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Row disrupts CMC meeting

EAST LONDON — A row erupted in the Coloured Management Committee meeting yesterday following racial slurs

The rumpus started when a member of the Committee of 20, Mr Dale Murray, addressed the meeting on the social problems created through the removal of Duncan Village people to Buffalo Flats

He said gangsters were among the people, some people were not supposed to be there while others' lifestyles differed completely

A CMC member, Mr J Alexander, said he took exception to the people he represented being belittled

The chairman of the Committee of 20, Mr Boy Fritz, said if the CMC handled the allocation of houses, they would know where to place people as they knew the people and their backgrounds

"The CMC members know the people and how they live. The people differ. It is the same as the people of Milner Estate who differ from the people of Beacon Bay," he said

Mr Alexander said "I am disappointed today the way the people I represent have been belittled. Who made the 'kafir hottentots'? Our sons married 'kaffirs' and the people talking here today come out of the same



MR TEMMERS... appealed for calm

location I have lived in all my life "I don't want to hear about bad people. We all belong to God. Who is better?"

Another member of the Committee of 20, Mr J Barendse, objected to the use of racial terms and Mr Murray said he was sorry if he offended anybody but it was not meant to be so. He said he was merely highlighting a social problem which could not be ignored

The chairman of the CMC, Mr Johannes Temmers, appealed for calm and asked members not to let the good race relations built up over decades be destroyed in the heat of the moment

"This is a delicate matter. Mr Murray is raising but I am glad he has raised it. The people who make the laws must hear it. The whites at this meeting leave here for Bonnie Doon and don't know the problems they create," Mr Temmers said

"We have blacks in our community. There is no law which says we cannot inter-marry. The point raised about social problems is not unique. All communities have social problems

"I don't think Mr Murray meant it in a bad way. I grew up in Duncan Village and I know the problems. We told the housing officials confiden-

tially about these problems but were ignored. We told them about gangsters called the Mafia and that we did not want that element in our community. We must draw a line. That they exist is a fact"

He appealed for racial feelings not to be whipped up between blacks, Indians and coloureds

"This is the design of the white man. We lived peacefully with the Indians in North End and today we seem to be fighting. We have been led into this by the laws of the white man

The deputy chairman of the CMC, Mr Corrie Alexander, said it appeared the coloured community was being forced to become a shack-dwelling community

He said the Indians could have waited for more land and that there were not even 50 Indian families on the housing waiting list compared to the 2 000 coloureds

There were also several calls for the right to allocate houses to be restored to the CMC and the councillor with the housing portfolio, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, said she would move that this be done after the people in section 498 in Duncan Village were rehoused

She explained that this was the condition upon which the city council received R32 million from the Department of Community Development



MR ALEXANDER... disappointed that his voters are belittled

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Abolition of CMC called for

AST LONDON — A meeting of coloured residents here last night called for the abolition of the Coloured Management Committee

The meeting, held at the Parkside Hall, was organised by the Committee of 20

It was decided to send a petition to the East London City Council asking for the abolition and non-recognition of

the CMC

Approximately 500 people attended the meeting to discuss rents and the allocation of plots. Those present felt the CMC had not done what they expected from it

The chairman of the Committee of 20, Mr Boy Fritz, said his organisation was "here to stay" and that they were a pressure group who

would push the CMC and the city council until they were satisfied they were getting what they deserved

"Rents will have come down and the city council must stop using us as pawns in a chess game to accommodate other nationalities," he said

He emphasised his group were in no part associated with the CMC "We are a stronger and

more effective body which could get results if given the necessary support," Mr Fritz said

Mr Martin Fortuin, vice-chairman of the committee, said "We are an independent body here to help our people. We are part and parcel of our people and we know their hardships. That is why we are in a position to know what to aim for, not the CMC."

He said the Committee of 20 was not politically motivated but was established by the people of Duncan Village and acted on behalf of the coloured community

who did not want or could not afford to be moved to areas such as Vergenoeg (Buffalo Flats Extension II) "We feel we can do more than the CMC because they are told what to do by whites and are

puppets

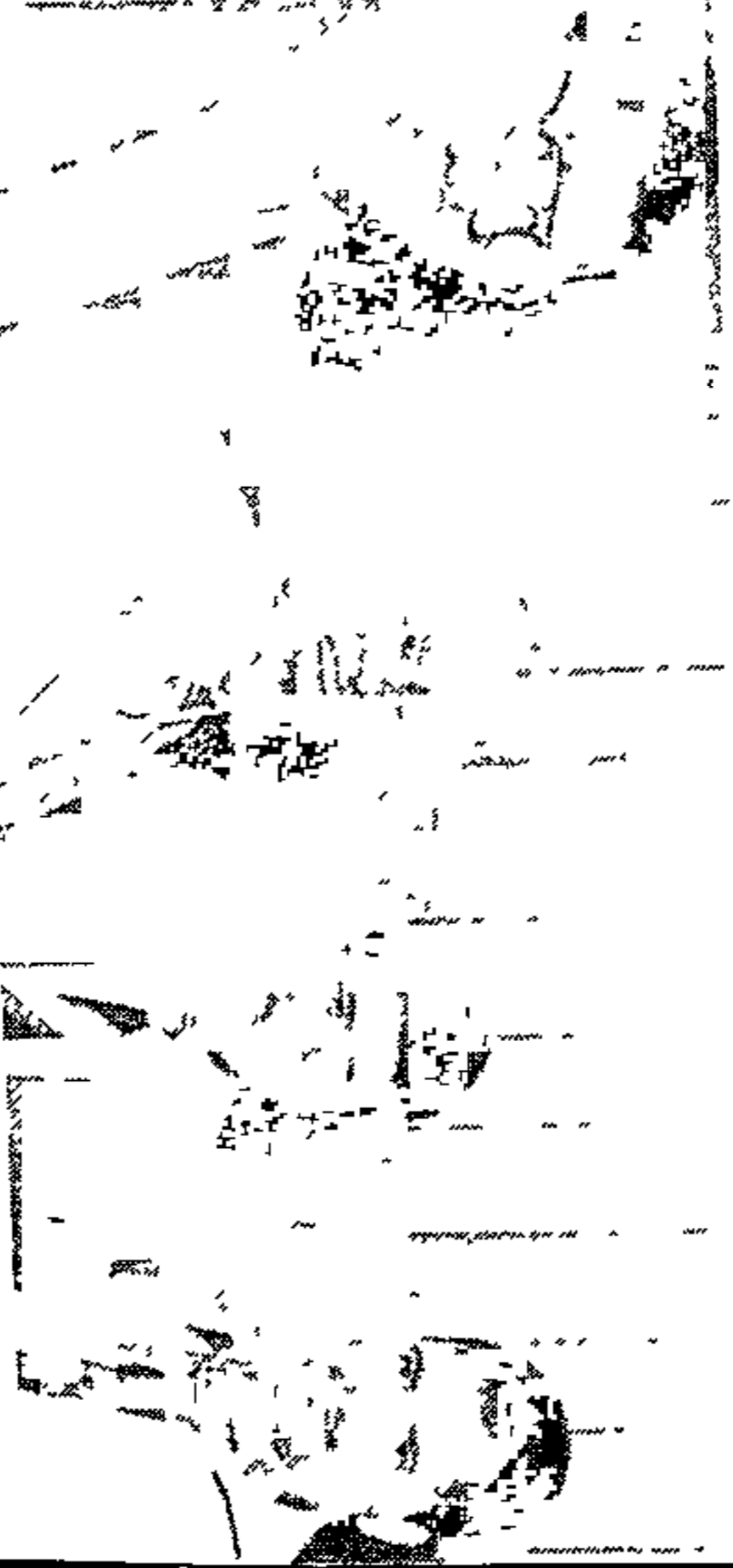
"The time has come for us to decide our future and it is not fair that we should not be able to have our own house or flat," he said "Why must we always be classed as second class citizens?"

"Why must we have to be satisfied with the little we get? — It is because the CMC have failed in their task. Mr Robin Botes, an additional member, said that a survey revealed that 101 houses in the area housed 600 people. There was an average

of three adults and three children per home with an average income of R212 per home, he said

This was broken down as R139 for food, R60 for furniture and HP items, transport costs, and R108 for rent "How do they expect people to come out?" he asked

People were previously paying only R29 rent in Duncan Village when the CMC said they could afford a rent increase to 25 per cent of their income. Now they are paying 59 per cent, he said — DDR



Speakers at a meeting in Parkside last night were, from left, Mr Martin Fortuin, Mr Boy Fritz, Mr Dale Murray and Mr Robin Botes.

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By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter
MINISTERS in the House of Representatives have introduced affirmative action programmes in which coloured people will be given preferential treatment when public service jobs in "own affairs" departments are allocated.

And the coloured Ministers have won praise from their peers for quickly dealing with social issues that have been previously bogged down in red tape for months.

On accepting conditional participation in the trilateral system, the leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, who is chairman of the Ministers' Council and a Cabinet Minister without a specific portfolio, made it clear that if the system was not seen to be able to "deliver the goods" within the first five years, "we will have to go back to our people for a fresh mandate".

Teachers

This week saw the five coloured Ministers settling in and coming to grips with their new powers

Coloureds push ahead in Own Affairs posts



Top educationist Mr Franklin Sonn, left, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, centre, and Mr Carter Ebrahim

The Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim, last week announced a new deal for married women teachers, which puts them immediately on a par with their male counterparts and with unmarried teachers — a move hailed by the teacher corps.

And this week he earned further praise from top educationist Mr Franklin Sonn, who said that if the system was not seen to be able to "deliver the goods" within the first five years, "we will have to go back to our people for a fresh mandate".

Mr Sonn said, had come to nothing after "literally months of fruitless and frustrated negotiation with the Director of Education, Mr A J Arendse".

Mr Ebrahim, after discussions with Utasa officials, has agreed to a committee consisting of their peers to hear accusations against colleagues.

Mr Hendrickse this week turned his attention to the interests of tens of thousands of public servants when he announced a Ministers' Council policy decision to give coloured public servants priority in appointments to "own affairs" posts.

This policy, said Mr Hendrickse, would be followed in cases where both white and

coloured applicants were equal on merit. Mr Hendrickse, however, dispelled scepticism that he was busy with a "colouredisation" programme, or intended to embark on a purge of serving white officials.

He described the new policy — formally submitted this week to Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, and to Mr F W de Klerk, Minister of National Education and Home Affairs, in the House of Assembly — as "affirmative action".

"Affirmative action," explained Mr Hendrickse, meant placing coloured civil servants in a better position to make themselves available for merit promotions to top posts by giving them the opportunity to gain experience or qualifications.

"We have already appointed a number of white officials and our policy must not be seen as depriving them in any way or as a rejection of what they have already achieved.

"There will be no witch-hunt. We do give this assurance to our white officials," Mr Hendrickse said.

On the other flank, Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, has reiterated his uncompromising stand against separate municipalities.

His Vow

He has vowed to demand funds from government coffers to rescue the broke coloured town of Pacaltsdorp, 18km from George, which he called "a failed government experiment with an apartheid local authority".

Mr Chris April, Minister of Health and Welfare, has also made his debut to executive level politics with a policy of social upliftment at grass-roots level.

He has declared "war" on poverty and made a public commitment to its eradication, and to bridge the gap between white and coloured old-age pensions "within five years".

After discussions with Cape Provincial Administration officials and certain Cabinet Ministers this week, Mr April announced that he had successfully negotiated for funds totalling R8.5-million to build three badly needed medical centres.

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Management committee system seen as flop

EAST LONDON — Among the proposals endorsed at the Cape Province Municipal Association's congress here yesterday was the abolishment of the management committee system.

At an earlier meeting of the executive committee, the association's action committee submitted a report that, with the exception of isolated cases the management committee system had failed.

The executive committee also accepted the proposed single voters' roll for whites, coloureds and Indians and that the delimitation of wards be carried out in such a way that, with regard to the different racial groups, all wards have equal rateable valuations, as far as possible. The principle that representation of the different groups on a

council must be proportionate to rates paid had to be maintained.

The committee also decided that two councillors should be elected for each ward for a total term of four years by the voters whose names appear on the voters' roll of each ward — one councillor to retire every second year.

The committee upheld the right of a community, or a minority group, to become an autonomous local authority at any time when the inhabitants of an area elected to do so or where the area was geographically situated in such a manner as to promote it.

A system of primary and regional councils was vigorously opposed as the association was not in favour of fragmentation of existing local authorities. Such a

step would be uneconomic and impractical and would result in a duplication of services. The association was convinced that the existing local government system was more effective than a regional local government system would be.

The proposals were "broad principles", which would be submitted to the Presidents' Council and details would be discussed after the President's Council had given its opinion, Dr Schlebusch said.

The following "thoughts" would also be submitted to the President's Council:

- That the possibility of establishing areas where the provisions of the Group Areas Act would not be applied and where academics, professional people and businessmen could be

accommodated be investigated.

These areas would be determined in consultation with the relevant local authority.

- The more indulgent use of the permit system as provided for in the Group Areas Act.

Following the endorsement of the proposals, Dr Schlebusch said it was time people realised South Africa needed to take steps in the right direction.

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There would have to be concessions from all sides, he added.

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At an earlier meeting of the action committee it was generally conceded that the system of voting which was in force prior to 1972 should be reintroduced. In terms of this system an occupier had one vote and an owner one vote, but where the owner occupied his own dwelling, his wife, or some other person nominated by him, would be considered the occupier.

In the preamble to the proposals it was pointed out that changes made to the systems of local government should not be radical but that an acceptable solution must be found which would recognise basic

human rights and human dignity.

- Thought had been mostly centred on the differences between the racial groups, but there were "contact-points" which indicated that, in the interest or orderliness, the present system should be adjusted.

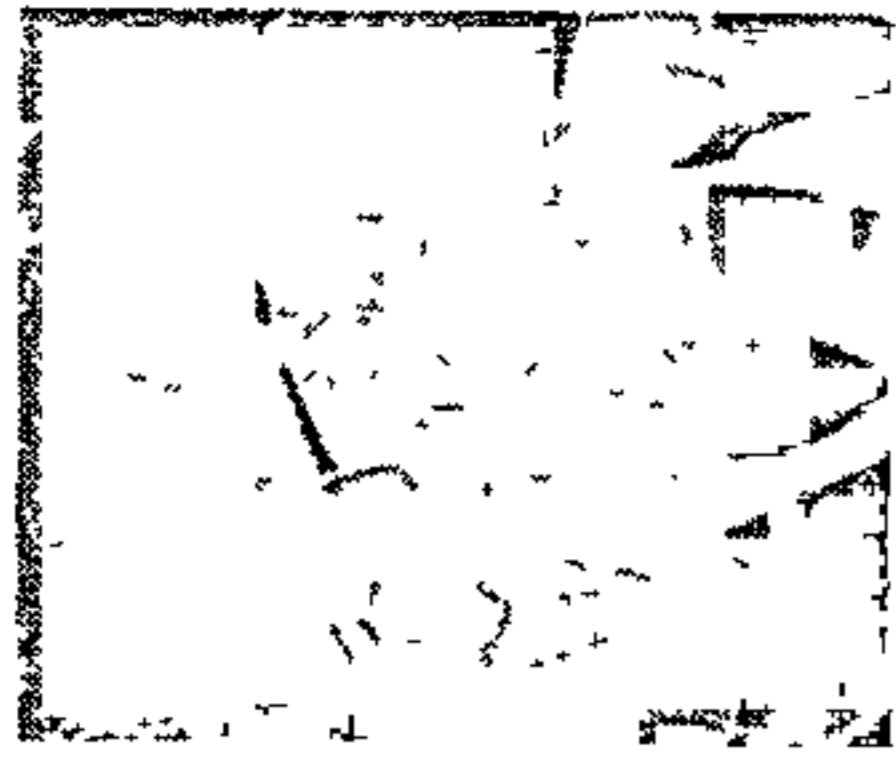
- The right of a say in local government by a person who made a contribution in the form of rates to the income of the local authority could not be ignored any longer.

The solution was therefore to be found in the principle of property ownership in the relevant local authority.

- Owners of fixed property, as direct ratepayers, guaranteed the expenditure of local authority and should therefore be entitled to a big-

ger say than lessees of property who were indirect ratepayers. However, lessees also contributed to local authority funds and were also entitled to a say in the decision making process by way of their voting rights.

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pared with occupiers irrespective of race

- Separate residential areas for the various races provided they were fairly allocated should remain because it must be acknowledged there were differences between people and at this stage friction between different racial groups must be avoided
- Any changes must be on the basis of evolution and not revolution. Therefore the present system should be adapted rather than replaced by a new unknown and untested system the preamble included

The report submitted to the association also urged that the training of local government officials of all races receive urgent attention and that "in-service training be stressed — DDR

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Sports grounds issue ⁽²⁵⁷⁾ to be ^{Post} debated ^{26/2/82}

Post Reporter

A GATHERING of representatives of the Eastern Province Council of Sports will meet next month to discuss the controversial "take-over" of sports fields by the Port Elizabeth Coloured Management Committee.

Epcos is affiliated to the non-racial South African Council on Sport (Sacos)

Mr Tennyson McKay, president of the Eastern Province Amateur Athletic Association, a body affiliated to Epcos, said sportsmen were determined not to negotiate with the CMC under any circumstances.

Sportsmen were, however, willing to consult with officials of the Port Elizabeth City Council who authorised the CMC to take over the control of sportsfields last year.

The "take-over" was the result of certain sportsmen complaining about the Sports Co-ordinating Committee's handling of the venues under their control.

Sportsmen opposed to the CMC were this week told that four options were open to them.

They could apply to the CMC to use the fields, thereby giving credibility to the CMC, they could use the fields without permission, they could continue to play where they were playing, or they need not play sport at all.

Man killed

Correspondent

A SOMETIMES rowdy crowd of 1 200 jammed the Gelvandale Community Hall last night to object to the "take-over" of sports fields by the Port Elizabeth Coloured Management Committee.

The meeting, called by the Sports Action Committee, was attended by various sports bodies, civic and student organisations, trade unions and members of the CMC.

The meeting unanimously condemned the management committee and community council system, and the "arbitrary take-over" of fields.

It criticised "dummy bodies" and called for an undivided non-racial democracy with full and equal rights for all.

All should strive for this, the meeting decided.

The president of the EP Council of Sport and chairman of the Sports Action Committee, Mr Raymond Uren, said there were four options open to non-racial sportsmen.

They could apply to the CMC to use the fields — and thereby give credibility to the CMC — or they could use the fields without permission.

Alternatively, they need

CMC sports fields 'grab' rejected

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not play sport at all or they could continue to play where they were playing at present.

The first speaker after Mr Uren was Mrs J Udemans, who said there was no need for either a CMC or an Indian Management Committee.

The answers lay in direct representation.

Politics could not be divorced from sport nor could civic matters, which affected everyone's daily lives.

Mr Mpumi Clibe, of the Motor Assembly and Component Workers' Union of South Africa, and a guest speaker, Mr Frank van der Horst, of the South African Council on Sport, called for united rejection of bodies such as the IMC, CMC and community councils.

Lukewarm reception to education inquiry

ARGUS 11/1/52 (257)

THE appointment by the Department of Internal Affairs of an independent committee of inquiry to investigate the reasons for the low pass rate in the coloured Senior Certificate examinations has met with a lukewarm reception from educationists.

Mr Franklin Sonn, president of the Union of Teachers' Associations of South Africa (Utasa), said the results were so alarming that anything to bring clarity on the matter should be welcomed.

It was also necessary to find ways and means to prevent a recurrence of the state of affairs, in which about 44 percent of candidates failed the examination.

Mr Sonn said it would have been a good idea to include a principal of a senior secondary school and a representative of Utasa on the committee of inquiry.

recent years become cynical about commissions and committees of inquiry

NOT NEEDED

'The reasons for the exam results are so well known that a committee of investigation is not really required' Dr Maurice said.

'All education in this country is shaped by the Government in power according to its ideology to serve the political purposes of the white minority.'

'Superior education is given to whites and inferior education is given to blacks.'

ON PANEL

Those appointed to the committee are Mr F S Robertson, former deputy director of education in the Cape; Professor C G Troskie, head of the department of mathematical statistics at UCT and Mr W Hendriks, chief inspector of education in the Department of Internal Affairs.

Dr Edgar Maurice, former headmaster of Harold Geyser High School said people had in

WELCOMED

The leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Alan Hendrickse said he had asked for an inquiry and so welcomed the appointment of the committee.

I hope it is going to cover as wide a ground as possible. It should look at the whole educational institution — the question of teacher qualifications, the teacher/pupil ratio, boycotts and the exam system.'

Protest at firing of teacher

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Education Reporter
A TEACHER at the Alexander Sinton High School in Athlone was dismissed last Wednesday after having worked for two days in preparation for the new term.
Mr Julian Marsh was telephoned at the school on the day pupils arrived to start classes and told by the Department of Internal Affairs (Coloured Education) that his services had been terminated.

The principal, Mr K Desai, had recommended that Mr Marsh continue to teach at the school.

At the school, 49 teachers have signed a protest against the department's action.

'We understand his appointment has been terminated on account of his absence from school in support of the popular stay-away on June 16 and 17.

'We can only deplore the actions of the department in victimising Mr Marsh in this way when we all share his sentiments. We are aware that he had been nominated to fill the post he held last year and find the reasons for the department's refusal to ratify the appointment quite unacceptable.

'We regard the department's current action as an attack on the teaching fraternity in general and demand Mr Marsh's unconditional reinstatement immediately.

NOT ACTIVIST

A colleague of Mr Marsh said the teacher had not stood out as a political activist.

'Like all other members of staff he felt strongly about the events surrounding June 16 and 17. Other teachers were disciplined for supposed misconduct, and the dismissal of Mr Marsh seems to be purely arbitrary.

'These arbitrary dismissals are specifically aimed at intimidating progressive teachers,' he said.

NUMBER

The firing of Mr Marsh brings the known number of firings, transfers and demotions of teachers in the Cape to seven. Many more are believed to have been dismissed.

The deputy-director general, the director and the deputy director of Coloured Education were all unavailable for comment.

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on 'strike'

teachers

Agents Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG
The Witwatersrand Council of Churches is disturbed because the Department of Internal Affairs (Coloured Affairs) has barred eight Johannesburg teachers from teaching. The eight stayed out on June 16 last year.

The vice-chairman, the Rev Cecil Boghie, said today 'We are investigating the matter because of the serious moral issues involved.'

'The churches are concerned about the crisis in education because it affects so many people.'

'It is a very sensitive area, and unless the necessary attention is given to it, it could have serious repercussions.'

Transfer of teachers

THE Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr J C Heunis, has contested a number of points made in a report in Weekend Argus on January 23 and in a subsequent sub-leader in The Argus on January 25.

The report and leader referred to the transfer of teachers to remote schools, allegedly because of their part in the June 16 stay-away last year.

Mr Heunis said this week

"It was stated in the report of January 23 that the 'Government has banished Mr Vincent Farrell.' 'Mr Farrell is one of at least six teachers who have been transferred away from their homes to remote places,' 'the moves are generally seen as victimisation for their part in the June 16 stayaway last year,' 'at least six people have been transferred for no apparent reason,' and 'last month, the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis assured the Labour Party that the Government would act with 'encumbrance and restraint' against teachers who faced disciplinary steps because of their alleged actions during the school boycotts."

EDUCATION

"It must be stated that the right to transfer a teacher rests with the Education Department and that Mr Farrell and the other teachers referred to were transferred by the education authorities.

"According to the Education Department, neither Mr Farrell nor anyone of the other teachers mentioned in the reports was transferred because of absence from duty on June 16 1981. Neither were disciplinary steps taken against them in this regard. According

to the department's records, the teachers referred to did not absent themselves from school on that day. In each case, the decision to transfer the teachers was taken because it was considered to be in the interest of education to do so.

COSTS

"As regards the alleged statements that Mr Farrell 'was told 10 days before the start of the new school term that he had been transferred to the primary school in Sutherland' and that 'so far the move has cost him about R600 and he has to pay rent of his home in Cape Town as well as the cost of board and lodging in Sutherland' it is correct that notice of his transfer was only given to Mr Farrell on January 7 1982.

This was the result of an unfortunate administrative delay in the handing over to him of a letter of notification dated November 30 1981. I am sincerely sorry that this happened. In terms of his conditions of service the department is responsible for the transport costs of his household, travelling costs for himself and his family, the payment of a subsistence allowance while travelling, abnormal subsistence allowance while travelling, first two months of his residence in the place to which he was transferred to an amount equal to the difference between his normal household expenses and his actual household expenses at his new headquarters expenditure in connection with the purchase of new school uniforms, motorcar number plates, and so on.

DENIES

"It would appear that Mr Farrell has incurred certain expenses in connection with his transfer out of own funds and the

assurance can be given that these expenses will be reimbursed to him in accordance with his conditions of service and on submission by him of the prescribed claim forms.

"As regards the alleged statement of Mr Farrell 'that I would spend a long time here and that I would never be allowed back to Cape Town' the Education Department emphatically denies that Mr Farrell was informed accordingly.

As regards the transfer of Mr Bastiaans 'from a high school in Paarl to a primary school' the position is that he was transferred in the interest of education but without any change in his conditions of service including his salary position.

"The statement that 'at a high school in Hanover Park, a principal has been demoted to the position of deputy' is completely untrue.

ABSENTED

"As regards the statement that 'in other incidents throughout the country, teachers who stayed away last year on June 16 in commemoration of the 1976 Soweto unrest, were charged with misconduct, refused bursaries or study leave and had pay deducted,' it is correct that certain teachers who absented themselves from duty on June 16, 1981 without satisfactory reason were granted special leave without pay.

"The Education Department holds the view and I agree, that these teachers have no claim on remuneration for services they did not render. The Director of Education however denies that any applications for bursaries were refused on the

grounds that teachers had temporary appointments have been disposed of in the regional office in an effort to support his request to remain in Cape Town. He was told Mr Farrell had been 'black-listed' and after his resignation he would never be taken against teachers but in general it is a political attitude which is believed to be the cause of the June 16 stayaway is the one action most of the teachers interviewed had in common.—Editor]

ARGUS 30/1/82

STATEMENT

I refer to my Press statement of December 30 1981 in which I said that in respect of teachers who were absent from duty on June 16 or 17, 1981 the department would act with circumspection and restraint. I pointed out that a number of teachers holding temporary appointments were excluded from terms of the Act' teaching in the department from January 1 1982.

When The Argus reported and leader appeared, I was absent from duty on June 16 and 17 of misconduct were brought against teachers who stayed away on those dates had been finalised. Since then, the cases of a number of these teachers have been cautioned in terms of the Act'.

Both June 16 and 17 were days on which people stayed away and Mr Farrell says he was absent on one of these days. He cannot remember which one. However, he thinks he is being 'punished' for his activities as Teachers' Action Committee leader.

Mr Farrell says his former principal approached and the sentiment surrounding it. The Weekend Argus report says the 'notes are generally seen' etc. There may be other reasons why action has been taken against teachers but in general it is a political attitude which is believed to be the cause of the June 16 stayaway is the one action most of the teachers interviewed had in common.—Editor]

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 For oral reply

Grosskopf Report

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

- (1) Whether the legislation referred to in his reply to Question No 25 on 5 August 1981 will be introduced during the current session, if so,
- (2) whether the Grosskopf Report will be made available to (a) members and (b) the public before such legislation is introduced, if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) It is the intention to introduce, during the current session, legislation as contemplated which will consist of
 - (a) a Black Local Authorities Bill,
 - (b) a Black Community Development Bill, and
 - (c) a Bill on Orderly Urbanization and Settlement

(2)(a) and (b) Because certain matters dealt with by the Grosskopf Report are still under consideration and it will not be possible to introduce the three Bills simultaneously, a decision on the availability of the Grosskopf Report will be taken when the Bills are finalized

Matrimonial property law

*3 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice

Whether he intends to introduce legislation during the current session to amend the matrimonial property law?

MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Matrimonial property law has been...
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 steps should be taken,
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South African Coloured Persons Council Act Q Col 2

*4 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Internal Affairs

Whether a decision on the repeal of the South African Coloured Persons Council Act, No 24 of 1980 excluding section 4 thereof as referred to in his replies to Question No 7 of 28 January 1981 and Question No 19 on 9 September 1981, has been taken, if not, when can a decision be expected, if so, what is the decision?

The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Yes I do not intend recommending members for appointment to the Council. In view of the provisions of section 1(4) the repeal of the Act is unnecessary. The hon member is also referred to the Laws of the Coloured Persons Representative Council Application Bill which appears on today's Order Paper

Committee of Inquiry into the Application of the Price Policy with regard to the Determination of Water Tariffs

*5 Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Environment Affairs

(1) Whether the Committee of Inquiry into the Application of the Price Policy with regard to the Determination of Water Tariffs under the chairmanship of Mr G C D Claassens has completed its investigations.

(2) whether the Committee has submitted a report, if not, when is it expected to report, if so,

(3) whether such report will be made

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chairman

Vereeniging Bureau

Papers were last night served on Councillor A J. "Skippie" Botha, chairman of the Management Committee of Vereeniging, and the town's member of the provincial council, to prevent him from standing in the coming municipal elections.

Councillor Botha was not available for comment today as he was in a meeting with the town clerk Mr John Roodt, who is the second respondent, having been the returning officer.

The papers were served on behalf of another candidate in Councillor Botha's ward, Mr L. C. Pietersen, in connection with an alleged irregularity on Councillor Botha's nomination form.

If Councillor Botha decides to contest the matter, there will be a hearing in Pretoria on Monday.

● The council last night said farewell to Councillor H L Engelbrecht who, with Councillor Botha, was the longest-serving councillor in the town.

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MP TOLD: 'HANDS OFF PRINCIPALS'

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PRINCIPALS cannot be held responsible for unrest at schools and their job should not be made any more difficult than it is at present, says the Union of Teachers' Associations of South Africa (Utasa).

The union made this observation after studying replies by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis said it was unmemorandum dealing with 'coloured' education

Referring to the unrest at schools last year, Mehunis said it was unfortunate that some principals were either unwilling or unable to take adequate steps against

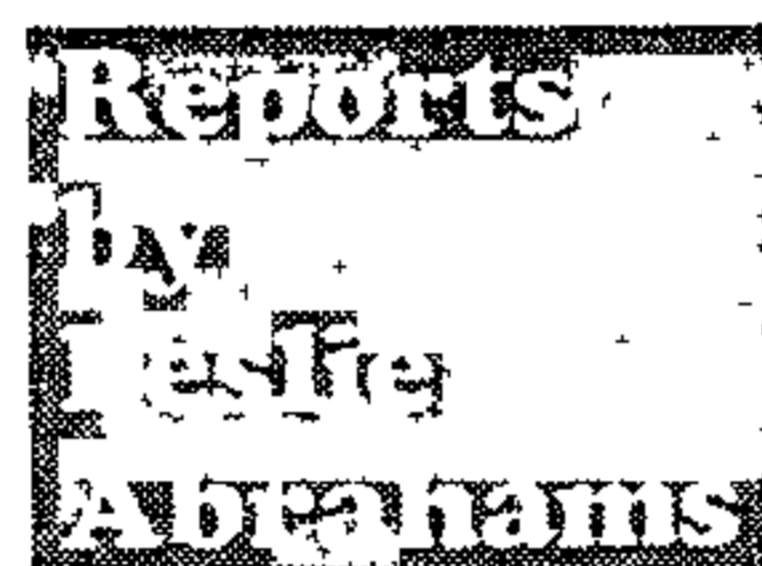
boycotting and disruption of classes, intimidation of pupils and defiance of authority

Utasa pointed out that it regularly conducts its own negotiations with the department concerned and obviously does not want to become embroiled in a political debate with the minister.

Utasa, added, however that principals cannot be held responsible for a situation of unrest which originated from factors beyond their control

DIFFICULT

Utasa said 'They have a difficult job under trying circumstances. As has been proven over and over again they, as true educationalists, always try to act in the



best interests of their pupils in particular and their community at large.

'It is fervently trusted that nothing will be done from any quarters to make their already invidious position more difficult'

The Labour Party in its memorandum said that the underlying cause of the breakdown in school discipline and authority was students' justified

grievances about the shortcomings of 'coloured' education

The party said: 'Principals are placed in an intolerable position where they are compelled by the authorities to suspend and expel students.

INSUBORDINATE

'If they refuse to act upon a departmental instruction no matter how good a reason they may have, they face the consequences of insubordination

'On the other hand, they incur the hostility of the students and parents if they do suspend and expel upon instruction'

The Labour Party urged the authorities under no circumstances to go over the heads of prin-

cipals or to compel them to act as 'agents'

Mr Heunis in turn, while conceding that pupils and teachers could have grievances about shortcomings in 'coloured' education, does not believe that these grievances led to the breakdown in school discipline

Grievances, 'whether real or imaginary,' he says, can be exploited by the 'subversive agitator'

The maintenance of discipline in the school, he said, rests mainly with the principal and the department merely gives support to his methods and provides him with the means of imposing disciplinary measures.

The department cannot, however, permit a breakdown of discipline, he added. Where it is obvious that principals are not maintaining proper discipline and no other authorised body steps in the department would of necessity have to take the steps itself.

If a principal found himself unable to discharge his duties and to accept his responsibilities, he should ask to be relieved of his post, in which case a replacement would be appointed

SYMPATHISE

Mr Heunis said. 'I sympathise with the principals, but they as leaders are often obliged to take unpopular measures in the interest of the general well-being

'They can associate themselves with the aspirations of their people without condoning lawless behaviour and actions harmful to the education of the children in their charge.

'Responsible leadership earns respect and the schools unrest must certainly have been difficult for principals, but at the same time it presented an opportunity for the demonstration of real leadership'

Action promised on education

THE Government has set about attending to various shortcomings in 'coloured' education

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, drew attention to the Government's efforts in a letter to the Labour Party.

Referring to the double shift classes caused by lack of classrooms, he said the Government had acknowledged a backlog in the provision of adequate and suitable educational facilities for the 'coloured' community.

The Government had set itself a goal of equivalent education for all population groups as soon as possible.

To achieve this, the Government had investigated accommodation needs country-wide and had programmed the necessary building needs, he said.

EXPANSION

In addition, the allocation of funds for expansions has been, almost doubled from R28-million

in the 1980/81 financial year to R55-million in the current year. Another R5-million has been added to offset spiralling building costs.

Complaints of a shortage of text books, class readers and of insufficient stationery, brought a reaction from Mr Heunis that the department was actually spending more on these items. Last year, he said, the allocation of each pupil was increased by 115 percent for books and 164 percent for stationery.

He said: 'No school should, therefore, experience any shortages of books and stationery in future, provided that the principal ensures that all books issued to pupils are returned at the end of the school year and that his allocations for books and

stationery are fully utilised as prescribed.

'Unfortunately many principals, in spite of written reminders, do not submit their requisitions for new books in time.

'By November 27, last year the requisitions of 100 primary schools and two secondary schools were still outstanding, in spite of frequent reminders.

'The same problems that are experienced with book requisitions are also experienced with the requisitioning of furniture, equipment and consumable requisites.

'Each school must submit its main annual requisitions by a fixed date. Although the last requisitions for 1981 should have reached the department not later than September 14, the requisitions

of 85 primary and two secondary schools were submitted only after October 1 last year.

'The steps taken by the department will not accomplish the objectives aimed at unless school principals make full use of the allocations and monies provided and place orders in time.'

SALARIES

Mr Heunis said that the programme for achieving parity in teachers' salaries was proceeding, while an inter-departmental committee was also looking into unsatisfactory salaries paid to teachers with Standard Eight and two years' professional training.

'We hope to obtain improved benefits for this large group of teachers,' he said.

Maintenance and repairs of schools are to be speeded up, while the improvement of school grounds and the provision of basic sports facilities at State expense was also receiving attention.

Coloureds

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Post Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Top-ranking generals in the Defence Force are urging the Government to grant voting rights to coloureds as the first step toward calling them up for national service, according to reports from reliable sources.

At present coloureds are exempt from compulsory national service. The reason, according to the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, is that they have no vote.

But the SADF is hoping to draw an additional 30 000 national servicemen from the coloured community every year, and a top military spokesman said "Our fighting men must all have the vote."

Apparently the plea for a fully-integrated national service system has been sympathetically received by Mr Botha and the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan.

As for the SADF as a whole, it is understood that not a single general was opposed to the moves to establish a mixed national army.

Political sources close to the President's Council say it is only a matter of time before the SADF becomes "totally integrated."

They believe a new political dispensation to enable the authorities to conscript coloureds for compulsory national service will be among the constitutional proposals the council will recommend next month, and that it will

be favourably received by all moderates across the colour line.

As a clear indication of Government thinking on the matter, the Prime Minister last week told a closed National Party information meeting in Pretoria that although coloureds had no vote in Parliament, the provincial councils or at municipal level, they were fighting for South Africa on the border.

He said people with a Christian attitude and a feeling for justice should help the coloureds feel they had not been deprived of their birthright.

"Do we need friends or not?" Mr Botha asked.

"Do you want coloured people fighting on the border or not?"

There were cries of "yes yes" from the 1 100-strong audience.

"We must treat them decently," Mr Botha said. "They must not go behind the backs of our sons to fight for the enemy."

Senior Army officers have said that under a new call-up system as many as 30 000 coloured recruits could be trained each year, which would dramatically increase the present whites-only intake of 30 000.

Military strategists say this would bring considerable relief to the white population, and provide a "strategically vital" boost to South Africa's troops in SWA/Namibia.

It would also increase the level of preparedness along the country's northern and eastern borders where, according to General Malan, the Russians are spearheading a power build-up for an ultimate conventional attack on South Africa.

The drafting of coloureds through sweeping changes to the call-up system may also enable the Government to drop some of the provisions in the Defence Act Amendment Bill which severely affect whites.

In terms of the Bill, tabled in Parliament last week, all South African men up to the age of 60 are liable for call-up and the period of national service for younger men is greatly extended.

One Defence Force source predicted that national service units would soon comprise whites, coloured Indians and Chinese, and the SADF would play a major part in bringing about political rights for other population groups.

• Already, coloured volunteers comprise 5% of the intake of national servicemen and many are manning minesweepers and other ships.

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Mixed voters' roll call under congress spotlight

EAST LONDON — A common municipal voters' roll and relaxation of the Group Areas Act will come under the spotlight at this year's annual congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA)

Delegates to the congress — which opens here on Monday — will be asked to vote on a proposal by the CPMA executive calling for sweeping changes to the present system of white-only representation in city council chambers

The proposal is likely to come under strong fire from conservative elements, with at least one municipality — from Hanover in the north-eastern Cape — opposing the suggestion

The CPMA executive has already drawn up detailed proposals which will be submitted to the President's Council if the congress gives its approval

These proposals call for a larger say in municipal affairs for coloureds and Indians who own property in Cape towns and cities

They also propose

- The abolition of the management committee system for coloureds and Indians,

- The division of local authority areas into wards,

- Representation of the different race groups in city and town council structures,

- The creation of a non-racial voters' roll "with uniform voting qualifications (where) owners and occupiers, irrespective of race, be enrolled as voters"

In terms of these proposals, one vote will be given to the owner of each rateable property, and one vote to the occupier

The executive committee also warns against granting superior rights to black community councils, but reserves comment on the position of urban blacks in local government

Two further "thoughts" have also been drawn up for consideration by the President's Council, if the proposals are approved by congress. They call for a "more indulgent use" of the permit system provided for in the Group Areas Act, and an investigation into whether areas "where the provisions of the Group Areas Act may not be applied" are possible

The Hanover delegation — made up of deputy mayor Mr B A Zurnamer and the town clerk, Mr J W Viljoen — has submitted a motion rejecting the executive committee's proposals and suggested its own ideas on constitutional changes in local government.

The ideas — drawn up by Mr Zurnamer — warn against creating "an artificial climate for integration at local authority level"

Mr Zurnamer said this would bring about "a climate of frustration and polarisation" and promote racial friction

Instead of integrating, Mr Zurnamer suggests the extension of the management committee system whereby these committees are given the same powers as white municipalities — but remain separate. He also pleads for the maintenance of the

Group Areas Act and calls for it to be extended to towns where it does not already apply

More than 420 delegates are expected to attend the congress to discuss the 120 proposals and motions on the agenda

After the CPMA executive meeting on Monday morning, the congress itself will be opened on Monday night by the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Eugene Louw. The Cape Corps Band from Cape Town will provide entertainment afterwards. The congress proper starts on Tuesday morning with discussion of the presidential address delivered on opening night.

After-hours entertainment has been laid on for delegates. More than 700 people will attend a cocktail party in the city hall on Tuesday night and a mammoth braai on the Orient Beach on Wednesday night.

Schools 'months without books'

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Education Reporter

EAST LONDON. — Angry delegates at the Cape Teachers' Professional Association conference here told yesterday of delays of up to nine months in the delivery of books, stationery and apparatus requisitioned from the Department of Internal Affairs.

During the session on monetary allocation and requisitions more than a dozen principals gave their requisition case histories.

A principal in Prieska ordered apparatus on August 28.

When the school opened, the items had not arrived and he drove 110 km to a school that had received its apparatus, having made the requisition in March.

He borrowed apparatus until April, when his order arrived.

Borrowed

A principal from Uppington ordered text books and stationery in January. The text books arrived but the stationery has still not arrived. He, too, borrowed stationery from a neighbouring school.

Other principals told of requisitions made on August 28 which had still not been attended to.

Mr V R Pitt, principal of Mitchell's Plain Senior Secondary School and one of the main speakers, said departmental quota lists were often outdated.

Expensive

This gave principals the task of buying stocks at a more expensive price than the allocation allowed for.

At new schools, teachers' handbooks and text books were ordered five days after school began.

The orders had to go through official channels, and the result was that pupils received their books during February "if they are lucky".

"You therefore have to control children who do not have work to do and this often has a negative effect on discipline right from the beginning," he said.

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Genadendal in an uproar

GENADENDAL had not seen anything like it for many years. Some of the young people could not recall anything similar. For days the village was abuzz with excitement.

The occasion was a meeting at the village's well-known Vanguard Hall. The hall was packed with some 300 locals, marking the first occasion in recent years that a meeting, other than a church occasion, had attracted so many people.

And the mood of the people was ugly. They were angry, suspicious and demanded explanations and action.

The cause of their grief was Genadendal's management board, an official body that is supposed to run the place. The board has fewer powers than a municipality but more than a management committee. It is designed to be autonomous.

"But it is a dummy body," declared the Rev D A Meyer, principal of the L R Schmidt Primary School.

"And its members are Government stooges and puppets," added the Rev Chris Wessels, the re-

TO MOST Capetonians the name Genadendal conjures up pleasant scenes of outstanding rustic beauty, peaceful living and a great place to spend holidays. Indeed, Genadendal is Nedersluis for Valley of Grace. But what few people realise is that beneath the apparent sleepy, peaceful atmosphere of this rural village there is widespread discontent. Cape Herald staffer, ANEEZ SALIE reports.

spected head of the local Moravian Church, to which 90 percent of the villagers belong.

The meeting was called by the board to explain to the village exactly what it had been up to in recent months.

However, the chairman, Mr Charles du Plessis did not attend. He told Cape Herald he was away on business in Durban on the day of the meeting, July 7.

URGENT

None of the other nine board members was prepared to take the chair. As a result urgent business could not be discussed officially.

The people went ahead, but without a chairman the meeting ended in a shambles.

Before the end there had been calls for a motion of no confidence in Mr du Plessis and his board. There had even been talk of a petition to demand the removal

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"Subsequently the land was split with the church retaining ownership of a large section which made up the north of the village. The people lived and worked in the rest which was then taken over by the State.

"Before the takeover by the Government, the church administered Genadendal. Since the mission station was established at Genadendal in 1737 the Moravian church had developed Genadendal to the extent that it had achieved international fame.

HORRIBLE

"Development continued down the centuries, but when the state took charge, everything came to a standstill. Today we can see the horrible results of this lack of development," said Mr Meyer.

"And the management board we have at present is merely aggravating the situation."

PROBLEMS

"Our problems are not recent ones but started way back in 1924," said Mr Meyer, who heads a school of 690 pupils.

"It is as around about that time that there was a split between the people and the Moravian church as to who owned the land. The people said the land was their's, handed down from their ancestors, the Hotten-

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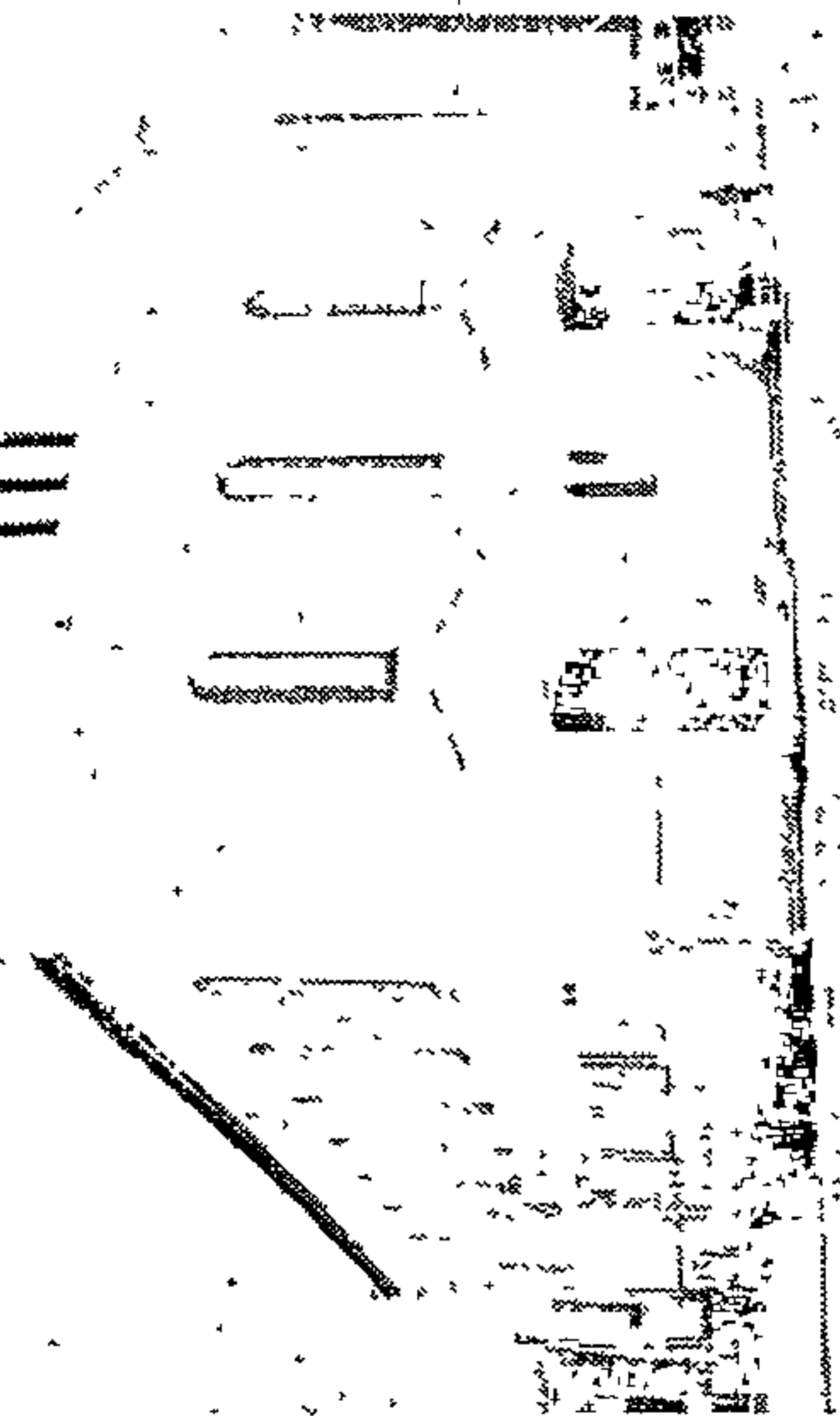
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Houses in a terrible state

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"Genadendal is actually a microcosm of the South African situation. As black people they have no say in the running of their lives or the planning of their village

"As black people their aspirations and outlook differs radically from their white rulers

POLITICAL

"With such a situation things can only go downhill. Therefore the solution to the problems of the people of Genadendal is political

"There must be fundamental political change. Anything else is mere patchwork"

Village to be developed soon - official

Genadendal is on the verge of being fully developed, according to Mr W S Grobbelaar, the Director of Rural Areas and Settlements of the Department of Internal Affairs

"For years the Genadendal Management Board refused to accept a town plan we had in mind, but last year the new board did

"With the board's approval of the plan I can safely say that we are just on the doorstep of getting things going in Genadendal," Mr Grobbelaar said

The plan makes provision for the erection of a new police station, post office, clinic and office block for the board

ROADS

New roads will be built and existing ones will be improved and widened. A few nursery schools will also be added

Several agricultural projects are in the pipeline, including a scheme to farm waterblommetjies.

"We intend to supply the whole of Cape Town with waterblommetjies from Genadendal," said Mr Grobbelaar.

His department is also to supply the money for the construction of five houses, which will be sold to residents

The money, made from the sale will go to the board which will use it for other projects or to build more houses

CRITICISED

But this new plan has been sharply criticised by residents in Genadendal and also by Mr Harold Wesso, a lecturer in the Geography and Environmental Studies Department at the University of the Western Cape

Mr Wesso and his students regularly visit Genadendal to conduct surveys and research. This is his sixth year of involvement with the village

"In a nutshell, the problem with the plan is that it was conceived by a few white officials, in Cape Town and imposed on the people

"They have taken Genadendal and made it fit the plan, instead of making the plan fit the place," Mr Wesso said

"When people rejected the plan, the Government merely sat back and no development took place. There was no attempt to change it to suit the people."

PROBLEMS

One of the problems with the plan is the building of new roads and the widening of existing ones

"This will destroy the beauty of the place but worst still, one of the new roads will cut straight across the people's farmland

"Also, houses are also going to be demolished to make way for the roads," Mr Wesso said

Another bone of contention is the site chosen for the new police station, clinic, post office and board office block

FARMLAND

It is situated on fertile farmland

When asked about these complaints, Mr Grobbelaar said: "People in these areas always complain. What they don't realise is that you cannot splash a town around like a pancake. There is only one central area and that is where everything must be built."

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COMMENT

Mr Grobbelaar then went on to comment generally on Genadendal

"Previously, the white superintendent was also the chairman of the board. Then, in 1979 the law changed and the superintendent was appointed merely in an advisory capacity. I don't know if that was such a good idea then as people were not capable of managing their own affairs

"Today a greater maturity has set in but the people still need help. We will gladly help"

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Why the people are livid

IN OUR interviews in Genadendal, several complaints were made by the residents. The chairman of the Genadendal Management Board, Mr Charles du Plessis declined to be interviewed to answer to these gripes. Cape Herald then contacted the Department of Internal Affairs where we spoke to Mr W S Grobbelaar, the Director, Rural Areas and Settlements, who answered the complaints (in italics) as follows.

● Mr W van der Merwe, the Internal Affairs superintendent at Genadendal is supposed to be answerable to the management board, but it appears that the board is answerable to him.

"That may be so, but then you must understand that we sent Mr van der Merwe there to sort out the huge problems of maladministration and the like which the board had. As such he played a bigger rôle than superintendants usually do."

● The Internal Affairs agricultural adviser, Mr I Moolman, is also acting as if he is not answerable to the board. He is inclined to have a typical white paternalistic attitude and can sometimes be described as downright racist. He has given precious little agricultural advice.

Mr Moolman has a diploma in agricultural science and has done a lot of good work in Genadendal. I know people are saying that he must be replaced by a black but then this black person must be suitably qualified. Up to this stage I have not found such a black person."

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Move to avert teacher shortage

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Staff Reporter
 THE Department of Internal Affairs yesterday signed an agreement with the universities of the Western Cape and Stellenbosch for the in-service training of secondary school mathematics and science teachers

It is an effort to avert the looming emergency situation of a shortage of mathematics and science teachers

Known as project Fistomast (Formal In-Service Training of Mathematics and Science Teachers), the project will improve the teaching abilities of teachers working for the department. The teachers will also be able to improve their qualifications in mathematics and science

The agreement was signed by the Director of Education, Mr A J Arendse, and the rectors of UWC and Stellenbosch, Professor Richard van der Ross and Professor Mike de Vries respectively, after negotiations lasting more than a year

The project will start in January 1983 and will last for 10 years at an estimated cost of R160 000 a year. Accommodation and travelling expenses of teachers attending winter and summer schools, compensation for lecturers offering the courses and administrative costs of the project are included

Teachers will be drawn from all over the country and training will last for two years. At the end of 1984, 60 qualified science and 30 mathematics teachers should be fully prepared for their tasks

The project will be controlled by a committee from the three authorities

Mr Jan Nel, a lecturer in mathematics at Stellenbosch University, will be the director of the project until 1984 and Mr Merlyn Mehl, a senior lecturer in physics at UWC and also the director of the recently-formed UWC Science Resources Centre, will act as deputy-director. Mr Mehl will be promoted to associate-professor from January

1983. Mr Nel and Mr Mehl will alternate the posts of director and deputy-director every two years

Professor Van der Ross said yesterday that he was pleased UWC could render a service through the schools to the community. The university had a direct interest in the project as "a substantial number" of pupils attended UWC, other universities and colleges after matriculating

"It is to everybody's advantage if they are better prepared in a world where mathematics and science play an ever-increasing role," he said

Professor De Vries said "I am pleased that our institute, with its know-how of in-service training for teachers, can avail it on a broader basis. By having a better-qualified teacher, you will inspire more people to study natural sciences and mathematics. It is also important that the two universities can cooperate"

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Pride comes to Haarlem

By Robin Parker.

HOUSEWIVES scooping muddy water from a channel in front of their crumbling homes were a common sight in the early morning in Haarlem, in the Langkloof

They had done it for more than a century since a German religious order, the Berlin Lutherans, established a mission station in this remote area of the Karoo

The people of Haarlem — now numbering about 2 000 — lived in crude clay-brick and mud homes, eking out a living from small plots by hawking fruit in the surrounding towns

WATER

There was no direct drinking-water supply, no sewerage system and limited employment opportunities.

Then, in 1979 the Department of Coloured Affairs stepped in with a project unique in South Africa which has seen the community make giant strides towards 20th-century living in only 36 months

The project centres on an Israeli Moshav farming concept

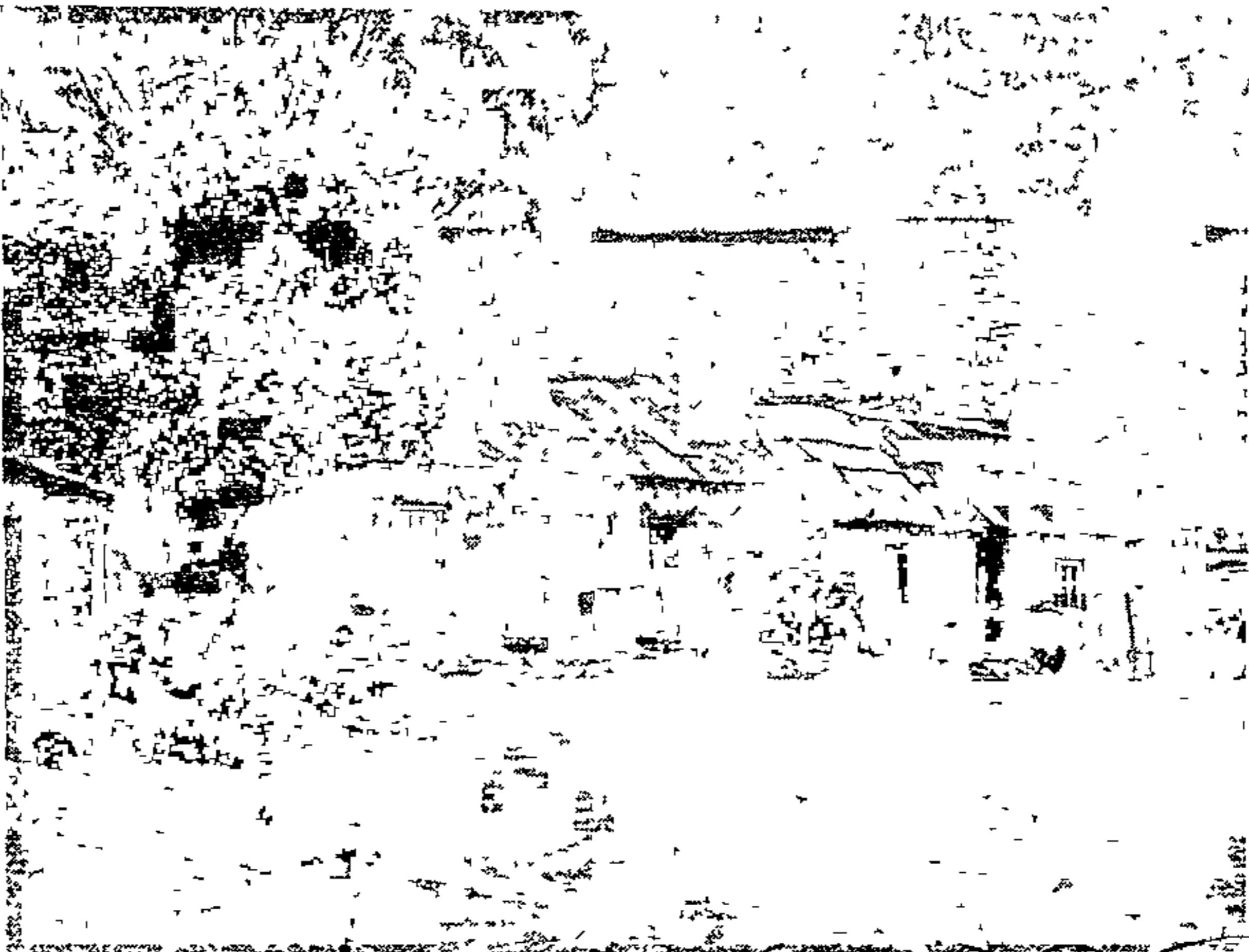
PROFIT

A farm, Anhalt, was bought for R216 000. Its value is now R750 000

The department handed the farm over to the town's management board, though a departmental representative oversees the operation

In its first year, the farm augmented the town's income by R7 500. After last season a tractor was bought for R14 000 from profits.

Besides seeing to its own needs the farm supplies services to small farmers — ploughing, spraying, packing and



The old

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and the new

marketing crops for a set fee

The system has given new pride to the town. Residents may draw on a fund to improve their homes, and thousands are being spent on improving roadways. Water has

been piped to each house, and among the board's projects are a tarred access road, electricity from Escom and water-borne sewerage

New houses have sprung up. The board of management is housed in

a new, imposing office block and there's a smile on most faces

The Anhalt project was a pilot scheme. Similar projects have got underway, but most are still in the fledgling stage

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R10-m boost for coloured schools

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Education Reporter

SCHOOLS under the Directorate of Coloured Education are to receive a 55 percent increase in monetary allocations from next year.

Mr A J Arendse, director of education under the Department of Internal Affairs, announced today that allocations to secondary and primary schools would be increased by R10-million to R28,4-million from 1983.

The money will be allocated to schools on a per capita basis for the purchase of stationery, textbooks and materials.

Increases in respect of stationery allocations include a 300 percent increase in allocations for Sub Standard A pupils. Schools will now receive R6,80 a pupil in Sub Standard A instead of R2,20.

MATERIALS

Standard 5 pupils will be allocated R15 each, which is an increase of R10,50, while schools will be allocated an additional R13,65 for each pupil in matric.

Additional allocations for text books and materials include an increase from 25 cents to R3,80 a pupil in junior primary classes and Standard 1.

Pupils in domestic science in standards 8 to 10 will receive R10,80 instead of R3,50 and woodwork pupils in standards 8 to 10 will receive R28 instead of R8.

Act No 46, 1983

RURAL COLOURED AREAS AMENDMENT ACT 1983

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

Words underlined with solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments

ACT

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To amend the Rural Coloured Areas Law, 1979, of the Coloured Persons Representative Council of the Republic of South Africa, so as to provide for the granting of farms in certain areas to certain persons, for the establishment of separate boards of management for portions of the areas of existing boards of management; for the payment of subsidies to boards of management, and for incidental matters.

(English text signed by the State President)
(Assented to 21 April 1983)

BE IT ENACTED by the State President and the House of Assembly of the Republic of South Africa, as follows —

Amendment of section 14 of Law 1 of 1979 of Coloured Persons Representative Council

1. Section 14 of the Rural Coloured Areas Law, 1979, of the Coloured Persons Representative Council of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter referred to as the principal Law), is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for subparagraph (v) of paragraph (d) of the following subparagraph
“(v) for an outer commonage being the remaining extent of the board area for the exclusive use in the prescribed manner of bona fide farmers or for subdivision into farms for the exclusive use of bona fide farmers,” , and

(b) by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (e)
“(eA) after an outer commonage has been subdivided into farms under paragraph (d) (v), grant each such farm at the request of the board of management concerned to a bona fide farmer, and upon payment of the ascertained costs of survey and the purchase price issue to him a deed of grant or deed of transfer in respect of the farm in accordance with such conditions as may be determined by the State President, which shall be incorporated in every subsequent title deed.” ,

Insertion of section 20A in Act 1 of 1979 of Coloured Persons Representative Council

2. The following section is hereby inserted in the principal Law after section 20

“Subdivision of board area
20A. (1) The designated member may at the request of a board of management, or if he deems it expedient, direct that a separate board of management be constituted in the prescribed manner for a portion of the area of an existing board of management
(2) Whenever a separate board of management has been so constituted—
(a) the powers and functions of the said existing board of management in respect of the said por-

Act No 47, 1983

COLOURED FARMERS ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT ACT 1983

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE.

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Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments

Words underlined with solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments

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ACT

To amend the Coloured Farmers Assistance Law, 1973, of the Coloured Persons Representative Council of the Republic of South Africa, so as to extend the powers of the Coloured Persons Agricultural Assistance Board; and to further regulate the rate at which interest shall be payable in respect of assistance rendered; and to provide for matters connected therewith

(Afrikaans text signed by the State President)
(Assented to 21 April 1983)

BE IT ENACTED by the State President and the House of Assembly of the Republic of South Africa, as follows —

Amendment of
section 7 of
Law 1 of 1973
of the Coloured
Persons Represent-
ative Council

1. Section 7 of the Coloured Farmers Assistance Law, 1973, of the Coloured Persons Representative Council of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection

“(1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (3) and (4) of this section and section 8 and the directions of the Board may, on application by any Coloured person—

(a) who carries on or undertakes to carry on farming operations to the satisfaction of the Board render assistance to such Coloured person on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine—

(i) by way of a loan for any purpose tending to safeguard or stimulate the farming industry,

(ii) by selling or letting to such Coloured person movable property of the State, or State land reserved for ownership or occupation by Coloured persons or administered as if it had been so reserved, which in the opinion of the Board is suitable for farming purposes,

(b) who carries on farming operations to the satisfaction of the Board, render assistance to such Coloured person on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine, by way of a subsidy or grant in respect of costs incurred by such Coloured person in connection with the construction of any soil conservation works or the performance of any act in compliance with a direction given by the designated member in connection therewith”.

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CARE-TIME
for 2/9/83

mobile school rooms

Education Reporter

THE Department of Coloured Education has awarded contracts worth R5-million for the construction of 349 mobile classrooms before the end of this financial year in a step toward eliminating the need for double-shift classes

A further R15-million will be spent over the next two financial years in an effort to supply mobile classrooms to take the load off all of the 1400 classrooms around the country that at present carry double shifts

Mr N Eales, press liaison officer for the Directorate of Coloured Education, said yesterday that the initial contract would supply classrooms at 55 schools around the country. It was expected that they would be supplied at a rate of 18 a week.

Temporary

Only three classrooms were required in the Wynberg region (which includes all Cape Flats schools) and 26 were required in the Bellville region, said Mr Eales

The department's intention was to abolish double shifts "as far as possible"

Mr Eales said the directorate was satisfied the mobile classrooms were "in no way inferior" to permanent ones, but emphasized that the mobile units would be provided on a temporary basis

Permanent classrooms would be built later

Inspector: 'My book essential'

BY MARTINE BARKER
Education Reporter

A SENIOR inspector of the Department of Coloured Education has told school principals it is "essential" that their pupils be provided with a drawing book he has patented and on which he earns royalties.

The book, called A Graphic Work Book, was patented in 1978 by Mr E P de Wet, the department's senior subject adviser in handicrafts.

Its pages are blank except for margins with millimetre markings printed on the edges.

Letter to principals

In January 1982 it was announced in the Education Bulletin that it had been placed on the department's list of approved books. The following month, Mr De Wet sent out a letter to principals asking them to note the book when ordering stationery for 1983.

"In order to carry out the requirements of the handicraft syllabuses for standards two to 10, it is essential that each child be supplied with a book," he said. He added it would no longer be necessary for teachers to make drawing books out of newsprint and cardboard.

At that stage Mr De Wet's book was priced at R1,45 — the book of newsprint and cardboard cost less than five cents.

In February this year, Mr De Wet sent another letter to principals in which he again said the book was "essential" and pointed out that changes in the system of allocating money made

it possible for them to order the book for 1984.

A principal, who did not wish to be named, said he still felt buying the book could not be justified in view of the department's tight budgeting in other areas. He pointed to the cost of other printed exercise books — a standard graph book, for example, is listed in the catalogue at 9c while a nature study book is listed at 34c.

Mr De Wet's book now costs R1,94.

In answer to a list of questions put to him by the Cape Times, the director of the department, Mr A J Arendse, said the committee which approved the book had sought Mr De Wet's opinion on it since he was senior adviser for the subject.

No answer

Mr Arendse was asked whether Mr De Wet had informed the department that he had designed the book and held the patent for it and whether this was recorded at meeting at which the book was approved. He did not answer these questions.

He said it was expected of a senior subject adviser to draw the attention of principals and teachers to new approaches, syllabus changes and teaching aids, "but not to be prescriptive in recommending books or teaching aids."

Mr De Wet said because he had "no jurisdiction" in the matter of the book's approval, questions should be directed "to the department."

Use of 'Graphic Book' defended

Education Reporter THE Director of Coloured Education, Mr A J Arendse, has said that the Graphic Work Book was approved for use in his department because it does away with the need for expensive and clumsy technical equipment.

The book contains 48 pages of white cartridge paper that are blank except for a margin printed down each of the four sides. The margins are marked off at one-millimetre intervals.

Teachers have objected to it on the grounds that if children are encouraged not to use the standard tools of technical drawing — drawing boards, T-squares, and set-squares — the purpose of the technical drawing syllabus is defeated.

Mr Arendse said in a letter to the Cape Times that the department felt children should learn to use the equipment but

its bulk and high cost counted against its use in Standards 2 to 4. The newsprint book made by teachers "although functional, often do not have scale measurements on each page."

Teachers have said that in this age group it is possible to justify giving children drawing paper with measured lines in exercises where they are being taught concepts rather than accuracy in drawing. For this, they say, ordinary ruled classroom books serve adequately.

Mr Arendse said children in Standards 5 and 6 used T-squares at school. For homework they used the Graphic Work Book.

Senior pupils were provided with all the equipment and the drawing book.

● Drawing boards, cost about R2 70 each and T-squares cost about R1 85.

Selection of whites 'unfair'

BY MARTINE BARKER
Education Reporter

THE Union of Teacher Associations of South Africa (Utasa) expressed its "strongest objection" to the Director of Coloured Education over the inclusion of only six coloured inspectors in a total of 31 whose appointments were announced recently.

The president of Utasa, Mr Franklin Sonn, said yesterday that at its quarterly meeting with the director on Friday the Utasa delegation described the appointments as "disgraceful and unfair".

The organization's stand on this matter did not conflict with its policies of non-racialism and promotion on merit, he said.

It was a practical question, as whites were entitled to apply for promotion posts in 11 education departments

in the country and it was unfair to have a majority of whites in the inspectorate of the only department open to coloured people.

Utasa also expressed its objection to the way selection criteria were implemented, Mr Sonn said.

It was unfair to judge the performance of a coloured school principal against that of a white principal when coloured principals faced huge problems not encountered by whites.

Parity

"We also object to being forced to have separate education and then still have whites bossing us around," he added.

Mr Sonn said the director had agreed to hold further talks with Utasa, the umbrella organization for coloured teacher associations. A Utasa national executive meeting held on Saturday had given him a mandate for a further meeting with the director.

"Mr Sonn said "good progress" was being made by the department in achieving parity of working conditions among married and unmarried women, although the matter was not yet finalized.

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Bleak scenario for City in 1990

By EVELYN VOSLOO
Municipal Reporter

A BLEAK scenario of a rapidly-increasing population, a critical housing shortage and long distances between industrial growth points and workers' residential areas by the year 1990 is projected for the Peninsula in a report released by the City Engineer's Department this week.

Called "People, Employment and Land in the Eighties", the report says its purpose is not to draw conclusions, but to "use available socio-economic and population data to define the nature and magnitude of the broad problems that will have to be faced"

Among its projections are that

- Between 187 000 and 277 000 job opportunities will have to be created in the Peninsula by 1990 for the extra 227 000 to 435 000 people who will be living here by then

- There are likely to be 98 800 more whites in the Peninsula by 1990, between 87 100 and 164 700 more blacks — depending on factors like changes in government policy — and 189 100 more coloured people

- Over and above the homes needed for these additional people, a fur-

ther 2 250ha of residential land will be needed for members of the coloured community currently living in overcrowded conditions

- Accommodation will have to be found for about 24 000 members of the black community presently not satisfactorily catered for

Black housing

The report does not envisage any problems in housing whites

On black housing it says

"It may be expected that between 2 750ha and 3 520ha of land will be needed to house the 1990 black population of the metropolitan area

"Assuming that the ideal of one household per dwelling unit is to be achieved by 1990, it will be necessary to provide no fewer than 46 100 houses by that date"

This becomes of special interest, the report says, in view of the government's stated policy of "consolidating" the entire black population of the Peninsula at Khayelitsha. To achieve this a minimum of about 46 000 or up to 60 000 houses, with all the infrastructure, will have to be provided

"Even if the population of Guguletu, Langa, Nyanga and Crossroads

are retained, housing for 23 000 people living elsewhere in 1980, with the expected addition of between 87 100 and 164 700 people, will have to be provided before 1990. This implies the provision of between 18 500 and 31 500 dwellings this decade

"If the policy of 'consolidation' at Khayelitsha is pursued, severe logistical problems as well as conditions of overcrowding are foreseen"

The report says, however, that the most urgent problems regarding land for housing may be expected for the coloured population

Atlantis

With the population of Atlantis, the Peninsula's coloured population was 805 000 in 1980 and was expected to grow to 994 100 by 1990 — an increase of about 189 100

The existing group areas, including Mitchells Plain, can accommodate another 59 000 people, the report says

"Therefore by 1990 additional land to accommodate about 130 000 people will have to be made available"

The report questions whether Atlantis, planned as a new growth point for the coloured population, will be able to absorb "the excess population of the Cape Flats" It estimates that the population of Atlantis will be 51 900 in 1990 and 194 700 in the year 2000. To accommodate the projected population increase, at least another 1 300ha of land will be needed for coloured housing

Apart from this, "it has been estimated that approximately 45 000 dwelling units are needed to eliminate conditions of overcrowding currently experienced in the Metropolitan Transport Area", the report says

"This means that over and above the housing for population growth, an additional minimum of 2 250 hectare will be required to house people currently living in conditions of sometimes extreme overcrowding"

More jobs needed

This means a total of about 3 550ha of additional land will be needed

The report estimates that between 187 000 and 277 000 additional jobs will have to be found by 1990, between 59 000 and 87 000 of them in manufacturing

It says only 2 186 hectares of the 3 907ha of zoned industrial land in the Metropolitan Transport Area was being used for that purpose in 1981

"The 1 721ha of undeveloped industrial zoned land could provide job opportunities for 120 470 people — about 28 569 whites, 81 575 coloureds and 10 326 blacks," it says

"The single largest concentration of undeveloped industrial land is in the Milnerton municipal area. The total area zoned in Milnerton is 882ha — 22,6 percent of all the Metropolitan Transport Area's industrially-zoned land — of which 568ha (or 33 percent) is as yet undeveloped."

The remoteness of this industrially-zoned land from the major coloured residential areas was "cause for concern"

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Mr D J N MALCOMESS Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, can we assume from his reply that neither the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs nor the State Oil Fund nor Sasol has in fact laid any charge with the Police or asked for any investigation of this matter?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, the hon member's question only asks whether the South African Police made an investigation, hence the reply which I gave the hon member I am aware of other investigations that were made I cannot say whether these include all the organizations to which the hon member is referring, but there are investigations that are being made by certain bodies or persons at Government level I am not personally aware of the extent thereof, I only know about them, but I cannot inform the hon member about them because they do not fall within my field

Mr D J N MALCOMESS Mr Speaker, further arising out of the reply of hon the Minister, can he inform the House whether, had any body or organization laid a charge or asked the Police to investigate, the answer to my question would have been "yes"?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, if any prejudiced person lays any charge with the South African Police which suggests that a crime of any kind has been committed, such charge will be duly investigated

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Indian voters
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*15 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Internal Affairs †

- (1) How many Indians are registered as voters at present,
- (2) whether his Department envisages attaining a higher registration figure, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps are contemplated in this regard and (b) when will the steps be taken?

The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

(1) 295 482 on 31 December 1983

(2) (a) and (b) This is a matter in which political parties normally take the initiative and the indications are that there is considerable interest to register as voters

Maj R SIVE Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, I should like to know whether he is going to utilize the population register as a basis for registering Asian voters

The MINISTER Mr Speaker, consideration is at present being given to this, and I plan to introduce legislation quite early in the session At that stage we shall be able to debate the issue fully At the moment it does not look as if we shall be able to use the population register in the same way as we have been able to use it for the purpose of the referendum We shall therefore in all probability rely solely on registration and the act of registration

Population register

*16 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Internal Affairs †

How many (a) Coloured persons and (b) Indians over the age of 18 years are included in the population register at present?

†The MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

(a) and (b) On 31 January 1984 1 043 490 and 335 671 respectively

Indian community: referendum

*17 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning †

Whether his Department received any representations from institutions and/or organizations in the Indian community regarding the holding of a referendum on

the proposed constitutional dispensation, if so, (a) from which institutions and/or organizations and (b) what was (i) the purpose of, and (ii) his reaction to, each of these representations?

THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Yes

(a) Various Indian persons, organizations and bodies

(b) (i) and (ii) I am still engaged in negotiations in this regard and consequently not in a position at this stage to express an opinion or take a standpoint regarding the matter

National parks

*18 Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Environment Affairs and Fisheries

Whether any additional areas of land were set aside for national parks in 1983, if so, (a) where and (b) what is the extent of each of these areas?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

Yes

(a) The Karoo National Park near Beaufort West

(b) 8 200 hectares

Handwritten: 3/2/84 Pelagic fish

*19 Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Environment Affairs and Fisheries

How many tonnes of (a) anchovy and pilchard and (b) non-quota pelagic fish were landed during the 1983 fishing season or during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

Particulars in respect of the two fishing seasons during 1983 are as follows

(a) 299 208 tonnes of anchovy and pilchards

(b) 77 307 tonnes other pelagic fish. May I add for the information of hon members that the season started on 15 January, and the information to date is that good catches of non-quota species are being recorded

Drakensberg: prospecting/mining operations

*20 Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Environment Affairs and Fisheries

(1) Whether he or his Department has received an application from (a) a person and/or (b) a company to conduct (i) prospecting and (ii) mining operations in the Drakensberg mountain range in Natal, if so, (aa) from which person and/or company and (bb) within which area,

(2) whether the application has been accepted to,

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

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

(1) (a) No

(i), (ii), (aa) and (bb) Fall away

(b) Yes

(1) Yes, but not prospecting in the true sense of the word

(aa) Southern Sphere Mining and Development Company (Pty) Ltd

(bb) Cathedral Peak, Monk's Cowl, Highmoor, Mkhomazi, Cobham and Garden Castle State forests, parts of which have already been declared wilderness areas or nature reserves or

which are to be declared as such

(ii) No

(aa) and (bb) Fall away

(2) No

(3) No. The attention of the hon member is however, drawn to a press release issued by the Departments of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Environment Affairs on 25 January 1984, a copy of which will be made available to him

For written reply

Television licences

28 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications

(a) How many television licences were issued in 1983 and (b) what was the amount collected in licence fees?

THE MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(a) 1 794 077, and

(b) R71 741 946,92. This amount includes penalties paid in respect of late renewals

Sandton, Reserve Police Force

32 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) How many persons joined the Reserve Police Force in Sandton in 1983,

(2) how many reservists (a) retired and (b) dropped out from the Reserve Force in that year?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) 18 persons

(2) (a) None

(b) 11

Detainees

51 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) How many persons are detained at present under section 29(1) of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982,

(2) whether any such persons have been detained for longer than three months, if so, (a) how many and (b) for what period in each case?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) 21 persons as on 31 January 1984

(2) No

Detainees

58 Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Law and Order.

(1) Whether any detainees are hospitalized at present, if so, (a) how many and (b) for what reasons,

(2) whether hospitalized detainees may be visited by their relatives, if not why not, if so, how often?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) No

(2) Falls away

Police salaries

Mr D J N MALCOMMESS asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether he will reconsider his decision regarding questions on police salaries, if not, why not, if so, what are the rates of pay for (a) White, (b) Coloured, (c) Asian

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'No pay cheques for many teachers since December'

By MAGGIE ROWLEY
Education Reporter

MANY teachers at coloured schools in the Peninsula, who have not received salary cheques since early December, are existing on loans

The Directorate of Coloured Education, which falls under the Department of Internal Affairs, has blamed the delay in salary payments on principals, saying they did not submit the necessary documents according to the department's instructions

Teachers interviewed at 12 schools in the Peninsula claimed an average of five members on each staff had not received their salaries at the end of January. Most received their cheque for December on the last day of school last year

NEW APPLICATIONS

They said it was not only new appointees — whose salaries take six weeks to come through — who had been affected, but also teachers who had been at the same schools for years

The major problem appears to lie with temporary teachers who have to renew their applications each year

Those who were on temporary staff who had not yet received their salaries said they had submitted their application forms to their principals last year to avoid late payment



Mr Franklin Sonn

'Bring those responsible to book'

Education Reporter

THE PRESIDENT of the 20 000-strong Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA), Mr Franklin Sonn, has called on the Department of Internal Affairs to "bring to book" those responsible for delaying the payment of teachers' salaries

Mr Sonn said the CTPA had taken the matter up with the department on a number of occasions recently

He said he did not think the fault lay solely with the principals

All the teachers interviewed said they had been borrowing money to get through this month

Another teacher, with five years' service, said

owing to "bureaucratic bungles" she had not received her salary cheque on four occasions

"The beginning of last year was the worst. I did not get paid a full salary for the whole first term. Apparently the department did not have copies of my BA degree and Higher Education Diploma, although I handed them to the headmaster the first week I was there

"Consequently, I was paid about R200 a month, which is the salary given to a school-leaver with a senior certificate. I resigned at the end of the term as I could not live on that salary, and only after another couple of weeks and many hours at the department did I get my money"

Mr Noel Eales, press liaison officer for the Directorate of Coloured Education, said it was the department's objective to pay all teachers' salaries timeously "as far as it is practically possible"

"To ensure that its objective is reached, the directorate arranged as far back as 1982 that documents for the appointment of temporary teachers be dispatched direct to head office," he said

He said departmental instructions were directed to all school principals on November 7 1983 and again on November 30

Heads against school closure

Staff Reporters

PRINCIPALS in the Athlone school circuit have come out in support of parents and teachers at Thornton Road Primary School in Crawford who are fighting against the closure of the school in July

The principals fear that their schools might also be forced to close

The parents and teachers were informed this week that the school, which is 44 years old, would be closed from July 1 to accommodate a new Athlone Regional Education Office for the Directorate of Coloured Education in

the Department of Internal Affairs

"All the principals of schools in the area fully support attempts by the parents and staff at Thornton Road Primary School not to have the school closed," Mr Henry Joubert, chairman of the Athlone and District Principals' Association, said yesterday

"And if it has to be closed, why in the middle of the year? We find that educationally unsound for the pupils," he said

"The Athlone and District Principals' Association is against the closure because some of the principals also feel

threatened by 'his sword hanging over their heads. If this one school is closed because of low enrolment, their schools could be the next to be closed by the Directorate of Education"

Parents had been asked to choose other schools for their children. Alternatives given were Belthorn Primary School, St Mark's EC School, Sunnyside Primary School and Habibia Primary School

Inquiries yesterday disclosed that at least two of these schools would be able to accommodate pupils from Thornton Road Primary

● The Cape Teachers' Professional Association is to make immediate representations to the Directorate of Coloured Education on the proposed closure of the school

Yesterday Mr Franklin Sonn, president of the CTPA, said his organization would work "to ensure that the position and feeling of parents" was respected and that "a mutually-acceptable solution" was arrived at

The dismay of the CTPA was heightened by the fact that at a day-long meeting between the Union of Teachers' Associations (to which the CTPA is affiliated) and the Director of Coloured Education, no mention was made of the department's decision

Mr Sonn said comments reportedly made by the directorate's press liaison officer smacked of "high-handedness and a disregard for the feelings of parents"

"The CTPA regrets the closing of a prestigious school like Thornton Road Primary, which has built up its own traditions over many years," he said

Pupils trap, hose teachers

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PORT ELIZABETH — Humansdorp police were called in on Tuesday to disperse about 450 shouting and jeering pupils of Humansdorp Senior Secondary School who trapped 10 white women teachers in an office and trained firehoses on them. No body was injured.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, yesterday confirmed that teargas was used outside the school to disperse the crowd, some of whom were in the building.

He said that shortly before school broke up for the day, about 450 children gathered in the building and in the school grounds.

Gates locked

The gates were locked — it is believed by schoolchildren — and the 10 women teachers could not get their cars out of the grounds.

The teachers were then effectively trapped in the building by the pupils and were in an office when firehoses were turned on them.

The principal, Mr R Kroutz, telephoned the police, who forced the gates open.

Stones were thrown at the police vehicles, breaking the wind-screen of one.

Colonel Van Rooyen said several pupils were gathered outside and the police used teargas to disperse them.

The teachers were then escorted out of the grounds by the police.

Colonel Van Rooyen said nobody had been arrested and he denied that police were holding an unnamed girl and a youth, reportedly missing yesterday.

Defuse

It is believed the Chief Inspector of Coloured Schools in the Eastern Cape, Mr H J E Jansen, travelled to Humansdorp on Tuesday night to hold talks with the teachers in an attempt to defuse the situation.

There were no white teachers at the school yesterday. Although other teachers arrived, pupils gathered in the school grounds and did not attend classes.

Attitude

Mrs J G Mackay, of Humansdorp, the mother-in-law of one of the women teachers, Mrs Derene Mackay, said her daughter-in-law, who had been teaching at the school for three years, would not return unless certain conditions were complied with by the department — an attitude adopted by all the white teachers at the school — Sapa.

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Teachers reject call on sport

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From MARTINE BARKER

GEORGE — The Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA) has rejected a call for schools to hand over control of their sports policies to the Department of Internal Affairs.

A resolution calling for financial and policy control to be placed in the hands of the department was rejected by a massive majority of the conference.

The call came from the Oudtshoorn branch, where school sport has come to a standstill following tensions between schools affiliated to the South African Council on Sport (Sacos) and the South African Rugby Federation.

In a second resolution outlining their reasons for rejecting the call, delegates reaffirmed the right of schools to choose their own sporting affiliations.

The executive committee is to work with the Oudtshoorn branch to seek a solution to the

area's specific crisis.

Problems in the area were not common to the rest of SA, where the vast majority of coloured schools were affiliated to Sacos.

The conference also urgently called on the department to improve school sports facilities.

The conference endorsed the executive committee's stand that:

- There were vast differences in the political/sporting attitudes and strategies of members.

- They had not participated in formulating the standpoints held by various sports bodies.

- The CTPA was a teacher organization and could not be subservient to the aims of organizations with other priorities.

Before the debate, Mr Franklin Sonn, president of the CTPA, warned that the issue could split the organization and urged delegates to treat it with caution.

Tensions between Sacos and the Federation stem from differing policies regarding sport and politics.

Sacos believes there can be "no normal sport in an abnormal society" and its affiliates do not compete against non-affiliates.

The federation does not believe politics should enter the sporting arena.

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Role of management committees spelt out

Staff Reporter

MANAGEMENT committees will in future have a "direct say in the decision-making process" at local government level, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, said

In an interview this week Mr Curry spelled out some of the details of how the latest provisions of the Local Government Affairs Act will be promulgated in the next fortnight

This followed the announcement by the Minister of Community Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, last week of a plan to improve communication between local authorities and coloured and Indian management committees

Mr Curry said the implementation of the plan is to be announced in the Government Gazette

"Previously management committees had only an advisory capacity, now they will be part of the policy-making process," he said

Local authorities operating on the committee or the portfolio system will not be able to exclude management committees now, since they will be entitled by law to participate, Mr Curry said



Mr David Curry

"Housing, for example, which will now be an own affair, will now no longer legally be in the sovereign control of the City Council for example. They (the City Council) will only be able to formulate policy for whites"

"Coloured and Indian management committees will form their own liaison committees on a particular issue or be able to serve on the standing committees of local councils"

A joint committee for "general affairs" will be formed consisting of both local government members and those from the management com-

mittees, Mr Curry added
□ Budget proposals will be jointly considered by the management committee concerned and the local authority 14 days before they are to be submitted, according to a draft copy of the new regulations

□ Disputes will be settled on application to the Administrator-General, whose decision will be final

The move is considered to be a major step towards the goal of establishing a local authority based on non-racialism, Mr Curry said The Labour Party would also like to see black community councils brought into the ambit of the new regulations "This will have to come about in order to cut costs," he said

Although he understood the non-racial approach of civic bodies and ratepayer's associations, they will not be able to participate in this "important" local government process, he added.

Mr Joe Adams, city administrator and assistant town clerk, has confirmed that in the light of both Mr Heunis' statement and Mr Curry's explanation, his council was aware of the latest move However, no further information had been received, he said

(Report by E Moosa, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town)

PUBLIC SECTOR-GOVT.-COLOURED AFFAIRS

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- 1.3.CB Asst Refers to corrugated board and container assistants. Qualifying period 4 years until January 1975; thereafter 2 years. 2.3.CM Operator Refers to operator of single-faced corrugated machine
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 - 1.4.Mch Adjuster Refers to machine adjuster. Qualifying period 2 years until January 1978; thereafter one year.
 - 2.4.Fibre Cnt Ast Refers to fibre container assistant. Qualifying period 3 years until January 1978; thereafter two years.
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 - 1.5.PSM Atd Refers to paper sack machine attendant.
 - 2.5.PSM Asst Refers to paper sack machine assistant. Qualifying period 2 years.
- Flexible Packaging Section (Prefix 6)
 - 1.6.Packaging Asst Refers to Packaging Assistant; qualifying period 2 years.
 - 2.6.Tape Printer Qualifying period 3 years.
 - 3.6.FF Originator Refers to flexible packaging originator. New job category introduced in November 1983.
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 - 1.7.Screen Asst Qualifying period 18 months.
 - 2.7.Man Operator Refers to qualified Screen Printing manual operator. Qualifying period 18 months.
 - 3.7.Mach Op Refers to Screen Printing machine operator. Qualifying period 18 months.
 - 4.7.Stencil Maker Qualifying period 18 months.

Another row brews over 'white' jobs

(257) By HENRY LUDSKI *S. Times* 13/11/85

MINISTER of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives Mr Carter Ebrahim is involved in another wrangle with a top official of his department over the appointment of whites.

Since taking office a few months ago, the Minister has come out strongly in favour of appointing qualified coloured people to posts previously filled by whites.

The latest clash between the Minister and Director of the Department of Education and Culture Mr A J Arendse is understood to centre around the appointment of a new deputy director of planning in the education department, a post which was to have been filled by January 1.

Favours

It is understood, also, that Mr Arendse favours the appointment of Chief Inspector Mr G Visser for the post.

This has again put him in open confrontation with the Minister, who has indicated that he is determined to push ahead with the appointment of suitably-qualified coloured educators.

Neither Mr Arendse nor Mr Carter would comment on the controversy this week.

Mr Noel Eales, liaison officer for the Department of Education and Culture, House of Representatives, would say only that the issue "has not been finalised".

Statement

A spokesman for Mr Ebrahim said the matter had not been finalised and the Minister would release a statement within the next few days.

Mr Arendse sparked off the controversy last month by appointing a white educator, Mr S T Hamilton, as principal of the Athlone Technical College.

Mr Hamilton is deputy principal at the college. Staff of the college petitioned Mr Ebrahim against his appointment through the Cape Teachers Professional Association (CTPA).

The Minister then set aside the decision, saying the appointment had been made without his knowledge.

It is understood that, on the recommendation of CTPA representatives, Mr Ebrahim favoured the appointment of Mr E Beukes, of the Peninsula Technikon, as college principal.

Although neither parties would comment this

week it is understood relations between Mr Arendse and his new boss are "very strained".

At the recent Labour Party congress in Kimberley Mr Ebrahim reiterated the party's "affirmative action" policy which covers the issue of appointments.

He said "Our qualified people are being, and are going to be, pushed ahead".

He said this did not mean whites would be fired.

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Teachers plan new 'progressive' body

Staff Reporter

DELEGATES from 70 teaching institutions in the Western Cape have resolved to form a new progressive teachers' organization to play "an effective and meaningful educative role in the struggle for liberation"

The recently formed Teachers' Interim Co-ordinating Committee, which claims support among the majority of teachers and lecturers in 70 schools and tertiary educational institutions, met last week to discuss ways of responding to the current crisis in the country, and particularly in education. They resolved:

- To unite progressive educators in order to co-ordinate united action to defend students, teachers and lecturers from any form of victimization, intimidation or arrest, and
- To support the stand taken by pupils in their fight against separate and inferior education

Transfer

"We denounce the action of the State, police and army in their brutal treatment of our people, the killing of innocent children and the attack on the right of the oppressed to organize themselves," the committee said in a statement released yesterday

"The transfer of Mrs Galant, the recent arrest of Mr Zunaid Dharsey and the victimization of teachers at Rylands High School by the Department of Indian Education, and victimization by other education departments, will not go unchallenged

"We note with contempt the arrest of 30 students from Fezeka High School as well as the detention of teacher Mr Yusuf Adam and student leaders Mr Victor Steyn and Mr Russell

CAPE TOWN — The Cape Peninsula's 465 coloured schools will reopen for normal use tomorrow, the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, announced in Cape Town today

The announcement will have little immediate impact because schools close today for the week-long September holidays

Mr Ebrahim said in a statement that "normal educational programmes," including school holidays, would be restored from tomorrow

All 465 coloured schools in the Peninsula were closed on Mr Ebrahim's instruction on September 6 after classes had been disrupted and boycotted. Subsequently Mr Ebrahim said the schools would "probably" be reopened on October 1

From tomorrow the use of school buildings for educational purposes and parent meetings during the holidays would be left to the discretion of principals, he said

The department would make an announcement "as soon as possible" about schools where September exams had not been written

Since the closure of the schools during the current wave of unrest, Mr Ebrahim has held discussions with education authorities and parent bodies

A number of points had emerged

- Parents and control bodies of educational institutions were deeply concerned about the continuous disruption in the normal educational programmes of pupils. They were now prepared to accept their responsibility to ensure their children would proceed "in an orderly and disciplined manner" with normal educational work when schools reopened

Schools in Cape area to reopen

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- Rectors of training colleges and principals believed that with the assistance of teachers, parents and pupils, they would be able to maintain order and discipline and could ensure the safety of children

- It was "heartening" to note that many students and pupils were extremely concerned about their future and would do all in their power to eliminate the backlog which had accumulated in their work. They had pledged to do everything possible to prepare themselves for the final examinations

Meanwhile a police inquiry into allegations of brutality in Peninsula residential areas has been broadened with the appointment of Colonel Nick Acker, deputy detective chief of the Western Cape police division, as head of the investigation team

Initially Colonel H Schreuder, Athlone's district commandant, was appointed to investigate

the claims of police brutality in Valhalla Park on Wednesday, but he was unable to probe similar complaints in Elsies River as the suburb fell in a different police district

Appointment of an officer at divisional level means the investigating team can operate in all police districts

A Progressive Federal Party team independently monitoring the widespread brutality allegations will pass on evidence to the police investigators

A member of the PFP group, Mr Tian van der Merwe, MP for Green Point, said police had appointed a senior officer to liaise with the PFP after a meeting between Mr Colin Eglin, MP for Sea Point, and Brigadier C A Swart, acting divisional commissioner in the Western Cape

Mr Eglin also had discussions with Major-General Dirk Genis of Pretoria police headquarters

— Sapa

Four education depts to remain

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By DIRK VAN ZYL
Political Correspondent

FOUR education departments for whites, coloureds, Indians and blacks would remain

This was said from Pretoria today by the Deputy Director-General of National Education, Dr Bernhard Louw, in an interview with the Evening Post

Dr Louw was asked to clarify Press and radio reports that the Minister of National Education, Mr F W de Klerk, had announced a multiracial Department of National Education at a Press conference

This appeared to observers to be in conflict with existing Govern-

ment policy
Dr Louw pointed out today that four existing executive education departments would remain, but would have to work within the framework of general policy guidelines

Mr De Klerk said yesterday the Government was not "dragging its feet" on the implementation of its 1983 White Paper proposing equal education opportunities for all

He announced the names of the 26 members of the multiracial South African Council for Education (SACE) which would give advice on general education policy

Mr De Klerk said an im-

portant development last year had been the approval of the National Policy for General Education Affairs Act, in which the Government defined four spheres in which the Minister responsible could determine the general policy to be applied to formal, informal and non-formal education for all population groups

The four areas were norms and standards for the financing of running and capital costs of education for all races, salaries and conditions of employment, professional registration of teachers, and norms and standards for syllabuses

and examination and for certification

Dr Louw pointed out today that white, coloured and Indian education would broadly remain, as far as the executive administration was concerned, under the respective parliamentary Ministers' Councils, and black education under the homeland governments or the Department of (black) Education

The Government would be advised on general education policy by SACE, the Committee of University Principals and the Committee of Technikon Principals

Minister Carter should get the Wally Award

Herald 257

By DOUGIE OAKES

[Signature]

28/9/85

AS far as bungling politicians go, coloured Education Minister Carter Ebrahim takes some beating.

