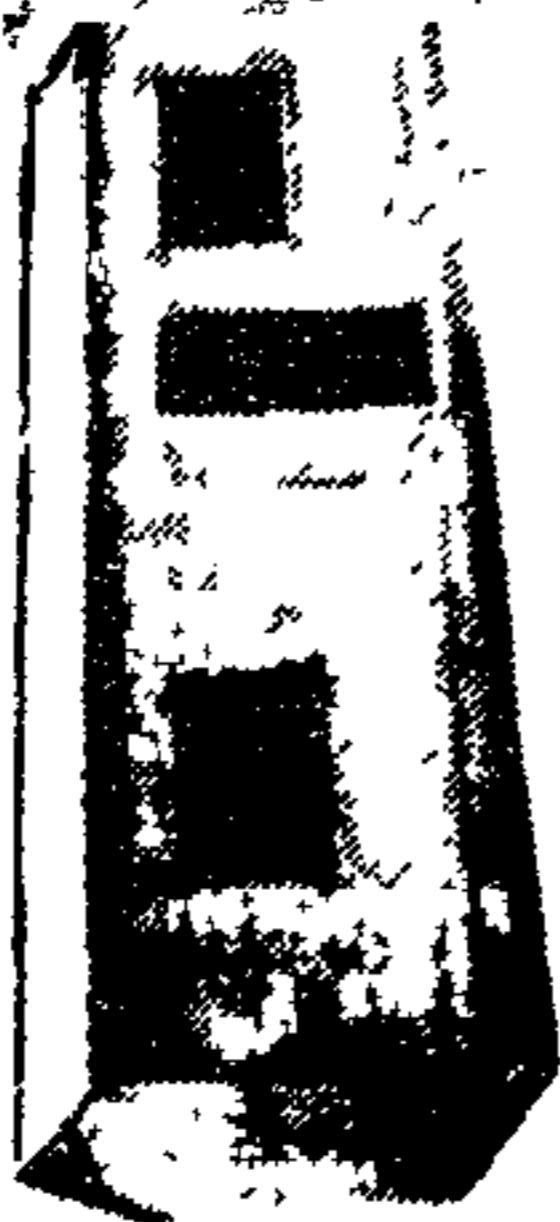
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HOMEFRONT welcomes news about houses for blacks, but not the way it appeared in a Deimas welder's advertisement in Rapport last Sunday.

The ad was for farm sheds, factories — and "Bantoehuise".

Just what is a "Bantoehuise"?

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Lenasia group rejects claims

The Federation of Residents' Association yesterday accused the newly nominated South East Lenasia Consultative Committee of being "come-lately Johnnies desperately trying to buy credibility in the eyes of the people" by posing as their spokesman.

The federation, in a statement, rejected the Consultative Committee's claims in The Star this week that the committee

was responsible for stopping the Peri Urban Board cutting the electricity supply of several hundred south east Lenasia ratepayers.

The Consultative Committee's chairman, Mr W Dinky Pillay, had told The Star that his committee had persuaded the board to grant two reprieves to ratepayers with outstanding accounts, the federation had failed to obtain these be-

cause the board has refused to negotiate.

Yesterday's statement by the federation added "The Consultative Committee's opportunism is clearly shown in that it has not mentioned the Peri Urban Board's intentions to increase electricity tariffs by 20 percent over and above the 40 percent increase imposed last February."

It pointed out that the Peri Urban Board had

announced on July 6 that a 20 percent tariff increase was coming.

It accused the Consultative Committee of misleading ratepayers with a Press claim this week that the committee had got the Peri Urban Board to reduce service charges from R8,65 to R7. The federation says that the board announced the decrease long before the Consultative Committee was born.

Home owners say instalments are too high

By Yussuf Nazeer

Several Eldorado Park residents who bought State-owned homes from the Johannesburg City Council under the mass house sale scheme now find they cannot meet the monthly payments, which they consider too high.

The 300 three and four-bedroomed homes in Eldorado Extension Nine, costing R36 000 and R42 000 respectively, were bought by residents more than three months ago

But some buyers now find the instalments of R452 for the three-bedroomed houses and R530 for the four-bedroomed ones, which they must pay for 30 years with interest, are beyond their means

A group of residents said they went to see an official at the council's housing department.

They wanted the instalments reduced to about R250 a month but the official told them this could not be done

At a meeting this week the dissatisfied buyers

formed themselves into an action committee and drew up a memorandum listing why the prices and instalments on the homes were too high

They complained of shortcomings in the homes such as walls with cracks, uneven floors, ill-fitting doors and windows and bad workmanship on ceilings and roofs.

A spokesman for the action committee, which sent the memorandum to the council, said "For the price we are paying on these houses, we feel we have been given a raw deal and we are now calling for some kind of redress.

Buyers also complained that the council sold them homes in an unproclaimed area without street lighting, storm-water drains and tarred roads. This made it difficult for them to get subsidised bonds at low interest payments

The council confirmed it had received the action committee's memorandum and said engineers were studying it.