In my book, he ought to walk the Wally of the Year awards.

Indeed, his performance has been a straight crib from a Men From The Ministry script.

Very funny But unfortunately black education is in a mess and now's not the time for jokes — even inadvertent jokes What is needed now, more than ever, is a thorough examination of the problems plaguing black education

The chief problem, of course, is the racist, separate structure of the educational system in this country Until this is eradicated, there are always going to be problems at black schools

Carter Ebrahim is seen as part of that problem The Labour Party, of which he is a leading member, is helping to govern South Africa at a time when there is growing polarisation between the haves and the have nots

ENOUGH

Those who are standing up and saying, "Enough — we are going to fight for our rights," see Ebrahim and others who serve in the tricameral parliament as part of the problem So any attempts, especially by black "workers of the system" to swing the big fist will only make matters worse This is what Ebrahim has done And the

results have been tragic.

In the great democracies of this world, MPs who boob soon face a barrage of calls from their constituents to quit.

However, the tragedy of the present situation is that Ebrahim hasn't a constituency. The Party he represents grabbed control of so-called coloured interests on a poll of less than 20 percent

That's why there are so few people calling for his head The majority believe he shouldn't be where he is in the first place To ask for his dismissal would be to recognise his appointment, say those who are dead against the tricameral system of things.

Yet Ebrahim must go

There can be no place in education for a man who sees fit to close more than 450 schools against the advice of just about everyone connected with education

He shut the gates of learning, he said, because he couldn't guarantee the safety of pupils — presumably against the police Fine. But then how does he explain his calling in of the same police to make sure no one disobeys his commands

It ended up with police having to tell parents, pupils, teachers and principals intent on restarting schools. "Sorry, what you are doing constitutes an illegal gathering"

"If you enter the school grounds, we'll have to arrest you for trespassing

It's unbelievable that people who pay rates and taxes for schools can actually be threatened with arrest for wanting to make use of these facilities

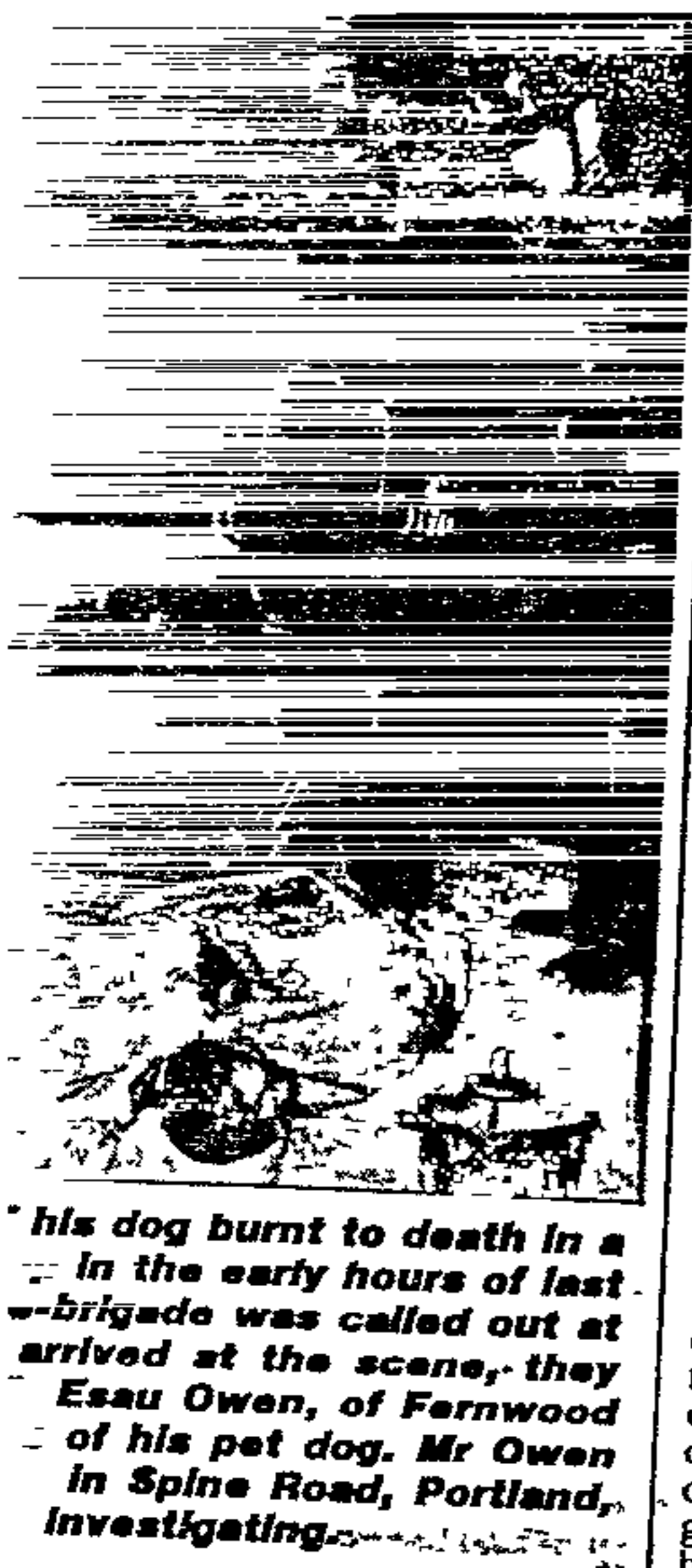
And those poor people who handle the public relations of the Department — just imagine them having to answer media queries by saying things like "Ninety percent of the people in Mitchells Plain heeded our call not to try to attend school today However, we were less successful in Athlone where there was a 98 percent turnout of pupils."

That's not the end of the story On Friday, the day pupils should have started their Spring holidays, the Minister decided to reopen the schools In a lengthy statement, he said "The normal educational programmes, including the school holidays as from September 21 to September 30 will immediately be restored at all schools and at educational institutions which were temporarily closed"

To sum up When schools should have been open, Minister Ebrahim closed them And when they should have closed he opened them

Having digested that, there's just one thing which worries me In his latest statement, he has promised to make an announcement as soon as possible in regard to the schools which have not written the September examinations.

I hope he has no plans to cancel Septem



his dog burnt to death in a fire in the early hours of last night. A fire brigade was called out at 11.30pm and arrived at the scene, they found the body of Esau Owen, of Fernwood, in Spine Road, Portland, who was investigating the fire.

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October 1 set for opening of schools

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28/9/85 Herald
THIS week school on October 1. Mr Car-
ter Ebrahim, Minister
of Education and Cul-
ture in the House of
Representatives.

Mr Ebrahim an-
nounced last week that
the September holidays
had started and would
last until September 30.

He said that since the
closure of "certain
schools in the Western
Cape", he had had in-
depth discussions on the
situation with education
authorities, principals,
deputy-principals, rec-
tors of training col-
leges, school commit-
tees, chairmen,
academics and other in-
fluential people.

These discussions re-
vealed that parents and
control bodies of educa-
tional institutions were
concerned about the
"continuous disruption"
which had taken place.
Also, they were now
prepared to accept
their responsibility to
ensure that their chil-
dren continue their
work at school in an or-
derly manner.

"I have now been sat-
isfied that a climate

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the school holidays will

be left to the discretion
of the principals; the
Department of Educa-
tion and Culture will
make an announcement
as as possible in regard
to the schools which
have not written the
September examina-
tions," Mr Ebrahim
said.

● See also Page 6

Call to exclude woman from court

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By CHRIS RENNIE

THE Port Elizabeth Regional Court was today requested to exclude Mrs Di Bishop from the court during the cross-examination of a young man who had allegedly been assaulted by the police

Before the court were Detective Constable Grey Simanga and Detective Constable Alfred Lubengu, charged with assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm to 18-year-old Mr Sandile Norman Kona, at the Uitenhage police station on March 17 They pleaded not guilty

Yesterday, Mr Kona testified to nine distinct assaults by Mr Simanga or Mr Lubengu or both

When he was taken through the sequence in cross-examination, only three of the versions coincided and some of the assaults were omitted entirely Other assaults that had not been previously mentioned were described

Before the cross-examination recommenced today, Mr G G Huisamen, for the defence, asked that in the interests of justice being seen to be done, Mrs Bishop be asked to leave the court during the cross-examination

He said she was to have been a State witness in the case, but the prosecutor had said she would not be called

Mrs Bishop was continually seen in the company of Mrs Molly Blackburn and Dr Elizabeth Thompson, who were still to be called as State witnesses

They were all members of the Black Sash, and according to evidence in a previous case, it was their declared aim to "expose the police and social injustices"

He pointed out that they had admitted making affidavits in each others' company

He submitted that the cross-examination was a

vital aspect of the defence case

The prosecutor, Mr J L Venter, confirmed the facts, but added that the case was being heard in open court

The magistrate, Mr C J R Naude, said he had no knowledge of previous cases and could not take them into consideration He said that the court was open and ruled that Mrs Bishop could remain

Mr Huisamen emphasised he was not suggesting that Mrs Bishop would compare notes with the others, simply that it should not appear that she would have the opportunity to do so

After further cross-examination, Mr Huisamen asked the prosecutor to confirm that Mr Kona had never mentioned being hit in the face with a broom handle, being sjambokked by Mr Lubengu at any stage, or being assaulted in the presence of Mrs Blackburn in his police statement This was done by the prosecutor

As the cross-examination continued, Mr Kona admitted that the day after the assault he was taken to see Mrs Blackburn She took a statement from him by asking questions She also mentioned that she had seen Mr Lubengu with a sjambok in his hand He could not remember if she had said she saw Mr Lubengu use it

He agreed that the sjambok assault by Mr Lubengu was the main difference between the statements he had made to the police, and to Mrs Blackburn

He agreed that when he was consulted by the prosecutor before being called to the witness stand yesterday he mentioned several points that were not in the police statements but were in the Blackburn statement

(Proceeding)

Action against SRCs

DISPATCH

CAPE TOWN—Coloured student and teachers' organisations, including SRCs, were barred yesterday from operating on school premises as thousands of Peninsula pupils stayed away from the official re-opening of schools for the fourth quarter

Mr Carter Ebrahim, Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, in terms of a notice in an extraordinary Government Gazette yesterday, has also provided for anyone who hinders the education process to be summarily suspended and/or evicted from school or college premises

The directive was pub-

lished amid a widespread stayaway from the reopening of Peninsula and Boland schools and colleges for the final quarter

Thousands of pamphlets distributed by the newly-formed Western Cape Students' Council said parents, students and teachers would declare their schools open today instead

About 4 000 teachers, students and pupils attended a rally at the University of the Western Cape in open defiance of Mr Ebrahim

Two youths were shot while two others and eight journalists—six of them overseas television crew members—were

arrested when police fired several canisters of teargas rounds of plastic bullets and blanks, when unrest broke out after the rally at the campus

The two youths, both of Cape Town, Nabil Mohamed, 18, who had a bullet lodged in his left thigh, and Shaun Peters, 19, who received head injuries—were hurt after police opened fire. They were treated by private doctors

Two buses were stoned outside the main campus entrance as groups of students and pupils attempted to go home after the rally

Police and soldiers in armoured personnel carriers took up positions opposite the cam-

pus gate

More stoning followed and police then fired several canisters of teargas into the grounds as students retreated. Shots were fired

More stoning followed during which a private vehicle was also damaged

● In Umlazi, near Durban, a young man was burned to death after a group of people had stabbed him, poured petrol over his body and set him alight, police reported yesterday — Sapa-DDC

Dower protest sent to director

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By RAYMOND HILL

LECTURERS and students at Dower Training College where there has been a total boycott of classes since Wednesday, have sent a strongly-worded memorandum to the Executive Director of Education and Culture Mr A.J. Arendse, about events on the campus and the department's alleged 'manipulation' of students.

The memorandum was sent to Mr Arendse, who is based in Cape Town after a meeting on the campus yesterday attended by the rector Mr E. Fisher, students and some staff members.

The memorandum said "We reject the manipulation of students and staff by the department as well as the intention of the department to deny students the right to form democratically elected students' representative councils.

"Such an action will not solve the problem, but lead to an exacerbation of the current crisis in education."

Referring to the recent suspension of 12 students the meeting blamed the department for handling the situation on the campus with "ineptitude".

Nine of the students were suspended from the college hostel in July.

When the new term started on Tuesday students and lecturers were told at the assembly that the department had advised Mr Fisher that the nine hostel students were suspended from classes as well.

Three others, suspended during the first term for alleged incitement, were reinstated after "lengthy deliberations".

Because of the suspension of the nine students there has been a boycott of classes described as a "rare show of solidarity".

Some of the suspended students are members of the SRC regarded as leaders who are being victimised by the department for stating their grievances, the memorandum said.

It went on "The staff and students are convinced that unless the nine students concerned are unconditionally reinstated at the college, and the hostel it is unlikely the college will return to normal functioning."

Ebrahim pledges to halt school violence

D.W. Post

By RAYMOND HILL

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The Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, today gave the assurance that his department would establish law and order at schools and colleges under his control

Mr Ebrahim was speaking at the annual congress of the Labour Party's Eastern Cape Region at the Allanridge Community Centre in Uitenhage

Those who attended the congress included members of the President's Council, and the chairman of the Minister's Council and leader of the Labour Party leader, the Rev. Allan Hendrickse, and House of Representatives Ministers and MPs.

About 100 delegates from about 45 LP branches were also present

Mr Ebrahim was loudly applauded after his speech

He said he would deal with those individuals who were responsible for the destruction at schools and colleges under his control

"We are going to establish order at our schools and colleges," he said

Mr Ebrahim said he was not at the congress to make emotional speeches but to state facts

He said he would appoint people at schools who were concerned about the education of "our children"

He said he had been accused of acting in a "dracoman" and "high-handed" way.

He would however, "speak it out" until there was "absolute discipline" at the schools

Mr Ebrahim said "intimidators" were in charge at the University of the Western Cape (UWC), in Bellville, a scene of recent unrest

He said those who disagreed with the intimidators had had their offices burnt down

"I'm certain we will restore UWC to its senses one of these days," he said

Referring to scenes of violence by youths, including students, shown to the meeting on a video film, Mr Ebrahim said they were "savages" who would not hesitate to "exterminate" people

Mr Ebrahim referred to the "bully boys" at certain high schools who were disrupting the "education process" at other schools

Mr Ebrahim said there was, however, a "growing opposition" among a large number of students who said they were not going to "take any more"

Actions of 42 teachers 'being investigated'

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PORT ELIZABETH — The actions of 42 school principals and teachers who may have been 'assisting the boycott' were being investigated, the leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, announced at the weekend.

Opening the Southern Cape congress of the party at Knysna, Mr Hendrickse said the teachers had been "identified as possibly assisting the whole boycott of schools in one way or another".

He said their actions were currently being examined and after this, action would be taken if required.

The Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, whose department supplied the names of the teachers, told the congress that a number of primary and high school principals stood a chance of losing their jobs if they were found guilty of playing an active part in the school unrest.

Mr Ebrahim also said he doubted the credibility of the newly-formed Western Cape Teachers' Union.

Mr Hendrickse announced that matriculation candidates who failed at

the end of the year would automatically be allowed to write supplementary examinations.

A motion passed after Mr Hendrickse's opening address appealed to all students to write examinations and supported Mr Ebrahim's decision not to defer the final examinations.

Another motion condemned all forms of violence and called on the police and communities "to avoid situations which would lead to bloodshed and death".

● School principals would not be deterred from their task by "insensitive threats of dismissal", the chairman of the Athlone and District Principals' Association, Mr Henry Joubert, said last night.

Describing Mr Ebrahim's threat as "intemperate and provocative", he said it would 'only serve to aggravate the already deep crisis in education'.

"We will not be deterred in our task by insensitive threats of dismissal at a time when children in our care are arrested, maimed and killed," Mr Joubert said — Sapa, Own Correspondent and Staff Reporter

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Teachers threaten action over probe

Education Reporter

TEACHERS' organisations in the Western Cape have warned of action if steps are taken against members of the profession after Education and Culture Minister Mr Carter Ebrahim's decision to investigate the actions of 42 teachers and principals

The 42, named by the department, are accused of "assisting" the school boycotters

The 19 000-strong Cape Teachers' Professional Association said it "would not hesitate" to take "the required action" when there were signs that the profession was being assailed

And the newly-formed 1 800-strong Western Cape Teachers' Union said its members "would react to any action taken against the teachers"

A statement issued after an emergency meeting of the CTPA executive yesterday said pupils, teachers and the community were "in deep turmoil as a result of the profound agony and rage imposed over a long period by the scourge of apartheid"

When they protested peacefully the anguish was compounded when children were shot in the streets. To add insult to injury, ministers "responded with threats and bully tactics by making cheap politics of our profession"

The CTPA rejected this and would not be deterred from acting as watchdog over the profession and its members. It sent a "calculated signal to the minister" that it would not hesitate to take action

Wectu spokesman Mr Yusuf Gabru said Mr Ebrahim and his party were "an arm of an illegal

government in the same way as the police and the army"

Just as students had shown they would not be intimidated, the days when teachers could be intimidated were "long past", he said

He added "Mr Ebrahim doubts the credibility of Wectu. We are certain that Mr Ebrahim elected by a paltry percentage has no credibility at all"

"The sacking of Piketberg teacher Mr A Wells for political reasons, the introduction of dictatorial regulations and security guards at schools, the refusal to postpone the exams and now the threat against teachers are some of the reasons why the boycott is continuing

"The whole of Wectu will react to any action taken against the 42 teachers now being investigated by Mr Ebrahim"

Cape Times
22/10/85

Ebrahim

'Witch-hunt' criticized

Staff Reporter

COMMUNITY organizations yesterday reacted sharply to a statement by the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, that the actions of 42 teachers would be investigated

In a statement, Mr David Kapp, of the Federation of Cape Civic Associations, said

"We reject the Carter/Hendrickse witch-hunt being conducted against progressive teachers and principals. Once again we see the true colours of these two puppet ministers. Their actions are one and the same as those who have intimidated, brutalized, and detained our children in the name of law and order."

Mr Yousuf Gabru, a spokesman for the West-

ern Cape Teachers Union (Wectu) said yesterday that Mr Ebrahim and his party were "an arm of an illegal government in the same way as the police and the army"

"Like the army which enforces unjust laws on the oppressed majority so we expect Mr Ebrahim to enforce the rule of his masters in the schools

'Credibility'

"Just as the students have shown they will not be intimidated, so Mr Ebrahim can rest assured that the days when teachers can be intimidated are long past

"Mr Ebrahim doubts the credibility of Wectu. We are certain that Mr Ebrahim elected by a paltry percentage has no credibility at all. The whole of Wectu will react to any action taken against the 42 teachers now being investigated by Mr Ebrahim."

Mr Armen Abrahams, media convener for the Cape Action League, said "The senseless witch-hunt of teachers demonstrates the futility and desperation of government plans to straighten the chaos in the townships and especially in education which they are responsible for

"Mr Ebrahim is determined to show that he can make decisions. The oppressed and exploited with militant determination have validly rejected the high-handed jack-boot oppression coming from all quarters of government."

CAPE TIMES 24/10/85

Exams due to start today

MATRIC examinations are due to start today at coloured schools but it is impossible to say how many pupils will write.

The Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, yesterday, warned pupils and students who intended boycotting final examinations to "come to their senses" or know that they would be placing their futures on the line.

He declined to say what action his department would take if there was a boycott of examinations.

In Pretoria, the Deputy Minister of Education and Development Aid, Mr Sam de Beer, said yesterday that while black matric examinations would go ahead next month as scheduled, arrangements would be made for alternative examinations during May and June next year.

After consultation with several bodies involved it had been decided that the November examination for matrics would be written countrywide at all centres by candidates who wished to sit for it.

Register before November 15

It had also been decided that an alternative examination would be offered during May and June next year for those pupils who had already registered for this year's examination, but who could not prepare themselves sufficiently.

Those pupils who would sit for the examination next year had to register at their present centres before November 15 this year.

Mr De Beer said the decision to hold the May/June examinations next year was subject to a number of conditions for practical reasons and in accordance with examination regulations.

Pupils could choose to write either one of the examinations, but not both, and those pupils who decided to sit for the May/June examination could not be admitted to schools as full-time scholars.

Exams at the University of Cape Town will also be held this year as scheduled. The UCT Vice-chancellor, Dr Stuart Saunders, said, however, that students from some areas of Cape Town who had been hindered in their studies by the unrest would be allowed to apply for deferment. — Sapa

Exam time for coloured and Indian matrics

Dispatch Reporter — The principal of East London High School, Mr V R Naidoo, said yesterday he did not expect there would be any problems with pupils attending the exams and said all 54 matrics at his school would write their practical exams on Wednesday with typing, and Indian pupils on Friday also with typing.

Joint Matriculation Board and Department of Education and Training candidates started their exams yesterday

Cape Senior Certificate pupils wrote shorthand yesterday and will start their theory exams on Monday with Afrikaans setwork.

Post Reporter

IN the wake of a warning from the chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, the Rev Ailan Hendrickse, Port Elizabeth's coloured pupils are expected to turn out for their matric exams, which start on Wednesday

The principal of the Paterson Senior Secondary School in Schauderville, Mr Tony Peterson, said he was confident pupils would write the exams, saying he "had heard nothing to the contrary"

He said he did not think there was any need for a postponement of the exams. The pupils had already received their numbers

The principal of another secondary school contacted today said he was "not allowed to comment"

A spokesman for the East Cape Teachers' Association, who asked not to be identified for fear of victimisation, said that although he had heard of no plans to boycott the exams, he felt a postpone-

PE may heed matric warning

ment would be a good idea

He said that since the declaration of a state of emergency in the Eastern Cape, most coloured matriculants had been boycotting school

"A large number of pupils have been without tuition for several months"

Mr Hendrickse warned in Durban at the weekend that pupils who did not write the exams would not be re-admitted to schools, but those who wrote the exams and failed would be able to write supplementary exams in March

He said some student teachers had been given study grants of up to

R2 500 and those who skipped examinations in response to calls for a stayaway would have to repay the amounts

Mr Hendrickse said of about 16 500 matric students, about 38% were in the Western Cape where unrest was rife and where pupils were being threatened against sitting for examinations

Mr Hendrickse said one of the purposes of the state of emergency was to protect pupils willing to write examinations from intimidation by those who refused

Sapa reports that the Inter-Regional Forum, co-ordinating and spearheading the boycott in the Western Cape and repre-

senting 80 schools in the Cape Peninsula, Worcester Paarl and outlying areas has decided not to write any examinations

The decision means that virtually all pupils in the Cape Flats and most of those in the Western Cape will defy the normal exams ruling by the Government

Last Monday 15 schools affiliated to the Athlone Student Action Committee (Asac) decided not to write final examinations and called on students at the Universities of Cape Town and the Western Cape to join them

Students at 14 colleges throughout South Africa, decided at a meeting of the National Tertiary In-

stitutions Student Organisation (NTISO) in Cape Town last week they would not write final exams until their short-term demands were met.

NTISO is an umbrella body and colleges represented include those in the Western Cape, Oudts hoorn, Worcester, Paarl Port Elizabeth and Durban

UCT students have been supported in their stand by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of UCT Dr Stuart Saunders who said demands made by pupils and students during the educational crisis were "reasonable requests which should have been met by the educational authorities"

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Court overturns Ebrahim's control on teachers, SRCs

Education Reporter

THREE or five regulations affecting the actions of student representative councils and teachers at schools under Department of Education and Culture were declared null and void in the Cape Town Supreme Court today.

The Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim, who imposed the regulations on October 1, was also ordered to pay the costs of the urgent application to have them overturned.

But the regulation banning SRC meetings on school premises and another empowering the minister to appoint head boys and girls were allowed to remain in force.

SCRAPPED

The judgment, by Mr Justice W Vivier with Mr Justice P W E Baker and Mr Justice H L Berman concurring followed an application by the president of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association, Mr Franklin Sonn, his deputy, Mr Randall van den Heever, a school principal and two parents.

The regulations scrapped are

● Clause 2.2 which banned members of SRCs "or any other person or organisation" from "communicating" with any person at any Department of Education and Culture school or college.

● Clause 3.1, which empowered — and enjoined — principals and heads of colleges to suspend, and evict if necessary teachers found guilty of hindering the education process.

● Clause 3.2 which barred from admission to any educational institution any person who tried to

force anyone to "perform or fail any action or take up or abandon a particular viewpoint".

● The judgment was described by Mr Sonn as an "important moral victory". He added however that it was "very disturbing" that the regulation banning meetings by pupil and student organisations on premises administered by the Department of Education and Culture, still stood.

"We are still of the opinion that the ban on all democratic, representative student organisations is absurd and not aimed at making communication and reconciliation possible," Mr Sonn said.

The fact that Mr Ebrahim could still appoint class captains at schools and colleges reminded him of "a mother who cannot accept her 30-year-old daughter has grown up and gives her a doll".

No decision on appealing against the decision would be taken until the judgment had been studied.

Mr Sonn said he was "very pleased" that the cost of the action, including the fees of two advocates, would have to be paid by Mr Ebrahim and said the application had been brought as a "symbolic action" giving notice to the Government that "we will not sit still when justice is trampled underfoot".

Mr D P de Villiers SC, assisted by Mr A P Blignault and instructed by Walker Malherbe Godley and Field appeared for the applicants and Mr R G Comrie SC assisted by Mr C Prest and instructed by the State Attorney's office appeared for Mr Ebrahim.

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Ebrahim's orders invalid

Chief Reporter

THE Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA) has succeeded in an urgent application to have certain regulations prompted by the current unrest and introduced on October 1 by the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives declared invalid by the Supreme Court.

Mr Justice Vivier also ordered the minister, Mr Carter Ebrahim, to pay the costs of the action.

Mr Justice Baker and Mr Justice Berman concurred in yesterday's judgment.

The applicants in the case were Mr Franklin Sonn, president of the CTPA, and three others who in an affidavit described the regulations as "completely unfair, unjust and unreasonable".

Mr Sonn said in a statement after judgment was yesterday that the action had been taken because the CTPA was convinced the regulations were unlawful.

'Justice is trampled on'

It was also intended to show that 'we will not sit still when justice is trampled on'. This has therefore to a great extent been a symbolic action. We continue to believe that hate cannot be fought with hate and that violence only begets more violence.

The regulations declared ultra vires (beyond one's legal authority) by the Supreme Court were:

● 22 — No member of such pupils' council, students' council or any other person or organization that enters or is present in the buildings or grounds of such educational institution at any time shall communicate in any manner whatsoever, either orally or in writing, with any pupils, trainees, apprentices or student teachers or the principal, head, manager or any teacher or official in such buildings or grounds.

● 32 — No person who without lawful cause and with intent coerces or induces any particular person to perform or fail to perform any action or to take up or abandon a particular viewpoint in or on an educational institution and who

(a) assaults, injures or inflicts damage to such person or any other person or obstructs or prejudices such person or any other person in the pursuit of education or (b) in any manner whatsoever threatens to kill, assault, injure or inflict damage to such person or any other person shall be admitted to any educational institution.

Regulation 31 was also declared ultra vires insofar as it affects teachers and officials. It states that:

● Any teacher, official, pupil, trainee, apprentice or student who is guilty of any action or attempted action to the detriment of the administration, discipline or efficiency of the educational institution or performs or allows to perform or allows any action that is directed towards the undermining of lawful authority or is the cause of unrest or violence inside or outside the buildings or grounds of any educational institution at any time during his or her services and performance of ordinary school activities or thereafter shall forthwith be suspended by the principal or head of the educational institution concerned and, should such principal or head fail to effect such suspension himself, either orally or in writing. Such suspension may also entail the summary eviction of the suspended person.

The court upheld the validity of regulations 21 which bans gatherings at educational institutions "for the purpose of furthering the objects of such a pupils' council, students' council or any other organization", and 23 which empowers the minister to appoint head boys and head girls and class-captains, on the written representations of school committees and parent-teacher associations.

Mr D P de Villiers, SC with Mr A P Blignault and instructed by Walker, Malherbe, Godley and Field, appeared for the CTPA. Mr R G Comrie, SC with Mr C Prest and instructed by the State Attorney appeared for Mr Carter Ebrahim.

Students, matrics write under top security

Staff Reporters

AN undisclosed number of students from Bellville and Hewat Training Colleges joined coloured matric candidates to write compulsory Afrikaans exams at the Cape Showground in Goodwood today after yesterday's exams at the colleges were disrupted

Strict security was in force at each of the exam venues in the face of calls for college students and pupils to boycott the final exams until demands are met

Casspirs, Buffels and police patrol cars kept watch on the N2 as matric pupils from Mitchell's Plain and outlying areas were bussed to the Cape Corps military base at Faure

GUARDED

A Defence Force troop-carrier guarded the entrance to the Faure Place of Safety and unarmed civilian guards kept strict control over vehicles entering the premises of the Faure industrial school for boys, where exams were also being written

Pupils examination numbers and identity were checked at each of the venues before they were admitted to write Afrikaans first and second-language papers this morning and this afternoon

At the Cape Showground hundreds of pupils streamed through the turnstiles from about 8am before the majority were bussed under police escort to Wingfield military base to write in three hangars set aside for them

2 000 PUPILS

Teachers and Department of Education and Culture officials estimated that up to 2 000 pupils from 48 schools in the Peninsula, Cape Flats and northern areas had turned up at the showground

An official said "several hundred" college students were writing external Afrikaans papers at the venue. Last-minute arrangements for them to do so were made last night after students disrupted exams at the colleges yesterday, he said

At the Cape Corps pupils were ordered off buses while their examination numbers and papers were checked as a large contingent of army troops searched each bus and private vehicle as it entered the base

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Defence force buses were also used to ferry pupils. Some buses had fewer than 15 pupils in them. Seven buses, some less than half-full, entered the base between 8.15am and 9am, the starting time of the exam

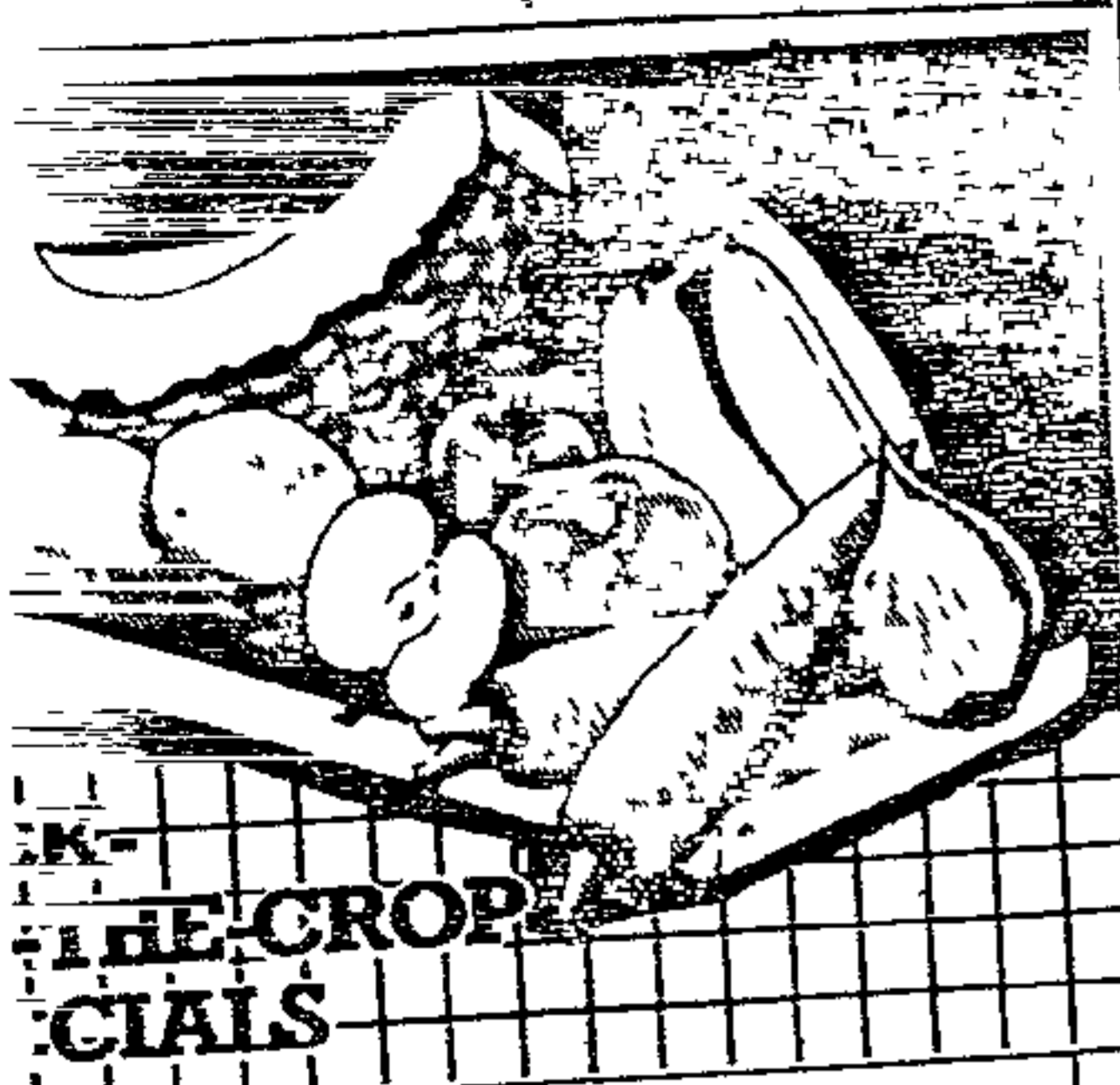
At the Faure industrial school for boys unarmed civilian security men kept strict control over vehicles entering and the identity of every person entering the grounds was checked

No violence or disruption of proceedings took place

According to one of the guards attendance was high. He said 130 of the 180 pupils who should have written there on Friday arrived to write the examinations

● Youths disrupted internal examinations at Heideveld Senior School today for the second time in two days

The exams had been postponed until Thursday "in view of threats which cannot be ignored", a teacher said.



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2 000 pupils write Afrikaans exam

CAPE Times 6/11/85
By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

ABOUT 2 000 pupils wrote the Afrikaans examination at the Cape Showgrounds, Goodwood, and the Wingfield military base yesterday while "less than 100" college students also wrote Afrikaans examinations at Goodwood

More than 8 000 pupils from the 47 schools in the Cape Peninsula were due to write the exam which is compulsory for prospective matriculants

Police and private security guards monitored both entrances to the showgrounds as well as the parking lot

The college students, from Hewat, Zonnebloem, Wesley and Bellville, were to have written their exam at their colleges on Monday but were prevented from doing so by other students who disrupted proceedings

Yesterday, about 20 single- and double-decker buses — most of them packed — transported pupils to Wingfield at 9am after all pupils had their names checked against computer printout sheets

As with the biology exam, pupils said they found the paper "much easier" than they had expected

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They said they were allowed outside the examination hall during the break between the first and second papers, but not outside the showground premises.

Some complained that only one mobile kombi tuckshop was present to serve the about 400 pupils who wrote at the showgrounds hall

College students said that "less than 100" had written

Pupils from Mitchells Plain and outlying areas travelled along the N2 to the Cape Corps military base at Faure under the surveillance of Casspirs, Buffel armoured personnel carriers and police vehicles

Strict control was kept over vehicles entering the Faure Place of Safety and the Faure industrial school for boys where pupils also wrote exams and at the Cape Corps army troops searched buses and private vehicles entering

Pupils write their Afrikaans third paper from 9am today

● In Durban, riot police were called when a group of students at the Bechet College of Education tore up examination papers of people writing, forcing the cancellation of the sitting

As soon the riot police arrived the boycotting students left the college

Coloured students get matric concessions

Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr. Carter Ebrahim, the Rector of the University of the Western Cape, Prof. Richard van der Ross, Mr. Franklin Sonn, Rector of the Cape Technical College, and Dr. Stuart Saunders, principal of the University of Cape Town — (Sapa)

those who, in spite of trying, testing circumstances — even vicious and violent — have written or are writing their examinations. We are particularly pleased that 80,5 per cent wrote the English examination today.

The meeting in Pretoria was also attended by the Ministers' Council will make representation to rectors of technikons and universities with regard to the consideration of late applications for admission.

We believe further that such decisions are in the interest of the overwhelming number of matriculants, with special consideration for

Mr Hendrickse also announced that representation would be made to the Joint Matriculation Board for special consideration with regard to granting matriculation exemption.

I confirm that the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr. Carter Ebrahim, the Rector of the University of the Western Cape, Prof. Richard van der Ross, Mr. Franklin Sonn, Rector of the Cape Technical College, and Dr. Stuart Saunders, principal of the University of Cape Town — (Sapa)

PRETORIA—Coloured matriculants who fail their examinations will be allowed to write supplementary examinations. This was one of the concessions announced yesterday by the Rev Allan Hendrickse, chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, after a meeting with President Botha and education officials in Pretoria.

The minister said in a statement: "Where exceptional circumstances existed which prevented a student from writing, such student may apply to write the supplementary examination." But he added that each case would be considered on its merits.

Outrage over exam propaganda claim

CAPE TOWN — Alleged propaganda in an examination paper written by student teachers has drawn strong criticism.

National Diploma in Education students who wrote the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) second Afrikaans paper on Tuesday, have protested against the text of the comprehension question, which was taken from the Department of Foreign Affairs publication, SA Digest, of November, 23 1984.

The text reads. "If a black man could choose where in Africa he wanted to live, there is little chance that he would choose any country other than South Africa.

"Where else could he find comparative housing at the same advantageous conditions, medical care, agricultural guidance or a better education for his children? Yes, but the crit-

ics of South Africa will immediately say, what about political freedom?

"An American columnist said that after receiving the Nobel Prize Bishop Tutu experienced freedom of speech, freedom to travel, freedom to gather, religious freedom and press freedom.

"Would a true police state allow this freedom?"

Mr Franklin Sonn, rector of the Peninsula Technikon and President of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association, said he took "strong exception" and was writing a letter of protest to the Department of National Education.

"Students were placed in emotional stress in the examination room.

"A captive audience was misused. The assumption was that they would quietly read and think about the objectionable and slanderous statements" — Sapa

Exam question to be probed

Political Correspondent
THE House of Representatives' Department of Education and Culture is to investigate the appearance of Government "propaganda" in an Afrikaans examination paper written by National Diploma in Education coloured students yesterday.

According to reports today, student teachers were upset by the item

The rector of the Peninsula Technikon, Mr Franklin Sonn, said he took "strong exception" and was writing a letter of protest to the Department of National Education

The text of a compre-

hension question in the exam paper was taken from the Department of Foreign Affairs publication, SA Digest, of November 23 last year.

It basically defends the Government against anti-apartheid charges and "distortions" from overseas

A senior spokesman at the Department of Education and Culture's head office in Cape Town said today examiners were appointed for each subject and each examiner's paper was checked by a moderator.

"How this question got past both I don't know," the spokesman said

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Heads told they can't postpone exams

Education Reporter

PRINCIPALS who decided to postpone internal exams until March in fairness to all their pupils have been told by the Department of Education and Culture they may not

At least eight principals took the decision to hold over the exams and some sent parents letters explaining why they had decided to do so

COMPLETELY

But yesterday they received letters from the executive director of the Department of Education and Culture, Mr A J Arense, saying exams had to be completed this year or pupils would not be promoted to higher standards

One principal interviewed said he had decided, in consultation with his staff and parents, to postpone the exams for the following reasons

- Most of his pupils were hopelessly unprepared for the exams having completed only two terms' work

- The state of emergency, which meant a heavy police presence at some schools and widespread detentions, had created extreme tension

- Divisions between those who wrote and those who did not would deepen and create a recipe for further conflict

"It seemed the most practical arrangement" the principal said "Now however it seems we have no choice. If we delay the exams in defiance of the department we face suspension and possible dismissal"

"We feel the present exams are a mockery of what exams should be. They are no real test of what the pupils can do and many are failing"

- Twenty organisations have called for exams to be postponed until March, saying students, parents and teachers would be prepared to discuss returning to classes and writing exams if this and two other demands — removing security forces from schools and releasing detainees — were met

The spokesman for the Department of Education and Culture, Mr Abel Jordaan said today there was no point in questions being put to him because he was 'not talking' to the Press

Internal exam plan thwarted

CAPE TOWN — Principals who decided to postpone internal exams until March "in fairness to all their pupils" have been told by the Department of Education and Culture they may not.

At least eight principals had decided to hold over the exams.

But yesterday they received letters from the executive director of the department, Mr A J. Arendse, saying exams had to be completed this year or pupils would not be promoted.

One principal interviewed said he had decided in consultation with his staff and parents to postpone the exams for the following reasons:

● Most of his pupils were hopelessly unprepared for the exams, having completed only two terms' work.

● The state of emergency, which meant a heavy police presence at some schools and widespread detentions, had created extreme tension.

● Divisions between those who wrote and those who did not would deepen and create a recipe for further conflict.

"It seemed the most practical arrangement," the principal said. "Now however it seems we have no choice. If we delay the exams we face suspension and possible dismissal" — Sapa

Teachers defy exam orders

By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

THE entire staff at Alexander Sinton Senior Secondary School in Athlone have defied orders from the Department of Education and Culture that they administer internal examinations

Last week the 54 staff members sent a circular to parents proposing a postponement of examinations to March next year because "only a fraction of the syllabus has been covered"

The teachers said it would be imprudent for pupils to sit for exams at the moment and they would be able to cover most of the work missed so far during the early part of 1986

Sports

"If needs be, we will lengthen the school day and not participate in the 1986 school sports"

The circular said the proposals were subject to the "unconditional acceptance of the right of all our standard ten pupils to write their final examinations at a later date"

Staff members said yesterday that Mr J F Rauch, a relieving inspector, arrived at the school last Friday and ordered a retraction of the circular, which the teachers refused

Mr Rauch returned on Monday and with two more officials yesterday demanding that the teachers sign individual forms noting their refusal to administer examinations

This they also refused, and instead signed their names on the back of a copy of the circular which was sent to the department

The department had since sent letters to parents telling them that internal exams would start tomorrow

With the term ending on November 27, it was "impossible and unfair" to expect pupils to write their examinations over the short period of five days

The teachers said that in many cases standard six pupils were writing standard nine examinations and that it "doesn't matter" to the department

'Motions'

"All they are interested in is to have the pupils going through the motions"

The department's liaison officer, Mr A J E Jordan, yesterday declined to comment "on instructions from higher up"

"Any questions should be put on a telex, we work out concept answers and they have to be cleared," he said

The Cape Times has previously put questions to the department in this manner, and received a reply several days later

In another development, principals of at least eight high schools who had decided to postpone internal examinations until March were told by the director of the department, Mr A J Arendse, that examinations would have to be completed this year or pupils would not be promoted

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Fired for political motives — teacher

GAYE DAVIS, Education Reporter

AN Elsie River teacher's 21-year career has been ended by the Department of Education and Culture in what teachers fear could be the first of many dismissals in the wake of the schools boycott

Mr Joe Cloete, who is also treasurer of the 2 000-strong Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) launched in September, has yet to learn the reasons for his sacking, which he believes was politically motivated

Wectu has meanwhile condemned Mr Cloete's "summary and unjust dismissal" as "yet another example of the blatant victimisation and harassment of teachers committed to a non-racial and democratic education system"

Pupils unprepared

Mr Cloete said yesterday he was suspended from teaching at Elswood Secondary for two weeks before receiving a telegram on Saturday saying his service was terminated and that his reinstatement was subject to the written permission of the executive director of the Department of Education and Culture, Mr A J Arendse

Mr Cloete said he took a stand on final exams, believing pupils were educationally and psychologically unprepared for them and that standards would drop as a result

There was also the "ever-present threat of militant disruption" by pupils not writing

"I could not, in all conscience, send pupils into an exam room where they would possibly be attacked. I shall never be convinced it is worth risking a

child's safety to write an exam which, in any case, is educationally fraudulent and serves no useful purpose," he said

The exams were a face-saving exercise by the Labour Party and coloured education authorities

"It would be a political defeat if they did not go ahead"

He said he believed his dismissal, which comes in the wake of the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim's decision last month to investigate the actions of teachers alleged to have "assisted" the boycott, was the first "of many". Since the state of emergency was declared many teachers have been detained and others sought

In a statement Wectu denounced "the dastardly role of some principals and their deputies who are assisting the department in its witchhunt"

"We would like to warn the department that the oppressed community will not tolerate this wanton attack on teachers who have always played a progressive role in the community"

School heads face dismissal

CAPE TOWN — Principals who decided to postpone internal exams until March have been told by the Department of Education and Culture they may not

And one principal has said that school heads face possible dismissal if they delay exams

At least eight principals took the decision to hold over the exams and some sent parents letters to this effect

But yesterday they received letters from the executive director of the Department, Mr A J Arendse, saying exams had to be completed this year, or pupils would not be promoted

One principal interviewed said he had decided to postpone the exams for the following reasons

- Most of his pupils were hopelessly unprepared for the exams, having completed only two terms' work

- The state of emergency, which meant a heavy police presence at some schools and widespread detentions, had created extreme tension.

- Divisions between those who wrote and those who did not would deepen and create a recipe for further conflict.

"Now it seems we have no choice. If we delay the exams we face suspension and possible dismissal," said the principal

- Staff at the Alexander Sinton High School in Athlone have defied instructions that they administer examinations — Sapa

Crisis in township education

crisis in township education has become one of the critical issues facing daily news columns. Reports of police and grounds, demands for pupils and counter authorities Teachers in the middle. TONY YAZEED FAKIER reports on the agreed to speak on the they and their identified



to protect the kids from the police

"Then the police come to the school and demand to know which teachers are refusing to invigilate, they say we are 'UDF teachers', when all we are doing is carrying out our duty as educationists."

"Teachers have been detained, or questioned, simply for saying they have sympathy with the kids, or worse, because some faceless spy has said they support the kids — how can we not support them in the face of this endless repression?"

At almost every school, teachers tell similar stories of a facade of exams being conducted

"The exams are a complete and utter farce

The police think they are going ahead, but the students just sit there pretending, writing poetry, drawing, writing diatribes against the police

'Fear'

"In the midst of all this, the police pull students out of classes at random, taking down names and addresses, and there is a real fear they will then go to those houses after school and intimidate the students into giving them information

"There are kids who come to school prepared to write, but because the cops are right inside the grounds, in the classrooms, they change their minds and refuse.

"In effect, the police presence is making fewer students write exams

"At our school, you can feel that the people opposing exams are winning, the police are being deluded

"There is so much tension and fear Can you

imagine trying to write exams when you hear rumours that four or five or whatever of your friends outside have just been picked up and taken to Pollsmoor or Victor Verster?"

Some schools have experienced serious outbreaks of violence within the classrooms, with anger being turned inwards, at the school buildings

"As an outlet for political anger you see a lot of violence in the classroom There has been systematic wrecking of classrooms, the kids fight each other at break, the violence has been turned inwards to the schools

Future?

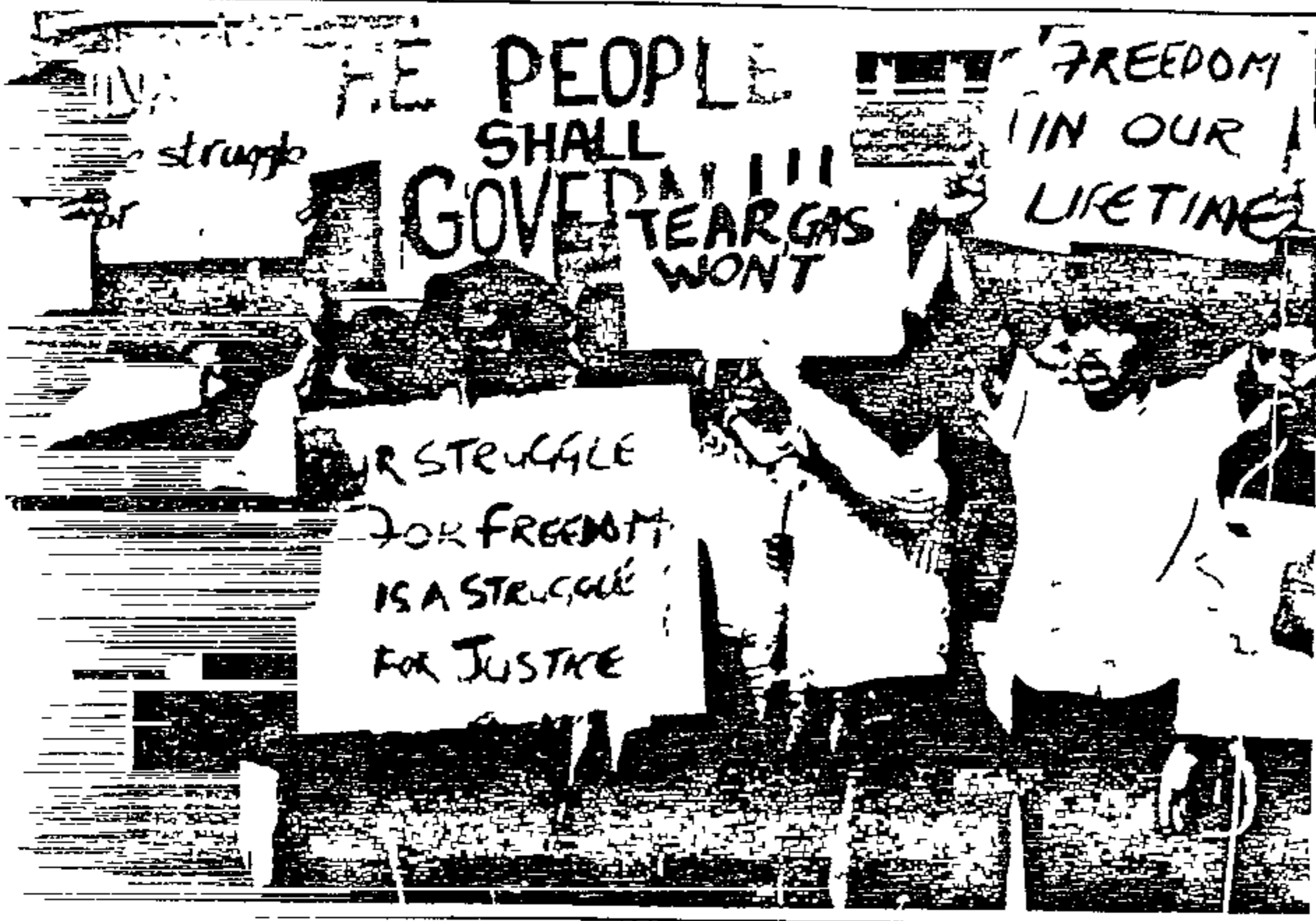
Blackboards are ripped down, there are no light fittings left in any of the classrooms, doors are kicked in, desks are wrecked, fire hoses get dragged into the classes and the floors flooded, offices are being burnt down.

"The division between writers of exams and non-writers is going to be a legacy of the intransigence of the authorities Those who are going to be promoted at the end of this year will be branded sell-outs by their peers The cleavage as time goes on gets more and more bitter and intense"

This year, 1985, has been bad Educationists will remember it as the year in which the school system ground to a halt

Nobody wants to think about 1986

This report was sent on Wednesday to the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, who replied yesterday, saying he had no comment to make.



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'Farce'

"It's a farce" Teachers are caught in an inevitable crossfire

"Teachers are going to the headmaster and saying we refuse to invigilate under these circumstances, we are just here

The new language of township

DISRUPTION squads, Casspirs, teargas, detentions, deaths — this is the new language of education in Peninsula township schools

Teachers tell their stories in matter-of-fact tones, relating the tale of another day in the classrooms which have become the new battleground in the political struggle in South Africa

"Yesterday we had our fourth attempt at writing exams. They were disrupted again. A lieutenant of the Riot Police came and said today he is going to be in the school grounds, and he is going to get the exams off the ground

'Message'

"He said he needs the co-operation of the teachers and he wants the names of the kids who are disrupting the exams. He called an assembly of the whole school — those who were there

"He started off by saying 'I come with a message from P W Botha', and all the kids jeered him. They started dancing and singing freedom songs in front of him.

"Then he said 'the ball's in your court', the kids shouted back 'we will kick your b. s. in'."

Just another day at school

Hardline

The burning issue is examinations. The Department of Education and Culture has taken a hardline stance saying all exams have to be written this year and extensions will only be granted in "well-motivated" and "deserving" cases

Nobody in the schools believes they will be granted an extension

A teacher at a school in one of Cape Town's most depressed working class areas comments: "The real frustration among

teachers is that these exams have got no educational value whatsoever."

It is a statement which comes out strongly in every interview conducted. Because of the boycott, only six months work is being examined and students have done no preparation because of the unsettled situation in the townships

Breakdown

Students cannot concentrate because "every day something happens — arrests, door-to-door searches in their areas, they cannot put their minds to schoolwork under those conditions"

In one case the principal of a City high school is close to a nervous breakdown after many visits by the police

Teachers said the principal reached the end of his tether when security police arrived and demanded to see the full school list of pupils' names and addresses

"They threatened to turn the whole school upside down if we didn't hand over the list. Our principal was made to sit outside his office while they were busy inside." The next day five pupils were detained

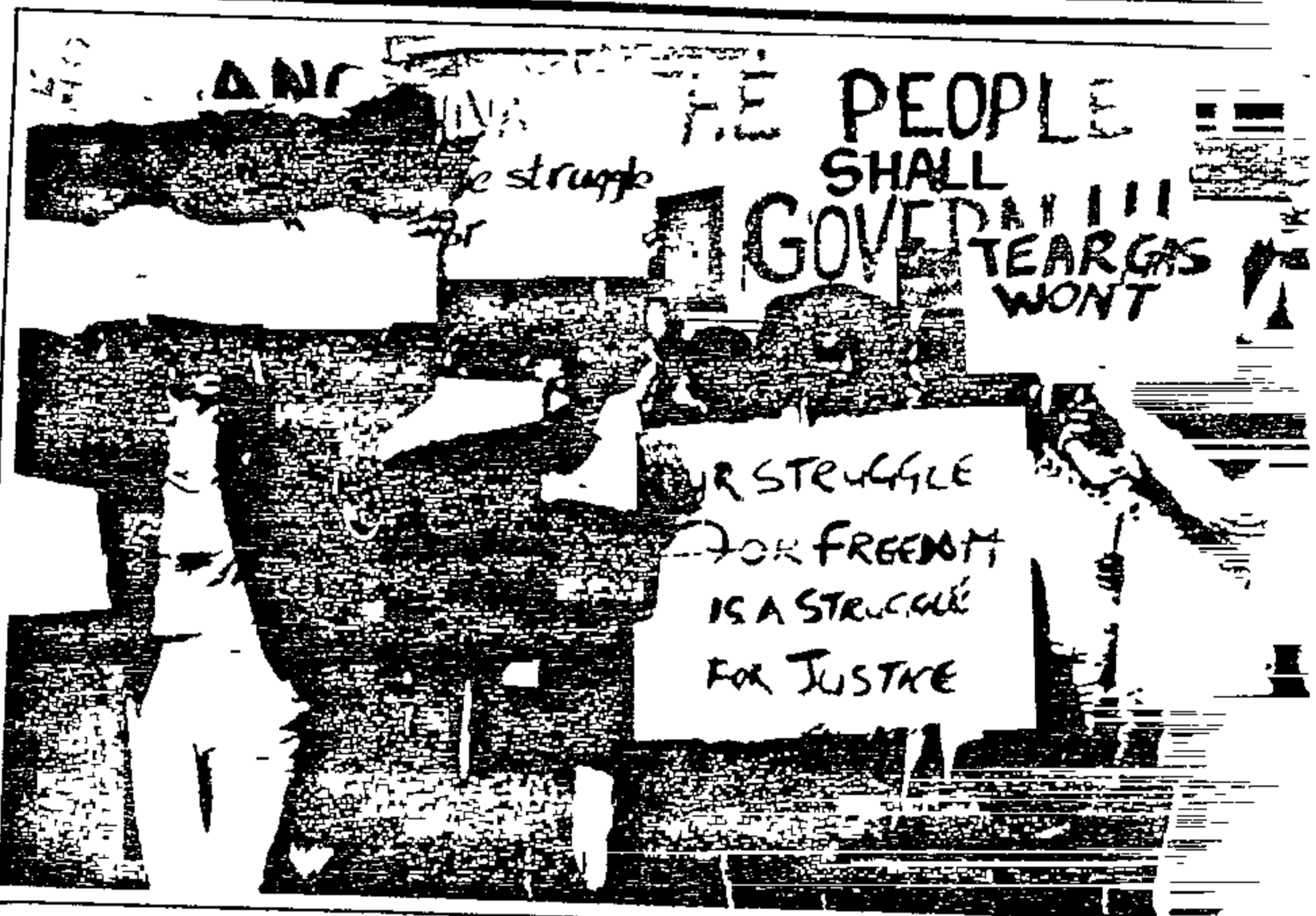
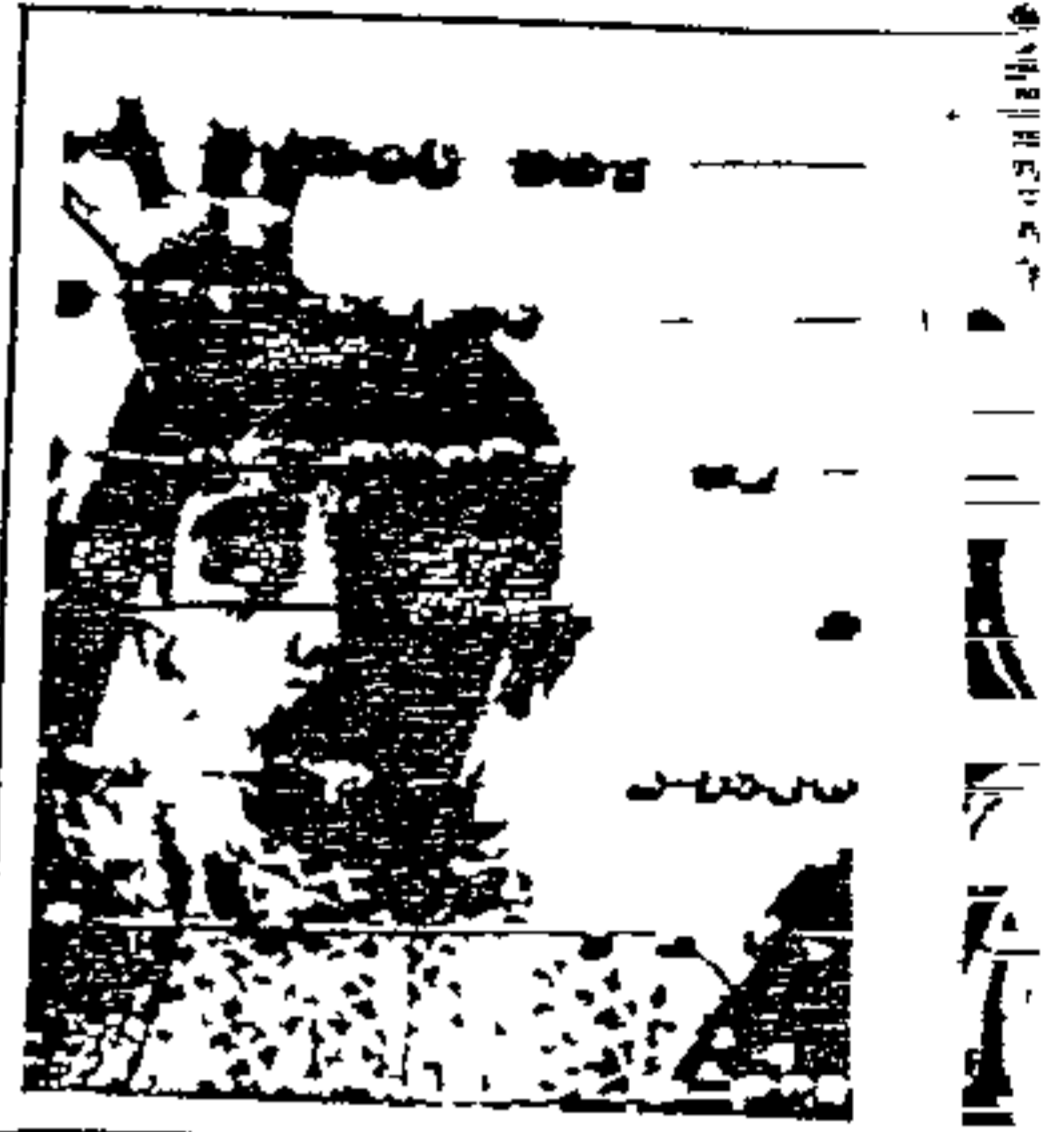
Pessimistic

Teachers are pessimistic about the schools situation, being resolved simply by students returning to classes and writing exams

Another comments: "The exams are taking place under the most abnormal conditions one could find anywhere

"Teachers and students are in detention, harassment of teachers and students continues without any break, there is no concern for the educational interests of the students, it is rather a matter of the authority of the State being forced

The education crisis in township high schools has become one of the hottest political issues facing South Africa. Daily news columns are filled with reports of police and troops in school grounds, demands from school pupils and counter threats from the authorities. Teachers are caught in the middle. TONY WEAVER and YAZEED FAKIER spoke to teachers in schools on "the Flats". All agreed to speak on condition that they and their schools not be identified



onto the students

"These exams are not a part of an educational process, but part of a political power game"

'Friends'

"The insistence of the authorities on the exams going ahead has not won the Labour Party many friends among the teachers, who are expected to uphold the system or else face dismissal

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8 Peninsula teachers suspended

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By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

AT LEAST eight Peninsula teachers who refused to administer examinations have been suspended and are prohibited from entering any school under the Department of Education and Culture

But the teachers have vowed they would "not take this lying down" we will fight it to the end"

The principal of Crestway Secondary School in Steenberg, Mr Philip Tobias, was among those suspended. The school's staff have condemned his suspension and demanded an immediate and unconditional reinstatement

'Salaries'

In similar cases, some teachers refusing to administer internal examinations were told to return their post-dated November cheques to the department while others have had their salaries withheld.

This is believed to be a prelude to further suspension of teachers who will be approached by department officials next week to say whether they are prepared to administer exams

At Cathkin Senior Secondary School in Heideveld, seven of the 27 teachers refusing to administer exams were suspended. One of them is the deputy principal, Mr Y. Abrahams.

'Solidarity'

"We have a duty to the department, but we have a greater duty to the students because without them we would not be teachers," the teachers said.

"People were very emotional. The cleaning lady and caretaker were crying. But this year has built solidarity among progressive teachers

and although there were tears we are convinced we did the right thing," said one teacher.

At Alexander Sinton Senior Secondary School in Athlone, spokesmen for 43 teachers said that eight of them had been "tricked" into signing forms stating they would administer examinations.

"The inspectors called in eight department heads individually and threatened them with immediate dismissal if they did not sign

"When the first one signed in panic the rest did the same to maintain their unity. But none of them was allowed to discuss the matter with their colleagues," said one teacher.

They had taken further legal advice and were told the letters had no legal standing. The issue would be discussed further this weekend.

No comment

The department has consistently refused to comment on any school issues.

● Meanwhile exams in academic subjects ended yesterday for those matric pupils who elected to write

They wrote the geography first and second papers, four weeks after the exams started under heavy guard.

Pupils estimated that "close to 3 000" wrote yesterday.

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Reinstate Teachers Wectu demands

Weekend Argus
Reporter

THE Athlone East region of the Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) has demanded the immediate reinstatement of two teachers suspended by the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives

The two teachers, Mr Y Abrahams and a Miss Desai, were part of a group of 27 teachers who had refused to act as invigilators at Cathkin High School in Heidelberg this week

Mr Abrahams is deputy principal of the school

Prelude

Yesterday seven teachers at Cathkin High were suspended.

Wectu sources believe the suspensions are a prelude to the teachers' dismissal

Wectu, an organisation representing 4 000 teachers, said that members had taken a bold stand based on pure and sound educational principles for not invigilating the end-of-year examinations

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Docked pay: Teachers still firm on exams

Staff Reporter

FORTY-THREE teachers from Alexander Sinton Secondary School last night reaffirmed their decision not to administer end-of-year exams this year.

Late last week they were told their November and December salaries were being stopped on the instructions of the Department of Education and Culture.

A spokesperson said he and his colleagues had the support of parents, teachers and students.

The teachers condemned the department's "underhand tactics" of "tricking our heads of departments into signing documents forcing them to agree to administer the fraudulent examinations".

Pupils at the Athlone school yesterday appealed to the community to support teachers.

In a statement issued by the Students' Representative Council, the pupils condemned the withholding of teachers' salaries and the detention of eight teachers in Cape Town.

"We see this as an act of intimidation to force teachers to do the department's dirty work, as well as an attempt to cripple the progressive teachers' movement in the Western Cape."

The pupils appealed to the community to donate to a fund to assist the teachers financially. Details of the fund would be released later.

● The South African Teachers' Association has condemned in a statement "the intervention of non-education authorities in the implementation by professional teaching staff of instructions from the relevant education department."

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Teachers at
Cressy told
to return
pay cheques

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Education Reporter

THE entire staff of Harold Cressy Senior Secondary School in Cape Town have been told to return their November and December salary cheques to the Department of Education and Culture.

The 35 teachers including the principal Mr V Ritchie the deputy-principal and six department heads were told of the order on Monday.

Teachers said the principal told them he had received a letter from the regional director of the department, Mr F van der Horn, saying that the entire staff had to return their November and December cheques.

No reason was given for the department's decision to dock the staff's pay but teachers said they suspected it was because no internal examinations for Standards 6 to 9 had taken place at the school.

UNANIMOUS

A series of meetings had been held with parents of the school's 736 pupils at which attendances reached up to 1 216 and the decision not to go ahead with the exams was unanimous, he said.

Mr Abel Jordaan liaison officer for the department refused to comment.

Last week 43 teachers at Alexander Sinton Secondary School in Athlone and 27 at Cathkin Senior Secondary School in Heideveld were told that the department had instructed that their November and December salaries be withheld after they indicated they would not administer the exams.

Seven of the Cathkin teachers — all department heads, including the school's deputy-principal — were later suspended.

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Suspension, 'leave' for teachers

Education Reports

THE Department of Education acted against more teachers at Peninsula coloured schools today suspending an Athlone deputy-principal and putting two Heideveld teachers on compulsory leave.

All three are seeking legal advice. Mr Nabil Swart, deputy-principal at Alexander Sinton Senior Secondary School where 43 teachers have refused to administer exams was met by two officials on his arrival at the school and told of his suspension.

Mr S Lewis and Ms M Walker of

Catnir Senior Secondary School at Heideveld — where seven teachers have been suspended and 16 still refuse to administer exams said they were told by an inspector today they were being put on compulsory leave and ordered to leave the premises.

They were given their November salaries after saying they had been told they could sue if these were withheld they said.

The move brings the number of teachers suspended by the department in the past two weeks to nine, while salaries of more than 100 have been withheld.

35 teachers told to return pay cheques

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No parties mark end of school year

By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

PUPILS at some high schools under the Department of Education and Culture yesterday ended their boycott-ridden school term yesterday, but there were no tearful farewells or end-of-year parties.

Instead, pupils interviewed on their way home reacted with bewilderment when asked about the prospects for 1986.

Many other schools are in the process of completing final exams. They started later because of disruptions and general confusion.

'Told to'

Pupils at a Hanover Park School, which started exams two weeks late because of disruptions, said they had received a letter and timetable the day before exams were to start.

They were told that if they didn't write they would not be accepted back next year. "But we are just hoping for the best," said one pupil who had missed the compulsory English and Afrikaans exams but continued writing "because my mother told me to".

Asked what his father had said, he replied "My father listens to my mother".

The pupils said matric pupils who had boycotted this year would return to school next year to continue the boycott.

At an Athlone school, pupils were asked if they were thinking of holding

farewell or end-of-year parties.

"How can you have a party when half the class didn't write?" they said.

Many pupils emerging from the schoolgrounds in Manenberg and Hanover Park said they had written because their parents had told them to, but a boycotting pupil remonstrated with them.

"My parents also told me to write but I told them why I'm not".

Her friend pointed at the police patrolling the grounds "How can you write with the police guarding you?"

None of them wanted to be identified because they were "scared of the police if our names appear in the paper".

'Pressure'

They said many more pupils would have boycotted the exams, but a letter they had received from the principal caused many to write.

"He told us we were the cause of the police being on the grounds and that he was under pressure from Carter Ebrahim (Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives) to let the exams go ahead otherwise the teachers would lose their jobs".

The school term ends on December 4.

● The staff of Harold Cressy Senior Secondary School in Cape Town, including the principal, Mr V Ritchie, have been told to return their November and December salaries to the department.

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3 more teachers 'told to leave'

Education Reporter

THE deputy principal of Alexander Sinton Senior Secondary School, Mr Nabil Swart, and two more Cathkin Senior Secondary School teachers were given notice of indefinite suspension yesterday and told to leave the schoolgrounds.

The suspension of Ms Melanie Walker and Mr Shaun Lewis brings the number of suspensions at the school to nine. They are among the 27 teachers who originally refused to administer exams. Of the group, seven were suspended on November 22 and two have since decided to administer exams.

The suspended teachers, who were placed on "compulsory leave", said they had been given their November salaries, but refused their December cheques.

Mr Swart was handed his letter of suspension by two officials who met him yesterday. He was also ordered to return his November and December salary cheques.

● The Cape Teachers' Professional Association has been assured by the Director of Education, Mr A J Arendse, that teachers who had faced disciplinary action would be given a "fair hearing" and that the investigation would be conducted on a "sound professional basis". The association released a statement after talks yesterday between the CTPA executive and Mr Arendse in the City.

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Uncertainty over salaries

By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

TEACHERS at Peninsula high schools, including those who had refused to administer examinations, were paid their November salary yesterday but there is still uncertainty over whether they will receive their December cheques

A spokesman for the Western Cape Teachers' Union said yesterday the union was contemplating court action against the Department of Education and Culture to secure the payment of the December salaries and to declare the present examinations invalid

He said that when the department was telephoned on Thursday about the intention to go to court, an official had said the November cheques would be paid

Meanwhile, contrary to reports after a meeting between the Cape Teachers Professional Association and the Director of Education, Mr A J Arendse, that salaries of detained teachers would be paid, it was established yesterday that the salaries of at least four such teachers had been withheld

A Groenvlei teacher said that when staff members received their

November cheques yesterday, they had asked the deputy principal, Mr P Joemat, to give them the cheques of detainees Michael Deeb, Rachmat Omar, Bryan Slingers and Celeste Perez

Mr Joemat said that the department had ordered him to return the cheques. The department refuses to comment on issues involving the educational crisis

● Condemnation has mounted following the suspension on Thursday of Mr Nabil Swart, deputy principal of Alexander Sinton Senior Secondary School

The school's committee, the PTSA, principal Mr K Desai, and staff labelled the suspension "arbitrary and unjust"

The Wectu Athlone Central branch, expressed its "abhorrence at the devious and insensitive action on the part of the department"

● Fifty-five Oaklands Senior Secondary School staff members have signed a statement recording their "strongest condemnation to being forced to administer these uneducational exams" objection to police and army presence at schools and in townships, and support for a postponement of exams.

Cape Times 2/26/85

Court action threatened over exams

Staff Reporter

TEACHERS in the Cape are threatening a court injunction against the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, to force him to allow supplementary examinations to be written next year.

Attorneys for the Cape

Teachers' Professional Association have informed Mr Ebrahim of the teachers' action.

The attorneys said that if Mr Ebrahim did not give permission within seven days for the students to rewrite exams by next March, they would request the injunction against him.

The president of the CTPA, Mr Franklin Sonn, said the action was a sequel to the unsuccessful meeting which had been held with the State President concerning the postponement of exams.

"The minimal results of that encounter left us with no option," he said. The CTPA was de-

manding that students who had written exams and had done badly be allowed to rewrite, as well as students who had not written at all.

"We are talking about virtually every student in the Western Cape. Exams were written under extremely difficult con-

ditions and we feel it necessary that pupils be given another chance," said Mr Sonn.

He said the action was being taken "only in the interests of the pupils and in the interests of education".

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Students list 'crisis demands'

Education Reporter
PENINSULA students' action committees have set a list of demands they insist must be met if the present educational crisis is to be resolved

In a statement released on Friday, a total of 10 committees said the situation at schools was part of a struggle which had shown the "total rejection of the abhorrent apartheid system by all sectors of the community" They said the right of students to participate in the struggle for democracy should be recognized

Commitment

"The many thousands of high school students who have not written have very clearly demonstrated the extent of student commitment"

They said it was clear to even those who had written that the final exams were a farce devoid of any educational value and must be scrapped

Their demands are The lifting of the state of emergency, the removal of the army and police from townships and school premises, the immediate and unconditional release of all detainees, an end to all forms of harassment, threats and intimidation of students and teachers, the unconditional reinstatement of dismissed, suspended or expelled students and teachers, that the Congress of South African Students (Cosas), which represents thousands of students throughout the country, be unbanned, that the age restriction at schools be scrapped, that the ministerial decree granting control of schools to the educational authorities be scrapped, and that present exams be cancelled and postponed to March

Signatories

The exams in March could take place only if the demands were met "within a reasonable period of time"

The signatories to the statement are Mitchell's Plain student action committee, representing all schools in the area, BISCO, representing all schools in Bonteheuwel, HEISAC, representing all schools in Heideveld, MANSAC, representing all schools in Manenberg, HAPSAC, repre-

senting all schools in Hanover Park, ELSAC, representing all schools in Valhalla Park, Range and Elsie's River, BELSAC, representing all schools in the Bellville area, LOGSAC, representing all schools in Grassy Park and Lotus River, RETSAC, representing all schools in Retreat area, and Vista Ad-hoc Students' Action Committee, representing all schools in Bo-Kaap

UDF

The Western Cape Regional Executive of the United Democratic Fund yesterday released a statement giving unconditional support to the high school pupils' demands

The UDF has not been a signatory to either of the two major public documents — one released on November 18 and subsequently supported by 11 Peninsula trade unions, and another on November 28 — which were signed by a total of 175 organizations representing a broad cross-section of anti-apartheid opinion

"The overwhelming view is that exams are a small sacrifice when viewed against the deaths, shootings, detentions and ridiculous criminal charges," the UDF said

Dismissals

● The Elsie's River Region of the Western Cape Teachers' Union yesterday condemned the "unfair dismissal" of two teachers at Valhalla High School in Elsie's River, Mr Corneels Jafta and Mr Jeremy Veary

Mr Jafta, an economics teacher, was told on Friday that his services had been terminated as from yesterday, while Mr Veary, a temporary staff member, was told he had been suspended as from today

A WECTU statement yesterday said "Both teachers have administered the end-of-year examinations. No reason for their dismissal has yet been given It can only be surmised they have been chosen because of their active identification with the community struggle against the demonic apartheid system"

The crisis in education in the Western Cape

2/12/85 BUS DAY

STUART SAUNDERS
Vice-Chancellor and
Principal of the
University of Cape Town



SOME WEEKS ago a usually well-informed, prominent South African asked me at a meeting in Pretoria what the "trouble" was with the "coloured people" in the Western Cape.

He was at pains to point out they had "political rights" and that he was puzzled.

I said that the "coloured people" wanted the rights that had been taken away from them without their consultation and without their approval.

To my astonishment, he enquired what those might be and I reformed that, in my view, the tricameral system did not come anywhere near to restoring the rights that they had had when they were on the common voters' roll.

My point is that the root cause of the unrest in the "coloured community" — including that in the schools — is the present constitution, which entrenches racialism.

"Coloured" youth are criticizing their parents for accepting, without more vigorous protest, the forced removals under the Group Areas Act and the other discriminatory measures meted out down the years and are refusing to accept the status quo.

Schools and the education system have become their target. First, because they are seen as a system to be inferior and the result of discrimination. State expenditure per child is well known to be grossly unequal.

Second, schools and education have become a focus in the "coloured community" precisely because education is the one immediate social area over which the "own affairs" House of Representatives "ostensibly" has political control, ostensibly because all it is able to do is admin-

ister an education budget for a system of racially-separate education determined, in effect, by a white house.

And the exercise of this political control within these constraints by a Ministers Council of a system that failed to attract anything like a decent percentage poll in elections the community concerned clearly did not want, has further politicised education.

Third, the way in which the crisis has been handled — ministerial threats and ultimatums, and police and military action — has fed the crisis.

Year-end examinations, not unnaturally, became the rallying point for pupils and their parents, and for teachers.

Examinations are part of an educational process and do not stand alone. Any educational system takes account of the progress of the student or scholar over the whole year.

Schooling in many coloured areas has broken down entirely in the second half of 1985 in some black schools. It has been longer than this.

Normal school programmes have not operated for up to six months, not for small numbers but for thousands at school in the Western Cape.

To force students or scholars to write examinations (under police guard) for which their schooling has not prepared them and which they are unwilling to write is an educational farce.

To suspend teachers who do not believe that it is proper to set examinations under abnormal conditions for ill-prepared students is unacceptable.

The excessive actions of the security forces in this context particularly are polarising the "coloured" community and hardening attitudes.

Who can justify arresting a whole school? It is not possible to imprison a generation.

Whatever the rights and wrongs regarding what has happened in the schools of the Western Cape in the latter part of this year, and the violence on either

side must be thoroughly condemned, a statesmanlike and sensible approach which will restore peace and order is essential.

First of all, a new timetable for Senior Certificate and other examinations needs to be worked out in consultation with representative parent, pupil and teacher organisations, allowing adequate time for pupils and their teachers to prepare for them.

The responsible Minister in the House of Representatives shows no signs of considering this. His approach and that of his department is confrontational.

It is counter-productive and carries many dangers for us all, not least of which is the frustration and anger which will be engendered in those the department seems likely to force to repeat a school year in 1986, the feelings of their parents and the effects on the school system as a whole.

And these effects will include the tensions arising from school arts, at present in the same standard, being separated with those who wrote and passed and those who did not and were kept down.

This situation will be compounded by the absence of teachers who have been dismissed or suspended.

The attitude of Ministers Hendrickse and Ebrahim to the question of readmission to school in 1986 is a further cause of serious concern.

They have been widely reported — without public repudiation

— as having stated that pupils refusing to take their end-of-year examinations would not be readmitted to educational institutions.

At the meeting in Pretoria (November 1) both Ministers denied saying this. But Die Burger (October 29) quoted Ebrahim as follows:

"Leertjunge en studente wat nansgar met opset nie die eindexamen gelyk nie, sal anderszins jaer nie weer tot opvoedkundige instellings toegelaat word nie."

This was in response to a statement reported to have been made by the Rev Hendrickse on October 27 that "those who write their examinations and fail can be assured of a second chance in the supplementary examinations, but those who refuse to sit for examinations will not be allowed to return to school" (Cape Times, October 28).

Hendrickse understands — or should understand — the position of these pupils. For peace to be restored he must unequivocally publicly withdraw this statement or deny making it.

Readmission alone is not the solution. Students are to be allowed to write supplementaries if they have not written before "in exceptional circumstances". But nobody has defined these.

Hendrickse declined to do so in the television debate with Professor Richard van der Ross.

If he wishes to distinguish between those who "would" not write from those who "could" not write, how does he propose to set about it?

The argument used by Hendrickse that it would be "disloyal" to those who did write to give supplementaries to those who did not is difficult to follow.

Those who have written must get credit for what they have done, but if they do badly, or fail, they too should be allowed to write supplementaries, given this disruption of the communities from which they come. They, too, could have been improperly prepared in many instances.

Any solution to the problem requires listening to what the teachers, parents and scholars have to say, and discussions on the issues with them, so that members of the Education Department have a better appreciation of the problems perceived in the schools and of how to solve them.

What is gained by dismissing these requests out of hand? It is hardly a positive approach, nor one which is likely to be successful.

It is a serious source of concern to me that the State President and the Cabinet appear to sit with their arms folded in this situation, claiming that the matter falls outside their jurisdiction and within the powers of the Ministers Council.

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'Re-schedule exams or we'll go to court'

Education Reporter

COLOURED education authorities have seven days to agree to allow Western Cape students and pupils to write exams afresh by next March or local teachers will go ahead with a court injunction to force them to do so

Attorneys acting for the Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA) and a number of other parties informed the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim, of their intention and the deadline last Friday

"Unless the authorities are prepared to negotiate — and they have until Monday to do so — we will go to court," said deputy president of the CTPA Mr Randall van den Heever

The action follows abortive talks CTPA president Mr Franklin Sonn and other leading Cape educationists had with President P W Botha on postponing the exams

The outcome had left the CTPA with no option, Mr van den Heever said

"All pupils"

"We are proposing that all pupils, those who did not write, those who wrote and did badly as well as those who wrote and passed, be allowed to re-write the Standard 6 to 9 exams, that all matrics be allowed to write supplementaries and that college students also have the chance to re-write

"Exams were written under extremely difficult circumstances and many pupils had

not completed the year's work

"Even if marks are adjusted it will not obliterate the fact that there will be a huge gap in pupils' educational grounding and that even those who passed would flounder in the next standard"

Mr van den Heever pointed out that matric results had been poor after the 1980 schools boycott, although exams were not boycotted as they had been this year

"But the 1981 results were even worse, indicating that the previous year's Standard 9 class could not cope"

The CTPA, through regular meetings and representations to the department, had given the authorities "more than enough chance to do something" he said

Two more teachers get marching orders

Education Reporter

TWO more Peninsula teachers have been dismissed from their posts, bringing to 12 the number dismissed or suspended by the Department of Education and Culture in the past two weeks

The Elsie River region of the Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) strongly condemned the "unfair dismissal"

of Mr Corneels Jafta and Mr Jeremy Veary of Valhalla High School

Mr Jafta was told on Friday his services would be terminated from yesterday and Mr Veary that he had been suspended from today and that his services would no longer be required from January 1.

"Both teachers have administered the (internal) exams

and no reason for their dismissal has yet been given," a Wectu statement said

"It can only be surmised that they have been victimised because of their active identification with the community struggle against the demonic apartheid system

"We appreciate the widespread community support as indicated by the recent Press

statements undersigned by 155 community organisations and 11 trade unions"

"We appeal for the active support of all progressive organisations in applying pressure to the authorities to reinstate immediately and unconditionally Mr Jafta, Mr Veary and all other teachers who have been similarly victimised."

Concession for boycotting pupils

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Dispatch Correspondent
CAPE TOWN — The Department of Education and Culture has made a concession for matric pupils who have boycotted final examinations and invited them to apply for supplementary exams in March next year

But those wishing to do so have to submit an affidavit outlining the reasons and circumstances that prevented them from writing the entire exam or "only two or fewer" subjects

Furthermore, their applications must be accompanied by a written statement by the principal of the school supporting or refuting the candidate's state-

ment and any documentary or other evidence

The move flies in the face of initial hard-line statements from the department and the Labour Party, whose leader, Rev Allan Hendrickse is chairman of the Minister's Council, that pupils boycotting exams would not be allowed to return to school

Letters signed by the department's executive director, Mr A J Arendse, and addressed to "full-time candidates for the senior certificate examination, November 1985" were distributed to all high school principals and matric pupils

on Friday

Mr Arendse admits that on conducting this year's matric exams it became evident that "a significant number of candidates enrolled either did not write or only wrote one or two subjects

The department had decided to make the concession that candidates entered for the 1985 exam "but due to exceptional circumstances beyond his control, was unable to write the examination or only wrote two or fewer subjects, may apply for entry to the supplementary examination of 1986"

The concession was being made "although

the prescriptions for the senior secondary course under normal circumstances exclude such candidates from the supplementary exam"

In a special education bulletin circulated recently by the department, it is stated that pupils would have to pass 'at least three' subjects in order to qualify for supplementary examinations

Mr Arendse's letter makes no mention that pupils who had written "two or fewer" subjects this year would actually have had to pass the exams in order to make an application for the supplementary exam next year and Mr Hendrickse

has already said that those who wrote and failed would be assured of a second chance in the supplementary exams

Mr Arendse makes it clear in the letter that the application form will not be accepted as an entry to the supplementary examination, "but is merely an application for admission to the examination"

Mr Arendse was "busy in meetings" yesterday and not available for comment. The department's liaison officer, Mr A J E Jordaan, said no comments would be made on any issues before the end of the school term on December 4

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Teachers paid after threat of court action

Education Reporter

TEACHERS whose November salaries were withheld have been paid after they threatened to take legal action

A spokesman for the 2 000-strong Western Cape Teachers' Union said the union instructed attorneys to act on behalf of all teachers whose pay had been withheld for allegedly refusing to administer exams

The teachers include the entire staff of Harold Cressy High School in Cape Town, about 27 teachers at Cathkin Senior Secondary School in Heideveld, where seven suspended teachers have also had their November salaries returned, and a number of teachers at Alexander Sinton Senior Secondary School in Athlone

One of the teachers said today they were paid their November salaries on Friday

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Inspectors 'engineer' exam marks

By ANDRE KOOPMAN,
YAZEED FAKIER and
EBRAHIM MOOSA

TEACHERS at several Peninsula schools have expressed their outrage at the actions of Department of Education and Culture inspectors who they claim have "engineered" the examination marks of pupils.

Belhar school teachers, who refused to be identified for fear of departmental action, said they were "incensed" by the action of inspectors "who have arbitrarily decided to add to pupils' marks in an attempt to normalize the farcical exams".

One of the teachers said inspectors visited the two schools on Friday and told teachers not to enter the original marks which pupils had obtained in the internal examinations into their schedules.

'A farce'

"They took the average marks pupils had obtained over the past three years and instructed teachers to add from four to 98 marks in each subject for standards six to nine," the teacher said.

This indicates that a pupil who might have done badly, or even failed, the exams, would now be able to pass, he said.

"I feel the exams are a farce because the pupils have not been in class since July. This is just a move on the part of the department to save face," said another teacher.

"They are engineering the marks to make it seem as if these exams have been the same as past exams. This is unprofessional," he added.

Court action

He claimed the department wanted to present the exams as "completely normal" since the Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) was considering court action against the department.

Teachers in the Bellville, Bellville South and Somerset West areas said that inspectors had visited their schools on Friday and told them not to enter pupils' marks into their schedules.

Yesterday they returned and told principals to give teachers certain instructions. At one school, teachers were told to add 25 marks to the maths exam.

Another teacher said "At our school we had to take the average mark for 1983 and 1984 and if it is lower than the 1985 mark, we had to add the difference to the 1985 mark."

Matrics

The teacher also did not want to be identified for fear of departmental action.

"This can make people pass and if they are doing this to the standard sixes to nines, how do we know they aren't doing the same to the matrics?" the teacher asked.

"They are trying to cover up by trying to make pupils pass who would otherwise have failed."

A senior Mitchells Plain teacher said that teachers at his school were instructed by the principal to have their marks schedule ready by yesterday so that the regional inspector could make necessary "adjustments" to the results.

He added that this was being done to prevent large-scale failures.

No comment

"The failure rate will definitely be higher this year," he said.

The Department of Education and Culture has consistently refused to comment on any issues involving the present educational crisis.

However, in view of the seriousness of the allegations, the Cape Times contacted the department's liaison officer, Mr A J E Jordaan, again yesterday for comment.

Mr Jordaan said no comment on any issues would be given before the end of the school term on December 4.

The executive director of Education and Culture, Mr A J Arendse, was "busy with meetings" and not available for comment yesterday, while there was no reply from the office of the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim.

Plea on education, judicial commission

THE Federal Council of the Progressive Federal Party has called on the government to establish a permanent judicial commission to hear complaints about security force actions in black townships.

In a statement issued yesterday by its chairman, Dr Alex Boraine, after its all-day meeting in Johannesburg on Sunday, the council also calls for the immediate sacking of Mr Carter Ebrahim, the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, and for the government to take "urgent" steps to end the crisis in coloured and black education.

Radicalized communities

The council says the emergency regulations and the way in which they are implemented have not restored law and order in the Republic, but have instead further radicalized communities and have increased the polarization in South African society.

It calls on the government to lift the state of emergency, to release all detainees and to "urgently address the underlying causes of the unrest".

In addition to the permanent commission, special judicial commissions should be appointed to investigate the "tragic incidents" at Mamelodi on November 21 and at Queenstown on November 17.

The council says the army should be withdrawn from the townships and the police restricted to "normal

policing duties" in those areas.

"Furthermore, it is vital that a clear distinction must be drawn between peaceful protest meetings and those held with criminal intent, and the Federal Council calls on the Minister of Law and Order to withdraw Proclamation 705 of 22 3 85 and the regulations which prohibit lawful gatherings and which have destroyed the freedom of association."

In the field of education, the council calls for the removal of Mr Ebrahim from his post because of his "highly provocative" actions, and for the government to

Release detainees

● Allow all pupils who have not written their end-of-year exams to be allowed to write these exams in the new year

● Immediately release all teachers and pupils in detention, reinstate all teachers who have been suspended and restore any salaries which have been frozen

● Immediately start consultations with democratically elected pupil, parent and teacher bodies about the factors preventing a return to "normality" in coloured and black education

The council also said it urged PFP members and supporters and all concerned South Africans to join and support the National Convention Movement — Sapa

Bursaries: 'Dower students singled out'

Post Reporter

STUDENTS at the Dower Teachers' Training College appear to have been singled out as the only ones in the country not to be given their full bursaries, the rector of the college, Mr Eric Fisher, said today.

He said students at other colleges — who had also boycotted classes and examinations — had been given full bursaries by the Department of Education and Culture.

Instead of the R1 900 bursary each expected, some students received less than half this amount.

They said they had no idea where they would get the money to pay for books and sports clothes they had bought on credit.

Mr Fisher said he was upset about the department's decision

"It appears that for some reason they have singled out Dower College"

He said students at other coloured colleges, technikons and universities had

received full bursaries.

Mr Fisher said the department had gone back on its earlier promise to pay "full bursaries".

He explained that earlier in the year, when students started boycotting, the department informed the college they would only pay students bursaries for three-quarters of a year because they had boycotted classes during the first quarter.

Instead of paying the students R950 for the first half of the year, they would withhold R450 which they would pay out at the end of the year if they passed their final exams

But the boycotts continued, and instead of paying the full R950 for both the third and fourth quarters at the end of the year, they halved the amount to R475.

"They then deducted their dues from this amount, leaving the students in an unhappy financial position," Mr Fisher said

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'Sigh of relief' as boycott-hit school year ends

By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

AS TEACHERS at schools under the Department of Education and Culture enter the last day of a boycott-ridden year, more reports were received yesterday of the controversial promotion of pupils.

Principals expressed relief that today would be the last day of a school term they described as "hectic".
"I will at last be able to say goodbye to my extra invigilators in the yellow vans," said one principal, referring to the presence of police at schools during internal examinations.

Yesterday teachers again alleged

departmental irregularities were continuing.

An Athlone area teacher, who did not want to be identified for fear of departmental action, said the staff had received notice yesterday that certain pupils had to be promoted.

In some of the more extreme cases, as much as 40 marks were added to the marks of pupils who had written the November exam, she said.

"What we find very disturbing is that we don't know what criteria were being used for promotion."

She said the principal had received instructions from an inspector and that these instructions had to be car-

ried out. It appeared that a formula was worked out and teachers were told to add marks to their schedules

"Some of us refused point-blank to comply, but we were informed we had no option and had to follow it through," the teacher said.

What was ironic was that in cases where pupils had done well they were given additional marks, while those who had done badly were not

She said: "We have made copies of the adjusted mark schedules just in case we will need it as evidence"

The Cape Times has received detailed information of similar cases. Teachers at schools in Belhar-said marks were being "engineered to

make it seem as if these exams are the same as previous exams" This, they said, was "unprofessional"

At schools in Bellville, Bellville South and Somerset West, teachers said inspectors had first told them not to enter marks into their schedules and then returned with orders for them to add marks to the marks pupils scored in the November exam

"We had to take the average mark for 1983 and 1984 and if it is lower than the 1985 mark, we had to add the difference to the 1985 mark," a teacher said

The department's liaison officer, Mr A J E Jordaan, said comment would only be given after the end of the school term.

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**Court bid
to reinstate
8 dismissed
teachers**

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Education Reporter

AN urgent application for an interdict to reinstate eight Peninsula teachers dismissed or suspended by the Department of Education and Culture was brought before the Supreme Court, Cape Town, today.

Respondents are the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim, and the director-general of the department

A decision was expected later on when the matter will be heard

UNLAWFUL

The eight teachers are Mr Basil Swart, deputy principal of Alexander Sinton Senior Secondary School in Athlone, Mr Philip Tobias, deputy principal of Crestway Senior Secondary in Retreat, Mr Yusuf Abrahams, deputy principal of Cathkin Senior Secondary, and Mr Ismail Saban, Mr Alvin Heslop, Mr Mohamed Abass, Ms Zubeida Desai and Mr Abdullah Rawoot, all of Cathkin.

The teachers claim the action taken against them by the department was unlawful and that they have been severely prejudiced

Mr Siraj Desai, instructed by E Moosa and Associates, appeared for the applicants. Mr Justice A Burger was presiding

Quit call 'ridiculous'

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Education Reporter

THE Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, last night said a call by the Progressive Federal Party for his resignation was "ridiculous"

The call was made in a statement on Monday by the chairman of the PFP Federal Council and MP for Pinelands, Dr Alex Boraine, who described Mr Ebrahim's action during the current education crisis as "highly provocative"

Mr Ebrahim said last night that if Dr Boraine "wants to play the Queen in 'Alice in Wonderland' who is continually shouting 'Off with his head' that is his business as for the call for my resignation, this is ridiculous"

Asked if he had any comment on the educational crisis and alleged irregularities on the part of the department, Mr Ebrahim said a policy statement would be made "in the near future"

Dr Boraine said last night "I leave the judgement of whether the call for his resignation is ridiculous to the teachers and children who have been affected by his provocative action"

More suspended as schools close

By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

HIGH schools under the Department of Education and Culture officially closed yesterday as more teachers were suspended and more salaries withheld.

● At Harold Cressy Senior Secondary School in Cape Town, principal Mr V J Ritchie, deputy principal Mr P Meyer and five senior teachers were given notices of suspension from today. In addition, 11 temporary teachers were told their services were being terminated from the end of the year.

The entire staff, including the principal, have consistently refused to administer or even set papers for the November exams.

The seven senior teachers were told to return their December salary cheques to the de-

partment and were reissued with cheques for only four days.