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Top men to get house sales on the right road

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By LIN MENGE

A HIGH-POWERED steering committee has been set up to establish a utility (non-profit-making) company to promote the training of estate agents and the selling of houses among blacks, coloureds and Indians

This was announced in Pretoria yesterday by Mr D W Steyn, Minister of Education and Training and chairman of the Steyn Committee into the financing of black housing

The Steyn Committee recommended the Big Sale of rented houses which began this month. They also recommended the promoting of black estate agents

The Government wants the utility company to be set up by the private sector in close co-operation with the authorities, Mr Steyn said

Mr Boet van Straten, chairman of the Estate Agents Board, will work on the formation of the utility company — Home Ownership Marketing Enterprises — with representatives of the following

The departments of Co-operation and Development and of Industries, Commerce and Tourism, the Institute of Estate Agents, the board of chairmen and chief directors of administration boards, the Association of Building Societies, the Small Business Development Corporation, Nafcoc, the Association of Law Societies, the SA Property Owners' Association, the Department of Community Development, the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut, Assocom and the Urban Foundation

Similar steps have already been taken in Port Elizabeth and East London, the Minister said

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PHINEAS HLOPHE is over the first hurdle in the Big House Sale

He has obtained form N189 from his township office, filled it in, returned it, and it has been signed by the Emdeni Senior Township Manager, who has written on it "No objection. The applicant



MR PHINEAS HLOPHE ... purchase approved



is the registered tenant of house No 447, Emdeni

Now he will wait for a letter from Wrab telling him the final price of his house and the leasehold costs. The total should not be more than R1 392. Then he will go to New Canada to arrange the purchase

HOMEFRONT staff are buying Mr Hlophe's house for him on condition he extends it, so next week he will talk to his building society about a loan and show them his plan

- People who bought their houses under "Home Ownership" from Wrab in the past and want to convert to 99-year-leasehold, will get a special letter from Wrab explaining what is involved

Mr Irvine Florence, Director of Finance for the Soweto Council, said yesterday these letters would go out in a month's time

- Tenants of semi-detached houses who want to buy their properties during the Big

Sale are asked to be patient, Mr Florence said. The legal details have still to be worked out and may take a few months. Watch HOMEFRONT!

CORRECTION: Part of the final item on electrification costs in yesterday's HOMEFRONT went missing, in some editions, and was incorrect in others

This is how it should have read

- People who bought their houses before May 1979 and did nothing about electrification must arrange with the contractors to wire their houses AND PAY the contractor for the job. The cost will be from R400 up, depending on the design of the individual house

The Wrab contractors will automatically connect the house to the local electricity supply. There will be NO separate charge for the connection but these householders will, like everyone else, have to pay the R12 a month electrification levy once their area is ready for the switch on. But because they paid for their own wiring, they will get a rebate and pay only R8 a month

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House sales lauded

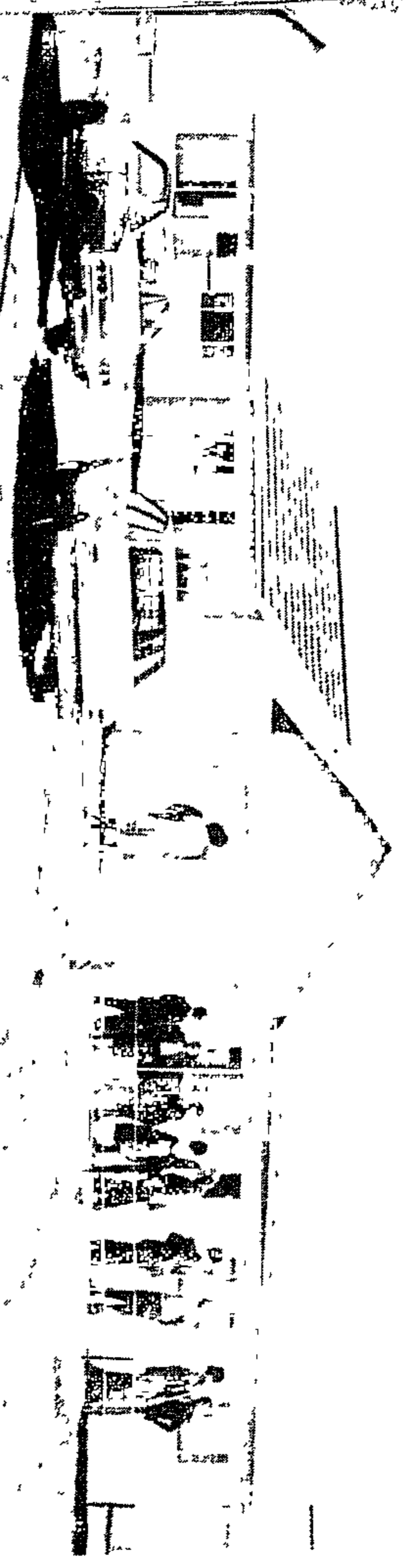
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8 showhouses snapped up in Dobsosville



Picture ABSOLOM MNISI

These houses in Dobsosville were sold for between R9 500 and R12 000 each.