In a show of solidarity, their colleagues at the school have decided to pool their December salaries to provide a fund from which all 35 teachers on the staff would be paid an equal amount.

One of two Harold Cressy teachers who were detained, Mrs Helen Kies, was released yesterday. Fellow teacher Mr Derick Naidoo is still in detention.

● At Groenvlei Senior Secondary in Lansdowne, three temporary teachers had their services terminated, four more were told their 1986 posts would not be available and a permanent staff member was suspended.

One teacher who administered exams stated in pupils' reports that although they had passed

they were ill-equipped to cope with the next standard.

"He was later ordered by an inspector to delete the statement from the reports," teachers said.

● Six temporary teachers at Bonteheuwel Senior Secondary were told their services had been terminated.

● A temporary teacher who had administered exams at Heideveld Senior Secondary was told her renewal application for 1986 had been unsuccessful.

● At Kasselsvlei Senior Secondary School, the entire staff of 65 had to sign departmental forms stating that they would return to school every day until their mark schedules had been completed.

Anger

Teachers were incensed at the ruling because by yesterday departmental inspectors had not provided "adjusted" marks for the teachers to complete their schedules.

One teacher said they had received a notice from the department saying that "no teacher may receive a December cheque, go on holiday or be absent from school until exam-related administration work has been completed."

Teachers said the inspectors refused to tell them to whom they could direct their inquiries about the payment of their December salaries.

Dept comment

The executive director of Education and Culture, Mr A J E Jordaan, said yesterday that teachers who felt they had been unfairly treated would have to make special representations to the department's head office in writing.

"All of them will be given a fair hearing."

Asked why some teachers were not receiving their December salaries, he said that if they had been suspended it could not be expected of the department to pay them.

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1986 classes: 'No problems'

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By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

THE Department of Education and Culture has broken its silence on the crisis at its high schools in the Western Cape, saying there will be "no problems" when schools reopen next year.

Asked how the department proposed to tackle expected mass failures and community demands for 1986, the executive director of the department, Mr A J Arendse, said yesterday "There won't be any problems."

He declined to say why he felt this way, saying he had "answered enough questions".

In a press statement, Mr Arendse replied to widespread allegations of departmental "engineering" of internal examination marks by saying "adjustment" of marks was an "accepted and standing procedure applied by all educational departments at both internal and Std 10 exams".

Adjustment was applied when the "average achievement of the candidates in a particular subject/s deviate from the realistic norms as a result of identified factors which prejudiced or favoured the candidates".

Mr Arendse was asked to clarify confusion surrounding departmental conditions for permission to write supplementary exams in March next year.

The confusion followed apparent discrepancies between two letters sent to pupils. The first said pupils who had not written the exams or had written only "two or fewer" would be allowed to apply to write supplementary exams.

Mr Arendse said this letter, which made concessions to pupils who in "exceptional circumstances beyond their control boycotted or wrote two or less subjects", had "missed certain parts".

Thus, a second letter had been sent out indicating that those pupils who sat for exams in at least three full subjects and passed at least one would be admitted to supplementary exams.

These exams would be on the subjects the pupil did not write as well as those subjects which he failed, "up to a maximum of five".

It would also be indicated on pupils' reports whether they were eligible for supplementary exams.

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Teachers seek suspension ruling

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Supreme Court Reporter EIGHT suspended teachers brought an urgent application before the Supreme Court yesterday calling on the Minister of Education and Culture and his Director-General to show why their suspensions should not be set aside.

They have also applied for a court order that the minister and director-general should show why they should not be directed to pay the teachers all the payments withheld through the suspension.

The eight are Mr Basil Swart, deputy principal of Alexander Sinton Senior Secondary

School, Mr Philip Tobias, deputy principal of Crestway Senior Secondary, Mr Yusuf Abrahams, deputy principal of Cathkin Senior Secondary, Mr Ismail Saban, Mr Alvin Heslop, Mr Mohamed Abass, Ms Zubaida Desai and Mr Abdulla Rawoot, all of Cathkin.

The matter was postponed to December 12 for the minister and director-general to reply.

Mr Justice A P Burger presided. Mr S Desai, instructed by E Moosa and Associates, appeared for the teachers. Mr J Jordaan, instructed by the State Attorney, appeared for the minister and director-general.

to a catch of 20 squid each a day

would be submitted to him for consideration.

Peninsula teachers hit by spate of suspensions

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Education Reporter

TEACHERS in the Peninsula have been hit by a spate of suspensions and dismissals ordered by the Department of Education and Culture

Thirty teachers at four schools were either suspended or had their services terminated yesterday, while another 10 at a Bellville South school had their December salaries withheld

Those affected include more than half the 35 teaching staff — including the principal and deputy-principal — of Harold Cressy High School in Cape Town

Teachers said no reasons were given for the actions. Those whose service was terminated — all temporary staffers — were told that their reinstatement depended on the written permission of the director-general of the department

TOTAL OF 43

In the past two weeks the department has dismissed, suspended or put on "compulsory leave" 13 Peninsula teachers, among them deputy-principals and department heads with more than 20 years' service

The department's action yesterday brings the number of those dismissed or suspended to 43. Teachers fear more will be sacked for refusing to administer internal exams

At Harold Cressy seven senior staff were suspended from today and asked

to return the December salary cheques that were issued yesterday. They were given cheques for four days' pay, teachers said

Eleven temporary staff members had their service terminated from December 31 and were told their reappointment depended on the approval of the director-general

PAY WITHHELD

At Kasselsvlei High School in Bellville South, 10 teachers were told their December salaries were being withheld after 12 teachers who took "a firm stand on the exams" were interviewed by inspectors

Two teachers recently released from detention under emergency regulations received their pay, teachers said

Only 14 percent of the school's 1 100 pupils wrote exams. "It is our opinion that we acted not only within our rights in rejecting the department's illegal exam but also out of a strong sense of duty towards our children," the teachers said in a statement

Six teachers at Bonteheuwel Senior Secondary, three at Groenvlei Senior Secondary and one at Belgravia High School in Athlone had their services terminated. Another Groenvlei High teacher and a senior teacher at Belgravia were suspended and given four days' pay for December

LP 'lists'

alarm

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Staff Reporter

THE Representative Council of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA) yesterday expressed alarm at widespread allegations that Labour Party MPs were in possession of confidential lists of applicants for senior teaching posts

Two hundred delegates from 66 CTPA branches, who met in Bellville South for the quarterly meeting of the CTPA Representative Council (RC), unanimously passed a resolution saying the allegations had debased the profession

Delegates claimed LP MPs were using lists of teaching candidates to canvass support in constituencies and were telling candidates unless they backed the LP, they would not be considered for posts

Delegates questioned the fact that lists for teaching posts, previously chosen by a selection committee and sent to individual school committees, were now being sent to the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim, for approval

The RC asked the Executive Committee to investigate the allegations and, if they proved true, to investigate the possibility of a Supreme Court injunction or an urgent CTPA intervention to "restrain the minister from deprofessionalising education by making politics of teaching appointments".

The delegates also passed a resolution expressing appreciation of the actions of the Executive Committee in bringing a Supreme Court action against the Minister of Education and Culture in an attempt to have "totally unacceptable" regulations issued by the minister put aside

The resolution gave the Executive Committee a mandate to apply to the Supreme Court to compel the minister to allow supplementary examinations for pupils and students

Earlier, Mr Franklin Sonn, rector of the Peninsula Technikon and president of the CTPA, told delegates he had written to Mr Carter Ebrahim requesting supplementary examinations. If Mr Ebrahim did not allow the supplementary examinations, then the CTPA would go to the Supreme Court.

The Rev Allan Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party, said from Uitenhage yesterday that he wished to refute the allegations against his party entirely "It is entirely false to suggest that people are being canvassed for the sake of party membership"

Tricameral system cause of unrest

SOME WEEKS ago a usually well-informed, prominent South African asked me at a meeting in Pretoria what the "trouble" was with the coloured people in the Western Cape.

He was at pains to point out they had "political rights" and he was puzzled

I said the "coloured people" wanted the rights that had been taken away from them without their consultation and without their approval

To my astonishment, he inquired what those might be and I said that, in my view, the tricameral system did not come anywhere near restoring the rights they had had when they were on the common voters' roll

My point is that the root cause of the unrest in the "coloured community" — including that in the schools — is the present constitution, which entrenches racialism

"Coloured" youth are criticising their parents for accepting, without more vigorous protest, the forced removals under the Group Areas Act and the other discriminatory measures meted out down the years, and are refusing to accept the status quo

Schools and the education system have become their target

First, because they are seen, as a system, to be inferior and the result of discrimination. State expenditure per child is well known to be grossly unequal

Second, schools and education have become a focus in the "coloured community" precisely because education is the one immediate social area over which their "own affairs" House of Representatives ostensibly has political control, ostensibly because all it is able to do is administer an education budget

And that budget is for a system of racially-separate education determined, in effect, by a white House

And the exercise of this

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What, he asked, is wrong with the coloured people?

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By STUART SAUNDERS
Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Cape Town

broken down entirely in the second half of 1985, in some black schools it has been longer than this

Normal school programmes have not operated for up to six months, not for small numbers, but for thousands at school in the Western Cape

To force students or scholars to write examinations (under police guard!) for which their schooling has not pre-

sensible approach that will restore peace and order is essential

First of all, a new timetable for Senior Certificate and other examinations needs to be worked out in consultation with representative parent, pupil and teacher organisations, allowing adequate time for pupils and their teachers to prepare

But the responsible Minister in the House of Representatives shows no sign of considering this. His approach and that of his department is confrontational

It is counter-productive and carries many dangers for us all, not least of which is the frustration and anger that will be engendered in those the department seems likely to force to repeat a school year in 1986, the feelings of their parents and the effects on the school system as a whole

This situation will be compounded by the

they have done, but if they do badly, or fail, they, too, should be allowed to write supplementaries, given this disruption of the communities from which they come. They, too, could have been improperly prepared

Any solution to the problem requires listening to what the teachers, parents and scholars have to say, and discussions on the issues with them, so that members of the Education Department have a better appreciation of the problems perceived in the schools and of how to solve them

It is a serious source of concern to me that the State President and the Cabinet appear to sit with their arms folded in this situation, claiming the matter falls outside their jurisdiction and within the powers of the Ministers' Council

True, the constitution does define education, at most levels, as an own affair

But that is crazy as ridiculous as defining water as an own affair, as the dragon's teeth of this crisis in education are generating problems for all South Africans



political control, within these constraints, by a Minister's Council of a system that failed to attract anything like a decent percentage poll in elections, has further politicised education

Third, the way in which the crisis has been handled — ministerial threats and ultimatums, and police and military action — has fuelled the fire.

Year-end examinations, not unnaturally, became the rallying point for pupils and their parents, and for teachers

Examinations are part of an education process and do not stand alone. Any educational system takes account of the progress of the student or scholar over the whole year

Schooling in many coloured areas had

pared them and which they are unwilling to write, is an educational farce

To suspend teachers who do not believe it is proper to set examinations under abnormal conditions for ill-prepared students is unacceptable

The excessive actions of the security forces in this context, particularly, are polarising the "coloured" community and hardening attitudes

Who can justify arresting a whole school? It is not possible to imprison a generation

Whatever the rights and wrongs regarding what has happened in the schools of the Western Cape in the latter part of this year — and the violence on either side must be thoroughly condemned — a statesmenlike and

absence of teachers who have been dismissed or suspended

The attitude of Ministers Hendrickse and Ebrahim to the question of readmission to school in 1986 is a further cause of serious concern

Readmission alone is not the solution. Students are to be allowed to write supplementaries "in exceptional circumstances" if they have not written before. But nobody has defined these circumstances

Mr Hendrickse declined to do so in the television debate with Professor Richard van der Ross

If he wishes to distinguish between those who "would" not write from those who "could" not write, how does he propose to set about it?

Those who have written must get credit for what

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Criticism of action at Cressy

Staff Reporter

HAROLD CRESSY High School pupils and their parents have criticized the action taken by the Department of Education and Culture against the school's staff

The department has suspended seven members of staff, including the principal and deputy principal, and their December salaries have been withheld

In a statement, pupils and parents called it an "attempt to destroy a school that has upheld the best traditions of educational, social and moral growth"

The seven staff members suspended are the principal, Mr V J Ritchie, the deputy principal, Mr P Meyer, and five heads of department — Mrs M Adriaan, Mr L Adriaan, Mr C Soudien, Mr N George and Mr E Mackay

The statement also condemned the threat by the department not to reappoint 11 teachers holding temporary appointments

It also criticized the decision to go ahead with exams as parents and teachers had decided that exams should be written in March

As this decision was the "expressed wishes of the parents", the action against the teachers was "therefore incomprehensible and irregular"

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Man charged with sheltering terrorists

CAPE TOWN — A Guguletu man yesterday appeared in a Magistrate's Court here on a charge of harbouring "trained terrorists" who are allegedly connected with a hand-grenade attack on the home of two Labour Party MPs in the House of Representatives.

Mr Ntozelizwe Talakumeni (27) was not asked to plead to the charge under the Internal Security Act.

The State alleges he harboured a man connected with a hand-grenade attack on the Langa Police Station and the placing of limpet mines or hand-grenades at the homes of Labour MPs, Mr L Landers and Mr Fred Peters, and the homes of three local community councillors, between June 12 and 16 this year.

Mr Talakumeni was remanded to March 7 — Sapa

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8 teachers 'not harmed' by suspension

Supreme Court Reporter
THE Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, disputed in the Supreme Court yesterday that eight teachers had been harmed by their suspensions

He said in papers before the court that they "had not seen fit" to ask him for their salaries during the suspension

He said it was incorrect to approach the court before asking him

He was responding in a civil matter in which eight teachers have applied to have their summary suspensions set aside

According to the regulations, teachers are not paid during the suspension, and may not do any paid work.

Mr Ebrahim told the court of his reasons for suspending teachers, particularly Mr Basil Swart, deputy principal of Alexander Sinton High

This suspension was "in connection with a departmental decision to give children an opportunity to write exams this year".

During November his department's inspectorate accused Mr Swart of "recalcitrance", "failing to carry out lawful commands" and "acting in a

manner which harmed the administration, discipline and effectiveness of the department"

Although Mr Swart had undertaken to administer exams, accusations of "previous misbehaviour" came to his knowledge, Mr Ebrahim said

One of these was that Mr Swart had sent a circular which was contrary to the department's instructions on exams

Mr L Dison, SC, for the teachers, said Mr Ebrahim had supposedly "carefully considered" the pros and cons of suspending teachers, but this was "nothing short of farcical".

"He can only consider it if he hears both sides," Mr Dison said "Carefully considering what one of his own officials wrote to him is farcical"

Mr Ebrahim said he did not yet have to give Mr Swart a chance to defend himself, but the charge against him would be formulated as soon as possible and a "proper hearing" would take place

The matter proceeds
Mr Acting Justice S Selikowitz presided Mr Dison, with Mr L Rose-Innes, was instructed by Mr B Waglay of E Moosa and Associates. Mr H P Viljoen, SC, with Mr S A Jordaan and instructed by the State Attorney, appeared for Mr Ebrahim and his director-general

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Ebrahim didn't listen to teachers' story, court told

Staff Reporter

IT was nothing short of farcical to suggest that Mr Carter Ebrahim had "carefully considered" the suspension of eight teachers because he had not given them a chance to put their side of the story, the Supreme Court, Cape Town, has been told.

Mr L R Dison, SC, was arguing for the teachers, who are seeking an urgent interdict setting aside their suspension and an order prohibiting them from receiving their pay before allegations of misconduct against them are investigated.

The respondents are Mr Ebrahim, Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, and the Director-General Administration House of Representatives.

The teachers are Mr Basil Swart, deputy-principal of Alexander Sinton Senior Secondary School, Mr Philip Tobias, deputy-principal of Crestway Senior Sec-

ondary, Mr Yusuf Abrahams, deputy-principal of Cathkin Senior Secondary School, and Mr Ismail Saban, Mr Alvin Heslop, Mr Mohamed Abass, Ms Zubeida Desai and Mr Abdullah Rawoot, all of Cathkin.

Mr Dison said yesterday that provisions for charges of misconduct and suspension were very harsh and should be used with great care.

No earnings

If an employee was suspended pending a full inquiry this was of indefinite duration. There was nothing to prevent the Minister from taking a full year before the matter was completed.

Until this time the suspended teacher had to live without earnings as it was stipulated that if teachers took other employment while under suspension their services were deemed to have been terminated because of misconduct.

For Mr Ebrahim to have considered the pros and cons of the suspensions it was necessary for

him to have heard both sides.

If he had telephoned or written a letter he could have heard both sides and it would have been possible for him to have considered the matter carefully, Mr Dison said.

In papers before court Mr Ebrahim admitted that the applicants had not been given a chance to put their side of the story.

But his understanding of the Act (the Coloured Persons Education Act) was that there was no need to give the teachers an opportunity at that stage, he said.

He said the applicants had had the opportunity to make representations to him about the withholding of their pay during their suspension.

The hearing continues today

Mr Acting-Justice S Selikowitz presided. Mr L Rose-Innes appeared with Mr Dison. They were instructed by Moosa and Associates. Mr H Viljoen, SC, and Mr SA Jordaan, instructed by the State Attorney, appeared for the respondents.

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Judgment soon over teachers

Supreme Court Reporter

JUDGMENT on whether the summary suspension of eight teachers should be set aside is expected before the end of next week.

The teachers, most of whom are either deputy principals or heads of departments, were suspended towards the end of last month on instruction of Mr Carter Ebrahim, Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives.

Both sides closed their cases yesterday after almost two days of legal argument, and Mr Acting Justice S Selikowitz said he was "mindful that there is an element of urgency about the matter".

Finding within a week

Suspended teachers are not being paid. Mr Acting Justice Selikowitz said he would do his best to expedite judgment without prejudicing either side, and he anticipated making a finding within a week.

Mr H Viljoen, SC, for Mr Ebrahim, said the minister did have a discretion to grant suspended teachers all or part of their salaries while suspended.

He said the teachers should not have assumed, on the basis of their letters of suspension, that the minister had already decided not to pay them.

The question of whether the law was draconian or not was irrelevant, Mr Viljoen said. "The law empowers the minister to suspend upon an accusation of misbehaviour."

May never be a hearing

Mr L Dison, SC, said one of the provisions of the Act was that there may never be a hearing. Parliament could therefore not have intended to rule out hearings about suspensions on the strength of hearings being held later.

Mr Dison, with Mr L Rose-Innes and instructed by Mr B Waglay of E Moosa and Associates, appeared for the teachers, Mr Basil Swart, Mr Philip Tobias, Mr Yusuf Abrahams, Mr Ismail Saban, Mr Alvin Heslop, Mr Mohamed Abass, Ms Zubeida Desai and Mr Abdullah Rawoot. Mr Viljoen, with Mr S A Jordaan and instructed by the State Attorney, appeared for Mr Ebrahim and his director-general.

LP accused of 'collaboration'

Mercury Reporter

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THE ruling Labour Party in the House of Representatives would never represent the interests of coloureds in South Africa, according to the United Committee of Concern

The UCC claimed that the LP could not dispute that it had collaborated in the perpetuation of the apartheid system and had thus identified itself with the Nationalist Government

it urged the Labour Party to immediately quit the tricameral Parliament because South Africa had plunged into deep and irrevocable crisis since the tricameral elections

According to the memorandum, the Labour Party had failed to get the Government to address the needs of the people

Instead, suffering had increased, with a lack of job opportunities and rising food costs

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exams

PUPILS who did not write their final examinations this year have been advised not to apply to write exams early in 1986 by the interim committee of a federation of Parents Teachers Students Associations (PTSAs)

The committee said in a statement that it had studied letters from the Department of Education and Culture received by matric students who did not write their exams

It said there was "no guarantee that any or all students who apply will be allowed to write, or that the demands of students will be met" and recommended that students should not submit the application.

"We instead demand that all students be given an opportunity to prepare for a proper examination, which should be written on a date to be decided"

The committee demanded

- The unconditional reinstatement of all teachers that were victimized and the release of those detained under emergency regulations.

- The withdrawal of the Defence Force and police from schools and townships

- An immediate end to harassment and intimidation of teachers and students

- That the exams be declared null and void and that students be afforded an opportunity to complete their syllabi and write exams in circumstances conducive to learning

- The right of PTSAs and PTAs to function

Exam dates put forward

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New supp dates for matric pupils

Staff Reporter

SUPPLEMENTARY examinations for matric pupils in schools falling under the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives have been brought forward by two weeks

In a statement yesterday, the department said the new dates for the examinations would be February 3 to 26 "at examination centres to be determined by the department"

Pupils who wrote the matric exam in November in "at least three full subjects and passed at least one of these subjects" will be allowed to write the supplementary examination in the subjects they did not write "as well as those subjects which they failed to a maximum of five subjects"

"Candidates who were entered for the senior certificate examination but did not write the examination at all or wrote less than three full subjects have already been notified that they may apply in writing for consideration for admission to the supplementary examination of 1986," the department said

"These applications are at present being considered by the department and candidates will be informed of the result of their applications not later than December 27, 1985"

The closing date for entry for the supplementary examinations is January 1986 and no late entries will be accepted, the statement said

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Move to stop MPs doubling on jobs defeated

By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

ATTEMPTS to dislodge coloured and Indian MPs from their double jobs of MPs and members of management committees (mancoms) failed this week after the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, threatened to resign his position on the Association of Management Committees (Assomac).

At the annual Assomac Congress a decision was also taken not to implement the terms of a motion adopted at last year's congress to disband because direct representation on town and city councils had not been achieved by the congress's deadline, which was this week.

Instrumental

At the same time, the continued functioning of segregated mancoms seems to clash with the sense of euphoria expressed by the leader of the Labour Party (LP), the Rev Allan Hendrickse, in Durban recently over the stand by Labour MPs against ethnicity-based local authorities.

Mr Hendrickse said in Durban recently that the LP had been instrumental in bringing the last session of Parliament to a premature and abrupt end because Labour MPs refused to co-operate with the Government on local government Bills.

The two Bills, introduced by Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, and now before the Standing Committee on Constitutional Development and Planning, will be tabled again at the committee meeting on October 20.

Vociferous

Meanwhile, coloured and Indian MPs and Progressive Federal Party MPs serving on the committee will meet in Durban before that date to draw up amended versions of the Heunis Bills which would blot out all reference to race.

Most coloured and Indian MPs are also members of the Coloured Management Committees (CMCs) and Indian Local Affairs Committees (LACs), affiliated to the Association of Management Committees (Assomac).

The congress was characterised by vociferous campaigning from the floor for MPs to step down as members of mancoms.

It was argued they could not be representatives of the grassroots communities and at the same time represent the Government.

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A constitutional scramble over rents

By JEAN LE MAY

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MPs 'might soon be barred from LACs'

Political Reporter

MEMBERS of Parliament might soon be precluded from being members of local affairs committees, the chairman of the Durban Coloured Local Affairs Committee, Mr Albie Stowman, said yesterday

He said legislation to this effect would be presented to Parliament soon

Mr Stowman was reacting to calls for the resignation of three Durban coloured LAC members by Peoples' Congress Party Natal leader Mr Peter Marcus.

Mr Marcus said Labour Party MP Mr Dennis Young, Mr Clyde Pierce, who had been transferred from the President's Council to the new Natal Provincial Executive Committee, and Mr [unclear], who had taken Mr Pierce's place on the

PC, would no longer be able to attend many LAC meetings and might sit in judgment over LAC decisions

Mr Young said he was aware of the impending legislation and would follow the directives of the Labour Party.

Mr Stowman said he had no intention of resigning from the LAC. He said Mr Marcus's statement was founded on conjecture and 'sour grapes'

'I will have all the time in the world to attend to LAC matters. There have been few people on the LAC as sincere or dedicated as Mr Pierce and I hope to continue in that tradition,' Mr Stowman said

Asked for his comment, Mr Pierce would only say, 'Mr Marcus is irrelevant and is just trying to get cheap publicity'

Ebrahim: We don't allow discrimination

Political Reporter
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. — The Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim, yesterday cautioned Labour Party (LP) MPs not to create friction between staff of different population groups in his department by suggesting that whites held top positions in his department

Speaking during the own affairs education budget vote in the

House, Mr Ebrahim was responding to charges by Mr Jac Rabie (LP Reiger Park) and Mr Willie Dietrich (LP Bethelsdorp) that whites still held top and controlling positions in the education department to the exclusion of coloureds.

Mr Ebrahim said that he was "surprised" that members from his party made such sweeping generalisations without thoroughly investigating the matter.

"We are not prepared to condone discrimination of any sort," Mr

Ebrahim said.

He added that it was difficult to find qualified coloured candidates to man vital posts. "We struggle to find rectorors," he said, adding that the average age of high school principals was 28 years. Most of them were

inexperienced but due to the shortage of manpower they had to be employed.

● About 1029 secondary school teachers out of a total of 9580 teachers at coloured schools were unqualified or uncertified teachers, Mr Ebrahim said.

There were some 2586 white teachers employed at coloured primary and secondary schools, he said in reply to a question by Mr Denis de la Cruz (DWP Ottery)

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Education director tells of 'interference'

Staff Reporter

THE outgoing executive director of coloured education, Mr A J Arendse, warned yesterday that unless "political interference" in education ceased, standards would inevitably decline

Mr Arendse's resignation from his post comes into effect on Wednesday. He said yesterday that he had resigned because he could no longer stand "political interference" in education

"I can't do my work with the constant interference from the top," he said. "No executive director of education could do it. My position has become unbearable".

Mr Arendse said that in the past year or two political interference in education had increased

dramatically. Asked whether the interference was a result of the widespread unrest in coloured schools, he said "It's the other way around

"Unrest was caused by the political takeover," he said. "There were differences outside the schools, and those were brought into schools."

Education should be left to the education authorities, not to the politicians

He said "Four or five years ago I warned that the standard would decline if politics were not withdrawn from education because you get reaction from the pupils and the public"

Factors other than educational principles had been taken into account, Mr Arendse said

Schools director quits — blaming politics

By SYLVIA VOLLENHOVEN

IN a shock move, the director of coloured education this week resigned from his post early because he found the political interference in his department untenable.

In an exclusive interview with the Sunday Times, the executive director of the Department of Education and Culture, Mr Abraham Johannes Arendse, the first black man to head the department, said yesterday

"I want to make it clear it was not the problems in the schools that made me resign — that was no problem for me. In the normal line of duty there is nothing that I can't handle from that quarter

"I am purely an educationist and I can't live with what is happening, the political authority taking over education"

Mr Arendse, who was appointed in 1979, would not elaborate on his relationship with the Minister of his department, Mr Carter Ebrahim, and merely said that it was true that they could "never get on"

"The political pressure, especially since last year, is untenable. The problems are not from down below but from high up and from outside my department," said Mr Arendse

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Asked to elaborate on the origin of the "problems", he replied "You just have to read between the lines"

He said his resignation had not been an easy decision

His notice was handed in about a month ago and he vacates his post on Wednesday. The announcement was made this week

"I handle things on a purely educational level and the political interference is something new, it is going to break education down."

Asked about the future of education in this country, Mr Arendse said "I hope there'll be better people than me"

Necessary

"I've never belonged to any particular group but I was being forced to choose sides"

According to the 57-year-old Mr Arendse, his retirement was "early" but necessary

"Now I've taken the decision I want to be a healthy person, with no nervous breakdowns. Early retirement was my choice," he said

In terms of the departmental regulations he could have retired in three years' time or, at the most, stayed until he was 65 years old.

"I'm sorry for those left behind who might be blaming me for going, but as far as I'm concerned, it was the best decision."

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'Pocket money' budget slammed

Political Staff

PARLIAMENT — The House of Representatives has slated its coloured "own affairs" budget as "pocket money".

It was unacceptable that the coloured "own affairs" budget had only increased by R343 million while the white budget had risen by R2 billion, Mr Frederick Peters, (LP Silvertown) said in the debate on the "own affairs" budget.

"Our budget is peanuts, pocket money. We receive R1,7 billion, they receive R4,5 billion.

The difference between the white and coloured budgets was even more unfavourable when one considered the coloureds' backlog in housing, education and social services, Leader of the Op-

position Mr Dennis de la Cruz said.

The budget showed that the Minister of the Budget, Reverend Andrew Julies, was powerless to do anything but distribute funds given by the central Government.

Only R869,5 million had been allocated for coloured education compared to the R3 069 million for whites.

Yet it was these inequalities in education which triggered the present crisis in the country.

Mr Cecil Herandien (LP Macassar) said the Government appeared to respect only those who advocated violence, reports Sapa.

"I can't see how we can go back to the electorate after this budget without getting a tractor tyre around our necks."

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House needs civil servants

The House of Representatives has accused the Government of denying the House desperately needs senior civil servants

The Minister of the Budget, the Rev Andrew Julies, said in his budget speech the administration had not been given its proper quota of civil servants

The Commission for Administration in Pretoria was frustrating attempts to get senior civil servant posts

The four House departments were treated as one ordinary government department, with only one director-general

Mr Julies said he had authority to create posts only up to a certain level, beyond which posts were dealt with by the commission.

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Rabie wants forum to seek new constitution

The House of Representatives has formed a commission of inquiry to investigate a more workable and acceptable constitution for South Africa

Representatives from the ANC to the AWB (Afrikaanse Weerstandbeweging) would be invited to give evidence, said Mr Jac Rabie (LP, Reiger Park)

All of the constitutions created so far by whites had failed, including the present one, which the Labour Party had always regarded as temporary, he said

The Rev Allan Hendrickse, chairman of the Minister's Council, said the existence of so many tribes and cultures ruled out a unitary system of government. But ethnic and cultural differences should not form the basis of the constitution

The formation of the commission follows a motion proposed last week, calling for the establishment of a parliamentary committee to consider the alternative of a nonracial, geographic federation

Mr Peter Hendrickse (LP, Addo) said the Labour Party had rejected the present constitution because it excluded blacks and entrenched ethnicity. It had nevertheless participated because of its concern for the country's future. But it now appeared as if the Government was merely looking at less obsolete and expensive means of maintaining control

Coloured budget increased by 30%



• JULIUS

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THE 1986 House of Representatives budget increased by 30% on the amount last year, the House's Budget Minister Andrew Julius said yesterday.

He said it totalled R1 737 474 000, of which R869 501 000 would go to Education and Culture, R442 554 000 to Health Services and Welfare and R342 516 000 to Local Government, Housing and Agriculture. His department would receive more than R18m.

The increases in the budget were the best that could be obtained, he said.

Julius said a large amount of his department's budget would be used to acquire a computer which would accommodate the needs of his administration and offer careers to many people.

He added that coloured pensions would be increased by R18 to R135 a month from October.

The system of pension bonuses had been discarded and social pensioners would now receive a fixed pension of R135 a month.

The House would receive R25m for the improvement of pensions.

Other increases were an R11 increase, to R96,50 a month, in the allowances paid to foster parents and a R5 increase, to R35 a month, in child allowances.

Spelling out his policy of employment of staff in the administration, he said he could not accept the principle that coloureds should be promoted without any regard for the aspirations of other groups — Sapa.

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Rajbansi slams council over Clairwood

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PARLIAMENT — The Chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, has slammed the Durban City Council over its role "in the years of slow torture" meted out to Clairwood residents

In a hard-hitting attack yesterday on the council in Parliament, Mr Rajbansi compared its attempts to destroy Clairwood with Hitler's attempts to reduce Stalingrad to rubble.

During a private member's motion, he warned the council it would incur the wrath of the House of Delegates if it tried to circumvent the Government's decision, announced at the weekend, to leave Clairwood as a controlled area

The decision brings to an end years of uncertainty among Clairwood residents over whether they would have to move out

Mr Rajbansi said until last weekend, the council had tried to use every means at its disposal to destroy what had once been a flourishing community

He urged the council to refund a proportion of the high rates it had imposed on residents by treating their land as industrial

"These people should be compensated with compound interest," he said

Asked afterwards whether he intended to make any formal representation to the council, Mr Rajbansi said it was now up to the council to abide by the Government's decision and consult with the people of Clairwood

Earlier Mr Somaroo Pachai (NPP, Natal Midlands) introduced a motion criticising discrimination in property rates assessments

He was supported by the Min-



Mr Amichand Rajbansi ... attacked Durban City Council



Mr Somaroo Pachai ... attacked rates discrimination.

ister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr Baldeo Dookie, who called for the development of a uniform system of rating and evaluation

The Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Piet Badenhorst, said in reply that the Government had only just started with

its new dispensation All discrimination would have to be removed in time.

He pointed out that as far as the Group Areas Act was concerned, his department was waiting for the recommendations of the President's Council

Mr Badenhorst's time lapsed and the motion was not put to the vote

'NP not against free association'

Whites ^{STAR} want own ^{21/2/86} identity, says FW



Mr F W de Klerk

PARLIAMENT — There could be no doubt that the majority of white voters supported the concept of own schools and living areas, the Minister of the Budget, Mr F W de Klerk, said today.

Replying to Second Reading debate on the House's Part Appropriation Bill, he said this was the reason why the National Party was in government, and that there were so few members in the opposition benches.

Members of the NP were not against association between people of different racial groups.

In his speech at the opening of Parliament the State President had given a long list of areas in which association took place without hindrance.

There was free association in sport and with the amendment to the Liquor Act, in hotels.

All this had occurred under the rule of the NP.

The Government did not want to "cut people off" from one another, as long as a group's existence as a group, and its security, was not threatened.

In the 1983 referendum the white group had said it wanted differentiation of groups and own living areas but that it was prepared to associate in Parliament.

"We sit together in the Cabinet, but group security is safeguarded. This was the reason for the overwhelming 'yes'-vote"

The voters had said they were prepared to accept voluntary association across a wide terrain as long as they could continue to regulate those issues fundamental to their own group identity and that they established their own community life

The Bill was read a second time after a division. — Sapa

Coloured schools now open to all

PARLIAMENT — The opening of coloured schools to all races has been made official.

Mr Carter Ebrahim, Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, announced in the House yesterday that all schools in his department would immediately be classified as open.

No pupils will be rejected on grounds of race, colour or belief. The only restriction will be the availability of classroom accommodation — Political Staff



Coloureds seek R532-m more in Mini-Budget

Political Staff

PARLIAMENT — A Mini-Budget of R532 million for coloured own affairs was presented to the House of Representatives by the Minister of the Budget, the Rev Andrew Julies.

The amount, an increase of 33 percent over last year's Mini-Budget, is needed to tide over the finances of the House of Representatives' four departments from the end of the present financial year in March, until the main Budget was approved in June.

Education and Culture will receive R267,2 million, Health and Welfare R163,8 million, Local Government, Housing and Agriculture R97,2 million, and the Budget department R3,8 million.

Mr Arthur Booysen, leader of the opposition Freedom Party, rejected the Mini-Budget. He said that when the last one was presented he sympathised with the Minister of the Budget because he had not compiled it himself.

But now the Minister had himself presented a discriminatory and insulting Budget which could never lead the coloured people out of their suffering.

Mr Cecil Kippen (LP, Durban Suburbs) said the own affairs con-

cept was a disaster. The only group who find it viable are the whites, because they control the inflow and outflow of cash.

Chairman Mr Philip Sanders interrupted to rule that the principle of own affairs could not be discussed in the debate.

Most of the debate consisted of members pleading parochially for more money to be diverted to the material problems of their constituencies.

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For instance, Mr Cecil Herandien (LP, Macassar) begged for subsidies for the squatters of Blikkiesdorp, whose shacks he said were worse than those of Crossroads.

"We are not ungrateful when we say the budget is not enough. But this is an increase on last year, and as long as there is movement, there is hope."

Opposition to Indian budget

Political Staff

PARLIAMENT — The R242-million mini-budget debate in the House of Delegates went ahead yesterday with scarcely a whimper of protest from the opposition Solidarity.

Last year the budget produced fiery allegations from Solidarity against the then Budget Minister, Mr Boetie Abramjee of the ruling National People's Party, and a strongly-worded amendment opposing the own affairs Part Appropriation Bill was moved.

But now, as the result of a re-shuffle, a member of the Opposition, former Solidarity leader Mr J N Reddy is Minister of the Budget.

So when Mr Reddy introduced the Bill yesterday, Solidarity members were constrained from moving an opposing amendment.

Instead, acting leader Mr Yunus Moolla (Solidarity, Stanger) spoke of the need to put up a united front, and appealed to Mr Reddy to use his post effectively.

Mr Reddy said in his speech that he wished to congratulate the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, for the courageous actions he had

taken to prevent the destruction of the country's economy.

He pointed out that he had been appointed as Budget Minister only after the money-cake had already been sliced. But he was confident that the House of Delegates had got the largest possible slice of the cake.

- The Bill provides
- R131 035 000 for Education and Culture,
 - R68 820 000 for Local Government, Housing and Agriculture,
 - R39 070 000 for Health Services and Welfare,
 - R3 075 000 for Budgetary and Auxiliary Services.

This totals R242 million — an increase of 39 percent over last year's R174-million budget.

Mr Reddy said the increase was for the streamlining of various departments and the provision of extra schools, houses and community services.

The former Budget Minister, Mr Boetie Abramjee (NPP, Laudium), who was sacked by President P W Botha last year, congratulated his successor. He appealed to Mr Reddy to do his utmost to help bring about equal pensions for all races.

A clash over open schools seems likely

By DIRK VAN ZYL

CAPE TOWN.— A head-on clash could be on the cards between the coloured and Indian "own affairs" Ministers' Councils and the National Party Government on the question of racial segregation in schools and other educational institutions

The majority Labour Party (LP) in the coloured House of Representatives and the majority National People's Party (NPP) in the Indian House of Delegates are firmly committed to open educational

During last week's no-confidence debate in the House of Assembly, both the Minister of National

Education, Mr F W de

institutions
However, last week senior NP Ministers stated emphatically in the white House of Assembly that the NP's policy remained segregated Government schools

Spokesmen for both the LP and NPP reiterated today that their parties remained committed to ending apartheid, and were in favour of a single, non-racial department of education for all races
Klerk, and the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, stressed racial separation in education as NP policy

However, this week the Minister of Education and

Culture in the coloured Ministers' Council, Mr Carter Ebrahim, emphatically declared that open schools was the LP's established policy.

No detailed comment was available from the Indian education administration, but it also favours open education

A spokesman for Mr De Klerk said the Minister did not wish to comment until he had met Mr Ebrahim to discuss the matter

Arrangements for a meeting were being made

Mr De Klerk had no plans at this stage to meet the relevant Indian Minister, Mr Kosie Ramduth, he added

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Scrapping of racial controls

By BARRY STREEK
and YAZEED FAKIER

RECENTLY published racial controls on the admission of pupils of other races to coloured schools were being scrapped, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, the Labour Party leader, said yesterday

The controls, abolished by the Labour Party in 1976, were reimposed after the Coloured Representative Council was dissolved in 1979

"They are now being withdrawn again," Mr Hendrickse said yesterday

Contradiction

He said this after being approached about the contradiction between the published regulations on the admission of black pupils to coloured schools and this week's statement by the LP that all schools under its control were open to pupils of all races

In the Education Bulletin, published on October 15 last year by the Department of Education and Culture of the House of Representatives Administration, the department said "much care must be given to the race classification as well as the age of pupils"

In the bulletin, teachers were told to "make every effort to obtain the birth certificate in respect of pupils who have been admitted to their schools and if doubt as to their race classification exists" and "before admission demand birth certificates in respect of pupils where doubt exists as to their race classification".

After being shown these regulations, Mr Hendrickse said they would be withdrawn. He said the LP had abol-

ished them in 1975 but they were then reimposed by Dr Willie Bergins in 1976 before he was ousted later that year. They were again abolished — only to be reimposed when the CRC was abolished

An education bulletin dated January 15, 1986, states that "no black pupil will be admitted to a (primary) school for coloureds if he resides within 8km of a school for his own racial group" and application forms for pupils outside the 8km-limit should be submitted by the school principal

"As soon as the number reaches 12 or more, the office of the Executive Director Education and Culture will bring the matter to the Department of Education and Training." It states further, with qualifications, that no black pupils "shall be admitted to a secondary school for coloureds"

Withdrawn

Mr Hendrickse also said that all racial regulations in regard to the appointment of teachers would be withdrawn

"We have taken an in-principle decision and we will execute our decisions in terms of this principle. Any differences which are in conflict with these principles will now be removed," he said

The Education Bulletin published on November 15 last year said that whites could be appointed after a post had been advertised "at least twice" and "no suitable coloured applicants could be recruited" It also said "Suitable coloured teachers must always be given preference" and that the permanent employment of whites would be considered only for "examination subjects"

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Labour opens schools to all



● HENDRICKSE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
The Labour Party has defiantly opened coloured schools to all races.

And it has decided that teachers of all races, including whites, can get permanent posts in schools under the control of the House of Representatives.

Confirmation of the Labour Party decision to open schools and teaching positions to all races comes days after senior Nationalist spokesmen, including President P W Botha, reaffirmed that it remained government policy to have segregated schools for the different races.

The Minister of Education and Culture, Carter Ebrahim, said in a statement yesterday that "open schools is the established policy of the Labour Party".

Ebrahim said "the only limitation on admission is the availability of places".

He said that the policy of open schools was established in the days of the Coloured Representative Council when Allan Hendrickse, then executive member for education, opened schools to black people.

Before that date, coloured schools were traditionally attended by Indian

pupils, he said.

"This policy is accepted practice today.

"Several applications from other groups for admission to primary, secondary and tertiary institutions like the Peninsula Technicon are approved as a matter of course," Ebrahim said.

At present no applications had been received from black people for admission to colleges of education.

"In the event, consideration will certainly be given to such applications, even though our colleges can barely accommodate the applications of our own aspirant teachers," Ebrahim said.

It is reliably understood that the Labour Party-controlled House of Representatives administration has also decided that teachers of all races will be allowed to get permanent posts

In the past, white teachers have only been employed on a temporary basis and could be given 24-hours notice.

The new policy means that they can now get permanent posts with full pension, medical and housing benefits.

Probe into needs of coloured community

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FRANS ESTERHUYSE of the Political Staff speaks to Mr Chris April, Minister of Health Services and Welfare in the House of Representatives

A country-wide investigation into the needs of coloured communities is being launched by Mr Chris April, Minister of Health Services and Welfare in the House of Representatives

He has called for a "community profile" of each coloured community in towns, villages, urban areas and remote settlements setting out full details of living conditions, health and social needs.

In an interview in his office in Cape Town this week Mr April explained that this project was the second phase of his five-year plan to raise the quality of life of the coloured people.

The first phase, on which he concentrated during his first year of office last year, was to make personal contact with people at grass-roots level in all communities served by his department.

The community profiles would be compiled this year during investigations to be conducted by social workers and others in his department. They would be assisted by MPs

Once he had received their reports on each community, priorities would be determined. He would then know exactly where the greatest needs were and what had to be done

Malnutrition

Subsequent phases of his programme would include the tackling of major social and health problems such as malnutrition, unwanted pregnancies, inadequate facilities for caring for the aged and for retarded and disabled people, and social conditions underlying the high incidence of early school-leaving among coloured children

Mr April said his long-term aims were to continue moving towards parity for the coloured people in pensions, subsidies, allowances and other fields of State aid and services, and to pave the way for a single Department of Health and Welfare to serve all population groups

Speaking with great enthusiasm about his plans, Mr April, a former clergyman, made it clear that he regarded his job as a major challenge calling for a personal crusade to seek a better life for people, especially for the poorest of the poor

Last year — his "Year of Contact" — he visited 161 towns, villages and urban residential areas throughout South Africa and personally met more than 33 000 pensioners and others receiving state aid

"I visited virtually every town in South Africa where coloured people live. I spoke to the people at meetings, told them exactly what we were doing and what our aims and plans were. I spoke to the people, made contact at grass-roots level and shook hands with every person



Mr Chris April

"I emphasised that each person was important to South Africa and that our aim is to give them a new dignity"

At the remote village of Lekkersing, in the heart of the Richtersveld a man in the audience referred to Mr April as "Meneer die Eerste Minister"

When told by the chairman that Mr April was not Prime Minister but a Minister of the House of Representatives, the man, known as Oom Elias, insisted that Mr April was the "Eerste Minister" because he was the first Minister ever to have visited the people of Lekkersing

"This is the kind of response I have received everywhere. People embraced me, kissed me, wept over me, and welcomed me as 'Our Minister'. Everywhere I received a fresh mandate to continue my work towards promoting their interests

"My belief is that if you want to improve the quality of life of people, you must get out of your posh office and go on your knees to the people at grass-roots level," Mr April said.

"People must not have the slave mentality or the hand-out mentality. The idea is that they must learn how to use their pension money, how to eat correctly and economically, and how to teach their children to become independent"

Mr April said a matter that worried him and which he regarded as a great priority for improving quality of life was the high incidence of coloured children leaving school too early

According to a report from the President's Council on demographic trends, 48 percent of coloured children left school at Standard Two level

Such children could not be employed and were likely to remain economically unproductive and unemployed. There was an urgent need for something to be done about this problem

Another serious problem was that of unwanted pregnancies and the growing number of retarded children

This was also a matter that had to be dealt with at grass-roots level

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Education crisis LP slated

Political Reporter

THE ruling Labour Party (LP) in the House of Representatives has "embarked on a vengeance trip against all those who do not adhere to its policies", according to Mr Peter Marais, leader of the People's Congress Party (PCP)

Mr Marais, a member of the President's Council, in his assessment after the first year of the tricameral Parliament, yesterday said "In my view the loss in credibility far exceeds any gains made by any of us who have opted for 'aggressive participation' in the tricameral system"

He attacked the LP for creating a crisis in coloured education

The prohibitions imposed by the LP on student and teacher activities at schools were issued against the will of the people, he said

"In essence and in a very vital sense the people have been shackled further than was the case under exclusive white rule"

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Full Bench for pupils' hearing

Staff Reporter

AN urgent application to allow pupils and students previously denied the opportunity to write supplementary examinations will be heard by a full Bench in the Cape Supreme Court today

The application is being brought by the Cape Teachers' Professional Association — which represents nearly three-quarters of all coloured teachers in the Cape — and 12 other applicants, including individual teachers, principals, students, pupils and their parents

It is being brought against decisions taken by Mr Carter Ebrahim, the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, the Director-General of Mr Ebrahim's department and the Joint Matriculation Board

The decisions severely restricted the number of pupils and students eligible to write supplementary examinations

following last year's extensive schools and colleges boycotts

The application also challenges the decision by the respondents to prevent schools and colleges from conducting intensive remedial classes to make up for time lost last year and which would lead up to the writing of supplementary examinations

If granted, the application would give a further opportunity to those who did not write the end-of-year examinations, to those who did write, but failed, and to those who wrote but are dissatisfied with their results

The application relates to supplementary examinations for coloured matric pupils as well as supplementaries for pupils in standards 6 to 9 and students at coloured teacher training colleges

On the Bench will be Mr Justice De Kock, Mr Justice Baker and Mr Justice Vivier

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LP blamed for handling of matric results

Dispatch Correspondent

DURBAN — The People's Congress Party has blamed the inept handling of the coloured matric results on the Labour Party-controlled Department of Education and Culture for not releasing the names of the 15 top candidates and the non-publication of results

Mr Peter Marcus, Natal leader of the party, said he was shocked to learn that for the first time the Labour Party-controlled Educa-

tion Department had withheld the names of the 15 successful candidates

It also released the names of other successful candidates in alphabetical order and not under the schools which they had attended as in the past

"This was done to prevent them from being identified and later victimised by pupils who had not written the examinations," said Mr Marcus, adding that it

was a bad move because as soon as pupils received their results by post others would learn of them

He said many parents in Natal were bitterly disappointed that their children had been denied public recognition and acclaim for the hard work they had put in under the most trying conditions

"The spurious argument advanced by the department that pupils would be victimised if

their names were released is not good enough because a cloud will hang over the results, leaving an impression that there was something being hidden," he said

He said that on the one hand the Labour Party worked hand in hand with the government and on the other it appeared to be "afraid of kids" and anti-apartheid organisations

A spokesman for the Department of Educa-

tion and Culture in the House of Representatives, said he would not comment on Mr Marcus's allegations

● The Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) yesterday said the results of the coloured examinations published on Monday were meaningless and were an "anti-educational farce for the majority of Western Cape students"

In a statement, a spokesman for Wectu said "We question the way in which the results were published. Normally the list of candidates passed is published on a school-to-school basis. Now there is no way of gauging how many students passed per school in the Western Cape"

The spokesman said that in many cases students had been intimidated into writing, for example by grants to parents being withdrawn. She said that as far as those students who had college and university passes were concerned, Wectu felt they would be even more unprepared in 1986

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Department's policy vindicated — Ebrahim

CAPE TOWN — There will be "no letting up in our determination to re-establish order in the schools" the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim said yesterday

He was commenting on yesterday's Supreme Court decision in which an urgent application by the Cape Professional Teachers' Association for students from standards six to nine to be allowed to write supplementary examinations was dismissed with costs

The Labour Party leader, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, described the court's decision as a "complete vindication" of his party's policy

The court's decision was greeted with loud applause by delegates to the Labour Party's annual congress when it was announced by Mr Ebrahim late yesterday afternoon, while the national chairman, the Reverend Andrew Julies said the decision "goes to prove that the Labour Party is always right"

Interviewed afterwards, Mr Ebrahim, whose portfolio will come under discussion at the congress today, said he would be making a policy statement during the course of the debate

And, he warned, the department had evidence that some teachers were actively involved in encouraging unrest at the schools and that action would be taken against them

He said the court decision yesterday and that in which an urgent application by eight teachers for reinstatement was dismissed with costs was a vindication of his department's policy

The latter decision, he said, showed that a teacher under suspension had no right to be heard until specific charges had been laid and that such suspensions were not subject to appeal to the courts

With regard to yesterday's decision, Mr Ebrahim said he had not believed the court would rule in favour of the CPTA and thereby rob

children who had passed — some of whom had attained A aggregates — of their achievements

The minister stressed that his department had leant over backwards to accommodate matriculants as was evidenced by the extension of the date for re-application for supplementaries announced on Thursday night

Mr Hendrickse said it was obvious from the applause which had greeted the announcement of the court's decision, that the actions of his administration enjoyed considerable support

He said he had made every effort to make it possible for matriculation students to write supplementaries in a spirit of reconciliation and he would continue to go "to any lengths" to help children further their education

"I am sure that those children who have passed will welcome this decision by the court, and will certainly support us in our whole approach to education"

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A STATEMENT released by the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives this week elaborated on last year's matric results.

It revealed that of the 11 052 candidates country-wide who sat for the full senior certificate examination, 7 115 were successful which represents a percentage of 64,4

The statement said 1 381 candidates obtained passes entitling them to a matriculation exemption and 15 candidates passed with A-aggregates

In the Wynberg, Athlone and Bellville regions, areas affected by the situation of unrest, 53,9 percent of the candidates entered for the various subjects, sat for the examination

Of 1 162 candidates who applied for admission to the supplementary exams to be written during February 1986, 977 have been approved

Ebrahim promises 'order' in schools

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By **EBRAHIM MOOSA**
Political Reporter

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Walmer mob stones police



SHOTGUN fire and tearsmoke were used by police in Walmer township yesterday afternoon to disperse a "large mob" which stoned a police vehicle, according to the police unrest report released in Pretoria today

Damage was slight and a policeman was slightly injured

The crowd numbered about 2 000

A man was arrested

In the same area, a man was wounded when a group of about 800 was dispersed with shotgun fire while stoning a bottle store

At Kwanobuhle, Uitenhage, a school was extensively damaged by arsonists

The following incidents of unrest were also

reported overnight

In Soweto, Johannesburg, a delivery vehicle was slightly damaged by stonethrowers. In the same area, a private vehicle was damaged by arsonists

In Chesterville, near Durban, a private vehicle was slightly damaged by stonethrowers

At Tinus, near Fort Beaufort, a primary school was extensively damaged by arsonists. In the same area, a petrol bomb hurled at a high school failed to ignite

A police vehicle was also stoned near Prieska. A man was slightly injured when police dispersed the group with tearsmoke

At Mbekweni, near Paarl, a private home

was extensively damaged by arsonists. In the same area, nine men were arrested for stoning a police vehicle

At Dennenilton, in the Northern Transvaal, police arrested a man in connection with incidents of arson on January 3

Police in the Boland also used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse people who were allegedly attending an illegal gathering

No injuries or casualties were reported

A headman in the Mgwali area near Stutterheim, Mr Albert Dyasi, was hacked to death yesterday. A charge of murder is being investigated

Police arrested 89 men yesterday in the troubled Moutse district of the

north-eastern Transvaal, where residents are resisting incorporation into the Kwandebele homeland

The men are being held in connection with the murder of two policemen on New Year's Day

In Kwandebele, arsonists set fire to two homes and damaged a vehicle

In the black township at Belfast, eastern Transvaal, groups of people set fire to the homes of two policemen and a development board building

A youth was killed after a petrol bomb attack on a policeman's house.

Another youth and three men were wounded and arrested on charges of public violence — Sapa

Order 'will be restored' at schools

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Mercury Correspondent

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'Police teargas Soweto

mourners'

By ALI MPHAKI
and SAPA

SOWETO

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SCORES of mourners fled in terror when policemen fired tearsmoke at people attending the burial of four Soweto youths on Saturday.

More than 50 children were allegedly injured at the funeral. But a police spokesman in Pretoria denied the allegation and said they were "totally wrong".

According to reports in Sunday papers Brigadier Jan Coetzee, Soweto police chief, confirmed that police fired tearsmoke when youths started breaking the windows of buses they were travelling in.

He said the funerals had no other incidents.

Victim

A witness alleged police ordered mourners out of the buses at the entrance to the cemetery shortly before the third unrest victim was to be buried.

The children, who were inside the buses, were injured when they tried to get out by breaking windows after police had fired tearsmoke.

A joint funeral for the four victims was banned and the four were given separate services which were all held on Saturday.

Among the mourners at the services were Dr Allan Boesak and the president of the Pretoria Council of Churches, Dr Nico Smit. Several members of the Soweto Civic Association also attended the funerals.

The four youths who were buried were Nomthandazo Nkosi (18) of Senaoane, Tshepiso Mofokeng (19) of Naledi, Dennis Motsile (17) of Naledi and Xolhe Khoza (16) of Jabulani.

Principal ^{Cape Town} ^{9/1/86} ²⁵⁷ axed after 34 years' service

By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

AFTER 34 years at Harold Cressy Senior Secondary School in Cape Town, the principal, Mr V J Ritchie, was yesterday told by a local inspector that he was being replaced with immediate effect

Mr Ritchie is one of seven senior teachers, including the deputy principal, Mr P Meyer, who were suspended by the Department of Education and Culture on December 4

Eleven teachers were told their services were being terminated at the end of 1985. Since the start of the school boycotts the entire staff of 35 has consistently refused to administer or even set exam papers

One of the teachers, Mr Derrick Naidoo, was placed under restriction order when he was released from detention recently

An angry parent who did not want to be named said she had been told Mr Ritchie was being replaced by a

local biology inspector, known only as a Mr Schroeder

She said Mr Ritchie was telephoned about 10am yesterday by Mr Schroeder to come and see him at his office in Cape Town. He was then told he was Mr Ritchie's replacement and would serve as acting principal when the term starts on Monday

He was also ordered to hand over school administration documents

Mr Ritchie, who has been principal for 21 of his 34 years at the school, last night confirmed the meeting and replacement and said he understood this would be the case "until further notice"

"We (suspended teachers) have not been informed of any hearing or charges against us so I don't know what will happen next," he said

The executive director of Education and Culture (House of Representatives), Mr A J Arendse, was "not available" for comment last night

'Scab' teachers under fire from union

Education Reporter

TEACHERS have condemned the appointment of an acting-principal at Harold Cressy High School in place of suspended principal Mr Victor Ritchie

Mr Ritchie, among six senior staffers suspended on December 4 when 11 teachers were dismissed, has been told that a biology subject adviser, a Mr Schroeder, would take his place

The Cape Town region of the Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) said it strongly condemned the Department of Education and Culture's appointment

"We denounce any teachers who scab and accept posts formerly held by suspended, detained, banned or dismissed teachers and call for the unconditional reinstatement of all 118 teachers throughout the Western Cape who have been victimised," it said

The Federation of Cape Civic Associations said the "vindictive and ham-fisted action of the State and its puppets" continued "to bedevil the community's attempts to solve the crisis in education"

Wectu said the following teachers in the Cape Town region would not be allowed to return to school today

Mr Ritchie, Harold Cressy, deputy-principal Mr P Meyer, heads of department Mr L Adriaan, Ms M Adriaan, Mr E Mackay, Mr N George and Mr C Soudien, all of whom have been suspended, dismissed teachers Ms B Gunning, Ms B Houghton, Ms P Morton, Ms F Daniels, Ms V Shaw, Ms N Harry, Ms D Coetzee, Mr H Wallace, Mr R Rimer, Mr F Abrahams and Mr J Grove and Mr D Naidoo

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Review school boycott, pupils urged

Staff Reporter

THE chairman of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA), Mr Franklin Sonn, says he has no doubt the school boycotts were successful in highlighting education problems, but the boycott should be reviewed.

Calling on pupils to end the boycott on the eve of the official reopening on Wednesday of schools of the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives), Mr Sonn said the CTPA was, as a teachers' association, wholly committed to the destruction of apartheid.

"It identifies fully with the struggle of students and the community against this evil system," he said.

"The CTPA is, however, concerned that the possible continuation of the boycott of schools may lead to a generation of young people effectively disqualifying themselves from participating in the running of the new South Africa. Possible further boycotts may also further retard the liberation struggle.

"We urge our students to grasp the education opportunity with both hands, while contending with the struggle against injustice and oppression.

"The CTPA calls on education authorities to reconsider urgently their misguided actions against the principal and senior staff of Harold Cressy High School, and, as an act of magnanimity, to reinstate all dismissed teachers."

Hendrickse drops teacher suspensions

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By YAZEED FAKIER and ANDREW DONALDSON

THE suspension of teachers under the Department of Education and Culture has been cancelled and they will be allowed back at their posts today, according to a statement released last night by the Chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, the Rev Allan Hendrickse.

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The statement, made on the eve of an expected return to school by the majority of pupils today, follows representations made yesterday afternoon by more than 250 Wectu members demanding the reinstatement of all victimized teachers

A three-member delegation met the department's executive director, Mr A J Arendse, for several hours at his office in Roeland Street while the rest of the group waited in the street

A strong contingent of police monitored the proceedings and redirected traffic away from the area

Mr Hendrickse's statement said that a number of teachers who were not prepared to "supervise or take down examina-

tions" were temporarily suspended from service pending charges of misconduct

"The alleged charges of misconduct have in the meantime been investigated and the administration is now in a position to proceed with the formal charges in terms of the Education Act

"As the result of representations made by certain of the teachers concerned, school committees and parent associations, the Ministers' Council has in the interest of education decided to cancel the suspension and to allow the teachers concerned to resume duty forthwith"

Reacting to the statement, Wectu said the teachers were not guilty of misconduct

"If the department wishes to lay charges against any of the teachers they must do so in public We challenge the department to have a public hearing with im-

partial judges"

Mr Hendrickse's statement, it said, did not deal with temporary teachers who had been dismissed

"As we have said earlier there can be little chance of a return to normality if all teachers are not unconditionally reinstated Some teachers and students are still in jail and we demand their unconditional release We restate our position and call on teachers not to scab on those who have been dismissed or transferred"

At yesterday's Roeland Street meeting, Wectu chairperson Mr Yusuf Gabru and fellow members Mr Harvey Hendricks and Mr Bryan Slingers handed Mr Arendse a petition signed by more than 500 teachers and calling also for the unconditional readmittance of all pupils to schools and the removal of security forces from schools

After several hours,

Mr Arendse told the waiting teachers — some of them jeering — that "since this afternoon we've been giving this matter (raised in the petition) our attention"

"As far as I know there are no police at present on the school sites"

Mr Arendse said it was never the department's policy to allow "failers" to return to school

He declined to answer any further questions and re-entered the building to cries of "We will go back to our schools" and "Viva Wectu"

Riot police assembled in a line facing the teachers about 70 metres up the street

Mr Gabru said afterwards that if a statement promised by Mr Arendse was not satisfactory, "the community at large will not take it lying down"

"These teachers have been dismissed for political reasons and not educational reasons"

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A three-member delegation met the department's executive director, Mr A J Arendse, for several hours at his office in Roeland Street while the rest of the group waited in the street

Mr Hendrickse's statement said that a number of teachers who were not prepared to supervise examinations were temporarily suspended from service pending charges of misconduct

"As the result of representations made by certain of the teachers concerned, school committees and parent associations, the Ministers' Council has, in the interest of education, decided to cancel the suspension and to allow the teachers concerned to resume duty forthwith

"But it must be pointed out that the cancellation of the suspension shall not affect any proceedings which may still follow in connection with the accusation of misconduct"

Reacting to the statement, Wectu said that if the department wished to lay charges against any of the teachers they must do so in public. Wectu challenged the department to have a public hearing with impartial judges

Mr Hendrickse's statement, Wectu said, did not deal with temporary teachers who had been dismissed

"As we have said earlier there can be little chance of a return to normality if all teachers are not unconditionally reinstated." Sapa

Pupils back, but some 'chaos'

By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

DISGRUNTLED pupils at at least two schools decided to "promote" themselves over to the following standard at the start of the 1986 academic year yesterday when the majority of pupils under the Department of Education and Culture returned to school

At Zeekoevlei Senior Secondary School in Lotus River there was "chaos", according to a source at the school who said pupils were not satisfied with the promotions of those who wrote the November 1985 final exams

"They said that many pupils were promoted on the basis of being given huge percentage increases in their marks," the source said

He said pupils had decided the promotions were "illegal" and pupils from standards six to nine who had not written exams then "promoted" themselves by moving up one standard

"The teachers did not know what to do," he said

Similar action was taken by pupils at Belgravia Senior Secondary School who felt the promotion of those who had written exams was "unfair"

At most of the other schools in the Cape Peninsula pupils made an almost total return to school, but did not resume normal classes. The issue was discussed yesterday and pupils will continue in the same way today

However, three schools in the Bonteheuwel area — Arcadia, Bonteheuwel and Modderdam Senior Secondary — staged a walkout at various times during the day after deciding at separate meetings that they would return to school on January 28

Some high school principals said they had been telephoned yesterday by the department authorizing a return to school by sacked teachers

And at Harold Cressy



Following the cancellation on Tuesday night of teacher suspensions, Harold Cressy Senior Secondary School principal Mr Victor Ritchie returned to his school yesterday and is hugged by a well-wisher. Hundreds of jubilant pupils, teachers and parents were there to greet him

UDF hails reinstatement

Staff Reporter

THE United Democratic Front yesterday hailed the reinstatement of all suspended teachers as "a triumph in our peoples' struggle for the control of the educational system"

A spokesman said "It is clear that the collective pressure by our peoples' organizations secured these reinstatements. It is also an acceptance by Hendrickse that our peoples' demands are fair and just"

The organization cautioned, however, that a number of teachers were still not allowed to teach because they had been dismissed or restricted or detained

"Troops and Casspirs are still a daily scene in our townships"

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there were emotional scenes of jubilation when the formerly suspended principal, Mr Victor Ritchie, started his first day

Mr Ritchie's return follows the cancellation on Tuesday night by the Ministers' Council (House of Representatives) of teacher suspensions

Mr Ritchie disclosed during a speech in the school's courtyard that he had secured the return of dismissed teachers at the school after he had met the executive director of Education and Culture, Mr A J Arendse, yesterday morning

He told the gathering "I have no regrets", and said all decisions taken by the school were correct and based on sound educational values

At Rylands Senior Secondary School, the 14 replacement teachers who left the school on Monday after community pressure were yesterday again marched out — this time by pupils

The pupils took the decision during meetings at the school and after Rylands parents yesterday again arrived to express their displeasure at the presence of the substitute teachers

Teachers said the police arrived at the school and searched classrooms "because they said they were told pupils were making petrol bombs in the classrooms"

Captain Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, confirmed yesterday that police had searched the school and confiscated a large quantity of pamphlets "of a subversive nature"

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The crisis at coloured schools in Cape Town headed for a crunch as the *FM* went to press; thousands of pupils and teachers firmly resolved not to go back at the start of the new term on Wednesday, January 15

Although coloured education officials said they expected no trouble, student leaders appeared set to pick up their six-month school boycott and anti-apartheid activism where they left off at the end of last year

In what could be a taste of things to come, 14 teachers at the Indian high school in the Cape Town suburb of Rylands were persuaded by colleagues, parents and pupils to quit their posts earlier this week. The 14 were regarded as "scabs" for filling positions left vacant by teachers who were sacked last year for defying the Indian education authorities and backing pupils' demands

An appeal was made this week by Cape Professional Teachers' Union chairman, Franklin Sonn, to pupils to return to school. Sonn said while he remained sympathetic to

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the pupils' struggle, methods other than a school boycott had to be found to promote their cause.

A resolution to the schools crisis has not been made any easier by the hardline attitude of coloured Education Minister, Carter Ebrahim. Obviously buoyed after winning a court case earlier this month in which teachers tried to have his directives on exams invalidated, Ebrahim vowed to smash resistance to his authority at the schools. He told the Labour Party's congress in Goodwood that order would be restored at the schools "come what may." Ebrahim said the court ruling proved his authority and was a warning to those "who believe they have the authority to challenge the Minister"

Confrontation

Cape coloured schools closed in chaos last year following nearly six months of boycotts and exam disruption. Ebrahim claimed at Goodwood that the boycott had been a "colossal failure" and said it was part of the "onslaught" by the "enemies of this country" to make schools ungovernable. In future, he said, schools will be controlled by parents and teachers under a system to be devised and — by implication — controlled by his party.

Judging by the equally tough line being adopted by pupils, there seems little doubt that Ebrahim's new approach will lead to violent confrontation

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Row over hidden police at Rylands

By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

THE interim committee of Rylands Senior Secondary School PTSA has condemned the acting principal and deputy principal for allowing policemen to hide in classrooms on Thursday when the school was surrounded by nine Cas-

spirs and a dozen police vehicles.

The acting principal, Mr I E Moosa, and the deputy principal, Mr Bob Moodley, yesterday denied that they had been responsible for the police presence, although sources said Mr Moosa had admitted to staff that he was

Yesterday, most of the school's 750 pupils stayed away from school in protest at the police action and only a handful were present.

Mr Moodley said he was "not in a position to do such a thing because there is a hierarchy at the school".

Mr Moosa said there had been talk that bombs had been planted in classrooms

"What does one do if there are threats to damage school property? Parents feel their children have been threatened and in this sort of free-for-all I as acting principal am held responsible for their safety."

Rylands PTSA said in a statement. "We condemn the invasion of our school by security forces on Thursday, thereby imposing a state of curfew on an educational institution.

"We also condemn the acting principal, Mr

Moosa, and his deputy, Mr Moodley, for allowing 10 policemen to hide in two classrooms."

Mr Moosa said he had urged pupils to return to classes on Thursday because the emergency regulations were still in force and pupils were not allowed to be out of their classrooms during school hours

"It's impossible to satisfy everybody. On the one hand there are parents who want their children to be at school, on the other hand there are parents who want the removal of the 14 replacement teachers before their children return to school.

"I have forwarded to the department the petition handed to me by the PTSA stating the community's demands. What more am I supposed to do?"

He said calls for his resignation were unfair as he was standing in for the principal, Mr I Waja, who is ill

"Some people must understand that democracy works both ways and that they cannot force their views on those who differ from them"

The PTSA also called for release of a Rylands parent, Mr Rauf Khan, detained on Wednesday

High schools not taking Std 6's

By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

THE Department of Education and Culture has said that "no problems" were expected at its schools this year, but dozens of successful Std 5 pupils are still at primary school "twiddling their thumbs" because of an accommodation crisis.

High school principals have disclosed that they had been told by the department not to accept any primary school pupils "until further notice"

"We are as we were last year — the children have not moved up the line because they haven't written exams. We can't accept more standard sixes because last year's complement are still in the same standard," one principal said.

He said he had been told the situation could remain the same for the entire first term.

A primary school principal said his group of successful standard fives were sitting idly "twiddling their thumbs" in a classroom at his school because there was no place for them at local high schools.

"It's a terrible psychological blow for them, that they've passed and now find they are still at primary school when they've been looking forward to the new experience of passing on to high school.

"It is grossly unfair and is an injustice to the community at large."

Irate parents have expressed their dissatisfaction and outrage at the situation.

Mrs Nisha Dreyer, of Mandalay, said that when she arrived at an Athlone high school with her 13-year-old daughter, she was told she could not be accepted.

"They said unfortunately there was still a backlog from last year and that I,

should take her back to her primary school. When I got to the primary school, they said they were full up — and I've already bought most of her school uniform," Mrs Dreyer said.

Mr Clinton Watson, a Fairways father of three children, said his six-year-old son, Shaun, was one of 60 children who were not able to start Sub A at St Augustine's in Wynberg.

"The principal said they could only accept a few Sub A's because their standard fives could not be accommodated at the high school in the area," Mr Watson, a chemical technician, said.

He had already spent R150 for his son's uniform and was informed the night before the start of term on Wednesday that the school could not accept Shaun.

"I honestly don't know what to do. We have already taken him out of nursery school, my wife is a registered nurse and we won't be able to look after him."

The executive director of Education and Culture, Mr A J Arendse, said in December last year that "there won't be any problems" when he was asked how the department proposed to tackle the mass failures of pupils who did not write exams.

The department's liaison officer, Mr Abel Jordaan, said yesterday that that Sub A pupils might have to attend classes in double shifts if accommodation problems were experienced.

Estimates are that more than 38 000 pupils either failed or did not write the November 1985 final examinations.

Mr Arendse was not available for comment as he had flown to Johannesburg "on business", a spokesman for his office said. He is not expected back till Tuesday.

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LP denial on Ebrahim

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Staff Reporter

THE chairman of the Ministers' Council and leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, has denied that the future of his controversial Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim, is in the balance

Pressure

Speculation arose as to the political future of Mr Ebrahim after Mr Hendrickse intervened in the Cape education crisis and announced that sus-

pending teachers in schools falling under the Department of Education and Culture would be allowed to return to their posts.

It was reported this week that Mr Hendrickse has been under pressure from within his party to sack Mr Ebrahim because of his hardline attitude on the schools boycott and towards the role of certain teachers in the crisis

But Mr Hendrickse, according to reports, yesterday denied he had been under any pressure to intervene or to sack Mr Ebrahim

He also denied that Mr Ebrahim's sudden departure for Johannesburg meant he had "gone into hiding" and had not been involved in the decision to lift the suspension of teachers

All present

The decision to lift the suspension had been taken at a meeting at which all members of the Ministers' Council were present, Mr Hendrickse said

Mr Hendrickse was at a social function last night and could not be reached for comment

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De la Cruz: 'Remove Carter Ebrahim now'

Political Staff

THE leader of the Democratic Workers Party, Mr Dennis de la Cruz, yesterday called for the "immediate removal" of the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim.

And, he said, all examinations should be postponed with all students being allowed to rewrite in March; the SADF and SAP should be removed from schools, and the state of emergency lifted.

Addressing the party's first annual congress, attended by about 500 people, Mr De la Cruz said he wished to ask the leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, "whether

he is satisfied with the way Mr Ebrahim has handled the portfolio"

He said the government had given the minister a stick "with which he is beating my children and your children"

Mr De la Cruz said the removal of the army and police from schools necessarily involved the lifting of the emergency.

Mr De la Cruz appealed to parents to support teachers and principals in their bid to end the boycotts and strife and "restore peace at our educational institutions".

The DWP, he said, supported the rejection of separate education and separate educational facilities and

called for education to be "freed from the shackles of apartheid".

He said the tri-cameral system had proved to be unsuccessful because the government was still dominated by the National Party. The all-white cabinet with token representation of two other ministers without portfolio was "absolutely meaningless".

The DWP leader said the root cause of all the suffering in South Africa was the continued retention of the "evil system of segregation on the grounds of colour".

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tween the white ruling class and the oppressed people of South Africa"

He said the repeal of Section 16 of the Immorality Act and the Prohibition of Mixed Marriages Act were not achievements of the tri-cameral system but concessions made by the government because the laws were redundant. "The abolition has done nothing to end the polarization or frustration, fears and hatred which still exist in our country," he said.

Attacking the majority Labour Party, Mr De la Cruz said the LP had become "the collaborating party with the government" and could "no longer be viewed as opponents of the government"

Labour accused of collaborating

Mercury Correspondent
CAPE TOWN—The tricameral Parliament had proved to be unsuccessful because the Government was still dominated by the National Party, Mr Dennis de la Cruz, leader of the Democratic Workers' Party said yesterday

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'They can no longer be viewed as opponents of the Government. They must be seen as instruments to implement Government policy,' he said to loud applause

He said the Labour Party had reneged on their initial promise of going into the system to break it down

Hendrickse is urged to fire minister

Mercury Correspondent
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Seven Cape teachers seek reinstatement

Education Reporter

SEVEN King William's Town teachers have not had their temporary appointments renewed and six more have been reprimanded after they handed a petition to their principal

The teachers presented the petition to the principal of the Breidbach Senior Secondary School, Mr J W Klaassen, on August 26

The petition, signed by 15 teachers, said that while they did not "necessarily" condone a class boycott, "we recog-

nize the legitimate grievances of our pupils and their alignment with fellow pupils being killed in neighbouring townships"

They criticized Mr Klaassen's "despotic attitude" and the fact that he "undermines the authority of teachers in the presence of pupils"

Three of the teachers have come to Cape Town to seek reinstatement by the Department of Education and Culture, House of Representatives, of the affected teachers

Mr Klaassen said this week "They felt I was taking decisions on my own but I am not allowed to do so, especially during a boycott It's just a lame excuse

"They did not play the game last year and gave me lots of trouble I don't mind them having their principles but they cannot allow this to jeopardize the education of pupils"

SABC to face hearing on lay-offs

SMR By Sheryl Raine 25/2/80

The SABC is facing as many as 30 applications to the Industrial Court by workers who have been retrenched and are demanding reinstatement

Two unions have applied to the court for relief under section 43 of the Labour Relations Act on behalf of members who were laid off. The SABC has replied to papers served by the unions but a date for the court hearing has yet to be set

The SA Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union (SABMawu) is acting on behalf of one member while the Media Workers' Association of SA (Mwasa)

could bring between 17 and 30 applications to court.

The unions are requesting that their members be reinstated, claiming the SABC did not explore alternative options before retrenching.

Their applications follow the controversial case of former "Prime Time" producer Miss Moira Tuck who claimed she was unfairly dismissed and won temporary relief from the Industrial Court.

In its preliminary ruling in the Tuck case, the Industrial Court set a precedent by stating that the SABC was not a State employer and therefore its employees were entitled to protection under the Labour Relations Act.

New MP joins the opposition

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Mrs Soheir Hoosen, to be sworn in on Friday as MP for Tafelberg in the House of Representatives, announced yesterday that she has joined the opposition Freedom Party.

Her announcement follows intense lobbying and bitter clashes behind the scenes among members of the tiny opposition parties in the House.

Until now, the Freedom Party has had only one MP, the party's leader, Mr Arthur Booyesen.

The lobbying for Mrs Hoosen's support led to speculation that a move was afoot to oust Mr Dennis de la Cruz's Democratic Workers Party (DWP) as the official opposition in the House of Representatives.

To tip the scale to become the official opposition, Mr Booyesen will now need only one MP of the DWP, or two from the Labour Party, to defect to his Freedom Party.

Mrs Hoosen will be sworn in as MP following a Supreme Court judgment last year which stripped Mr M D Arendse of the Labour Party of the seat.

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Outcry over teachers salaries

Education Reporter
FORMERLY suspended or dismissed teachers have started the 1986 academic year receiving only half their January salary — and for many it is their first paycheck since late November.

In one case, a teacher at an Athlone area high school went home with less than R300 when salaries were paid out on Friday and the Western Cape Teachers Union said yesterday it believed that up to 90 teachers were similarly affected.

Mr H P. Joubert, principal of

Cathkin Senior Secondary, said yesterday that teachers reinstated on January 15 had only received a portion of their November '85 salary, no salary for December and now only half of their January salary.

"Teachers are normally paid their full salary for January and they are entitled to it. This is sheer harassment," he said.

At his school six permanent senior staff members and the deputy principal, Mr Y Abrahams, were suspended, but were reinstated on January 15, and six temporary teachers

were reinstated on application. The Athlone and District Principals Association, of which Mr Joubert is chairman and which has 67 members, called on the department to rectify the matter immediately.

"While we do our best to normalize the school situation, the department continues to harass and make things difficult for our teachers.

"Such punitive action against us can only serve to aggravate a tense and delicate situation and we ask the de-

partment to exercise some discretion and to view the matter on humanitarian grounds only," said the principals.

One of the affected teachers said she considered herself "lucky" to have received half of her R1 300 salary; many had received less.

The Wectu central executive said that teachers had assumed their professional duties as soon as they were reinstated but were either not paid or had received half their cheques.

"Many of these teachers have

families to support. We are disgusted with this kind of petty vindictiveness...

"As far as Wectu is concerned the teachers have not been found guilty of anything. We are considering legal action to sort out the matter."

The press liaison officer for the coloured Department of Education and Culture, Mr Abel Jordaan, said yesterday: "If their (the teachers) nominations were made after January 15 they are obviously not entitled to a full salary."

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**Apartheid must
be punishable**

PARLIAMENT — Apartheid needed to be made punishable by law, Mr Cecil Herandien (LP, Macassar) said in the House of Representatives yesterday.

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Speaking in support of the amendment to the No-Confidence Debate, he said apartheid had become so refined it would be difficult to "untie all its chains" by July 1.

Attitudes needed to be changed. Even though MPs of different races "rubbed shoulders" in their course of duty, they could not be convinced if apartheid were to be removed immediately.

How then are we going to convince people outside?

He said he hoped the National Statutory Council would lead to power-sharing and not merely be an advisory body — Sapa.

ANC gets support

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES — The ANC was a democratic organisation that wanted to advance the interests of most blacks in the country, Opposition Leader in the House of Representatives Dennis de la Cruz said yesterday.

Moving his motion of no confidence in the Cabinet, he said he was prepared to speak to the ANC, who were not fighting SA but white minority rule.

De la Cruz said the first year of the tricameral parliamentary system had proved a failure.

"We have achieved nothing and done very little to improve the quality of life of those we represent," De la Cruz said — Sapa

Coloured MPs refused lunch in Parliament

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Several Coloured MPs had been refused lunch in the House of Assembly canteen, Mr Horace van Rensburg (PFP, Bryanston) told Parliament yesterday.

He said the incident was disgraceful in view of the State President's assurance that apartheid was outmoded.

"What could be more damaging to what the State President is supposedly trying to achieve" he asked.

Mr van Rensburg said those who had responded favourably to the President's speech at the opening of Parliament had fervently prayed the Government would not once again undermine its reform efforts by hesitation, equivocation, clumsiness or bad public relations.

Then this incident happens. It must make them think again.



Mr de la Cruz
I'll speak for ANC

I back ANC in principle de la Cruz

PARLIAMENT
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and sports clubs. It was
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coloured education in the
Western Cape was a
"dangerous mess" which
Mr. Ebrahim could not
manage. Sapa

No 'supps' for those who did not write

Cape Times 4/2/80 Education Reporter

PUPILS who failed to write internal examinations last year would not be allowed to write supplementary examinations this year, the press liaison officer for the coloured Department of Education and Culture, Mr Abel Jordaan, said yesterday.

Mr Jordaan was reacting to the actions of pupils at some Peninsula schools who "promoted" themselves when the new school term started last month. The Bisco student organization, representing schools in the Bonteheuwel area, has called for re-examination of pupils who did not write last year.

"If the department does not respond or responds negatively to the demand, the students of Bonteheuwel will promote themselves to the next standard and write that standard's exam at the end of the year."

Mr Jordaan said yesterday that regulations did not provide for supplementary examinations for standards six to nine. This had been communicated to the schools.

He also said that the supplementary matriculation exams, which were expected to start in March, started yesterday at some schools in the W Cape.

'Jargon conceals racism'

PARLIAMENT — Whites had to remember they were living in Africa and if they wanted a white continent they should go back to Europe, the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, said yesterday.

Speaking in the No-Confidence Debate he said the Labour Party had come to Parliament to participate in "real politics".

"But we cannot do this while politicians still want to preserve their 'whites only' place," he said, referring to the dining room reserved for House of Assembly members.

Mr Curry said he wanted to congratulate the State President who, in spite of losing the previously National Party held seat of Sasolburg to the Herstigte Nasionale Party, continued with legislation which allowed Indians into the Free State.

"The State President has put his head on a block but whites are sabotaging reform by not changing their attitudes.

"Scratch their political jargon and you find racism."

The Labour Party was committed to bringing blacks into Parliament.

"Whites can scream their heads off but blacks will sit as Cabinet Ministers in Pretoria," he said.

Referring to the disrespect that blacks and coloureds in local government got from their communities, he said this was because they were mere "facades" for white power. — Sapa.

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Civic association expresses support for 7 teachers

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — The civic association here has reacted to the action taken against seven Breidbach High School teachers recently

A spokesman for the association, Mr John Smith, yesterday expressed solidarity and support for the teachers affected by the "arbitrary actions" of the Department of Education and Culture

Some teachers were severely reprimanded or did not have their temporary teaching appointments renewed after a petition from Breidbach senior secondary school in August last year

Mr Smith, in a statement issued on behalf of the association, said that recent newspaper reports about the issue had distorted the facts

"We noted with disgust the manner in which the said articles sought to associate the legitimate and domestic grievances of the said teachers with Dr Allan Boesak and the Pollsmoor march," Mr Smith said

"We wish to make it clear that the petition had absolutely nothing

to do with either Dr Boesak or the intended march to Pollsmoor

"The petition was intended to have been a legitimate expression of grievances directed to the administration of the school where they were teaching"

Mr Smith said that the association regarded the steps taken against the teachers as excessively severe in the circumstances

He said that the principal of the school, Mr J Klaasen, seemed to suggest that the exclusion and suspension of the teachers concerned was not only because they took absence without leave for one day, but also because they encouraged the pupils to boycott classes

"This is also a deliberate untruth and distortion of the true facts All the teachers affected were and still are extremely concerned about the education of their pupils

He said the teachers concerned saw this statement in a very serious light and had consulted legal opinion on the matter

Teachers' short pay: State won't budge

Staff Reporter

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THE Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA) has failed to persuade the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives to pay in full teachers who received half their January salaries or no salaries

Teachers who were suspended and subsequently reinstated were paid less than half their January salaries, while temporary teachers who were reappointed after

dismissal were paid nothing

The Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) has threatened to take legal action against the department if the teachers are not paid in full.

The CTPA, said vice-president Mr Randall van den Heever, was unhappy with the position.

"Teachers who received a portion of their salaries carried out their duties until the end of last month and deserved to have received their full salaries"

'New council must include all parties'

PARLIAMENT — The National Statutory Council proposed by the State President would be able to achieve more than the recently formed National Convention Alliance, Mr Jac Rabie (LP, Reigerpark) said in the House of Representatives yesterday.

Speaking in the No-Confidence Debate he said proposals needed to be sought from all political parties in South Africa, including the United Democratic Front, the Labour Party, the African National Congress and the Pan African Congress, to form the agenda of the council

Each organisation should send two representatives to the council, which will meet under the chairmanship of the State President, and weigh their proposals for a new constitution.

The council should not only be advisory council, he said

"The State President must also say whether he is going to let the council hold open proceedings or in secret. Some organisations will not contribute if it were not in the open"

Mr Rabie said the internal wing of the ANC, not the external wing committed to violence, should be unbanned to give them the ability to have a say in the politics of the country

Mr Rabie said it is essential that the State President announce the Tricameral Parliament was a temporary measure Democracy could not function if the ruling party in the House, the Labour Party, needed to speak to itself instead of with the parties it criticised, while the opposition parties within the House were of no consequence

— Sapa.

History 'may prove P W to be big traitor'

PARLIAMENT — The State President, Mr P W Botha, would be known in future as "the biggest traitor" if he continued on the path of integration and powersharing, Mr Jan Hoon (CP, Kuruman) said in the House of Assembly's No-Confidence debate yesterday.

Dealing with the systematic "destruction of apartheid", he said Mr Botha's statement in his opening speech to Parliament on Friday on the blacks' constitutional future was in fact a "first step on the road to total black majority rule and power-sharing"

"If he continues on this path, the State President will be known in future as the biggest traitor," Mr Hoon said

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, rose on a point of order to ask if it was Parliamentary to call the State President traitor

The Speaker, Mr Johann Greeff, said he had taken careful note of Mr Hoon's words and pointed out the CP member had said "if", which meant he had not actually called Mr Botha a traitor.

Earlier, Mr Hoon referred to the announcement that the homeland of kwaNdebele would ask for independence this year and said. "That small nation ... will have more freedom than the four million whites in South Africa", when its independence was granted — Sapa

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POINTS FROM THE DEBATE

NEW plan to solve schools crisis

CAPE TOWN
7/2/86

By YAZEED FAKIER and BARRY STREEK

IN a major turnabout, the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, yesterday announced a "carefully planned" system of promotions for pupils from Std 6 to 9 who did not write last year's final examinations.

Mr Ebrahim — often accused of being "kragdadig" in his handling of the education crisis — further announced that should principals and staff prefer such pupils to write an examination, they would be free to do so.

The surprise move follows a meeting between Mr Ebrahim and high school principals in the Western Cape on Wednesday at which Mr Ebrahim apparently told the meeting that promoting pupils or have exams in March, was out of the question.

'Conciliatory'

A source at the meeting said Mr Ebrahim was, however, "for once in a very conciliatory mood" and was eager for principals to identify problems and ways of resolving them.

Mr Ebrahim said yesterday that he had, with the concurrence of the Ministers Council, decided that the concessions be implemented with immediate effect in high schools affected by school and examination boycotts last year.

The decision had been reached after consultations with Inspectors of Education and principals of high schools throughout the Cape Peninsula, and representations to him by parents, pupils and teachers.

"These promotions affect all pupils who did not pass or failed to write last year's final examinations.

"Principals and staffs of these schools will be responsible for determining, on the basis of their previous academic record, which pupils should be promoted.

"Where the principal and staff prefer the writing of an examination, they will be free to do so.

"This decision has been taken to end the confusion existing at many high schools, to eliminate the mounting dissatisfaction among pupils and to accommodate the genuine desire, now being demonstrated by the over-

whelming majority of pupils, to get down to their studies," he said.

Most principals interviewed on the announcement responded cautiously and one said he was "rather annoyed that it should come only now" when calls for a postponed exam in March were made in September last year.

The executive of the United Democratic Front in the Western Cape, said last night that Mr Ebrahim was not in a position to take such decisions and that the only people who could do so were pupils, teachers and parents.

The Cape Teachers Professional Association welcomed the exam decision but "regrets that this decision is taken so late".

In a statement released by CTPA president and rector of the Peninsula Technikon, Mr Franklin Sonn, the association said, however, that it was convinced that in the interests of pupils and parents, principals and teachers "will do everything in their power to administer examinations without handicapping the normal running of the school.

'Irresponsible'

"As far as the decision to allow automatic promotions is concerned, the CTPA consistently informed the education authorities that it viewed such a possibility as irresponsible towards educational standards and also considers it grossly unfair towards those pupils who, under very difficult circumstances, sat for examinations in 1985.

"The CTPA wants to urge schools to exercise the exam option and to desist from practises like automatic promotions which clearly are designed to confirm the unfortunate impression of gutter education."

An Athlone area principal said it had already been decided that pupils at his school would repeat the 1985 academic year.

"What if we decide not to accept either concession," he asked.

New plan for boycott schools

7/2/83 DISPATCH
Dispatch Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — A "carefully planned system of promotions" from Std 6 to 9 is to be implemented at "coloured" schools affected by last year's schools and examinations boycott.

Announcing this yesterday, the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, said the decision had been taken after consultation with inspectors and high school principals and followed representations by parents, teachers and pupils.

The move represents a marked departure from the previous hard line attitude by Mr Ebrahim who adopted a particularly hard stance at the Labour Party Congress in Cape Town at the beginning of last month.

Spelling out the plan, the minister said the promotions would affect all pupils who either did not pass the examinations, or who failed to write.

New chance for pupils welcomed but 'too late'

Parliamentary Staff

HIGH-SCHOOL pupils who failed or did not write last year's examinations because of the schools boycotts have been given another chance of promotion.

The Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, has announced that these pupils may be given passes on the strength of their previous academic records, or they may write supplementary exams.

Principals and staff of the schools will decide on the method of assessment, which applies to promotions from Standards 6 to 9.

Consultation

"The decision has been taken to end the confusion existing at many schools, to eliminate the mounting dissatisfaction among pupils and to accommodate the genuine desire, now being demonstrated by the overwhelming majority of pupils, to get down to their studies," Mr Ebrahim said.

It was taken after consultations with inspectors of education and principals of schools "throughout the Cape Peninsula" and after representations by parents, pupils and teachers.

High-school principals today welcomed education authorities' concession on the exam issue but said the decision was too late and warned that problems could arise.

"We approached the authorities as early as last year to either allow us to promote pupils or to sanction an examination for March," said an Athlone principal.

Pupils at many schools had resigned themselves to the fact that they had failed.

"Some of us have, with the concurrence of parents, decided it would be in the interests of their children to repeat the year. This announcement will cause further chaos at our schools," the principal said.

A Lansdowne principal predicted that some schools would have a shortage or surplus of books and an accommodation problem.

"Carter Ebrahim and his department have declared their own examinations null and void," said a spokesman for the Western Cape Teachers' Union.

Decision justified

Mr Randall van den Heever, vice-president of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association, said it was regrettable that Mr Ebrahim's decision had been announced so late.

"We went to the Supreme Court to get an interdict to force the authorities to allow schools to write examinations in March. We failed, but the same reasons we advanced in motivating our interdict, have now been used by the authorities to justify their decision."

Mr Ken Andrew, Progressive Federal Party MP for Gardens and the Opposition's chief spokesman on black education, said Mr Ebrahim's decision in giving principals some flexibility in trying to unravel the mess came very late.

Professor Jakes Gerwel, vice-rector at the University of the Western Cape, said Mr Ebrahim had learnt "just as we have at UWC that it is better to be flexible than rigid in situations like this".

Ebrahim plan 'belated'

Education Reporter

THE announcement allowing promotions for high school pupils who wrote last year's examinations was "belated in the extreme" and likely to cause even more confusion, the Western Cape Teachers Union said last night.

The union was reacting to a statement released on Thursday by the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, that principals and staff could either promote pupils or allow them to write the final 1985 examinations.

Wectu said that Mr Ebrahim's "big-headedness" in not conceding to student and community demands last year contributed to the chaos persisting in schools this year.

"His new plan to solve the crisis is belated in

the extreme and likely to cause even more confusion.

"More importantly, the lateness of his announcement has caused many students to leave school and join the ranks of the unemployed. All Mr Ebrahim has contributed to education is confusion.

"Students, parents and teachers are still prohibited by the State from meeting to discuss the whole crisis in education. Mr Ebrahim's irrational and impulsive action proves once more that the community must take control of education."

The executive of the United Democratic Front in the Western Cape said students and teachers should be allowed freedom of organization at all schools to discuss matters concerned with education — "and this is being denied them at the moment".



Hitching a lift on their way home from school this week were NOLENE PHILANDER, 15, at the rear, her sister, JEAN, 10, and their brother, JAKOB, 12.

By RAYMOND HILL

WHEN 10-year-old Jean Philander leaves for school in the morning, she has to walk eight kilometres or hitch a ride to the bus stop, and then take two buses to school.

If she is not lucky enough to get a lift home in the evening, she has to walk another eight kilometres getting home at 5 or 6pm.

She is one of a group of about 15 children living at a settlement near Schoenmakerskop who experience severe hardship in getting to and from schools in Schauderville and Chatty every day because there are no buses to where they live.

They are the children of labourers who work at a

School pupils hitch lifts or walk 8km for bus

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Port Elizabeth municipal pump station.

The children walk up to 16km a day in all kinds of weather if they do not get a lift from passing motorists

This week school principals and a senior official in the House of Representatives' Education Department said they were shocked to learn of the children's plight and would investigate immediately

The principal of the Dietrich Primary School, Schauderville, Mr Harold Wilson, said he had not

realised the problems they experienced

Yesterday Mr Salman Jonas said his three children were unable to attend school because they did not have the bus fare

"It is not the first time that they had to stay at home because I could not afford the fare. They are keen to learn but transport is the problem," he said

He said they walked or hitched to the railway crossing at Walmer township so that they could catch a bus into the city

They then had to catch another bus to school.

Mrs Gladys Philander said her daughter, Estelle, six, was enrolled at the Dietrich Primary School but had not been to classes because she was too concerned about a little girl having to hitch-hike

Nolene Philander, 15, her sister, Jean, 10, and their brother, Jakob, 12, also attend the Dietrich Primary School and have been hitchhiking daily for the past few months

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opens schools to all

By BARRY STREEK

THE Labour Party has defiantly opened coloured schools to all races

And it has decided that teachers of all races, including whites, can get permanent posts in schools under the control of the House of Representatives

Confirmation of the Labour Party decision to open schools and teaching positions to all races comes days after senior Nationalist spokesman, including President P W Botha, reaffirmed that it remained government policy to have segregated schools

The Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim, said in a statement yesterday that "open schools is the established policy of the Labour Party" and "the only limitation on admission is the availability of places"

He said that the policy of open schools was established in the days of the Coloured Representatives Council when Mr Allan Hendrickse, then executive member for education, opened schools to black people

Approved

Before that date, coloured schools were traditionally attended by Indian pupils, he said

"This policy is accepted practice today. Several applications from other groups for admission to primary, secondary and tertiary institutions, such as the Peninsula Technikon are approved," he said

At present no applications had been received from black people for admission to education colleges

"In the event, consideration will certainly be given to such applications," he said

It is reliably understood that the Labour Party-controlled House of Representatives also decided that teachers of all races will be allowed to get permanent teaching posts with full pension benefits

In the past, white teachers have been employed only on a temporary basis and could be given 24 hours' notice

Schools now open to all

THE Labour Party has opened coloured schools to all races and cleared the way for the permanent appointment of white teachers.