By LIN MENGE (127)

EIGHT showhouses, costing R9 500 to R12 000 each and all sold, went on display in Dobsosville last Friday.

Mr Isaac Mashao, chairman of Dobsosville Council, and Mr Alec Conn, the council's chief executive officer, officiated at the opening of the houses which are either four or six roomed, with mini bathrooms, inside toilets, light fittings and geysers. The houses are built of blocks with big windows.

Mr Conn said he hoped more houses would be erected along similar lines, while there will also be semi-core or shell houses erected for people to complete themselves. Stands are being ser-



Names on the council wanted in Dobsosville Extension and he hopes the housing contracts will go out in September.

Mr Conn is very proud of Dobsosville, which is attracting more and more employers, especially those based in Randburg who have discovered the quick access it gives their workers.

As for the Big Sale — response, he says, is "terrific".

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ARE you wanting to build in Diepkloof Ext? Then remember, no contract is too small for the African Development and Construction Co (ADCC).

This company, whose many big housing projects have featured in HOME-FRONT, will also build individual homes on a one-off basis, says the general manager, Mr Norman Mitchell.

The first time they did this was when they recently built an R88 000 house for Miss Sarah Dombu in Diepkloof Ext. Now they are building a house for their chairman, Dr Sam Motsuenyane.

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

Homeless: distrust boils over

Distrust between officials and community workers on the treatment of the homeless in Mochaaeng, Soweto, flared into open conflict yesterday

It is claimed that West Rand Administration Board officials threw a doctor out of an old bus nine families were using as a home

A prominent Azanian Peoples Organisation member, Dr Abu-Baker

Asvat, was in the bus attending to documentation queries of families, who had been living there since their homes were destroyed by Wrab on Friday

Three Wrab officials from Pimville then arrived Dr Asvat said Pimville's senior township manager Mr T F Bronkhorst told him he was trespassing and that he

had to have a permit to be in a black area

Mr Bronkhorst then ordered him out of the bus and when he did not move, the township manager and his two men threw Dr Asvat out

Mr Bronkhorst said he had had words with the doctor but had only given him a verbal order to leave the bus

"Dr Asvat is interfering with things that are none of his business. Influx matters have nothing to do with him. I warned him I would have to take action against him"

Mr Bronkhorst said doctors were only exempt from permit requirements in black areas "if they concern themselves with purely medical matters"

Dr Asvat, who has been given notice to vacate his rooms in the area by July 31, has been involved in housing issues affecting his patients, including those of the Chicken Farm tent people and the Kliptown market squatters

At the centre of the latest conflict is a group of nine women and their children who had lived in

shacks in a large barn a stone's throw from Dr Asvat's rooms

Last Friday, Wrab partly demolished the barn and shacks. Seven of the 16 families were given single-room zinc shacks at the Fred Clark emergency camp but the remaining nine were left homeless.

"They didn't tell us where we could stay, they just warned us not to move back into the barn," a woman said

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No water as the battle for a bathroom goes on

By LIN MENGE

MOST black township houses do not have inside water — they have a tap and a toilet outside. Of the houses being offered for sale by Wrab in Soweto, only about 3 000 have inside bathrooms.

That suggests that many people will want to add on bathrooms to their houses once they have bought them.

HOMEFRONT wishes them good luck. We are still trying to get that bathroom built for Mrs Edith Shongwe in Klipspruit. We've had hassles with plans and tenders, the builder who came to our rescue, Neumann Design and Construction, 'couldn't get bricks, now the trenches are ready, the builders want to cast the foundations but — there is no water.

In fact there has been no water to the house for almost two months. Mrs Shongwe's family has reported the matter again and again, and her employer, Mrs Jennifer Sugden, has pleaded for action. Mrs Shongwe, meanwhile, is terribly ill with bone cancer. Back in hospital now, she has been lying in that little house, with no water supply — inside or out.

Yesterday Mr Peter Neumann told **HOMEFRONT** "Let us know when the water supply is restored — and we'll be back." The township manager took Mrs Sugden's telephone number and told her he had 7 000 other houses to worry about.

That may be, but if it is so difficult to get one bathroom added to one house in just one township, and so difficult to get a water problem solved for one desperately ill woman, then we can't see employers rushing to help solve the housing crisis.

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THAT mass survey of black urban residential stands is being speeded up. Originally the Government made R28-million available for the sur-



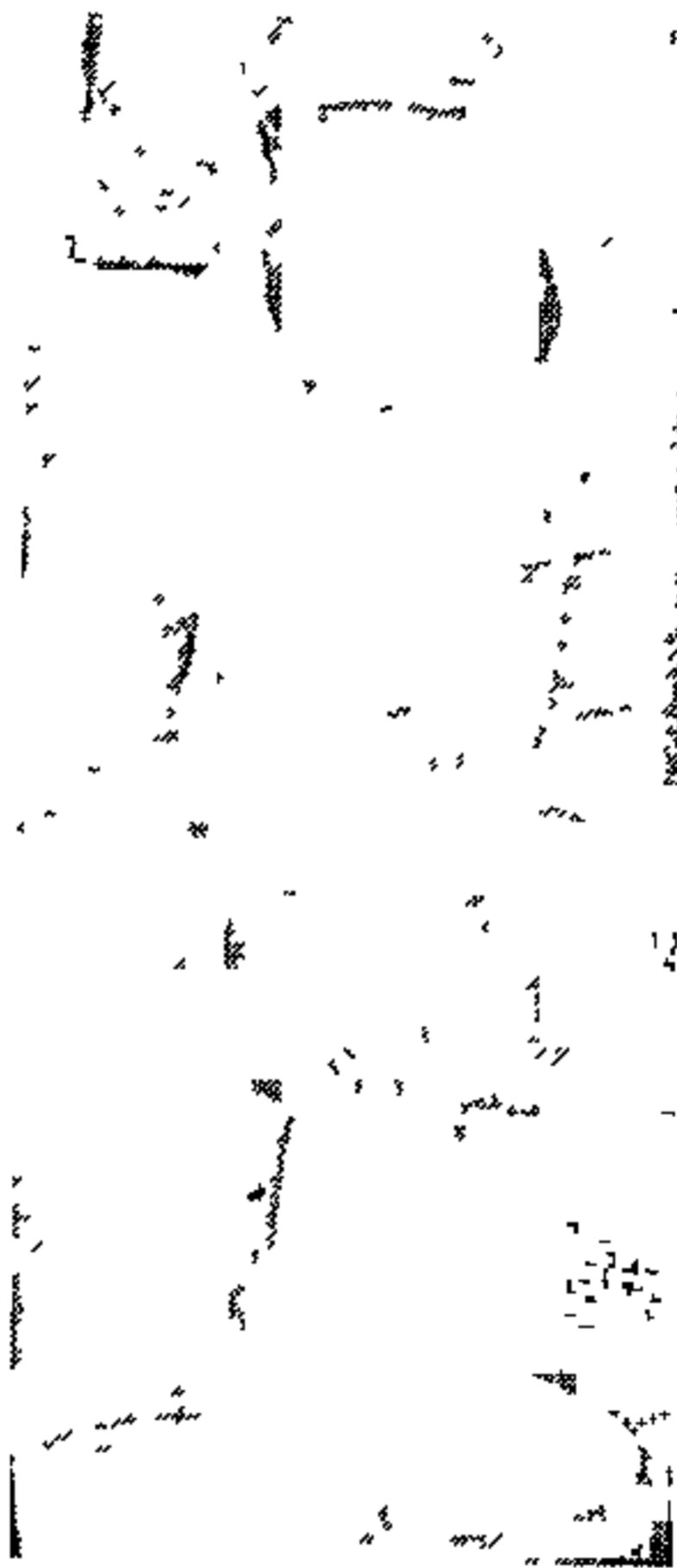
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vey to be completed, countrywide, over five years. Mr Johan Kruger, coordinator of the Big House Sale, told **HOMEFRONT** the five-year funding period has been lifted — the surveyors can get on with the job just as fast as they can.

That is good news and will, we hope, speed up the introduction of a similar mass survey of stands for other race groups.

● In the meantime those 128 stands in Newclare, which could do so much to relieve the coloured housing shortage in Johannesburg, lie vacant and unsold — waiting to be transferred from the Department of Community Development into the name of the city council. Only then can they be sold.

For the third time we show you Mr Gerald Adams, whose family of five must live in a one-roomed flat, standing on one of those vacant sites where he could have built a home years ago.



MRS SHONGWE .. a dry tap



Mr Adams . . empty space where he can't use it



Three pregnant women, from left, Miss Patronella Isaacs, Miss Louise Louw and Mrs Ruth Sutton, are among those who will live inside disused buses after being evicted from their homes in Sandton. Their neighbour, Mrs Julia Radebe, right, a mother of three, has been evicted too, and will live in one of disused buses shown in the background.

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DURBAN — THE blood-splattered body of a well-known Natal soil conservation technician was found early yesterday on the veranda of a Port Shepstone hotel. He was Mr J A Geldenhuis, 50, of Aberdeen Gardens, Maritzburg.

Mr Geldenhuis had been staying in a rondavel at the Port Shepstone Hotel. He was attacked there during the night and had stab wounds on his thighs, according to police.

After the stabbing Mr Geldenhuis managed to drag himself a few metres to a veranda where he died. A servant found his body at 7.20am yesterday.

It is believed that an artery in Mr Geldenhuis' leg was cut in the attack, causing profuse bleeding.

He had booked into the hotel at 4pm on Tuesday.

A distraught Mrs Meline Geldenhuis said her husband left for Port Shepstone on Tuesday morning on business and was due back last night. "The police informed us that he was found just outside his rondavel at the Port Shepstone Hotel. We don't yet know what happened," Mrs Geldenhuis said.