This was announced by Mr Carter Ebrahim, Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives who said yesterday that open schools were the policy of the Labour Party, established in the now defunct Coloured Representative Council when Mr Allan Hendrickse opened schools to black people

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Row over bid to enforce race laws

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PARLIAMENT — Port Elizabeth MPs have condemned a decision by a Port Elizabeth City Council committee to instruct municipal officials to lay charges against people contravening the city's race laws.

And some MPs have warned that the City Council could be looking for confrontation with one MP already threatening civil disobedience.

Labour Party leader Allan Hendrickse, a member of the Cabinet, said the move as a "sad reflection on the city and its white councillors" while the MP for Walmer, Andrew Savage, said the decision had been taken by a small committee "dominated by unimaginative, ignorant bigots".

MP for Port Elizabeth John Malcomess said what the City Council was doing was to turn every single municipal employee into a "policeman for apartheid," adding that he had written to the town clerk asking him to request the city council to open the beach at Sardinia Bay.

While National Party MPs have reacted with more caution, both the MP for Algoa Park, James Kleynhans and Sakkie Louw, MP for Newton Park, have expressed regret at the furore over the beaches.

Pointing out that the beaches had been used by all people prior to the introduction of apartheid, Hendrickse said that swimming "where I wish is primarily the exercising of a human right."

"It is a sad reflection on the city of Port Elizabeth and its white councillors that they intend using money contributed by ratepayers — even those that are not white — to entrench white privilege."

Varsities need more teeth, says Rogers

ORMANDE POLLOK

PARLIAMENT — Pat Rogers, New Republic Party MP for King William's Town, yesterday supported a measure to tighten discipline at black universities — the Universities and Technikons for Blacks Tertiary Education Bill.

"It would appear that the powers of universities to take action in cases of the abuse of educational institutions are inadequate," said Mr Rogers.

He referred to a recent case at Medunsa where six white students left

"I say this because I believe that those babies who are running around university campuses creating circumstances of the nature I mentioned are not always present on the campus so that action can be taken against them there," said Rogers

Jumping to Pik's defence

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — Nationalists were taken aback yesterday when, in a surprise attack on State President P W Botha, outspoken MP for Yeoville Harry Schwarz sprang to the defence of Foreign Minister Pik Botha.

Schwarz described the President's attack on Botha as a "spectacle" and recalled that former Prime Minister and President, John Vorster, had conceded that in terms of the constitution being planned then, a black person could become president.

"Yet we now have the spectacle of the Foreign Minister being repudiated by the State President," said Schwarz.

He also wanted to know why no Nationalists had come to the Foreign Minister's defence.

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If the constitutional structures to be evolved were based on power sharing, the choice of head of state had to be open if the concept of domination was to be rejected.

"The nature of the constitutional structure evolved and negotiated may result in a head of state which is ceremonial or executive, but if there is to be power sharing without domination, irrespective of the nature of the structure, how can the office of president be reserved for any particular group?"

"It is not even reserved for a white under the present constitution, however flawed this may be," he added

Open all schools to all — Sonn

CAPE TOWN — The president of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association, Mr Franklin Sonn, yesterday welcomed the announcement by the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, to open coloured schools to all races

Mr Sonn said any step

taken to remove apartheid from education was welcomed, and added "All schools must be opened to all races"

The CTPA, he said, had reservations about employing white teachers permanently. It would meet officials of the department tomorrow to discuss the matter — Sapa

'Displeasure' over school policies

By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

COLOURED high schools are still grappling with the government's announcement on concessions to pupils amid accusations that crucial decisions — such as the promotion of pupils — were being taken without proper consultation

Principals yesterday expressed displeasure at decisions taken by the Labour Party-controlled Ministers' Council, and said it appeared that the administration of the Department of Education and Culture was not being consulted

Circular

An Athlone principal commented: "We receive our instructions from Radio Good Hope these days"

The principals pointed out contradictions between a statement by the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim, that principals and staff could promote pupils — or have exams — while a circular from the department said pupils could be promoted only with the approval of the Inspector of Education.

Furthermore, Mr Ebrahim's statement does not address the issue of pupils who prefer to repeat their 1985 year

Asked whether the department had been consulted before the announcement of concessions for pupils

who had written or failed last year's exams, the executive director, Mr A J Arendse, said yesterday "I have nothing to say about that"

One high school source said the confusion had brought some schools to an academic standstill.

"Because of this contradiction, principals are not prepared to override the inspectors and risk action being taken against them. This state of uncertainty is rubbing off on the pupils who are demanding more clarity."

One City principal said. "The announcement was made last week and we still have not received the official notice"

Repeat

There was still confusion at his school, as is the case at some Bonteheuvel schools, with pupils expressing the wish to be promoted while parents wanted them to repeat their standard

Most Mitchells Plain pupils were being promoted "in conjunction with inspectors", a principal in the area said

A Grassy Park principal said he and his staff recommended that pupils write the 1985 final examination in March. Although this would require "a lot of work" with so little time left, the staff preferred this to the system of promotions which was "next to gutter education"

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'Homelands don't need foreign aid'

PARLIAMENT — South African taxpayers gave the independent homelands enough money through other channels, without also giving them foreign aid, Mr Les Abrahams (LP, Diamant) said in the House of Representatives

He said 33 of the 44 foreign aid agreements were with former homelands

The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Ron Miller, said citizens of the TBVC countries formed the "backbone of the South African labour force" and it was appropriate to award them some repayment — Political Staff



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Students set deadline
Education Reporter

MORE than 500 students at Hewat Training College in Athlone yesterday decided to promote themselves if no response from education authorities on examination and promotion concessions was received by tomorrow.

Last week, the students called for similar concessions to be granted to college students as had been granted to high school pupils who have been allowed either promotion or the writing of another 1985 final examination.

Students said "time and our patience" was running out since a meeting last week between college rectors and education authorities had no satisfactory outcome.

They said if no reply was received by tomorrow, they would promote themselves on Thursday.

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Education is being abused De Klerk

EBRAHIM MOOSA

HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES — National Education Minister F W de Klerk has accused "enemies of orderly development" of misusing education for political ends.

Speaking during the second reading debate in the House of Representatives yesterday, he said the need for serious discussions on educational issues was paramount.

The immediate opening of schools to all races would not solve a single problem, De Klerk said.

Government was committed to a uniform education system under one ministry, he said.

De Klerk faced jeering and heckling for his earlier statements in the House of Assembly, where he said education would remain separate along racial lines.

He also said there was no contradiction between his interpretation of government policy and that of State President P W Botha.



Mr Jan van Zyl... "own affairs the greatest fraud".

Heated 'own affairs' debate

Retention of apartheid under attack

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Political Staff

PARLIAMENT — The whole concept of racially-based "own affairs" in Parliament has come under fire in the House of Assembly. The National Party stood alone in its defence of the system during yesterday's second-reading debate on the white "own affairs" Mini-Budget.

It was marked by fresh attacks from the official Opposition on the continued adherence to apartheid policies such as race classification, and racial separation in schools and residential areas.

The Minister of the Budget, Mr F W de Klerk, and other speakers on the Government side, defended the system on the grounds that it had been approved by a majority of the white electorate.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS AND LIVING AREAS

Launching the Opposition's attack, Mr Alf Widman (PFP, Hillbrow) said Mr de Klerk had made it clear in the No-Confidence Debate that separate schools and residential areas, separate voters' rolls and the tricameral parliamentary system would remain.

"So while the State President's speech was pregnant with possibilities at the opening of Parliament, the birth of the reform baby was just not on."

Mr Widman moved an amendment, calling on the House not to pass the second reading unless and until the Ministers' Council undertook to

- Improve efficiency in its administration in order to uplift the standard and quality of life of all concerned
- Review sources of revenue for local authorities
- Remove all racial restrictions on admission to educational institutions.
- Ensure the provision of adequate housing and the protection of those in need

ASSURANCE ON SOVEREIGNTY

Mr Jan van Zyl (CP, Sunnyside) condemned the "own affairs" system as "the greatest fraud and bluff one can get".

He moved an amendment calling on the House to decline to pass the second-reading unless the Government gave an assurance that the sovereignty of the "white Parliament" would be restored.

Mr Derrick Watterson (NRP, Umbilo) said his party would oppose the Bill on the grounds that it was not properly motivated. He said that while he still supported the constitution, he believed the system of "own affairs" could not work in respect of local government and hospital services.

Mr Louis Stoffberg (HNP, Sasolburg) rejected the "own affairs" system on the grounds that whites were being impoverished in order to provide benefits to other race groups. For the first time since the 1930s thousands of white children were going to school hungry.

"There had been a gross mismanagement" of South Africa's finances by the Government, he said.



Mr Alf Widman... "birth of the reform baby just not on".

Privatisation probe goes on

Parliament — Investigations were being carried out in every government department into ways in which privatisation could be implemented without affecting efficiency, the Minister of the Budget in the House of Assembly, Mr F W de Klerk, said yesterday.

Replying to debate in the second reading of the House's Part Appropriation Bill, he said the Commission for Administration was conducting a similar investigation.

Privatisation would have financial advantages for the State, but was not something that could be done quickly.

It had to be tackled carefully and planned thoroughly.

"We don't want to throw the baby out with the bathwater," he said. — Sapa.

Indian schools

'just as open' STAR 21/2/86 Political Staff

PARLIAMENT — Indian schools are just as open to other races as Coloured schools, the chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, said yesterday.

During the mini-budget debate, Mr Rajbansi said he wished to make clear there was no difference between the Houses of Delegates and Representatives on policy regarding open education.

All recent applications from blacks for admission to Indian schools had been approved.

Govt will try to help local authorities

PARLIAMENT — The Government would go out of its way to ensure local authorities remained viable and that viability would be enhanced, the Minister of the Budget, Mr F W de Klerk said yesterday.

Replying to Second Reading debate on the House's Part Appropriation Bill, he said this enhancement, however, would not be done in a manner that would affect other interests.

Referring to a suggestion by Mr Alf Widman (PFP, Hillbrow) that a municipal bank be created to aid ailing local authorities, he said he supposed this bank would make money available at subsidised low interest rates.

"Who must subsidise these low rates?" he asked.

There was already a small fund available to municipalities in need, but the moment one began helping them in a bigger way, the taxpayer would suffer.

"Will the honorable member support increased taxation to pay for this?" he asked.

Figures for wheat and maize imports

PARLIAMENT — A total of 95 958 tons of feed wheat and 228 382 tons of yellow maize was imported into South Africa last year, the Minister of Agricultural Economics and of Water Affairs, Mr Greyling Wentzel, said yesterday in written reply to a question from Mr John Malcomson (PFP). — Sapa.

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Teachers' exams concession

Political Reporter

THE Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, yesterday announced new concessions for trainee teachers who did not write internal exams last year.

In a statement Mr Ebrahim said rectors at teachers' training colleges had been authorized to apply any of two options, at their discretion, to students who had not written 1985 exams.

- Allow students to write the exams in February/March 1986

- Repeat the academic year

The examination option is applicable to all those who did not write the 1985 exams, wrote part of them or had failed

No credits would be given to those who had passed a subject(s) in the 1985 exams. Students will have to repeat all their subjects.

only to convey the result of the discussions with the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning to the people of Moutse;

- (iii) no action or counter-action regarding the incorporation of Moutse into Kwandebele shall be discussed,
- (iv) no speaker shall be allowed to incite, instigate, intimidate or by any other means influence any person to oppose the incorporation of Moutse into Kwandebele, and
- (v) the South African Police shall be allowed to attend the meeting

(b) The conditions were imposed, since the Magistrate, Moutse, according to him, had reason to believe the public peace would seriously be endangered, if the meeting were not held subjected to the conditions concerned

(c) The South African Police, Siyabuswa, recommended that the conditions be imposed

(6) Yes, the South African Police, Siyabuswa, was consulted by the Magistrate, Moutse, in both instances.

(a) The South African Police was consulted on 28 November 1985 about the first meeting and on 3 December 1985 about the second meeting

(b) The Magistrate, Moutse, consulted with the South African Police, Siyabuswa for a report and recommendation in both instances.

(c) The Magistrate, Moutse, requested a report from the South African Police in order to be in a position to exercise his discretion

tion regarding the applications concerned.

(d) After the Magistrate consulted the South African Police, he decided to refuse the first application and to approve the second application, subject to the conditions in 5(a) above

(7) No

New Questions

Compulsory military service

HANSARD 25/2/86
Dr W J SNYMAN asked the Minister of Defence—†

(1) Whether the Government has taken a decision on compulsory military service for Coloured persons and Asians, if so, what decision,

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

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(1) Yes

(2) Last year during the debate on the Defence Vote I put it unambiguously that the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates would have to decide for themselves on National Service for their own people. This is still the Government's standpoint I also said that the Geldenhuys Committee was looking into the matter (Hansard column 6514). After thorough investigation and consideration of all the relevant factors the Committee came to the conclusion that on purely practical considerations, National Service for all population groups is not possible at the moment.

The Committee is of the opinion that the enlistment of only volunteers from the Coloured and Indian population, is at present the only practical solution. The Committee therefore supports the present approach to

make the maximum use of the large number of Coloured and Indian volunteers.

I endorse these views of the Committee. In this regard I want to point out that since 1979 until the present there has been a general growth of 352% in the Coloured ranks of the SA Army and 101% growth in Indian numbers in the SA Navy

†Dr W J SNYMAN: Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, do we now have to accept that in the case of military service for Asians and Coloureds it is an own affair, on which they themselves can decide, while in the case of the Whites it is a general affair? Further arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, does the Government not envisage at all to give any future consideration whatsoever to the introduction of compulsory military service for the two race groups mentioned?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I have just explained quite clearly to the hon member what the situation is and how we handle it. If the hon member now wants to make politics of this sensitive matter, which deals with the safety of our country, I resent him for doing that. I will not add to the reply that I have already furnished. [Interjections]

Mr D J N MALCOMES: Further arising out of the reply given by the hon the Deputy Minister—and it is now clear that the Coloureds and Indians will have their own Houses decide for them—what then is his intention as regards the Chinese people who do not have a separate House or even a vote in any House? [Interjections]

†Mr S P BARNARD: Mr Chairman, further arising out of the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, can he inform the House whether the possibility will shortly arise that Whites will only be able to join voluntarily and that there will be no compulsory military service for Whites. Will the same choice that is given to the Coloureds and Indians therefore be given to the Whites of South Africa?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Chairman, Whites can already join the Permanent

Force voluntarily. There is nothing to prevent that I have just told the hon member for Langlaage quite clearly—it seems to me he does not want to understand it—that this is, politically spoken, a sensitive matter.

†Mr S P BARNARD: Oh, man, go and tell that to a bunch of small kids!

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE: Order! If the hon member for Langlaage wants to hear the reply to his question he must please give the hon the Deputy Minister the opportunity to reply to it

†The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Chairman, we do not want to make a political football of the security of our country and I therefore appeal to hon members of the Conservative Party—very seriously—please not to do it. These volunteers of the other race groups do valuable work in the interest of our security and these hon members must please not spoil that

†Mr S P BARNARD: They ostensibly do the valuable work but it is our Whites who die on the border! [Interjections.] But that of course is not a sacrifice!

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE: Order! The hon member for Langlaage will have to contain himself if he does not want me to order him to leave the House.

†Dr W J SNYMAN: Mr Chairman, further arising out of the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, can we therefore take it that military service is a general affair for Whites only while for the other groups it is an own affair? We want a clear reply to this, please.

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE: Order! The hon member for Pretorius must please resume his seat. I put the next question

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*2. Dr W J SNYMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

(1) Whether the South African Police has investigated or is investigating the

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Namda 'shocked' over removal of records

JOHANNESBURG — The National Medical and Dental Association said today it was "shocked" by police action at the Alexandra Health Centre yesterday, where police removed 175 medical records of patients

The centre's superintendant, Dr Tim Wilson, "who tried to oppose the police intervention, was not even given time to consult legal counsel," Namda said in a statement

NO REASONS

"No reasons for removal of the notes were given other than the production of a search warrant"

The Association said "an essential premise of the doctor-patient relationship is absolute

confidentiality In all free societies this is recognised as a basic human right

"As doctors who are dealing with 'unrest' victims, we reject the implications that these injured people are criminals

"We fear that the confidential information contained in these notes will be used for political reasons and for further harassment of these individuals

"We commend and support the principled stand taken by the staff of Alexandra Health Centre," the Association said

At least 23 people were reported killed and scores injured since violence erupted in the township near Johannesburg, after a funeral eight days ago — Sapa

Houses to get more money

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PARLIAMENT — The House of Representatives gets an additional R35 million, required for its administration during the financial year ending March 31 1986, in terms of the Additional Appropriation Bill for the House tabled in Parliament yesterday.

In terms of a similar Bill for the House of Assembly, an amount of R31 746 000 has been appropriated, and in terms of the Bill for the House of Delegates an amount of R4 381 000 has been appropriated.

The largest amounts in the three Houses are:

- Representatives R17,012 million to health services and welfare
- Assembly R18,668 million to local government and works
- Delegates R2,804 million to education and culture. — Sapa

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Students welcome exam rewrite move

By YAZEED FAKIER

THE announcement that final-year student teachers at coloured training colleges, who failed or did not write their final exams would be able to write at the end of the year, has been welcomed.

The announcement was made on Monday by the chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, the Rev Allan Hendrickse. Mr Hen-

drickse said those students would not be required to return to college at the end of the first term, as was at first envisaged.

Students welcomed the announcement, which affects those in their final third or fourth year, saying it meant they could continue teaching and would not have to "leave pupils in the lurch".

One ex-student who is teaching at a Grassy Park school said they

would have had to return to college after the first term and re-apply for posts at high schools after completing their final college year.

"There is a shortage of teachers at high schools because of the boycotts at colleges. Now student teachers are able to continue teaching and colleges don't have the problem of accommodation," said the student.

OWN AFFAIRS

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Brown MPs' gauntlet

The majority coloured and Indian parties in Parliament have embarked on a new campaign to fight apartheid which could bring them into serious conflict with the National Party (NP) and the constitution.

Both the Labour Party (LP) and the National People's Party (NPP) are attempting to abolish racial discrimination in "own affairs" matters such as education and health services. They may even try to force a showdown on the Group Areas Act.

LP leader Allan Hendrickse last week ordered that schools under the jurisdiction of

the coloured Education Minister, Carter Ebrahim, be opened to all races, and that teachers be given permanent posts irrespective of race. Hendrickse says the plan is aimed at breaking down all racial barriers at educational institutions under his control.

The move is in direct conflict with the NP policy statement made by National Education Minister F W de Klerk during the No Confidence debate. De Klerk re-affirmed the party's commitment to racially separate schools and other institutions. During a debate in the House of Representatives this week, De Klerk clashed with jeering LP MPs and said the opening of schools to all races would not solve the country's problems.

The House of Delegates is scheduled to debate a series of motions in the next three weeks during which both the majority NPP and its new coalition partner, Solidarity, will urge government to scrap key apartheid measures, including the Group Areas Act.

How far either the NPP or the LP is prepared to go to emphasise their demands remains to be seen. So far their talk has been bold, but apart from the LP's confrontation with the NP over dining room apartheid in Parliament — an issue from which it backed down after two days — there has been no real action. But it could come soon. Last week some LP MPs, rashly perhaps, indicated that they may quit Parliament if the NP remained unwilling to compromise. ■

Interjectors are disciplined

PARLIAMENT — Four Members of the House of Representatives were ordered from the chamber yesterday after members of the Labour Party and the Democratic Workers Party became involved in cross-floor argument.

While Minister of Health and Welfare Mr Chris April was introducing the National Welfare Amendment Bill, he commented that he was not afraid to hold public meetings, nor afraid of the United Democratic Front. Mr Enwar Essop (DWP; Nuweveld) interjected that Mr

April held his meetings "at State cost", and became involved in an exchange with Mr Louis Hollandier (LP, Britstown) and Mr Vernon Sass (LP, Matroosfontein).

The Chairman of the House, Mr Philip Sanders, ordered all three to leave the chamber. Soon afterwards Mr Yusuf Rhoda (LP, Bokkeveld) made a further interjection after Mr Sanders had called the House to order, and was also ordered out.

Mr Sanders then told Mr April to continue his speech — Sapa

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LUNCH FOR ALL

The row over apartheid in a parliamentary dining room was resolved this week when it was opened to MPs of all races. The Speaker, Johan Greeff, announced the move after a meeting of Parliament's standing committee on rules and orders.

Last month coloured MPs protested against the "whites only" dining room. Some white MPs maintained the dining room was not racially segregated, but rather reserved for members of the House of Assembly.

The new ruling re-emphasises that the dining room can only be used by MPs. An adjacent dining room, where guests may be entertained, was opened to all MPs last year after a similar racial row.

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LP attack on Heunis

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. — Mr Chris Heunis came under attack once again in the House of Representatives yesterday, this time from Mr Peter Hendrickse (LP Addo).

He was speaking during debate on a private member's motion by Mr Jac Rabie (LP Reiger Park) calling for a commission of inquiry of Members of the House to investigate constitutional alternatives.

Mr Hendrickse said the intransigence of the Nationalist government and its "arrogance personified by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis," might

lead the LP to adopt strategies of exposing, embarrassing and obstructing.

It was typical of "white arrogance" that no white cabinet ministers or Nationalist MPs were present while the motion, which dealt with the constitutional future of the country, was being debated, he added.

On March 17 Mr Heunis was attacked by the Chairman of the Ministers' Council in the

House, Mr Allan Hendrickse, for not attending debate on the Constitution in the House of Representatives.

● Introducing his private member's motion yesterday, Mr Rabie said the commission which he proposed would call for and hear evidence in public in the major centres.

Parties that would be called included the African National Congress, the Afrikaanse Weer-

standsbeweging, the United Democratic Front, representatives from commerce and industry and all the parties represented in Parliament.

"It will not help if anti-system people refuse to give evidence. The Labour Party is busy with a sincere effort to bring about peace and participation for all.

"It must be done because all the models that the whites have proposed have been successful failures."

● The motion was put to the vote and passed after a division in which the Freedom Party and the DWP opposed it. — Sapa

Govt rejects MPs' plan for 'day of the slaves'

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PARLIAMENT — The Government has rejected a House of Representatives appeal that December 1 should be proclaimed a public holiday to commemorate the emancipation of slaves in 1834

A motion by Mr Tommy Abrahams (LP, Wentworth) in favour of a public holiday — possibly to be called Emancipation Day — was passed unanimously

Mr Peter Mopp (LP, Border) said "We are descended from those slaves Their history is our history and our history should also be commemorated

"Founders' Day, October 10, and December 16 mean absolutely nothing to us

"December 16 means something in Afrikaner history and so December 1 would mean something to us"

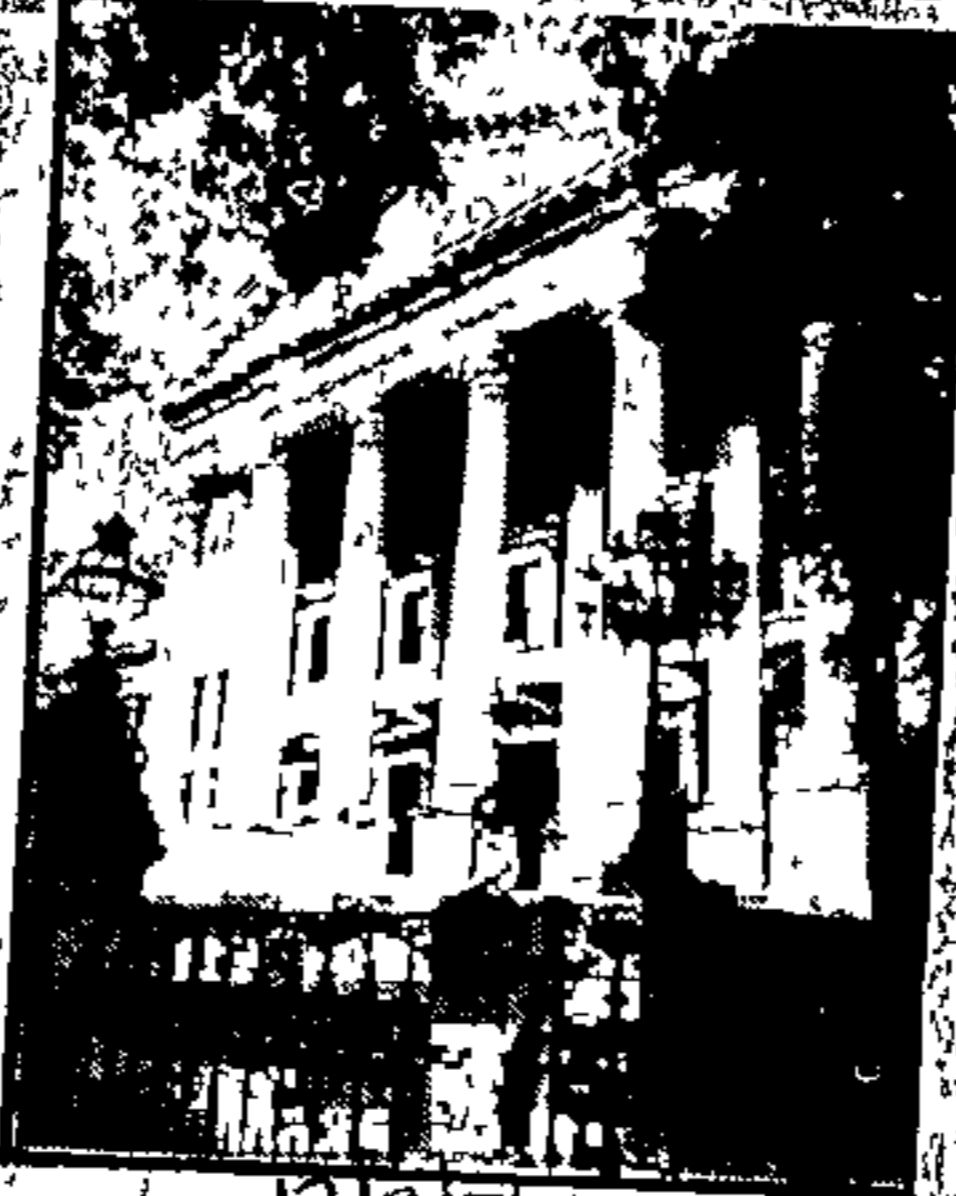
Mr Peter Hendrickse (LP, Addo) said the subject of slavery had been sadly neglected in South African history books

The public holiday would be a day when everyone — including whites — could look at the struggle for emancipation and assess how much mental slavery still existed

Mr Stoffel Botha, Minister of Home Affairs, said he could not accept the motion but invited further discussion on it

A Government commission had reported that South Africa already had a wealth of holidays

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Labour welcomes
volunteer units

PARLIAMENT — The majority Labour Party in the House of Representatives has welcomed the formation of a second infantry battalion and an infantry citizen force unit for coloured volunteers, to be known as 2 SACC Battalion and the Cape Regiment.

The move showed that there was no need for conscription of coloured people, as the number of volunteers exceeded the accommodation available, the party said in a statement.

WITCH-HUNTS AT SCHOOLS?

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By MICHAEL DOMAN

SCHOOL principals are being asked to submit the names of Indian and African pupils at their schools, despite announcements in Parliament last month that coloured schools are open to anybody, regardless of race.

One high school principal told Cape Herald this week that his VR-E 473 form, which lists details of the "annual returns as at the first Tuesday in March", this year had two extra pages attached to it, for the listing of "Indian" and "Black" pupils' names.

The form is also intended to supply to the Department of Education and Culture information on the numbers of pupils studying particular subjects.

To be queried

The principal said: "Teachers are refusing to give me the necessary information".

"So I'll have to submit the form incomplete, and wait for it to be queried."

And he added, "I don't classify people on any basis and I feel this is nonsense. We are sup-

posed to be moving away from this type of thing".

"According to the newspapers, our schools are open.

CTPA executive member and school principal Mr Randall van den Heever, said: "I received a number of calls from principals who complained and generally expressed their displeasure at this state of affairs.

"What we usually find is that it causes such a lot of unnecessary hassles at the school.

"One has to extract this information from the class teacher and teachers generally refuse to submit this kind of information.

"I phoned the Department about this particular matter and I spoke to a person at head office to find out what these particular details were for. According to them, it is just to get statistics up to date. I specifically asked if it was not for a witch-hunt.

"Whatever they say, it is still unacceptable to ferret out the race of a pupil.

"We are long past the stage where race is a criterion for acceptance. Many teachers and principals have considered not submitting the details

"One feels it has no place in education.

"It is most insensitive of the authorities to include that kind of thing in a questionnaire — also at a time when they know that there is a total rejection of segregation in education."

Angry Hendrickse blocks debate reply by Heunis's deputy

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Political Staff

PARLIAMENT — The House of Representatives has taken the unprecedented step of preventing a Deputy Minister from replying to a debate

The move was a protest against the absence of Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Mr Chris Heunis from a constitutional debate which the Labour Party considered important

Cabinet Minister the Rev Allan Hendrickse refused to allow Mr Heunis's deputy, Mr Piet Badenhorst, to speak in the debate

Mr Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party and Chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, said Mr Heunis's absence called into question his faith in his own tricameral system

The motion called for a commission of constitutional experts to consider the alternative of a non-racial geographic federation

Mr Badenhorst listened to the whole debate, preparing notes for his reply, but Mr Hendrickse abruptly closed the debate before he could

"I don't think we need the Deputy Minister to come to this House to answer questions," he said

'SIGN OF CONTEMPT'

Mr Hendrickse said the step was a protest against Mr Heunis's action. He asked if the absence of Mr Heunis was a sign of his contempt for the efforts of his partners in the tricameral system to find political solutions

"Is the Minister of Constitutional Development serious about constitutional development? Is this arrogance?"

"Is he saying 'I know what I want for the country and what you say is irrelevant?'"

Mr Hendrickse said the motion had first been submitted a week after the new tricameral system of Parliament began

"Since then we have been very accommodating about when it should come up for debate. It was due last Tuesday, but the Minister could not make it because of a funeral

Mr Hendrickse said Mr Heunis spent all his time in the Assembly

"So we have to question the relevance of this House in his thinking. We are serious, and that is why we are here. Mr Heunis must now tell us if we should fold our arms and play marbles."

Mr Jac Rabie (LP, Reigerpark), who introduced the motion, said it was an honest attempt, in these troubled and violent times, to contribute to solutions

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Heunis riles Labour

The row in the (coloured) House of Representatives this week over 'an alleged snub of coloured MPs by Constitutional Affairs Minister, Chris Heunis, is unlikely to bring down the tri-cameral system, but it did once again highlight the frustrations inherent in a racially divided Parliament

The row erupted when Labour Party leader Allan Hendrickse perceived Heunis' non-attendance at a key debate as a snub. Hendrickse refused to allow Heunis' deputy, Piet Badenhorst, to participate in the debate on his superior's behalf and accused Heunis of arrogance.



Heunis ... missed debate

The debate was on a motion by the LP's Jac Rabie calling for a probe into the feasibility of a non-racial federal structure for South Africa, which is a cornerstone of LP policy. Heunis says he had arranged with LP whips to speak immediately after Rabie because he had another meeting later in the day and could not speak at the end of the debate. But Hendrickse vetoed this agreement and insisted Heunis speak at the end of the debate, which he could not do due to his prior arrangement.

Heunis' action was seen by coloured MPs as a snub. He had devoted time to responding to two motions of equal importance in the (white) House of Assembly earlier this month and was expected to do the same for the coloureds.

The issue again highlighted the impracti-

calities of trying to conduct parliamentary business in three separate Houses and is expected to boost the campaign for joint debates of all three Houses. ■

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21 more charged with misconduct

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Education Reporter

COLOURED education authorities have charged 21 more Peninsula teachers with misconduct — and 42 now face disciplinary action and possible dismissal.

The Department of Education and Culture has accused them of refusing to administer year-end exams in coloured schools last year.

Twenty-one — including a principal, four deputy principals and at least 11 department heads — have told the department they are not guilty of charges held against them in February.

They are now the subject of a departmental inquiry pending a hearing at which they will be entitled to legal representation

Admit or deny guilt

The other 21 teachers have 14 days in which to admit or deny guilt

Department liaison officer Mr Abel Jordaan said today that a further 21 teachers had been charged with misconduct "related to refusing to administer year-end exams".

He said no date had been finalised for the departmental hearing at which the cases of the first 21 teachers will be heard

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**Budget plan
discriminates**

PARLIAMENT — The fact that the main Budget would only be debated in the House of Assembly was discriminatory, the Chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, Mr Allan Hendrickse said yesterday.

Replying to a motion by Mr Jac Rabie (LP, Reiger Park), who called for the formation of a committee to investigate a constitutional alternative, he said the constitution should not be used "to preserve white privilege and prerogative."

Until all three Houses could discuss the Budget together the practice would be seen as discrimination against the other Houses.

The motion was passed after a division in which the Freedom Party opposed it — Sapa.

UNION'S ROLE IN

By LEN MASEKO

THE Soweto City Council Staff Association yesterday claimed that it had negotiated the reinstatement of the sacked 400 policemen — not the South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union.

The staff association was reacting to a joint statement issued by the Soweto Council and Sabmawu, who told a Press conference this week that they had reached an agreement regarding the reinstatement of the council policemen. Sabmawu represented the sacked policemen — who went on strike over a pay dispute — in the negotiations

Mr James Rasekoala, president of the council staff association, said his committee — after negotiations with a senior council official — had obtained the reinstatement of the council police.

Surprised

"We are surprised that Sabmawu is now being credited for resolving the labour dispute when we have been battling to have the policemen reinstated," Mr Rasekoala said.

A Soweto Council spokesman would not comment on the issue, saying that "there is no further comment from our side as the dispute has been resolved".

Sabmawu general sec-

STRIKE QUESTIONED

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retary, Mr Philip Dlamini, could not be reached for comment.

Meanwhile the AECI Workers' Support Committee is to seek the support of the Alberton industrialists in a bid to resolve the labour dispute at AECI's Alrode plant, where 250 workers were fired after participating in a strike. The workers are demanding wage increases

AECI Workers' Support Committee yesterday met Alberton Industrialists' Association secretary, Mr G Acorn, who promised to set up a meeting between the two bodies next week

• Talks between the South African Chemical Workers' Union (Sacwu) and Adcock Ingram management are still on. Sacwu is negotiating the reinstatement of 350 workers fired after they went on strike over wage increments

• The strike by Apple-



PHILIP DLAMINI... Sabmawu general secretary.

tiser workers in Malvern is still on. The Food Beverage Workers' Union members at the plant are protesting the company's plans to re-trench them

• The labour dispute at Dairy Belle depots in Pretoria and Johannesburg has not yet been resolved. The Dairy Belle management this week fired 350 striking workers, who demanded the reinstatement of their fired colleagues.

• About 300 workers at

Omnia Fertilisers in Sasolburg downed tools this week, demanding wage increases. This was reported by Sacwu, which is trying to secure a meeting with the Omnia management.

• About 200 workers at Roamer Rand in Elandsfontein were fired after they went on strike yesterday. A management spokesman said. "We cannot comment, the strike is over — all the workers have been fired".

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Teacher
hearings
begin

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Education Reporter

THE first formal hearing against the deputy principal of Alexander Sinton Senior Secondary School in Athlone, one of 42 teachers at coloured high schools charged with misconduct, was held this week.

Mr Nabil Swart said he had received a letter from the Department of Education and Culture calling on him to attend an "inquiry into alleged misconduct" on Monday, April 7.

He said the hearing, held at the department's administrative headquarters in Liberty Life Towers, Roeland Street, Cape Town, was attended by his legal representative and was postponed to May 7.

Others charged include the principal of Harold Cressy Senior Secondary School, Mr V J Ritchie, at least 11 subject department heads and four deputy principals.

The school's pupils, parents and teachers as well as former pupils yesterday attacked the department's action.

In a statement the Harold Cressy Parent, Teacher, Student Association, which represents more than 40 teachers and 1 000 parents of about 500 pupils at the school, and the 200-member Harold Cressy Past Students Association branded the action as "an anti-educational and punitive approach".

Anger mounts over prosecution of teachers

Education Reporter

ANGER is mounting among parents, pupils and teachers over coloured education authorities' determination to prosecute more than 50 teachers for allegedly refusing to administer end-of-year exams

The 1 000-strong Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) today called for the charges to be "unconditionally withdrawn" and called on the community to join its protest against the "arbitrary and high-handed action"

The union accused the Department of Education and Culture, House of Representatives, of being determined to "disrupt schooling" in the wake of the National Education Crisis Conference's March 30 call for pupils to return to school

The Harold Cressy Parent, Teacher and Student Association and Past Students' Association condemned the action as punitive and urged that the charges be withdrawn

Pupils at Gathkin Secondary School in Heideveld, where 15

teachers have been charged, have written to the department defending their teachers' actions and appealing for the charges to be dropped

Central to their argument is the fact that the teachers' refusal to administer the exams on the grounds that they were educationally unsound was vindicated when pupils were permitted by the department to move into the next standard whether they had written or not

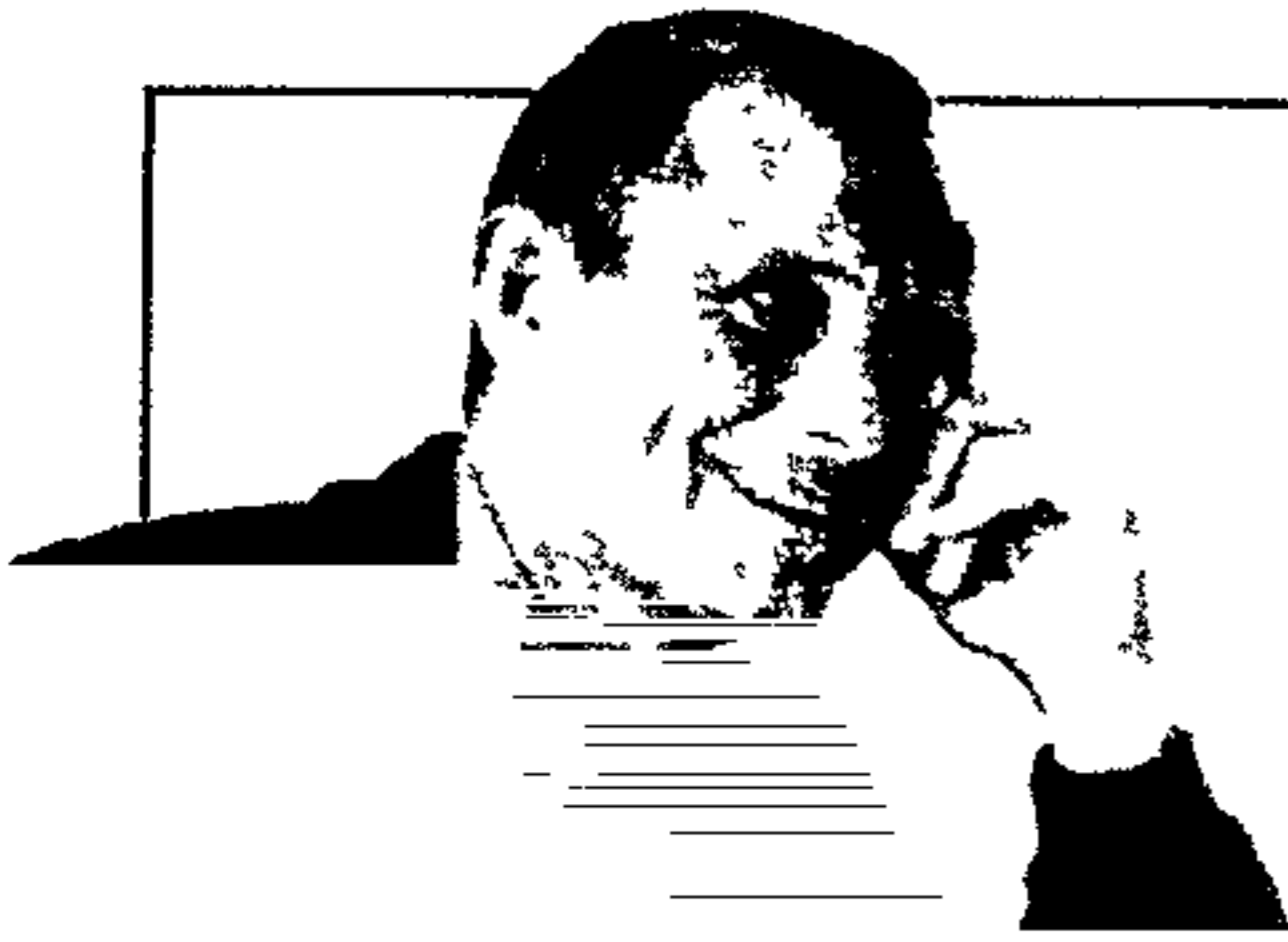
Confusion exists over the exact number of teachers

charged The department says there are 45 — most from schools in the Peninsula and three from Port Elizabeth.

Wectu has the names of 51 teachers — including a principal, deputy-principals and department heads from nine Peninsula schools who have been charged

The teachers have been charged with misconduct under the Coloured Persons Education Act

Department liaison officer Mr A Jordaan said no one teacher had admitted guilt



Gericke ... preserving independence with a listing

crayfish a day. Midway through university, he joined fellow diving enthusiast and current MD of Darling & Hodgson's Underwater Construction, Harry Fuchs, to form Palinaurus Trawling. Its sole asset was a boat they had converted into SA's first refrigerated stern trawler

Problems arose concerning exclusive fishing rights in the Tristan de Cunha area and they sold the vessel at a good profit to I & J Gericke was still in his early twenties and went back to finish his M Sc

Then came a stint as personal assistant to Chris Griffith (a man reputed to eat nails for breakfast, he was so tough) at Anglo American. He learnt a lot and completed his MBA but working for a large corporation didn't suit him. A job with Bakke Industries (one of the big three in polystyrene packaging) followed; he launched Plastamid and learnt the basics for Sunpak

He returned to university to study marine archaeology and undertook a study of marine archives in Amsterdam and London for a venture into deep sea salvaging. Sea Bed Enterprises was formed and large amounts of metal were raised and sold at good prices. This helped establish Sunpak, with 20% partner Kobus du Plessis, after their graduation. Again the accent was on technology.

"Polystyrene manufacture is difficult. We didn't want to go into something that anybody could start up tomorrow," Gericke explains.

Gericke sees the industry expanding in the direction of fast food and throw-away packages. The opening of new food stores is generating greater demand for fruit, vegetable and meat packaging, Gericke considers there is still room for considerable innovation.

Adopting a pragmatic approach, Gericke

believes less sophisticated standards will be required as standards of living fall. "We are looking at a country that is getting poorer, which means things will become more basic, including packaging." ■

ALEX VAN BREDA

Whipping boy

Alex van Breda, Chief Whip of Parliament and Nationalist MP for Tygervallei, sees himself as the "operations manager" of the tricameral system.

Van Breda's essential task is to co-ordinate debate and joint standing committee meetings of the three Houses of Parliament to ensure a continuity of business and the least possible inconvenience to either MPs or Cabinet ministers

Trying to satisfy the demands of not only a "general" affairs Cabinet, but also three "own" affairs Ministers' Councils, as well as 308 fairly individualistic MPs, may seem unenviable, but Van Breda (55) enjoys it.

"The first year after the implementation of the tricameral system was obviously the most difficult. We were dealing with people who had no background or experience in parliamentary procedure. Effective communication was the key to success," he says.

Under the new constitution, "general affairs" legislation must be debated separately in all three Houses. The Cabinet minister responsible, or his deputy, must be present to hear the debates and reply.

Van Breda must co-ordinate the debates in collaboration with the leaders of the three Houses and the various party whips and try to keep everyone as happy as possible — a seemingly impossible task.

"It is important to get through to the whips that their Houses are not the only ones who need to be satisfied. Compromise is essential," he says.

He believes that at times his job is more "crisis management" than anything else, but

he enjoys the challenge despite the stress.

Constituency work must be slotted in after hours — not that there is much time, says Van Breda. Many nights are spent planning proceedings for the following few days and re-arranging schedules to fit in with the arrangements of Cabinet ministers. Van Breda estimates he spends an average of between 16 and 18 hours a day doing his job.

To assist him with his planning, he sits in on Cabinet meetings to get a better feel for legislative programming. He adopts a diplomatic approach when asked if a single chamber and joint debates would not be more practical.

"My reply would have to be of a political nature, but that is not my function. My primary job is to execute the work allocated to me and not to decide policy," he says.

He comments, however, that in his view, debates in a common chamber may in fact take longer than three separate and simultaneous discussions because of the greater demand there would be on debating time by all parties.

Van Breda also co-ordinates meetings of the 16 joint standing committees in Cape Town during the parliamentary session, and in Pretoria during the recess.

"The standing committees place a heavy load on MPs, particularly those from the smaller parties who must try to cover as much ground as possible," he says.

Van Breda's political background has equipped him well for his post. For six years before his appointment in 1984, he was the National Party (NP) chief whip. He was elected to parliament in 1966 after serving in the Cape Provincial Council for six years for the Vasco constituency.

Before entering public office, Van Breda worked as an administrative clerk for the NP from the age of 19. Later he was provincial secretary of the NP's youth league and was subsequently appointed senior NP organiser.

At the time of his election to parliament in 1966, he was the youngest Cape Nationalist MP. ■



Van Breda ... tricameral system's "operations manager"

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condemns 'conduct' charges

Education Reporter

THE Western Cape Teachers' Union has condemned departmental charges of misconduct brought against at least 62 teachers as "provocative in the extreme" in view of the tenuous stability at high schools

In a statement Wectu said all those charged by the Department of Education and Culture were permanent teachers and included principals, deputy principals, heads of department and senior teachers

Schools at which they teach include Harold Cressy, Groenvlei, Alexander Sinton, Crestway, Belgravia, Ned Doman, Cathkin, Bonteheuwel, Marion, Elsie's River and Mountview

Wectu said that in the aftermath of the education crisis, the department had seen fit to conduct "a systematic and pernicious attack" on the teachers

"Wectu condemns in the strongest terms this victimization and resolves to defend its members against this attack on their professional dignity and integrity"

The union called on the community at large to support its stand

"We will fight to redress a system which seeks to punish honest educators who act in defence of those they educate and the high educational principles to which they subscribe," Wectu said

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Charges: Teachers' protest

Education Reporter

THIRTY-TWO teachers at Groenvlei Senior Secondary School in Lansdowne have sent an open letter to the Department of Education and Culture protesting against the action taken against 11 teachers charged with misconduct.

In the letter, the teachers "declare irrevocably our rejection of the charge of misconduct brought against teachers at various secondary schools by the department".

"We abhor and repudiate the charges brought against our colleagues at the school, namely Miss G Prodeho, Miss S Jasiem, Ms W Tennant, Mr G Hendrickse, Ms S Jeptha, Mr G van Harte, Ms C Petersen, Mr B Slingers, Mr D America, Mr M F Dollie and Mr N Daniels."

The teachers affirmed that the stand taken by those charged was in keeping with sound professional and educational ethics.

The charges should be immediately and unconditionally withdrawn, the teachers said.

meeting teargassed

By ANDRÉ KOOPMAN
POLICE yesterday fired
teargas at a group of
about 400 Lawaakamp
residents who had met
in a church to discuss
the details of a municip-
al plan to move them
from the shanty town a
few kilometres outside
George

The head of the
George Civic Associa-
tion, Mr Kenneth Siboto,
said last night that they
had been in the meeting
for about 30 minutes

when a police Casspir
arrived at the church

The police issued a
warning that people
standing outside the
church had five minutes
to leave. People had
stood outside because
there was no place left
inside the church

After waiting five
minutes the police fired
teargas at the crowd out-
side the church as well
as into the church, Mr
Siboto said

People in the church
fought to get out, some of
them fainted and others
jumped out of the win-
dows to escape the gas

Afterwards large
crowds of angry people
gathered in the town
while police watched

Mr George Kellerman,
Nationalist MPC for
George and a mediator
in the Lawaakamp dis-
pute, said last night he
had attended a meeting
between community
leaders and a Major
Strauss of the police
which took place after
the incident

The teargas had been
fired because of a "mis-
understanding", Mr Kel-
lerman said. Major
Strauss told him

Police had apparently
been told last week that
the meeting would take
place at another church
and no one had informed
them that the venue had
changed

Petrol-bomb

Mr Kellerman said
that an unexploded pet-
rol bomb and stones had
been thrown at the
police, but he did not
know whether this was
before or after the tear-
gassing

In terms of a deal pro-
posed by the municipali-
ty, the 5 000 residents of
Lawaakamp had to
apply to move to the new
self-help housing
scheme at Sandkraal,
make good rent arrears
and pay 100 percent
more rent by June or
face summary eviction

If they complied with
these conditions they
would be granted "un-
disputed occupation" of
Lawaakamp until De-
cember 31

A police spokesman in
Pretoria said last night
told Sapa that he had no
knowledge of the inci-
dent. Any events occur-
ring late at night would
be contained in the 7am
police report.

Redcliffe SPAR calls for (257) allowances

22/3/86
Political Staff

PARLIAMENT.— Many MPs in the House of Representatives are worse off financially than before because of the high costs of being in Parliament.

Mr Charles Redcliffe, (LP, Schauderville) said this in support of a plea that MPs be given secretarial allowances.

OVERHEADS

"People are unaware of our high overheads. They look at the global figure, but not at the costs," he said.

"We are not here because of the money, but because we want to contribute to solving the problems of South Africa."

The Leader of the Assembly, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, said the Schlebusch commission on parliamentary salaries had recommended a secretarial allowance of R10 000 a year for MPs.

Arendse quits the hot seat in education

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27/4/86

IN a shock move this week, the Director of Coloured Education, Mr A J Arendse, quit his post because he found the political interference in his department "untenable".

In an exclusive interview with the Sunday Times, the executive director of the Department of Education and Culture, Mr Abraham Johannes Arendse, said yesterday "I want to make it clear, it was not the problems in the schools that made me resign — that was no problem for me.

"In the normal line of duty, there is nothing that I can't handle from that quarter

Politics

"I am purely an educationist and I can't live with what is happening the political authority taking over education"

EXCLUSIVE REPORT

by

SYLVIA

VOLLENHOVEN

Mr Arendse would not elaborate on his relationship with the Minister of his department, Mr Carter Ebrahim, and merely said it was true they could "never get on".

"The political pressure, especially since last year, is untenable.

"The problems are not from down below, but from high up, and from outside my department," said Mr Arendse.

Asked to elaborate on the origin of the "problems" he replied "You just have to read between the lines"

Reason

Mr Arendse said it was the "political power from the top" that finally made him quit his position and that it was not an easy decision.

"I sat up late one night and thought about it," he said.

His notice was handed in about a month ago and he vacates his post on Wednesday.

An announcement was made for the first time, this week.

Mr Arendse said "I handle things on a purely educational level, and the political interference is something new; it is going to break down education"

Asked about the future of education in this country, Mr Arendse said "I hope there'll be better people than me. I've never belonged to any particular group, but I was being forced to choose sides

Didn't matter

"Many times people complained because I didn't belong to one group or another, and I

always told them that if appointments were made it didn't matter to which group people belonged," he said.

According to the 57-year-old Mr Arendse, his retirement was "early", but necessary.

"Now I've taken the decision, I want to be a healthy person, with no nervous breakdowns. Early retirement was my choice," he said.

In terms of the depart-

mental regulations, he could have retired in three years' time or, at the maximum, stayed until he was 65 years old.

"I'm sorry for those left behind, who might be blaming me for going

"But, as far as I'm concerned, it was the best decision," said Mr

Arendse. He was the first black head of his department and was appointed in 1978



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Campaign to 'make schools ungovernable'

CME Times 30/4/86

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES — A deliberate campaign to make the schools as ungovernable as they were last year was planned this year, the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim, said on Monday

Speaking in debate on the law and order budget vote, he said he was given a pamphlet in the Eastern Cape which said schools should be kept open because they were the "gathering place and battlefield" of the students. It had been published by the National Education Crisis Committee, and went on to say that students would get their demands in the classroom.

The deliberate actions of the ANC last year to make the schools ungovernable would have succeeded had it not been for the police, Mr Ebrahim said.

"If we want peace we must prepare for war. We have got to have a well equipped and sufficiently staffed police force.

"Without a strong

shield you cannot have reform. Reform is anathema to the revolutionary because during reform problems are solved."

Mr Arthur Booysen (FP Bosmont) said there were terrorists who would ensure that children got hold of toy AK 47s because it suited them that these children were shot dead by the police.

'Domination'

He said the false impression was being created that the police freely locked up, sjambokked, teargassed and even shot with live ammunition, innocent men, women and children, and that the agitators who caused the unrest were innocent victims of the police.

Mr Peter Mopp (LP Border) asked if police stations would be built inside townships with police housing close by to ensure police "domination" of the areas.

However the police did not promote good race relations. The majority of policemen were

whites. Was the police force there to create white job opportunities? If not, black policemen should be in the majority, Mr Mopp said.

The police force had to protect all citizens and not selectively in terms of race.

Mr Mopp asked why the police could not use teargas instead of shooting during unrest.

Mr Cecil Herandien (LP Macassar) said that while South Africa was accused of being a police state it did not have enough members in the force to protect all its citizens.

He said Mr Louis le Grange should see too it that the 49 000-strong force was increased to 60 000 by the end of the year.

Although there was parity in the salary scales of all policemen except for blacks, a new type of discrimination had crept into the service. Whites were getting merit salary increases so that they effectively earned more than their coloured counterparts.

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Five high schools closed 'for the day'

By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

FIVE high schools were closed early yesterday, three in Belhar after new security huts were set alight and two in Bonteheuwel following police whipping of students at one and the erection of burning barricades at the other.

The liaison officer of the Department of Education and Culture, Mr Abel Jordaan, said the schools were "adjourned for the day" after the incidents and added they would "certainly be open" today.

Mr Jordaan would not give the names of the schools affected, but the Cape Times learned that the Belhar schools closed are Belhar Senior Secondary No 1 and 2 and Symphony Senior Secondary.

Security huts at all three were set alight and at Belhar No 1, the hut was destroyed.

Bonteheuwel Senior Secondary was closed at 10am after pupils had

stoned passing vehicles and set up a barricade in the street outside.

Arcadia High School, also in Bonteheuwel, was closed after police sjambokked pupils who had held a placard demonstration.

The Western Cape Students Council (Wecsko), a major body of pupils and students in the Western Cape, said in a statement that at schools in the Grassy Park, Mitchells Plain, Belhar and Bonteheuwel areas new security systems were being installed "to transform the schools effectively into prisons".

'Names'

Wecsko said "Our schools are being given six-foot vibracrete walls with barbed wire on top, or six-foot-high fences with spikes on top and a six-foot-high gate which is always locked."

"This is no doubt to control the entrances and exits to our schools. We have had security guards placed on

schools to spy on students. Most have been chased away."

Their duties, Wecsko claimed, were to ensure that pupils did not move on and off school, to report on activists and to note the names and details of people entering the school who were not enrolled there.

"We will not allow anyone to jail us like criminals in our own schools," Wecsko said.

Mr P A Olivier, the chief director of the Department of Budgetary and Auxiliary Services, which is responsible for the security measures, said the booths were being erected for security guards to protect school buildings.

"They are not armed and will not interfere with anything except security matters. They are expected to report on any threatening incidents which endanger school property," said Mr Olivier.

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MP pleads not guilty to charge of murder

LIAM EGAN

A HOUSE of Representatives MP pleaded not guilty in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday to murder Gregory Raymond Wessels, of Davies Street, Newclare, is charged with killing Jonas Motaung by shooting him in the face on January 1 last year at the Fun Valley Pleasure Resort near Vanwykrust.

Advocate D J Geldenhuys said yesterday, before Mr Justice G Gordon, that Motaung was shot by Wessels in self-defence.

During his cross-examination of a juvenile, Geldenhuys said Motaung was inadvertently shot when Wessels produced a firearm, fearing an assault.

He put it to the witness whose identity may not be revealed, that Wessels had accidentally triggered the fatal shot by striking Motaung on the wrist with the firearm.

The witness had earlier testified that he was leaving the resort with Motaung when they came across Wessels assaulting his wife near the carpark.

He said Wessels cursed Motaung when asked by him why he was assaulting his wife so severely "among such happy people on such a happy occasion".

He added that Wessels waited until Motaung had his back turned before tapping him on the shoulder and then shooting him in the face when he turned.

The witness later acknowledged, however, that he might have seen the firearm only after Motaung had collapsed.

A Vosloorus resident, Elijah Pinzi, said he was sitting in his taxi when he heard a gunshot and saw a man, carrying a transistor radio, collapse.

The trial continues today.

Political comment in this issue by Ken Owen. News bills by Neil Jacobsohn. Headlines and sub-editing by Michael Allwright. All of 171 Main Street, Johannesburg.

Excessive force by police 'can't be condoned'

Education Reporter

EXCESSIVE force by police in dealing with demonstrating pupils at Arcadia High School in Bonteheuwel could not be condoned, the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, said today

He was commenting for the first time on incidents last Monday when pupils were beaten by police after demonstrating against the detention of Arcadia mathematics teacher Mr Neville van der Rheede

Mr Ebrahim said at a Press conference that he could not "approve of or condone" the excessive use of force by the police at Arcadia but said pupils "should get it into their heads" that the police "had a duty to use force in dealing with criminal acts to protect the public"

He had written to Brigadier C A Swart, Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Western Cape, expressing his concern and had made proposals which would "hopefully prevent it happening again"

"UNINFORMED"

Questioned on how the impasse at Arcadia — where pupils are refusing to return to class until Mr van der Rheede is released — could be resolved Mr Ebrahim said the teacher's detention was "in the hands of the police" and he was "totally uninformed" about the reasons for his detention

He had yet to receive a report on the incident from Arcadia staff He had no independent verification of police allegations that "wastepaper baskets and plastic bags full of stones" were found at the school

He criticised as "highly irresponsible" statements by Mrs Helen Suzman, Progressive Federal Party MP, in a radio interview in which she condemned the police action and expressed approval for a "peaceful student demonstration".

Such student actions — peaceful or not — were totally irregular and unwarranted

There was no place in the daily school timetable for political demonstrations and where they took place it was obvious there had been "a temporary breakdown in discipline"

This was being investigated, but what had so far come to light was "a very high degree" of intimidation "by the Marxists behind the school unrest"

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Police action is criticised

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of pupils and staff, particularly principals, some of whose homes had been petrol-bombed

There were also "a minority of cases" where teachers appeared to be "encouraging disruption" in schools

EQUAL

Pupils were in any case "tilting at windmills" because the Government was committed to providing, and was implementing, "equal and adequate" education for all The pace of educational reform would be "materially slowed down by negative student action"

● An Anglican Church regional council has called for a judicial inquiry into allegations of "brutal attacks" on schoolchildren by police.

At a meeting on Saturday the western regional council of the Cape Town diocese of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa passed a resolution condemning "the brutal attacks allegedly made by members of the South African Police on schoolchildren on the Cape Flats" and called for a judicial commission of inquiry

Ebrahim to talk on the whipping

Cape Times 12/5/66 Staff Reporter (257) (62) (108)

THE Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, will speak today on last week's whipping by police of Arcadia Senior Secondary School pupils

Mr Ebrahim declined to comment yesterday on an article and editorial comment in the Sunday Afrikaans newspaper Rapport Ekstra, in which a House of Representatives official is quoted as saying the minister was to give a press conference on the incident at 9.30 this morning

He would also not comment on reports that parents of some children at the Bonteheuwel school were taking their children out of the school following the incident.

Police have said that their action was taken only after they had been exposed to "severe stoning" and that no pupils were dragged from classrooms and whipped, as was alleged

Pupils have denied that any stoning took place. In the Rapport Ekstra editorial, Mr Conrad Sidego said that the "animal protection society" would have taken action had animals been dispersed (verjaag) in such a fashion

"To the stone-throwers (who can cause just such unfortunate injuries) we say. Conduct the struggle with judgement and dignity

"To our friends in the police Please distinguish between fair maintenance of law and order and that which borders on assault.

"In the final analysis, the struggle is not about obliterating each other, but about persuasion"

(The Commissioner of Police has denied a report in the Cape Times that pupils were ordered out of classrooms and whipped by police. Editor, Cape Times)

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By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

PUPILS should "get it into their heads by now" that the police had a duty to use force in dealing with criminal acts to protect the public, the Minister of Education and Culture (House of Representatives), Mr Carter Ebrahim, said yesterday.

Addressing a press conference in the City on the police whipping of pupils at Arcadia Senior Secondary School last Monday, Mr Ebrahim said, however, that he could not approve of or condone "the excessive use of force by the police" during the incident.

"I do certainly regard the force used by police as being excessive I've written to the Divisional Commissioner of Police in this regard expressing my concern and have made certain proposals aimed at preventing a

Ebrahim: 'Too much force'

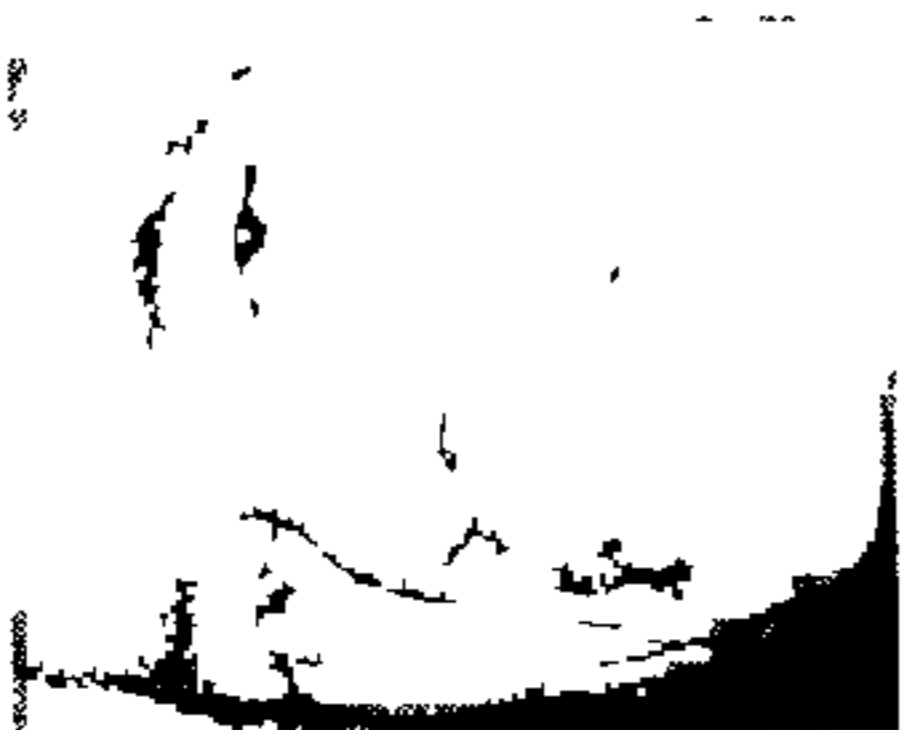
recurrence of such incidents," he said. He declined, however, to disclose details of the proposals.

He also said he had no confirmation that waste paper baskets and plastic bags of stones had been found inside classrooms at the school, as alleged by police.

He said what seemed to be the "focal point" of discontent among Arcadia pupils was the demand for the release of a teacher, Mr Neville van der Rhee, who was detained on May 2, but that he had not discussed it with police during their meeting.

He said his aim was to "get these children back into school", and "the question of the man's detention is a police matter".

He said there was no



Mr Carter Ebrahim encouraging disruption in schools.

Mr Ebrahim said pupils who "play at revolution" should note that criminal gangs were exploiting their demonstrations "as cover for crime".

"Any positive element in student protest, such as highlighting shortcomings in education, has long ago been lost. It

shift in emphasis in education — to equip black and coloured children to make an effective contribution to our society".

On the question of security guards at schools, Mr Ebrahim said, "The guards were placed there as a result of actions of arson and damage and to prevent further damage and further arson".

"If people see the placing of guards to protect property as provocation to further criminal acts, well then they must face the consequences".

Drawing a comparison between South African and overseas schools, he said "those in American inner cities have eight-foot walls topped with spikes and locked gates".

"Armed guards patrol corridors of schools

"I think we are conducting a very liberal education system as far as security is concerned," he said.

been "dupes — victims of deception at the hands of unscrupulous and cowardly revolutionaries".

The ANC and UDF had deliberately attempted to make the schools ungovernable as part of the broader strategy of making the country ungovernable.

"The important thing is to get the shift in education," Mr Ebrahim said. "My own policy on education is that there should be a substantial shift of emphasis from the main academic to technical and career orientated education".

"We in South Africa need to utilize all our human resources to assist in a rapid movement towards making our country a major industrialized society".

"This must mean a

has degenerated into negative disruption and mindless violence," he said.

He said he could not approve of, or condone, the "excessive use of force by the police in dealing with Arcadia pupils", but, on the other hand, "frightful damage to vehicles and injury to passing motorists — worse than that sustained by pupils shown in press photographs — has resulted from mindless and indiscriminate stone-throwing by pupils and students".

"Pupils should get it into their heads by now that the police have a duty to use force in dealing with criminal acts".

In spite of the unrest at Bonteheuwel high schools, it was clear that more and more pupils realized that they had

has long ago been lost. It

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Teachers' cases to be heard in June

Education Reporter

THE cases against scores of Cape teachers charged with misconduct for allegedly refusing to administer final exams last year will be heard from June 12

City attorney Mr Yusuf Ebrahim, representing a number of teachers, said the first case heard would be that of Groenvlei Secondary School teacher Mr Bryan Slingers

The teachers, including a principal, a deputy-principal and department heads, are employed by the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives

A total of 62 have so far denied charges of failing to invigilate, administer or mark internal exams last

year — alternatively disobeying or disregarding orders given by education officials

The remaining 10, all from Kasselvlei Senior Secondary School in Bellville South, were charged only last week and have yet to plead

In terms of the Coloured Persons Education Act teachers who deny departmental charges against them are entitled to hearings and legal representation

If found guilty they face fines of up to R400, transfer to other posts, reduction in their grade postings or emoluments or both, dismissal or calls for their resignation

Mr Ebrahim said the department

had appointed a magistrate and a prosecutor and the cases would be heard at its Roeland Street offices

The findings would be submitted to the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim, before final decisions, he said

Mr Slingers's case would be followed by those of the former acting-principal of Crestway Senior Secondary School in Retreat, Mr Phillip Tobias, and Alexander Sinton's deputy-principal, Mr Nabil Swart

● A public meeting on the issue and recent police action at schools, organised by the Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu), will be held in the Samaj Centre, Rylands, at 7 30pm tomorrow

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Teacher hearings in June

By YAZEED FAKIER
Education Reporter

SEVENTY-TWO high school teachers in the Western Cape are facing disciplinary hearings on charges of misconduct — and none of the cases will be heard in public, the liaison officer for the Department of Education and Culture, Mr Abel Jordaan, said yesterday.

A call for public hearings was made by the Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu), which represents the charged teachers, but Mr Jordaan said yesterday "Any departmental issue is a private matter. Only court hearings are public." He could not say whether more teachers would be charged.

Exams

Last week 10 teachers from Kasselsvlei High School in Bellville South were charged. This follows the refusal by scores of Department of Education and Culture teachers to administer the 1985 final exams.

All 72 teachers have denied the charges.

The first case to be heard is that of Groenvlei Senior Secondary teacher Mr Bryan Slingers, on June 12, followed by those of the former acting principal of Crestway Senior Secondary, Mr Phillip Tobias, and the deputy principal of Alexander Sinton, Mr Nabil Swart.

City attorney Mr Yusuf Ebrahim, who represents a number of those charged, said yesterday the teachers are alleged to have "caused, committed or connived at any-

thing prejudicial to the administration, discipline or office of the department or school".

He said that once found guilty, the teachers had 14 days in which they could appeal to the Minister of Education and Culture.

The teachers are being charged under the Coloured Persons Education Act and if found guilty face fines of up to R400, transfer to other posts, reduction in their grade postings or emoluments or both, dismissal or calls for their resignation.

Mr Ebrahim said the cases would be heard at the department's Roeland Street, Cape Town, offices.

Wectu has demanded that the charges be withdrawn immediately and unconditionally.

"Pursuing these charges must be seen as a deliberate attempt to disrupt schools — an act which the community will not forgive or forget," said Wectu chairman Mr Yusuf Gabru.

Detained

● Thousands of pamphlets protesting against the victimization of teachers and police action at schools were distributed at Cape Peninsula schools on Monday.

The pamphlets also demand the immediate and unconditional release of detained teachers Mr Neville van der Rheede, of Arcadia Senior Secondary School in Bonteheuwel, and Mr Quinton Michaels, of Silverstream Senior Secondary in Manenberg.

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Wectu presents
petition to DEC

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 250 teachers of the Western Cape Teachers Union (Wectu) presented a petition at the office of the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives demanding that charges be dropped against 72 teachers who face disciplinary action for failing to administer exams last year.

A three-person delegation consisting of Wectu chairman Mr Yusuf Gabru, Mr Brian Slingers and Mr Peter Gabriel were allowed into the building where they handed the petition to the acting Executive Director, Mr D N Pfaff.

A water bomb and other objects were thrown from windows higher up in the building at the waiting teachers. Both ends of Roeland Street were closed off by traffic police.

Addressing the teachers afterwards, Mr Gabru said Mr Pfaff had promised to convey the petition to the appropriate authorities.

He told them that Mr Pfaff had said that he was unable to accede to their demands because the matter was in the hands of the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives.

Four policemen who arrived at the scene were jeered when they entered the building. A police video team filmed the scene.

The demands were for charges against the 72 teachers be withdrawn unconditionally, that the hearings be held in an open court, that the police keep off school grounds, and the immediate and unconditional release of detained teachers Mr Quinton Michaels and Mr Neville van der Rheede.

Post Reporters
 THE Leader of the Labour Party and chairman of the House of Representatives' Ministers' Council, Mr Allan Hendrickse, looks set to form a break-away church.

This follows a religious service which he and several other Labour Party MPs addressed at the Alanridge Community Centre in Uitenhage yesterday.

The Rev Navan Adonis, the minister at the Dale Presbyterian Church, from which Mr Hendrickse was removed as a minister by a vote of 445 votes to 382 on April 26, said today that he had no fears of large-scale defections to any splinter

Hendrickse set to form new church

people reportedly attended the meeting. However, Mr Adonis said all Congregational Church meetings yesterday had been well attended.

The split in the church follows a decision by the United Congregational Church synod last year that none of its ministers should be allowed to participate in the tricameral constitutional dispensation.

Among other Ministers who took part in yesterday's service with Mr Hendrickse were Mr Andrew Julius (Minister of the Budget in the House of Representatives) and Mr Chris April (Minister of Health Services and Welfare).



Mr ALLAN HENDRICKSE

church which Mr Hendrickse might form. He added that he found the formation of a church centering around an individual irregular. The basis of anyone joining a church should rather be a confession of faith.

"The church cannot afford the luxury of an un-

Evening Post political correspondent in Cape Town, Dirk van Zyl, that "Marxists" had hijacked the church Mr Adonis dismissed the Marxist tag.

Mr Hendrickse said he and his congregation rejected apartheid "in toto" but felt it was their

Christian duty to be involved in the whole process of change in South Africa. He refused to elaborate on his church group's future plans.

According to reports, some 900 members of the Congregational Church are to secede with Mr Hendrickse. Some 2 000

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R112-m for coloured education

Parliamentary Staff

OVER R112-million has been voted for new buildings for the coloured Department of Education and Culture this year — nearly double the amount of last year

This will include 49 new schools, the Minister of the department, Mr Carter Ebrahim, told the House of Representatives during the debate on his vote

He said about 9,000 classrooms would have to be built over the next five years to overcome the backlog and accommodate the annual growth in pupil numbers

Though the R102-million budgeted this year for new schools was a sub-

stantial increase over last year's R61-million, it was considerably less than the R139-million requested

"I would like to make a strong appeal for a better and more equitable allocation of funds for the erection of schools and other educational facilities," Mr Ebrahim said

There was virtually no organised school sport because there were so few facilities. This enabled "politically-inspired" sports bodies to take school sports in tow and to "use pupils to further their own aims"

He said building a new technical college in Athlone at an estimated R40-million had been delayed because of a shortage of ground

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Parliament's Young Turks challenge Le Grange Bills

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By JEAN LE MAY in Cape Town and WEEKLY MAIL REPORTERS in Johannesburg and Durban
A SUDDEN surge of opposition by "Young Turks" among coloured and Indian MPs to the two security Bills now before Parliament indicates a leadership crisis for the two Ministers Without Portfolio, the Rev Allan Hendrickse and Amichand Rajbansi.

By deciding to send the two Bills back to the Standing Committee on Law and Order the (coloured) House of Representatives and the (Indian) House of Delegates have probably stymied Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange's attempts to ram the Bills through parliament before June 16.

But even if the two Bills go back to the standing committee on Monday, there is a chance they could come up for debate again the following week if they get through the committee in a mutually acceptable form. If they don't, there could be another deadlock. And given the present mood of the Labour Party and the National People's Party caucuses this could be on the cards.

If that happens the Bills could still be sent to the President's Council. But then the government would, in effect, be bypassing parliament altogether — and the National Party would have to decide whether it can afford to do this in the present crisis situation.

The Bills are the Public Safety Amendment Bill, which would enable the Minister to declare "unrest areas", and the Internal Security Amendment Bill, which extends the present 14-day detention of Section 50 to 180 days on the order of a police officer above the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Le Grange's urgency to get the Bills passed, and his banning of indoor commemorative meetings up to the end of June, indicates that he expects an upsurge of violence at mid-month and has given rise to fears of an imminent clampdown on anti-apartheid organisations.

Earlier the Labour Party had earlier tabled several "softening" amendments dealing with access of detainees to relatives and lawyers, proposing judicial supervision of detainees and writing in a safeguard on any indemnity which may be included in regulations which the Minister may gazette.

Solidarity, the opposition party in the House of Delegates, however, joined the Progressive Federal Party opposition in the House of Assembly in refusing to accept the principles of the two Bills.

Solidarity spokesmen said they would propose, when the Bills came up in the House of Delegates, that they should be read "this day six months" — that is, never. It is the strongest form of disapprobation possible, and a considerable body of MPs in both houses, and particularly in the House of Representatives, urged that line be taken.

The point was strongly put in caucus that the Labour Party and the National People's Party had gone into the tricameral system on the platform of destroying apartheid from within, and that what they had achieved so far had been minimal.

Although the two Bills were not apartheid Bills *per se*, speakers emphasised that if they got any support at all from the coloured and Indian houses, the credibility of MPs would sink lower than it had ever been and there would be no chance of restoring it.

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Young Turks challenge Bills

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Faced with near-revolt in their caucuses, Hendrickse and Rajbansi apparently agreed on a joint strategy, which was to propose, as soon as the second reading debates came up in their respective houses, that the Bills should go back to the standing committees

There is a view that both were stalling for time and have hopes of persuading their caucuses to instruct members of standing committees to go along with amendments

But considerable opposition to this course has built up — possibly thanks to the PFP, which proposed "this day six months" and fought the Bill through every stage of the second reading.

That Solidarity, whose leader Dr Jaagaram Reddy is a member of the Ministers Council in the House of Delegates, took the same line as the PFP has not gone unnoticed.

So the men in the middle are Hendrickse and Rajbansi.

The two Ministers Without Portfolio will come under considerable pressure from Cabinet colleagues. But that pressure will have to be weighed against pressure from their respective caucuses, which have the power to decide whether the two men will remain in office as chairmen

of Ministers Councils and hence *ex officio* as Cabinet Ministers.

This week also saw the launch of a major national "Stop the Le Grange Bills" campaign, launched at simultaneous press conferences around the country on Wednesday.

The campaign will focus around a "day of action" on Monday, when meetings, pickets and other protests will be held around the country by a wide range of organisations.

Supporters of the campaign who issued statements this week included political, youth, church, trade union and journalistic organisations.

"The most serious setback in civil liberties for a long time," was how lawyer Nicholas Haysom described the new Bills at a press conference this week.

"These Bills will plunge this country into levels of police action we have not seen before," the Detainees Parents Support Committee said.

"Whatever avenues of peaceful legitimate protest still remain are about to be blocked off completely with the introduction of the Public Safety and Internal Security Amendment Bills," it said.

The DPSC, drawing on the

experience of the recent State of Emergency, listed four effects it thought the Public Safety Amendment Bill would have:

● Black communities will bear the brunt of the return of the intense repression of the Emergency: occupation of their townships by army and police, curfews, endless funerals and detentions.

● White communities will see their sons in the continuing role of occupying and policing the townships

● Business communities could expect a further deterioration in the economy as township communities hit back with boycotts and work stoppages and international business loses further confidence in South Africa.

● The media will face a repeat of the Emergency restrictions and harassment.

In Durban, the Natal Indian Congress has turned down an invitation from Rajbansi to "advise the NPP" on possible amendments to the Bills.

Rajbansi had asked the NIC to formulate suggested amendments. He later received an NIC telegram, stressing the latter's disapproval of the Bills and calling for both to be scrapped

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TIC slams SAPP HILL two Houses

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The Transvaal Indian Congress (TIC) has made a cutting attack on Members of the Houses of Representatives and Delegates for delaying, rather than rejecting, the new security laws

"The collaborators in the Indian and coloured Parliaments support the principle of detention That is why they have referred the Gestapo Bills to the Joint Standing Committee on Law and Order" reads a widely distributed TIC pamphlet

"The Rajbansis and Hendrickses are trying to soften apartheid," the statement adds

The pamphlet outlines activities that will constitute a legal observance of June 16 — Youth Day — despite the Government's total ban on meetings commemorating the Soweto rising of 1976

It advises workers that they can press management for a paid holiday and urges employers, including housewives with domestic workers, to regard June 16 as a paid holiday

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Rylands teachers lose claim

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — Mr Justice Thirion has dismissed with costs an application brought by 11 teachers in the Supreme Court, Durban, claiming that they were unlawfully dismissed from Cape Town's Rylands Senior Secondary School last December

The teachers, Thienadayaln Moodley, Lenny Jayalall, Rajanthran Konar, Marie Therese Antoniette Naidoo, Kaviraj Surajpal Dilraj, Edmund Harold Jacob, Moonsamy Vijayen Allen, Theresa Paliathan, Osman Gany Sadeck, Stephen Morris David, and Thavanathan Pillay alleged in affidavits that their dismissals were

politically motivated after they had refused to "inform on other teachers, students, parents and the community" about their involvement with the Cape Town schools boycott

Mr Justice Thirion said the Minister was faced with the urgent need to restore discipline and order where the educational process was brought to a halt

"It is clear the teachers had lost control of the pupils and they were unable or unwilling to regain control. The unruly conduct of the pupils was clearly politically inspired. The protest involved far wider issues than ordinary pupil grievances," he said

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Misconduct charges: 2 hearings postponed

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HEARINGS of charges against two of the 72 Western Cape teachers charged with misconduct for allegedly refusing to administer final exams have been postponed indefinitely.

A spokesman for Mr Carter Ebrahim, Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, today confirmed that charges against Groenvlei Secondary School teacher Mr Bryan Slingers and the former acting-principal of Crestway Secondary School, Mr Phillip Tobias, would not take place this week as scheduled.

The first case due to be heard is now that of Mr Nabil Swart, deputy-principal of the Alexander Sinton Senior Secondary School. It has been set for next Wednesday.

PROTEST

Meanwhile community protest at the department's determination to proceed against the teachers is growing.

The Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) reiterated its call for the charges to be dropped — alternatively for the public to be permitted to attend.

The department has appointed a magistrate and a prosecutor to deal with the hearings, at which the teachers are entitled to legal representation.

"The department is clearly looking to the credibility of the judiciary to validate the case that has been rejected by the community," a Wectu spokesman said.

● The Federation of Parent, Teacher, and Student Associations has called on the Government to cease victimising and harassing teachers and to drop the charges of misconduct.

PARLIAMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY BILL

Uproar as Dalling warns Nats of 'Nuremberg trials'



By PETER FABRICIUS
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WHEN South Africa held its "Nuremberg trials" the National Party would not be able to say they did not know about "police excesses"

This remark by Mr Dave Dalling (PFP Sandton) caused an uproar in the Assembly during the debate on the Public Safety Bill

Mr Dalling spent most of his speech reading from affidavits of alleged police brutality and torture

He said the Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis le Grange had challenged him to give Parliament evidence of alleged police malpractice

He would now do so. He had 150 signed affidavits alleging police malpractice

"I want to say to every National Party member here that I am prepared to allow them to read these statements

Insinuation

"And when you have looked at them I want to ask you if you are still prepared to support this Bill

If they read them they would not be able to say they did not know when the 'Nuremberg trials are held in South Africa as they will be'

Mr Roelf Meyer (NP Johannesburg West) objected that Mr Dalling was "insinuating that a nazi government was in power"

Mr Dalling changed his statement to "Nuremberg-type trials"

"I'm giving you the information so you can never say 'I did not know'

One alleged victim Mr Fundishe Matshini, claimed he was

given electric shocks and beaten while being interrogated in Fleet Street police station in East London

He said that on the morning of September 12 1985 he had been passing through Duncan Village to look for work in East London

Police confronted him and took him to the police station where black policemen kicked and punched him in the groin and ribs and on his cheek

He was forced to strip and something which felt like a very tight balaclava was pulled over his head

I felt two objects being placed on my inner thighs I was asked in Xhosa 'Why are you burning our houses? Where are the petrol bombs?'

"I shook my head to indicate that I did not know the answer to these questions

"I then felt a sudden and intense pain throughout my body. It was most severe around the genitals and stomach

"Even now my bladder feels painful and I experience pain when I urinate

"Although I have never before experienced a severe electric shock. The sensation I felt was what I would expect a severe electric shock to feel like

"I hope you are proud of this Mr Minister" Mr Dalling said. "These are your boys. Perhaps you can send them a telegram of congratulations

Mr Dalling then quoted other affidavits

At one point the Speaker Mr Rex le Roux asked Mr Dalling what the relevance of the affidavits was to the debate

"This is what can happen when the police are given such enormous powers without indemnity," Mr Dalling replied

The Speaker allowed him to continue



'Constitution collapsing'

By FRANS ESTERHUYSE
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THE Government faced a crisis as a result of the rejection of two security Bills by the coloured and Indian Houses the Assembly was told

This was the theme of arguments by the rightwing parties last night during the second reading debate on the Public Safety Amendment Bill

Mr Frank le Roux (CP Brakpan) said the new constitution was collapsing

He asked how a Cabinet could continue to rule when two of its members did not agree with it

Mr le Roux suggested the two dissident Cabinet Ministers should either resign or be dismissed

Mr Louis Stoffberg (HNP Solburg) said the President should explain why the differences in the Cabinet had occurred and what would be done to prevent a recurrence

Le Grange 'not fit' to handle powers of Bill

NO MINISTER of Law and Order — and especially not the present incumbent — could be entrusted with the powers to be conferred by the Public Safety Amendment Bill Mr Rav Swart (PFP Be-re-a) said



Opposing the second reading of the Bill in the House of Assembly yesterday, he said his party had no confidence in the ability of the Mr Louis le Grange to handle the powers he would have in terms of the measure

Mr le Grange was responsible 'more than anyone else for much of the situation in the country's townships and was perceived as giving carte blanche to the police to do as they please

"INTOLERABLE"

The provision made in the Bill for the Minister to declare the existence of 'unrest areas gave rise to the appalling situation where one man can at will suspend existing laws and reign supreme' Mr Swart said

"He can do anything he likes. This is an intolerable situation. It is certainly not comparable with democracy — it is more like nazism, totalitarianism and fascism"

The Government had ig-

nored countless warnings about the consequences of its actions, Mr Swart said

The "ghastly tragedy" at Crossroads was another example of its "arrogance and ineptitude". Events there were the "direct consequence" of the Government proceeding against advice with the coloured labour preference policy and ignoring the need for a proper urbanisation strategy

It appeared the Government had a "death wish" for South Africa and was intent on wrecking the country

Mr Swart said he would move a motion of no-confidence in Mr le Grange today and call on him to resign. His notice was received with loud "hear hear" calls from his party colleagues and boos from Government benches. — Sapa

Give courts right to quiz Minister — Nat

By PETER FABRICIUS
Parliamentary Staff

A NATIONAL Party MP has asked that courts be given the right to question ministerial proclamations under the proposed Public Safety Amendment Bill

Mr Willem Cuvier (NP Roo-deport) said he would like to see clause 5(b) of the Bill scrapped

This clause denies courts the right to question proclamations made by the Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis le Grange, to control unrest.

The clause was originally dropped after objections from the Opposition and the two other Houses

But after the joint standing committee on law and order failed to reach consensus on the Bill, the clause was reinstated

Teachers slam official letter to parents

Education Reporter

A LETTER from House of Representatives education authorities urging parents to exercise their authority over high-schoolers has come under fire from teachers

The letter, signed by the acting-executive director of the Department of Education and Culture, Mr D Pfaff, is to be posted by schools to parents when the term ends today

An apparent attempt to avoid repeating last year's disruption of final examinations after a boycott paralysed schools, the letter tells parents they alone have the right to exercise authority over their children

Teachers said the letter was "absurd"

CONFRONTATIONS

A teacher at a school where there have been repeated violent confrontations between police and pupils said it was surprising the department felt it could tell parents they had authority over their children

"Principals and teachers, let alone parents, have already had their authority undermined by police entering schools," he said

The letter says parents can "contribute immensely" towards "affording children the opportunity to study and complete their final examinations in an atmosphere of tranquillity and peace" by forbidding them to get involved in "disruptive activity" at school

● Department spokesman Mr Abel Jordaan said the fact that the letter had been leaked to The Argus indicated "a breach of faith" by someone

It had been sent to secondary schools throughout the Peninsula, the Boland and in Oudtshoorn

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Unrest plea sent to parents

Education Reporter

PARENTS could help pupils to write their examinations in tranquility and peace if they forbade their children to become involved in disruptive activities at school, said a letter circulated yesterday to parents and guardians of secondary school pupils in the Regional Chief Inspectors' areas of Wynberg, Athlone, Mitchells Plain, Bellville, Paarl, Worcester and George-Oudtshoorn.

The letter, signed by the acting executive director for the Department of Education and Culture, Mr D N Pfaff, said the department shared parents' concern regarding the children's scholastic progress.

"In recent times education has been

exploited and disrupted to such an extent by radical elements that our children are in danger of being denied the opportunity to pursue their schooling in a purposeful and enjoyable atmosphere," wrote Mr Pfaff.

"Responsible parenthood demands that you warn your children against forces which threaten their future."

"The time has come to start preparing for the 1986 final examinations especially at those schools which have experienced unrest during the course of this year."

"Parental authority is the basis of all authority. You, alone, have the right to exercise that authority over your children. Exercise that authority and ensure a bright future for your children," the circular said.

Teachers to leave DEC committees

From RONNIE MORRIS
Education Reporter

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KIMBERLEY — The Union of Teachers' Associations of South Africa (UTASA) on Friday decided at its national conference to withdraw from all committees and structures of the general and own affairs education departments

This follows a similar decision by the Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA) on Thursday when it decided to withdraw its representatives from "all racist government structures"

UTASA is an umbrella body comprising the CTPA, the Transvaal Association of Teachers (TAT), the Orange Free State Teachers' Association (OFSTA) and the Society of Natal Teachers (SONAT).

The only dissenting voice was that of the Free State which opted for a "selective withdrawal" from the "own affairs" Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives)

The resolution for complete withdrawal was accepted by most of the 1 200 delegates

UTASA also said it would continue to fulfil its union function through negotiation and dialogue — but as a separate entity

It again rejected the "racist basis of the educational order" and called for a non-racial, democratic educational system. The conference theme was "The Sword and the Ploughshare"

Speaking in support of the motion the vice-president of the CTPA, Mr Randall van den Heever, said the pressures and demands for liberation from the oppressed community had become so strident that "so called impediments in that struggle are ruthlessly swept aside"

DEC teachers set for battle

By RONNIE MORRIS
Education Reporter

ONE theme that underlined the 19th annual congress of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA) last week was the fast-deteriorating relationship between teachers and the Department of Education and Culture.

A warning that the battle lines had been drawn came during the presidential address of Mr Franklin Sonn last Tuesday, when he accused the department — and by implication the Labour Party — of "blatant administrative mismanagement".

He also criticized the interference of LP MPs in "highly sensitive, private and professional matters", such as promotions.

Another message Mr Sonn preached with missionary zeal was the need for teachers to remain united. He often referred to an annual teachers' conference in Kimberley in 1943 which ended in a split in teacher ranks, and he made emotional appeals to teachers not to let it happen again.

Standing ovations and wild cheering greeted the speeches and addresses of Mr Sonn, who was elected as CTPA president for the 11th consecutive year.

During the three-day conference, the Department of Education and Culture, House of Representatives (DEC), and its political head, Mr Carter Ebrahim, faced sustained and scathing attacks.

Among the issues raised were the non-implementation of promotional posts which had been created in 1984, the non-delivery of stock and apparatus — forcing teachers to buy it themselves, the delay in day-to-day repairs to schools, discrimination against woman teachers and non-payment of salaries.

Matters came to a head on Thursday when, after a lengthy and fiery debate, the CTPA decided to withdraw its repre-

sentatives from "racist government structures" in the DEC and the Department of National Education.

The Union of Teachers' Associations of South Africa (UTASA) — an umbrella body comprising the CTPA, the Transvaal Teachers' Association, the Orange Free State Teachers' Association and the Society of Natal Teachers — took a similar decision a day later.

The Orange Free State Teachers' Association was the only dissenting voice and opted for selective withdrawal. It said it would withdraw from the "own affairs" committees but would remain on the "general affairs" committee.

A man who is destined to play a major role in educational matters is the youthful CTPA vice-president, Mr Randall van den Heever.

It was he who introduced the motion calling for complete withdrawal and it was he the CTPA used as its "big gun" to persuade delegates to vote for the motion.

But the man who won the day with his charisma and charm was undoubtedly the former Leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly, Dr F Van Zyl Slabbert, who was cheered continuously while delivering a keynote address at the UTASA conference last Friday.

During the day he was mobbed by large numbers of people asking him to autograph their conference programmes, to be allowed to pose for photographs with him or just meet him.

Delegates made no bones about the distaste with which they regarded the racial basis of the education system and called for a non-racial democratic system of education, equal, in all respects, for every citizen of the country.

Many strongly-worded resolutions were adopted at the congress. Many of them, however, cannot be quoted as they would contravene the emergency regulations.

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Principal influenced by 'mood' of pupils

By RONNIE MORRIS
Education Reporter

Mr Randall van den Heever, the youthful principal of a leading Cape Town school, confesses to having been influenced by the "mood and feelings" of his pupils last year but believes that the school should not be destroyed as a place of education.

At 35 he is deputy president of the 20 000-strong Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA).

Mr Van den Heever comes from a family of teachers — his mother is a teacher and his father retired school principal — and is married to a teacher. He holds a BA degree, a BA Honours and a B Ed degree and has been the principal of Spes Bona High School — a boys-only school — for the past five years.

Born in George, Mr Van den Heever spent some of his school years in De Aar, Caledon and finally in Athlone where he attended Athlone North Primary School and Alexander Sinton High School.

He completed a BA degree and his teacher's diploma at the University of the Western Cape. He completed his B Ed degree through part-time study at the university and then obtained a BA Honours degree from the University of South Africa.

He regards his period at UWC as the most important part of his intellectual development. During this period he was exposed to the Black Consciousness ideology of the South African Student Organization.

"It had a profound influence on me and I'm still a supporter of the positive aspects of Black Consciousness and the positive new identity people have taken for themselves."

It is widely accepted that he is being groomed eventually to take over the CTPA leadership from Mr Franklin Sonn. But Mr Van den Heever says "I think I'm my own man. I have proved myself as an individual and that is important to me. I have a great respect for Franklin and I have learnt a lot from him."

"I'm a believer in non-violent strategy in South Africa. I have been a student of the works of Gandhi and Martin Luther King. While I condemn violence *per se*, I accept that there are underlying reasons for the violence in South African society."

"As a principal who has to talk and give guidance to young people my position is very important. With the mood of impatience and militancy of the young people one has to be careful as an educator not to channel that impatience and frustration into violence."

His school was not free from disruption last year but he believes that principal and pupils need each other and should maintain close links.

He confessed to being influenced by the "mood and feeling" of his students. He believes that the school should not be destroyed as an educational institution.

"I accept that pupils want a meaningful involvement in the school management. Pupils reflect the suffering on the one hand and the aspirations on the other hand of their oppressed communities."

His father, Mr Joseph van den Heever, is the Labour Party MP for Grassy Park.

"I respect him as my father but I don't condone or support his political position at present. I see myself in opposition to the tri-cameral parliamentary system and the whole power structure in South Africa at the moment."

"I see my father as part of a previous, elderly, more conservative generation. I want to see new and fundamental change in this country. The times are too serious and the issues too vital for one to dabble in cosmetic reform."

"I'm a young principal and I must move with the times and keep up with my pupils who are more impatient and militant than my generation."

At a recent CTPA congress in Kimberley, he proposed a motion — which was overwhelmingly accepted — that the organization withdraw from all government committees and structures. The CTPA would, however, continue to fulfil its union function.

One of his wishes is to see a single non-racial teacher body. However, that may still be a long way off because the CTPA has rejected all overtures from bodies which "still uphold the outdated apartheid ideology", says Mr Van den Heever.



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Teachers quit govt bodies

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CAPE TOWN — The organisation representing most of South Africa's coloured teaching corps — the Union of Teachers' Associations of South Africa (Utasa) — has formally withdrawn from government education structures.