She said her husband's position as a senior soil erosion technician at Cedara, near Maritzburg, involved frequent trips around Natal.

A spokesman at Cedara for the Department of Agriculture, Natal region, said Mr Geldenhuis' death had come as a great shock to his friends and colleagues in the department and organised agriculture in Natal.

"Many of those who worked with him in the field of soil protection will feel his departure acutely."

Mr Geldenhuis leaves two children, Wynand, 26, a South African policeman who is at present serving on the border, and a daughter, Dorothea, who lives in Newcastle. A murder docket has been opened.



Builders listen attentively as the constitution is read out

Soweto builders take a giant step forward

BUILDERS in Soweto took a major step yesterday towards putting themselves on a legally constituted and recognised footing aimed at improving the standards and status of township contractors.

At a lively meeting in Mofolo, about 40 builders voted to adopt the draft constitution of the Soweto Building Contractors Association.

Those who had not yet joined were urged to apply for membership.

"Join us — we're going to be powerful," was the message of the meeting, to which HOMEFRONT was specially invited.

Once the association is legally constituted, it can seek recognition from the West Rand Administration Board and work to obtain its own premises. At present there are 187 builders registered with Wrab but they are not all "approved" or even genuine builders. The existing as-

sociation is not a legal body, so it has no standing.

The chairman Mr Jan Mahlangu, asked Mr Cedric Tennant, of the Centre for Developing Business of the Business Graduate School of Business Administration, to present the draft constitution to the meeting for their approval. It had been drawn up by the attorneys who act for the Urban Foundation, at a reduced fee.

The aims of the Soweto Building Contractors Association will be to promote unity and co-operation between the contractors, to promote the training of its members, to maintain the highest professional standards, to work towards a true free enterprise system and to establish a permanent centre.

People will be able to apply for membership either as building contractors or as sub-contractors. A disciplinary committee will investigate complaints and be able

to recommend suspension of membership. Anyone who is involved in dishonesty or who is sequestered will automatically lose his membership.

A standards committee will impose a code of standards as regards contracts and workmanship.

The present registration fee is R30 and the meeting agreed to an annual subscription of R150. The final draft will be referred back to the executive for their approval, Mr Tennant said.

Watch HOMEFRONT for more details of the association. If it succeeds, it will offer considerably more protection to both builders and public.

GREAT NEWS! Yesterday the water supply was returned to the Klipspruit home of Mrs Edith Shongwe. Now, we hope, the builder can get back to erecting that bathroom.



Jan Mahlangu in the chair

Cedric Tennant explained draft

How to buy a house

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WITH the townships roaring with excitement and enthusiasm over the ongoing Big House Sale, it is important that residents intending to buy their homes know the basic steps involved in such a transaction.

Prospective home buyers, however, should consult their township managers if they want to buy their homes. And, in most cases, it is advisable to enlist an estate agent whose job is to ar-

THE ONGOING sale of State-owned houses is causing quite a stir among prospective homeowners in the townships. For this reason THE SOWETAN's man on the consumer beat, Len Maseko, this week sets out to help these people by instructing them on just what such a transaction involves.

range property transactions such as buying, selling or renting. The following is a question-and-answer passage aimed at giving prospective home buyers a picture of how to go about buying a house.

- When do you qualify to buy a house?
- Home Ownership Scheme: If you are cur-

rently the registered tenant of a house in an urban residential area, you may buy a house in that particular area.

Ninety-nine-Year Leasehold Scheme: If you qualify to be in an urban area, you may buy a house in any such area and have a registered title over that house and the property on which the house is situated for a period of 99 years. The Minister of Co-operation and Development

may declare whether a person qualifies to buy a house under the 99-year leasehold scheme or not.

• If you qualify, can you buy the house you rent or live in? If you are the registered tenant of the house in which you live, you can buy the house under either of the above-mentioned schemes. However, under the 99-year leasehold scheme, the area in which the house



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The West Rand Administration Board, or any other local authority, can give you a loan to buy your existing house under the Home Ownership Scheme. This loan can be repaid over a stipulated period varying between 20 and 30 years.

Financial institutions such as building societies and banks also grant loans for buying a house under the 99-year-leasehold plan. When buying a house with the assistance of the board, the resident will be expected to pay a deposit of 10 percent or 20 percent of the total price. Financial institutions only grant 80 percent loans and the remaining 20 percent is forked out by the buyer as a deposit.

An important thing about housing loans is that your monthly repayment on the loan should not be more than 25 percent of your monthly income. If, for example, you earn R200 per month, your monthly repayment will not be more than R50.

- What will happen if you die before the house is paid off?

You should, preferably, at the time that you pay the deposit arrange for a bond insurance policy. A premium calculated at rates for every thousand rands borrowed, depending on one's age, must then be paid in respect of the bond insurance. Therefore, if you have obtained a bond insurance policy and paid the premium, the insurance company will pay the full amount outstanding on your loan at the date of your death.