Mr Randall van den Heever, deputy-president of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA), largest of the four provincial organisations in the Utasa

fold, confirmed the move yesterday

Utasa represents 26 000 teachers, most of them in the Western Cape

A letter had been sent to the acting-executive director of the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr D. Pfaff, informing him that Utasa was withdrawing its 21 representatives from the education committees, he said — Sapa

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MEMBERS of the organized teaching profession have officially withdrawn representatives from all committees of the Department of Education and Culture and the Department of National Education

A four-man delegation of the Union of Teachers' Associations of South Africa (Utasa) and the Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA) yesterday met the Director-General of the Department of Education and Culture, House of Representatives, Mr P D McEnery, and conveyed Utasa's decision, taken at a recent conference in Kimberley, to withdraw from all departmental committees because of

its racial structure

The delegation was led by Mr Franklin Sonn, president of Utasa, Mr George Strauss, secretary-treasurer of Utasa, Mr Randall van der Heever, editor of the Utasa organ, and Mr Lionel Kearns, the CTPA representative on the Utasa Representative Council

According to Mr Strauss the delegation met Mr McEnery to inform him officially of the decision

Mr McEnery confirmed the meeting and said it had been conducted in a good spirit. He had taken note of Utasa's decision and would convey it to the Ministers' Council for consideration on August 4

Secret plan to halt Parliament

FORCES are plotting behind the scenes to bring the tricameral Parliament to a temporary halt, unless sufficient progress is made with reform

One of the options considered part of a secret plan is for all MPs in the House of Representatives, the House of Delegates and their representatives on the President's Council to withdraw from Parliament for at least one month as a mark of protest

This would force Parliament to a halt and at the

BY NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

same time demonstrate "our inherent power", said Durban attorney and member of the President's Council, 38-year-old Mr Ismail Omar, the man behind the plan

Mr Omar took an unprecedented step in SA political

history in July when he announced his withdrawal from the President's Council for the month of August

His action was in protest against a decision by the NP-dominated President's Council which decided to recommend that two controversial security bills, rejected by the House of Representatives and House of Delegates but passed by the House of Assembly only, should become law

Mr Omar, national chairman of the official Opposition Solidarity Party of Dr J N Reddy in the House of Delegates, confirmed yesterday he was also the author of a letter written to all political parties inviting them to a special meeting in Cape Town early in September to muster forces and work out joint strategy

He said the main purpose of the meeting would be to consider jointly withdrawing from Parliament and the PC for a limited period, so temporarily collapsing the tricameral system

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New finding on weight gain

Women who gain 12 to 16 kg during pregnancy run a significantly lower risk of losing their child to stillbirth or late miscarriage than women who put on less than 7 kg, a US government study shows.

A STUDY by the National Centre for Health Statistics says women who gain less than 7 kg have a foetal death rate of 10.5 per 1 000 live births, compared with a death rate of 3.8 at the higher weight range.

The statistics, based on a sample of nearly 16 000 pregnancies, suggest that current obstetric guidelines for weight gain may be too conservative. Those guidelines, issued in 1983, suggest that weight gain during pregnancy should be between 10 and 12 kg.

The new figures show progressively better outcomes with weight gains up to 16 kg. Above 16 kg, the foetus is at slightly higher risk, but still is statistically safer than at any weight gain below 12 kg.

The study also showed that children born to women with little weight gain tended to be small babies, who have more health problems and higher infant mortality rates.

In spite of the value of the added weight, the study said a substantial proportion of pregnant women do not gain enough.

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**Nel claim
claptrap**
PFP

By **BARRY STREEK**
Political Staff

THE claim by the Deputy Minister of Information, Mr Louis Nel, that democracy was not hampered by the state of emergency was a brilliant example of Nationalist misinformation, the PFP candidate in Claremont, Mr Jan van Eck, said yesterday.

"Does he take South African voters to be total idiots who will believe this claptrap?" he asked.

Mr Van Eck issued a statement yesterday after Mr Nel said democratic process in the by-elections in Claremont and Pinelands would not be affected by the state of emergency.

Mr Van Eck said "Even a cursory glance at the emergency regulations will show they place strangling restrictions on the little bit of democracy left."

"The wide definition of what amounts to a subversive statement and the unprecedented clampdown on the ability of the press to report on actions by the government and its agencies surely amounts to a massive restriction on the democratic process."

"I would like to challenge Mr Nel to state publicly whether he believes truly free elections can place while restrictions apply."

(Report by B Streek, 122 St George's St, Cape Town)

Labour Party must decide how to run 'own' education

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THE Labour Party-controlled Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives must still decide how to run coloured education without ties with recognised teacher organisations

The recent withdrawal by the Union of Teachers' Associations of South Africa (Utasa), the federal body representing most of South Africa's coloured teachers, was laid before the council when it met yesterday

Utasa, with a countrywide membership of about 25 000 teachers, decided in June to cut formal ties with "own" and "general affairs" education committees because it saw continued involvement as contrary to Utasa's calls for a single, non-racial ministry of education

Department of Education and Culture spokesman Mr Thinus Dempsey confirmed the issue was discussed yesterday, but said no final decision had been taken

Something would have to be said "sooner or later", but he could not say when this might be

Utasa delegates have already withdrawn from more than 20 "own affairs" education committees, which deal with matters such as syllabus content, prescribed books and other educational issues

The association still intends to talk to the Department of Education and Culture, as well as the Department of National Education, to further the interests of its members

Police stood by as witdoeke attacked, court told

By ANDRÉ KOOPMAN

AN Anglican priest alleged in papers before the Supreme Court that police stood by while "witdoeke" attacked KTC residents in June.

The papers were before court last week when the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, declined to oppose a temporary order being made final which restrains the police, "witdoeke" leaders and the defence force from attacking or allowing attacks on KTC.

In further affidavits, the court also heard that white men in dark clothing with rifles in their hands stood next to a squatter leader's shack as it went up in flames. People who tried to approach the shack were allegedly shot at. It was

also alleged that white men wearing balaclavas were seen in the vicinity at the time of the shack burning forays.

In the more than 40 affidavits before the court, priests, doctors, squatter leaders and journalists made several allegations of security force collusion and participation in "witdoeke" attacks on KTC.

Father David Cook of St. John's Parish, Wynberg, said he and other clergy-men had been called to the Zolani Centre on Monday, June 9. On arrival, he saw that the Zolani Centre was on fire and that tents on the side of the centre had been burnt down.

Father Cook said they drove to the western side of the centre where they saw several Casspirs patrolling the road on the edge of KTC.

A group of "witdoeke" approached KTC from the direction of Crossroads. They were armed with sticks, stones and some of them had bottles of petrol.

They proceeded to hurl the stones at KTC camp, smash windows and set fire to the shacks. The police in the Casspir made no attempt to stop them.

He said he later stood behind a second Casspir with the registration number BDU-583B. Its rear doors were open and a policeman was standing and "arming a rifle in the direction of KTC residents".

Father Cook said he heard a gunshot very close to him, "looked up and saw that the policeman was still pointing his rifle in the general direction of the residents".

In another affidavit made by Mr Good-

win Nyingwa, formerly of Nyanga Hospital, allegations were made of "witdoeke" and police in Casspirs attacking "comrades".

On June 9 at 8am he saw about 1 000 "witdoeke" congregating outside the development board offices. There were five Casspirs parked next to the offices and a white van belonging to Warrant Officer Barnard.

There were about 200 people including refugees W/O Barnard then said to them in Xhosa over a loudhailer "I'm going to kill all the comrades."

"He then shot about six teargas canisters at all of us," Mr Nyingwa said. They fled towards the Zolani Centre, from there they saw W/O Barnard's van, five Casspirs and about 1 000 witdoeke on foot approaching the area of the

refugee tents. "The vehicles came to a standstill and the police alighted armed with guns and proceeded towards the refugee tents which were soon surrounded. The next minute I saw flames rising from the tents."

Dr Mark Blecher, of SACLAC clinic, said he had seen several hundred armed "witdoeke" attacking a group of "comrades" near refugee tents on June 9, while "four Casspirs and Buffels patrolled the area during this time and did absolutely nothing to prevent the attack, let alone stop it."

"The witdoeke then gathered in front of the clinic and I saw a policeman in a Casspir stationed next to them, beckon with his hands to the witdoeke to charge in the direction of Zolani Centre

"He then turned and aimed his gun and from where I was it looked as if he was shooting at the comrades in the direction of Zolani Centre. The witdoeke then surged towards Zolani Centre," the doctor said.

Dr Blecher described how witdoeke torched refugee tents "10 to 15 metres away from a stationary Casspir".

"The policemen in the Casspir did nothing to prevent the tents being burnt nor did they take any action whatsoever against the witdoeke who burned the tents," he said.

He saw a "witdoek" load an injured person into a Casspir. "The witdoeke then withdrew and gathered around another Casspir. They milled around this Casspir for a while and then headed off in the direction of KTC."

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Teacher bodies 'to fight' decision

Staff Reporter

THE Cape Professional Teachers' Association (CPTA) and Union of Teachers' Associations of SA (Utasa) are "not going to take lying down" the Rev Allan Hendrickse's decision to cut off all stop-orders for members of the two organizations

This follows Mr Hendrickse's announcement at the Labour Party's regional congress at the weekend that all stop-order facilities offered to "coloured" teachers for payment of membership fees to the two associations would be cut off

Reacting to the threat, Mr Franklin Sonn, president of both the CPTA and Utasa, said from Braamfontein last night that the associations were "going to make a fight of it", but declined to disclose their strategy in hitting back at Mr Hendrickse and the Ministers' Council, which Mr Hendrickse chairs

"The Ministers' Council must realize they are tampering with our rights and we regard that as oppressive — we are not going to take that lying down," said Mr Sonn

Mr Hendrickse yesterday said the decision to cut off the stop-order payments of some 30 000 teachers was because members of the two associations did not want to recognize the House of Representatives but were still prepared to use facilities provided by it.

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LP ends stop-order facilities for Utasa

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THE Labour Party yesterday terminated stop-order facilities for the Union of Teachers' Associations of South Africa (Utasa).

The decision means that Utasa will have to find alternative means of collecting the R653 184 it receives in dues from its more than 17 000 members.

Labour Party leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, said yesterday that his party was also considering terminating recognition of Utasa as a representative teachers' organization.

He said Utasa was a recognized teachers' organization in terms of an agreement with the current Minister of National Education, Mr F W de Klerk, prior to the existence of the tri-cameral Parliament.

Congress decision

Utasa, he added, had not reapplied for registration with the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives and its position was now being reconsidered by the Labour Party.

Mr Hendrickse's action comes in the wake of a decision taken at the Utasa congress in June to withdraw from education department structures.

The decision was taken on the ground that "one's presence in these structures could lend credibility to the abhorrent 1986 model of apartheid legislation".

Utasa also said education had become "a tool in unholy political power-play" which was "distasteful" to teachers who wished to dissociate themselves from this.

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Mamelodi killings:
no prosecutions

Dispatch Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — No one is to be prosecuted for the deaths of 13 people shot by police in Mamelodi, near Pretoria, last year

The Transvaal Attorney-General, Mr Don Brunette, said the cases had been referred to the magistrate's court for inquests to be held

The deaths occurred on November 21 when police opened fire on a crowd of between 20 000 and 50 000 people gathered at the town council offices to protest against police presence in the township, high rentals and the banning of weekend funerals

Replying to a question from a Progressive Federal Party MP, Mr Peter Soal, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, said in Parliament yesterday he did not know when a date would be set for the inquests

One of the attorneys representing about 10 families of the dead and injured said the state was also defending a civil claim for damages of more than R500 000

Mr Nano Matlala said the families were claiming damages for loss of earnings, loss of support and funeral expenses

In the case of a paraplegic and a person who was shot in the head and is expected to suffer from loss of memory in the future, damages for personal injury were also being claimed

They allege police acted without good cause

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3 detainees released

Staff Reporter

THREE detainees — including a Bonteheuwel matric pupil — were released this week after spending over 70 days in detention

Miss Shanaaz Isaacs, 18, and Miss Brenda Marks, 22, were released on Monday, the day before an application for their release was to be heard in court

Their attorney, Mr Essa Moosa, said that the matter was settled out of court. The State had agreed to pay costs

No application was lodged for Mr Sulaiman Isaacs, 23, who was released after 73 days

Utasa told to 'write'

By RONNIE MORRIS

THE stop-order facility for membership fees of the Union of Teachers' Associations of South Africa — the umbrella body for four teacher organizations — will be withdrawn on October 1 unless Utasa applies for the facility

The Chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representa-

tives, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, said yesterday that other stop-order facilities for insurance premiums, medical aid and pension payments would not be affected

His statement is a sequel to a recent Labour Party regional congress where he said that stop-order facilities for Utasa would be withdrawn

In a statement read at a news conference yesterday, Mr Hendrickse said it had been explained to Utasa on February 14 that standing Treasury authorization had been obtained for monthly deductions for certain insurance premiums and membership fees of certain organizations

"In the case of members of teacher organizations who are paid by this administration, no such authority was requested"

Mr Hendrickse said the Ministers' Council had given Utasa and other bodies ample opportunity to apply in writing. If they failed to do so the decision of the Ministers' Council would be implemented on October 1

Mr Hendrickse also answered questions on the Utasa decision at a conference in June to withdraw from all committees and structures of the general and own affairs education departments

He said he had information that pressure had been brought to bear on Utasa by various political bodies

The Utasa conference was not a representative one and represented 10 percent of its own teachers and "probably five percent of the national figure", Mr Hendrickse said



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By RONNIE MORRIS
Education Reporter

Utasa head: 'Bitter blow' to teachers

THE decision by the Ministers' Council to withdraw the stop-order facility for membership fees for the Union of Teachers' Associations of South Africa was the worst form of oppression and constituted a devastating blow to Utasa.

This was said yesterday by Mr Franklin Sonn, president of Utasa — a national umbrella body of four teacher organizations, and of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association, when he addressed about 300 CTPA members at a meeting at Modderdam Senior Secondary School in Bonteheuwel.

He said the measure was a bitter blow to the teaching profession.

'Write'

He was reacting to a statement by the chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, that the stop order facility for membership fees would be withdrawn on October 1 unless Utasa and its affiliates apply in writing for the facility.

Mr Sonn said Utasa had 260 students studying with bursaries derived from membership subscriptions and would have to tell the students that they might have to

discontinue their studies

It also had 14 people, some with families, in its full-time employ and would have to tell them that it might not be able to employ them any more.

Numerous Saturday and vacation projects for matriculants also were being run. Many teachers gave of their time and the projects cost money. It would be stopped if it could no longer be afforded.

"If the government is prepared to take such action against Utasa it must surely reflect a disregard, a disdain for the profession. It must show what the government thinks of teachers. It proves that as far as the government is concerned teachers are children who must behave themselves and if they do not, they must be ordered to stand in the corner and their sweets must be taken away from them."



Mr Franklin Sonn

Teachers were the custodians of their own integrity and must not allow themselves to be browbeaten, bullied or pushed around, he said.

Turning to Utasa's decision to withdraw from all departmental committees, Mr Sonn said that when Utasa met in Kimberley on June 20, there were factors which influenced delegates.

Some of these were the state of emergency with

all the sweeping powers accorded the police, constant reports of detained members and community leaders and the "eternal Catch-22 situation" of on the one hand working within the structures in order to bring about change, while on the other hand the point had been reached where "one's presence in these structures could lend credibility to the abhorrent 1986 model of apartheid education"

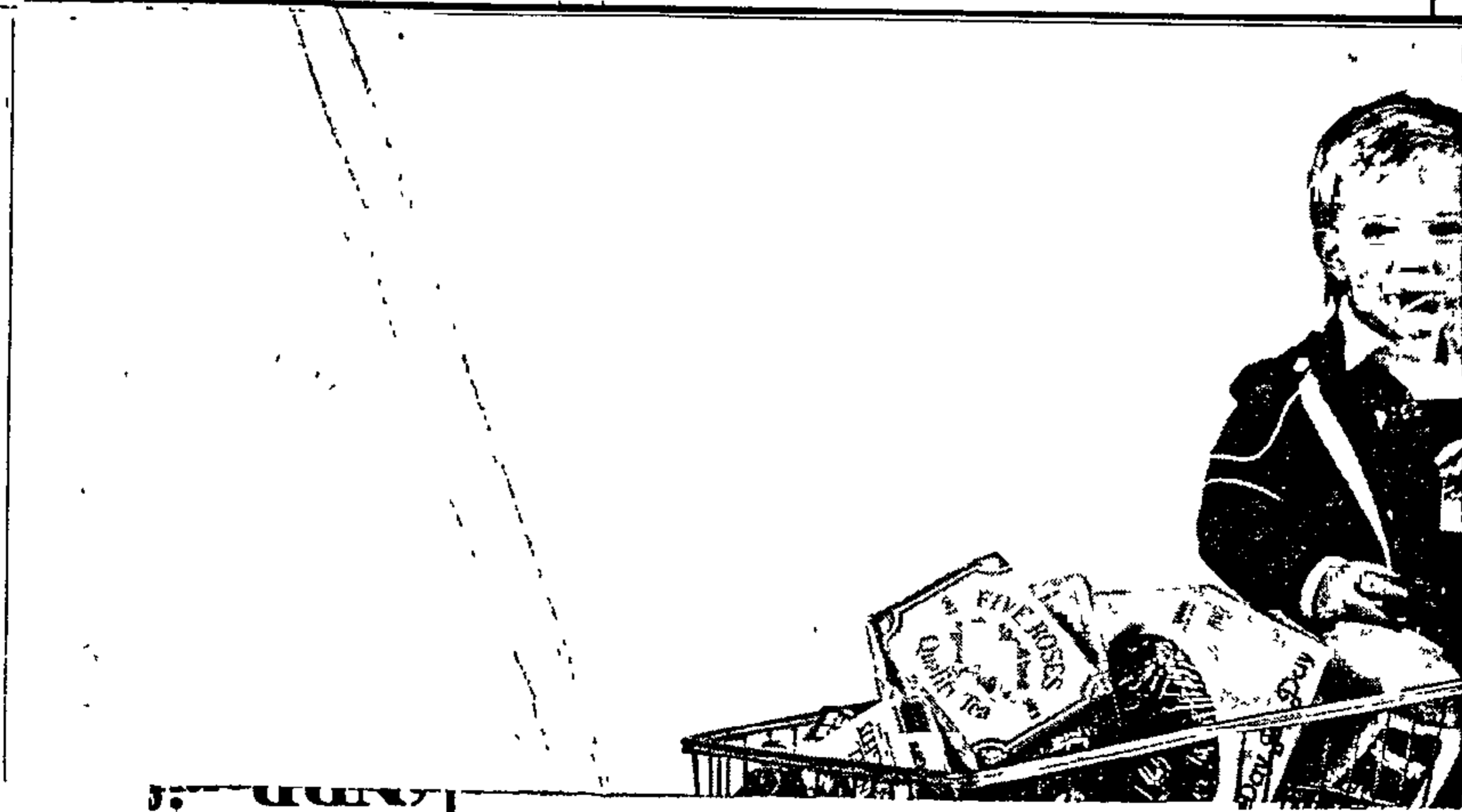
'Revulsive'

The straw which broke the camel's back was the "enraging and revulsive" reports of party-political interference in educational matters, Mr Sonn said.

"The clear impression was gained that, sadly, education has become a tool in an unholy party-political power-play which is so distasteful that teachers felt that they could do no better

than formally to dissociate themselves from a process which clearly represents a fundamental affront to the integrity of the profession," Mr Sonn said.

The deputy president of the CTPA, Mr Randall van den Heever, said the organization would fight the decision on principle even if that meant going to court.



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Union chief: 'Teachers will not be intimidated'

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THE leader of a teaching union which faces the withdrawal of stop-orders for R650 000 in membership fees says teachers will not be intimidated.

Mr Franklin Sonn, leader of the Union of Teachers' Associations of South Africa, told 300 teachers in Bonteheuwel yesterday: "We'll be the poorer if they do it but the authorities must not forget that today they are dealing with a different breed of teacher and student."

Mr Sonn, also head of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association, largest of Utasa's four provincial affiliates, was referring to the announcement by the Labour Party-controlled

Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives that Utasa's stop-order facilities would end on October 1 unless it applied for them to continue.

He told a meeting of the Bonteheuwel branch of the CTPA at Modderdam Senior Secondary School that Utasa's decision to quit "own affairs" education committees — apparently the reason for the reprisals — was decided by a majority after debate.

Halting the stop-order facilities, enjoyed by for the past 16 years, would be "a bitter blow" to Utasa's viability and the profession as a whole, with possible international repercussions.

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Report-backs hit by harassment — MPs

DIANNA GAMES

AS THE tricameral Parliament approaches its second anniversary, MPs are coming under increasing attack for not earning their R58 000 salaries and generous perks

And several House of Delegates members say report-backs to constituencies have been severely curbed by the threat of harassment by "radicals"

The Transvaal Indian Congress (TIC) has slammed salary increases for MPs, accusing many Indian and coloured MPs of being too scared to have report-back meetings and calling on them to resign. The TIC also alleges that the large salaries paid out ensure that few MPs would bother to effectively oppose National Party policies.

The allegations were put to four Lenasia MPs.

Faiz Khan (Lenasia East), who got 163 votes in the 1984 elections, confirmed that he had not held any report-back meetings. "My door is always open and many of my constituents come to see me at my place," he said, adding that if there was no threat of harassment, more

MPs would hold public report-back meetings

Reacting to the allegation that MPs did not earn their large salaries, Khan said it would not be possible to explain to outsiders that the amount was warranted without putting themselves in his place.

T S Collakoppen (Central Rand) said he had held two report-backs in the past two years. But, he said, many parts of his constituency were relatively new and developments had not warranted more frequent meetings.

Because of the size of his constituency — 13 pockets covering areas from Germiston to Lenasia's outskirts — he did not feel that he was overpaid. MPs were afraid of "radicals," he said, but claimed the hostil-

ity was undeserved as MPs had entered the system to fight for people's rights and to dismantle apartheid.

Abie Choonara (National People's Party, Lenasia Central) said he could not respond to the allegations as it was party policy not to make public statements without the permission of NPP leader Amichand Rajbansi.

Dennis Pillay (Lenasia West) said he did not feel MPs salary increases were warranted in the present economic climate but said many projects — such as the building of an old age home and housing schemes — had been completed in his constituency.

His report-backs took the form of filtering information through the town council's management committee. He had no comment to make on the harassment of Indian and coloured MPs.

Mayhem at the mansions

By NORMAN WEST and JEREMY McCABE

EASTERN Cape church members are fuming after a manse — recently vacated by the Rev Allan Hendrickse and his family — was found to be in a shambles

Light and cupboard fittings were removed, shrubs and trees uprooted and graffiti painted on the walls inside the house

The manse belongs to the Dale Street Congregational Church in Uitenhage. And now police in the industrial town neighbouring Port Elizabeth are investigating a charge of malicious damage to property.

The police investigation was confirmed yesterday by Major Eddie Everson, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, after a complaint lodged by the Rev Navan Jacob Adonis, minister of the Dale Street United Congregational Church in Uitenhage.

Mr Adonis stressed that no charge had been laid and the matter was still under investigation.

Mr Hendrickse, who is a former long-serving minister of the church, lived in the house for 22 years. He and his family moved out last Sunday after conducting a church service in the house.

Appalled

Mr Adonis, who was formerly a colleague of Mr Hendrickse and who admits to not being on good terms with him — they have not spoken for several months — said that when he opened the house on Monday he was appalled by what he saw.

All the light fittings and cupboards had been removed and graffiti had been painted on and gouged into some walls.

In one bedroom stars and a

Black Power salute had been drawn in black paint, while in a passage wall, "God forgives, I don't" had been gouged.

Wall-to-wall carpets had been removed, leaving large glue stains on the wooden floors.

The garden was in a shambles with several trees hacked down.

Mr Adonis said yesterday he had complained to the police on the advice of the church's attorneys.

The complaint was not aimed specifically at the Hendrickse family but "at whoever was responsible for the damage", he said.

He said he and his family



ALLAN HENDRICKSE

"Such nonsense"

had hoped to move into the house as soon as possible but because of the "chaotic" condition of the manse at 22 Livingston Circle, it would be at



"God forgives, I don't" legend

Mr Peter Hendrickse has been reported as saying he had drawn the Black Power salute during 1976 "as a symbol of what I believed in".

Relations between Mr Hendrickse and some members of the Dale Street United Congregational Church, to which he had ministered for so long, were soured early this year when Mr Hendrickse was stripped of his accreditation as an ordained minister of the church.

The shock move followed a decision by the United Congregational Church Assembly, to which the Dale Street congregation belongs, to axe him for defying an ultimatum to sever his political ties by December 31 last year or face expulsion.

Taboo

Two other Labour Party MPs, the Rev Andrew Julius, Minister of the Budget and Auxiliary Services in the House of Representatives (at the time minister of the Kei-moes congregation) and the Rev A D Goosen of the Hankey congregation were given similar ultimatums.

Mr Julius resigned from his congregation to continue his political career, while Mr Goosen decided to drop politics, resigned from Parliament and went back to heal the rift in his church over his political activities.

The ultimatums followed the UCC Assembly meeting in Gaborone, Botswana, where the UCC constitution was amended making party politics taboo for UCC ministers — but leaving the final decision in the hands of the local community.

Mr Adonis and the Black Power drawing found inside the manse

Hendrickse in row over damage to his old home

least a month before they could do so.

"The place was a mess. It has been estimated by professional builders that it would cost the church more than R5 000 to make the place habitable again.

Mr Hendrickse yesterday denied any responsibility for the condition of his former home and refused to comment further on "such nonsense" because he was "busy with much more serious things".

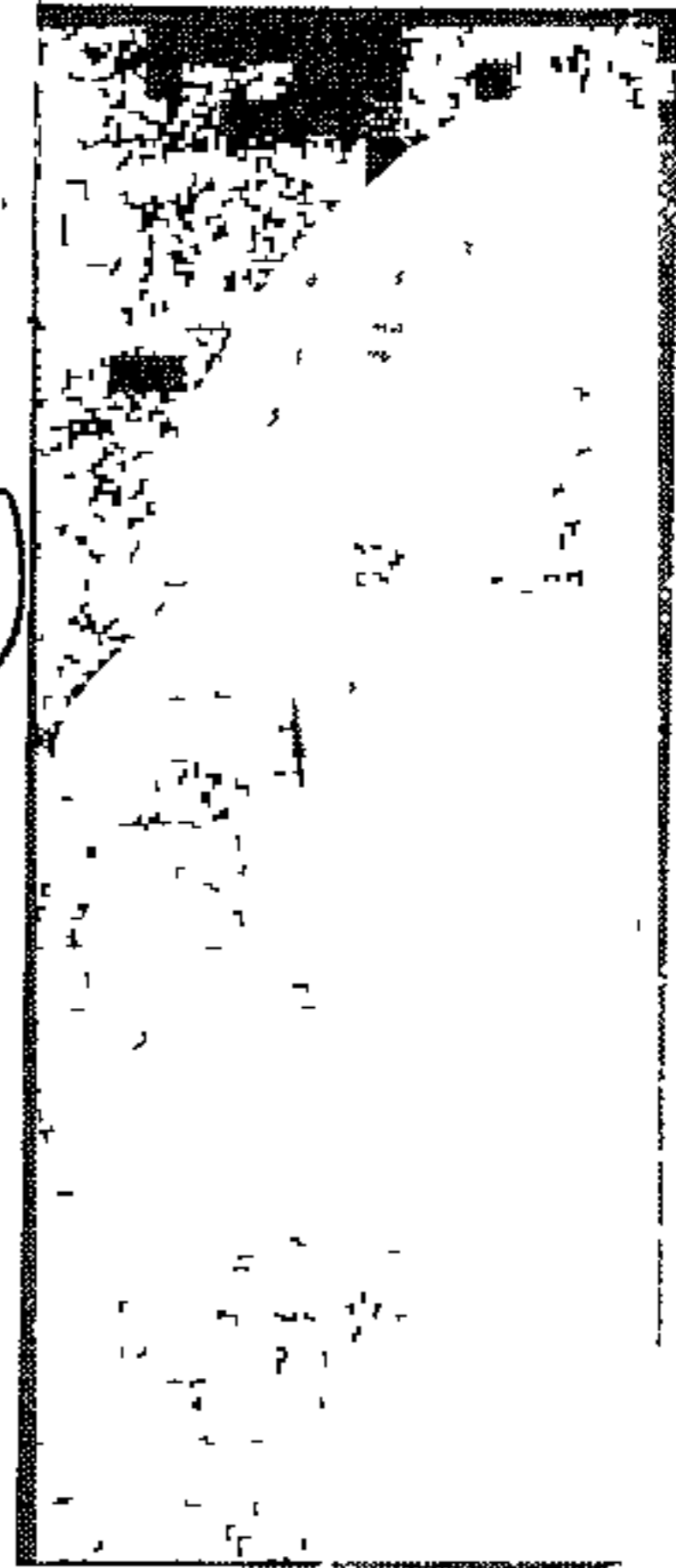
He confirmed, however, there was a "Black Power" sign in the room formerly used by his son, Mr Peter Hendrickse, MP for Addo, but said he knew nothing of the

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Labour defends role in new deal

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Hendrickse: our presence is felt



MR HENDRICKSE

DURBAN — The leader of the Labour Party and chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, yesterday defended his party's participation in the tricameral Parliament.

The party had been able to get 34 Acts of Parliament amended or repealed, he said at the party's Natal regional congress here. There was no doubt apartheid was being removed in legislation.

Mr Hendrickse recalled the party's decision three years ago at its Eshowe congress to participate in the tricameral system and said the party had made its presence felt.

The second session of Parliament had come to an "abrupt end" earlier this month because the Labour Party's representatives on the Constitutional Development and Planning standing committee had refused to participate in preparing and supporting proposed legislation which was discriminatory, he said.

Mr Hendrickse said that in spite of the new constitution's inadequacies, the fact remained that for the first time "people of colour" were now participating in decision-making at the highest level.

The fact that blacks were not yet included was a matter for regret. However, no one could deny apartheid was now in the process of being dismantled — and South Africa today was not the same as it was two years ago.

The Labour Party had become a partner in the process of reform, he said.

The final decision on the party's continued participation would be taken at its national congress in Port Elizabeth in January.

Mr Hendrickse said the future of South Africa would be decided by "people of colour" sitting at a table with the State President, Mr P W Botha, and other Afrikaners.

He also said the Ministers' Council was examining an increase in state pensions for coloured people.

Dr Alan Boesak's church was receiving R1,9 million a year from the council for social welfare and other services, the Catholic Church was getting R1,6 million and the Anglican church R790 000.

"The very people who condemn us are getting a lot from us," he said.

He told congress delegates the African National Congress had instructed the African Teachers' Association to withdraw from all apartheid-oriented bodies.

He said he had information that this happened, but he would not disclose his source. The instruction had in turn been passed to coloured teachers through the Cape Professional Teachers' Association, he said.

Mr Hendrickse said that by withdrawing even from discriminatory education structures, teachers would be doing a disservice to education.

It was easy to "shout and criticise" the Labour Party, but getting down to do some work was another matter — Sapa

SAP recruits to do township duty

CAPE TOWN — One thousand new police recruits are to be armed with guns and sjamboks and sent into the black townships to take on the "comrades" — after only three weeks training at a camp outside Cape Town.

An SAP spokesman, Brigadier Jaap Venter, confirmed that the "special constables" — all black and between the ages of 25 and 45 — were being trained at a site next to the Koeberg nuclear power station to help maintain law and order in the townships.

He said there was "nothing sinister" about it.

"They are simply being trained to make the long arm of the police force a little bit longer," Brig Venter confirmed that the constables, once trained, would be armed with guns and sjamboks and that they would work under the supervision of the regular members of the police force.

They will wear a uniform "similar" to that worn by the regular police force.

The PFP's spokesman on law and order, Mrs Helen Suzman, said it seemed "totally impos-

PPF's Unrest Monitoring Action Committee in the Western Cape, Mr Jan van Eck, said he was "horrified" at the prospect.

"The alienation between the community and the police will worsen if undisciplined police are let loose in the already volatile situation in the townships," he said.

A spokesman at the SAP Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said the special constables would assume their duties after a passing-out parade later this month.

Police spokesmen say the men will have the same powers and authority as fully trained police force members, who go through a year's instruction.

The men were being trained by South African Police instructors next to the nuclear plant because of the lack of facilities at Hammanskraal.

stables would work under the supervision of ordinary members of the force "and they will have basically the same powers as regular members of the police, as explained in the Police Act".

The Police Act says that "whenever there are not in any locality sufficient ordinary members of the force available to perform police duties or any particular police duty — the Commissioner may appoint as temporary members to act as such, so many fit and proper persons as may be necessary for the performance of any such duty".

Gen Wandrag said "The special constables are being trained to fill the gaps in the police force that occur from time to time. We are training about 1 000 men to perform the basic duties of ordinary policemen

force to be trained in three weeks". A high-ranking police source said one of the police sent into unrest areas should be properly trained and disciplined — and should understand the meaning of self-control in difficult situations," she said. The chairman of the

police are normally trained. Gen Wandrag said the special constables were recruited from around South Africa. — Sapa-DDC

exactly where the policemen will work but obviously we will use the constables where we have more problems than usual," he said.

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Indian and coloured MPs fight shy of poll

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By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

COLOURED and Indian MPs do not want to go to the polls if a general election is called for white voters.

It is reliably learnt that the Ministers' Councils ("mini-Cabinets") of both the coloured and Indian Houses have already discussed the possibility of a simultaneous election with whites.

In fact, when the Labour Party of Cabinet Minister Alan Hendrickse, chairman of this Ministers' Council, recommended candidates for the first multi-racial executive committees of provincial councils in June, only nominated Labour Party

President's Council members were recommended — thus avoiding embarrassing by-elections.

It is widely expected that Mr Botha will make his announcement of an early election at the Cape congress of the National Party in East London tomorrow — and the most likely polling date is November 26.

According to Section 2 of the Republic of South Africa Constitution Act, the State President may dissolve the tricameral Parliament by

proclamation in the Government Gazette at any time.

But it is extremely unlikely, say informed sources, that the State President will plunge the coloured and Indian Houses into a bitter, if not disastrous, election against their will.

This is because they already face a serious credibility

crisis in their communities, and because of widespread rejection of, and cynicism about, the tricameral Parliament.

On the other hand, the State President is entitled constitutionally to proclaim individual elections, for example, for whites only.

The Transvaal Indian Con-

Nats still divided on date for key election

By LESTER VENTER
Political Correspondent

CAPE Nationalists go to the last of the season's policy-making congresses in East London tomorrow divided on two vital issues — the future of the Group Areas Act and the best strategic date for a general election.

Nat party leaders have left no doubt that the country is headed for an early parliamentary election — only the date remains unknown, but many senior Nationalists favour November 26.

If they have their way,

State President P W Botha's opening of the congress tomorrow night is the last feasible platform from which he can announce the election.

A top Nationalist confirmed this week that Mr Botha was "anxious" for an election, and was said to be "sensitive" to rightwing accusations that he did not have a mandate from whites for his reform strategy.

Whether or not Mr Botha announces an early election, the Cape Nats are set to clash over the burning issue of the Group Areas Act.

A motion from Maitland asks the Government to apply the Act more strictly, and motions from Tyger Valley and Durbanville ask for a reaffirmation of "own schools and own residential areas".

On the other hand, Stellenbosch delegates plan to raise the possibility of grey areas

Group Areas Act must go soon says Hendrickse

By DIRK VAN ZYL

THE leader of the Labour Party and chairman of the House of Representatives' Ministers' Council, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, said yesterday he had "no doubt" that the Group Areas Act would have to be scrapped

In a keynote address to the Labour Party's Eastern Cape conference in Port Elizabeth, he said the scrapping of the Mixed Marriages Act had given rise to the question as to where mixed couples would live

Then another question arose: Where would children of such marriages attend school?

"Whether the Government likes it or not, the Group Areas Act will have to go so that people can live where they want to," Mr Hendrickse said to applause

He said indications of a pending repeal of the Separate Amenities Act were the result of the LP's participation in the tricameral system

Although the party had not accepted the constitution, it had decided to participate in it "We did this to get where we want to be and I am quite sure we made the right decision," he said

Mr Hendrickse said he believed talk of a revolution in the present circumstances was a pipedream "But revolution in terms of peaceful change is on the cards"

Turning to the Natal indaba, Mr Hendrickse called for a similar one to be started in the Eastern Cape

This would fit in with the LP's policy of regional — or federal — options for South Africa

A constitutional solution had to be based on the dual reality of black aspirations and white fears, he said

● The congress unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the Government "immediately to repeal the immoral, un-Christian, ungodly and discriminatory Group Areas Act"

Other resolutions adopted included

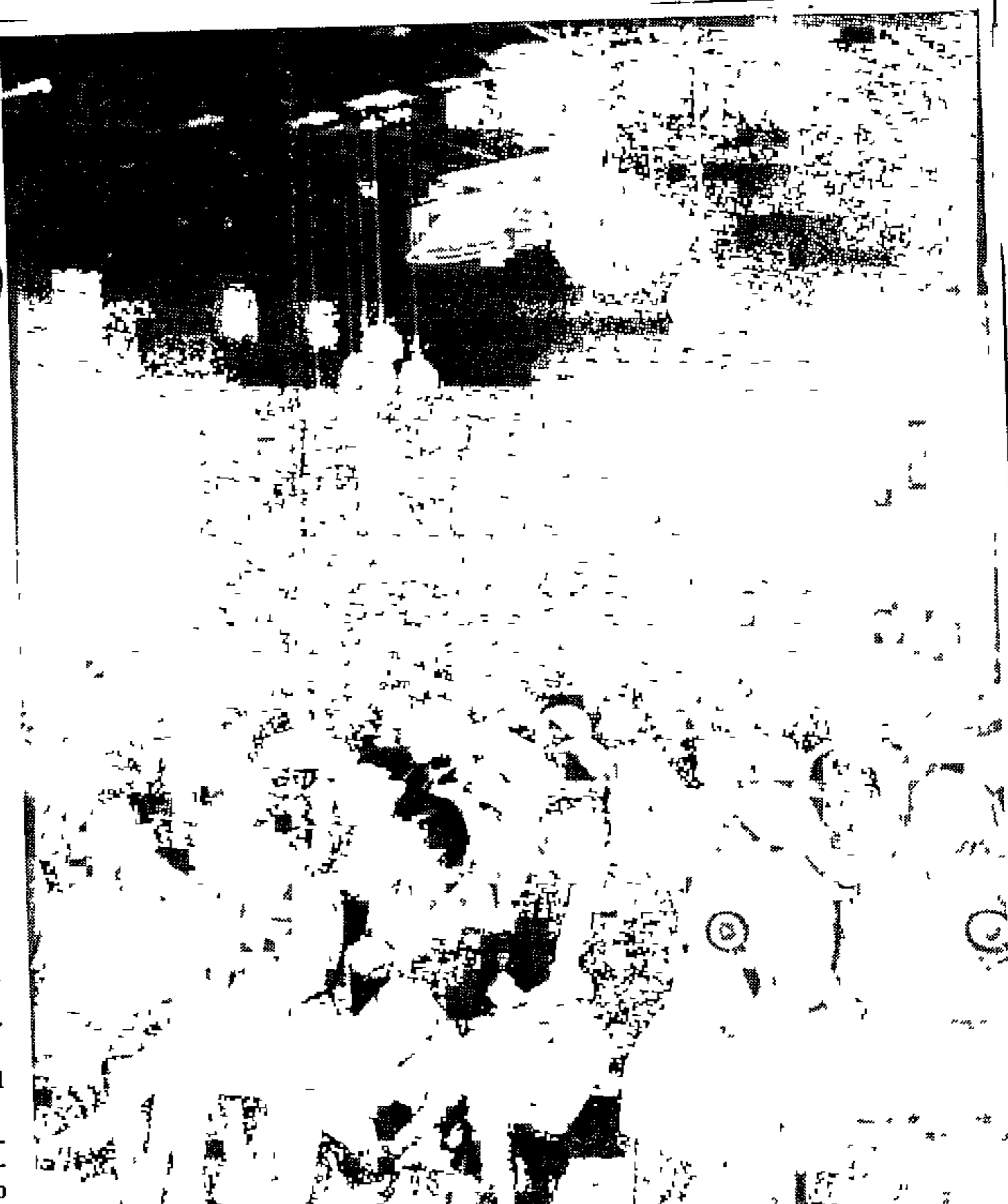
● A call for a similar immediate repeal of the Separate Amenities Act

● A rejection of sanctions as a solution to South Africa's problems

● A call on the Government to help alleviate the serious unemployment problem in the Eastern Cape

● Congratulating the people of Natal/Kwazulu on their indaba and urging the LP's Eastern Cape regional executive to investigate the possibility of organising an Eastern Cape one

Commenting afterwards, Mr Hendrickse said it was difficult to assess the Government's declaration this week of the United Democratic Front as an affected organisation. If the Government had reason to believe that problems were caused by overseas funding of the UDF, he hoped this would be borne out by a legal investigation



A discotheque in Korsten, Port Elizabeth, was the venue of the Labour Party's regional congress yesterday.

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Loans to replace bursaries for student teachers

By GAYE DAVIS
Education Reporter

BURSARIES for student teachers taking arts subjects will be replaced by loans from next year in a bid by coloured education authorities to alleviate a critical shortage of teachers of science, mathematics and technical subjects

The decision — taken without consultation with teacher-training centres — has caused alarm among educationists

Applicants for teacher-training bursaries in 1987 will receive them only if they intend to take technical, vocational or science-related subjects

Those choosing subjects such as history, geography or languages — at present 80 percent of bursary-holders opt for arts subjects — will instead be granted loans to be repaid in full after they qualify

Mr Carter Ebrahim, Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, said yesterday that the decision had been taken by the Minister's Council on his personal recommendation

There was an "over-supply" of teachers trained in academic subjects and too few qualified to teach science, mathematics and technical subjects. The new system was intended to create an incentive for study in the latter fields

Consultation with teacher-training centres was not thought necessary, Mr Ebrahim said

He did not think that the prospect of repaying loans would deter students from training as teachers

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"If we have an acute shortage of history teachers in five years' time, that problem will be addressed then," he said.

Details such as the period over which loans would to be repaid and the rate of interest were being worked out. Students already holding bursaries would not be affected by the move

Coloured education was "reaping the results of years of neglect". Only "the cream" were furthering their studies

"The emphasis must now be placed on meeting the country's manpower needs," Mr Ebrahim said

Mr Randall van den Heever, deputy president of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association, said the decision was "ill-conceived"

The rector of the University of the Western Cape, Professor Richard van der Ross, warned that if conditions for granting financial aid to students were made any more stringent it could have a serious impact on the flow of would-be teachers to institutions, with a negative ripple-effect on the quality of teaching and of pupils

Disquiet
in LP
on slow
reform

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — There is growing impatience within the Labour Party about the slow pace of reform.

This was said this week by the Labour Party's MP for Border, Mr Peter Mopp

Mr Mopp has been named as one of the Young Turks within the Labour Party, who have grown impatient with the pace of reform within the tricameral system

"A lot of us are growing impatient with the white man's way of doing things in politics," he said

"The white man apparently needs a commission to tell him if anything is undesirable

"We don't need a commission to tell us whether or not the Separate Amenities Act or the Group Areas Act must be scrapped

"They must obviously be scrapped, so why don't we just scrap them? Everything is happening at such a slow pace

"We don't want apartheid to be reformed. We want it to be eliminated.

"We should not be discussing reform. We should be discussing what will replace apartheid"

Mr Mopp said these issues would be discussed when the LP held its national congress in Port Elizabeth from January 2 to 4

"I believe we will look at how much change has been achieved since we agreed to take part in the tricameral system," he said

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62 per cent hike in posts in Representatives — Julies

Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The number of posts in the Administration of the House of Representatives has increased by more than 60 per cent since September 1984, the Minister of the Budget, the Reverend Andrew Julies, told the 21st annual congress of the Labour Party.

And he added, only 5,8 per cent of the staff was white at the end of 1986, as against 6,6 per cent in March last year.

Mr Julies said that when the Labour Party took control of the House of Representatives on September 3, 1984, some 10 587 people had been employed. At the end of 1986, he added, 17 149 were in the employ of the administration, which was an increase of about 62 per cent.

The Minister said that staff needs, particularly in the entry grades of the administration, "must first be satisfied from the ranks of the coloured community."

"Only when an appropriate candidate from these ranks cannot be found from within or from outside the public service will candidates from other population groups be considered."

Mr Julies added that the appointment of such people was subject to the approval of the Ministers Council.

Mr Julies also disclosed that the resort of Mockesdam near Bloemfontein had now been renamed after the Chairman of the House of Representatives and Leader of the Labour Party in the Free State, Mr Phillip Sanders.

So-sorry-Hendrickse enrages Labour

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Mopp fumes over alleged racism

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The MP for the Border in the House of Representatives, Mr Peter Mopp, yesterday threatened to take two school principals here to higher authorities for what he called "veiled racism"

"I do not want to name the principals at this stage and I do not want to embarrass the children involved, but I am astounded at the racism involved in these two so-called coloured schools," Mr Mopp said

He said he would speak to the authorities about the matter as the principals were not carrying out the non-racial policy propounded by the Labour Party

"These principals have nothing to fear as they fall under the Education Department of the House of Representatives which has taken a very clear-cut stand on opening so-called coloured schools to all races"



MR MOPP

Mr Mopp said one child had spent a day at a pre-school and had been told the next day that he could not return as he was classified Indian

"This is outrageous and we just cannot let this principal get away with this type of thinking I don't know what his game is but I certainly intend to put a stop to it

"Can you imagine the irreparable damage in terms of race relations this type of thing can result in?"

"The other case is just as pathetic It concerned an African pupil who had not made it through Std 10 at an African

school I was approached and had her placed in one of our schools and the principal wanted to put her back into Std 9 because he felt the inspector would not approve

"I don't know what is going on in our schools The political leadership, which controls the schools, has given the go-ahead for non-racial schools and here we find principals dragging their heels

"I certainly hope that they realise that the days of getting promotion via being good boys in terms of National Party government policy are over, and get on with the job of deracialising education

"In that way they can make a major contribution to education," Mr Mopp said

The Minister of Education in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, reiterated a few weeks ago that coloured schools were open to all races

Minister says teacher can't be registered

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — A coloured teacher was refused permission to teach computer science at three Grahamstown white schools because she was not eligible to register with the Teachers' Federal Council

This was said yesterday in a statement from the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Assembly, Mr Piet Clase, who did not say why Miss Thomas could not register with the council

Mr Clase had been asked to react to a statement by the MP for Albany, Mr Errol Moorcroft, which said that the teacher, Miss Gail Thomas, had been refused the teaching post because of her colour

Miss Thomas is a Rhodes University BSc graduate in information processing and also holds a Higher Education Diploma, a post-graduate qualification, from the university

She was the only applicant for a post to teach computer science at the three schools, all of which had accepted her after interviewing her

In his statement, Mr Clase said "Under the present dispensation no teacher may be appointed to a post unless he/she is registered with the Teacher's Federal Council

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"As Miss Thomas is not eligible for registration it is not possible to appoint her to a post in this particular department"

Mr Moorcroft had petitioned the State President, Mr P W Botha, to overturn Mr Clase's decision after his advice had been sought by the school committees, but President Botha upheld the decision

Mr Moorcroft then accused Mr Botha of "flagrant racial discrimination", saying that "it was a case of unadulterated apartheid, pure and simple, and gives lie to the State President's lofty claims that apartheid is dead".

"There can be no argument about the fact that Miss Thomas is being discriminated against because of the colour of her skin"

A liaison official in the office of the State President, Mr Jack Viviers, declined to comment on why President Botha had upheld the decision, or on Mr Moorcroft's attack, and referred the matter to Mr Clase

When asked why President Botha had upheld the decision, Mr Clase said he did not know, and referred the matter back to the office of the State President. By last night, no response had been received from Mr Viviers

Heunis riddle as Hendrickse says sorry

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ANGRY Labour Party MPs are still trying to unravel the "mystery" of their leader's amazing apology.

For the Rev Allan Hendrickse left a party caucus meeting with firm resolve not to be browbeaten by the State President, Mr P W Botha

In fact, Mr Hendrickse and the caucus had composed a letter stating the Labour Party's REFUSAL to back down over the coloured MPs' controversial swim at a Port Elizabeth whites-only beach

In the end, it was decided not to present the letter. The

By **NORMAN WEST**

caucus felt that Mr Hendrickse should rather force Mr Botha to make the next move — to fire him or call a coloured election

Later, in the sanctum of the President's office, something happened to change Mr Hendrickse's mind — and he presented his now famous letter of apology

Labour MPs believe that the Minister of Constitutional

Development, Mr Chris Heunis, intervened to settle the conflict between Mr Botha and Mr Hendrickse

And the result was the bombshell letter that President Botha read out to the nation on television that night

Mr Hendrickse claims he was "not bound" by the caucus decision

MPs, however, reject this

claim. They are shocked and astonished by Mr Hendrickse's contention that he has the right to ride roughshod over unanimous caucus decisions

One of the caucus members, who pleaded with Mr Hendrickse not to apologise, was his son, Peter, the MP for Addo, who dived into the water at the white beach with his father

At the caucus meeting, Labour MPs discussed Mr Hendrickse's options and decided unanimously that he should not apologise and so force Mr Botha to make the next move

They examined a letter of defiance drafted by Mr Hendrickse, but decided against presenting it to Mr Botha

Mr Peter Hendrickse warned his father that however craftily the letter of explanation had been drafted, Mr Botha was likely to use the letter to abuse and humiliate him

Betrayed

The MP for Schauderville (PE), Mr Charles Redcliffe, said bluntly that he felt "betrayed" by the fact that his leader had gone against the caucus decision and allowed himself to be made to eat "humble pie" by Mr Botha

The MP for Rayensmead, Mr Hansie Christian, said it was "a mystery" to him what could have happened at the meeting between Mr Botha and Mr Hendrickse

Deadlock over press report

Dispatch Correspondent
CAPE TOWN — The official Nationalist mouthpiece in the Cape, Die Burger, and the chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, appear, to be deadlocked over a demand by him for a correction of a front-page report last week

The report, of a Labour Party caucus meeting at which the Reverend Allan Hendrickse is alleged to have said that Mr Rajbansi had promised to leave the Cabinet if Mr Hendrickse was dismissed or forced to resign over the Port Elizabeth swimming affair, got Mr Rajbansi into hot water with the State President, Mr P W Botha

Both he and Mr Hendrickse were warned that unless the matter was suitably settled, Parliament would be dissolved and they would face an election

Mr Rajbansi then wrote to Die Burger saying 'nobody from the newspaper had approached him and the report was incorrect. He demanded a correction in the next issue of the newspaper'

Die Burger reported yesterday that it had

tried unsuccessfully since Wednesday last week to contact Mr Rajbansi to establish what was incorrect about the report

The newspaper said yesterday "Die Burger accepts now that, unless Mr Rajbansi makes contact, he cannot or will not indicate what was wrong and that the report was correct as far as it concerned him as it was correct in other cardinal aspects,

"Die Burger also accepts the apologies of Mr Rajbansi's officials that he 'was not available' or 'did not have a chance' to react to Die Burger's inquiries"



MR RAJBANSI

**DV schools only
3 still closed**

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Three Duncan Village schools are the only Eastern Cape schools still closed after two Fort Beaufort schools were re-opened yesterday

The re-opening of Lawson Senior Secondary School and Tinis Higher Primary School, means 57 of the 60 higher primary and secondary schools closed last year have been reopened. The 60 East Cape schools were closed last year because of a lack of "effective education"

The opening of the Fort Beaufort schools, both closed in July last year, followed discussions between the principals of the schools and parents with the assistant director of the Department of Education and Training (DET) in King William's Town, Mr P G Stamper

In a joint statement yesterday, the principals of the two schools, Mr K. M. Poza of Lawson and Mr P. T. Zephu of Tinis, said Mr Stamper had consulted with the Minister of Education, Mr G. Viljoen, before the schools could be re-opened

The schools opened yesterday and admissions also started yesterday

At the beginning of this month, the regional director of the DET, Mr Bill Staude, warned that if a closed school had not been opened by the beginning of February "serious consideration" about the opening of the school would be given by the authorities

Last week Mr Staude re-iterated his earlier statement concerning the opening of closed schools

He said parents should meet together and appoint a committee that would approach the local assistant director

**Admission: onus
on principals**

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — School principals here should not fill in outdated forms for the admission of black pupils to schools under the jurisdiction of the House of Delegates

That was the message from the Labour Party's MP for the Border, Mr Peter Mopp, who telephoned from the caucus meeting of the party in Cape Town where he said he had confronted the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim

Mr Mopp said the minister had told him the previous regulations governing the admission of blacks to coloured schools were entirely at the discretion of the principal and that principals should now act within the political leadership's instruction that the schools should admit pupils of any race

"The only proviso is that there must be space," he said

Investigations yesterday showed East London principals were still us-

ing old forms prepared by the Department of Coloured Affairs, which principals had to fill in to have blacks enrolled at their schools

The investigation followed an attack by Mr Mopp on two unnamed principals who he accused of racism

He said one principal had said he had place for a black Std 10 pupil in Std 9 while another principal had turned an Indian child away on racial grounds

Mr Mopp accused the principals of not carrying out the non-racial policy propounded by the Labour Party

He said it was outrageous and he could not let the principals get away with it

The chairman of the East London branch of the Cape Professional Teachers' Association, Mr Adam Fray, said yesterday the organisation supported non-racial schools but that principals were still under the impression that they were bound by the old rules



MR MOPP

"We welcome Mr Mopp's stand on open schools and are happy that he has cleared up the matter," he said

According to the old forms, principals had to fill it in and submit it to various authorities before a black child could be admitted to a coloured school

"That form was brought to my notice and this is why I raised the matter urgently with the minister," Mr Mopp said

"I cannot emphasise it more strongly. The onus is up to the principals to decide who they can admit. There must be no passing of the buck."

Allegations of racism in EL fire brigade

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Allegations of racism towards members of the municipal fire brigade here who are not white have been made by the MP for Border in the House of Representatives, Mr Peter Mopp

However, the chief brigade officer, Captain Bill Kenny, said yesterday all his men got on well with each other

Captain Kenny said the allegations came as a surprise to him

"The fire brigade is fully integrated and all my men get on well with each other. They play sport together and live together and I am very surprised to hear of any problems between them," Captain Kenny said

Mr Mopp said he had met some of the 18 coloureds in the fire brigade and they had told him that "things were not right". He did not name the men

Mr Mopp said this had been "particularly painful" to him because he was aware of the uphill battle it had taken to get the municipality to be a truly equal opportunity employer

"But now that we have achieved that on paper,

I get the impression from the complaints we received that certain whites who oppose a truly non-racial South Africa are making it difficult for these candidates who are not white

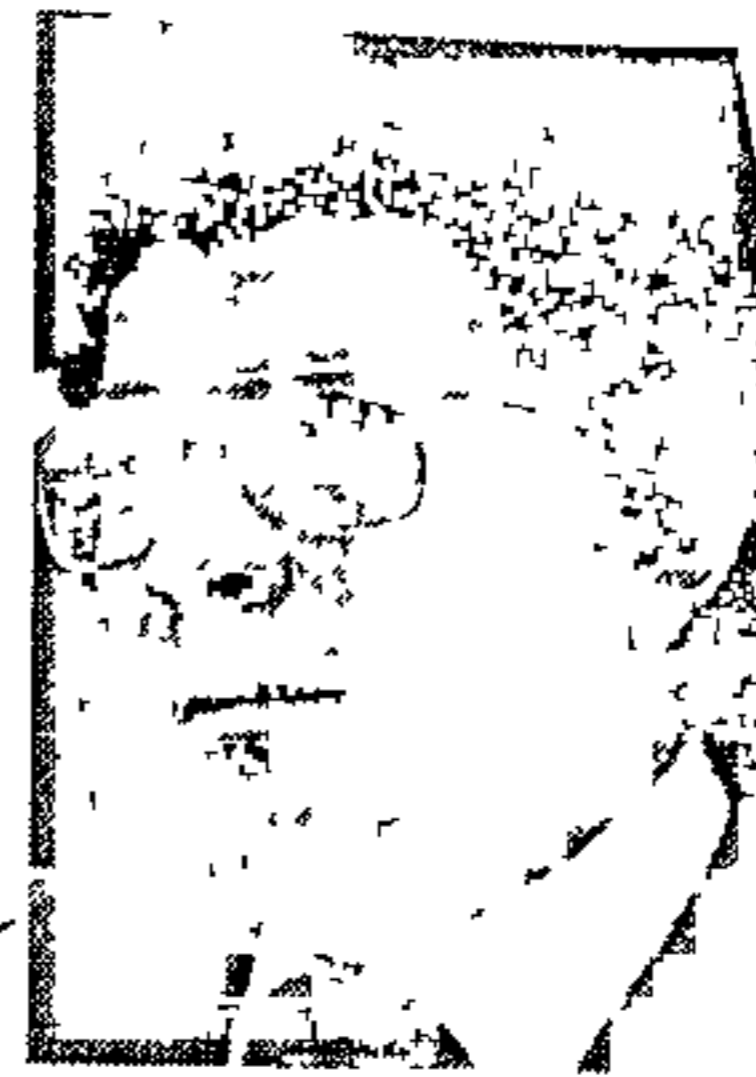
"This seems to be done in the hope that these candidates will leave and we can revert to a lily-white fire brigade like we had in the old days

"The methods seem to be to make the candidates of colour uncomfortable. This does not rule out the use of utterly racist names and discrimination in examination results. Of the 18 candidates, I understand only nine passed and then they were told they would only be allowed to rewrite in June

"I have been told that the white candidates who failed were allowed to rewrite in January

"This is discrimination, if it is true, and I don't intend to leave the matter there," Mr Mopp said. He added he had also received complaints about the living conditions of the men and again there had been allegations of discrimination

Captain Kenny agreed that all the firemen's liv-



MR MOPP

ing conditions could be improved and said an attempt would be made to rectify this in the new budget

He did not accept the criticism about the exam results because there were also white candidates who had failed

"The last batch did well in their basic six-month training and, after the 12-month training period, only nine passed. I can state categorically that exams were marked without reference to race. There was definitely no discrimination in marking. In fact the nine who passed were mostly coloured"

Captain Kenny said he was surprised to hear complaints had been taken up with Mr Mopp

"All of the fire brigade members have strict instructions that if they have complaints and their immediate superior officer does not entertain the complaints, they can go to the next senior officer and finally to me personally

"That instruction still stands," Captain Kenny said

Education reporter DENNIS CRUYWAGEN talks to Mr A M "Awie" Muller the new director of education in the House of Representatives administration.

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New man in education hot seat

HE has inherited one of the hottest seats in education, a position which his predecessor quit because of political pressure.

But Mr A M "Awie" Muller, new executive director of education in the House of Representatives administration, is confident that he will not wilt under pressure and that he will be able to handle his portfolio competently

He has worked closely with Mr Carter Ebrahim, Minister of Education and Culture, for a year

"We have built up a cordial relationship. There should be no problems between us," he said.

Mr Muller, formerly chief inspector of education, succeeds Mr A J Arendse, who held the second most important post in "coloured" education for seven years before he resigned last March.

Mr Muller moved into his new office this week

"I am still not at home in this new office," he said bluntly at the start of his first interview since his appointment.

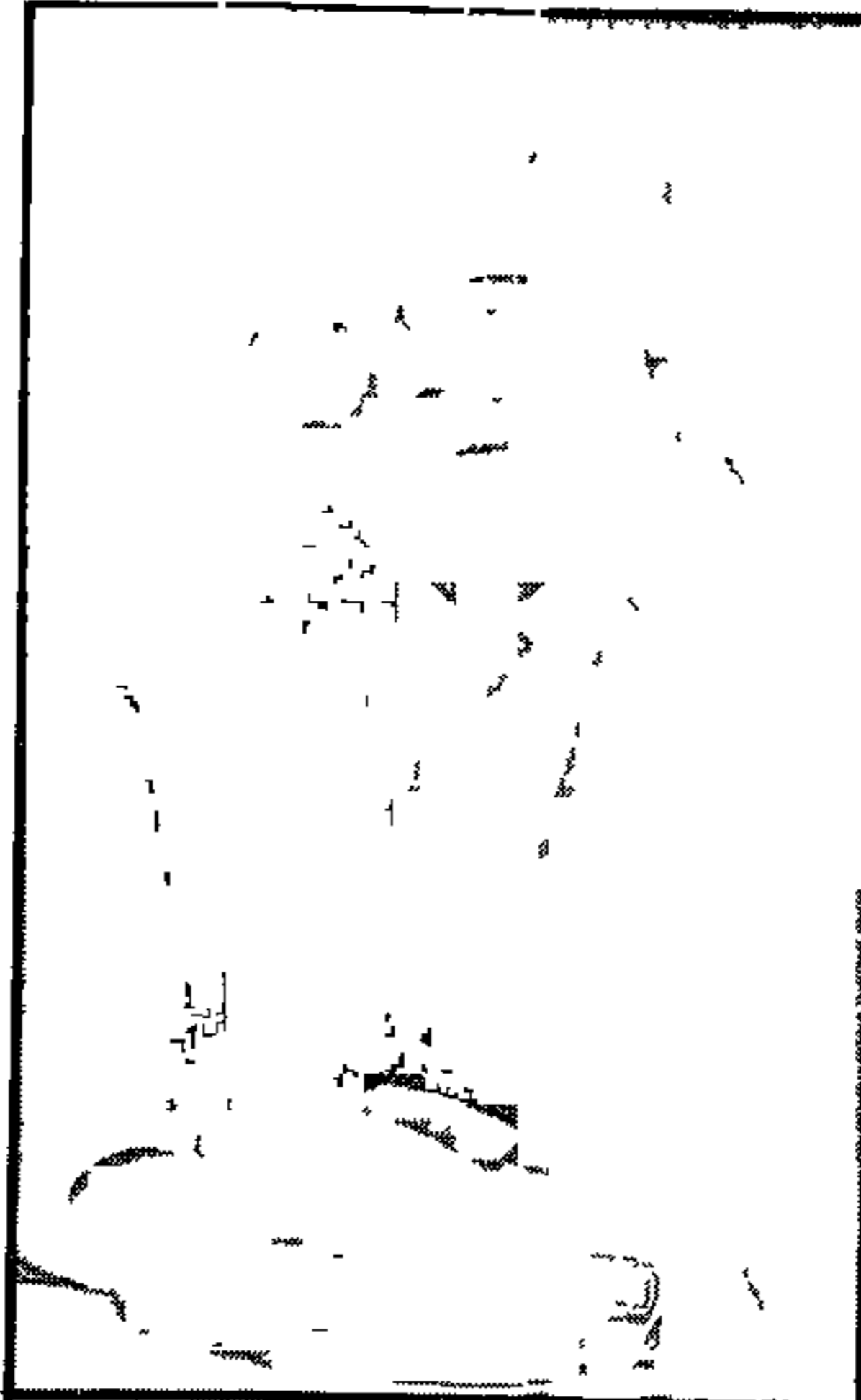
Being blunt, honest and forthright is part of his style. Ducking questions is out

His curriculum vitae states that he is a member of the Kraaifontein Management Committee. He has been chairman of this body for six years.

However, he is not a member of a political party.

"I am not a member of the Labour Party or any other political party. I serve on the management committee because I want to help my community."

Extra-parliamentary groupings have consistently shunned management committees, but Mr Muller feels they can be used to the benefit of communities.



Mr A M "Awie" Muller

He believes management committees will eventually be replaced by non-racial municipalities

"It is inevitable. We will have non-racial municipalities and a non-racial democratic government elected by all the voters. I believe in one-man, one-vote," he said

During the boycotts, which paralysed many high schools in the Western Cape in 1985, pupils used the slogan "liberation for education".

Mr Muller's slogan is "education for liberation"

He believes that schools should not be used as battlegrounds, or as platforms for reform "but to prepare our children to be critical in a constructive manner"

There have been complaints that teachers who sided with pupils during

the boycotts have landed on a blacklist Mr Muller denied this.

"There is no blacklist or hit list of teachers"

He also denied allegations that teachers who are members of the Labour Party had been promoted above non-party members.

"That is unthinkable and against the interest of education"

Mr Muller has heard of people's education

"It would appear there is dissatisfaction over the way in which our history books have been written. My door is open to modern historians who can scientifically research and rewrite South African history"

Mr Muller said his goals were to see that his department functioned smoothly and efficiently, to foster better relations between the department and teachers, to improve the qualifications of underqualified primary school teachers, to encourage high schools to become more technically orientated and to equip primary schools with computers.

Also high on his list of priorities is a firm resolve to create more pre-school centres, especially in the underprivileged areas, to prepare toddlers for school

Last year the Union of Teachers' Associations in South Africa, the federal body representing most of the country's coloured teachers, severed formal ties with "own" and "general" affairs education committees

Mr Muller said he wanted to thaw the frosty relationship between his department and recognised teacher organisations

He said he was aware of the existence of the Western Cape Teachers' Union, which is not recognised by the department.

"I will listen to them if they come with reasonable requests. But I will not wilfully create a rift in the teaching profession"

Teachers angered over their dismissal

TWO Eldorado Park teachers employed by the Department of Education and Culture are up in arms after they were not re-appointed to their posts this year.

They are Mr Ahmed Essop, an award-winning teacher who has taught for more than 23 years, and Mr A L D Pieters, a lawyer by profession who has been a teacher for close to five years. Both taught at Silver Oaks Secondary School in Eldorado Park, south of Johannesburg, last year.

The two teachers told the *Sowetan* that they were annoyed because they had not been officially informed that they had been dismissed except through "word of mouth" by the acting school principal Mr Lawrence Plessis.

Both said they had been given the annual re-appointment forms to fill in by the principal on November 18 last year. They completed and submitted them the same day.

Surprise

To their surprise, the principal announced at a staff meeting on December 3 that the two would not be returning to the school this year. They later learnt that their application forms had not been sent to the Minister's office in Cape Town.

In the case of Mr Essop when he asked the principal if he had received a directive from the department about his appointment, he replied he was not prepared to have him this year.

The principal also said he was acting on instructions given to him by the circuit inspector, Mr H Peterson and the regional director, Mr J Francis.

As for Mr Pieters, when he asked if there had been any official correspondence from the department dispensing his services, the principal said: "I have decided not to have you back as I do not like you."

Forms

The two men said after these unsatisfactory utterances by the principal, they had demanded their forms back and sent them personally to Cape Town. But up to today, they have not received any official reply from the Ministry of Education and Culture.

They said they will not rest until the matter is amicably solved. Both said they were presently unemployed and were not prepared to take

By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

jobs elsewhere until the issue is settled.

What has angered the two teachers, is that the principal has bridged the spirit of an agreement at a parents' meeting last November.

It had been agreed and the principal even made a commitment that all application forms for appointment would be recommended and approved by the school committee. The principal was not to take a unilateral decision in appointing or dismissing teachers.

Silver Oaks School presently has 16 white woman teachers out of a staff of 60. At the November meeting, it had also been agreed that white teachers would only be taken as a last resort when no black teachers were available.

This is not the first time that Mr Essop has been dismissed from the school. Last year, Mr Essop was fired but later reinstated after pupils boycotted classes.

The Progressive Teachers' Union (PTU) this week expressed concern and dismay at the non-appointment of the two teachers.

Experience

The union said it believed that the school cannot afford to lose teachers with qualifications and experience of the two, especially during this time when there is a great shortage of teachers. It demanded their immediate reinstatement.

The PTU and the Silver Oaks Secondary School Parents, Teachers, Student Association have sent separate telegrams to the Minister of Education and Culture requesting him to respond positively to the applications of the two teachers.

Meanwhile, PTU will hold a general meeting on February 14 at Eldorado Park Civic Centre at 2pm to discuss the dismissals of the two teachers.



Mr AHMED Essop



Mr A L D Pieters

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Sex teaching at school

Education Reporter

THE birds and the bees will take a rest — about 20 000 primary and high school pupils at 19 schools in the Peninsula will receive sex education after the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) launched a programme as part of the teaching syllabus

According to a spokesman for DEC, the programme — a pilot project named Family Guidance, for Sub A to Std 10 — follows two years of research by the Human Sciences Research Council (HRSC)

Four regions, Athlone, Bellville, Mitchells Plain and Wynberg, were identified for the implementation of the programme which will be monitored for its effectiveness and to locate and eliminate problems

Two teachers and a principal of each of the 19 schools recently took part in a training programme offered by the Tygerberg Hospital Family Planning Unit and the Youth Health Services of the Department of National Health and Population Development at the Karl Bremer Hospital, Bellville

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Lessons on sex in Cape schools

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Two teachers and a principal of each of the 10 schools took part in a training programme offered by the Tygerberg Hospital Family Planning Unit and the Youth Health Services of the Department of National Health and Population Development at the Karl Bremer Hospital in Bellville, Cape Town — Sapa

Menlo Park right-wing parents meet Minister

The racial row at Hoërskool Menlo Park following its banning of a black athlete from a prestige sports meeting took a new turn yesterday when a parents' action group, who support the school's right-wing dominated management council, met the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Piet Clase.

On Monday the white own affairs' education Minister met an opposing group of parents, the Menlo Park Parents Action Committee (MPAC), who have demanded the resignation of the council on the grounds that its action did not represent the viewpoint of the majority of parents.

In a brief statement after that meeting Mr Clase said he had undertaken to consider the MPAC's request and that he would announce his decision as soon as possible.

A spokesman for the Minister yesterday confirmed the meeting with the alternative parents' action group, led by Mr Albert Murphy, and said Mr Clase would also be considering their case

FURTHER DISCUSSIONS

It is understood that Mr Clase will not make a full statement on the issue until some time next week, and that he will be meeting the school's management council for further discussions first.

The row started when the council barred a black athlete, Nkululeko "Squeegee" Skweyiya, of Kearsney College in Natal, from taking part in a national schools athletics meeting on February 14.

Pupils from many schools boycotted the meeting in protest at the banning of Nkululeko, son of a prominent Durban advocate.

Angry Menlo Park parents passed a motion of no confidence in the management council at a mass meeting in the school hall, but the council ignored an ultimatum that it resign. — Sapa.

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Seven joined through 'days of awakening'

By SAHM VENTER
A NIGHTMARE began 18 months ago for seven Wynberg teenagers — and they still don't know how it will end

Today they are waiting to find out if the last step between freedom and jail for public violence will succeed

Eighteen months ago they hardly knew each other but now they are united by their frustration and their fear

Ten people were originally charged with public violence in connection with a stone-throwing incident on the corner of Batts and Park roads, Wynberg, after a rally at the Wynberg Senior Secondary School on October 15, 1985

One "disappeared" before the trial started and the nine others were sentenced to between three and five years in

May last year

A 15-year-old had her five year sentence postponed and Ms Ansaaf Mohamed, 18, was acquitted on February 16 when the Supreme Court heard their appeal. The seven others failed in their appeal

Appeal

On March 18 their application for leave to appeal to the Appellate Division in Bloemfontein failed

Their future hangs in the balance as three Appeal Court judges consider the petition to the Chief Justice last week

If the Chief Justice rules against them Dee Dicks, 18, Venecia de Klerk, 19, Julian Stubbs, 18, Igshaan Amlay, 17, and Showqie Enous, 18, will go to jail for 12 months. Wayne Jordaan, 19, and Nassir Masoet, 18, will go to jail for three years

After consultations with psychologists, criminologists and discussions with people who have been in jail, they feel "prepared"

"But we are very worried about the girls," Igshaan said

"We really grew close," Nassir said. He said the past 18 months had been his "day of awakening"

Strong

"I feel pretty awful," Ms Mohamed told SOUTH of her acquittal. "My spirits are strong for them and I'm doing my best to pull my weight." The seven are very aware that they are not the only people with public violence sentences hanging over their heads

According to figures in Parliament, there was a 600 percent increase from 1984/5 to 1985/6 in the number of people under 18 who were convicted on public violence charges

There was a 290 percent increase in public violence convictions and most of these were in the Peninsula

In 1985/86, 3 972 people were prosecuted for public violence, while 1 627 people were convicted

Facing jail, from left (back), Julian Stubbs, Igshaan Amlay, Nassir Masoet. In front are, Showqie Enous and Ansaaf Mohamed, who was acquitted

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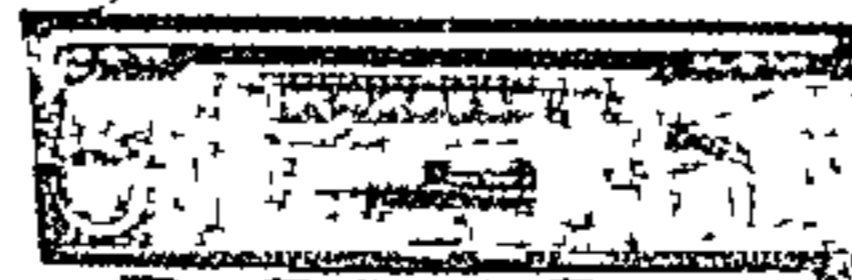
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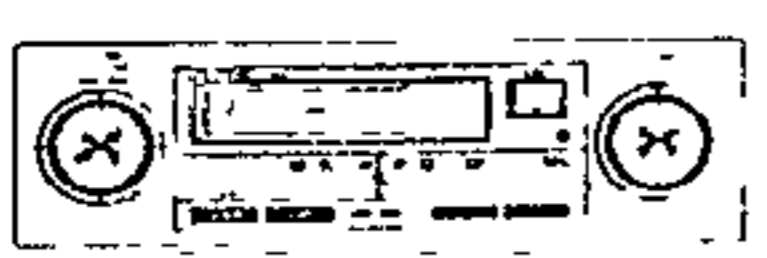
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The education board at its final sitting. From the left. Mr J. H. Swartz, Mrs S Arends, Mrs R Sinclair, Mr I S Barnes (Inspector of Education), Dr J. W. Bergins (Regional Chief Inspector of Education), Mr J. Pretorius (Chairman), Mr E M Derry (Inspector of Education), Mr H C Grondt (Regional Representative), Mr J. D. Barendse, Mr D J Kleinhans, Mr G H Williams and Mr R O'Reilly (MP).

Coloured education board to change

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The regional board of Coloured Education held its final sitting here yesterday after five years in office

A new board will be selected after a lengthy process in which every member finally has to

be approved by the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives

Candidates have been selected by every school in the region. Out of all these names, six suitable people have to be chosen by the various school committees. Before going to the minis-

ter, they have to be examined by the Inspector of Schools

The new members of the board will be notified by a letter from the Minister. The first meeting will be held in September this year

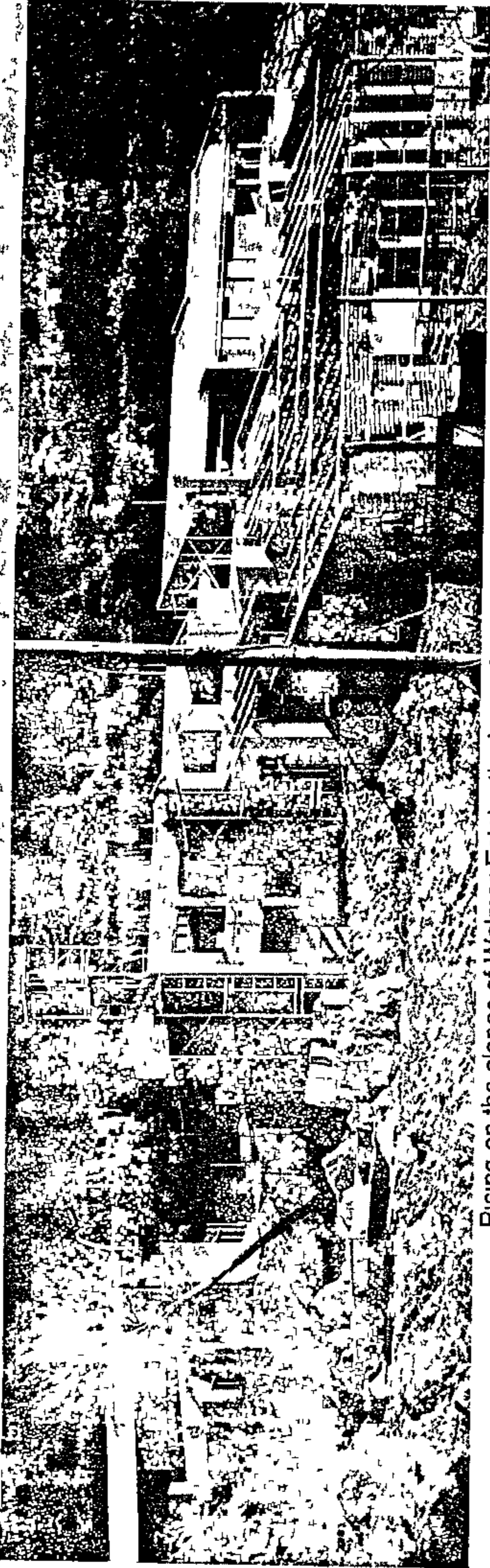
The board deals with educational matters, improving facilities and

upgrading the standard of education in local schools, the chairman of the board, Mr J. Pretorius, said

It acts as a channel through which individual schools can appeal to the government for financial aid

Election nominations close today

Taxpayers foot R365 000 bill for...



Rising on the slopes of Walmer Estate, the luxury homes of the unwanted MPs

UNWANTED MPs' HOMES

By ANTON FISHER

SOON seven unwanted residents of Walmer Estate will be moving into their new houses

They'll be cut off from their neighbours, surrounded by a security fence, living in a floodlit compound and using a special access road from De Waal Drive. What a way to lead your life. You and I are paying for

these houses and they're not cheap - about R365 000 each

According to press reports, the project will cost under R6-million - R2,56-million for the

seven houses and another R3,2-million for security. But the money is not all These cabinet ministers are moving into an area near District Six where thousands of people were evicted under the Group Areas Act. The access

road leads off from an area known then as the Dry Dock

What's it like inside a R365 000 house? This week I got a peep

I wasn't invited but I went to the dusty site below De Waal Drive to get some idea of what a cabinet minister's house looks like

It was lunch time. As I approached a two-metre security fence I could see

the workers in various phases of sleep

At the entrance I showed my press card to a young, white security guard and told him I wanted to have a look around

"You must speak to the foreman," he said and pointed to a green shack about 30 metres up the sloping site. Stalling every step and stealing glances at the face-book buildings I finally got to the foreman

Seated at a desk, he was in eager conversation on the telephone. A minute or two later he hung up

"Ja, wat maak jy hier?" "Good afternoon, I'm from SOUTH, the new weekly paper and I would like to do a story on the building of these"

Double garage

"Sorry, you are not allowed on the premises. If you want any information you must phone the department. That's right, the Department of Public Works, OK"

He gave me two names and a telephone number. Well, what did you expect

On my way out I repeated my supersniper performance, taking in as much detail as I could.

Three double-storey houses at the back of the site near De Waal Drive, already had their black tiled roofs, doors and

windows. The rest had their wooden roofing beams and a few doors

All had double garages. Above these garages there seemed to be lounges overlooking Table Bay. Lovely, isn't it?

Each house seemed to have three bedrooms upstairs - some of which were already painted. And as I passed one I saw what looked like the main bedroom with an en suite bathroom

At the entrance, the guard was quite apologetic when he learnt that I was not going to get a guided tour. As a consolation he told me the cabinet ministers will also have a swimming pool and a tennis court

However, one of the cabinet ministers, the Minister of the Budget, Mr Andrew Julius, could not say whether they would have these summer specials

Asked whether he knew how many bedrooms the houses will have he said ministers' houses normally had four

This is how seven MPs will live under constant guard. The special access road idea was probably spawned by the vociferous opposition to the MPs being thrust on to Walmer Estate residents. "I am sleeping uneasily at night," says a future neighbour who did not want to be named.

A resident who works in the advice office says his family has considered putting in shatterproof window panes when they renovate their house

Mr Frank van der Horst, says the MPs' complex is turning the area into a militarized zone

He says "The slogans on the Walmer Estate walls speak clearly"

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DETTEN ROAD, DEWETZBURG, 1601

(3) Yes, principals are responsible for safety measures, prevention of potentially dangerous situations on sports fields, ensuring adequate supervision by staff and arranging for first aid. Guidelines in this respect are periodically given and relevant research findings are made available to schools.

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him why his Department does not, as a matter of course or as a regular procedure, collate the information recorded at various schools to be able to get a national or provincial picture of what is happening and whether there is a major or only a minor problem?

The MINISTER Mr Speaker the fact of the matter is that it is available to any body wanting to do research. As far as the department is concerned, we have not yet seen the necessity of it, because it is implied upon school principals to try to take all precautions to prevent this type of injury. The hon member will also know that a record of injuries of a less serious nature naturally cannot be kept but when serious injuries are involved, the cases are recorded. Up to this stage we have not yet found it necessary to collate everything for a specific purpose.

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him whether he does not consider it necessary or desirable that his Department does ongoing research in terms of these statistics, as opposed to waiting and providing the information if someone else is interested in doing such research?

The MINISTER Mr Speaker my Department does not consider the matter to be of secondary importance, but I shall ask the Committee of School Principals to investigate the matter, and if it appears necessary that we should have some system to keep record of this for research purposes, we shall do so.

Cape Province, Education Council

*3 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether the Education Council for the Cape Province has been constituted, if not.

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(a) why not and (b) when will it be constituted, if so, (i) who are the members of this council and (ii) whom does each such member represent?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

No

(a) The Council is in the process of being constituted

(b) It is planned that it be implemented 1 August 1987

(i) Falls away

(ii) Falls away

Admission of non-White pupils

*4 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether he has received any requests from State schools to be allowed to admit pupils of other race groups, if so, (a) from which schools and (b) what was his response in each case,

(2) whether he consulted any other Ministers responsible for education before making this response if not, why not, if so (a) which Ministers, (b) when (c) on what basis did the consultation take place and (d) what was the result of this consultation,

(3) whether any State Schools for Whites have admitted pupils who are not White, if so (a) how many (i) schools and (ii) pupils are involved (b) on what grounds were these pupils admitted and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Yes

(a) (i) schools requesting general permission

Rustenburg Girls' Primary School

Rustenburg Girls' High School
 Rondebosch Boys' Primary School
 Rondebosch Boys' High School
 South African College Schools
 Westerford High School
 Camps Bay High School
 Cape Town High School
 Wynberg Boys' High School
 Wynberg Boys' Primary School
 Grove Primary School
 Glenwood Boys' High School

(ii) schools requesting permission to enrol individual pupils

Plettenberg Bay Primary School

Brebnor High School

Rhenish Primary School

Pietersburg Primary School

Malvern Primary School

Fulton School

(b) the requests were turned down, (2) no, because control regarding the admission of pupils to schools of the Department of Education and Culture Administration House of Assembly has been assigned to me in terms of Proclamations No 53, 54, 55 and 56 of 1986, dated 27 March 1986

(a) falls away,

(b) falls away,

(c) falls away,

(d) falls away,

(3) yes,

(a) (i) 19,

(ii) 120,

(b) the children concerned are the children of diplomats and members of consular missions

(c) as of 31 January 1987

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Registration of teachers

*5 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether he or his Department has been involved in any discussions concerning the general registration of teachers, if not, why not, if so, (a) with whom have these discussions been held, (b) on what dates were they held and (c) what was the outcome in each case,

(2) whether he or his Department has taken any steps to promote the general registration of all teachers under a single registering authority, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps, (b) what bodies or persons were involved and (c) what was the result,

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

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Yes

(a) I attended discussions with the FTC on various dates on the invitation of the Minister of National Education who is responsible for the policy regarding the registration of teachers in terms of section 2 (1) (c) of the National Policy for General Education Affairs, (Act No 76 of 1984). The matter was also discussed at a meeting of the Committee of Ministers of Education on 13 January 1987. Officials of my Department also attended a meeting of the CHED on 20 May 1987 at which the matter was discussed.

(b) See (a) above

(c) The bodies mentioned in (a) support the principle of a general registration body for teachers

(2) See (1) above

(3) No

Mr R M BURROWS Mr Speaker, arising

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out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he give us a guarantee that no action will be taken against any teacher who wishes to teach and refuses to register under the existing single race register?

†The MINISTER No, Mr Speaker

Universities

*6 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether he or his Department has taken or intends taking any steps to restrict the admission of students to universities falling under his control on the basis of racial criteria, if so what steps?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

No

Race quotas/restrictions

*7 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 3 on 2 September 1986, any amendment is being contemplated or has been made to the policy of race quotas or restrictions in regard to the admission of students to technikon, if not, why not if so, what is the present policy?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Yes, in the sense that the Minister maintains a dialogue with Rectors of Technikon under his jurisdiction regarding the rendering of service to members of other population groups, taking into consideration the provisions of the Constitution, academic merit, regional needs, the character and ethos of the institutions and ensuring that other and smaller technikon are not deprived of potential students

Mr R M BURROWS Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he give us an indication as to whether the quota for Whites at any technikon has been reduced below 90%?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, if the hon member had been listening he would have

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realised that we have ongoing discussions with the principals of technikon, and after negotiations with individual principals of technikon we are busy adjusting the policy in the light of the needs so determined at a particular technikon

Universities

*8 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) To what extent are student fees in respect of universities falling under the control of his Department subsidised,
- (2) whether these subsidies are granted subject to certain conditions, if so, what are these conditions?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) The universities are subsidised in terms of a scientifically determined formula. The implication is that the Department of Education and Culture subsidises student fees by approximately 80%.

(2) subsidies are determined purely on the number of full-time equivalent students

For written reply
General Affairs

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Maize: landed cost

20 Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Agriculture

- What was the (a) landed cost of each consignment of maize imported in 1985 and
- (b) (i) outflow of foreign currency and (ii) extra cost to the taxpayer as a result of these imports?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(a) The landed cost of each consignment of maize imported in 1985 is not available. During the period 1 May 1984 to 30 April 1985, 2 043 543 tons of maize were imported at an average landed cost of R248 06 per ton. No maize was imported after 30 April 1985.

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(b) (i) The total landed cost was R506 914 526

(ii) An amount of R92 789 776 could not be recovered in the selling price of the imported maize and had to be financed by the State

(a)	(i)	(ii)
3	123	427
531	80	80
86	29	29

Universities' students registered

Medical University of Southern Africa

32 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

How many applications by students for admission to the first-year course in the faculties of (a) medicine (b) dentistry and (c) veterinary science have been (i) received and (ii) accepted at the Medical University of Southern Africa in respect of 1987?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

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(b)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
University of Zululand	3	0	3	1 223
University of the North	0	2	0	1 448
Medical University of Southern Africa	0	0	18	414
Vista University	0	51	2	614

Work opportunities

46 Mr J J WALSH asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

- How many new work opportunities were created for Blacks in each employment sector by each of the development corporations in the 1985-86 financial year and (b) what was the cost per opportunity in each sector?

Commerce, services and housing industries	Establishment of industries	Small industries
(a)	23	2 731
(b)	R7 391	R1 672
		R2 482

(a)	23	2 731	10	1 600	—	—
(b)	R7 391	R1 672	R2 482	—	—	—

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72 teachers in DET hearings

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By SHAUNA WESTCOTT

FOUR of the most experienced, respected and dedicated educationists in the community are to be the first of 72 teachers summoned to disciplinary hearings for refusing to administer exams at the end of 1985

The four, who between them have 112 years of teaching experience, are Harold Cressy principal Mr Victor Ritchie, Alexander Sinton deputy principal Mr Nabil Swart, Crestway deputy principal Mr Philip Tobias and Cathkin deputy principal Mr Yusuf Abrahams.

Mr Tobias will be the first to face allegations of "misconduct" at a hearing scheduled for July 20 by the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives (DET)

The Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) has condemned the hearings as "absolute madness" and committed itself to a campaign in support of the 72, who could lose their jobs or face long terms of suspension if found guilty

The hearings follow an 18-month silence from the DET after it suspended, then reinstated but threatened to charge, the 72

The teachers argued that after six months of boycotts and disruptions it

was "educationally fraudulent" to expect unprepared pupils to write exams

Thousands of pupils boycotted the exams, in any event, and the DET came in for further criticism with its controversial decision to promote pupils despite poor results

Fear has been expressed in the community about the consequences of the hearings

Released from detention

Mr Tobias, a 52-year-old father of two daughters, is current president of the union. He has been deputy principal at Crestway since 1979 and a teacher for 24 years.

Mr Swart, a 49-year-old father of four, has taught for 27 years. He was released recently by order of the Supreme Court from almost a year of unlawful detention

Mr Ritchie, a 56-year-old father of three, has been principal at Harold Cressy for 23 years and a teacher at the school for 34 years. He is active in amateur swimming organizations and brought the sport union's popular Chess Code into being

Mr Abrahams, a 49-year-old father of six, has been deputy principal at Cathkin since 1974 and has taught for 26 years

any more attacks. The hearing continues.

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**Charges 'contemptible':
Drop them, says union**

Education Reporter

THE Western Cape Teachers' Union has called on the House of Representatives Department of Education and Culture to drop disciplinary hearings against 72 teachers who allegedly refused to administer examinations in 1985.

The first five teachers are due to face allegations of misconduct on July 20.

Union president Mr Yusuf Gabru said: "We regard the so-called misconduct charges with contempt."

Examinations at the end of 1985 were "farcical" because of disruptions at numerous Western Cape schools.

"The teachers who refused to administer them had the support of our union and the community."

He said the union viewed the

department's decision to go ahead with the hearings as an attack on the entire "progressive movement" in education.

"This is an attack by an illegal department that has no moral authority to intimidate progressive teachers."

The charges should be dropped immediately and unconditionally, he said.

Among those who have been summoned for the July 20 hearings are Mr Victor Ritchie, principal of Harold Cressy High in District Six, Mr Philip Tobias, deputy-principal of Crestway Senior Secondary School in Steenberg, Mr Nabil Swart, deputy-principal of Alexander Sinton High in Athlone, and Mr Yusuf Abrahams, deputy-principal of Cathkin High in Heideveld.

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Stop action against teachers — students

Staff Reporter ~~SS~~

THE "explosive" disciplinary action against 72 teachers by the Department of Education and Culture (DEC), House of Representatives, must be scrapped or students "will be bound to show their feelings"

In a statement yesterday, Mr Neville Naidoo, media officer for the Western Province Tertiary Student Representative Councils (WPTSRCs), said his group was

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monitoring the actions of the DEC.

"We are bound to act soon and show our feelings towards the department as has happened in the past," he said

The action taken by the DEC against the teachers was "explosive" even if one-and-a-half years had passed since the exams

Mr Naidoo also called on the DEC to "stop harassing and in-

timidating teachers who wish to express their protest at injustices"

"We believe the teachers acted correctly and justly when they refused to administer the fraudulent examinations of 1985"

The WPTSRCs represent SRCs of Hewat Training College, Bellville Training College, Wesley, Sally Davis, Zonnebloem, Athlone, Sohnge Training College and the Peninsula Technikon

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DEC hearings 'will destabilize schools'

Education Reporter

THE University of Cape Town, the Cape Town Teachers' Association (CTTA) and the Union of Teacher's Associations of SA (Utasa) yesterday expressed their concern over the pending disciplinary hearings against 72 Western Cape teachers.

The acting vice-chancellor of UCT, Professor J V O Reid, said he was "most concerned" that "four important officials of schools under the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) will be subjected to disciplinary hearings over the matter of the 1985 end-of-year June examinations".

"There is a general concern that individuals responsible for four very important schools should be pursued in a way that will inevitably further destabilize the already troubled situation in Western Cape schools," he said.

The four, the first of the 72 teachers to be summoned to the hearings, are Mr Victor Ritchie, principal of Harold Cressy, Mr Nabil Swart, deputy principal of Alexander Sinton, Mr Philip Tobias, deputy principal of Crestway, and Mr Yusuf Abrahams, deputy principal of Cathkin.

Prof Reid said: "We believe that these are highly responsible people who are to be subjected to the disciplinary hearings. The success of the schools that they are responsible for is shown by the fact that between them they have provided over 90 applicants to UCT this year, compared to 49 in 1983."

Prof Reid said he hoped that any hearing would "really listen to sensible statements of what examinations at the end of 1985 would have meant in the circumstances of the prolonged disruption of schools and the highly charged emotions that prevailed".

The CTTA, representing 21 000 members, and Utasa, representing 30 000 members, said in a statement that they wished to object to the "unnecessary and provocative" decision of the DEC to continue with "the persecution of teachers, who as a result of various considerations, could not administer the 1985 final exams".

The CTTA and Utasa said they believed this action was "in no way" promoting the search for solutions to problems which have occurred in education.

Talks end between

DET and teachers

Education Reporter

DISCUSSIONS between the Department of Education and Training (DET) and Langa High School teachers on the re-registration of pupils ended yesterday

The Democratic Teachers' Union (DETU) said last night the meeting had ended with teachers stressing the DET must meet Langa parents on Sunday to discuss the matter

A teacher who attended the meetings, but declined to be named, said the teachers wanted the minister to postpone the issue of registration until the beginning of next year, when all pupils would routinely register for the new school year

The DET declined to issue any statements after the meetings

The re-registration of pupils has been the main bone of contention between the DET and the parents, teachers and pupils of Langa High

The DET has insisted the school cannot "officially re-open" until pupils re-register

Teachers would not take the misconduct charges against 72 of their number lying down, said Mr Yusuf Gabru, chairman of the Western Cape Teachers Union (Wectu), at a protest meeting attended by about 1 200 people in Rylands last night

Mr Gabru said teachers were not "spoiling" for a fight, because they were aware of the results of violence at schools and in the townships

The 72 teachers, all of them Wectu members, face charges of misconduct for refusing to administer the 1985 final exams

"Wectu rejects the charges with contempt, but wishes to reiterate that it is not spoiling for a fight. If there are disruptions in schools, it is not our fault. We don't want a school boycott," said Mr Gabru

Ebrahim keeps silent on misconduct hearings

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Education Reporter

THE Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, has maintained his silence as strong pressure mounts on the department to abandon misconduct charges against 72 Peninsula teachers

The issue has already sparked stayaways on a scale unseen in Western Cape schools since 1985

Educational, political, trade union and sport groups have urged the de-

partment to drop disciplinary proceedings against the teachers — nearly all members of the Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) — who allegedly refused to administer exams at the end of 1985 on the grounds that they were "farfical" Mass school boycotts and closures had thrown out school syllabuses

The hearings, which are closed, begin at the department's Broad Road offices in Wynberg at 9am on Monday, starting with the deputy-principal of

Crestway Senior Secondary in Steenberg, Mr Philip Tobias

Asked late yesterday if his department would consider dropping or postponing the charges in the light of the outcry, Mr Ebrahim said "I'm sorry, I can't say a word to you"

He referred queries to his Press officer, Mr Tinus Dempsey, who was said to be on leave

At a Press conference Wectu reiterated its call for the immediate and unconditional dropping of the charges

Cape Times 18/7/87

Deputy head first for probe

Education Reporter

THE deputy principal of Crestway School, Mr Phillip Tobias, will be the first of 72 Western Cape teachers to face a disciplinary hearing when they begin in the Department of Education and Culture offices in Wynberg on Monday.

The hearings take place 19 months after teachers refused to administer examinations at the end of 1985, when pupils had not attended classes for months.

The chairman of the Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu), Mr Yusuf Gabru, said the union members assumed the hearings would be open and they would attend.

He said parents would also be interested in hearing how a teacher with 34 years of unblemished teaching experience could be facing such charges.

Mr Gabru said Wectu and the community had indicated they would "not lie down if any action is taken against the teachers".

The vice-president of the Western Province Senior Schools Sports Union, Mr Gert Bam, said yesterday that virtually all of the 112 Peninsula schools represented by the union supported a demand that charges against the teachers be dropped unconditionally and with immediate effect.

Cape Times 20/7/87

Teacher hearings start amid objections

By CLARE HARPER
Education Reporter

THE first of 72 misconduct hearings against Western Cape teachers begins in Wynberg today, amid warnings by community and teacher organizations that proceeding with the charges could lead to an education crisis in the Western Cape.

Hundreds of teachers and pupils are expected to attend the hearing of the vice-principal of Crestway Senior Secondary, Mr Phillip Tobias, to demand that the charges be dropped.

The hearings arise out of the refusal of teachers to administer end-of-year examinations in 1985. They claimed that the exams were a farce because students were not equipped to write after six months of boycotts.

Depending on the outcome of the hearings the teachers could be dismissed, called upon to resign, demoted, transferred, fined (not exceeding R400), cautioned or reprimanded.

Last night the executive of the University of Cape Town's Academics Association said it was "alarmed at the insistence of the Minister of Education and Culture in proceeding with disciplinary hearings against four able and highly responsible educationists".

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Luxurama Cinema in Park Road to await the outcome of Mr Tobias's hearing

In the cinema, a speaker called on the "faceless" teachers to "show the people who you are" The teachers stepped forward and were greeted with sustained applause and a standing ovation

Speakers at the meeting included Mr Yusuf Gabru, chairman of the Western Cape Teachers' Union (WECTU), Mr Moosa Kaprey, chairman of the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC), and Dr Neville Alexander of the South African College for Higher Education (SACHED)

After about two hours the meeting ended, and people streamed out and headed for their buses A mini-bus containing four policemen stood by, filming the proceedings

Minutes later, witnesses said, a bottle was thrown into the open door of the mini-bus and exploded with "a God-almighty bang Black smoke was pouring from the car and two officers jumped out with their handguns drawn to search for the bombers"

The policemen pursued several members of the crowd, who ran down Park Road and vanished

Body-searched

Police then sealed off about 500m of Park Road next to the cinema

Students in six buses were told not to disembark because they were to be taken to the Wynberg police station, where they and the buses would be searched

Police then body-searched an estimated 600 pupils and teachers The names of all teachers present were taken by the police

The buses and pedestrians were then allowed to leave

A spokesman for the police public relation division in Pretoria later stated that a police officer had been slightly injured by the "home-made explosive device" in Park Road

In another incident connected with the hearings yesterday, youths — some said to be from Vista Senior Secondary School on the slopes of Signal Hill, set alight and destroyed a parked car and damaged at least five others in the Bo-Kaap, in protest at alleged police actions at the school

A substantial number of pupils did not attend classes yesterday According to witnesses, events started when a police contingent visited the school and took the names of those absent

After 9 30am the police began patrolling the area, watched by various groups of youths Around 10 30am one car after another was damaged in sporadic attacks

An employee at a nearby computer software firm, Mrs Sue Bembridge, said she saw youths stoning three cars, including hers, in Buiten Street

"It happened very quickly," she said "We saw bricks and stones flying into our windcreens My first reaction was immediately to dash out of the building and into the street I saw about six or eight teenagers running away"

Mrs Bembridge said her car's windscreen was smashed, but that damage done to a colleague's car was more extensive

"All her windows except one were smashed in There's also damage to the car's body We reckon it's about R1 200-worth of damage to the windows alone"

About an hour later, youths overturned a vehicle in Leeuwen Street and stoned another, which they later set alight

The windows of at least four other cars parked in Bloem, Byron and Buiten streets were also smashed by youths in the course of the day

A small crowd gathered about 12 30pm as firemen doused the burning vehicle and police intensified patrols A police helicopter circled overhead for about five minutes shortly before 2pm

A spokesman for the police public relations division later confirmed that a vehicle had been burnt out in Leeuwen Street and that there had been "isolated stonings of vehicles in the area", adding "The area was extensively patrolled but no arrests have yet been made"

Widespread stayaway

By mid-afternoon several car owners were seen hurriedly removing their vehicles from the area

There was a widespread stayaway from "coloured" schools in the Peninsula yesterday in what pupils and teachers described as "a gesture of support for the 72 Wectu teachers"

The president of the South African Teachers' Association, Mr Richard R Hawkins, appealed yesterday to the Department of Education and Culture to take account of "the obvious dilemma" faced by the teachers involved in the disciplinary hearings

Noting that Sata accepted that the teachers' actions had constituted "a technical breach of the regulation", he said it would "plead strongly" that the "obvious dilemma" between the technical requirements and their professional judgment be considered

The 18-month delay in taking action "must reflect adversely on the professional standing of the teachers concerned and cannot contribute positively to a resolution of the present education crisis"

The vice-president of the Teacher's League of South Africa, Mr E W Steenkamp, said his organization, together with parents, pupils and their fellow teachers, fully support the victimized teachers and expressed its "strongest condemnation" of the House of Representatives action

The Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, Mr Charles Redcliffe, called yesterday on Mr Carter Ebrahim, the Minister of Education and Culture, to "stop the prosecution of teachers immediately"

Conciliatory attitude

The prosecutions were contributing to increased tensions between students and the department, and this was leading to an "unpleasant situation"

Mr Redcliffe noted that at the end of 1985 Mr Ebrahim decided that students concerned could rewrite their examinations, and added "By doing that, he effectively admitted he was wrong If he could adopt a conciliatory attitude then, I do not see why he cannot do so now with the 72 teachers, and contribute to the creation of goodwill in the country"

The vice-president of the UDF Western Cape Region, Mr Joe Marks, warned the DEC last night that its persisting in prosecuting the teachers was about to "provoke a major confrontation in our schools"

He said the UDF demanded the "immediate dropping of charges", adding "The four teachers that are currently being charged are amongst the most respected and capable educationists in Cape Town"

"We want to warn DEC that our community feels extremely strongly about this issue The events of today showed clearly the anger their actions provoked"



FIRST UP . . Mr Phillip Tobias, outside the Broad Street, Wynberg Culture before

TWO Blasts ROCK City



MOVING IN . . . Police in Wynberg yesterday before taking up positions outside the office of the Department of Education and Culture

By 8 30am yesterday — half-an-hour before the Mr Tobias's hearing was scheduled to begin — onlookers had already gathered outside the DEC offices. Heavily armed riot police were lined up outside the gates.

By 10am the crowd had grown to about 1 000 people, while a police helicopter circled overhead and two policemen with dogs stood by.

Members of the legal team acting for Mr Tobias shuffled in and out in attempts to gain the presiding officer's permission to allow teachers and members of the public to attend the hearing.

The crowd were later told that only the legal team and the witnesses would be allowed to attend. They did not disperse.

Some time later a woman was taken for medical treatment after she was bitten on the foot by a police dog.

Members of the crowd, including many of the teachers' facing charges, then moved to the nearby

Police said that just before 9pm a suspected limpet mine exploded, damaging three cars.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Denise Benson was at the scene of the blast — a Defence Force residence, Castle Court, on the corner of Tennant and Caledon streets. She said one car was totally wrecked and the two others were "burnt".

She said another mini-limpet mine was found at

the scene (a courtyard between two of the blocks of Castle Court in District Six) and was detonated at 9 40pm by the police explosives squad.

Another police liaison officer, Lt Attie Laubscher,

said the second mini-limpet mine, found near the car where the first limpet mine exploded, was detonated in a field about 100m away.

He showed pressmen where the roof of the car

had landed, about 100m from the blast — a section of the windscreen was flung over four storeys and landed about 190m away.

Lt Benson said there were no injuries, but that two people — one of them a pregnant woman — were treated for shock.

Police were still combing the area and mopping up late last night.

The blast scene is only a few minutes' walk from the city police headquarters at Caledon Square.

Several windows fronting the courtyard were shattered and a twisted and blackened section of a large gas bottle lay in the courtyard.

Police, some with sniffer dogs, immediately sealed off Hanover Street, Tennant Street and Constatution Street after the first blast as ambulance, Metro and fire brigade personnel stood by.

The courtyard of the building — where Springbok single-handed sailor John Martin is also resident — was littered with glass over an area of about 90 sq m.

A resident of Castle Court, Mr Stephen Day, who is an Air Force radio technician, was watching TV when he heard a "terrific bang". "I have never heard anything like it before in my life, the whole place shook."

"There was a bright, intense light, which slashed right through the building. Only the blackened, twisted chassis of the car at the centre of the blast could be seen. The two other cars were also badly damaged."

His wife, Evalda, said she looked out of the window to see a "ball of flame that jumped about 45m into the air". "The blast blew windows open and shattered the windows of adjacent flats," she said.

Meanwhile at Wynberg yesterday two minor injuries resulted from the incidents — a policeman was slightly hurt and a woman was bitten on the foot by a police dog.

Police afternoon sealed off a Wynberg road yesterday afternoon and searched pupils and teachers after what they described as a "home-made explosive device" was flung into a police video unit vehicle.

The incident occurred after about 2 500 pupils, teachers, clergymen and parents crammed into the

Tobias picture — Page 3

Luxurama Cinema in Park Road, following a gathering outside the Wynberg Regional office of the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) in Broad Road, Wynberg.

Mr Phillip Tobias, deputy principal of Crestway Senior Secondary School, was the first teacher to be tried on disciplinary charges following the teachers' decisions not to administer exams because of conditions in 1985. The hearing in the Tobias case was completed yesterday, but judgment was delayed.

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UWC students protest against DEC hearings

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 1 000 University of the Western Cape students yesterday voted to stop writing examinations till tomorrow to show their support for the 72 local teachers facing Department of Education and Culture (DEC) disciplinary hearings.

The 72 teachers face possible suspension or dismissal for refusing to administer year-end examinations in 1985 for which they felt pupils were not sufficiently prepared.

Official recognition

At the meeting, held in the university's main hall, speakers from the National Education Crisis Committee, the Western Cape Teachers' Union and the Democratic Teachers' Union told students that a critical situation similar to the 1985 school upheavals was fast approaching.

In a statement released afterwards, the campus SRC demanded the "immediate dropping" of the DEC disciplinary hearings and the dismissal of public violence charges against 14 Peninsula pupils.

The SRC also demanded the official recognition of parent/teacher/student associations and school SRCs.

A spokesman for the university administration, Mr R O'Grady, SAID about 1 200 students had been due to write exams yesterday and today. Exams would be rescheduled for August 10 and 11, and students would be informed of precise details "in good time", he said.

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Cape Times 25/7/87 257
Teacher hearings on hold pending result

of THE disciplinary hearings for 71 Western Cape teachers charged with misconduct have been postponed indefinitely, pending the outcome of the first hearing held this week.

This was confirmed yesterday by Mr D Conradie, the retired magistrate who is conducting the hearings on behalf of the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives.

The chairman of the Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu), Mr Yusuf Gabru, said yesterday the postponement indicated that "the department itself is unsure about the validity of the charges".

"We re-iterate our demand that all charges be dropped immediately and unconditionally.

Cape Flats school attendances have plummeted as pupils staged protest stayaways over the issue.

On Thursday students at eight training colleges boycotted classes along with University of the Western Cape students.

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- OF CULTURED AND BAROQUE PEARLS —**
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Teachers: Technikon staff add voices to call

Education Reporter

STAFF of the Peninsula Technikon have added their voices to calls for misconduct charges against 72 Western Cape teachers to be dropped.

The teachers allegedly refused to conduct examinations in 1985.

In a statement signed by the vice-rector, Mr B Figayi, the Technikon staff said the fact that the teachers had been summoned to appear before the Department of Education and Culture, House of Representatives, after a lapse of 18 months was "indicative of the insensitivity of the people in authority".

"Should this action destabilise education in the Western Cape then full responsibility

for this must be taken by the authorities concerned."

The statement called for the immediate withdrawal of the charges and for the "normalisation" of the situation at Langa High School, where pupils have been instructed to re-register.

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Kirtland, was arrested on Thursday evening after taking the baby to a hospital and trying to claim the infant as her own.

The next day she led police to the mountains, where Mrs Ray's mutilated body was found.

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Langa: Govt 'willing to talk'

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. — The government was willing to negotiate the future of Langa High School, the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said yesterday.

Speaking in the committee stage of the budget, he said the registration of pupils was an attempt to provide them with better educational opportunities.

A false impression had been created that his department was not willing to take part in talks, he said. — Sapa

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Stolen Cosatu car, briefcases found

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Labour Reporter

THE thieves who made off with a car belonging to the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), Western Cape, later abandoned the car in Salt River, complete with three briefcases which had been stolen from the car earlier in the day.

The stolen vehicle was found by police hours after appeals for its return appeared in the local press.

Shortly after the theft, a top Cosatu official appealed for the return of the car, because it was "the property of Western Cape workers" and had "not been insured".

The thieves also returned three briefcases marked with the Cosatu logo, "An injury to one is an injury to all", which were stolen earlier.

Cosatu regional secretary, Mr Nick Henwood, said yesterday police found the car about five blocks from the branch office in Salt River last Thursday evening, two days after the car was stolen in broad daylight.

He said although the briefcases, Cosatu key-rings and report-back booklets from the second national congress were found in the car, the spare wheel, the car radio and some tools were taken.

Mr Henwood said: "We are relieved to get our car back and grateful that our documents appear not to have been taken."

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Education Reporter

SEVENTEEN academics of UCT's School of Education have expressed their "deepest concern" and "strongest professional disapproval" over the hearings by the Department of Education and Culture into the alleged "misconduct" of 72 Western Cape teachers.

Crestway vice-principal Mr Phillip Tobias appeared at the first of the hearings, heard in camera on July 20

Further hearings were postponed indefinitely pending the outcome.

The teachers face possible suspension or dismissal for refusing to administer year-end examinations in 1985, for which they felt pupils were not prepared

The first four charged are Harold Cressy principal, Mr Victor Ritchie, Alexander Sinton deputy principal, Mr Nabil Swart, Cathkin deputy principal, Mr Yusuf Abrahams and Mr Tobias. All four are UCT graduates and have between them 112 years of teaching service.

The academics requested the department to drop all charges against all 72 teachers.

The statement was signed by Miss M A Archer, Professor M J Ashley, Mr N Bakker, Mr C Breen, Miss C Cornell, Mrs C du Toit, Mr J Esterhuyse, Mrs W J Flanagan, Mr J D Gilmour, Professor I de V Heyns, Mr P Kallaway, Mr N Lindhard, Mr A N M Paterson, Mrs P Rivett-Carnac, Mr R F Sieborger, Associate Professor P E Spargo and Professor D N Young.

School staff air grievances

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Labour Reporter

NON-TEACHING school staff have a wide range of grievances, according to speakers at a meeting of the Public Servants League.

About 120 people attended the meeting in Elsie's River on Saturday, including a representative of the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives.

One of the grievances expressed was the attitude of school principals towards non-teaching staff.

Speakers alleged they were regarded as "dirt" by principals who expected them to work long hours and weekends at short notice.

They also complained that they were expected to have their tea and lunch in toilets because there were no other facilities for them.

Sometimes they were also expected to do guard duty.

There had been some improvements in conditions recently, but many caretakers were still earning less than R400 a month and were regarded as temporary employees.

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Choppers monitor Cape Flats rallies

By CHRIS BATEMAN

AS THOUSANDS of Cape Flats pupils stayed away from classes yesterday, police used a helicopter to monitor school rallies in Mitchells Plain, where at least two pupils were arrested.

The arrests were made about 1pm at a house opposite Rocklands No 4 High School, soon after the helicopter arrived to monitor a gathering in the school quadrangle where a pupil using a loud hailer.

The pupils had returned to their classrooms, had collected their belongings and were leaving the school in small groups when a police van pulled up outside the house and policemen arrested the two pupils on the doorstep.

Teachers identified the pupils as Fatima Osman and Steve Pitts, both in Std 7, and said they had had "absolutely nothing to do with organizing the meeting or addressing it".

A police spokesman later said the gathering had "scattered" after the helicopter arrived. Some of the leaders identified from the helicopter had been detained for questioning and later released, he added.

He declined to identify the pupils arrested or to say how many had been held.

A Cape Times tour of Cape Flats schools showed most were empty of pupils, except in Mitchells Plain, where at least two rallies were held yesterday afternoon.

Most Athlone High School pupils attended a sports day which included a soccer game at the Vygieskral Stadium, monitored by police from vehicles.

Labour set to support the Dakar talks

Political Correspondent

The Dakar conference may be raised in Parliament again this week — but this time in a House where the majority of the members are sympathetic to such discussions.

This will be in the debate in the House of Representatives on President Botha's Budget vote.

The debate on this vote in the Assembly ended yesterday

The meeting with the ANC is one of the issues on which there are tensions between Mr Botha and the Labour Party, led by Cabinet colleague Mr Allan Hendrickse.

While Mr Botha last week

sharply attacked the talks and indicated that steps could be taken to prevent these happening again, Mr Hendrickse earlier issued a statement in which he praised the talks

TENSIONS

The Group Areas Act is another issue on which there are tensions between Mr Botha and the Labour Party, which is determined to use the debate to show that it has not been totally co-opted into the present constitutional system

A recent statement by Mr Hendrickse that he may again swim on a white beach, in spite of his previous dressing down from Mr Botha, has increased

these tensions

In addition to again calling for the repeal of the Group Areas Act, the Labour Party is expected to reject Mr Botha's plan to have elections for the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates separately from the one for the white House of Assembly

The coloured and Indian Houses are now due to have elections in 1989 and the white one in 1992

Tomorrow Mr Botha will move to the House of Delegates, where the Group Areas Act and the slow pace of reform are expected to be at the top of the agenda in the debate.

By BARRY STREEK
and CLARE HARPER

DISCIPLINARY steps against 72 Cape Town teachers who refused to administer examinations at the end of 1985 were cancelled yesterday by the chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, Mr Allan Hendrickse.

"There will ... be no further steps taken against them," he said during the debate on the vote on the State President in the House.

The Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu), of which nearly all the teachers are members, the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC) and individual teachers facing charges said the decision was a victory and a vindication of their stand in refusing to administer the examinations.

The chairman of Wectu, Mr Yusuf Gabru, said the Department of Education and Culture (Representatives) had made a "thorough mess of the whole issue and has proved that the stand taken by Wectu teachers was correct".

The deputy principal of Alexander Sinton High School, Mr Nabil Swart, who also faced charges, said the decision was "wonderful news".

The deputy principal of Crestway, Mr Philip Tobias, the first teacher to face a hearing on July 20, said he was "not surprised at the move" since it was "educationally unsound for pupils to have written examinations without having attended classes".

A spokesman for the NECC executive said the dropping of charges was "a major victory for all progressive teachers".

Mr Hendrickse said the actions of the teachers could not be justified or

Action against 72 teachers dropped

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condoned and that the Ministers' Council had decided the disciplinary procedures would be revised immediately so that investigations would in future be handled more quickly.

The decision to end the disciplinary action against the 72 teachers — which has led to protests and calls on the House of Representatives administration to stop the move — was taken by the Ministers' Council.

'Thorough consideration'

Mr Hendrickse said the council took the decision to restore the teachers to their positions after "thorough consideration".

During the unrest in the schools at the end of 1985, a small group of teachers and even a few principals assumed the right to ignore the lawful orders in connection with the delaying of exams.

"The education department consequently had no choice but to take action against those who would not subject themselves to normal discipline," Mr Hendrickse said.

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Jubilation after charges against teachers dropped

Political Staff

THE Western Cape Teachers Union (Wectu) is jubilant over the announcement that charges against the 72 Wectu teachers, charged with misconduct for refusing to administer examinations in 1985, have been dropped.

The teachers have been reinstated in their posts.

The withdrawal of the charges was announced in the House of Representatives yesterday by the Rev Allan Hendrickse, chairman of the Ministers' Council.

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A Wectu spokesman said: "This is a major victory for Wectu, the student movement and the National Education Crisis Committee.

"It is a clear indication to teachers that by belonging to a progressive organisation like Wectu their rights will be defended."

The withdrawal of the charges was proof that the stand taken by teachers was correct.

In refusing to administer examinations at the time, the teachers said that to do so would go against sound educational principles as disruption had meant the students were not in the position to sit for exams.

"The Department of Education and Culture has made a thorough mess of the whole issue and has proved to be incapable of administering our schools," the spokesman said.

In his announcement, Mr Hendrickse said the withdrawal of the charges was not to be seen as condoning the actions of the 72 teachers.

THE LETTERS:

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — An exchange of letters between President Botha and the Rev Allan Hendrickse preceded the latter's resignation from the Cabinet. Mr Hendrickse has released the text of the letters.

In his letter to Mr Hendrickse, Mr Botha wrote "I refer to a Cabinet decision of August 12 in terms of which the institution would be amended to make provision for a separate maximum term of office for each House of Parliament."

"The decision in question was unanimously taken by the cabinet and reads as follows: "The Cabinet approves the amendment of the Constitution to provide for a separate maximum term of five years for each House."

Limitation of the term of office of the State President to five years or as at present until joint dissolution of all three houses, whichever is the shortest, to bring about the necessary changes.

"According to a report in the *Burger* of August 24 you and the following at Kenmore "I quote

"The State President's prob-

Labour Party leader and President had 'fundamental differences in perspective'

Hendrickse gives reasons for resignation

David Braun, Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The clash between Labour Party leader and Cabinet Minister Mr Allan Hendrickse and President Botha came to a head yesterday afternoon after an exchange of letters between the two.

Mr Hendrickse received a letter from Mr Botha about 2 pm yesterday, shortly before the start of the debate on the Vote of the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr J C Heunis.

Soon afterwards Mr Hendrickse's reply, announcing his resignation, was delivered to Mr Botha at Tlynhuys.

In the afternoon the House of Representatives took the unusual step of adjourning for an emergency caucus meeting of the Labour Party at which Mr Hendrickse's decision to resign from the Cabinet was unanimously endorsed.

Shouts of approval

There were loud cries of "Hear, hear" from his followers when he announced his decision in the House soon after 5 pm.

In his speech in the House Mr Hendrickse pointed out that he had told Mr Botha that he (Mr Botha) was not prepared to acknowledge the perceptions and feelings of others when they did not agree with his own.

Referring to the clashes between Mr Botha and coloured MPs in the House last week, he said Mr Botha had come to the House to fight and not to

The long, tough road of compromise

Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The Rev Allan Hendrickse has come a long way with the State President, Mr P W Botha.

If the road for them is to part after yesterday's angry exchange of letters which prompted the Labour Party leader to resign from the Cabinet, it will not be the first time Mr Hendrickse is seriously at odds with the system.

During the unrest which followed the 1976 Soweto riots, Mr Hendrickse was detained under security legislation for two months, then banned from making political speeches and entering the magisterial district of Port Elizabeth for a brief period.

In 1978, as new leader of the Labour Party, Mr Hendrickse pleaded for the imposition of economic sanctions.

In 1980, after deciding on a policy of non-violence and non-

co-operation with the Government, his party made the Coloured Representative Council collapse.

According to Shelagh Gastrow's *Who's Who* in South African Politics, Mr Hendrickse was seen as a supporter of the black consciousness movement and of other liberation movements.

Yet in August 1980, Mr Hendrickse met Mr Botha in what Mrs Gastrow described as a "new spirit of negotiation". This marked a change in his attitude.

In 1977, he had opposed the Government's constitutional plans. But in 1983, his party voted overwhelmingly in favour of the updated constitutional plans.

Mr Hendrickse led his party into the general election for the coloured House of Representatives in 1984, in the face of heavy opposition from the UDF, Azapo, and kwazulu's

Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The LP took 76 of the 80 seats and Mr Hendrickse was appointed Chairman of the Ministers' Council and a member of the President's Cabinet. This was a source of great pride and wonder to the Labour leader.

He often spoke to foreign visitors and critics of the historic precedent that he and the Chairman of the Ministers' Council of the House of Delegates, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, were the first people of colour to sit in the Cabinet.

Mr Hendrickse was probably the best ambassador the Government could have wanted to promote the "success" of the tricameral system.

For a while, Mr Hendrickse and his party won a number of victories, including the repeal of the Prohibition of Mixed Marriages Act and the scrapping of laws prohibiting mul-

listen There was not one member who had attacked him in any of his capacities.

Previously, Mr Botha had clashed with him on the support he had expressed for talks such as the Dakar conference.

Mr Botha had accused him of repudiating the President and had said that he would in turn repudiate Mr Hendrickse.

There had, therefore, been a build-up "and it is obvious that we are not understanding each other".

There were fundamental differences in perspectives. The white perspective was an ideological one which excluded acknowledgement of other perspectives — but at no time had members denigrated or insulted the Afrikaner.

"You could say that we are Afrikaners. We speak the same language and some white Afrikaners even have a bit of coloured blood in them."

The difference in perspectives was clearly illustrated in Mr Botha's speech to the House after members had acknowledged that there had been great progress in areas such as education and health services. Mr Botha was only looking for one perspective.

In his clash with Mr Botha about the Dakar talks he had reiterated that he had no doubt about people of different political persuasions talking to each other.

"We have to sit around a table to work out common solutions to South Africa's problems."



Mr Allan Hendrickse, Labour Party, and President Botha, who resigned from the Cabinet, are seen in a photograph taken after Hendrickse's resignation.

lem is that he wants to share, but that he also does not want to surrender power. He wants to give, but he wants to retain the right to decide. This is a pity because our future lies together.

"Mr Botha has made an announcement in the Assembly that he wants to amend the constitution so that the term of the Assembly can be extended.

"It is the Labour Party which will decide if that Act will be accepted. It will not become law until the National Party has come to talk to us, and has said how they interpret that mandate, not only in the interests of the whites of the National Party but for the whole of South Africa.

"If the National Party do not do this, they can forget about us supporting that amendment to the Constitution."

Mr Botha wrote that if Mr Hendrickse had been correctly reported, he had acted in conflict with a Cabinet decision he himself had supported. Under these circumstances his membership of the Cabinet was unacceptable and he would like to hear from Mr Hendrickse in this regard.

In his reply to Mr Botha, Mr Hendrickse wrote: "For your information, I include extracts from my speech in the House of Representatives on August 19, in which I clearly indicated that I have no problem with the postponement of elections for the House of Assembly. This is not in conflict with the decision of the Cabinet to which I agreed, but, surely, I have a democratic right to decide on the implications thereof.

"It is obvious that you are not prepared or willing to acknowledge the feelings and perceptions of others if that perception is not in line with that of yourself and your party.

"I therefore now hereby tender my resignation from the Cabinet."

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tiracial membership of political parties

Yet the Separate Amenities Act and the Group Areas Act, still on the statute books, contributed to yesterday's crisis

In January, Mr Hendrickse publicly flaunted the Separate Amenities Act by swimming on a whites-only beach at Port Elizabeth — and earned a severe dressing-down on national television from the State President

Mr Botha gave him the option of calling an election or apologising and Mr Hendrickse chose the latter

The episode cost Mr Hendrickse much of his support and precipitated a party split

Last week, frustrations within the Labour Party over this and the Government's evident foot-dragging on the Group Areas Act boiled over during the budget vote of the State President in the House of Representatives

Mr Botha taunted members to move a motion of no confidence in the Cabinet which, if successful, would result in the dissolution of the chamber.

Mr Hendrickse again took heavy criticism from all sides

Smarting from the tongue-lashing, he threatened to block Mr Botha's plans to extend the life of the House of Assembly beyond 1989, and the crisis precipitated

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Govt won't have its own way so easily, says Hendrickse

Labour might block new laws

By David Braun, Political Correspondent

Cape Town
The Rev Allan Hendrickse's Labour Party will confront the Government over planned key legislation.



The Rev Allan Hendrickse holds the letter from State President Mr P W Botha stating that he comply with Cabinet decisions or resign. Mr Hendrickse said he had no choice but to resign.

The new aggressive style of the governing party in the House of Representatives is the first significant consequence of Mr Hendrickse's resignation from the Cabinet yesterday.

Mr Hendrickse said today his party members were no longer bound by his commitment to the Cabinet and all legislation would from now on be more carefully scrutinised.

According to other Labour sources today the Government is — as a result of the new strategy — not easily going to get its way on the following items.

- Legislation forcing employers to deduct amounts owed for rents and services from the salaries of their employees. This Bill was already running into heavy weather, but now will almost certainly not be accepted by the House of Representatives or the House of Delegates.
- The National Council Bill, which President Botha wanted to be introduced this session so as to speed up his plans to involve black leaders in a forum for negotiations.
- Legislation extending powers to self-governing states. The Labour Party is against consolidating the system of separate development.
- Cabinet plans to change the Constitution so as to give each House of Parliament a separate maximum life. The effect of this measure would be to allow the Government to postpone the white elections currently scheduled for 1989.

No need to fill seat

Constitutional experts said today President Botha was under no obligation to replace Mr Hendrickse in the Cabinet.

He was in the Cabinet at the invitation of the State President, who appointed the Labour Leader in his capacity as Chairman of the Ministers' Council of the House of Representatives.

As such, Mr Hendrickse did not have a general affairs portfolio so his departure created no specific vacancy.

In terms of the Constitution, Mr Botha is not obliged to appoint any specific representative of a House to his Cabinet.

Even though he no longer serves on the Cabinet, Mr Hendrickse is still a Minister with the full salary, status and perks of any other Minister.

On this last item Mr Hendrickse appears to have Mr Botha over a barrel as the constitution specifically excludes the President's Council from being able to arbitrate on matters concerning the life of Parliament.

The crisis which resulted in Mr Hendrickse's resignation from the Cabinet was precipitated by his threat to withhold support for this amendment until the National Party clarified its plans for reform.

Mr Hendrickse said yesterday the Labour Party was still prepared to talk to the National Party and if necessary would take the initiative in this regard.

He said the Labour Party would be taking a more aggressive stance in the House of Representatives towards legislation.

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We are not kids any more, says Richards

Labour lashes out at P W's speech

PARLIAMENT — The Leader of the House of Representatives, Mr Miley Richards, said yesterday that the State President, Mr P W Botha, had invited him to work together with the Government, but when he tried to do this he was threatened

Mr Richards was referring in debate on the Constitutional Development and Planning vote to a speech made in the House by Mr Botha last week in which, Mr Richards said, Mr Botha attacked him

"What I said I meant," he said

'No further role to play'

"All I did as a representative of the people was to express how my people see the situation.

"If I'm denied that right I have no further role to play in this Chamber."

Mr Botha should understand that only he, Mr Richards, and the LP would decide what role they would play in the House and what strategy they would use

"We are not children any more," he said

"You are talking to grown-ups"

Mr Richards said it was good that influx control and the racial clauses of the Immorality Act

had gone, but what really pained one was the Group Areas Act

"The State President says I must say thank you," he said "Thank you for what? The Group Areas Act and apartheid?"

His forebears had owned smallholdings in what was now Acacia Park, a development reserved for White parliamentarians

"Must I say thank you for that?" he asked

His parents had owned shops in Sophiatown, which had been razed to make way for a White suburb Should he say thank you for that?

The Coloured people of Western township had been left for 26 years in the same shacks when the black people of Sophiatown were moved

"What wasn't good enough for the black people was good enough for us," he said "Must I fall on my knees and say thank you for that?"

Other responses to the State President's speech were:

● Mr Desmond Lockey (LP Nominated) said the comment that Coloured people should thank Afrikaners for their advancement was paternalism at its worst

Mr Lockey said Mr Botha's comment that the Group Areas Act had protected the coloured community, was "as far from the truth as East is from West"

● Mr John Douw (LP Nominated) said the Afrikaner was the real victim of apartheid.

Apartheid had affected the humanity of the Afrikaner, dehumanising him to an extent.

If the Afrikaner was serious about seeking a solution he would have to abandon his insistence on forced arrangement of relationships between people

The actual question in South Africa now was whether the State President, Mr P W Botha, was a head of state or a party leader, and whether he represented all South Africans or if he meant it when he referred to Afrikaners as "my people", Mr Douw said — Sapa

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Somerset

THE leader of the Labour Party, Reverend Allan Hendrickse, resigned from the Cabinet yesterday.

Mr Hendrickse made the announcement in a speech during the debate on the constitutional development and planning vote.

The announcement followed an adjournment of the debate in order for a special caucus meeting to be held.

When the House reconvened, Mr Hendrickse rose and made a speech in which he set out his and his party's conceptions and perceptions and the party's position following the attack on members of the party by the State President, Mr P W Botha, last Wednesday.

At the end of a 50-minute address to the House, he read a letter he had received from President Botha in regard to statements made by him in connection with the

proposed change to the constitution which would enable the House of Assembly elections to be postponed.

REV Allan Hendrickse.

Mr Hendrickse said he had told the House of Representatives last Wednesday and a meeting of his party at Keimoes on Saturday that if the National Party did not "talk to us" on where it was going, it could forget L.P support for its proposed change to the constitution allowing it to postpone the next general election.

"The State President sent me a letter asking if I was correctly reported in the newspapers (on these statements) and saying this (view) was in

conflict with the Cabinet decision and it brought into question my membership to the Cabinet," Mr Hendrickse said.

"This morning I replied:

"Sir, for your information I include extracts from my speech to the House of Representatives on Wednesday, August 19 in which I clearly indicated I had no problem with the postponement of the election for the House of Assembly.

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COMMENT

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Decorative puppets

AT first glance the drama between the State President and the Rev Mr Allan Hendrickse is a sad one, with Mr Hendrickse getting a raw deal from Mr Botha.

But when you look a little longer you realise that there is nothing that Mr Hendrickse is losing: he continues to get his full salary as a Minister in spite of having resigned from the Cabinet and he continues to get all the perks of being a Minister.

The rest is just a lot of words . . .

What in fact makes this a sad story is that Mr Hendrickse and other blacks in the tricameral Parliament went against the wishes of the majority in this country and got involved in second class politics. They argued that they would fight apartheid from within.

They are now getting frustrated by the system, but instead of nodding their heads and getting out, they are dancing this graceless dance.

When they tried to block some security legislation last year, the Government — the people who really run this country — went over their heads and turned the Bills into law.

And just to make certain the blacks in Parliament knew who was boss, the Government added the present state of emergency to the two security Bills.

Hendrickse then tried to fight apartheid outside Parliament by swimming at a "whites-only" beach in Port Elizabeth. After that well-publicised demonstration Mr Botha cracked the whip and Mr Hendrickse was forced to apologise.

Mr Hendrickse and his colleagues in the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates are a pathetic lot. And they will continue to be for as long as they continue to remain in Parliament as decorative puppets.

THE resignation of the leader of the Labour Party, Reverend Allan Hendrickse, from Cabinet this week did not fool anybody, the Azanian People's Organisation said yesterday.

Mr. Muntu Myeza, national publicity secretary of Azapo, said in a statement that Mr. Hendrickse still retained all his functions as one of the chief collaborators with the system.

Nobody is fooled says Azapo

Mr. Myeza said the "latest charade" demonstrated that no person could hope to influence or negotiate with the system in its own territory from a position of weakness.

Secondly, much as Mr. Hendrickse would like to eat his cake and have it, it is clear that one needs a very long spoon to sup with the devil.

always maintained that Government created platforms are not instruments for change.

At the same time, the secretary of the region, Mr. Thabo Ndabeni, said yesterday, Mr. Hendrickse's resignation highlighted one factor in the "politics of co-option". It was either one

who hog by disconting their participation in the tricameral Parliament.

The futility of the strategy of trying to change the system has been exposed. P.W. Botha knows that participation in the two houses (of Representatives and Delegates) are vulnerable

because they (MPs) were not elected by the majority of the people they purport to represent," Mr. Ndabeni said. He said victory was certain outside Parliament.

"We therefore reiterate our call that the Houses of Delegates and Representatives gracefully refrain from participating and let the white Parliament fumble alone," he said.

A tough stand

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THE Rev Allan Hendrickse's Labour Party is set to take on the Government in a major confrontation over critical legislation plans.

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SOWETAN Correspondent

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Nat hierarchy in turmoil

Axe poised over senior SABC staff

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THE National Party hierarchy was into turmoil last night as the crisis over the resignation from the Cabinet of Allan Hendrickse threatened to precipitate a major clean-out of top staff at the SABC.

Political sources close to the NP caucus described a President P W Botha on the rampage and threatening to install former deputy head of the prisons department Jannie Roux as the new head of the SABC.

The sacking of Riaan Eksteen as director-general — still officially unconfirmed but described by a top Nationalist source as "mere formality" — was expected to be followed by the departure of other senior staff. Eksteen checked out of his hotel in Cape Town yesterday morning and could not be traced.

The SABC itself was awash with rumours, but staff claimed they were forbidden to report the events on any of its news bulletins.

A senior official close to the events said "There's blood on the floor every-

"BIG Brother" was silent at the SABC's Auckland Park headquarters yesterday.

SABC staff, shocked at rumours that their chief executive Riaan "Kudu" Eksteen had been sacked by President P W Botha, anxiously watched the internal television monitors on which Eksteen's image materialised in times of crisis to reassure staff.

But the screens remained blank. Eksteen, fondly called "Big Brother", failed to appear.

Eksteen used the closed circuit TV to add a personal touch to internal corporation communications. When, for example, a number of high-ranking SABC officials went on early retirement, staff heard it first from their chief executive, in both official languages.

where — not only at the SABC, but even inside the caucus."

The sources said Botha personally fired Eksteen because he was dissatis-

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fied with the SABC's reporting on Hendrickse's resignation on Monday night.

In Parliament yesterday, Alwyn Schlabusch, Minister in charge of broadcasting, said in reply to a question about speculation on Eksteen's dismissal that his answer was "very short and very definite".

"The SABC board has the exclusive right to employ people and to dismiss them and to accept their resignation." It was up to the board to take any action, if necessary, if and when it saw fit.

But Eksteen's departure is expected to be confirmed next Wednesday after a meeting with the SABC board.

Botha is said to have been incensed by the "excessive" exposure given to Hendrickse's view of his resignation from the Cabinet during the 8pm news broadcast.

So much so, in fact, that the SATV political team handling the transmission were contacted during the broadcast by Tuynhuys and ordered to carry in full the text of the two letters between Botha and Hendrickse, indicating that the latter's continued presence in the Cabinet was no longer tenable.

The resignation of the Labour Party leader is said to have created severe problems for the NP, which had hoped to change the constitution to delay the next white election until 1992. Hendrickse is thought now to be in a position to block this plan and force another election in 1989.

Botha's intervention, or that of offi-

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cials in his office, in the handling of a news broadcast on the SABC has made waves within the NP caucus.

The turbulence has been intensified by its coming hard on the heels of Botha's controversial and insensitive exhibition of power in the House of Representative — a display which finally caused Hendrickse to quit the Cabinet.

Considerable concern is now privately being expressed by several NP members over the harm Botha's "ill considered" actions and outbursts are doing to both his party and the stature of his office.

Botha's perceived efforts to "strong-arm" the SABC has also aroused considerable criticism from opposition political parties.

"If the rumours and reports are true that the President has intervened in the hiring and firing of top SABC personnel then the pretext that the SABC is independent of the government and the NP has at last been set aside," PFP media affairs spokesman David Dalling commented last night.

Both the PFP and the CP Official Opposition stressed that even Botha, with the power he wielded as President, did not have the right to fire the SABC's Director General.

"Whoever replaces Eksteen can only be worse, and further contribute to reducing the SABC to a political lackey," Dalling concluded.

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CABINET CRISIS

Will P W back down?

There is growing concern in parliamentary circles over P W Botha's ability to lead SA towards negotiated solutions, following this week's Cabinet crisis

His apparently deliberate decision to force a showdown with Labour Party (LP) leader Allan Hendrickse in the House of Representatives, which led to Hendrickse quitting the Cabinet, has shattered a cornerstone of the tri-cameral parliamentary system and brought into question his commitment to genuine negotiation with leaders who oppose Nationalist policies

If Botha is unable to handle the give-and-take of negotiation with a man as moderate as Hendrickse, what chance is there of his coming to terms with more radical opponents such as the strong-willed KwaZulu leader, Mangosuthu Buthelezi?

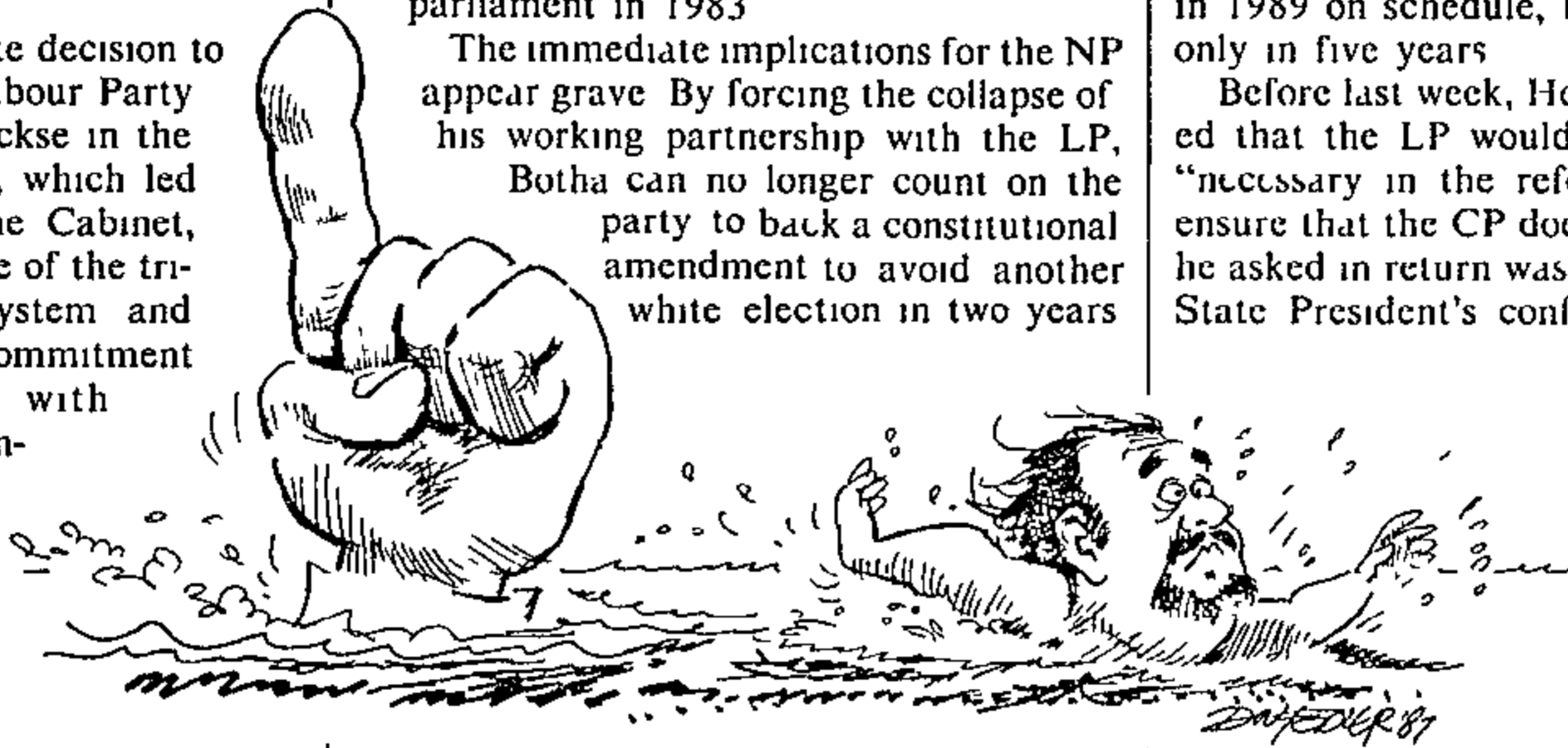
Contrary to the spirit of the tri-cameral system, which was meant to lead parliament away from the "confrontational" approach of a Westminster-style democracy, Botha has pushed the LP firmly into "confrontational opposition"

But freed from the shackles of its role as "junior partner" to the Nat-dominated gov-

ernment, the LP is actually in a stronger position to bargain for "real" reform than at any time since it opted to participate in parliament in 1983

The immediate implications for the NP appear grave. By forcing the collapse of his working partnership with the LP,

Botha can no longer count on the party to back a constitutional amendment to avoid another white election in two years



The amendment, which will allow the three houses of parliament to serve their five-year terms separately, must be approved by a majority of total membership of all three. Unlike other Bills, no provision is made for the Nat-controlled President's Council to break a deadlock on constitutional amendments of this nature

Without the amendment all three houses will have to face the voters again in 1989. Botha wants to avert another white poll (and

a not inconceivable Conservative victory) by splitting the terms of each house, so that the coloured and Indian houses will be re-elected in 1989 on schedule, but whites vote again only in five years

Before last week, Hendrickse had indicated that the LP would back the change as "necessary in the reform process" and to ensure that the CP does not take power. All he asked in return was "to be taken into the State President's confidence on what that reform (process) is going to be"

But it seems Botha wasn't listening. He went to the House of Representatives set for a fight re-

gardless of the consequences

It was an amazing display quite out of keeping with the "behind-closed-doors consensus" of the tri-cameral system insisted on up to now by the Nats. It indicated total misunderstanding by Botha of both the LP's role in parliament and the growing problems it is facing in the coloured community. It was also insensitive in the extreme to the misery caused to millions of coloureds over nearly 40 years by Nat apartheid policies

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But if Botha expected the LP caucus to be intimidated he misjudged badly and succeeded only in dumping both his party and the tri-cameral system into a crisis

Hendrickse correctly says that while first interpretations of Botha's tongue-lashing were that it was an embarrassment to the LP, on reflection clearly Botha will suffer more long-term embarrassment

Hendrickse told a weekend party congress in the north-western Cape that the LP can also play rough, and will now use the constitutional amendment Bill as a lever to wrinkle out further commitments to reform

"It (the Bill) will not become law before the NP comes to talk to us and tells us how they interpret their election mandate — not only in the interests of the whites or the NP, but for the whole of SA. If the NP doesn't do this, they can forget about us supporting the amendment," he said

Quit the Cabinet

Botha took exception to this and effectively told Hendrickse to repudiate it or quit the Cabinet. The LP leader chose to go

Parliamentary observers point out that Hendrickse is now in a position of significant power. If he chooses to use it, Botha could face a humiliating backdown

Botha cannot force the LP out of parliament other than by dissolving all three houses. Nor can he force Hendrickse or any other member of the coloured Ministers' Council to quit

Long-term (as in Namibia, when the transitional government refused to toe his line), he can cut the coloured budget next year. But that won't solve his immediate problem

The LP for its part is still considering strategy. It seems likely to opt for demanding Group Areas concessions

The re-drafted President's Council report on this Act is due for publication next month. There are suggestions that it will recommend easing some residential apartheid measures. If Botha wants his constitutional amendment approved by parliament this year, he may have to come to a quick decision on just how far he is prepared to go when it comes to scrapping the Group Areas Act.

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'THE VITAL VIEWPOINT'

Eksteen back on 'Big Brother' box at the SABC

By Day 28/8/87

SABC director-general Riaan Eksteen broke a three-day silence yesterday to tell his staff from the corporation's in-house TV screen "As you can see, I'm still here."

It was his first appearance since Allan Hendrickse was given television time to explain his resignation from the Cabinet. Since then Eksteen's tenure at Auckland Park has been threatened by a reportedly incensed President P W Botha.

Ironically, Eksteen himself would probably have had nothing to do with

Hendrickse's appearance. According to former TV news editor Rusty van Druiten, the decision to have the Labour Party leader on the box would have been taken by a duty editor.

Van Druiten conducted several interviews with Eksteen for the internal TV channel, commonly known as "Big Brother", in his 10 years at the SABC, and describes him as "an enlightened and positive person".

"I believe he is an example of many others at the SABC who have evolved far

beyond the philosophy and practices entrenched in government policies. It is no wonder he is in the firing line."

Eksteen's appointment as director-general topped a long line of achievements as a career diplomat with the Foreign Affairs Department.

Between 1968 and 1973 he served at the South African Embassy in Washington, rising to the post of first secretary. Between 1979 and 1981 he was SA's Ambas-

sador to the UN and dealt extensively with the Namibian issue.

As one of Foreign Minister Pik Botha's right-hand men, Eksteen was well placed to take over as chief executive of the SABC, a post he was given in 1984 after heading Botha's planning division.

According to CP spokesman on internal affairs Koos van der Merwe, Eksteen is Botha's "Trojan horse".

"Both Eksteen and Brand Fourie (chairman of the SABC board and an-

other product of Foreign Affairs) have been very effectively building Pk's image.

More controversial, perhaps, has been Eksteen's enthusiasm in swinging the resources of the corporation firmly behind the State's "counter-revolutionary strategy".

The formal decision on Eksteen's future will be taken by the SABC board on Wednesday.

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FOR ONCE, THE WHY
PW found himself
outmanoeuvred

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THE leader of the Labour Party, Allan Hendrickse, clearly outmanoeuvred President PW Botha by announcing his resignation from the cabinet this week

It is unusual for Botha, a tough and often shrewd politician, to be outflanked — and his anger at SATV's portrayal of Hendrickse's views has led to the extraordinary dispute over the future of the SABC's Director-General Riaan Eksteen

Hendrickse, by suddenly adjourning the House of Representatives on Monday afternoon, holding a Labour Party caucus which gave him unanimous support, attacking Botha for not understanding either his views or those of the Labour Party, and then dramatically resigning, took the initiative

Instead of it appearing as though Hendrickse had been dismissed for acting in conflict with a cabinet decision, the media, including the ever-loyal SABC, reported that the Labour Party leader had resigned

"It is obvious that you are not prepared or willing to acknowledge the feelings and perceptions of others if that perception is not in line with yourself and of your party," Hendrickse wrote in his letter of resignation to Botha

In effect, it made the issue look as though the Labour Party took action because it felt Botha refused to acknowledge that it and the National Party were different political parties — and that he, as a white political leader, could not, or would not, understand the aspirations of coloured people

Botha, on the other hand, wanted the issue to be one of cabinet discipline and collective responsibility

But Hendrickse had read the situation when Botha came to the House of Representatives last week, he said, "there was an expectation that something was going to happen. Rumours were spread amongst members of the National Party

"I believe mention was made within their caucus — I may be right, I may be wrong — that the state president's coming to the House of Representatives almost created 'a State of Emergency' "

He also said there was "a conflict of perceptions" and Botha "only looked at the situation from his own perspective"

The government has tried — particularly in three prolonged broadcasts on TV on Monday night — to "correct" the Hendrickse version of events, but to little avail. Even the official mouthpiece of the National Party

had intended to do so, they would have had to subpoena witnesses, and particularly Mkatshwa as chief witness. But this was never done "

Natal University law professor, Tony Mathews agreed that it was very strange that Mkatshwa was not subpoenaed

He said that in view of the very serious allegations of torture by Mkatshwa it was "very difficult to understand why the charges did not include assault and were confined to *crimen injuria*"

Mkatshwa has launched a damages claim of R50 000 against the state for assaults which he alleges he received during his detention

Weekly Mail Reporter,
Cape Town

ly, *Die Burger*, headlined the story 'Hendrickse Bedank' (Hendrickse resigns)

The Labour Party is determined to remain in parliament and, Hendrickse said, "is committed to the principle of participation and no demand by the state president that we should get out is going to be met by us. For the first time people of colour are sitting at the highest echelon of government

"It is an undeniable fact that for the first time in the history of South Africa a person of colour sat on the cabinet"

So it is not going to resign or enable Botha to call a new election for the House of Representatives by passing a motion of no-confidence in the government or refusing to pass the budget

As far as the Labour Party is concerned, the only difference will be that its leader will no longer be in the cabinet, where the chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates, Amichand Rajbansi, now is the only black member

Hendrickse's resignation will obviously boost his party's chances in two by-elections in Gelvandale, Port Elizabeth, and Northern Transvaal on Tuesday, September 8. The independent candidates, backed by the new Democratic Party, have been giving the Labour Party a tough fight

It is not clear at this stage who will win the by-elections but it is not impossible that the Labour Party could lose both seats. If it did, that could increase tensions in the party

After September 8, the government may be forced to make some deal with the Labour Party in order to ensure the support of the House of Representatives for a constitutional amendment allowing the postponement of white elections until 1992. The amendment cannot be passed without the support of all three houses, and it cannot be referred to the President's Council if there is a conflict

The other possibility is that the Labour Party will split, but however much the government would like more conservative MPs to break away from Hendrickse, it is going to have difficulty finding a potential leader

Botha's attack last week on Chris April, the minister of health services and welfare, was hardly designed to win friends and the other potential leader of a split, David Curry, the minister of local government, housing and agriculture, is not interested

Curry said this week he was not prepared to commit political suicide by replacing Hendrickse

The government's options therefore appear limited. If the Labour Party does not resign or force an election, and it remains united, the government will have to do a deal, however embarrassing that may be to Botha

In the meantime, the increasingly bullish Conservative Party is watching developments with delight. The way things are now, the government may be reluctantly forced to hold a white election in 1989 or it will have to back down to the Labour Party. Either way, the CP believes it can only benefit

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It's been a long, hard road to a showdown on reform

"We speak the same language. We share the same religion. We have the same culture. Yet there are people in this House (of Representatives) who are more white than some in the House of Assembly."

This was brought to a head the simmering conflict between leader of the House of Representatives the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, and State President Mr P W Botha. It has resulted in Mr Hendrickse's resignation from the Cabinet and Mr Botha having to perform soon a political balancing act.

The showdown came 11 years after Mr Hendrickse was thrown into detention by the then Minister of Justice, Mr Jimmy Kruger — something Mr Hendrickse has reason to recall with a degree of glee.

Mr Kruger was later to become President of the Senate, and Mr Hendrickse, as chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives now occupies the office Mr Kruger did then.

Helenard Joe (Allan) Hendrickse was born in Uitenhage on October

22 1927, the fifth child of the minister of the Dale Street Congregational Church.

He grew up in a racially integrated area and his experience of good neighbourliness left the lasting impression that people could live together peacefully.

Following his father's footsteps, Mr Hendrickse studied to be a teacher and a church minister and for many years father and son worked side by side.

In 1971 the community was forced to move in terms of the Group Areas Act to a coloured township. Mr Hendrickse described to Parliament how that experience broke his father as he watched their home and church being demolished. To this day nothing has been built in their place.

In 1969, Mr Hendrickse helped found the Labour Party and in the same year stood for election to the Coloured Representative Council (CRC), then the Government's instrument for granting political expression to the coloureds.

Later that same year, however, after a number of meetings with the Mr P W Botha (then Prime Minister), Mr Hendrickse changed his thinking to a belief that political change could best be brought about through communication, consultation and negotiation.

He led the LP to victory in the election for the new House of Representatives, winning 76 of the 80 seats. Mr Botha appointed him Chairman of the Ministers' Council of the House of Representatives and as a Cabinet Minister.

From the outset, Mr Hendrickse said he had gone into the system for five years to see if he could dismantle apartheid from within.

Major targets for repeal included the Group Areas Act, the Separate Amenities Act, the pass laws, the Mixed Marriages Act and the Immorality Act.

But earlier this year Mr Hendrickse said group areas had to go or the LP would reconsider its participation in the system. He also deliberately broke the law by swim-

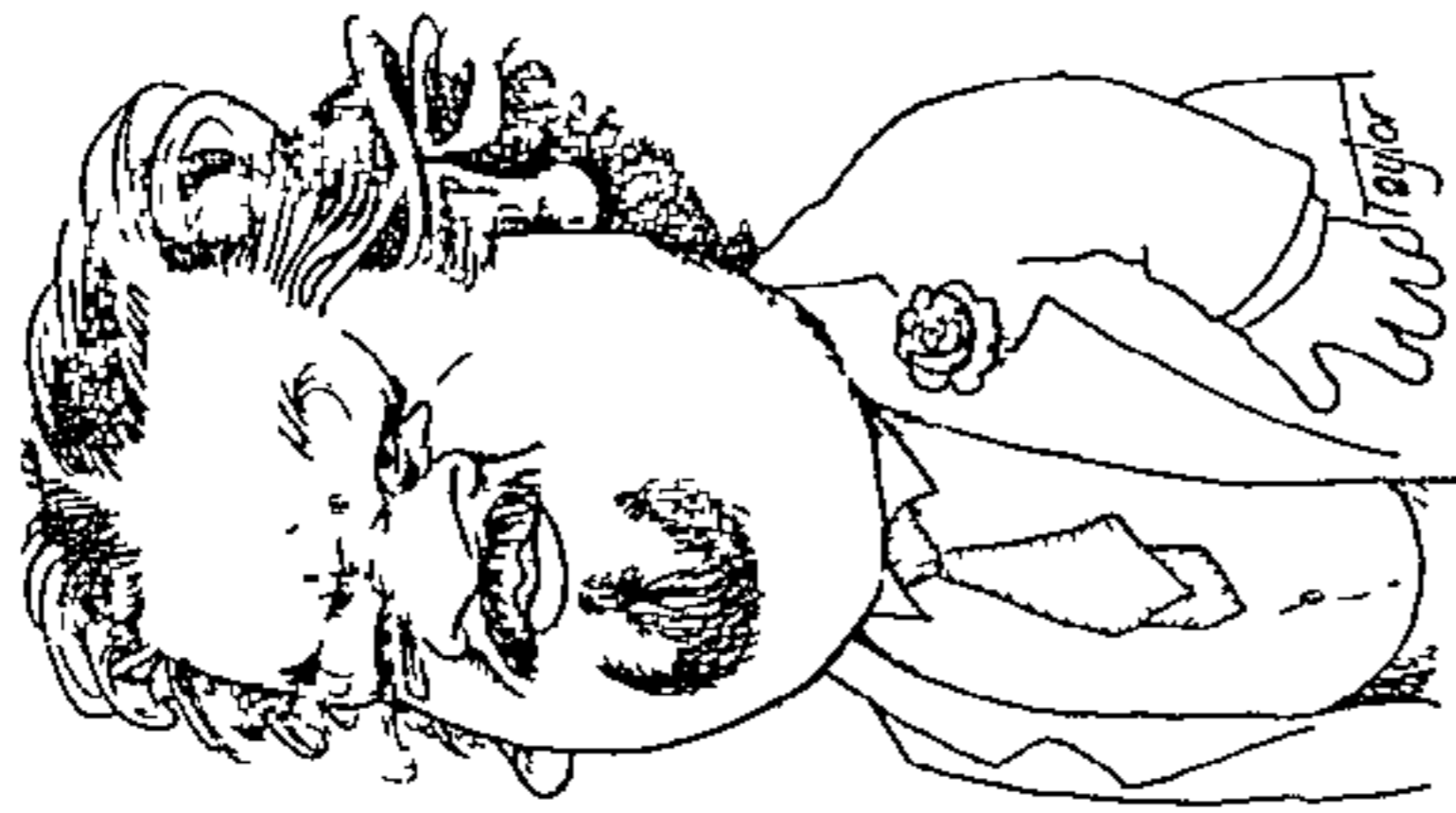
ming at a whites-only beach in Port Elizabeth.

President Botha dug in his heels on the principle of group areas and he gave Mr Hendrickse a dressing down for the beach incident, which was seen as violating the convention that Cabinet Ministers must at all times behave with dignity. Mr Botha ordered Mr Hendrickse to apologise or to leave the Cabinet, and when the Labour leader chose the former, what was left of his credibility disappeared.

The humiliation sparked a crisis in the Labour Party, and Mr Botha's angry speech in the House of Representatives last week, berating members for their insulting attitude towards Afrikaners, was the last straw.

Mr Hendrickse threatened to block Mr Botha's plans to postpone the 1989 elections unless there was clarity on the Government's reform programme.

Mr Botha hit back by saying Mr Hendrickse had already agreed in the Cabinet to the plan, and his



position had become unacceptable. The Labour leader had no option but to resign.

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It is surely a simple matter of racism

THIS week's rumpus involving President Botha and the Rev Allan Hendrickse inevitably recalls a scene from the film *Roots*, based on Alex Haley's famous saga of a black American's attempt to trace his ancestry.

A slave, descendant of a proud warrior from Gambia in Africa, is beaten by his white master because he would not accept that his name be changed from Kunta Kinte, his ancestral name, to Toby, his slave tag.

There was something of the same quality of the debate that has occurred over the last two weeks between our white President and his coloured, junior, colleagues.

The details of the exchange are well known. It is perhaps time to consider the broader implications.

In his letter of resignation to Mr Botha, Mr Hendrickse wrote:

"It is obvious that you are not prepared or willing to acknowledge the feelings and perceptions of others if that perception is not in line with that of yourself and your party."

"I, therefore, hereby tender my resignation from the Cabinet"

Mr Hendrickse said afterwards he felt relieved and "unshackled", a figurative political Toby reverting to a Kunta Kinte.

It is this aspect of "perceptions" then, that is crucial. President Botha genuinely feels aggrieved that coloured South Africans have not shown sufficient "gratitude" for what has been done for them.

Painful

Therein lies the rub what is being done for people rather than with them? Coloured South Africans — and even the term is painful — do not claim nor expect any more than is granted other South Africans. Only the same opportunity, the same treatment.

Little can President Botha hope to understand the feelings and perceptions of a person who lives in a country where skin colour determines his life from the cradle to the

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Hendrickse Affair

I may disagree with you, Botha now seems to be saying, but I will defend to the death my right to stop YOU from disagreeing with ME...

THE sacking of the Rev Allan Hendrickse has led to a wave of anticipatory relish among critics of the tricameral Parliament, the Labour Party and President Botha.

How long, the question is asked, can the tricameral Parliament last?

Such speculation may be a little premature.

The dramatic rupture this week between the normally acquiescent Mr Hendrickse and usually belligerent President Botha was not only to be expected, it should be welcomed as one of the more positive developments in our otherwise moribund politics.

Mr Hendrickse's unceremonious firing, for that is really what it was, brings to an end a ludicrous three-year period during which the leaders of the coloured and Indian Houses found themselves neither opposition fish nor government fowl.

In consequence they spent most of their time siding with the National Party and the balance placating their followers. The role of effective opposition went by default to the Progressive Federal Party, who had all the right principles but none of the power — limited as it is — enjoyed by the majority parties in the other two chambers of Parliament.

What brought about this week's drama?

At the one level, of course is the personality of President Botha — forbidding and increasingly unapproachable patriarch who understands the stick, but is uneasy with the carrot.

Three years ago, in happier times President Botha assured questioners at a Press conference to announce the appointment of the coloured and Indian Ministers that the new Ministers would be entitled to disagree publicly with decisions taken by the Cabinet — as long as they informed him first.

There has not been much public disagreement since — and for a simple reason. On those rare occasions when either the Labour or National People's parties have chosen to take a publicly divergent stand from the President, it has led to much snorting and belittling from the bulls in the Government kraal.

A stalled reform programme, foreign and domestic pressure, and the, well, ambivalence of the coloureds and Indians about what

the devil they were supposed to be doing in Parliament anyway, has all served to shorten President Botha's legendary short fuse.

I may disagree with you, he now seems to be saying, but I will defend to the death my right to stop you disagreeing with me. It is this style, perhaps more than any other, which stands as the most unpredictable ingredient in recipes for a future political settlement.

But presidential petulance is only half the story.

The fact is that Mr Hendrickse should never have been in the central Cabinet in the first place as was remarked by some observers when he was appointed.

The central Cabinet, which was fashioned by President Botha after the 1984 elections, was a structural coalition, but had none of the basic qualities of a true political coalition.

Coalition governments are traditionally formed around a core of common ground, although disagreement, sometimes fierce, can collapse the coalition.

President Botha's coalition, meanwhile, was unique in that it comprised parties agreed on peripherals (the scrapping of apartheid apart), but fiercely divided on fundamentals (free political association, irrespective of race).

The inclusion of Mr Hendrickse in the Cabinet caused much pain and heartache for two main rea-

sons

- In the first place, it bound Mr Hendrickse to the conventions and niceties of the Cabinet collegiate. Publicly, then, the Labour Party leader found it almost impossible to criticise Cabinet Ministers who most certainly warranted it.
- The most perfect example of that was the Langa shootings, a disgraceful episode in the history of the South African Police for which Minister Louis le Grange's head should most assuredly have rolled.

Mr Hendrickse, unable to at party spokesman, Mr Peter Mopp, to make a statement demanding Mr le Grange's sacking. In the resultant furor, Mr le Grange demanded that President Botha take Mr Hendrickse to task — which he did.

The next day the Labour Party implied Mr Mopp's statement was "unoperative", because he was not the correct spokesman for the issue and one of his colleagues, Mr Don Mateman was despatched to placate the Minister of Law and Order.

Small wonder, then, that Mr Mopp, an East London attorney, was a leading light in the rebellion earlier this year which saw eight Labour Party members defect because of Mr Hendrickse's "co-optation" by the Cabinet.

● The second reason is the obvious

Because Mr Hendrickse was unable to take independent stands against Cabinet colleagues, his status within his own caucus was diminished. He could promise President Botha the support of his caucus, but was imperfectly equipped to deliver it.

When President Botha wanted support for a measure which would allow his Minister of Law and Order to declare "mini-states of emergency" the Cabinet approved it, but Mr Hendrickse's caucus threw it out.

The latest trow-haha is over an incident of the same nature. Mr Hendrickse said "yes" in Cabinet to postponing the white election, and his men in the caucus said "Yes — but".

This inactivity of Mr Hendrickse to deliver his caucus to Cabinet, one suspects, is the real reason why President Botha finally decided to ditch the Labour Party. At best they were unreliable allies and at worst a positive embarrassment to the NP in the eyes of the right wing.

The implausibility of the union became increasingly apparent in recent months ending in Mr Hendrickse's observation at Keimoes that the President had acted like a "rat in a corner" — a statement that would have shattered far more stable coalitions in other countries.

Whether Mr Hendrickse would again have done the cap-in-hand number if given the chance, is open to debate — the point is that his courage was finally screwed to the sticking point by President Botha. So he went now.

And where does that leave us in a better position than before? If the principle underlying the tricameral Parliament is that political conflict be regulated on the basis of group representation, then the Labour Party, unshackled from Cabinet constraints, is in an even stronger position to challenge the Government.

President Botha will now have to bargain more openly with the Labour Party for approval of measures if he is not to resort increasingly to a rubber stamping President's Council.

All of this is good and a refreshing change from the murky and subterranean wheeler-dealing which has characterised past Labour Party activity, and seen it silent on major issues and carping on minor ones.

The question now is whether the Labour Party, shaking itself free from the alternating embrace and assault of the National Party, has sufficient skill and commitment to use its as yet undiscovered power base within the constitution.

dignity and opportunities in the county of one's birth

Can a person really be so arrogant as to proclaim God's creations, like beaches and land, for whites only?

It is clear Mr Hendrickse's perceptions on issues of race discrimination against some of God's children, but not others, clash with those of Mr Botha

Mr Botha cannot understand why the "kleurlinge" are so ungrateful for the privilege of owning their properties in their own group areas across the railway line or, better still, in unseen "lokasies"

Mr Hendrickse cannot understand why Mr Botha wants him to say "dankie baas" after having experienced himself the trauma of having his family uprooted from where they lived in Uitenhage and cast across the railway line

Mr Eddie Samuels, a member of the Cape Provincial Executive and a member of the Labour Party, cannot understand why he is qualified enough to help run the affairs of the province but, because of his colour, not qualified to occupy the house of his choice in white Constantia in Cape Town

A friend, Manoo Desai of Cape Town, a Hindu Indian, would like Mr Botha to explain to his twin daughters, Leila and Praveena, why he had to divorce their mother, Minnie, so that she could legally buy their home in Woodstock, Cape Town, in her "coloured" maiden name.

They had fallen foul of Section 12 of the Group Areas Act, which says when an Indian marries a coloured woman, she takes on the domicile of the husband — Mr Desai is Indian and he cannot buy property in a coloured area

Difficulty

Mr Hendrickse, an ordained Minister of the United congregational Church, has difficulty preaching that those whom God has put together, let no man put asunder when, as a member of the Botha Cabinet, his pleas that Mr Richard Coates and coloured wife Joan of Uitenhage be granted a permit to live in Mr Coates's property in a white area fell on deaf ears

To President Botha, then, "own" affairs is the means of protecting the rights of individual groups and, whether he concedes it nor not, this translates most immediately to white privilege

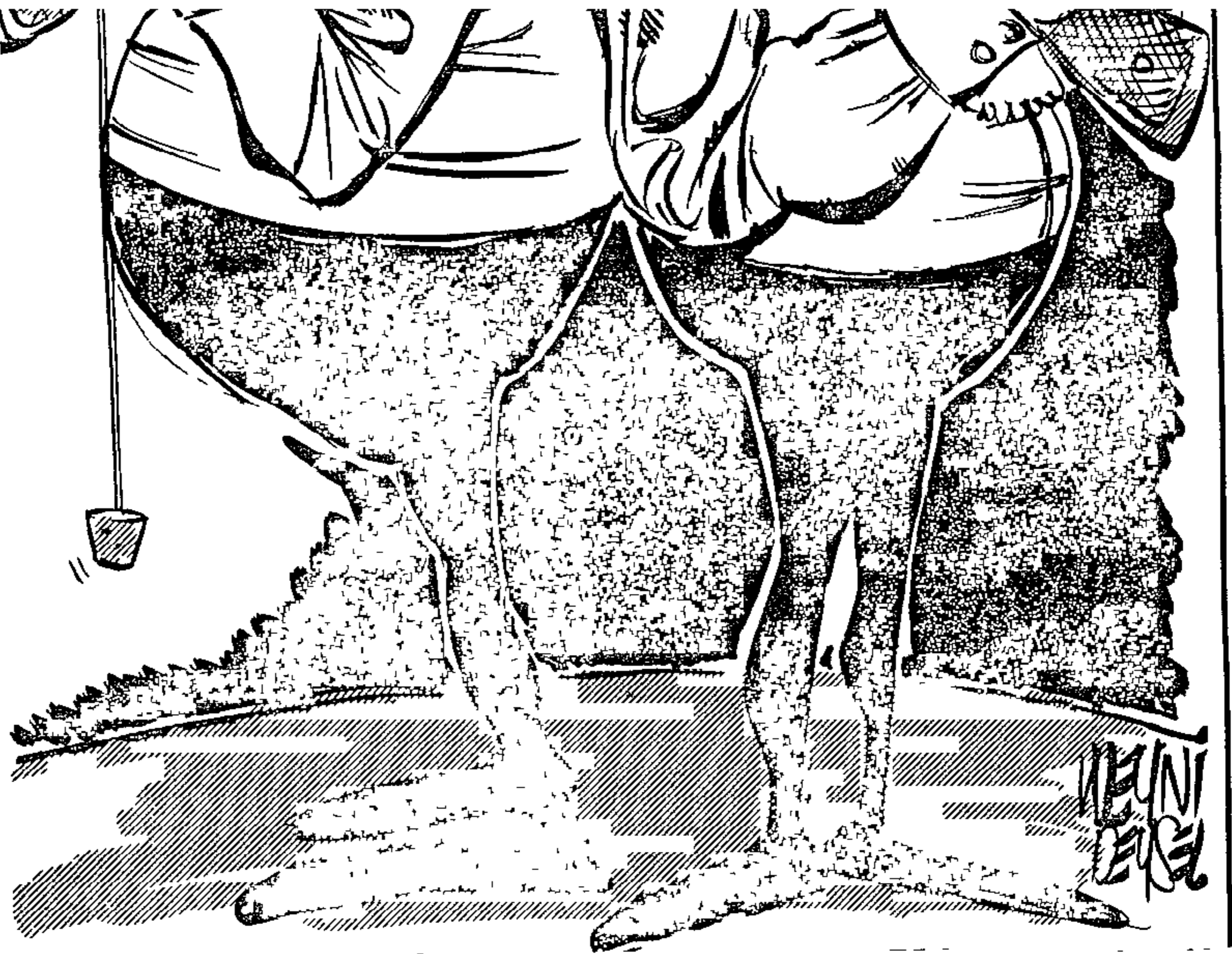
The coloured perception of "own" affairs is quite different. It is not a question of protecting "own" but of denying "others" a simple matter of racism

Mr Botha, unlike Mr Hendrickse, has never experienced the humiliation of race discrimination. He has, instead, applied it in terms of the policy of the National Party

The Labour leader's perception of his constituents being denied the use of the civic hall in Oudtshoorn, refused entry to a resort outside Pretoria, prosecuted for swimming at certain beaches, forced to attend "coloured" schools, is that it is intrinsically evil and unchristian

Mr Botha's view is that the building up of "own" communities is good for the coloured people — no matter the cost or the pain

It is indeed a question of perceptions



WHITE MPs treated members of the House of Representatives with new deference this week. Suddenly, by a strange quirk of tricameral logic, the tables have been turned

As if by magic, the deliberations of the Labour Party caucus which has the majority in the House of Representatives, have a relevance for white MPs who previously couldn't have cared a hoot

The ruling National Party is now at their mercy, for the Nats would lose out if forced to go to the polls in 1989. Above all, the coloured MPs have it in their power to humiliate President PW Botha — if they stand firm and don't buckle or split

They could end Mr Botha's career more rapidly than he could have dreamed a week or two ago when his power was unquestioned in Parliament.

Mistake

Cracks appeared in the presidency as he blundered from one mistake to another this week. His apparent attempt to fire Riaan Eksteen from the SABC over television coverage of the episode backfired badly.

The Labour Party has the power to force him to fight an election in 1989 in circumstances the opposition parties can exploit

"Don't you realise this could mean 200 000 more votes for the Conservative Party?" a Labour Party MP was asked this week. "Do you see me crying?" he replied

If anyone was shedding tears, it was the Nats at seeing their recent election gains squandered by Mr Botha's fits of temper

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FOCUS

By DAVID BREIER

A loophole has been opened which has given the junior partners in the "outhouse of Parliament" total power over their white masters

Both the coloured and Indian houses have the constitutional power to veto Mr Botha's attempt to amend the Constitution to delay white elections from 1989 to 1992

Although the Delegates and Representatives have the means to wreck Mr Botha, only the Representatives have the motivation. The more pliable Indian house is playing things Mr Botha's way these days, but the coloured MPs are bitter and have become increasingly angry this year

Incredibly, Mr Botha, the political wizard, put a deadly weapon in the hands of the Representatives, then proceeded to give them every reason to use it — against him

Earlier this month he announced he would change the Constitution to delay the white

elections. Everyone seemed to see the trap — except Mr Botha himself

He fell headlong into it when he walked into the House of Representatives on August 19 to deliver a finger-wagging diatribe against "ungrateful" coloureds who failed to say thank you to the Government for imposing the Group Areas Act

The next day, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, Labour Party leader and the only coloured Cabinet Minister, hinted that the Labour Party might veto Mr Botha's election plan. He repeated the hint several times and the papers were full of it

Gun

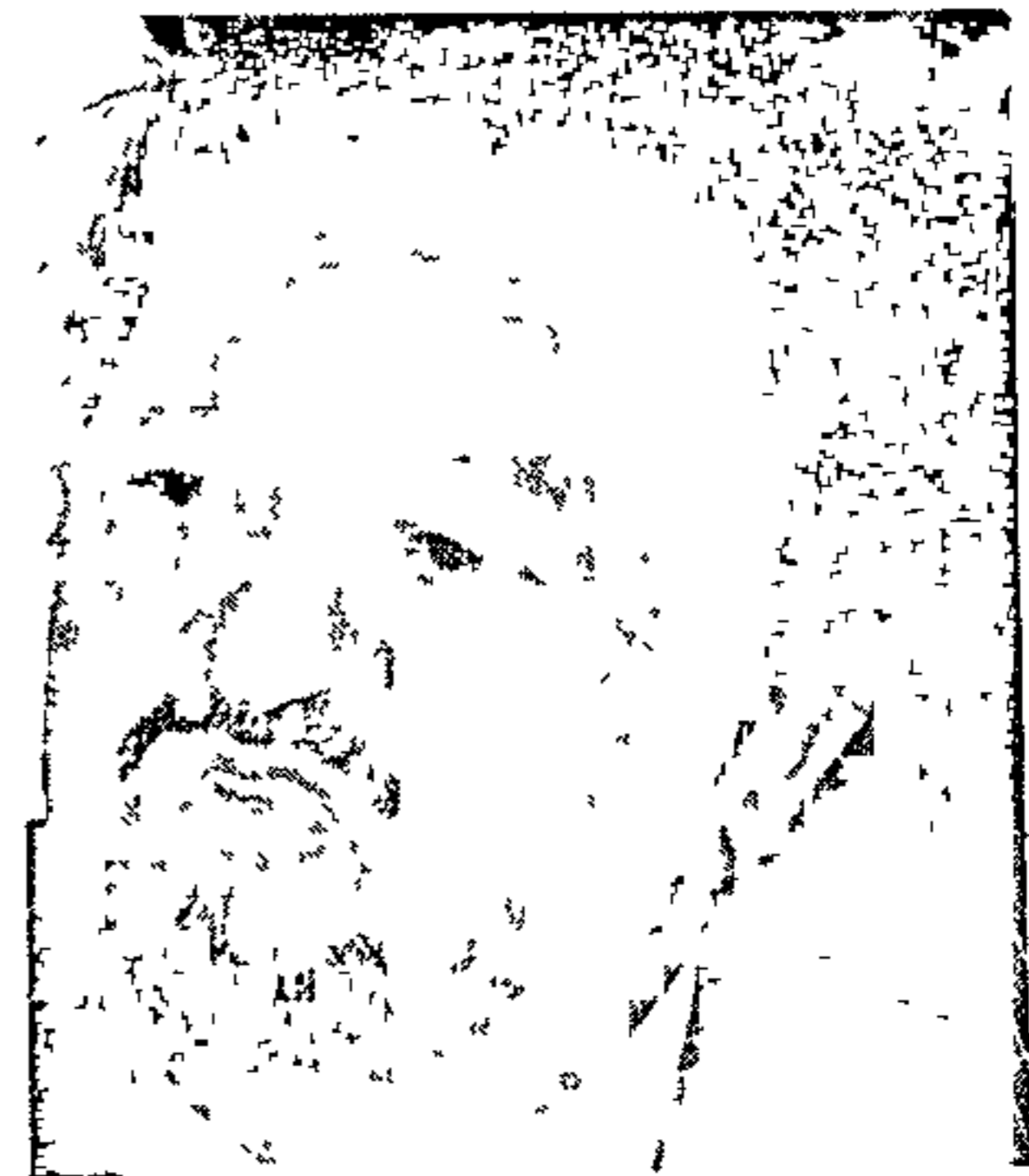
Still Mr Botha chose not to see how far he had fallen into the trap of his own making

On Monday he delivered an ultimatum to his coloured Minister

Mr Botha had apparently forgotten he had placed a loaded gun in Mr Hendrickse's hand. He even seemed surprised when Mr Hendrickse pulled the trigger

For Mr Hendrickse gains everything by resigning from the Cabinet while staying in Parliament. And Mr Botha loses

Mr Hendrickse gains



GAINS POWER: Mr Hendrickse.

power over Mr Botha, who is no longer his Cabinet chief. Either Mr Botha introduces dramatic reforms to the Group Areas Act and other apartheid laws, or he is forced back to the polls in humiliating circumstances which will be exploited by the left and the right

But political pundits who have a deep respect for Mr Botha's acumen believe he could still pull off a coup.

He could try to split the Labour Party by offering a Cabinet job to one of Mr Hendrickse's men. He could also try to buy off the Labour Party by offering to delay coloured and Indian elections until 1992. This would ensure all MPs qualified for pensions. Or he might shorten the pensionable service from the present seven and

half years to five. Or he might hope that a little reform here and a promise there would suffice to persuade the coloured MPs to be good boys

But suggestions made long these lines to Labour Party MPs this week provoked the Independence movement. Even the Progs are happy, despite their recent election disaster

The CP is happy because an election in 1989 is just what it wants. It will tell white voters "we told you so" and demand a mandate to crush those "coloured upstarts". The Independents will be able to face a weakened NP which will be able to have the support even of moderates like Mr Hendrickse. And the Progs believe that a couple of years of relative peace and closer contacts with other races could undo the damage caused in the recent elections by the security question

Hendrickse gives PW 'the bottom line'

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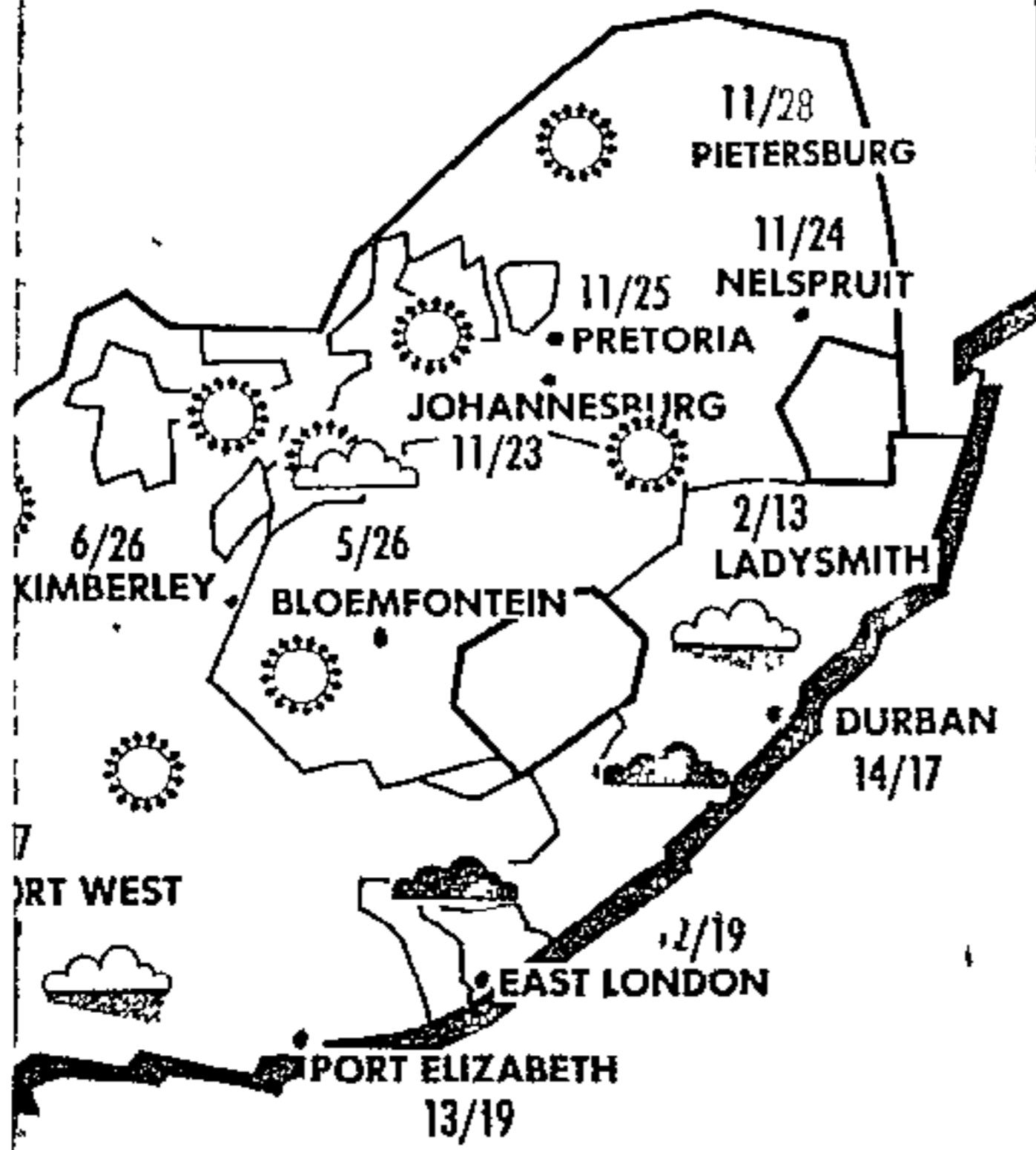
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- The Labour Party was still committed to negotiation

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and man She is in a "serious but stable" condition, a police spokesman said

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agency When they returned their daughter said she had been molested

on Mon- The arrested man is expected to appear in court soon, said the spokesman

20 hurt in central Jo'burg violence

By Craig Kotze and Jo-Anne Collinge

There were scenes of confrontation on the streets of central Johannesburg yesterday and at least 20 people were hurt after a midday commemoration service for Moses Jantjies and Wellington Mielies, who were hanged earlier in the day

At about noon Khotso House in De Villiers Street, where the service was held, was surrounded

In the events that followed, about 20 people were injured, according to paramedics, and three people — including two journalists — were briefly detained

Chanting youths and hundreds of marching Post Office strikers were dispersed yesterday afternoon. At one stage, in the concourse south of Park Station, debris was thrown at the police

Most injuries were caused by people falling through glass panes during the crush while trying to evade the police

The three-hour drama started when Khotso House was surrounded while the memorial service, organised by the South African Youth Congress, was in progress

According to Sapa, police said Khotso House was surrounded in terms of Section 5(1) of the emergency regulations

Attacking the National Party on the Group Areas Act, Mr Hendrickse said Mr Botha could not understand the deep feelings of hurt

Removals under the Act, he said, had been based on the ideological basis of partition and more than 100 000 families had been moved in pursuit of this ideology

The Labour Party leader said it was clear the Act should have been scrapped along with the Mixed Marriages Act

Mr Hendrickse said there were members of the Cabinet who supported what he had done and that he had received a letter — unsigned — from a member of the NP caucus

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Mr Hendrickse said he wanted to say to the State President that in spite of the "arrogance and inability to see our perception, we are still prepared to contribute, reason with you, sit round a table and negotiate"

But, he added, he wanted to say to white South Africa "We will forgive you but we will not forget" — Sapa

PWW told: group areas must go

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Correspondent

UITENHAGE — A defiant Labour Party Leader, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, last night bluntly told the State President, Mr P. W. Botha: "If you want to negotiate with us, the Group Areas Act must go".

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Mr Hendrickse said the Labour Party — "we did not write the constitution" — had found "the gap" and the State President could not change it without the support of the Labour Party.

"I say to Mr Botha, first bring the chocolates," he said to prolonged applause

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speech, Mr Hendrickse said.

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● The jailed ANC leader, Nelson Mandela, should be released immediately

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Calling for the release of Mandela, Mr Hendrickse said one of the first things the National Party had done when it came to power was to free the avowed Nazi, Robey Leibrandt

"Why is there a different principle for white and for black?" he asked

He said now was the time to release Mandela and not just on humanitarian grounds — the reason advocated by the State President — because his release was in

the interests of all South Africans.

If Mandela died before he was released then "PW and the cabinet must bear the responsibility

"I am glad I am no longer there," he said.

Mr Hendrickse stressed the Labour Party remained committed to negotiation but said this was not one-sided

The Labour Party was not demanding the repeal of the Population Registration Act at this stage.

But, he added, if the approach of the State President to both the House of Representatives and to himself was to be the yardstick then there was no hope.

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Delegates to back Hendrickse move?

Daily Dispatch
Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The House of Delegates is planning to throw its weight behind the Labour Party leader, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, in a bid to bring an end to the Group Areas Act

Mr Hendrickse, who resigned from the cabinet two weeks ago, has stated that the Labour Party will not support a move by the State President, Mr P W Botha, to postpone the white election from 1989 and 1992 unless he gets a commitment the Group Areas Act will be scrapped

He told an audience in Port Elizabeth last week that was "the bottom line"

The tactic being suggested by the chairman of the opposition Solidarity Party, Mr Ismail Omar, supported by the chairman of the ruling

National People's Party, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, could play right into Mr Botha's hands

Mr Omar, a member of the President's Council, has proposed that MPs in both the houses of Representatives and Delegates withdraw from Parliament during February next year

This would prove disruptive as the Part Appropriation (mini-budget) is normally presented, debated and passed at this point in the session, thus giving the government the finance it requires to tide it over until the main Budget is finally passed towards the end of June

However, the constitution provides a very easy solution for Mr Botha if he is faced with such a tactic

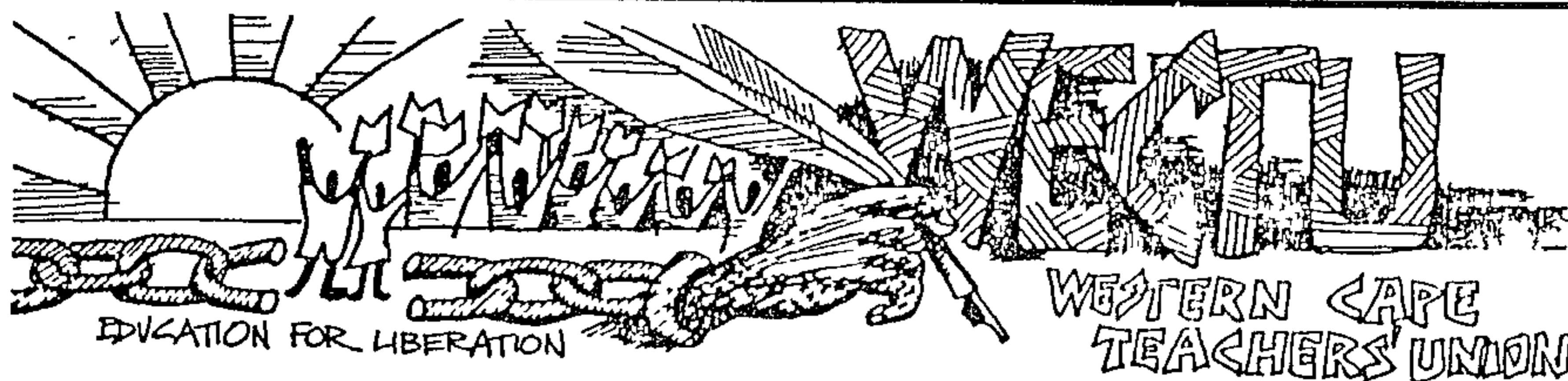
Section 37 (2) provides that if all the members of one or more houses take such action the State President can, by a

proclamation in the Government Gazette, call on the members of a house to be present in the chamber to perform their functions on any given day

Should they fail to do this, Parliament will thereafter consist of only that house or houses which are functioning

If only the House of Assembly was in session therefore, legislation and the mini-budget could be passed and would have the force of law even if the credibility of the tricameral Parliament was badly damaged

More important, Mr Botha would be able to pass the amendment to the constitution needed to postpone the white election to 1992 and at the same time in terms of section 39 (3) to dissolve the other houses and send them to the polls



A WECTU VICTORY

After 18 months the House of Representatives has finally given in to the demands of Wectu and the community to drop charges against the 73 teachers who refused to administer the anti-educational exams of 1985.

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* TO THE TEACHERS WHO TOOK THIS STAND — WE SALUTE YOUR COURAGE AND INTEGRITY.

* TO THE ORGANISATIONS — WORKER, POLITICAL, SPORTS, RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL — THAT SUPPORTED OUR VICTORY, WE SAY OUR VICTORY IS YOUR VICTORY.

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23 000 don't vote in Labour win

From EDYTH BULBRING
PORT ELIZABETH -
More than 23 000 regis-
tered voters didn't vote in a
by-election won by the
Labour Party this week

The House of
Representatives seat in
Gelvendale - one of the
largest constituencies in the
Eastern Cape - became
vacant with the
appointment of Mr

Lawrence Erasmus (Labour
MP), as a ministerial
representative

Twenty-six percent
(8 093) of the 31 129 reg-
istered voters cast their
votes in the Labour Party
stronghold, a seven percent
drop since 1984. They won
then with a 6 000 majori-
ty

Despite the detention of
the extra-parliamentary op-

position in the run-up to
the election, 23 036 regis-
tered voters did not vote.

Two weeks before the by-
election, on August 21 and
22, nine executive
members of the Northern
Areas Youth Congress
(Nayco) were detained
Their detentions have been
confirmed by the Minister
of Law and Order.

Nayco, a UDF affiliate

formed in May last year,
had been campaigning door
to door for people not to
vote

Anonymous pamphlets
accusing the Labour Party
of being illegitimate and
not serving the interests of
the community, circulated
in the Northern Areas,
stretching from Korsten to
Missionvale

Three days after the pam-

phlets appeared, the nine
were detained Pamphlets,
T-shirts and literature were
confiscated from their
homes

Mr Mia Loonat, the
Labour Party candidate and
a former insurance broker,
won a 3 457 majority over
the independent candidate,
Mr Abie Beaton, who was
backed by the breakaway
Democratic Party. - ECNA

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Hendrickse may force election

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**FRANS ESTERHUYSE
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Govt facing crisis

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Saturday Star, says his party will refuse to support the constitutional amendment unless the Government agrees to repeal the Group Areas Act

No such amendment will be possible without the support of Mr Hendrickse's Labour Party, the majority party in the House of Representatives, according to Stellenbosch law expert, Professor Gerhard Erasmus. In that case the Government could be forced to hold elections in 1988.

This would embarrass the National Party. It wants the elections postponed because it fears that the Conservative Party is increasing in strength.

Mr Hendrickse said told The Saturday Star "If the State President is not prepared to reject the President's Council's report, it certainly does not meet our condition for postponement of elections in the white House. We will then go ahead with the scheduled parliamentary elections in 1989."

President Botha, in his initial reaction to the President's Council report on the Group Areas Act and related laws, made it clear the Government still stood by the principle of Group Areas.

The Labour Party is also due to reconsider its participation in the tricameral system early next year. This is on the agenda for the party's annual congress to be held in Pretoria in January.

National Party politicians foresee serious problems if they have to fight a general election for the House of Assembly in 1989.

Analysis of the results of the May election indicated the tide of support for the Conservative Party was strong and could only be counteracted by a really impressive Government performance that could draw support for the NP and hold the party together.

But the Government needs more time if it is to make adequate progress with its reform plans before going back to the electorate.