- Can any of your members of your family inherit the house after your death?

Your next-of-kin can inherit the house if they qualify to live in the area where your house is, and they may occupy the house after your death. If they don't qualify, they may either sublet the house to a person who qualifies or sell it to him and keep the money.

- If your family cannot afford to continue paying off the loan, what happens then?

If you did not take out an insurance policy on your bond, the position is the same as if you have a loan and cannot keep up the payments. The institution which lent you the money has the right to repossess the house and sell it to another person. If the house is sold for an amount more than the balance owing on the loan, your family is entitled to that portion which is more than the amount owing.

Groups join forces to aid Reef homeless

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Twenty community organisations are to combine with the victims of eviction and removal in a co-ordinated approach to aiding the Reef's homeless.

This was decided in Coronationville last night at a meeting convened by the Health Workers' Association (HWA) which has provided medical care to the displaced people of Chicken Farm, Soweto and residents of the nearby emergency housing camp at Fred Clark centre.

"The idea is that we will work with — and not for — the people, so that we don't create a situation where we provide relief for ourselves and for the of-

ficial system instead of assisting the victims to secure their human rights," summarised chairman Dr Errol Holland of the HWA.

The organisations affirmed their belief that adequate housing and the opportunity of seeking employment in the area of his or her choice were the inalienable right of the individual.

They dedicated themselves to redress infringements of these rights "by embarking on a programme of awareness as to the plight of victims and by collective action".

Speakers emphasised the economic and political roots of homelessness, pointing to the immediate role of in-

flux measures in disqualifying people from housing lists.

The areas of practical action outlined included:

- Caring for the welfare of victims by material aid and medical attention.
- Interceding with authorities on their behalf.
- Securing legal assistance and investigating new avenues of legal defence.
- Communication with, and organisation of, victims.
- Location of settlements under threat, or homeless groups.

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Pensioner vows to defy R20 levy

AN 82-year-old pensioner who has twice been threatened with eviction from his Zola house, has vowed to defy the Soweto Council's order that all householders pay a R20 levy to pay off its overseas electricity loan.

Mr Walter Ngqoyi showed The SOWETAN two notices served on him on February 22 and on July 21 this year

The first one warned him to pay an amount of R20 and the second one warned him that unless he paid R64 within seven days, he would be

By SAM MABE

evicted from his house

He said he was fetched from his home by council policemen who asked him to produce his June and July rent receipts at the township manager's offices. He said the receipts were taken from him by a Mr Mtshali

"I do not understand why he had to keep those receipts because I thought they were mine. But I am not stupid, I know that I am up to

date with my rent and electricity payments, which is all I am prepared to pay every month

"Anything else, I will certainly not pay. Early this year we were asked to pay R30 if we wanted electricity and I paid that without hesitation. When we were afterwards asked to pay R20 for repayments of an overseas loan, I felt that was demanding too much and my resolution is not to pay.

"Nobody around here seems to know what is happening. Everybody in this area has had policemen knocking at their doors to raid them over the payment of this R20.

"I refuse to accept that the overseas loan we are expected to pay back has anything to do with us and I am firm that I will not pay even a cent," said Mr Ngqoyi.

He added that he has briefed his lawyer on the issue.

The superintendent was unavailable for comment.



MR NGQOYI... "I will not pay."

They're halfway to a house ~~in~~ a parked bus?

ONE of the problems that has to be faced when communities are rehoused is Where do you put them in the meantime?

In a tent? In a five-star hotel? In prefabricated huts? In shacks? In caravan parks? In a community hall? And who will pay for that temporary accommodation?

People who take part in self-help or site-and-service housing schemes, or core-housing schemes, erect shacks on their stands. These have to be knocked down as soon as the home-builder has a completed room or two to move into.

A more difficult problem arises when there is a shortage of land in a township and people have to move out of the way for new developments, or for the stands to be serviced, and there is nowhere to put them in the meantime because they have lots of children and cannot afford to stay in hotels or hire caravans or mobile homes.

According to a recent issue of Construction Week, one solution could be the hire — at R90 a square metre — of used shipping containers. A new company, named Sealine, wants to sell these steel containers for use as temporary accommodation, as building site offices, as beach cottages, boat houses or storage sheds.

Another, cheaper solution, is to house people in bus bodies while they wait for new housing to be provided. This is what is happening in Alexandra Township where, it is hoped, a fine new township will one day rise from the ruins of the old one.

But in the meantime people have to be moved while old properties are demolished, stands are provided with water, sewerage, and electricity, and new houses are erected.

Told of the Alexandra Liaison Committee's problems, Putco has donated 15 bus bodies which will be parked in



an area where the committee will provide water points and toilets. According to Mr Pat Rogers, public relations officer of the bus company, Putco uses bus bodies for offices at some of its depots.

In a "sincere effort to help solve the temporary accommodation problem", as Mr Rogers put it, the company took disused bus bodies to their workshops, removed the seats, repaired the floors where necessary and delivered the first few to the township.

By next morning, said Mr Rogers, the windows had been smashed by the township children.

Putco protested to the liaison committee, who have promised to employ a security guard to watch the buses until the families are ready to move in.

The liaison committee intends using some of these buses to temporarily house blacks and coloureds who have to vacate their homes on ground being developed for business purposes in adjoining Wynberg. The families were given notice to leave six months ago but new housing, and new area for coloureds, are not yet available.

Living in a bus body is not ideal, but it may be one answer to the problem of housing poor people temporarily — very temporarily — while new housing is erected.

Some people will complain that it is not good enough but to others it will be a sign of progress in a township that has stagnated for years. It will be halfway to a new house.

But the rebuilding of Alexandra had better be speeded up — no-one likes to stay long at a bus stop!

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SFW award helps to extend a house

PART of last year's Melting Pot series in the Rand Daily Mail, which this week won a HOMEFRONT staffer the Stellenbosch Farmers Winery Award for Enterprising Journalism, dealt with the plight of people who lived illegally in "white" Johannesburg flats

One of the people who used to be an illegal, and who is now trying to extend her house so that her own children will have somewhere to live until more housing becomes available for the coloured community, is Mrs Theresa Johnie, of Riverlea

It is only right that a part of that award should go to someone like Mrs Johnie, and so the various incidental costs that go with extending a house with a building society loan will be partly paid for her

These include the cost of having plans drawn and approved and the registration of the bond

HOMEFRONT previously reported Mrs Johnie's preliminary interview with Allied Building Society After that she obtained quotes for the extensions she had planned for her tiny, four-room, asbestos roof house, but these went as high as R45 000 and quite beyond her income limit.

As a result she is having her plans redrawn An Allied inspector has meanwhile looked the property over and



MRS THERESA JOHNE
Can start building

she has to bring her revised plans back to him and of course find new and more realistic builders' quotes

● Mrs Johnie's story has already inspired other people living in crowded conditions in coloured areas to think about improving their homes

But there is a desperate need for reputable builders interested in doing alterations and extensions in those areas. Let's hear from them!

HOMEFRONT tries to help those who want to help themselves Tel 710-2505/01 Mondays to Fridays

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Evicted families 'owed rent'

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By MIKE LOUW

SOME of the 12 Eldorado Park families evicted from their homes since last week owed rent for 10 months, says a spokesman for the Johannesburg City Council.

The director of the city council's housing division, Mr Matthys Wilsnach, gave this information when approached by the Rand Daily Mail.

He said the council was very lenient with rent defaulters.

"There was an agreement between the council and residents that rent must be paid on or before the seventh day of each month.

"We issued warning notices to tenants before evicting them. These were ignored."

Mr Wilsnach said a registered welfare fund had been established by the council to help families experiencing financial problems.

He said families who could not afford to pay rent should approach social workers dealing with the fund at their administration offices.

"The fund has already spent R10 000 to pay for those in rent arrears. The money owed by families is paid by the fund directly to the council's treasurer and it is not to be refunded."

He said arrangements would be made for those evicted last week and this week to re-occupy their homes after they had paid the outstanding amounts.

A member of the Eldorado Park management committee, Mr Don Mateman, said two of the evicted families had already returned to their homes after paying.

He said some lived with friends and relatives while others slept in the open.

Others had their furniture removed and packed inside a hall in the township. They were told they would be given their belongings after paying.

They were also told they would have to pay an additional R1,90 each for transport to return the furniture to their homes, he said.

Memories remain as Sad Casa Mia tale ends

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BY DEENA SHAPIRO

THE Casa Mia Hotel is dying, but its people hunger on. The phones have been cut, the diningroom is shut, there's no service. But at least they can keep their bed — for the time being.

The old hotel — one of Johannesburg's best-known landmarks in Berea — has gone bankrupt.

Now it may be converted into flats to be sold by sectional title.

The people who have lived at the Casa Mia, some for the past 35 years, have been scattered.

Only a dozen — or it may be 20 — have clung to what's left of their home.

The management is letting them stay until tomorrow.

But it's not easy to move after so long.

Nor is it easy, in the twilight years, to uproot themselves and find a new home. So they hire beds — beds and a roof over the heads.

Little else.

They must go across the street for meals. They must even leave the building to make a telephone call.

One resident, Mrs M Erwine, describes the 'Casa Mia Story' as a sad one — a story of old friendships being broken up.

"There is no service. We are letting them stay in the rooms until the end of the month to give them a chance to find alternative accommodation."

Mr Venter said the furniture and other contents of the hotel would be sold by auction next month.

Mrs Erwine has not looked for another home because she was under the

impression that the hotel would be closed for only another month and then reopened under new management.

But Mr Venter dismissed this possibility.

"The deal is very much in the air. I can't say when it will be open again — but it won't be next month," he said.

Mr Venter said a Mr

McKenzie bought the hotel about a year ago.