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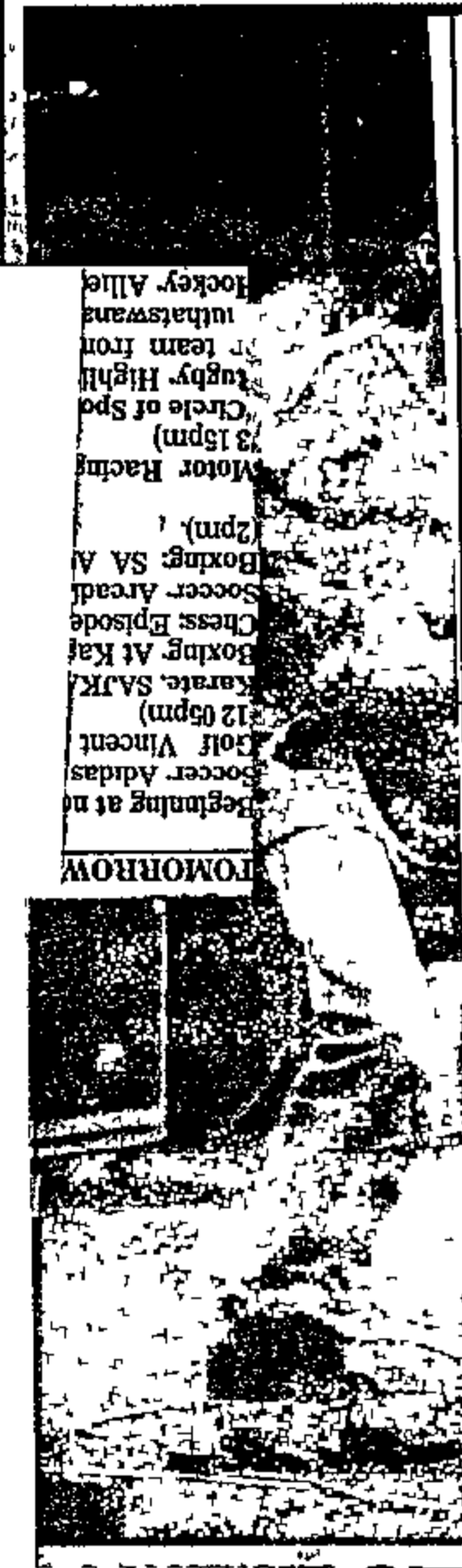
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Hendrickse: scrap SA's Holy Cow

Daily Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — There will be greater investment and economic stability and increased job opportunities in South Africa should the Group Areas Act — apartheid's "Holy Cow" — be scrapped, the chairman of the Ministers Council of the House of Representatives, Reverend Allan Hendrickse, said last night.



Increase in murders of over 60s

CAPE TOWN — The number of whites, over the age of 60, who have been murdered has increased marginally over the last three years, particularly in the Cape and the Transvaal.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday that 86 whites over the age of 60 were murdered in 1985, 99 in 1986 and 64 during the first seven months of this year.

This means that an average of more than seven whites over the age of 60 were murdered every month in 1985, eight every month in 1986 and slightly more than nine a month this year.

Mr Vlok, who was replying to a question by Mr Schalk Pienaar (CP, Potgietersrus), said 26 whites over the age of 60 had been murdered in the Cape this year, seven in Natal, 31 in the Transvaal and none in the Free State.

Last year, 35 were murdered in the Cape, 10 in Natal, seven in the Free State and 47 in the Transvaal — DDC

The leader of the Labour Party was opening the 14th annual congress of the Association of Management Committees (Assomac) here

South Africa's economic growth would reach new highs if the Act was scrapped, he said. There would be greater participation, motivation and opportunities for international investments.

He said the Labour Party wanted to make a positive and constructive contribution towards "the solutions for the constitutional and political checkmate which we are staring in the eye — even the outside world looks to us in great expectation".

On South Africa's international status, he said he was convinced South Africa would be accepted by its neighbouring states and the rest of the world once the Act was scrapped.

"It is not South Africa and its people that is the 'skunk' — it is the Group Areas Act."

It was clear that the management committee structure had merit, he said, in that it led to democratic representation on a local level.

"If the reform process has taken root at parliamentary level, provincial level, regional level, why should it not at municipal level?" he asked.

It followed then that not only the democratic composition but also the functions of municipalities should be brought in line with that of Regional Services' Councils, for by doing so, change could be standardised, he said.

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Demotion after five years as school head

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Education Reporter

AFTER being in charge of a Mitchell's Plain high school for five years, an acting principal has been demoted and transferred, with a cut in salary, to a primary school

Mr Peter Carelse of Glendale High School said the Department of Education and Culture informed him in a hand-delivered letter that he would be transferred to a primary school on January 1. The school was not named.

The letter said his attitude had not always been satisfactory and his conduct had been found wanting.

"I am angry and disgusted," said Mr Carelse.

"I see this as an onslaught on the teaching profession."

He believed action was taken against him because his school took a decision to close on May 6 — the day of the House of Assembly elections.

He said the authorities might have been angered when the

school hired a bus on July 20 to take teachers and pupils to the first hearings of the 73 teachers charged with misconduct for allegedly refusing to administer examinations in 1985.

"I am part of the staff. My school was run on democratic lines. The school took some democratic decisions and we all had to abide by them."

Mr Carelse was deputy principal of Woodville Primary School in Woodlands, Mitchell's Plain, before being appointed acting principal of Glendale.

He was on probation for 15 months before he applied to be permanently appointed as principal.

"I was not told whether or not I had been successful but I stayed because I was happy at Glendale."

● A spokesman for the department, Mr Thinus Dermpsey, said Mr Carelse had had sufficient time to prove himself but had been found to be "too light" to fill the post.

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Pupils protest at demotion, transfer of school principal

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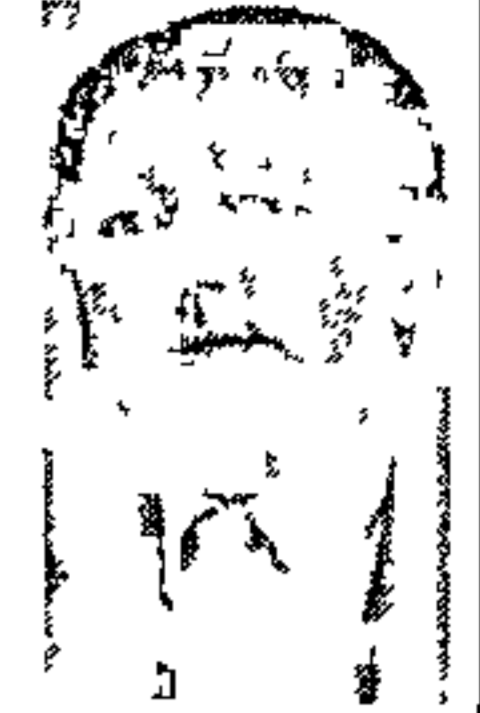
ABOUT 700 pupils from Glendale High School demonstrated in the Mitchell's Plain town centre against the transfer and demotion of their principal, Mr Peter Carelse.

The pupils marched from their school in Rocklands to the town centre, waving banners and chanting slogans.

The demonstration was broken up in the forecourt of the town centre in front of the offices of the Department of Education and Culture.

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Police disperse pupils' demo



Mr Peter Carelse

Education Reporter

POLICE yesterday dispersed about 800 Mitchells Plain pupils who staged a placard demonstration outside the regional offices of the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) in protest against their acting principal's demotion

A police spokesman for the Western Cape, Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, said an 18-year-old Glendale Senior Secondary School pupil was detained under the emergency regulations during the incident

Glendale pupils, who had marched from the school singing

and holding placards, staged a protest in front of the DEC offices in the town centre and then scattered when the police arrived on the scene

A delegation of pupils who went to speak to the chief inspector of the DEC about the demotion and transfer of Mr Peter Carelse, rushed out of the building while pupils were scattering

On Tuesday the school's staff of 53 marched to the same office to demand the "unconditional withdrawal of the transfer, demotion or any other action against the principal"

The Glendale Students' Representative Council said in a statement yesterday that the students wanted Mr Carelse to be recognized as the permanent principal of the school, that the DEC stop

harassing Western Cape Teachers' Union members and students, and that all security guards be removed from schools

In a statement yesterday, the staff said they saw the action against Mr Carelse as a form of victimization, as he had "consistently worked to promote democratic educational principles and values"

DEC spokesman Mr Thinus Dempsey confirmed that a group of four or five pupils held discussions with the DEC chief inspector, but they left hurriedly when they became aware that pupils outside the building were being dispersed

He said the DEC saw no reason to review the decision taken regarding Mr Carelse's transfer

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Support for demoted school head

By LINDA GALLOWAY,
Mitchell's Plain Bureau

MORE than 1 000 people — parents, teachers and pupils of Glendale Senior Secondary School and supporters — have vowed to fight for the reinstatement of the acting principal, Mr Peter Carelse, who has been demoted and transferred.

They gave Mr Carelse a standing ovation at a meeting last night called in response to a decision by the Department of Education and Culture to appoint him deputy principal of an as yet unnamed primary school.

Mr Carelse — who has been acting head of the school since its founding in 1983 — told the gathering he would not “beg the department for my job. That would mean I acknowledge that I have done something wrong, which I have not”

Support pledge

Speakers from the staff, the Student Representative Council, the Mitchell's Plain Students' Congress, the Western Cape Teachers' Union and the National Education Crisis Committee pledged their support for Mr Carelse.

A senior Glendale teacher told the meeting that the pupils were academically prepared to write their final examinations in three weeks' time and were keen to do so, but could not write with the shadow of Mr Carelse's transfer over their heads.

“This is a crisis, but not one for which Mr Carelse, the teachers or students are responsible,” he said.

A number of speakers spoke of Mr Carelse's dedication to the school and its pupils and said he was admired and respected in teaching circles.

The school had a record of high academic and sporting achievement and it had always been Mr Carelse's ideal to broaden the education of his pupils beyond pure academic learning.

Speakers demanded a detailed explanation from the department for the action taken against him, saying that the reasons given — that he had not proved himself and that his work was unsatisfactory — were not good enough.

Although the school fell under the Department of Education and Culture it was “owned” by the community which paid for its children's schooling and only the community could decide if Mr Carelse's work was unsatisfactory.

They emphasised that the “attack” on Mr Carelse should not be seen personally but in the light of an “onslaught on the teaching profession” and if they did not fight for his reinstatement it would open the way for action against other teachers and principals.

● About 700 pupils and teachers from Glendale, who marched to the department's offices at the Mitchell's Plain town centre on Wednesday were dispersed by police.

Demotion of school head: ^{9/10/87} 1 500 in protest ²⁵⁷

By LINDA GALLOWAY
Mitchell's Plain Bureau

ABOUT 1 500 people gathered in the Mitchell's Plain town centre today to protest against the demotion and transfer of Glendale Secondary School's acting-principal, Mr Peter Carelse

Entrances to the centre were sealed off and people were turned away

Archbishop Desmond Tutu stood with the crowd and said he had come to give his support

He said the people were "trying to stand for basic rights" in what was "clearly the victimisation of someone who is standing for his educational principles"

"Our church stands behind your efforts, which are peaceful," he said

Archbishop Tutu said he hoped the authorities would be "sensible and retreat gracefully"

A delegation of teachers and representatives of the Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) visited the offices of the Department of Education and Culture in the centre and handed officials a list of demands, including the permanent reinstatement of Mr Carelse

The chairman of Wectu, Mr Yusuf Gabru, told the crowd they had asked for the department's reply by Wednesday

The crowd then left the centre to regroup at the Porilands Anglican Church

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M Plain pupils stone cars after march

Staff Reporter

PUPILS of various schools in Mitchells Plain stoned cars in Merri-rydale Avenue, Portlands, yesterday after a morning of marching and protest

The stoning took place after pupils were turned away from Mondale Senior Secondary School where they had intended holding a rally to celebrate a march of about 1 500 — headed by a group including the Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Desmond Tutu — on the regional offices of the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives)

The march and placard demonstration, to protest against the demotion of Glendale Senior Secondary School's acting principal Mr Peter Carelse, was the second action by pupils at the DEC offices this week

Earlier this week, about 800 Glendale pupils protested at the offices after a delegation of 53 of the school's staff marched on the same office on Tuesday to demand reversal of the action against Mr Carelse

Report-back

Yesterday, the demand was handed over again to inspectors at the DEC offices by a delegation of teachers and Western Cape Teachers' Union representatives

According to a Glendale staff member, the delegation was told by inspectors that DEC personnel were not involved in the Carelse decision and the delegations would have to "take the matter to higher authorities"

Later a report-back meeting was held in a nearby church hall

Wectu chairman Mr Yusuf Gabru said the delegation had asked for the DEC's reply on the matter by Wednesday

Thereafter, pupils tried to gather at Mondale Senior Secondary School, and were prevented from doing so

Cars were stoned
Captain Jan Calitz, Western Cape police liaison officer, declined to comment on police action — citing unrest and referring the Cape Times to the SAP's public relations division

A police spokesman in Pretoria said he could not comment on the matter, which "would probably be in our unrest report" today

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New opposition party for coloureds, Indians

CAPE TOWN — Coloured and Indian opposition parties are to merge to form a new party which will operate in the Houses of Representatives and Delegates

The provisional name of the party is the United Democratic Party and it will be formed from the present Democratic Party, the official opposition in the House of Representatives, the four-member Progressive Reform Party in the House of Delegates and the People's Congress Party, whose leader, Mr Pieter Marais, is a member of the President's Council.

Mr Jac Rabie, formerly a prominent Labour Party member and now an independent MP, and Mr Trevor George, independent MP for Bosmont, will also join.

Mr Charles Redcliffe, leader of the Democratic Party, said today the new party would be launched at a conference in Durban on November 7.

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1 000 back demoted



SUPPORTERS: Part of the crowd that gathered at Lentegour Civic Centre for a meeting in support of demoted Glendale principal Mr Pieter Carelse.

By LINDA GALLOWAY
Mitchell's Plain Bureau

A resolution vowing to fight for the reinstatement of demoted Glendale Secondary School principal Mr Peter Carelse was passed by more than 1 000 people at a meeting in Mitchell's Plain.

The meeting of parents, pupils, teachers and community organisations was in response to a decision by the Department of Education and Culture to demote and transfer Mr Carelse to a primary school from next year because he was "too light" for the position he had held for the past five years.

"Smear campaign"

The meeting was told that pamphlets had been dropped in Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain, by aircraft yesterday condemning Mr Carelse and saying he had lied to the community about the reasons for his demotion and transfer.

A declaration and resolution read out at the end of the meeting and passed unanimously, noted that Mr Carelse had been "unfairly" treated and

that the Department of Education and Culture had not yet responded to demands for Mr Carelse's reinstatement put to them on Friday.

It alleged that the department had "launched a smear campaign" against Mr Carelse while harassing and detaining teachers, pupils and members of democratic organisations.

Speakers from the National Education Crisis Committee, the Western Cape Teachers Union, the Mitchell's Plain Student Congress, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the United Democratic Front, two Glendale parents, a pupil and a teacher addressed the two-hour meeting at the Lentegour Civic Centre.

"Manicured lawns"

Messages of support from community organisations and schools were read out.

UDF speaker Ms Therese Solomons said the "nice, modern schools and manicured lawns" at Mitchell's Plain schools were "no use without proper education and democratic parent/teacher organisations".

teachers were demoted. "We want justice, modern schools but we must have a say in who is employed and demoted and what our children are taught," she said.

A senior teacher at Glendale said the present "crisis" was the cause of instability and in security of pupils three weeks before final matric examinations and it would be impossible for teachers to pacify pupils until the department changed its mind on the demotion and transfer of Mr Carelse.

The Cosatu spokesman said the "Carelse issue" affected workers because each was the mother, father, brother or sister of a school pupil and Cosatu was committed to "educational liberation".

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Multi-million boost for schools

Weekend Post Reporter
EDUCATION for coloured pupils in the Eastern Cape has been given a multi-million-rand boost by the provision of several new primary and senior secondary schools in the region

Details of the projects, with plans for future building schemes, were given by Mr Tinus Dempsey, public relations officer for the House of Representatives Department of Education and Culture

The new classroom accommodation and hostel facilities would help to ease overcrowding in schools in the region, he said

Two new schools were completed in June Uitenhage Primary School No 5, built for 1 000 pupils at a cost of R1,6 million, and the Cookhouse Primary School, for 200 pupils

A total of 11 100 pupils will be accommodated in schools currently under construction, due to be built next year and on the department's priority list

Hostel accommodation for 700 pupils is also planned

Four schools, two of

them in East London, are currently being built, to accommodate 3 500 pupils

The Buffalo Flats Primary School No 3 1 000 pupils, cost R1,6 million

The Buffalo Flats Senior Secondary School No 3 1 000 pupils, with special facilities for technical training, cost R5,3 million

In Port Elizabeth the department is building Chatty Primary School No 5 (1 000 pupils, cost R1,5 million) and in the Lang-

kloof the Kareedouw Primary School (500 pupils, cost R1,3 million)

A hostel for 200 is being built at the Daleview Primary School, Steytlerville, at a cost of R1,9 million

In January, 1988, tenders will be called for new senior secondary schools in Humansdorp and in Uitenhage Both will accommodate 1 000 pupils

The Uitenhage Senior Secondary School No 2 will also have workshops for

technical subjects

In King William's Town a hostel for 100 pupils will be added to the Breidbach Senior Secondary School

The department also has six projects on a "high priority" list

This includes two primary schools and one senior secondary in Port Elizabeth, each catering for 1 000 pupils, a 600-pupil senior secondary school in Aberdeen, with hostel accommodation for 200, a primary school in Despatch for 1 000 pupils and a 1 000-pupil senior secondary school in Hankey with hostel accommodation for 200

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Teacher demo prevented

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Education Reporter

ABOUT 400 Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) members were prevented from holding a placard demonstration outside the Roeland Street offices of the Department of Education and Culture, House of Representatives, yesterday.

The teachers, who met at Harold Cressy School in the city, were met by riot policeman as they walked en masse toward the DEC offices.

Teachers said they intended to demand that the DEC cancel the demotion and transfer of Glendale acting headmaster Mr Pieter Carelse.

A recent letter from the DEC to Mr Carelse, informing him of his demotion and transfer to another school, sparked off a series of protest demonstrations by Glendale staff and pupils.

Major Dolf Odendaal yesterday gave the teachers three minutes to disperse, and they headed back to the school grounds, where a meeting was held. A spokesman for the police public relations directorate in Pretoria said the crowd was warned to disperse, and it complied.

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to report

Education Reporter

THE Inspector of Education for the House of Representatives has asked the acting principal of Glendale Senior Secondary School, Mr Peter Carelse, to submit an "urgent report" on "abnormal candidates" at his school.

Pupils and staff of Glendale and other Peninsula schools have staged protests outside the Department of Education and Culture's Mitchells Plain office after a notice was sent to Mr Carelse informing him that he would be demoted and transferred next year.

In a letter shown to the Cape Times yesterday, the inspector, Mr D L Leukes, said that Mr Carelse had been asked twice this month to submit a report on "abnormal candidates" who were at the school on October 6 and 7. It notes that Mr Carelse had not done so.

"I will ask the department to explain to the community why boys and girls enrolled at the school are being referred to as 'abnormal candidates'," he said.

"I do not have any abnormal candidates or students at my school," he added.

Demoted headmaster is widely respected in Mitchell's Plain

By LINDA GALLOWAY
Mitchell's Plain Bureau

THE handwritten messages of past matric pupils, inked on an old school shirt, are evidence of the respect and admiration commanded by Peter Elmore Carelse, for five years acting principal of Glendale Senior Secondary School.

"We will miss you so much," says one.

"Thank you for compromising," says another.

Mr Carelse keeps the shirt in his office but often takes it home to read

"It gives me the reassurance that what I am doing is right," he said.

If anything, the events of the past fortnight have confirmed how much support he has among the community of Mitchell's Plain.

Political

Mr Carelse, 49, with more than 28 years' teaching experience behind him, has been told by the Department of Education and Culture that he is to be demoted and transferred to the post of deputy-principal of a primary school from next year, after five years as temporary principal at Glendale.

He believes the demotion and transfer are politically motivated

Mr Carelse took his teaching diploma at Hewat Teachers' Training College in Athlone and his first post was in Port Elizabeth.

While teaching at various country schools he studied through Unisa, graduating with BA and B Ed degrees before tackling theology, in which he received distinctions in ethics and ecumenism

He is a forthright, outspoken man who believes that one should take a stand against injustice

More than 1 000 parents of pupils at Glendale turned out to show their support for him at a meeting organised by teachers at the school and many stood up to speak of the principal they knew as their children's "father away from home".

A meeting last week organised by the National Education Crisis Committee also brought more than 1 000 people who vowed to join a campaign for Mr Carelse's reinstatement.

Mr Carelse believes that although the school is administered by the department it is owned by the community it serves.

The events of the past few weeks have strengthened his resolve to fight the department's action.

"I will not go and beg for my job back. It is very touching to know that the community is behind me in the decisions I have taken as a principal," he said

His five years at Glendale had been "tremendous years of growth and development", he said

"I realised from the start that I had to lay down school policy and that this could mean a clash with the department," he said

The school has a record of high academic achievement and was also the first school in Mitchell's Plain to begin swimming, badminton and tennis as school sports, an area in which the pupils have shone.

Among the accusations levelled at him by the department are that his work is unsatisfactory and that he is "too light" for the position of principal of a senior school.

Pamphlets from the department, dropped on the school from an aircraft last week, said the facts of the demotion and transfer had been "twisted"

"How could I have twisted the facts when I read the letter out to the parents?" Mr Carelse asked

"I have been put on trial and found guilty but I don't know what it is I am supposed to have done

Thankful

"We are living in hard times and one has to take a stand

"I had a very liberal university education and I am thankful for that

"Crises and challenges in the community affect the schools as well.

"A principal has to take decisions on his own, he can't run to the department every time"

Mr Carelse believes that the action taken against him should not be taken personally but be seen as an attack on the teaching profession and, in particular, progressive professionals



Mr Carelse

Principal asked for report on 'abnormal candidates'

the office of the department in Mitchell's Plain and the executive director in Cape Town.

The letter, signed by departmental inspector Mr Dennis Leukes, demanded written explanations from Mr Carelse for "abnormal conditions" at Glendale on October 6 and 7 and again on October 9 and 12.

It also noted Mr Carelse's "early presence at head office and thus early departure from school in violation of recognised procedure" on October 12, and said a written explanation for this was also needed

Mr Carelse was asked why declared channels of communication were not used.

He said he would not send any written reports to the department on actions taken by his pupils.

Mitchell's Plain Bureau
THE Department of Education and Culture has asked Glendale Senior Secondary School acting principal Mr Peter Carelse to report on "abnormal candidates" at his school.

In a letter, the department demanded explanations for student action taken in response to its decision to demote and transfer Mr Carelse to a primary school next year

Pupils marched to the Mitchell's Plain town centre in protest

An angry Mr Carelse yesterday demanded that the department explain why pupils were referred to as "abnormal candidates"

He viewed this as "one of the most wicked insults yet levelled at the community" and said he would be sending telegrams of protest to

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By PETER DENNEHY

EXAMINATION candidates at Glendale Senior Secondary School were called "abnormal" by mistake, a spokesman for the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives said yesterday.

Mr Thinus Dempsey was replying to a query arising from a letter which the principal, Mr Peter Carelse, received from the department

Mr Carelse was recently told he would be demoted and transferred next year, apparently because he was "too light-handed".

In the letter, the department told Mr Carelse he had also not submitted a report on "abnormal candidates" who had apparently been at the school on October 6 and 7, although he had twice been asked to do so

Mr Dempsey explained yesterday that a "grammatical mistake" had been made in the letter.

"In the first sentence of the letter, reference was made to abnormal conditions at the school. Later in the same paragraph, the candidates were mentioned, and these were referred to as 'abnormal candidates' by mistake," he said.

Demoted head: Parents, official in 'fruitless' talks

Education Reporter
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SIX Glendale High School parents had a "nice, but fruitless" meeting with Mr Awie Muller, director-general of the Department of Education and Culture, over the demotion and transfer of acting headmaster Mr Peter Carelse.

The department has found Mr Carelse, acting principal of Glendale, unsuitable for his post.

He has been demoted, his salary has been reduced and he has been transferred to another school with effect from January next year.

The parents were mandated by the Concerned Parents Committee to take up the issue with Mr Muller.

One of the parents, Mrs Esme Adams, of Rocklands, said Mr Muller was "nice, but the talks were fruitless".

She said Mr Muller had refused to speak to five pupils who were part of the delegation.

FIGHT HIS CASE

She said he accused Mr Carelse of using parents, pupils, and the Western Cape Teachers Union to fight his case.

"We told him that no-one was standing behind us telling us what to do. Parents and pupils are satisfied with him and we want him to be appointed headmaster permanently."

Mr Muller claimed Mr Carelse was not fit to be acting principal or principal of Glendale. He read extracts from his staff record to the six parents, Mrs Adams said.

She said he invited them to join him at a meeting with the school committee at which Mr Carelse's position would be discussed tomorrow.

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Tutu, Hendrickse clash over teacher

Mitchell's Plain Bureau

ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu and the Rev Allan Hendrickse have locked horns over the archbishop's presence at a demonstration in support of demoted schoolteacher Mr Peter Carelse

Mr Hendrickse, chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, objected to Archbishop Tutu attending the meeting.

The archbishop, among more than 1 000 people at Mitchell's Plain town centre a fortnight ago to protest against the demotion of Mr Carelse, acting-principal of Glendale Senior Secondary School for five years, today urged Mr Hendrickse to "come to terms with the feelings of the community".

"UNWARRANTED DEMONSTRATION"

Mr Hendrickse said in a telex the archbishop's presence at an "unwarranted demonstration" was "cause for concern". The issue revolved around the "incapability of a principal ... who has already served periods of probation".

The decision to demote and transfer Mr Carelse was an "education and administrative one and taken at that level was certainly not political".

If the archbishop was interested, he could arrange a meeting with the Department of Education and Culture

"I do not believe a meeting between me and the department will help resolve the situation," Archbishop Tutu said

"It is my belief that the only way of resolving the growing crisis is for your department to come to terms with the very strong feelings of an unusually united community of pupils, parents and teachers"

Head to fight demotion in court

GLENDALE Senior Secondary School principal Peter Carelse is to apply to the Supreme Court to have his demotion and transfer to a primary school set aside.

Carelse's attorney confirmed that the application may be heard later this week or early next week.

"We will ask for an order that Carelse's appointment as principal of Glendale be confirmed. We also want an interdict restraining the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) from removing him as principal of Glendale," Carelse's attorney said.

Attempts to defuse the protests over Carelse's demotion and transfer continued this week.

A delegation of parents of Glendale pupils

met with DEC officials on Monday, followed by a Cape Teachers Professional Association (CTPA) delegation to the Department on Tuesday.

"We told the Department we were not there to beg but to demand that they permanently reinstate Carelse as principal. We will now report back to other parents before deciding what to do," one of the parents who attended the meeting said.

A planned march on the Department's Roesland Street offices by Western Cape Teachers Union members last Friday was stopped by police.

Carelse said pupils, parents and teachers were angered by the Department letter last week asking him to report on "abnormal"

pupils.

A Department spokesperson said this week that they had made a grammatical error.

"Even if they apologised, the damage has been done. I have sent telegrams of protest to the Department about this."

Carelse said an inspector had taken his school's admission registers, which contained the names and addresses of pupils and parents.

"He did it without my permission and this upset teachers and pupils even more."

Teachers at the school dismissed a statement by the Department that Carelse was "too light" for his position.

"Maybe he is too enlightened for the position," a teacher said.

Schools in Crisis

Post Reporter
HUNDREDS of coloured children in Port Elizabeth are going to be shut out of high schools next year because there are no places for them.

And the crisis will be worse in a year's time, educationists predict

Several meetings have already been held by worried principals and school committees in the area, but no solution has been found so far to ease the crisis

Another joint meeting is being held on Wednesday

The problem has been developing for years and temporary solutions

No places for hundreds of children next year

found with mobile classrooms, busing and primary schools retaining the Standard 6s

"But this year the crunch has come," a primary school principal said today

"There's nowhere else to turn. The secondary schools are bursting at the seams."

One primary school principal estimated that between 300 and 400 children in Gelvandale alone would be left without places in secondary schools

Only half of the places sought by one particular school could be found. It needed 280 and it has secured only 140

Gelvandale has three high schools, fed by 10 primary schools

Busing, one principal said, could not solve the problem any longer "because the problem is no longer confined to certain areas"

He said "There has always been a problem, but an interim solution has been found — mobiles, persuading some primar-

ies to keep their Standard 6s

"But the authorities don't seem to realise that if a secondary school is given mobiles it has got too many children already

"High schools here were built for 1 000 children each and every one has already got about 200 more children than it should have

"For the last seven or eight years we have been promised a school. Now

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No places for hundreds of children

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they have given it top priority

"But if we got that school tomorrow we could fill it straight away — with the 400 children looking for places and the extra numbers at the high schools already

"Then they would have to start building another school straight away"

One father who has bat-

tled in vain to get his children places said "The whole thing is scandalous. How would you like to be told your child's education is finished

The school committees have sent a joint letter to the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives in Cape Town demanding action

Principals at senior and primary schools have

said the crisis is due to "bad planning"

Mr Tinus Dempsey, public relations officer for the Department of Education and Culture, said the department had located a site for a new senior secondary school for 1 000 pupils in Gelvandale and the matter was receiving top priority

But, pressed to be more explicit, he said there was no chance the school

would be built in 1988

The following is a breakdown of the enrolment at senior secondary schools in the northern areas

Gelvandale 1 219, St Thomas 1 178, Livingstone 1 109, Chapman 1 179, Paterson 1 117, Bethelsdorp 1 249, Arcadia 1 150, St James, which caters for Standard 6 and Standard 7 pupils only, 293, and Chatty 1 205

Officials come from Cape to tackle classroom crisis

By KIN BENTLEY

TOP officials of the Department of Education and Culture were in Port Elizabeth yesterday to tackle the classroom accommodation crisis in the city's coloured schools

It is estimated that at the beginning of next year there will be a surplus of about 1 300 pupils entering Standard 6 or 7 for whom high schools in the area have no space

Long and short-term steps discussed yesterday to address this problem were outlined today by Mr Aldus Smith, chief inspector of the department in PE

And "everything points" to schools acquiring more mobile classrooms to meet their immediate needs until new schools are built

Mr Smith confirmed that the chief director of the department, Mr Billy Hendricks, and the department's chief education physical planner, came from Cape Town to investigate the situation

He said they visited possible sites for two schools which are desperately needed to accommodate the rapidly expanding number of pupils

They also held discussions with the principals of high schools in Gelvendale

and Bethelsdorp, as well as with Mr M S Mackay, chairman of a Gelvendale schools steering committee

Mr Smith said finance was not the only problem as far as building new schools was concerned. Finding a site for them in the already crowded Bethelsdorp and Gelvendale areas was also a problem

He said he would be discussing an aspect of this problem today with a member of the PE Municipality's Town Planning Department

All parties involved, however, admit it is unlikely that new schools will be built in the area before 1990

Asked if mobile classrooms would be used to address the short-term problem, he said "Everything points in that direction"

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Teacher's Court plea

Supreme Court Reporter

THE battle between demoted teacher Mr. Peter Carstens and the Department of Education and Culture has reached the Supreme Court

Mr Carstens is asking the court to rule the department's decision to extend his probationary period unlawful and to declare that he was entitled to "enjoy all his rights" as principal of Glendale Senior Secondary School in Mitchells Plain until his appointment is lawfully ended

He said the department informed him on September 25 it was demoting him to deputy principal with a lowered salary and he would be transferred to a primary school

The application was postponed by agreement yesterday to a date to be arranged and the department was ordered to file opposing affidavits by November 10

By Norman West
Political Reporter

THE LABOUR PARTY has unveiled its blueprint for South Africa's constitutional future — the first such attempt by the party that has the power to force President Botha to the polls in 1989.

The main elements of the plan are a federation of South African states, geographically-based and non-racial, with a built-in Bill of Rights.

But a non-negotiable prerequisite should be that such a plan be worked out with blacks — including political activists now detained or imprisoned.

As the majority party in the 85-member House of Representatives — often claiming to be the real alternative party to the NP as against the 26 members of the Conservative Party — the LP has been criticised for being both too collaborationist. It has also been criticised, on the other hand, for being confrontational while failing to come up with an acceptable alternative as a substitute for the present system.

But the LP's chief strategist, Mr Billy Ross, leader of the LP's caucus team in the,

President's Council, says he is convinced the LP's plan for a non-racial, geographically-based federation of states was one of the few options to the present tricameral Parliament.

Favouring a form of federation is the level of economic and infrastructural integration in South Africa and the inability of the homelands and independent black states to exist without South African support.

There was a genuine fear, conceded Mr Ross, of a universal franchise in a unitary state leading to black majority rule with no protection for minority groups in the country.

But, he argues, a federation based on non-racial geographic regional units would allow for universal suffrage without the domination of national majority rule.

The LP sees this federation achieved through

process where the country is demarcated into a number of separate and distinct economic/political/regional communities.

One major advantage could be that such entities might satisfy the universal call for a "one-man one-vote" arrangement in South Africa without any disadvantage to any minority. They would thereby meet a favourite NP "non-negotiable" often hampered home by State President Botha.

Emphasis would be placed on the economic development of the region rather than specific community or group needs.

The LP believes this to be a more pragmatic solution, with a quicker tempo, because regional development would lead to integrated development programmes

without traditional emphasis on race, culture or religion.

The LP's interpretation of a federation comprises a federal or 'central authority, which is' sovereign, with several units or regional authorities or governments as its basis.

For South Africa, argues Ross, federalism would mean a process through which a hitherto unitary political community becomes differentiated into a number of separate and distinct political communities.

A federal constitution as proposed by the LP would be based on democracy and include as a non-negotiable prerequisite a Bill of Rights.

The Bill of Rights would have to guarantee, inter alia:

- Freedom of speech and of movement
- Freedom from arbitrary arrest and imprisonment without public trial

LP releases blueprint for SA of the future

• The right of access to courts of justice

Normally it is not easy, says Mr Ross, to transform strong unitary state into a federation. But in South Africa, with its existing provinces, black self-governments, and the independent states and the infrastructure of metropolitan Regional Services Council, variety of components with strong historical legitimacy already exists.

They could, with adaptation, easily serve as a framework for the implementation of a relatively painless transition from a white-dominated government to a Federal Republic of South Africa.

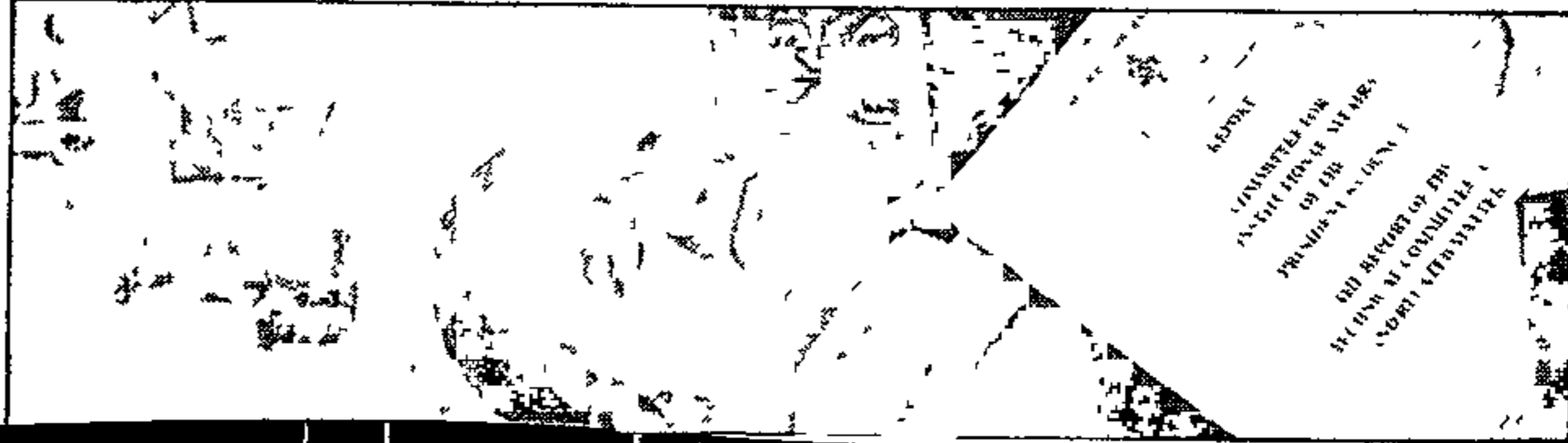
But, as a first step, blacks should be elected to serve the PC to form part of a bipartisan credible body work out the plan.

Only then will the PC have the competence and credibility to conduct initial research to work out the modus operandi of the envisaged federation.

His only reservation was that while Nelson Mandela was still in jail moderate blacks would be hesitant to participate in the PC and the proposed National Council.

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BILLY ROSS
Painless transition

PW's ban on April's trip an insult he must live with — Hendrickse

CAPE TOWN — President Botha's refusal to allow Mr Chris April, Minister of Health and Welfare in the House of Representatives, to make an official visit to Israel and West Germany is seen by the Labour Party as a slap in the face, party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse said yesterday.

He told the Peninsula Congress of the Labour Party at Paarl that the decision was "an insult which President Botha will have to live with".

"President Botha said Mr April had already been overseas four times. The number of times is not important — what is important is what the visits mean for South Africa."

In two visits to the United States, Mr Hendrickse said, Mr

April went with the purpose of "selling" the new South Africa which is being built.

"He achieved great success, and President Botha knows it. Labour asks why President Botha is reluctant to give Mr April credit for what he did."

"We find it strange that Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Kobus Meiring thanked the Labour Party for its contribution in the outside world, but President Botha is silent."

"Something's not right. Perhaps President Botha can shed light on the matter. We would like to know how many Ministers and Deputy Ministers have been refused permission to go overseas at State cost since 1984."

MORE 'MOBILES' IN BID TO BEAT SCHOOLS CRISIS

Evening Post
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MORE mobile classrooms are to be introduced at schools in Port Elizabeth's northern areas to cope with the accommodation crisis expected next year. This was confirmed today by Mr Aldus Smith, chief inspector for the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives in the Eastern Cape.

Mr. Smith said: "The department has in principle approved putting them up"

He said he had just received a notice from the department saying this was an interim measure.

He could not say at this stage how many "mobiles" and at which schools they would be installed.

He believed their erection would probably take place before the end of the year.

Asked what progress was being made in plans to erect much needed new high schools in the area, Mr. Smith said the department's investigations into this were continuing.

Suitable sites, he added, remained the major problem.

The introduction of mobiles follows a recent outcry among headmasters in the northern areas.

They said they would not be able to find space to accommodate the influx of Std 6 and Std 7 pupils next year.

It has been estimated that there will be a surplus of 1 300 pupils at high schools in the northern areas in January.

Senior officials of the department visited PE last month to look into the problem.

The introduction of mobiles has been criticised by headmasters who say it will exacerbate the problem in the long term.

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Transferred for his

views?

AN EMPLOYEE in the House of Representatives who signed a petition claiming that white officials were being favoured for top posts discovered this week that he was being transferred to another town.

By HENRY LUDSKI

The petition, signed by the employee and about 25 of his colleagues, was sent to the Minister in the Department of Budgetary and Auxillary Services, the Rev A A Julies, a few weeks ago

This week, Mr Kevin Parsotam, a personnel clerk, was given a week's notice of his transfer to a similar post in Kimberley

Although Mr Parsotam has refused to comment on the matter, it has been claimed that he was transferred because the Department believed he was behind the petition

"It's a clear case of victimization," said one of his colleagues this week

"We were concerned about the fact that most of the top jobs in the Department were going to white Government officials. We pointed this out to the Rev Julies and wanted to know why this was happening."

In the memorandum to Mr Julies, the employees gave recent examples indicating that at least five top jobs in the Department of Budgetary and Auxillary Service had gone to white public servants

The Minister's Council in the House of Representatives is on record as saying that suitable qualified coloured public servants would be given preference for promotion posts

However, the workers who signed the petition have refuted this, saying they can back up their claims with facts

It is understood that Mr Parsotam is not happy about

moved to Kimberley. However, he is aware that if he refuses to go, he could face misconduct charges and possible disciplinary action

In their memorandum to Mr Julies, the employees claimed that posts were being filled by white workers even though suitably qualified coloured candidates were available

This, they said, was in contradiction of the stated policy of the Minister's Council, and they urged the Department to urgently rectify the situation

Mr T Dempsey, spokesman for Minister Council, said that the Director General of the House of Representatives was not aware of the memorandum and could therefore not comment on the allegations

He said that Mr Parsotam was moved to Kimberley in terms of accepted State regulations.

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NP was running scared of CP ...

NP attempts to split LP



THE REV ALLAN HENDRICKSE ... looking to the electorate for a mandate as to the Labour Party's continued participation in Parliament.

THE odds of an election in 1989 favoured the Labour Party despite attempts by the National Party to sow dissension in LP ranks over the issue.

By NORMAN WEST, Political Reporter

The Nats were busy with "dirty tricks" in order to avoid facing the polls in 1989, "but it won't work". The Rev Allan Hendrickse claimed yesterday

Mr Hendrickse, who received the "Newsmaker of the Year" award from the Johannesburg Press Club on Friday night, said the LP was not insisting on an election "out of spite", but the Government's slow tempo with real reform and its maintenance of "non-negotiable" pillars of apartheid made it imperative for the LP to seek a fresh mandate from the electorate on whether to quit or not.

The decision to go to the polls in 1989 or to quit tricameral politics altogether after five years, will be taken at the LP annual congress scheduled for the Skilpadsaal in Pretoria at the end of the year, Mr Hendrickse announced

He said he had noticed an attempt lately by Nat-supporting newspapers to create

division between the LP leadership and its MPs by engaging in some loud "wishful thinking" and spreading propaganda of "a looming split" in the ranks of the party over going to the polls in 1989.

The reason for this "fantasised split" said Mr Hendrickse, was because certain MPs, ostensibly, feared they might lose their seats in the event of a 1989 election

Feared

The truth was that the NP itself was "running scared" of the Conservative Party because the Nats were putting up a "reformist" front while it "danced to the tune of Andries (Dr Treurnick) Jaap (Marais, Leader of the Herstigte Nasionale Party) and Terre'Blanche (Eugene Terre'Blanche, leader of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging) said Mr Hendrickse

He conceded, though, there could be fears for an election among "a handful of MPs" but the important thing to remember, he said, was that the MPs were elected by the people

Therefore the people, in the form of the crucial LP congress scheduled for Pretoria at the end of the year, will take the decision as to whether the LP should call it quits after five years

He said the State President, Mr P W Botha, wanted to change the constitution in order to postpone the 1989 election for five years — until 1992 — because he feared the CP might slice away at his power-base

But for this to happen, Mr Botha needed the consent of all three Houses and, unlike in the case of ordinary legislation, the President's Council cannot come to the rescue in the case of a dispute between the three Houses

The Labour Party would be accused of treachery if it did not consult its electorate through its annual congress

After Mr Botha had threatened to dismiss Mr Hendrickse for publicly indicating he would thwart Nat plans to escape a 1989 election unless the Government scrapped the Group Areas Act Mr Hendrickse's star has soared among his electorate

This was because Mr Hendrickse has not only resigned as a member of the Cabinet, but has stated emphatically that the LP-ruled House of Representatives would not budge and the NP would have to face the CPs during the 1989 elections

Revolt

He said yesterday there were now seemingly attempts by the NP to "invent" a revolt in the LP caucus hoping it would "force" the party to opt for a postponement and so save the bacon of the Nats

The idea was to muster support against a postponement among those MPs who will only qualify for pensions after 7½ years

But most MPs realise the attempt to create disunity over the issue among LP MPs was because the climate did not favour an election for whites while on the other hand, the climate could not have been better for the Labour Party

Stone-thrower's appeal bid rejected

BLOEMFONTEIN. — The Appeal Court in Bloemfontein has dismissed an application by Hilton Davids, of Rocklands, Mitchells Plain, for leave to appeal against his conviction and sentence for malicious injury to property.

The conviction, by a Wynberg regional magistrate on December 17, 1985, arose from stones thrown at cars in Mitchells Plain on August 30, 1985

Davids was sentenced to imprisonment of two years, of which nine months was conditionally suspended. The Cape Supreme Court dismissed an appeal by him on May 26, 1986.

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By **NORMAN WEST**
Political Reporter

THE NEWLY-FORMED United Democratic Party (UDP) is to introduce a new brand of aggressive negotiation politics into the Parliament but will maintain links with extra-parliamentary bodies, UDP leader, Mr Jac Rabie said yesterday.

In his first interview as leader of the UDP — founded in Durban last Saturday — Mr Rabie, MP for Reigerspark and former caucus chairman of the Labour Party, said the new political climate created by the release of ANC activist, Mr Govan Mbeki and other political prisoners, as well as the creation of the Joint Executive Authority for KwaZulu-Natal, holds "exciting possibilities" for non-racial politics in future.

Charter

He said the UDP was anxious to establish and maintain ties with all political bodies committed to democratic processes of change.

The essential difference between the UDP and the LP in the House of Representatives will be, to a large extent, the UDP's adoption of the Freedom Charter from the outset as a working document.

The UDP would be guided in all its negotiations by the aim of having implemented the principles contained in the Declaration of Human Rights adopted by

the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948 — and applicable to all citizens — Mr Rabie said.

He said to show the UDP meant business, it has already made contact with and has had favourable responses from Cabinet Ministers in connection with negotiation about political matters.

"We want to get away from dolls-house politics and debating amongst ourselves. As a recognised non-racial political grouping across race and colour lines, we want to engage in aggressive negotiations with the Government of the day, and to convince the Government to move to real reform through across-the-table debates.

"We can also introduce Private Members' Bills and use these as a basis of negotiation with government departments with a view to introducing legislation accordingly, instead of introducing meaningless resolu-

tions which Ministers simply shoot down.

"But we will at all times be sensitive to the wishes of the community and guided by their demands," Mr Rabie said.

And from Durban, Advocate Mahmoud Rajab, MP for Springfield, said that the three-member Progressive Reform Party will in future sit in the House of Delegates as representatives of the UDP.

He said the UDP wants to bring those who truly believed in non-racial negotiation politics together in one grouping — and the name UDP does not necessarily want to be the main party.

It represented an attempt at "getting our act together" and translating glib talk and rhetoric into action.

The PRP believed there was no time left for "coloured" or "Indian" or "white" politics and would in future hold "very serious

discussions" with Mr Wynand Malan of the National Democratic Movement, Dr Denis Worrall of the Independent Movement and Mr Colin Eglon of the Progressive Federal Party," Mr Rajab said.

"The time has come for serious cross-pollination politics and the UDP would welcome those white politicians in the House of Assembly who are in favour of true non-racialism to establish a presence in all three Houses, Mr Rajab said.

Astute

He said the January congress of the PRP would be asked to ratify the decision taken by him and the leader of the PRP, Mr Pat Poovalingam, to align the PRP with the UDP.

Mr Rabie, former Chairman of Committees in the House of Representatives who will lead the UDP is recognised as an astute politician and is among the most able debaters in Parliament.

He was born in Middle-

burg, Transvaal, on August 18, 1938 and is a former President of the Transvaal Association of management committees, former member of the Cabinet Council and former member of the Coloured Persons's Representative Council (CRC).

In the 1984 "coloured" elections, Mr Rabie won the Reigerspark seat for the LP with a majority of 3 208 against his nearest rival's 627 in a 50,7 percent poll.

The UDP will now replace the seven-member Democratic Party led since April this year by Mr Charles Redcliffe, MP for Schauderville, as official opposition to the Labour Party in the House of Representatives.

Mr Redcliffe was elected deputy leader of the UDP after he declared his support for Mr Rabie.

The UDP will kick off with 11 MPs when Parliament resumes on February 5 — eight MPs in the House of Representatives and three in the House of Delegates.

GAA must go Hendrickse

DURBAN — Any government decision to retain the Group Areas Act (GAA) would not only put the clock back for SA, but would lead also to a build-up of frustration among blacks, Labour Party leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, said at the weekend.

He told the party's Natal congress in Wentworth, frustration would in turn lead to a conflict situation which nobody could win.

The party rejected group areas completely and nothing but repeal of the Act would satisfy it.

"We must be careful not to be used in terms of the Act for our own subjugation," he said.

Between 1960 and 1975, he said, the State had spent R261m on housing, but of this amount R200m had been spent on "re-housing".

"So where is the State meeting the housing needs of the people?" he asked.

More than 100 000 coloureds had been uprooted in terms of group areas ideology. Sapa. 11/11/73

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Mopp criticised

EAST LONDON — The Border MP in the House of Representatives, Mr Peter Mopp, has been criticised by a local resident for his Labour Party breakaway and subsequent United Democratic Party (UDP) membership without informing his constituency of his intentions

Mr J Segers said Mr Mopp had stood as a LP candidate originally and had been elected as such

He said Mr Mopp had switched to the Democratic Party without consulting his constituency and had then joined the UDP without consultation

"Mr Mopp should have told us He won his seat on a particular party ticket and now he has changed over twice," he said

Mr Mopp if Mr Segers wanted to make an issue out of it, he could

"I do not know why Mr Segers wants to question my motives now He has not approached me and when I did change over, I stated my reasons" —
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Border MP under fire

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EAST LONDON — The Border MP in the House of Representatives, Mr Peter Mopp, should make his policies clear to East London voters, the vice-chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr D Alexander, said last night.

In a press statement, he said it was not the first time Mr Mopp had changed parties.

"Mr Mopp resigned from the Coloured Management Committee because he said we were going nowhere," Mr Alexander said.

Mr Alexander said he agreed with Mr J Segers, who criticised Mr Mopp for breaking away from the Labour Party and joining the United Democratic Party without informing his constituency.

"We as voters are sick and tired of Mr Mopp always changing his party," Mr Alexander said.

"I call on Mr Mopp to tell us what he stands for."

Mr Mopp could not be contacted for comment last night — DDR

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Carter sackings blocked

A SUPREME COURT order has stopped Carter Ebrahim's Department of Education and Culture from holding elections to replace the ousted school committee of the Fanie van der Merwe Senior Secondary in Calvinia.

The Department sacked the committee, led by Dominee A J Louw, last month after pupils at the school staged a three-day class boycott.

The committee decided to close the school after security police threatened to act against the pupils. The matter was peacefully resolved and the police later thanked Louw for his co-operation.

The committee applied to the Supreme Court this week for an order declaring the Department's action unlawful and for the

committee to continue operating.

They also applied for an interdict restraining the department from convening elections for a new committee. The court granted the interdict a day before the election meeting.

The Department has until December 7 to inform Louw's attorneys whether they intend opposing the committee's application to be reinstated.

Louw's committee still had two years of its three-year term to serve.

According to regulations, a committee can be dissolved if it failed to carry out its duties satisfactorily or acted in a manner which is not in the best interests of the school concerned.

In his affidavit Louw stated that all

decisions taken by the committee were based on a "deep concern" and commitment for the well-being of the school and in the best interests of the continued and uneventful education of the children.

"It is unthinkable, insofar as the rest of the school committee members and I are concerned, that any parent can do otherwise. We are in fact all parents of pupils at the school," the affidavit reads.

Louw stated that the department's decision to dissolve the committee resulted from "improper and ulterior motives", had been reached in "bad faith", and was a "grossly unreasonable, arbitrary, capricious and unfair action".

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Carter backs down

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CARTER Ebrahim's Department of Education and Culture has backed down and agreed, in an out-of-court settlement, to allow the school committee it sacked in October to continue functioning

The Department sacked the committee, led by Dominee A J Louw, after pupils at the school staged a three-day class boycott

The committee decided to close the school after security police threatened to take action against the pupils

Louw's committee applied to the Supreme Court for an order declaring the department's action unlawful and asked that the committee continues operating

Convening elections

They also applied successfully for an interdict restraining the department from convening elections for a new committee

Last week Louw's attorneys received a letter from the department stating that the minister had revoked his previous decision "pending further consideration"

Louw's committee may now continue functioning until such time as its period of office expires or is lawfully terminated

The department has agreed to pay the costs of the court proceedings



Carter Ebrahim

Axed because she's 'white'

A RONDEBOSCH psychologist claimed this week she had lost her job at a "coloured" school because she was white.

Mrs Daphne Cooper, of Astra School for the Disabled in Montana, said she was one of three people to be replaced next year.

"I was told it was policy not to employ whites if 'coloured' people were available."

She said Hazendal singer/songwriter, Tina Schouw, and another teacher resigned in protest. The other teacher apparently returned after being requested to withdraw her resignation.

Other teachers who had lost their jobs refused to comment because "it would jeopardise their careers".

A spokesperson for the Department of Education and Culture, Mr Thinus Dempsey, confirmed the employment of Cooper and two other white teachers would be ended on December 31.

Schouw's employment would be terminated on the same date.



Daphne Cooper

He said Schouw, a Standard One teacher at the school, was asked to remain for another year. She had turned down the offer.

~~Schouw could not be contacted for comment.~~

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Cooper, who worked at Astra for eighteen months, said she became suspicious about her position when someone from an Athlone school for the blind asked whether she would be available next year.

Inspector

She telephoned an inspector who confirmed her post would be taken over by another person.

"He said pressure from JMC (Joint Management Committee) representatives, who sat on the Association for the Physically Disabled, had caused the Department to make the decision," claimed Cooper.

She said she confronted the principal, Mr Joe Raaf, who said it was official policy not to employ whites if there were "coloured" people available.

A JMC executive member said a decision by the Minister's Council of the House of Representatives stipulated white teachers could not apply for permanent posts.

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Carelse loses court battle

Staff Reporter

THE acting principal of Glendale Senior Secondary School, Mr Peter Carelse, who was demoted earlier this year amid controversy, yesterday lost his application to the Supreme Court to be reinstated as head of Glendale

This means that Mr Carelse — who has been in his position for the past five years — will be demoted to deputy principal of a primary school and will have to take a cut in salary

The court found that the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, had acted within his powers when he terminated Mr Carelse's period of probation as principal of Glendale

Mr Carelse was appointed on probation in December 1984, and was told in September that his probation had been extended until December 31 this year. He would then revert to the rank of primary-school deputy principal

He applied to the Supreme Court to have the department's action declared illegal, and claimed that his right to an inquiry and appeal had not been adhered to

At a meeting in Mitchells Plain earlier this year more than 1000 parents, teachers and students vowed to fight for his reinstatement.

Parents told the meeting they had great respect for Mr Carelse, who had established a sound academic base and an 80% first-year pass rate

More than 400 teachers of the Western Cape Teachers Union also held a demonstration in support of Mr Carelse

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Change or else, says Hendrickse

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PRETORIA — Unless radical changes were made to the Group Areas Act the Labour Party (LP) would have no option but to send whites to the polls in 1989, LP leader Allan Hendrickse said last night.

Hendrickse threw down the gauntlet to the NP when he opened the 22nd congress of the LP in Skilpadsaal.

Hendrickse said the LP congress had to make two vital decisions.

- Whether to continue to take part in the tricameral Parliament;
- Whether whites should go the polls in 1989 or 1992

Stating the LP was at a crossroads, Hendrickse said a thorough examination of what had been achieved by participation would have to be conducted.

He said SA was on the "eve of a crisis", maybe even a revolution.

"Seen in this light it is time apartheid in all its forms be abolished from the statute books. The time for sign language and cosmetic change is now running out."

Hendrickse warned that unless the NP government took definite steps towards reform the future of SA "will remain a nightmare for us and our children"

Stating that he wished to address

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white SA "with a degree of bitterness", Hendrickse said whites should "stop taking only yourselves into consideration

"SA does not consist only of whites. You need us as well and we are extending our hand of friendship to you"

As long as government hesitated in breaking down apartheid, a conflict situation would arise "which we will be unable to stop"

SA could no longer hide behind the stereo-typed idea that when politicians failed, the SADF would succeed — the price of which would be enormous.

Attacking government for paying too much attention to the right wing, Hendrickse said the NP should not lose sight of the fact that it had a responsibility towards all South Africans and not just whites.

Dealing with NP plans to extend the concept of own and general affairs, he said that would only create more tension between South Africans. And quite simply, the country could not afford the luxury of such a costly form of government

LP resolves to send whites to '89 polls

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PRETORIA — An overwhelming Labour Party vote to hold the National Party government to ransom over the Group Areas Act in exchange for postponed elections has set the two biggest parties in parliament on a collision course.

The LP yesterday resolved to send whites to the polls in 1989 — unless the Group Areas Act is totally repealed.

The motion, passed overwhelmingly, is a vote of confidence for the LP's leader, Reverend Allan Hendrickse, who initially threw down the gauntlet to the government over the election.

The PFP welcomed the LP's strong-line approach to force the scrapping of the act.

In terms of the consti-

tution all three Houses will have to go to the polls in 1989 unless the constitution is amended — an amendment which needs the support of all three Houses.

With this the LP can force the National Party to face the Conservative Party less than two years after the May 6 election results which showed increasing support for the right-wing.

The CP last night expressed confidence at beating the NP in an early election.

The 22nd annual congress of the LP also voted unanimously to reaffirm the decision taken at Eshwé in 1983 — to participate in the tricameral Parliament for five years and then review the situation.

The debate was not without acrimony.

The Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim, said it was known that a deadlock existed between the NP and LP.

He added that a number of apartheid acts remained on the statute books.

"Are we going to arrive at a breaking point on one act when more than 80 laws have been removed by the effective

participation of the LP in parliament?"

Mr Ebrahim suggested that Mr Hendrickse be called on to break the deadlock and so enhance negotiations.

A number of MPs disagreed.

The MP for Wentworth, Mr Tommy Abrahams, said there could be no justification for postponing the election unless the Group Areas Act was scrapped.

He said cool, level-headed, debate had not brought an end to the act but instead had met with aggravation from the State President, Mr Mr P W Botha.

The Minister of Health and Welfare, Mr Chris April, said he was 100 per cent against the unconditional postponement of the elections.

The Deputy Minister of Population Development, Mr Luwellyn Landers, said if congress backed the LP leader the NP would have to fight an election.

"If PW wants to postpone the election he must come to us and bow the knee, not the other way round."

Political analysts say Mr Botha would appear to have two options. He can call an election next

year although this idea has been rejected in NP circles, or he can try and split the LP.

The future of Mr Ebrahim, hung in the balance last night following his opposition to the proposal that whites be sent to the polls in 1989.

It is understood that plans are already underway to drop him from the Minister's Council.

Mr Ebrahim, who initially tried to have the motion on the elections scrapped because it had not been printed on the order paper, said the LP should attempt to resolve the impasse with the NP through talks.

He proposed that a negotiating team be appointed to resolve the deadlock with the NP and that the LP drop its threat to send whites to the polls.

A source within the Labour Party indicated some months ago that moves were afoot to replace Mr Ebrahim. Yesterday's row could well precipitate that action.

Tipped to succeed him is the MP for Mamre, Mr Abe Williams.

LP supporters yesterday said "resignation" was the only honourable way out for Mr Ebrahim whose opposition to the motion was regarded as "openly challenging the leadership". — DDC-Sapa

WHITES could go to the polls as early as next year as a consequence of the growing row between the National Party and the Labour Party.

Labour leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse on Monday night made it clear there would be no compromise on his stand that either the Group Areas Act must go in 1988 or he would force the National Party to hold an early general election.

The Government needs the co-operation of the majority party of the House of Representatives in order to amend the constitution so as to extend the life of the House of Assembly for five years from the date of the last general election.

If the Labour Party refuses to co-operate, the Assembly will automatically be dissolved along with the other two houses when the five-year life of the current Parliament expires in September 1989.

The State President in that case has only one other option he can dissolve the whole of Parliament and call a general election any time before that.

Some politicians, including Nationalists are beginning to believe President Botha may use this option to go to the polls in a snap election for all three houses even in early 1988.

Mr Hendrickse told the opening of the Labour congress in Pretoria this week the party and the country were at a crossroads. The congress would have to

LABOUR PARTY leader Allan Hendrickse's no compromise demand on the scrapping of the Group Areas Act may force President Botha to call an early general election.

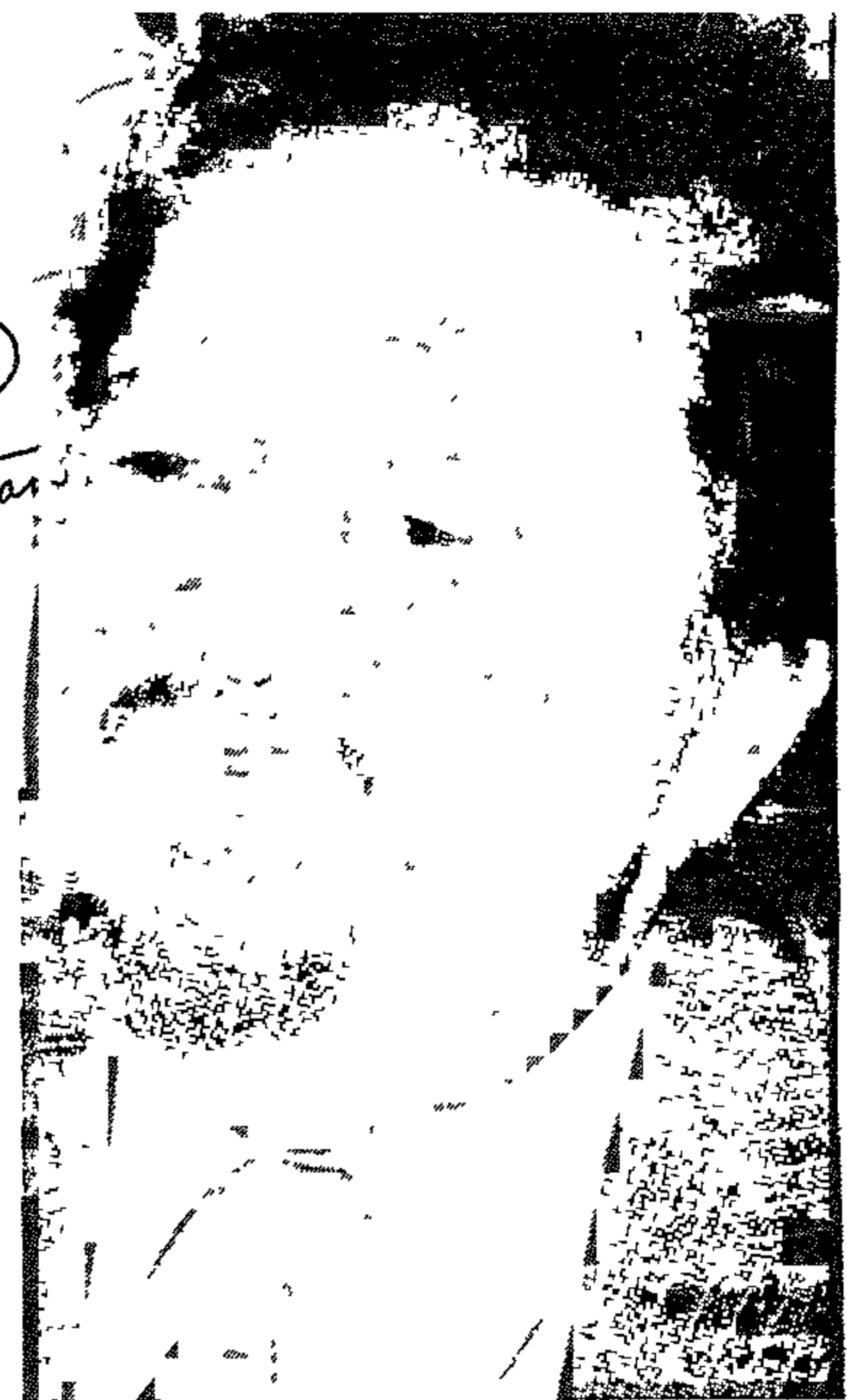
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Rev's stand set to shake Govt



make two important decisions which would influence the future of the country changed or repealed in the next year, the National Party would have to go back to the polls in 1989.

These were whether the Labour Party should in the light of its present participation in the tricameral system continue with its role, or whether it should play a pressure role outside parliament, and whether the whites should go back to the polls in 1989 or in 1992.

He was adamant that unless the Group Areas Act was drastically

Mr Hendrickse also opened a second major front in the Labour Party's conflict with the Government by declaring the party would not support any further extension of the concept of own affairs government.

This was in direct opposition to the view recently expressed by Transvaal NP leader Mr F W de Klerk that the Government was intent on expanding the own affairs aspects of its policies.

Neither Mr de Klerk nor President Botha, both on holiday, could be reached for reaction.

Progressive Federal Party MP for Sandton, Mr David Dalling, a guest at Mr Hendrickse's meeting, described the Labour leader's speech

as positive for its unequivocal anti-apartheid stance.

He said "The speech opened clear areas of conflict between the Government and Labour on the Group Areas Act and on the question of own affairs."

"Labour's main weapon is obviously going to be the white elections and either President Botha is going to have to scrap the Group Areas Act or he will have to have an election in 1988 or 1989."

"It was a strong speech which Mr Botha will have to take account of."

Parliamentarians were meanwhile speculating on the reason why the opening of Parliament has been advanced from February 5 to February 1.

The speaker, Mr Louis le Grange, has advised MPs the business of Parliament has been advanced, but has given no official reasons.

PFP spokesman on constitutional planning Professor Nic Olivier said he suspected it had to do with two Bills which the State President had referred to the President's Council after they were rejected by the Labour Party.

The Bills, dealing with emoluments and pensions for town clerks and town councillors, were rejected by the House of Representatives during the last session because they did not prescribe parity for the different population groups.

Professor Olivier said in terms of the constitution Parliament could only debate Bills referred to the President's Council during the same session.

By sitting on February 1, Parliament would in fact still be sitting in the session preceding the session opened officially on February 5.

LP's Ebrahim faces fight for political life

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ELSABE WESSELS

CONTROVERSIAL House of Representatives Education and Culture Minister Carter Ebrahim could be fighting for his political life in the Labour Party (LP) after yesterday publicly opposing leader Allan Hendrickse at the party's annual congress in Pretoria's Skilpadsaal.

Ebrahim, who is LP chairman of the Peninsula region, was the only minister and one of only three delegates to speak against a decision to force the NP to the polls unless it repeals the Group Areas Act.

LP supporters yesterday said "resignation" was the only honourable way out for Ebrahim whose opposition to the motion was regarded as "openly challenging the leadership".

Ebrahim's was the only dissenting voice among members of the Minister's Council who spoke on the matter.

The motion, which was later accepted with overwhelming support, came after

Hendrickse's warning to government on Monday night to proceed further with the President's Council report on the Act or face a 1989 election.

Ebrahim called on Hendrickse to "lead the road of negotiation" and to stop the "knocking of heads" between himself and President P W Botha. An amendment moved by Ebrahim calling for NP and LP "reconciliation" was rejected.

Yesterday was not the first clash between Hendrickse and Ebrahim. As coloured education chief Ebrahim has often been in the firing line over his handling of the coloured schooling crisis. He embarked on tough measures, including the suspension and firing of teachers, to curb unrest at schools and colleges.

Hendrickse says away with the Group act

THE Labour Party voted overwhelmingly yesterday to demand the unconditional repeal of the Group Areas Act as a precondition for the possible postponement to 1992 of the scheduled 1989 elections for the House of Assembly or the other houses of Parliament.

An amendment moved by the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, that the party leadership strive to break the current deadlock between the National Party government and the LP and to achieve further

reform through reconciliation and negotiation was supported by only a handful of delegates

In terms of the constitution the State President, Mr P W Botha, must obtain the approval of the House of Representatives — where the LP is in the majority — before he can implement his plan to postpone elections for whites, who went to the polls in a general election in May this year

The motion, put by the Minister of Health and Welfare in the House of Representatives, Mr

Chris April, was voted on after a lengthy and sometimes stormy debate at the congress yesterday

It was, however, clear from an early stage that the majority of delegates supported the standpoint of the LP leader, Mr Allan Hendrickse

In his opening address to the congress Mr Hendrickse warned the NP Government that the LP would have no alternative but to send whites back to the polls in 1989 unless the NP "radically" changed or repealed the Group Areas Act — Sapa
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LP take a stand

THE Labour Party yesterday unanimously voted to reaffirm the 1983 decision at Eshowe to continue participation in the tricameral parliamentary system until 1989.

When this five-year period ended, the party would review progress it had made within the system, to dismantle apartheid

Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representa-

tatives, said the party was bound to its 1983 decision to stay within the system for a full five years and that there was no need to discuss now whether or not the LP should withdraw

The only resolution that could be put was one

Labour Party's

THE Labour Party would contribute to a future free South Africa in a peaceful and honourable way it would ignore "khaki-clad rightwing politicians who want to see our

reaffirming the party's intention to stay for the full five year term

Other speakers in the short discussion emphasised the need for the LP to remain in Parliament as a "watchdog" and "in the interests of our people" — Sapa

"country destroyed," the party leader, Mr Allan Hendrickse said at his party's annual congress in the Pretoria Showgrounds' Skilpad Hall — Sapa.

Group Areas: PW rejects LP demands

State President P W Botha has made it clear he is not going to give in to Labour Party demands that the Group Areas Act be scrapped or else whites will be constitutionally forced to the polls in 1989.

The State President's office in Cape Town has said that Mr Botha had nothing to add on the Group Areas to what he said on October 5.

Speaking in the House of Assembly at the start of the debate on the President's Council report on the Group Areas Act Mr Botha said on October 5 "Let there be no doubt about this: the Government intends to enforce the existing provision of the Group Areas Act until such time as the amended or new legislation comes into force."

Mr Botha said then it would be wrong to deny those who wanted to live among their own community the right to do so.

On the other hand, it would also not be correct to deny those who preferred to live in the context of an "open" area their right to do that.

The Government accepted, he said, that in addition to the general pattern of separate residential areas for each population group, provision also had to be made in certain cases for open residential areas.

This week's Labour Party congress in Pretoria decided that either the Group Areas Act goes next year or the Labour Party will force the Government into an early election.

Another tortoise shell shock for Government

By David Braun,
Political Correspondent

From under the tortoise shell of Pretoria's Skulpad Hall has crawled a new problem for the National Party

In this hall the Conservative Party was born a few years ago, prompting Dr Andries Treurnicht's party to adopt the slow-but-steady reptile as its mascot

This week the Labour Party chose the venue for its annual congress, a deliberate act of defiance of the white right-wing groups which originally threatened to disrupt the congress.

It was an important congress for the Labour Party. Its leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, said the party, as well as the country, was at a crossroad.

Two decisions, affecting the future of party and country, had to be taken

● Whether the party should continue to participate in the tricameral system or whether it should go outside Parliament to pressure Government.

● Whether Labour should allow Government to postpone the white general election from 1989 to 1992

Those issues dominated the congress. Despite an attempt by a small group, led by Education and Culture Minister Mr Carter Ebrahim, to get the party to seek reconciliation with Government, the delegates voted overwhelmingly to support Mr Hendrickse's ultimatum that either Government repeal the Group Areas Act or the Labour Party withholds support for postponed white elections

Under the constitution, the House of Assembly must be dissolved with the rest of the legislature when the current life of Parliament expires in September

1989
The State President must then call a general election for all three Houses within six months.

Government wants the constitution amended to allow the three Houses five-year terms independently of each other.

Mr Hendrickse was asked by President Botha to leave the Cabinet when the Labour leader said the House of Representatives would not necessarily support a constitutional change until it was satisfied with what Government intended doing with its newly won mandate

There could be no question of allowing Government a blank cheque for five years, he said

The congress gave Mr Hendrickse overwhelming support for this position.

At the same time, it decided to adhere to its 1983 Eshowe decision, which was

to stay in the tricameral system for five years

Delegates felt they could not yet quit Parliament for two main reasons:

● The tricameral system had been useful in achieving short-term gains for the coloured people, particularly in housing and education. More needed to be done in these fields.

● It was necessary to remain within the system to maintain pressure on Government and continue blocking President Botha over the white election issue.

Labour's decisions present a dilemma for Government.

On the one hand, it has a tricameral Parliament in which one House is obstructionist and confrontational

On the other, to go into an early election would present gratuitous political capital to the Conservative Party.

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LP urges ANC to renounce violence; slates US tax move

The Labour Party has called on the African National Congress to renounce violence and on the Government to create a climate for peaceful change that would make it possible for the outlawed organisation to heed its call.

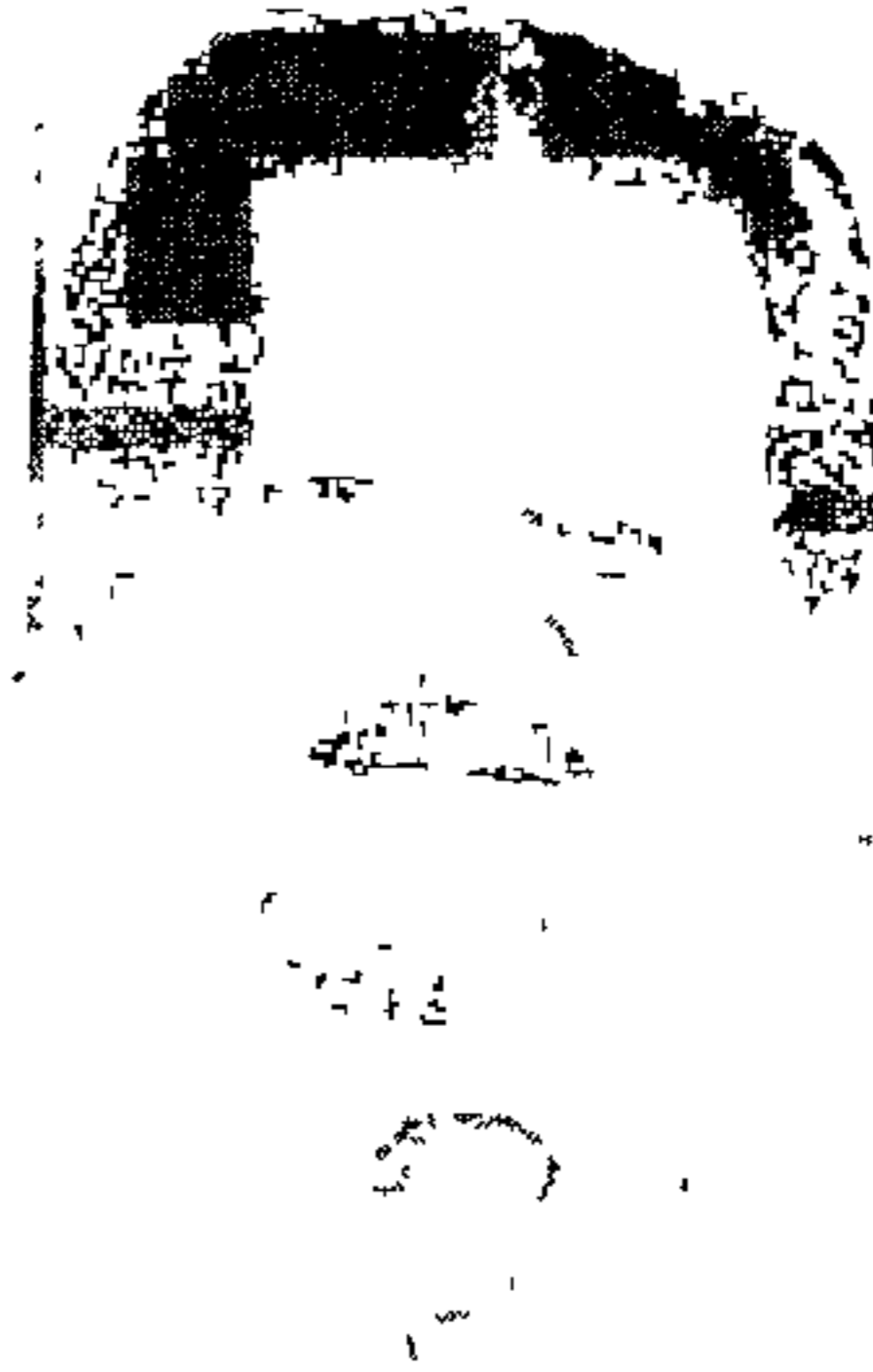
A resolution to this effect was passed by the Labour congress in Pretoria this week

● The congress also criticised the decision by the United States Congress to terminate the tax agreement with South Africa — a move that would result in American companies operating in South Africa having to pay tax in both countries. "Congress realises with regret that several companies will leave South Africa with the immediate hardship incumbent therein," a resolution said.

● The SABC came under fire from the congress for its "step-motherly and unfair attitude to the so-called coloured people both in news coverage and employment".

News coverage of the Labour Party was given in a watered-down manner and frequently out of context, a resolution said.

The congress asked the party leadership to appoint a committee to discuss the matter with the director-general of the SABC as a matter of urgency. — Political Correspondent.



Rev Allan Hendrickse... scrap Group Areas Act or face an early election.

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257 New legislation gets Hendrickse hopping

By LESTER VENTER
Political Correspondent

THE Government is heading for another constitutional clash with the Rev Allan Hendrickse's Labour Party and the House of Representatives.

The Government and the House of Representatives are set to lock horns over new draft legislation that will further clarify and entrench "own affairs" administration.

This is while members of the House of Representatives are battling to have "own affairs" abolished. They say it is merely an updated form of apartheid.

A spokesman for the House of Representatives said on the weekend the House was opposed to own affairs in principle. Legislation to take the issue further would not find a warm reception in the House of Representatives, he

The new law would be an amendment to the constitution and the Government would need agreement by a majority vote of all three Houses of Parliament.

The Chairman of the Ministers' Council in the white House of Assembly, Mr F W de Klerk, said in Pretoria this week the new law would come before Parliament in the new year.

Uncertainty

He said the distinction between "own affairs" and "general affairs" was the foundation on which the constitution was built.

But a great deal of uncertainty has emerged in putting the idea into practice.

The line between own affairs and general affairs was clear in the disciplines of education and welfare, said Mr De Klerk.

But the lines were less

clear in other areas — such as health administration, which includes the running of the country's large public hospitals.

There is a Ministers' Council for each of the three ethnically-divided Houses in Parliament, and each is responsible for administering its own "own affairs".

Joint debates are planned for next year, when "general affairs" — such as the national budget, defence and foreign affairs — will be discussed. Each House will retire, though, to its own chamber for voting on the issues discussed.

Mr De Klerk said the new own affairs amendment would be preceded by an investigation by the white Ministers' Council.

Mr Hendrickse's resistance to the legislation will be toughened by the fact that he is likely to face his electorate sometime during 1988.

Jobs for pals!

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By CHRIS GUTUZA

THE House of Representatives has been accused of providing "jobs for pals" by appointing Labour Party "functionaries" to top teaching posts.

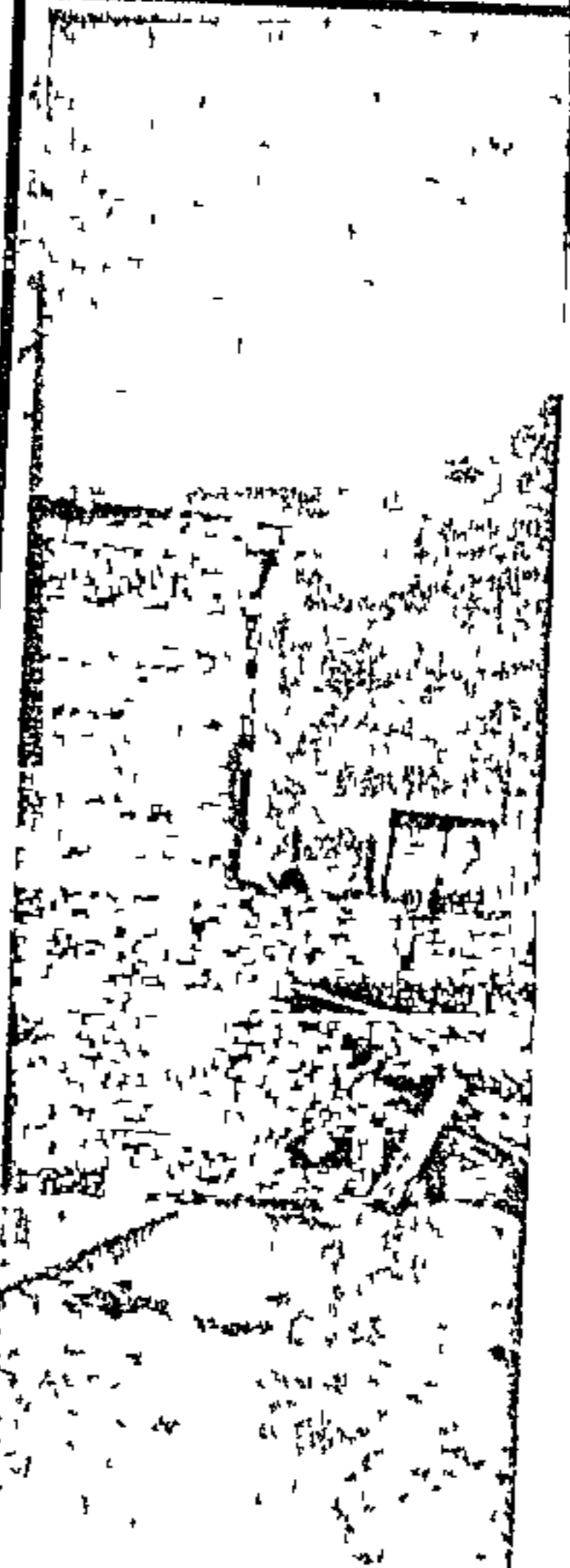
Last week the Union of Teachers' Associations of South Africa (Utasa) insisted on an independent commission of inquiry into what it called "party political interference" and "nepotism" after meeting with the Director of Coloured Education, Mr Awie Muller.

Stepped down

According to Mr Paul Jordan, general secretary of the Cape Teachers Professional Association (CTPA), there were at least seven reported cases "where capable people have been overlooked in favour of those who carried Labour Party tickets"

"A senior deputy principal in Oudtshoorn who served as principal at a new primary school for six months, stepped down for a Labour Party member in July though he was nominated the best person for the post," said Jordan

The man was nominated by the school committee, the regional council and a selection committee as "the



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THE axe finally fell this week on the community of Noordhoek as they were evicted to Khayelitsha.

The squatters living area, and Chapman's Peak, was surrounded by security forces and official police. The Community Servis Shacks were demolished and loaded on trucks. The press

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Posts for party pals

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number one person" for the post, he said.

There was a similar case at another Oudtshoorn school, he said.

Other areas where better-qualified applicants had been overlooked included Uitenhage, Kakamas and Port Elizabeth, said Jordan

He claimed the department deliberately delayed appointments until "their kind of person" became available as in the case of a school for printers in Parow

Jordan would not divulge names of teachers affected at this stage as he feared they would be victimised

Utasa, he said, had given notice to Muller of its intention to seek a Supreme Court interdict if an inquiry was not conducted

Muller had undertaken to take the matter to the Minister's Council of the House of Representatives.

Interfering

In his presidential address to Utasa's AGM last month, Mr Franklin Sonn accused the Labour Party of "blatantly interfering in professional matters"

"Since the introduction of the tri-cameral system, the Labour Party is clearly seeking patronage by making party-political selections for promotion posts," said Sonn

The practice had a "devastating effect" on both the morale and standard of the profession

"Despite clear evidence to the contrary, the Chairman of the Minister's Council denies this practice while his Minister repudiates him and in typical style insists that he will use his power to make political appointments "Party politicians must keep their noses out of professional matters," added Sonn.

Labour Party leader the Rev Alan Hendrickse said he could not comment on "something I know nothing about". He added at the same time that he was "very particular" about whom he spoke to and slammed down the phone.

SOUTH called again to confirm whether he had put down the phone He replied " Yes, because I've got nothing to say to you," before putting down the phone again



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Opposition in new move to join forces

Daily Dispatch Correspondent

PRETORIA — In a development that could change the face of opposition parliamentary politics, plans are under way for the Progressive Federal Party and the Labour Party to form a joint caucus.

It was disclosed last night that the proposed caucus was expected to be joined by Solidarity and Progressive Reform Party (PRP) members in the House of Delegates and possibly representatives of the Independent grouping headed by Dr Denis Worrall.

Solidarity and the PRP have apparently given the green light to the plan while Dr Worrall has held wide-ranging talks in recent weeks.

Dr Worrall and Mr Dave Dalling of the PFP were present at the opening of the LP's congress here on Monday.

An attempt will also be made to persuade credible black leaders to join the joint caucus, while it is understood that some members of the fledgling opposition party in the House of Representatives, the United Democratic Party, will throw in their lot with the alignment.

The KwaZulu leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthezi, and Mr Enos Mabuzza of KaNgwane have been mentioned.

Approaches are also being made in the hope of persuading other extra-parliamentary groups to participate.

One of the key organisers of the move to form the caucus said the time had come for opposition to the NP to be united.

The PFP, he said, could not continue to criticise the LP for its participation in the tricameral system as long as it continued within that system itself.

The LP controlled the 85-seat House of Representatives and therefore had the muscle to influence events within the tricameral system.

To this, the PFP would be able to add expertise garnered over many years in Parliament, and the substantial financial backing of some of its supporters.

Another positive aspect would be that coloured and Indian members of the PFP would no longer simply be adjuncts of whites in the party but would be able to participate fully in elections.

A senior member of the LP confirmed last night that talks had been held on a wide front in an attempt to unite opposition ranks.

The joint caucus, he spelt out, would address issues of strategy, both behind the closed doors

of the standing committees as well as publicly, the common aim being to bring about the end of apartheid.

Should the planned joint caucus become a reality — and it is understood that an initial meeting is planned for next month — it could end years of feuding between opposition parties to the left of the government.

It could also mark a significant change in the attitude of the PFP toward the other two houses.

Under its former leader, Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, the party opposed the tricameral system in the 1983 referendum, and was therefore opposed to participation in the House of Representatives and House of Delegates.

● The LP voted overwhelmingly yesterday to stay in the tricameral system for at least another year and to demand the unconditional repeal of the Group Areas Act as a pre-condition for the possible postponement to 1992 of the scheduled 1989 elections for the House of Assembly.

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Hardline Hendrickse widens rift with Govt

Defiant LP could force poll next year

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By David Braun,
Political Correspondent

The growing row between the National Party and the Labour Party could mean whites going to the polls again as early as next year.

Labour leader Mr Allan Hendrickse last night made it clear that there would be no compromise on his stand that, if the Group Areas Act were not scrapped in 1988, he would force the National Party to hold an early general election.

The Government needs the co-operation of the majority party of the House of Representatives to amend the constitution and extend the life of the Assembly for five years from the date of the last white general elections.

If the Labour Party refuses to co-operate, the Assembly will automatically be dissolved, along with the two other Houses, when the five-year life of the current Parliament expires in September 1989.

Only option

President Botha has only one other option he can dissolve the entire Parliament and call an early general election.

Some politicians, including Nationalists, are beginning to believe the President may use this option to go to the polls in a snap election for all three Houses even in early 1988.

Mr Hendrickse told the opening of the Labour Party congress in Pretoria last night that the party and the country were at a crossroads. The congress would have to make two important decisions which would influence the future of the country.

These were whether the Labour Party, in the light of its present participation in the tricameral system, should continue with its role, or whether it should play a pressure role outside Parliament, and whether the whites should go back to the polls in 1989 or in 1992.

He was adamant that, unless the Group Areas Act were drastically changed or repealed in the next year, the National Party would have to go back to the polls in 1989.

Second front

Mr Hendrickse also opened a second major front in the Labour Party's conflict with the Government by declaring that the party would not support any further extension of the concept of "own affairs" government.

This was in direct opposition to the view recently expressed by Transvaal NP leader Mr F.W. de Klerk that the Government was intent on expanding the "own affairs" aspects of its policies.

Neither Mr de Klerk nor President Botha, both on holiday, could be reached for reaction today.

Progressive Federal Party MP for Sandton Mr David Dalling, a guest at Mr Hendrickse's meeting last night, described the Labour leader's speech as positive for its unequivocal anti-apartheid stance.

He said "The speech opened clear areas of conflict between the Government and Labour."

"It was a strong speech of which Mr Botha will have to take account."

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The Rev Allan Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party is welcomed at the party congress at the Skilpad Hall in Pretoria last night.

Hendrickse threatens to force poll in '89

By David Braun
Political Correspondent

Mr Allan Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party (LP), told President Botha last night: "If you continue fiddling with the Group Areas Act next year without making radical changes, my party will have no option but to send you back to the polls in 1989"

In a belligerent speech at the opening of the annual LP congress in the Skilpad Hall, Pretoria, Mr Hendrickse also rejected flatly the Government's plans to expand the "own affairs" aspects of the constitution

He said that to continue expanding the "own affairs" concept would have disastrous consequences

"The concept of 'general affairs' has to be reviewed and extended to allow as much participation as possible for all race groups."

He stressed that the congress had to make two important decisions:

- Whether, in the light of the party's participation in the present dispensation, it wanted to commit itself further; or whether the LP could make a more meaningful contribution outside Parliament

- Whether the white voter would go to the polls in 1989 or 1992.

Mr Hendrickse also criticised the Government's "reforms" of joint sessions for all three Houses of Parliament, and its proposed National Council to in-

clude blacks at the highest level of decision making.

And he made a bitter attack on the Government's education policy, saying "We are tired of being like Lazarus — thankful for the crumbs thrown our way by the National Party Government"

But Mr Hendrickse held out a small olive branch by adding "As long as the Government keeps to the process of reform and does not hesitate, the LP will, through constructive contribution, support you"

South Africa would have to increase the pace of reform or find itself in the spiral of ever-increasing violence, he said. The power to remove the barbs of the Group Areas Act was solely in the hands of the State President

"In the light of the National Party's 40th anniversary next year, the State President can, as an act of goodwill, declare District 6 an open area

"That is why I want to appeal to the State President to overcome his fear of the right-wing Afrikaners and prove that he has the courage of his convictions by grabbing this Act by the horns and removing it forcibly from society."

Mr Hendrickse appealed to President Botha to leave behind those who were scared of facing the future of the country and to make a complete break with apartheid

Police out in force, but no trouble

A heavy police presence marked the opening of the Labour Party congress

Earlier this year, the AWB threatened to disrupt the congress, but there was no sign of the organisation at the start of proceedings.

Among the more than 1 600 delegates and guests to hear Mr Allan Hendrickse were MPs of other parties, including the NP member for Risik, Mr Chris Fisser, and PFP member for Sandton, Mr David Dalling

Dr Denis Worrall was also present.

'Having P W on National Council is not reform'

By David Braun

The Reverend Allan Hendrickse last night made it clear he was not happy with the Government's plans to create a National Council

He said it was not considered constitutional reform when the State President, who was the leader of the majority party in Parliament, served on the council and referred decisions that were made there to the Cabinet, which he also chaired

"We must ask each other precisely what we hope to achieve by this and where it will lead."

His reservations about the National Council, which the Government hopes to establish next year, could be bad news for the National Party, which has set great store by the proposed forum

as the mechanism to draw a representative cross-section of all the country's leaders into constitutional negotiations

He also queried whether joint sessions of all three Houses of Parliament was a step serving the interests of all South Africans

He warned that as long as the Group Areas Act existed and discrimination in education continued, South Africa would never be able to say to the outside world that it was busy with reform.

Mr Hendrickse said he addressed white South Africans with a degree of bitterness when he said "Stop taking only yourselves into consideration — South Africa does not consist solely of whites, you need us as well and we are extending our hand of friendship to you"

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Nats will have trouble splitting the party

Labour is solidly behind its leader

By David Braun,
Political Correspondent

Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse has won the overwhelming support of his party for his plan to tackle the Government over the Group Areas Act

The Labour Party congress in Pretoria also reaffirmed its 1983 decision to stay in the tricameral system for five years

More than 1 500 delegates voted in favour of Mr Hendrickse in control

Mr Hendrickse's position that either the Group Areas Act goes in 1988 or the Labour Party forces the National Party into an early election in 1989. Only a few dozen voted for the proposal by Education and Culture Minister Mr Carter Ebrahim that Mr Hendrickse do everything in his power to break the deadlock between himself and the State President and strive towards reconciliation and an honourable compromise

The mood of congress was unmistakable

Labour Party congress supports Hendrickse's tilt at Govt

By David Braun

The Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, said last night that he would support the decision of the Labour Party (LP) to take on the Government over the Group Areas Act

Yesterday Mr Ebrahim tried to persuade the LP congress in Pretoria to mandate the leader, Mr Allan Hendrickse, to break the current deadlock with President Botha in order to strive towards reconciliation and an honourable compromise

OVERWHELMING MAJORITY

Mr Ebrahim was defeated, an overwhelming majority of the more than 1 500 delegates voting in favour of Mr Hendrickse's confrontationist approach that, if Mr Botha did not scrap the Group Areas Act next year, the LP

One delegate said "President Botha wanted to postpone the white general election from 1989, and it was up to him to approach the Labour Party with a deal

"The price for the Labour Party's co-operation to make the relevant amendment to the constitution was the repeal of the Group Areas Act"

Earlier, Mr Ebrahim told congress the fight between the leaders of the country's two largest political parties was bad for South Africa

He said the Group Areas Act was but one of 14 major discriminatory pieces of legislation still on the statute book

Perhaps it was not wise to reach breaking point because of it

The opposing view was that if Labour backed down on the Group Areas Act it would have no hope of getting any of the remaining discriminatory Acts repealed

Some Labour Party sources said Mr Ebrahim had damaged his party career because of his stance

One influential MP said Mr Ebrahim, already unpopular because of his handling of the education portfolio, had "shown the congress what he was"

Labour's solidarity with Mr Hendrickse is a vote of confidence in the leader, and a signal to Government that it is unlikely to be able to strike a deal with any dissenting factions in the party, if any emerge

Continued participation in Parliament was necessary to enforce the threat over the Group Areas Act, Mr Peter Hendrickse, MP for Addo, told congress

National secretary, Mr Fred Peters, said the party had an important role to play and could ill-afford "to think of throwing in the towel"

He added "Our party has long-term goals and these cannot be achieved overnight

"For the present we have to fight for the short-term needs of our community — for their upliftment in social, educational and economic fields

"Once these have been attained . then, I say, let us give thought to packing our bags and getting out of Parliament"

would force the whites into an early election

Several prominent LP sources said privately after the vote that Mr Ebrahim had jeopardised his political position in the party

There was speculation that Mr Hendrickse would drop Mr Ebrahim from his position as Minister of Education and Culture — although it is not clear whether the LP leader has the prerogative to do this, as the State President makes ministerial appointments

Mr Ebrahim said he would be surprised if his actions at the congress affected his position because the party encouraged freedom of expression

He had lost the vote and was thus bound to support the party position, he added

Mr Ebrahim stressed that, in the debate, he had not tried to attack Mr Hendrickse's leadership.