Since then, business had deteriorated and it finally had to be liquidated.

A Sunday Express reporter and photographer visited the hotel to speak to the few remaining residents, but Mr Jack Sadowsky, one of the trustees from Schwartz and Venter, would not answer questions.

He also refused to allow interviews with residents. Questions were later answered by Mr Venter.

"Also, there is a shortage of accommodation. People have been coming to ask for rooms even though the hotel is closed," she said.

The future of the building — in Soper Road — is also uncertain.

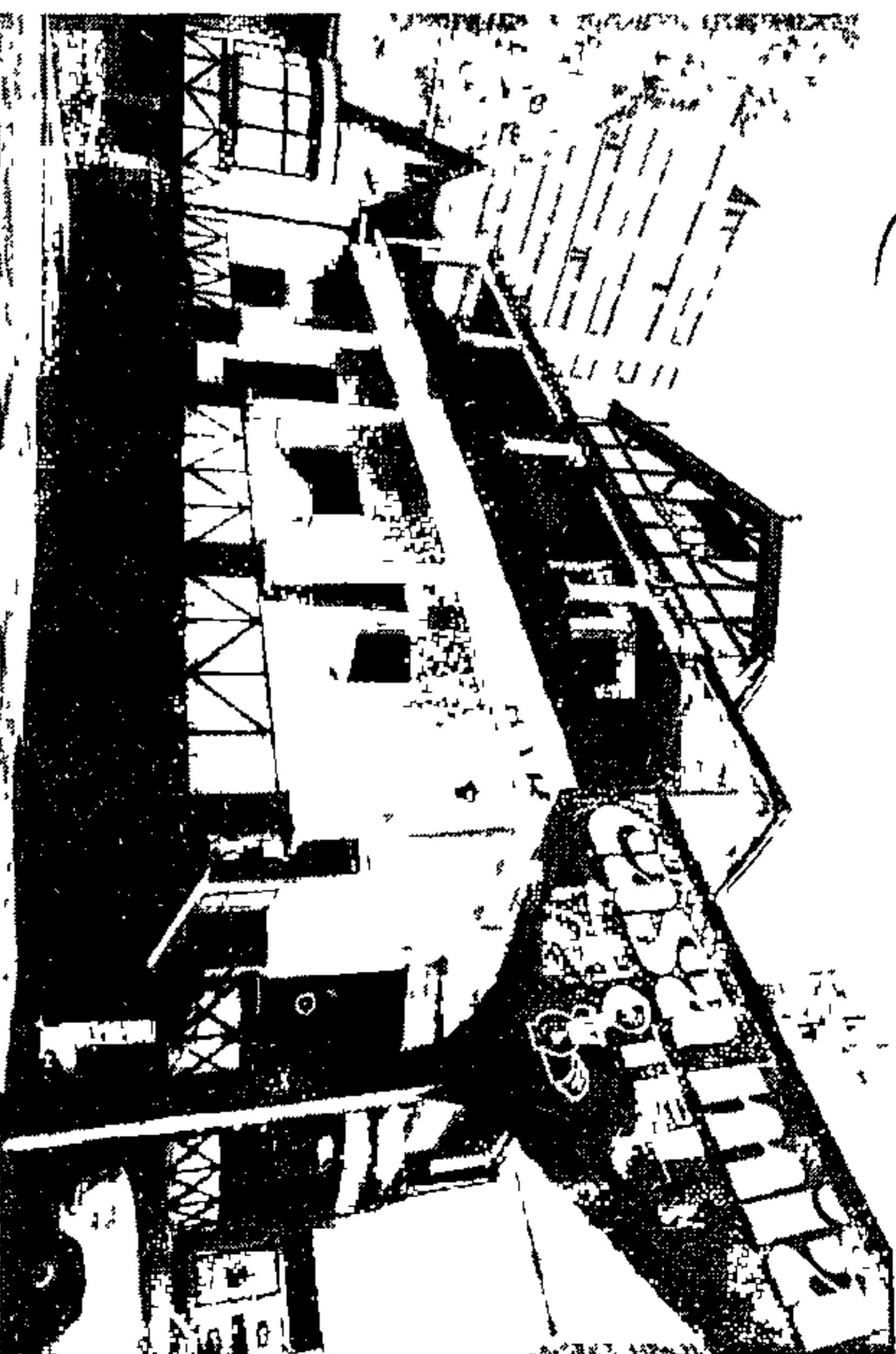
The hotel's buyers, it is believed, may sell the estimated 150 rooms as flats under sectional title.

According to Mr G Venter, of Schwartz and Venter Trustees and Liquidators, about R500 000 would be needed to renovate the R2-million hotel.

Although there are two likely buyers, no deal has yet been concluded, according to Mr Venter.

Meanwhile, a few residents remain in what is essentially a dead hotel.

"The residents are just hiring beds," Mr Venter said.



● The Casa Mia Hotel, one of Johannesburg's best-known landmarks, where the remaining residents hire beds — and go elsewhere for meals