AN overwhelming Labour Party vote to hold the National Party government to ransom over the Group Areas Act has set the two biggest parties in parliament on a collision course.

Yesterday's decision, taken at the LP congress in Pretoria, handed LP leader Allan Hendrickse the mandate he sought to demand the scrapping of the GAA in exchange for postponing white House of Assembly elections.

The resolution to "demand the unconditional repeal of the GAA as a precondition for the possible postponement of an election in the House of Assembly and other houses of Parliament", is the most crucial for the LP since it entered tricameral politics in 1983.

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The LP is now in a position to force the National Party into a confrontation with the Conservative Party less than two years after embarrassing May 6 election results which showed increasing support for the right

A second motion "not to terminate participation in the tricameral Parliament", to complete the LP's five-year

Labour Party set to force 1989 election

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term of office and go to the polls in 1989, was accepted unanimously.

An increasing militancy was noted among LP delegates as rank and file members spoke in favour of blocking government's bid to postpone House of Assembly elections from 1989 to 1992.

The party's new position of strength is bound to recover grassroots support for Hendrickse, who in some quarters has been termed a "yes-man".

The LP's confrontational attitude is expected to increase the tension between government and the majority party in the House of Representatives.

It could also lead to heightened acrimony between Hendrickse and Presi-

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Edit Labour Party set to force election in 1989

dent, RW Botha. The two men clashed twice this year, first over Hendrickse's defiant swim at a whites-only beach and then after Hendrickse's resignation from the Cabinet, precipitated by his threat to withhold support for the postponement of elections until the NP clarified its plans for reform

In next year's parliamentary session the LP can be expected to flex its mus-

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cles on standing committees, refusing to approve crucial legislation

Although Botha has the power to refer most Bills to the NP-controlled President's Council to break a deadlock, election provisions are entrenched in the constitution — without room to appeal to the Presidents' Council

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LABOUR SLAMS US OVER TAXES



ALLAN Hendrickse

THE national congress of the Labour Party yesterday expressed dissatisfaction over the American Government's decision to impose double taxation against American companies operating in South Africa.

Delegates at the national congress held at the Skilpad Hall in Pretoria, said they feared that imposition of the double taxation, as a punitive measure, would result in several companies leaving South Africa and thousands of black workers losing their jobs.

This was one of the resolutions passed at the congress which ended yesterday.

The congress started on Monday, and was attended by about 1200 delegates from different parts of the country.

The delegates also called on the South African Government to

Rev Hendrickse is voted back

to create a climate for peaceful change which would allow the African National Congress to renounce violence.

Delegates also called on the State President, Mr P W Botha to broaden the base of general affairs so as to include members of all population groups in a government which will decide the future of the country.

The election was held in Pretoria at the end of the three day national congress of the party.

Mr Ishmael Miley Richards was elected deputy leader.

Others elected into the national executive committee were Mr Andrew Jules, national chairman, Dr Willie Hoods, national vice chairman; Mr Fred Peters, national secretary, Mr Errol Gordon assistant national secretary, Mr William Roos, national treasurer.

Mr Roy Williams, national trustee Mr Abe Williams national organiser and Mr Peter Hendrickse, national public relations officer.

All except Dr Hoods Mr Roos Mr Williams and Mr Peter Hendrickse were re-elected unopposed.



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The SABC was also criticised for the handling of news coverage involving the coloured population.

It was resolved at the congress that Mr Allan Hendrickse should appoint a special committee to meet with the director of the SABC, as a matter of urgency, to solve this issue.

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Others elected into the national executive committee were Mr Andrew Jules, national chairman, Dr Willie Hoods, national vice chairman; Mr Fred Peters, national secretary, Mr Errol Gordon assistant national secretary, Mr William Roos, national treasurer.

Mr Roy Williams, national trustee Mr Abe Williams national organiser and Mr Peter Hendrickse, national public relations officer.

All except Dr Hoods Mr Roos Mr Williams and Mr Peter Hendrickse were re-elected unopposed.

A CONFIDENT Allan Hendrickse yesterday said he would welcome an early election and indicated the Labour Party (LP) would follow a tough line to force reform during next year's parliamentary session

He said at the end of the three-day LP congress in Pretoria's Skilpadsaal the LP would apply various strategies to force the scrapping of discriminatory legislation

He would not give specific strategies, but referred to methods used by the LP during the past session where the legislative process was slowed down by its "blocking and stalling tactics".

Hendrickse also rejected government's proposed National Council Bill and said he could not see the Bill coming into effect

Hendrickse was confident his party's demands to agree to the joint sittings of all three houses of Parliament would be met before the official opening of Parliament on February 5

Defining his party's position on the question of proposed joint sittings, Hendrickse said the LP fa-

Hendrickse keen on poll

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voured the principle of joint debating but opposed the power vested in the Chief Whip of the House of Assembly to determine the time and manner of such joint debates

He said: "Joint sittings have always been a demand of the LP. Cross-political pollination was essential but the power cannot be vested in the Chief Whip who is a NP official. We want the power to be shared by the leaders of all three houses."

He also predicted that joint debating, which is thus far excluded, "will naturally evolve" from the joint sittings.

Hendrickse, who was re-elected to the leadership unanimously, said

his party was prepared to face a total onslaught. He also committed the LP to fight a general election as well as next year's municipal elections.

He said the LP regarded the municipal elections, which would be fought on party political lines, as a prelude to a possible 1989 general election.

The most important decision taken by the congress to demand the scrapping of the Group Areas Act in exchange for postponing the scheduled 1989 general election to 1992 to give approval to amendments to the constitution to extend the five-year term of life of the tricameral Parliament could force the party into snap elections early next year.

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Allan Hendrickse states Labour Party's stand

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THE Labour Party will not serve in the proposed National Statutory Council unless certain clauses in the NSC Bill are changed.

This was said by the re-elected leader of the Labour Party, Mr Allan Hendrickse, at a Press conference at the end of the party's three-day national congress held at the Skilpad Hall in Pretoria

The National Council will be made up of black, white, coloured and Indian members. The State President, Mr PW Botha, will be chairman, according to the NSC Bill

Mr Hendrickse said he was against Mr Botha being appointed chairman. "The National Council will recommend to Parliament its decisions concerning the running of the country, and I do not

see how it will be viable because Mr Botha is the State President and at the same time chairman of this body," Mr Hendrickse said.

He also said that he wondered how the National Council will operate because according to its proposed Bill, there is some restrictions concerning members who are supposed to serve in the NSC

He also said that his party was not prepared to form any political alliance but was to consult with all political parties within the parliament structure.

He also called for the joint sittings of all three Houses in Parliament instead of the present system. He said this will make it easier for three houses to vote together on matters affecting South African citizens

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SOME of the delegates who attended the annual congress of the Labour Party held in Pretoria

Botha dismisses Labour demand

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

PRESIDENT P W Botha has made it clear that he is not going to scrap the Group Areas Act as demanded by the Labour Party last week.

Mr Botha has also said that whites will not be forced to go to the polls in 1989 as the Labour Party demanded at its national congress held in Pretoria last week.

Delegates at the congress which lasted three days voted overwhelmingly to demand the unconditional

repeal of the Group Areas Act as a pre-condition for the possible postponement to 1992 of the scheduled 1989 elections for the House of Assembly or the other houses of Parliament. Opening the congress Reverend Allan Hendrickse, Labour Party leader, made it clear there would be no

compromise on his stand that either the Group Areas Act must go in 1988 or he would force the National Party to hold an early general election. The Government needs the co-operation of the majority party of the House of Representatives in order to amend the constitution so as to extend the life of the House of Assembly by five years from the date of the last general election. If the Labour Party refuses to co-

operate, the Assembly will automatically be dissolved along with the other two houses when the five-year life of the current Parliament expires in September, 1989. Mr Botha's office in Cape Town said last week that he had nothing to add to what he said on October 5, last year when he was addressing the House of Assembly on the President's Council report on the Group Areas Act.

The State President told the House of Assembly that the Government intended enforcing the existing provisions of the Group Areas Act until such time as the amended or new legislation comes into force. The council's report further stated that separate residential areas for the different race groups should be maintained — but that some areas could be "opened" if these areas wanted this

LABOUR PARTY CONGRESS

An early kickoff

It is the Battle of Helderberg all over again — but this time, Constitutional Development Minister Chris Heunis and arch political enemy Denis Worrall are not contesting the Somerset West constituency. Instead they are — for different reasons — wooing Labour Party leader Allan Hendrickse.

Worrall was an invited observer at the annual LP congress held in Pretoria at the Skilpadsaal, claimed domain of rightwing groups (who, incidentally, did not disrupt the congress as promised). Worrall makes no bones about it: he badly wants an early election.

He seems confident that an alliance of moderate groups (his own supporters, the LP, the PFP, the NRP and Wynand Malan's movement) would do well at the polls. At the same time, he's licking his lips for another confrontation with Heunis.

Heunis, on the other hand, may not be so keen to put his hard-fought 39-vote victory to the test so soon. That could be the reason for his emergence recently as a conciliator, trying to patch the differences between President Botha (with or without his blessing) and Hendrickse.

First indication of Heunis's role was an invitation at the end of the year to Hendrickse and deputy LP leader Miley Richards to join him for tea in his offices in Cape Town. Richards admits to the *FM* that such a meeting took place.

Heunis also invited Peter Hendrickse, son of the leader, to lunch when the parliamentary standing committee dealing with the proposed National Council was scheduled to meet for two days in Cape Town (*Current Affairs* December 11). The lunch never took place, because the committee meeting was cancelled.

But according to LP members, Heunis has in Botha a difficult product. While they have appreciation for what he has done, the prevailing feeling is that Botha's time has run out. Richards put it bluntly at the congress:

he repeated Hendrickse's contention that Botha is like a cornered rat (the statement that led to Hendrickse's resignation from Cabinet). "Move ahead and you will enjoy our support. Stand still and we will move ahead without you," said Richards.

Heunis's role will certainly be more appreciated by the LP hierarchy, after junior Springs MP Piet Coetzer tried to appease Hendrickse after his resignation. Coetzer is a former political journalist at *Die Transvaler* (he wrote the book *Allan Hendrickse — Awaiting Trial*). Hendrickse saw it as an insult that a backbencher was sent to him.

The delicate situation between the Nats and Hendrickse was underlined at the congress, when only one invited Pretoria Nat MP, newcomer Chris Fisser, turned up.

Unless there's a surprise shift in LP thinking, it looks as if Heunis's efforts will be in vain. The majority of LP delegates voted to endorse their leader's viewpoint that unless the Group Areas Act (GAA) is scrapped, the white electorate will go to the polls next year.

Political commentators from the Nat press feel that this view may compel Botha to call elections as early as this year — a move that may also aggravate the white voters.

Rapport says Botha may opt for a third option. By submitting their proposals for constitutional change during the coming parliamentary session, government may succeed in getting support from a few LP members who, for personal reasons, would not like to contest their seats now. Already Education and Culture Minister Carter Ebrahim has opposed Hendrickse's stance.

Ebrahim works closely with National Education Minister F W de Klerk, the chief proponent of "own affairs," a concept sharply attacked by Hendrickse during the congress. A power battle within the LP, with the possible axing of Ebrahim, may suit Botha.



But Hendrickse, Richards and 630 000 other South Africans have been the victims of the GAA — the most hated of all the apartheid laws — and will most probably not bow before Botha.

What is needed now to save the country from another tiring (and costly) election campaign, and the Nats from a few more losses to the Right — is statemanship and leadership.

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When tricameral bedfellows fall out

THE bold and audacious tolling for the General Parliament... the question could rightly be asked: how could Hendrickse and Rajbansi... The leader of the Labour Party, which rules the ethnic coloured House of Representatives, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, has with a show of apparent "krugdadigheid" at the LP congress in the Skilpadsaal in Pretoria recently — and in the presence of party faithfuls — defied State President P. W. Botha on the question of the postponement of white elections.

Rajbansi

But at the same time his counterpart in the other ethnic House, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, the leader of the National People's Party (NPP) which rules the House of Delegates, has resorted to lauding and applauding Botha.

Last weekend Rajbansi openly supported the postponement of elections for the White House of Assembly from next year to 1992.

The National Party Government fears defeat by the Conservative Party in Verkhampie constituencies, particularly in the Transvaal hinterland, following the inroads made by the CP in the May 6 elections of last year.

Parliament

With the 1988 parliamentary session starting on February 5, the working arrangement between Hendrickse and Rajbansi, apparently to confront the adherents of apartheid with combined force, have cracked into a thousand pieces. Now both have admitted strategy differences.

On the one hand, Rajbansi has vowed not to oppose the postponement by using the 1989 elections as leverage to change the Group Areas Act.

Hendrickse, on the other hand, vowed that the scrapping of the Group Areas Act was a precondition to postponing the white elections.

But the two men are two sides of one coin with Rajbansi playing survival politics and exploiting the "generosity" of the Nats by being their blue-eyed boy, and Hendrickse (who knows he can retire tomorrow on a full R137 250 salary as pension) doing just the opposite.

What is going on is they are merely engaged in games of political expediency.

Ministers earn R137 250, Deputy Ministers R96 750 and Ministerial representatives R79 000, while ordinary MPs, even those who could only muster less than five percent of the vote at the 1984 polls, all receive fat cheques of R65 000.

Rajbansi's position, at least, is clear. He openly and unashamedly favours the role of the political hording.

ALL is not well in the houses of Parliament.

Labour Party leader Allan Hendrickse announced his intention at the recent national congress of the party to continue his show of defiance by refusing to go along with the National Party's schema to postpone the 1989 general elections.

His former Cabinet colleague Amichand Rajbansi, however, can do no wrong, especially in the eyes of SATV, as he praises the statesmanship of Botha and dispenses largesse to the party faithful. Hendrickse has openly attacked Rajbansi.

Botha is known to be intolerant and won't allow his "beard to be tugged" by Pinochios he created.

A SPECIAL WRITER previews what could be an interesting session of the tricameral parliament when it reconvenes at the beginning of next month.

and TIC, Cusatu, progressive teacher, cultural, religious, civic and sports bodies, have mobilised grassroots opposition to the tricameral system.

Kragdadigheid

The tricameral parliament knows they have been swimming against the tide and they also know their numbers are up.

This could be the only plausible reason for Hendrickse's kragdadigheid at the Skilpadsaal and Rajbansi's hallelujahs to Botha.

Even the NP government realises its game is up and that sooner rather than later, it will have to come to terms with black political aspirations.



PW Botha

Mbeki

Its chosen vehicle is the National Statutory Council (NSC), supposedly meant for all persons who renounce violence as a forum to map out a new constitution in place of the discredited 1983 model.

The Government has put one foot forward by releasing ANC activist Govan Mbeki from prison after 23 years, instilling the impression this action was a forerunner to the Government itself renouncing structural violence by dismantling apartheid and releasing the Mandelas, Kathradas, Mothopengs and Amanuels of this world.

Botha

Then it characteristically took three steps back in stepping a ban on utterances by the "freed" Mbeki.

Botha has announced he himself was going to be chairman of the NSC and orchestrate its deliberations.

Curiously, NSC recommendations will be reported to the Cabinet — over which none other than Botha himself presides.

So far, not a single authentic black leader has accepted the invitation.

So on February 5 the tricameral three ring circus will start performing again with the Bothas, Hendrickses and Rajbans doing all the usual political acrobatics and tight-rope acts, knowing full well the tent of legitimate black political aspirations will collapse on them — sooner or later.

No wonder Hendrickse is trying to step towards the left.

Carter Ebrahim

But it is the Hendrickse illusion of a yesterday's puppet who changed his stance into instant confrontation politics, that baffles the people.

And no one seems to be more confused by Hendrickse's political metamorphosis than his own inner circle where Carter Ebrahim, Minister of Education and Culture — better known as "Chiter the Bungler" — made a feeble attempt at wresting power from Hendrickse.

This became evident when Ebrahim sheepishly introduced an amendment to a Hendrickse-sponsored motion at the Pretoria congress by suggesting that Hendrickse rather than Botha because, said Ebrahim, the NP was "too powerful" to engage in confrontation politics.

Ebrahim and all those

who joined the tricameral Parliament in September 1984 only, will of course have to come off their lofty heights and join the unemployment queues, should they lose their seats. Parliamentarians only qualify for pensions after seven and a half years' service.

Botha is going to persuade the rank and file LP MPs, there is little doubt he is not going to allow Hendrickse to push him into early elections in September next year.

Privately no coloured or Indian MP, honest to him still, will deny he fears electioneering like the plague not only because he stood to lose his seat, but because of the sure loss with which the UDP, TIC

While no one knows what political manoeuvres

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Black teachers kept off buses

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE Department of Education and Training (Johannesburg region) has barred black teachers from using the same State transport that is used by their white colleagues.

This directive is contained in a circular that was issued by the regional office on September 25, last year, to school principals where white teachers are employed.

The circular states among other things that as a result of complaints received by the head office, specific attention is drawn to paragraph 3.6. This paragraph reads:

"The State vehicles (GG buses) may only be used to transport white teachers daily to and from schools or institutions. The GG buses may not be used for any other purpose."

A school teacher who

asked not to be named for fear of victimisation, said "This move by the officials has surprised us. We find this issue to be a discriminatory measure against black teachers.

"In some cases, these buses pass along routes where we stay and we find it ridiculous to be left behind. As a result, some of us have arrived

late at school because of transport problems and have been taken to task," he said.

In a reply to our telex, Mr Gunther Merbold, the DET regional director, said State vehicles in the region are used for all teachers and pupils no matter whether black or white.

"However, as there is

no public transport for whites available in black townships, there are certain schools where white personnel are employed that use State vehicles to convey the white teachers from the outskirts of Soweto to the schools and back again.

"The circular you are referring to, was issued with the sole purpose concerning the misuse of Government vehicles in general," he said.

DET 'short-changes' pupils on school text books parents told to pay up

PUPILS at some primary schools in the East Rand have complained that the Department of Education and Training has given them incomplete stationery.

One parent, who requested that his name should not be revealed, said a principal of one school in Katlehong told children to ask

their parents to buy the rest of the exercise books that the DET had not supplied.

The parent said when he made inquiries with the principal, he was told it would be a waste of time to ask the DET to supply the outstanding stationery as the principal knew the department would only

rectify the mistake next year.

"I am now expected to buy 13 missing books when the DET had promised to supply free stationery," he said.

A spokesman of the DET-Highveld region confirmed that there had been shortages of stationery at some of their primary schools.

"Our investigations have revealed that it is true there has been a short supply due to shortages in the sealed packs. This is an error that falls squarely on the shoulders of the contracted supplier. We have entered into normalisation of the problem," the spokesman said.



Labour insists PW acted unlawfully

ROGER SMITH

A CONSTITUTIONAL confrontation between the Labour Party and President P W Botha may have been averted by the resignation of Education Minister Carter Ebrahim, but the LP still maintains Botha's refusal to sack Ebrahim immediately was "unconstitutional".

LP PRO Peter Hendrickse said in Uitenhage yesterday the party believed Botha had no discretion in

such a case.

"Botha must answer to the public and the voters how he was prepared to use the situation for his own ends"

He said the LP had received legal opinion that it had had a case.

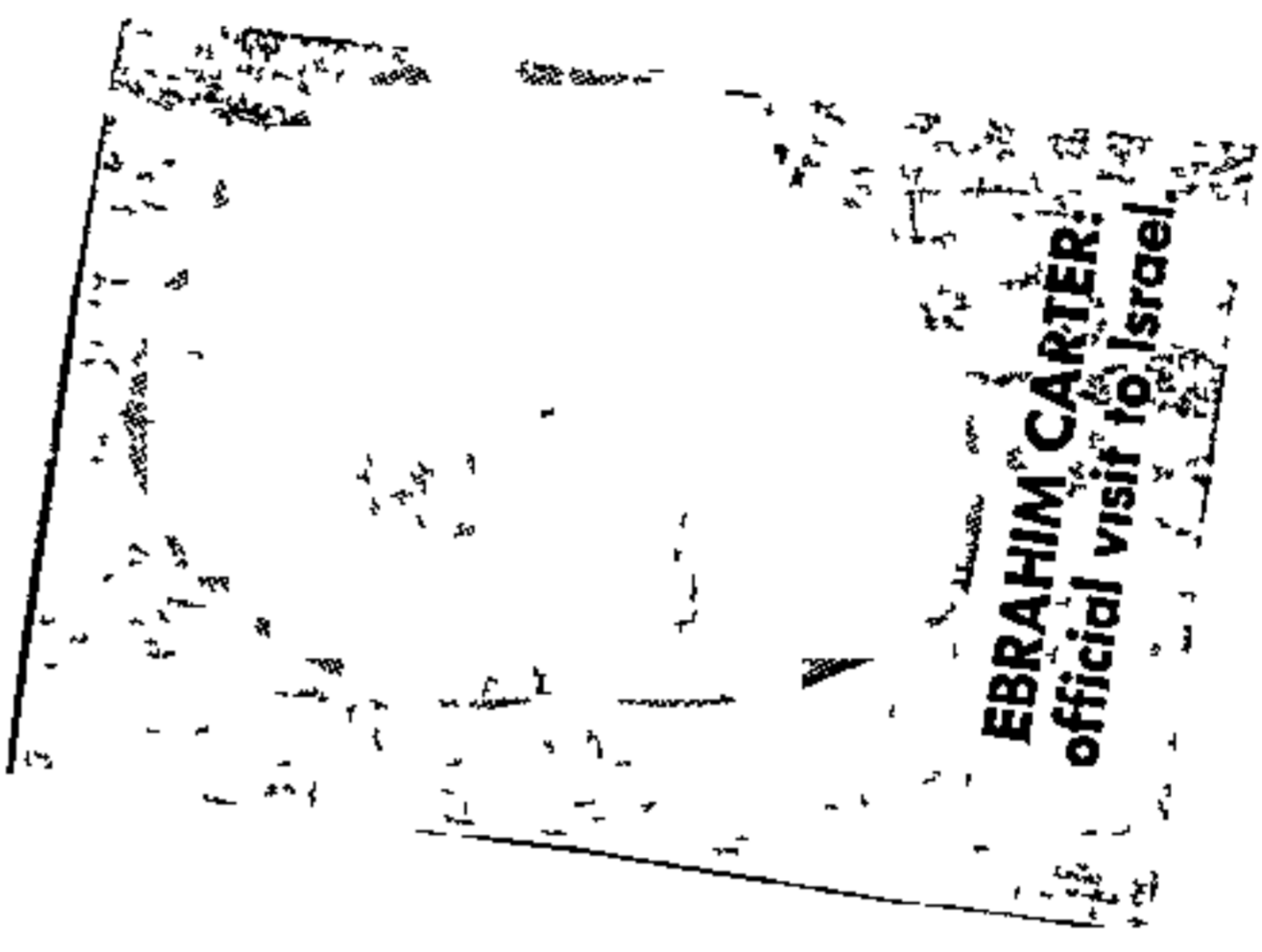
But with Ebrahim's resignation, this fell away

SA computers spurned in favour of Israeli

Ebrahim in audit

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Probe



Mr Carter Ebrahim, who announced his resignation from his tri-cameral parliament post this week, is the central figure of a detailed investigation being led by the Auditor-General into the buying of schools' computer systems by his department.

Mr Ebrahim, who has been Minister of Education and Culture since 1984, resigned at a meeting of the Labour Party's full parliamentary caucus.

Earlier, Labour Party leader Mr Allan Hendrickse had demanded Mr Ebrahim's resignation.

The Auditor-General is investigating claims that the acquisition of computer equipment and related services by Mr Ebrahim's department were contrary to the Financial Regulations and Treasury directives on financial control.

The Saturday Star is in possession of documents from the Auditor-General's office confirming the investigation.

This follows in the wake of allegations of intrigue involving civil servants and computer companies in winning official approval for various systems.

Questions have been posed over alleged irregularities in the choice of computer systems for trials by Mr Ebrahim's department.

It is estimated that the cost of equipping black schools alone could run to more than R1 billion.

Effective

Cape Town sources close to the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives told The Saturday Star they believed the system which was currently being supplied to schools was not recommended by departmental experts.

The systems which are to be the subject of the Auditor-General's investigation are Israeli-manufactured. It is argued that local computer systems would be equally effective and cheaper.

The Saturday Star's source revealed that Mr Ebrahim undertook an official visit to Israel shortly before the contract was concluded.

This is the second investigation to be announced by the Government over the past year.

Deputy Advocate-General Mr J C Ferreira confirmed in August last year that investigations into alleged irregularities by a locally-based firm were being investigated. He said the findings would be tabled in Parliament early this year.

Mr Ebrahim incurred Mr Hendrickse's wrath by arguing against his stand that the Labour Party should oppose President Botha's plans to postpone white elections from 1989 to 1992 unless the Group Areas Act was scrapped entirely.

It was for this act of "disloyalty" that Mr Hendrickse fired Mr Ebrahim.

Mr Hendrickse has proposed that he take over Mr Ebrahim's portfolio until a successor can be appointed.

Mr Ebrahim was not available for comment on the investigation. But earlier in the week he vehemently denied reports of "mal-administration in his department".

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Axxed Ministers refuses to quit

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By CLARE HARPER
Education Reporter

AXED Minister of Education and Culture, House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim, announced he would not resign his portfolio last night and said it was the prerogative of the State President, Mr P W Botha, to "hire or fire" him.

But the leader of the Labour Party, Mr Allan Hendrickse, later told the Cape Times that Mr Ebrahim "clearly does not understand Parliamentary convention".

"I have followed the first convention by asking him to resign. Tomorrow I shall be going to the State President to ask him to cancel his appointment," he said last night.

Mr Hendrickse said that it was by convention that the leader nominates ministers who are then appointed by the State President.

Parliamentary sources said last night it would be "unprecedented" for the State President to refuse earlier Mr Ebrahim said he was within his rights to support the postponement of elections until 1992.

He told the Cape Times he was asked to resign from the Ministers' Council by Labour Party leader

Mr Allan Hendrickse because he was evidently "not in agreement on strategies".

"We are fighting an unacceptable and corrupt education system. Whomever is minister is irrelevant," Mr Franklin Sonn, president of both the Cape Teachers' Professional Association and the Union of Teachers' Associations of South Africa (UTASA), commented.

Mr Yusuf Gabru, president of the Western Cape Teachers' Union (WECTU), dismissed Mr Ebrahim's firing as "irrelevant".

Mr Ebrahim, who is also the leader of the Cape Peninsula region of the LP, said he was given a mandate by the Cape region to propose the amendment which opposed that of Mr Hendrickse's congress in Pretoria to hold elections in 1989.

Apology

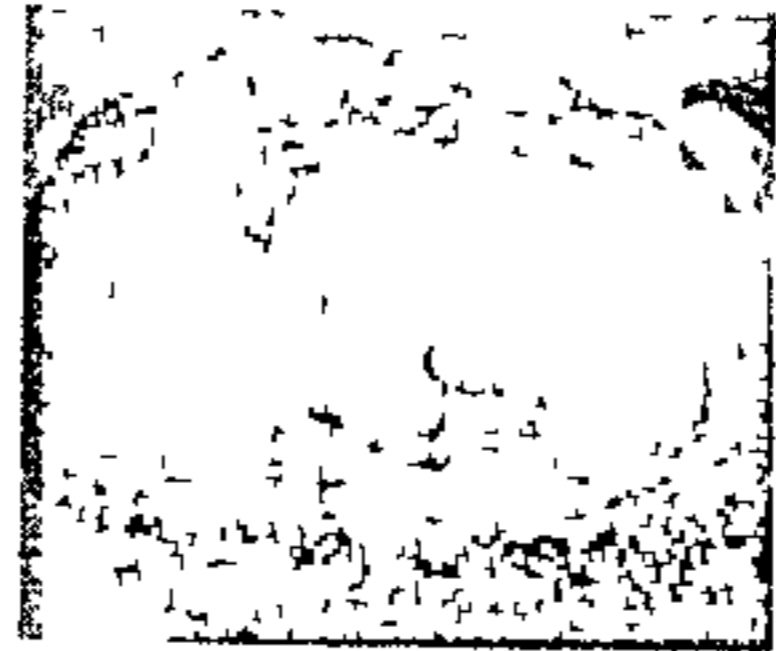
Earlier this month the Labour Party congress endorsed a motion that unless the Group Areas Act was scrapped it would not give support to an amendment to the constitution that would allow elections to be delayed until 1992.

Sapa reports that the director general of the SABC, Mr Riaan Eksteen, apologized to Mr Ebrahim over a radio news report broadcast yesterday.

A statement by Mr Eksteen was read on SABC TV News last night saying a radio news bulletin yesterday inadvertently said the political staff of the SABC reported that Mr Ebrahim made "a number of blunders since his appointment in 1984".

"This does not represent the SABC's standpoint and the corporation is not aware of any such blunders that Mr Ebrahim might have made."

Mr Carter Ebrahim



Mr Allan Hendrickse



Quit call may spark flashpoint with Labour

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Ebrahim issue sets a poser for Botha

By Claire Robertson, Pretoria Bureau

The thorny relationship between the State President, Mr P W Botha, and Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse is expected to reach another flashpoint today when Mr Hendrickse asks Mr Botha to sack Education and Culture Minister Mr Carter Ebrahim.

Mr Hendrickse is to do so after Mr Ebrahim yesterday refused a written request from him to resign his position,

saying he had been appointed by the State President and could only be removed from his position by Mr Botha.

Mr Hendrickse told The Star today that "one would expect Mr Botha would follow convention by firing Mr Ebrahim."

Mr Hendrickse said Mr Botha would be expected to follow the spirit of the elements of the Westminster system of government remaining in the South African constitution, whereby a political leader first asked his Minister to resign before asking the head of state to remove him from the position.

Professor Marinus Wiechers, head of the constitutional law department at Unisa, said if Mr Botha refused to axe Mr Ebrahim, a case could probably be made that he was acting unconstitutionally.

However, the matter is complicated by the fact that Mr Ebrahim in effect took President Botha's side over the Labour Party plan to hold the postponement of next year's scheduled white general election to ransom in exchange for the scrapping of the Group Areas Act.

Negotiate

At the Labour Party congress in Pretoria recently, Mr Ebrahim moved that scrapping the Act should not be held as a condition for the postponing of the election until 1992 and that Mr Hendrickse and President Botha should negotiate to break their deadlock.

Mr Hendrickse said last night that Mr Ebrahim had not displayed the loyalty demanded of him.

Mr Hendrickse said "If Mr Ebrahim had won, I would have had no alternative but to resign. By the same reasoning, I am demanding his resignation."

Mr Ebrahim — who declined to comment on the matter today — announced his refusal to resign through the media yesterday. The statement was followed by a public apology from director-general of the SABC, Mr Riaan Eksteen, who also telephoned Mr Ebrahim to apologise personally.

A statement by Mr Eksteen on TV news last night said a radio news bulletin had inadvertently said the political staff of the SABC reported Mr Ebrahim made "a number of blunders since his appointment in 1984."

"This does not represent the SABC's standpoint and the corporation is not aware of any such blunders that Mr Ebrahim might have made," the statement said.

"As far as the SABC is concerned, Mr Ebrahim's position within the Labour Party is an internal matter and his ministerial post falls under the jurisdiction of the State President."

"The SABC apologises to Mr Ebrahim for any embarrassment or inconvenience which the incorrect report might have caused him."

New PW-Labour Party row looms

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THE call for the resignation of Education and Culture Minister Carter Ebrahim by Labour Party leader Allan Hendrickse could lead to new conflict between Hendrickse and the President.

Hendrickse informed Ebrahim last Monday that he had until today to resign from the Minister's Council in the House of Representatives. Although he was requested by Hendrickse to resign, only the President has the power to dismiss a minister.

By late yesterday Ebrahim still refused to indicate whether he was willing to resign or not. Indications were that he was going to reject the call, forcing Hendrickse to ask President P W Botha to use his power to resolve the issue.

Sources close to the Labour Party said yesterday refusal by Botha to dismiss Ebrahim could force a constitutional crisis. The whole question of decision-making in own affairs and the credibility of the tricameral Parliament would be at stake, a party spokesman said.

Hendrickse said yesterday he had asked Ebrahim to resign because of poli-

ELSABÉ WESSELS AND CHRIS CAIRNCROSS

tical differences

As leader in the House of Representatives, he had advised the President to appoint Ebrahim. He now had the right to request his dismissal, Hendrickse said.

In view of the deep and growing divisions between Botha and the LP, it is unlikely the President would support a demand for Ebrahim's removal.

From official sources in Cape Town it was learnt yesterday that Botha viewed the issue as a party political squabble, which would have to be resolved within the LP.

The political differences between Hendrickse and Ebrahim have surfaced regularly recently.

At the LP congress in Pretoria, Ebrahim was the sole senior member of the party to openly oppose Hendrickse's decision to persist in thwarting government's plans to delay the 1989 general election to 1992 unless it abolishes the Group Areas Act.

Blue Chip prize rises



Staff Reporter

ALLEGATIONS by the Cape Teachers Professional Association (CTPA) that the Labour Party has been applying "Broederbond tactics" in manipulating teachers' posts were described as "absolutely ridiculous" by a Labour Party spokesman yesterday.

Mr Peter Hendrickse, national public relations officer for the Labour Party, said the accusation did not warrant further comment.

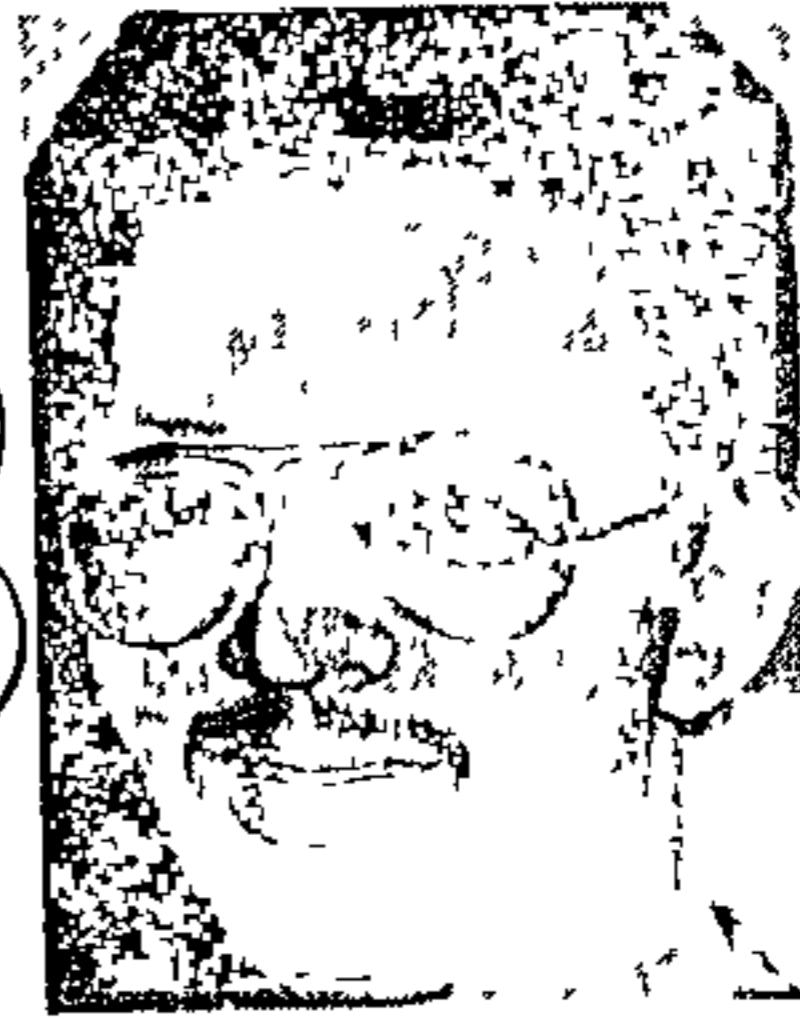
School committees had been democratically elected and had members who reflected the interests of their community.

"One must bear in mind that it is an election open to all parents of a particular school," said Mr Hendrickse from his home in Uitenhage.

Reacting to further allegations by the CPTA, which appeared in a Sun-

Broederbond tactics on teacher posts denied by Labour

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Mr Peter Hendrickse

day newspaper that 12 of the 15 members of the Port Elizabeth regional educational board were Labour Party supporters, Mr Hendrickse said the association had failed to point out that 10 members of the board had been democratically elected by school committees in the board's area.

"The CPTA has the right to contest these elections," he added.

The CPTA, which represents 21 000 teachers, last week expressed concern about the extent of frustration among teachers with the existing educational system and the way it was administered.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that the names of teachers who allegedly did not receive promotion because of interference by the Labour Party have been released by the CPTA.

Four names were mentioned at a news conference but the president of the CPTA, Mr Franklin Sonn, said there were many more cases and it appeared that the best people were not being appointed to positions of leadership and that the quality of education was declining.

Teachers who were cited as examples are a school principal from Uitenhage, Mr N Wagenstroom; a Bredasdorp teacher, Mr H M Daniels, and two Bonteheuwel teachers, Mr M Snooke and Mr A I February.

In each case the ministry in the House of Representatives allegedly turned down appointments in spite of departmental approval.

Mr Carter Ebrahim said the allegations by the CPTA ran to about six foolscap pages and that he needed time to study them. He had to consult his files and would respond later.

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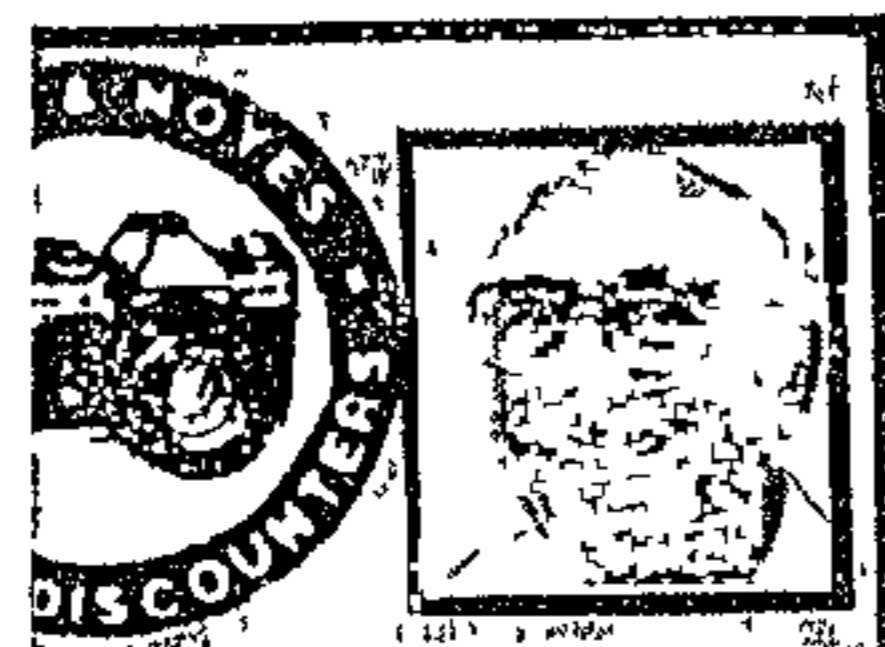
Producer of the Broadway show ... Kean, 54, stabbed and ... 53, and then jumped to his ... their Manhattan apartment ... police said. — UPI

PF-Zapu endorses unity accord

HARARE — Between 800 and 1 000 PF-Zapu district officials yesterday endorsed the unity accord signed on December 22 by party leader Mr Joshua Nkomo and President Robert Mugabe on behalf of his ruling Zanu (PF) party, the national news agency, Ziana, reports.

In an interview, PF-Zapu publicity and information secretary, Mr Reginald Mhlanga, said the delegates supported the accord, but still had a "wait-and-see attitude".

Pf-Zapu officials estimate that about 1 000 supporters packed into Stodart Hall in the sprawling suburb of Mbare to be briefed on the unity accord designed to achieve national unity and establish Zimbabwe as a Marxist-Leninist one-party state — Sapa



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By DICK USHER
Staff Reporter

IT was practically inevitable that the career of Mr Carter Ebrahim would be controversial

As Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives since 1984 he has been involved in conflict with teachers, school pupils, university students, his own officials and his party leaders

The atmosphere of conflict was there when he took up the post and has remained, with the educational sphere being a microcosm of the conflict within the community about whether to accept the National Party's version of reform or to reject it for its inadequacy

The Labour Party, of which Mr Ebrahim was a leading member and theoretician, was one of the groups which opted for participation, with reservations. The United Democratic Front and others rejected it outright.

The atmosphere of revolt stimulated by the campaign against the tri-cameral parliament would not dissolve once elections for the two new Houses for coloured people and Indians had been held, opposition to apartheid institutions was too deep-seated in the community

Credibility

His first major political post was as editor of the LP's newspaper *Steadfast*. He was then elected to the old Coloured Representative Council in 1976, where he served until it collapsed.

Elected to the House of Representatives in 1984, he was appointed Minister of Education and Culture by President Botha, a move which came under fire immediately for Mr Ebrahim's thin credibility as an educationist. His only academic qualification was a matriculation and he had taught intermittently in primary schools for 25 years.

Given wide powers over "own affairs" education by Mr Botha he swiftly emerged as a hard-line supporter of law and order and observers suggest that his party leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, several times had to intervene to soften some of the measures he introduced.

Interviewed after his appointment, he called for a single education minis-

try, but "would have no truck" with violent demonstrations which disrupted educational institutions.

By early 1985 opposition in schools, part of wider community opposition, had risen to the point where some were being closed.

The schools boycott started in the Eastern Cape and for the rest of that year the turmoil within educational institutions and the wider community continued.

At least 450 schools in the Western Cape alone were opened and closed and reopened by the department.

The educational turmoil continued through the following year, accompanied by speculation about Mr Ebrahim's future as a Minister.

But he survived and, following the call by the National Education Crisis Committee (an umbrella group of extra-parliamentary opposition groups) for a return to normality at schools, 1987 was an almost peaceful year in education.

Speculation

There was one major crisis, though, sparked by the decision to hold departmental disciplinary hearings against a group of teachers who had refused to administer exams during the unrest of the previous year.

But these were called off, amid speculation that this was at the instigation of Mr Hendrickse, and the teachers reinstated.

But, by the end of the year, another political crisis had dawned with the LP's commitment to reject President Botha's moves to postpone the white elections due in 1989 because of the conservative threat to his party's parliamentary strength.

Mr Ebrahim opposed the move and is suspected of having tried to organise a "1992 group" within the Labour Party to oppose Mr Hendrickse.

This was the proximate cause of Mr Hendrickse's weekend call for Mr Ebrahim's resignation as a Minister, but lurking under the surface was party dissatisfaction over his handling of the education portfolio, seen as having seriously damaged the LP's attempts to present its participation in the tri-cameral parliament as a viable tactic to press "real" reform.

Having refused Mr Hendrickse's call to resign, his future now rests in the hands of President Botha.

A CONSTITUTIONAL crisis may be looming following the refusal of Minister of Education and Culture Mr Carter Ebrahim to budge from his post after being fired by his boss, the Reverend Allan Hendrickse, chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives.

Labour Party sources are convinced that the National Party lies behind axed Mr Ebrahim's refusal to resign from his post.

They said that it was clear that the National Party was trying to use Mr Ebrahim to crush Mr. Hendrickse and to remove his opposition to President Botha's plans to postpone the next general elections to 1992.

Labour Party insiders are sure that Mr Ebrahim has been advised by the National Party to refuse to budge. They fear that this might mean that President Botha could refuse to endorse Mr Hendrickse's decision to fire him.

Constitutional experts said yesterday that President Botha would provoke a constitutional crisis if he refused to endorse the firing of Mr Ebrahim.



Crisis may be looming over firing of Minister



REV Hendrickse

Advice

A spokesman in the President's office would only say that it was the President's constitutional right to appoint and dismiss members of Ministers' Councils.

Mr Hendrickse himself said yesterday that though the State President had the constitutional right to refuse to endorse his decision, Westminster convention demanded that he should accede to the request from him.

He said the situation was similar to that of the Queen of England who formally had the right to appoint members of the government but in fact always followed the advice of the prime minister.

Mr Hendrickse said he would be drafting a letter to the State President asking him to dismiss Mr Ebrahim.

The letter would be delivered to the State President at Tuynhuis at about lunchtime.

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The National Party establishment has shown signs of mobilising behind Mr Ebrahim.

SABC television gave him a lengthy interview on Sunday while Mr Hendrickse had none, and SABC director-general Mr Riaan Eckstein personally apologised to Mr Ebrahim for a report earlier which said that Mr Ebrahim had made several blunders in his portfolio.

Elections

Mr Hendrickse wrote to Mr Ebrahim last Monday asking him to resign because of his opposition to Mr Hendrickse's decision not to give the go-ahead for the postponement of the elections until President Botha scrapped the Group Areas Act entirely.

A major power struggle between Mr Hendrickse and Mr



PRESIDENT Botha

Ebrahim has been brewing since the Labour Party's national congress in December at the Skilpadsaal, Pretoria, when Mr Ebrahim spoke out against Mr Hendrickse on this issue.

He said Mr Hendrickse's tactics were contrary to the spirit of negotiation and co-operation with the Government of

the day in which the Labour Party had entered the system in 1983.

It was obvious then that Mr Hendrickse was highly displeased and there were strong suggestions — not denied by Mr Hendrickse — that Mr Ebrahim's position was in jeopardy.

The Labour Party has for some time feared that

the National Party is trying to sow dissent in the ranks of the party in an attempt to break off a faction of the party that would support President Botha's plans to postpone the elections.

The strategy is based on the knowledge that several members of the Labour Party caucus fear that if they have to go to the polls again in 1989, they will not have yet served the seven-and-a-half years necessary to qualify for a pension.

Threat

The size of this faction is unknown. Mr Hendrickse himself said yesterday that he did not think it was more than 10 of the 71 serving Labour Party MPs.

But if this faction combined with the new United Democratic Party of Mr Jac Rabie it would represent a sizeable threat to Mr Hendrickse, though not necessarily a big enough one to unseat him.

Much of the opposition to Mr Hendrickse in the House of Representatives is based on criticism that he has been too co-operative with the National Party and so it would be inconsistent for these MPs to oppose him on this issue.

Mr Ebrahim would not comment on the issue at all yesterday.

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Split looms in Labour Party

Hendrickse faces threat to leadership

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A SPLIT in the Labour Party (LP), the ruling party in the House of Representatives, is looming — and a breakaway under the leadership of Carter Ebrahim, the Minister of Education and Culture, could take place soon.

Ebrahim's position in the Minister's Council remains uncertain — but yesterday council chairman Allan Hendrickse wrote a letter to President P W Botha asking that Ebrahim be dismissed.

The LP leadership believes Ebrahim has now openly challenged Hendrickse on his leadership and on policy issues not related to his council position.

It also believes NP politicians are actively promoting Ebrahim in an attempt to oust Hendrickse because of his confrontations with Botha over beach apartheid and the Group Areas Act.

Hendrickse would not disclose the contents of his letter to Botha but it was believed to rely on the provisions of the constitution.

Botha has not replied yet and all a spokesman for his office would say yesterday was: "We never comment on the President's correspondence."

But, whatever the constitutional technicalities about Ebrahim's position in the council might be, his outspoken in-

terview on TV on Sunday night angered the LP leadership and there is now open talk of a split.

However, it seems clear most LP MPs are backing Hendrickse.

He has the full support of the other three council members and other key figures, such as Transvaal leader Miley Richards and MP Abe Williams.

Ebrahim's supporters appear to be confined largely to a small number of western and north-western Cape MPs and may number fewer than 10 of the 85-member House of Representatives.

Ebrahim's future as a Minister depends, at this stage, on Botha's response to Hendrickse's letter — but his future in the party will depend on the six-member head committee which was given the power to expel members at its recent congress in Pretoria.

DOMINIQUE GILBERT reports Hendrickse said last night he had not received a reply from Botha and had nothing to add to the matter at this stage.

"I delivered my letter — we'll just have to hold on and wait for a reply," he said, declining to comment on what action he would take if Botha failed to relieve Ebrahim of his post.

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Tension grows over Minister's stand

'Bid to press for Ebrahim's resignation'

RUMOURS circulating furiously in Cape Town political circles late yesterday hold that strenuous efforts are being made behind the scenes to persuade Carter Ebrahim to change his mind and resign from the Minister's Council in the House of Representatives.

Suggestions are that pressure is coming directly from Tuynhuys and other echelons of government hierarchy.

The argument is that State President P W Botha would like to avoid the potentially embarrassing situation of having to fire a Minister who has openly opposed those who aim to thwart his wishes to postpone the 1989 general election. Ebrahim's opponents are held to back the request for his resignation.

An implication is that Ebrahim would do well to consider the rewards that would come his way should he resign and retire from active politics.

Given his length of service, he would enjoy the retirement benefits befitting a Minister, with a sal-

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ary well in excess of R100 000 a year, plus gratuity. There is also the prospect of an ambassadorial or diplomatic posting, which government has handed out in exchange for past favours.

No substance to these rumours could be established yesterday. Although Botha has replied to the letter from Labour Party leader and chairman of the Minister's Council Allan Hendrickse, calling for Ebrahim's dismissal, the response is not yet public. Questions directed to Botha's office continue to be stonewalled.

Ebrahim has also not responded to the rumours, refusing to say more than was stated on TV earlier in the week.

At the time of going to press last night, Hendrickse acknowledged receipt of Botha's response but refused to comment until today.

Earlier he had been reasonably confident Botha would accede to his request, adding that he had not considered what action he could take should it be turned down.



Housing reform plans for blacks will be held up — Hemis

Labour walkout sparks row

Members of the Labour Party have walked out of the parliamentary standing committee on constitutional affairs, precipitating a major political row between the party and the Government.

Yesterday's walkout — and planned boycott of the committee — was staged by six of the seven LP members at the meeting in protest against President Botha's refusal to dismiss LP member and Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Carter Ebrahim.

Mr Ebrahim did not join the protest

Mr Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning and chairman of the standing committee, last night accused the LP of holding up important reform legislation, including freehold rights for blacks

Deputy leader of the LP Mr Miley Richards criticised this as the "unashamedly hypocritical concern of the National Party Government regarding blacks when it suits them"

"The Labour Party members of the committee condemn in the strongest terms the attempt by (Mr Heunis) to create the impression that the Government is holding up crucial housing legislation affecting blacks after the National Party has had 40 years of opportunity to provide for housing and other needs," Mr Richards said

'Not gullible'

"Mr Heunis, the question is 'Who is fooling whom?' The South African public is not as gullible as you think," he said

Referring to the LP's belief that Mr Botha's refusal to sack Mr Ebrahim was unconstitutional, Mr Richards said the LP members were not prepared to take part in the committee until "this constitutional crisis has been resolved"

This is the second attempt by the Labour Party in recent weeks to hold the Government to political ransom. The boycott has its roots in the cause of the crisis between the two, when the LP refused to give the go-ahead to a postponement of the white general election from next year to 1992 unless the Group Areas

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Act was scrapped.
Mr Ebrahim clashed publicly with LP leader Mr Allen Hendrickse over this issue, and Mr Hendrickse asked that Mr Botha remove Mr Ebrahim from his position.
The LP caucus will meet this afternoon.
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PW refuses to fire Minister

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PRESIDENT Botha will not fire Mr Carter Ebrahim as Minister of Education in the House of Representatives unless he has been assured that Mr Ebrahim does not enjoy majority support there

Mr Botha makes this point in a letter he has sent to the Rev Allan Hendrickse, the leader of the Labour Party.

This was the reason Mr Botha gave for turning down a request by Mr Hendrickse for Mr Ebrahim's dismissal as Minister of Education in the House of Representatives

Mr Hendrickse's has alleged that Mr Ebrahim has shown disloyalty to him

In a letter to Mr Botha Mr Hendrickse pointed out certain provisions of the constitutions as well as conventions from the time of the Westminster system. He maintains that the President must follow his advice and pointed out that his request had the support of the rest of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives

Clause

One clause in the constitution lays down that in matters to do with "own affairs" of different race groups the President must act on the advice of the Ministers' Council in question

Mr Botha chose to concentrate on another clause which lays down that a Minister must have majority support in a House. It does not state that this must be the support of the majority party

Mr Ebrahim said yesterday that he had nothing to add to his earlier comment. He was staying on his job as Minister

The Labour Party's head committee met yesterday to decide on Mr Ebrahim's future and he may be expelled from the party

Labour walks out of committee

Botha's 'no' plunges SA into crisis

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CAPE TOWN — THE refusal of President P W Botha to dismiss Carter Ebrahim as Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives has plunged SA into a constitutional crisis, with the Labour Party (LP) yesterday staging a protest walkout from the parliamentary standing committee on constitutional affairs.

In doing so, it has summarily brought to a halt any constitutional legislative developments in the parliamentary pipeline

The LP, led by Allan Hendrickse, has resolved to boycott the standing committee — of which Ebrahim is a member — until such time as he is fired or resigns as a minister

Hendrickse said Botha's actions "make a mockery of the constitution" and rendered his party's participation in discussions on constitutional affairs meaningless

An angry Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, accused the LP of holding up important reform legislation, including freehold rights for blacks

Heunis said the dispute surrounding Ebrahim's position in the House of Representatives Minister's Council should have no effect on the functioning of Parliament and the possible delaying of freehold legislation for blacks could mean it would take years before freehold rights could be transferred to them.

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He said "This will inevitably only delay the process of reform in general and improving the quality of life of black communities in particular"

But a defiant Hendrickse said last night that if the constitution was being put aside, as had been done, "it makes a mockery of continuing participation in deliberations about constitutional affairs". He said the LP's boycott action did not apply to other parliamentary committees

Parliamentarians and political commentators said the crisis threatened to further destroy whatever credibility the tricameral system had left

The CP said Botha was a victim of his own constitution while the PFP accused him of playing small-time politics

The LP has called an emergency caucus meeting this afternoon and indications are Hendrickse, who is also chairman of the Minister's Council in the House of Representatives, will receive an overwhelming mandate from the majority

Only one LP MP, Nic Isaacs, the regional secretary of the party in the western Cape and MP for Bishop Lavis, has publicly expressed support for Ebrahim, while at the same time expressing loyalty to the party

Hendrickse said he doubted whether Ebrahim would get the support of six

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other MPs, while other MPs said he would be lucky if he got five other supporters.

Although some MPs would not discuss "internal" party matters with the media, the overwhelming majority publicly supported Hendrickse

Hendrickse said he was not surprised but he was certainly encouraged by the support and confidence that had been expressed

He said "P W Botha has clearly misread the spirit in the LP, particularly by using words to the effect that he has to have time to find out whether Mr Ebrahim has majority support."

However, he was "hopeful" that the caucus meeting, which he did not expect to last long, would resolve the issue

Hendrickse said "I will inform the President about the caucus decision." He also said Ebrahim had been given notice of the caucus meeting but he did not know whether he would be attending.

Yesterday, CP deputy leader Ferdie Hartzenberg said "P W Botha is trying to solve the problems he himself created by dividing the LP"

"The President is obviously a victim of his own creation"

He also said the move would radicalise coloured politics and make Hen-

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drickse angry Hartzenberg said "It is a big blow to the President's intentions — and to his constitution"

PFP leader Colin Eglin said the concept of ministerial responsibility evaporated in these circumstances and demonstrated "a shift to the domination of the President over Parliament"

"It makes something of a farce of the government's own concept of own affairs — in an own affairs House, the President not the House determines who holds positions"

In spite of statements by Botha that he would not interfere in the internal affairs of the own affairs houses, "here is the President directly interfering"

"He is using his office for small-time politics. This should not be the case, but one should expect it from a President who is also the leader of the NP."

Eglin said what was of real significance was not the constitutional details "but the fundamental difference between the government and the LP over the issue of apartheid"

"Until the government comes to terms with this, this kind of constitutional mumbling and bumbling will recur regularly"

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Now PW enters fray

TRICAMERAL politics was this week plunged into its biggest crisis ever as Education and Culture Minister Carter Ebrahim clung to his R140 000 a year job after being fired by Labour Party boss Allan Hendrickse

State President P W Botha has refused to dismiss Ebrahim on the recommendation of Hendrickse. Botha has informed Hendrickse he would prefer to be assured that

Carter's sacking enjoyed the majority support in the House of Representatives - labelled as "delaying tactics" by Hendrickse.

The Labour leader hit back by withdrawing his party from Parliament's constitutional committee "until the issue is resolved".

Under the tricameral constitution, Hendrickse, as chairman of the Minister's Council in the ethnic House of Representatives,

recommends appointments and dismissals from his "Cabinet" to Botha, who has to put his signature to it

So, oddly, although Hendrickse ordered Ebrahim at the weekend to vacate his office by Monday, Ebrahim has stubbornly refused to do so, claiming the protection of Botha who "hired" him.

Chaotic

This led to another absurdity - Hendrickse sitting with a disloyal Minister who refused to budge from his office.

The party's head committee has now reportedly recommended Carter's expulsion from the party.

An announcement is expected to be made at a meeting of the party's Peninsula region, of which Carter is chairperson, on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the crisis in Carter's Department of Education and Culture, described by teachers' bodies as "chaotic", is deepening

Take over

Administration has been severely slowed down. Thousands of teacher applications and appointments, as well as bursary applications, were clogged up in "official channels".

The dog-fight between Hendrickse and Ebrahim has meant the disruption of the lives of many teachers, students and pupils

Hendrickse announced that he would immedi-

ately take over Ebrahim's department, but cannot unless Carter is removed from his post

Ebrahim clearly enjoys little support in the Labour caucus

For a few days this week Ebrahim entertained readers and TV viewers to an almost comical spectacle of "toughness"

Ebrahim was fired by Hendrickse because he and a small group of supporters favoured the Botha plan to postpone white elections until 1992.

Ebrahim made the mistake to state his case in public at the party congress in Pretoria's Skilpadsaal, but his backers covered away.

Headache

They feared public exposure would lead to expulsion, but Ebrahim put his head into the noose and took the rap afterwards

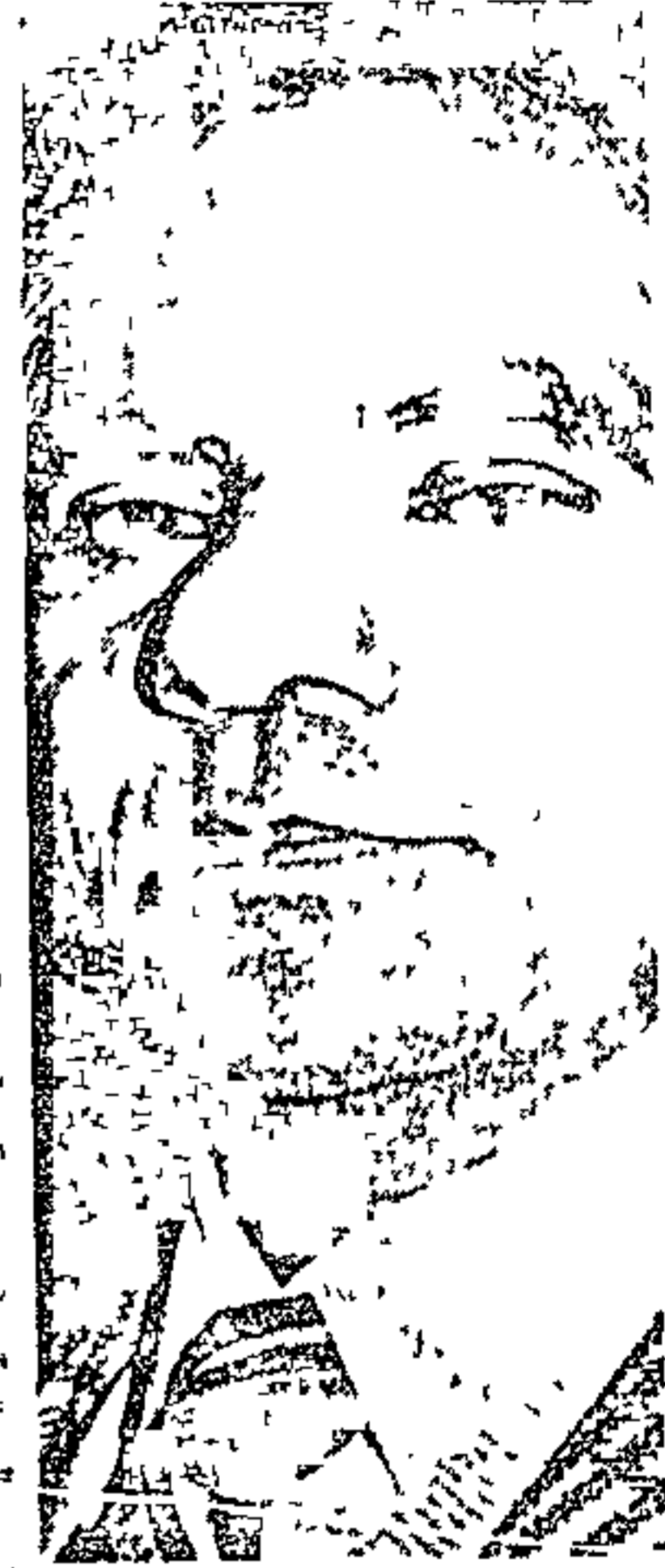
He claimed that in crossing swords with Hendrickse he had a mandate from 20 Peninsula MPs

But when the heat was on this week, they were nowhere to be found

Botha has in the past dismissed three Indian ministers in Amichand Rajbansi's Indian House of Delegates.

They are Boetie Abramjee, allegedly for breach of confidence, and Sam Padyachy and Baldeo Dookie for alleged inefficiency.

But Ebrahim gave Botha a peculiar headache.



Carter Ebrahim

Botha apparently feared that by firing Ebrahim he could be accused of helping Hendrickse, and that he could be seen by rightwing parties as having bowed to the wishes of a "kleurling" politician

By refusing to sanction the sacking of Ebrahim, he lent credence to speculation that his own National Party was behind Ebrahim's attempt to undermine Hendrickse's leadership

Botha has now left himself open to accusations of improper meddling in Hendrickse's "own affairs", adding a constitutional crisis to other Tricameral woes

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Freeze on teaching posts

TEACHING posts at schools under the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) have been frozen.

This shock announcement greeted teachers when schools reopened this week.

Principals were informed by circuit inspectors that the freezing of posts were necessary because of budget cuts.

An Athlone principal said a bar on additional posts would "adversely affect an already bad situation".

"There is overcrowding at many schools and the curb on new appointments will only push up the bad pupil/teacher ratio."

The liaison officer of the DEC, Mr Thinus Dempsey, confirmed the freeze on posts. He said all vacant posts would become redundant

if not filled within 10 days

Latest:

THE police used the Emergency Regulations to block a meeting of the PTSA, representing township high schools, from going ahead on Wednesday night.

An appeal by the PTSA to a Wynberg magistrate to hold the meeting, also failed.

The meeting was planned to discuss the registration of pupils. Police comment could not be obtained.

Meanwhile, the situation at high schools in the Peninsula's African townships remains

tense. Teachers said pupil registration was "slow".

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has warned that no applications for admission would be considered after January 23 when classes would resume.

DET schools were formally opened last week. The high schools were closed until pupils registered. Teachers from the high schools are stationed at St Francis in Langa and Sivuyile Technical College in Guguletu.

A mystery pamphlet was distributed in the townships this week urging pupils to return to school.

The Detu spokesperson said the pamphlet was false.

AND Hendrickse wept. He wept because he found out that the game of politics is not as rosy as he thought it was.

He wept because he had been carpeted over for his audacity to take a swim at a beach which is reserved for those with a lighter hue than his.

He had, in fact, been told that he knew the law, had taken oath of office, and if he did not go along with it, he had to quit. It was for that reason that he wept.

And then he found out that he could also play the game according to the rules. The opportunity came when his big boss, one P W Botha, decided that it may perhaps not be appropriate to hold elections in 1989.

Of course, P W had done his homework, and knew that the Hendrickse lot and the Rajbansi lot quite frankly could do without having to have an election again, and having to face boycotts and political opposition from those who oppose the tricameral system.

Sympathy

And then Hendrickse had this brilliant idea. His support must be forthcoming if the elections have to be postponed. All he requires now is for him to say no, and then elections must be held—a prospect that even P W does not fancy.

But what had happened was that Hendrickse believed that he would get enough sympathy for the treatment he received from P W over the swimming incident. He probably reckons that now is the time for him to go to the polls, and get re-elected.

But then some people are not so sure that

It's enough to make Hendrickse

weep



it seems very few people can afford principles.

It was therefore not surprising that some people believed that perhaps the matter of getting tough with P W need not jeopardise people's jobs and well-being. And so it came to pass that a resolution was tabled which suggested going easy on P W and perhaps agreeing to the elections being postponed.

The Nats were surely surprised that they have such a great ally and decided that he was a nice guy and needed their full support. But Hendrickse thought otherwise.

Difficult

And so began a saga which would lead to Hendrickse weeping again. The point is that all the while, Hendrickse thought that he employed his Cabinet Ministers. He calls these people "my Cabinet", and he duly expected them to be loyal to him.

Having been the person to appoint people to the Cabinet, he overlooked the little point that, in the end, the Big Bwana finally had to put his stamp of approval on the appointments.

In other words, if he did not like somebody, he could, technically, tell Hendrickse he would not approve his appointment.

But Hendrickse, thinking that he was the boss, decided to sack the man, and duly asked him to quit his lucrative post.

Our man Flint decided Hendrickse could go to hell, he was not going to quit. And, in any event, he was appointed by the Big Bwana, who is the sole judge of whether he should stay or not.

And the Big Bwana will find that our Man Flint was on his side, so it would be very difficult indeed for him to fire our Man Flint.

And so when Hendrickse decides to seek endorsement of his action against our man, he finds that Big Bwana casts doubt on whether the leader of the Labour Party has enough support. And so our Man Flint still enjoys his good day. He lives on.

The moral of the story is that Hendrickse wept again, and cried foul. But rules is rules, as someone once said. And that cannot be changed to support a person with whom you don't agree.

Not only that. The point is that Hendrickse and his lot are beginning to read the small print and finding out what we have been telling them all along.

The "own affairs", over which they think they have full control, has turned out to be nothing of the sort.

They cannot run their own affairs at all, as they still require Big Bwana to give the final stamp of approval. You know, the kind of "you guys can do as you please, but you must get my approval" type of situation.

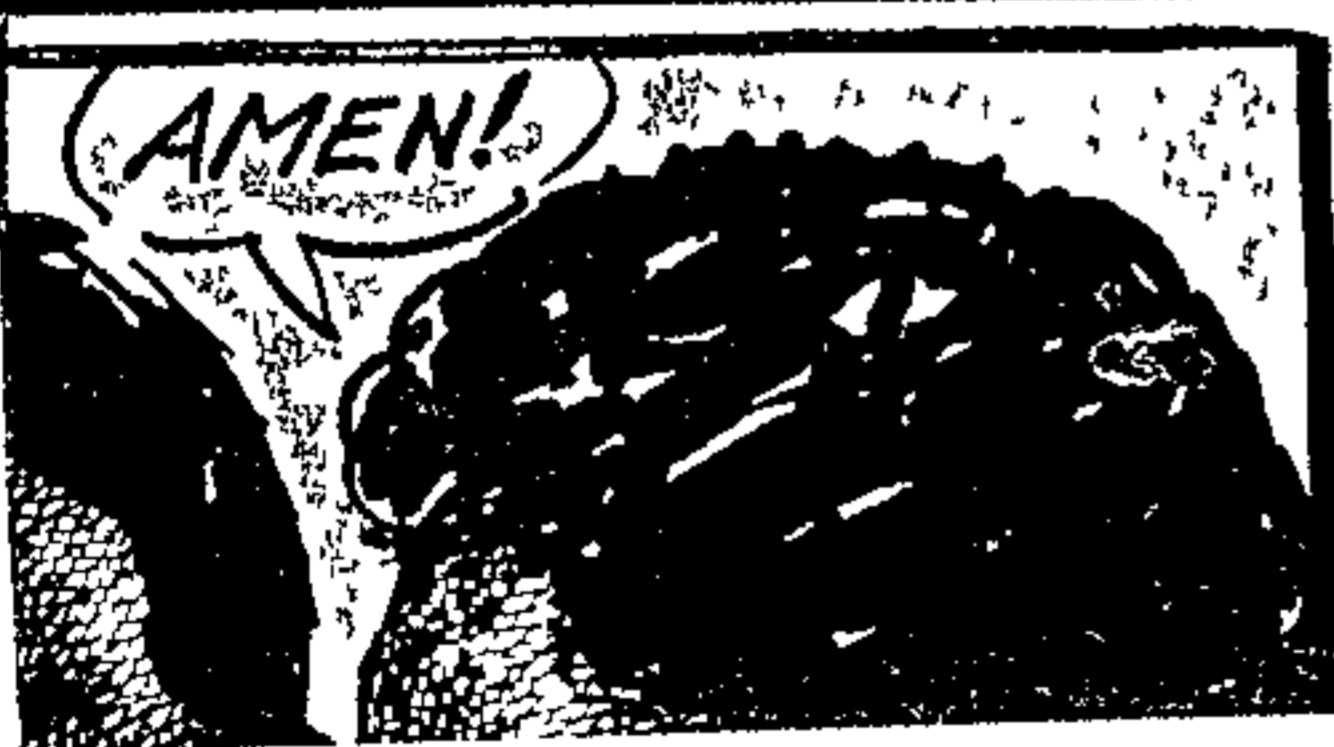
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ON a more serious note. There will be many a tale of the exploits of Percy Qoboza, the late editor of *City Press* and former editor of *The World* and *Weekend World*. His death at the weekend came as a shock to all of us who knew him.

I worked with Percy for 15 years, and it was a period of learning. Learning about life, learning about people. There is no doubt that Percy had a unique style, and when he took over the editorship of *The World* a new era in black journalism began. You could love him, or hate him, but you certainly could not ignore him.

With his passing, journalism has suffered a tremendous loss. His contribution to the struggle for a just democratic South Africa, however, cannot be erased by his death.

He will be remembered for a long, long time indeed. May his soul rest in peace.



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Ebrahim quits to avert split

Resignation set to end govt wrangle

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CAPE TOWN — Carter Ebrahim, Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, announced last night he would after all resign from the Ministers' Council.

Ebrahim, who is to remain a member of the Labour Party, said he would submit his resignation in writing to President P W Botha on Monday.

His decision was announced by LP leader and House of Representatives Ministers' Council chairman Allan Hendrickse after a three-hour emergency meeting of the party caucus, which was attended by all but five of the party's 73 MPs.

The move will avert a split in the LP — and avoid political embarrassment to Botha, who earlier this week refused to dismiss Ebrahim after being asked to do so by Hendrickse.

After the President said he would not dismiss Ebrahim unless it was clear he did not have majority support, yesterday's caucus meeting was held to demonstrate that Hendrickse had the backing of Labour MPs.

During the caucus meeting, which was addressed by both Hendrickse and Ebrahim as well as a number of other MPs, speakers stressed that the National Party would gain from a split in the LP and that the only way a split could be avoided was if Ebrahim resigned as minister.

Towards the end of the meeting, one of Ebrahim's supporters, Nic Isaacs, MP for Bishop Lavis, who had earlier urged

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party unity, called for a 10 minute adjournment so Ebrahim could consider his position.

After consulting some of his colleagues, Ebrahim told the caucus he would resign as minister.

Hendrickse is likely to become acting Minister of Education and Culture for the time being.

Ebrahim said afterwards he had taken the decision to resign "at the meeting".

He and Hendrickse are to meet on Monday morning so that a formal letter of resignation can be submitted to Botha and Hendrickse can repeat his request to be made acting Minister of Education and Culture.

No formal decision was taken at the caucus meeting, but Hendrickse said he was grateful for the support he had received.

He said there was "no talk" of expelling Ebrahim from the party and Ebrahim himself had said: "I remain a member of the party."

Hendrickse said there was no doubt "the Nationalist Party believed, and hoped, the Labour Party would split" but the people who spoke during the caucus meeting had emphasised the need for party unity.

Asked if he had support of the party caucus, Hendrickse replied "There is no doubt about that, particularly from the way they spoke."

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filibuster over the dismissal of Carter Ebrahim from the Ministers' Council of the House of Representatives goes beyond an internal dispute in the Labour Party. It strikes at the very root of the 1983 constitution and could well lurch SA into its major constitutional crisis in 30 years.

One of the ironies of the impasse is that the tricameral Parliament was intended by its authors to paralyze, if not clumsily, restore the lost political rights of coloureds, which were gutted from the 1910 constitution through their forced removal from the common voters' roll in the Cape, precipitating the major constitutional crisis of the Fifties.

The resolution of the current impasse should, in a normal constitutional system, present little difficulty. The chairman of relevant Ministers' Council, for most purposes analogous to a prime minister, has requested the Head of State — in this case, the State President — to dismiss a member of his council, namely the Minister of Education and Culture

It is a constitutional convention that the Head of State's power to dismiss a Minister must be exercised on the advice of the prime minister. Generally, a minister will be offered the opportunity to resign when the prime minister wishes to remove him from office.

This is precisely the convention which the Rev Allan Hendrickse, chairman of the Ministers' Council, followed with regard to the hapless Mr Ebrahim.

The latter's refusal to accommodate his party leader's wishes is not without parallel in SA. On two occasions, in 1912 and 1918, the then prime ministers of Union disbanded, and later reconstituted, their cabinets in order to rid themselves of recalcitrant colleagues. However, certainly since the dismissal by Disraeli of Lord Chelmsford from his cabinet in 1868, much to the latter's great indignation, it has been an iron law, properly called a convention that all cabinet posts are held at the pleasure of the prime minister.

Constitutional conventions are, in the words of the English constitutional scholar Jennings, "flesh which clothes the dry bones of the law; they make the legal constitution work". However, as

Some thirty years on... a second constitutional crisis?

TONY LEON, a lecturer in Constitutional Law at the University of the Witwatersrand

ness of the Westminster approach is perverted by the language and intent of the 1983 SA constitution. This instrument has devolved the Executive into a dichotomy consisting of a "general affairs" Cabinet on one hand and three Ministers' Councils on the other. These faithfully reflect the tri-racial ethic of "own affairs".

The crisp question is whether the State President is obliged to follow the advice of a chairman of a Ministers' Council in dismissing a colleague. The answer is moot. And it is precisely in the white heat of such political uncertainty and potential crisis that the extent and efficacy of constitutional conventions are forged.

There is much to support the view that the State President is so obliged. Several provisions in the constitution suggest a close analogy between each Ministers' Council and the Westminster-style Cabinet.

The State President is mandated, in terms of the Act, only to select a chairman and ministers in each council who, at the time of appointment, enjoy the support of the majority of (the relevant) House of Parliament. There is no such obligation on the Head of State in selecting ministers of the (general affairs) Cabinet. It is axiomatic that each member of the Ministers' Council must retain the support of the majority of his House during his tenure. Indeed, this point is implicitly acknowledged by the State President who has used this via

wearing his hat as Head of State rather than as leader of the NP, suggest that such minister be not removed from office unless it could be shown that he did not enjoy the support of the NP majority in the House? Clearly not. The State President would fire him on the spot.

The absurdity of this example highlights the tension created by the merging of the roles of Head of State and prime minister in the person of the State President.

It is precisely because of the concentration of power inherent in such an arrangement that we should infer that the conventions of the constitution are applicable to it wherever the two are not mutually inconsistent.

That, presumably, was the intention of the framers when they buttressed the place of conventions in our law in Section 88 of the Constitution Act.

Furthermore, the constitution perpetuates the similarity between the Westminster cabinet and the Ministers' Council. For example, section 19(1) provides that, in respect of "own affairs", the State President acts "on the advice of" the relevant council.

This is precisely the provision which both the 1961 and 1910 constitutions enacted, causing the ceremonial State President (and Governor-General) to observe the traditional conventions governing the relationship between Head of State and Head of Government. This strongly suggests that certain prerogative powers of the

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In any event, a failure by the State President to agree to Hendrickse's request will expose the entire constitutional system as an institutional fraud, and reduce its coloured component to an impotent rump equivalent, in some ways, to the discredited and disbanded Coloured Persons' Representative Council.

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State President, even under the new constitutional order, are very circumscribed. Accordingly, he would be obliged to heed the advice of Hendrickse on Ebrahim's continuance in office.

However, the difficulty arises in section 24 of the constitution, which lumps both members of the Ministers' Council and the Cabinet together, designating them as "Ministers of the Republic holding office at the State President's pleasure".

This remarkably laconic description might suggest that P W Botha has the final say in dismissing Ebrahim. But the burden of the other provisions in the constitution suggest there is a clear distinction between membership of the Cabinet, where the State President acts himself as a Westminster prime minister, and membership of the Ministers' Council, where he simply fulfils the ceremonial role of Head of State.

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TONY LEON, beyond internal dispute

to suggest rather slyly that he will not respond to the requested dismissal "until there is clarity on whether Mr Ebrahim enjoys the support of the majority of the members of his council". While one welcomes the acknowledgement that ministers require majority support to continue in office, hence strengthening the convention referred to, the reasoning of the State President is spurious.

Consider an acute case suppose that a member of the Ministers' Council in the (white) House of Assembly suggested the National Party should forge links with the ANC in the interests of national unity. Would the State President

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High noon draws near in the PW vs Hendrickse duel

By PATRICK LAURENCE

THE clash between Labour Party leader Allan Hendrickse and President PW Botha yesterday moved closer to a showdown in which there can only be one winner.

The LP parliamentary caucus yesterday ratified an earlier decision by the party head committee to expel the pro-Botha rebel, Carter Ebrahim, who serves as Minister of Education and Culture in the coloured ministers' council.

For strategic reasons, however, the LP will only announce the expulsion at a meeting of the Peninsula region of the LP tomorrow.

Ebrahim is the Peninsula chairman and has insisted that he has a mandate from the Peninsula region for his softer approach to Botha. The timing and the venue of the announcement is calculated to crush him in his own region.

Hendrickse's joust with Botha started in August last year over the Group Areas Act. It has since kindled revolt in the LP and become a duel to the death.

As the leader of the rebellion in the LP, Ebrahim has received at least tacit support from Botha, a man who responds vigorously to any challenge.

The simmering crisis came to a head when Hendrickse wrote to Ebrahim last week asking him to resign as Minister of Education and Culture in the "coloured cabinet" or ministers' council.

Ebrahim refused to quit voluntarily, forcing Hendrickse to write to Botha requesting him to sack the LP rebel.

Botha, however, declined to dismiss Ebrahim until it was clear whether or not he commanded majority support in the coloured chamber.

Hendrickse's retort to Botha was to charge him with delaying a decision in order to give Ebrahim an opportunity to canvass support.

Hendrickse's letter to Ebrahim was a sequel to the bid by Ebrahim to persuade the LP congress last month to resolve its differences with Botha over the Group Areas Act by negotiation instead of confrontation.

But the LP congress voted overwhelmingly in favour of Hendrickse's demand that Botha abolish the Group Areas Act.

The clash arose from Botha's quest to postpone a constitutionally-prescribed general election for all three houses of parliament. The constitution lays down that an election should be held by September 1989.

But Botha, having held an election for whites last May, wanted to defer

the 1989 election until 1992.

He was prompted in part by reluctance to engage in political combat with the CP so soon after last year's whites-only poll.

To postpone the 1989 election, Botha needed the concurrence of all three parliamentary chambers.

Hendrickse, however, set a price and tag to his agreement: a commitment from Botha to repeal the Group Areas Act. It was a price Botha could or would not pay.

Confronted by Hendrickse's challenge, Botha dismissed him from the national cabinet, where he was Minister without Portfolio.

That was in August last year. Earlier in the same month, Botha castigated LP MPs in a speech to the coloured chamber or house of representatives.

Hendrickse's rebellion against Botha is the fulfilment of a pledge he made when, in January 1983, the LP first decided to participate in the tri-racial parliament: the LP would use its position in parliament to fight apartheid from within.

But for more than two years after the LP entered parliament in September 1984, Hendrickse did little or nothing to satisfy his critics that he had not "sold out".

But a year ago Hendrickse began his rebellion against apartheid from within when he dived into "God's own sea" from a beach reserved for whites in Port Elizabeth.

He was publicly chastised by Botha and forced to apologise. But, faced with criticism from coloured people over his climbdown, he again hoisted the flag of revolt in August when he put a price tag — abolition of the Group Areas Act — on Botha's quest to defer the 1989 election.

Since then relations between Botha and Hendrickse, and between the NP and the LP, have deteriorated rapidly. Ebrahim appears to be outnumbered by Hendrickse loyalists. 76 of the 85 coloured MPs are LP men, all but a handful of whom are expected to declare for Hendrickse. Ebrahim, however, has one factor in his favour.

To qualify for the generous parliamentary pension, coloured MPs have to serve for seven-and-a-half years. If a compromise is reached with Botha, the 1989 election will be deferred until 1992 and even those MPs who are defeated at the polls will be assured of pensions.

Hendrickse, however, hopes that his stand against Botha will recoup lost popularity for the LP in the coloured community.

A tough test of wills lies ahead.

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Hiring and firing

Senior members of the Labour Party (LP) are convinced that influential Nationalists played a key role in this week's rebellion by LP Education Minister Carter Ebrahim (See Leaders)

The plan seems to have been this force a showdown which leads to a split in the LP and possibly undermine the strong position of party leader Allan Hendrickse. But as the FM went to press, it appeared that Ebra-



him's tactics had backfired

Observers close to the LP ruled out a split. They said that Ebrahim has no more than a dozen or so firm supporters among the 76 Labour MPs (of a total of 85 in the House of Representatives), even then, it's unlikely that any of them would be willing to move into the wilderness by leaving the LP.

Earlier this week, President Botha was understood to be trying to arrange a compromise in terms of which Ebrahim would resign voluntarily and retire from politics. Financially he would be well off, having qualified for a pension of over R100 000 a year, thanks to his service in parliament and the old Coloured Representative Council.

Botha has the sole right to hire and fire ministers. But convention dictates that he follow the advice of the chairman of a Ministers' Council (this has already happened three times in the Indian Ministers' Council). To ignore the convention would be to invite the breaking of other conventions.

It would also be extremely difficult for Ebrahim to continue in office without the LP's backing. In theory, for example, the LP could refuse to pass Ebrahim's education budget vote, or even to allocate his department a slice of the House of Representatives'

"own affairs" budget. This would then precipitate a crisis for the NP, not the LP.

Botha, apparently, was reluctant to be seen taking sides with Hendrickse and was therefore pushing hard for a resolution less radical than firing Ebrahim outright. He was believed to be negotiating a resignation (possibly sweetened with the promise of a government appointment at some stage).

Differences between Hendrickse and Ebrahim had been simmering for some time. Ebrahim was long regarded as a politically unsuccessful education minister and Hendrickse was forced to step in more than once

to resolve crises sparked by Ebrahim's hardline attitude towards opposition to government among coloured

teachers and pupils.

Ebrahim confronted his leader publicly at the LP's recent congress in Pretoria, when he proposed a conciliatory approach to the NP. The move was rejected by most delegates.

Ebrahim is accused of refusing to accept the will of the majority, of continuing to spread dissension within the party and of leaking confidential party correspondence to the Nat press. Last Saturday, Hendrickse asked him to resign. He refused, forcing Hendrickse to ask Botha to dismiss Ebrahim.

Suspicious that the Nats were trying to split the LP were heightened this week, when the two main Nat mouthpieces, Johannesburg-based *Beeld* and *Die Burger* in Cape Town, implicitly attacked Hendrickse's attitude towards Ebrahim's "conciliatory" approach. *Beeld* suggested Hendrickse had become a "slave of extremists" within his party and *Die Burger* questioned Hendrickse's leadership qualities.

If a Nat minister bucked party policy or compromised the party leader in the way that Ebrahim has done, he would certainly be dismissed from the Cabinet and probably expelled from the party — without a word of opposition from the party press.

NP involvement in the LP row centres on the Nats' apparent determination to force the LP to back the proposed constitutional amendment, which will allow Botha to postpone the election for the white House of Assembly until 1992. The plan, apparently, rested on an Ebrahim-lead rebellion (based, perhaps on a Nat undertaking to postpone elections for the coloured and Indian houses until 1992 as well).

As things stand, Hendrickse is likely to emerge from the crisis with a better profile than ever before among voters and caucus. And the NP appears unable, for the moment at least, to get rid of the main obstacle to the postponement of white elections. ■

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JOHANNESBURG. — Mr. Carter Ebrahim is the central figure of a detailed investigation being led by the Auditor-General into the buying of schools' computer systems by his department.

The Auditor-General is investigating claims that the acquisition of computer equipment and related services by Mr. Ebrahim's department were "contrary to the financial regulations and Treasury directives on financial control".

Weekend Argus is in possession of documents from the Auditor-General's office confirming the investigation.

This follows allegations of intrigues involving civil servants and computer companies in winning official approval for various systems.

Questions have been posed over alleged irregularities in the choice of computer systems for trials by Mr. Ebrahim's department.

It is estimated that the cost of equipping black schools alone could run to more than R1-billion.

Cape Town sources close to the Department of Education and Culture in the House of

Representatives told Weekend Argus they believe the system which is being supplied to schools was not recommended by the educational experts in the department.

The systems which are to be the subject of the Auditor-General's investigation are Israeli-manufactured. It is argued that local computer systems would be equally effective and cheaper.

This is the second investigation to be announced by the Government in the past year.

Deputy Advocate-General Mr. J.C. Ferreira confirmed in August last year that investigations into alleged irregularities by a locally based firm were being investigated. He said the findings would be tabled in Parliament early this year.

Mr. Ebrahim was not available for comment, on the investigation, but earlier in the week he vehemently denied reports of "maladministration" in his department.

Mr. Ebrahim entered politics at the age of 52 when he was elected to the Coloured Persons' Representative Council as Southern Cape representative for the Labour Party.

PW vs Hendrickse in tricameral chess

THE political dynamics of the tricameral parliamentary system are beginning to show some interesting and unique features — fully in line with the unique form of government introduced in 1984. If politicians did not foresee the complications in accepting the system, they are having to live with them now.

Far from becoming a machine for inter-racial reconciliation and for consensus government, the system is being used for inter-group manipulation and chessboard political manoeuvring.

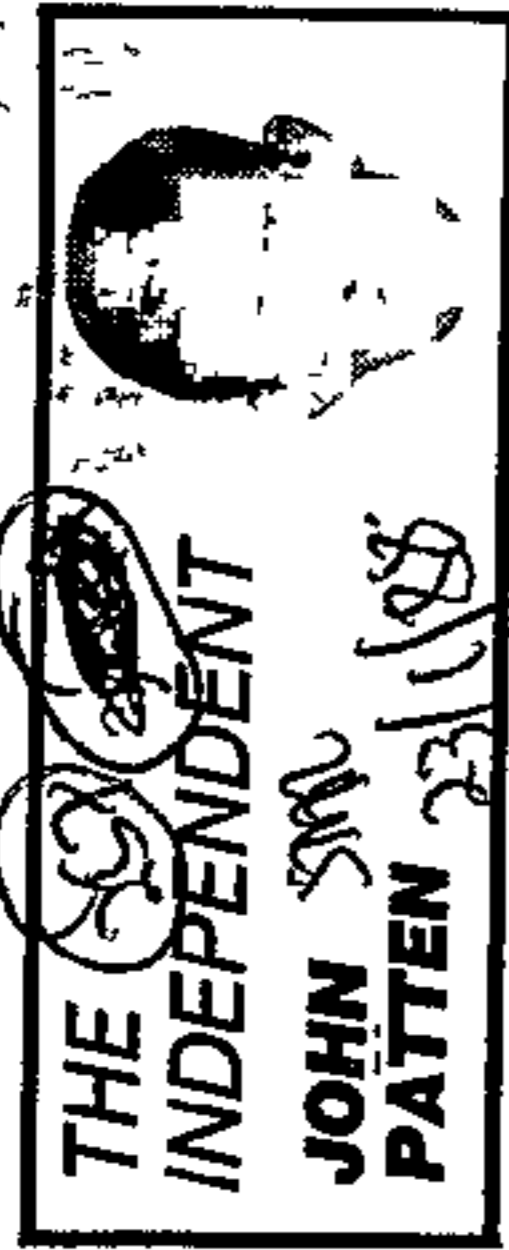
Some of its potential became evident when the Labour Party leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, capitalised on his fallout with President Botha by using his control of the House of Representatives as a means of blocking Government plans to change the constitution.

Regardless of the merits of the plan to remove the need for simultaneous elections of all three Houses at the end of a tricameral term — and there is strong merit in the proposed amendment — coloured opposition has been mustered to seek a political price for their acquiescence: it is abolition of the Group Areas Act.

President Botha this week tried to fight back. The internal squabbles in the Labour Party between Mr Hendrickse and rebel Minister Mr Carter Ebrahim gave Mr Botha a chance to use his constitutional powers to explore divisions in the Labour opposition with a view to removing the obstacles Mr Hendrickse had been placing in his way.

It did not work, because the Labour Party MPs stood solidly behind Mr Hendrickse's confrontation strategy, but Mr Botha thought it worth a try.

Certainly Mr Ebrahim could not have remained in office much longer if Mr Hendrickse and the bulk of the Labour Party refused to allow him to participate in the



Minister's Council, refused co-operation in matters pertaining to his education portfolio, and boycotted all sessions of the parliamentary constitutional standing committee until Mr Botha dismissed him.

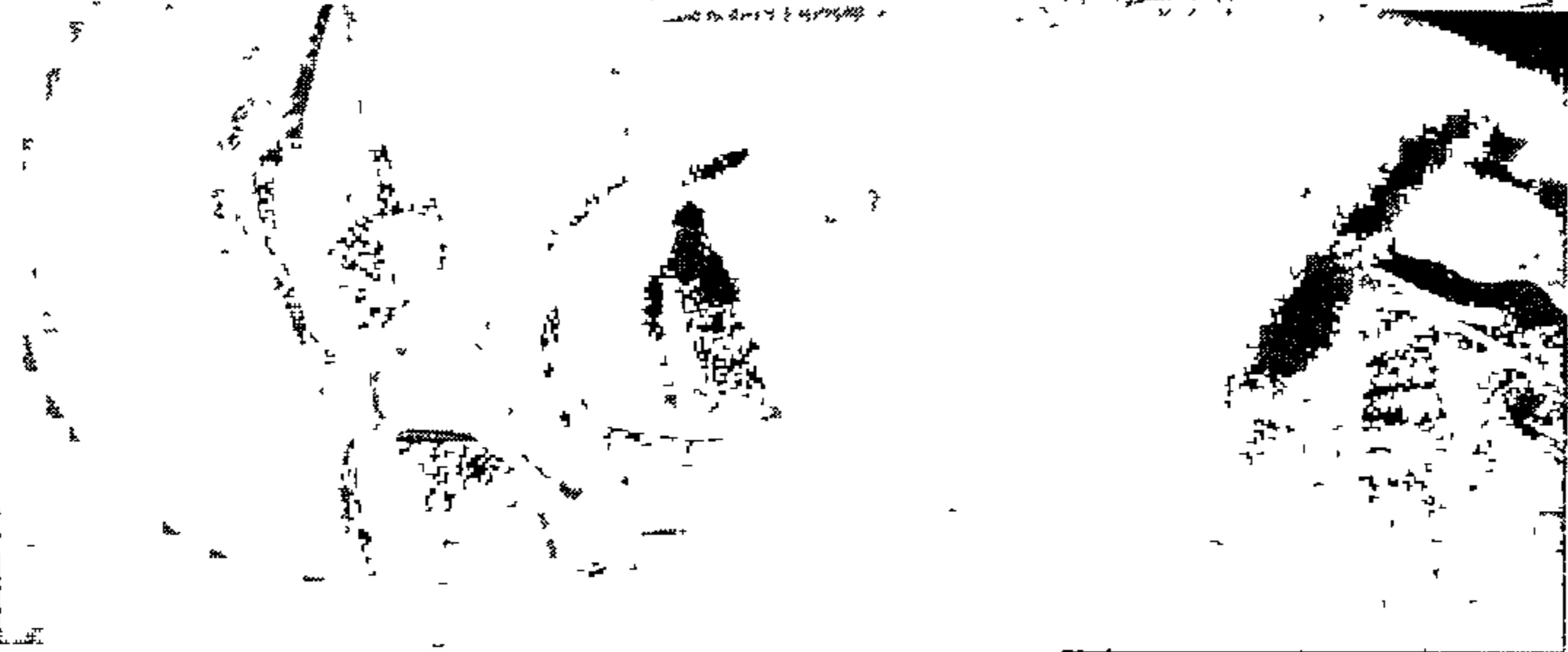
Mr Ebrahim's resignation relieved the crisis, but everyone knows the Labour Party victory over Mr Botha will rankle.

It was rather a long shot for Mr Botha to hope to win a majority of the House of Representatives to co-operate with him, unless he made some major concession in the direction of reform — a thing he can ill afford to do while facing tough by-elections against the Conservative Party in seats where the Nationalists are the underdogs.

Ironically, the way Mr Hendrickse is playing his cards, the Labour Party's opposition to Mr Botha's constitutional amendment might prove inconvenient to Labour Party election strategies.

Confrontation with the Government must greatly have increased the Labour Party's popularity with the coloured electorate. So much so that Mr Hendrickse rightly says it might be worth his while to seek a coloured general election. If he did that, he would not also want a tricameral election next year.

He has a tough choice between inconveniencing Mr Botha, in the hope of winning policy concessions, or conveniencing himself in trying to keep political control in the House of Representatives. There has been fascinating power-play at work in the recent situation and we've not heard the end of the story yet.



PRESIDENT BOTHA: fighting back.

No jobs for teachers

by the end of this week would be made redundant. A survey has shown that hundreds of teachers are unemployed.

More than 2,000 primary and high school teachers graduated from the University of the Western Cape last year.

Mr Thinus Dempsey, said intake of first-year education students at colleges could be limited to 2,000.

He said students who were granted bursaries by the department would be given priority when posts are allocated.

The job freeze has been condemned by the Western Cape Teachers' Union.

Wectu's chairperson, Yusuf Gabru, said it was inconceivable that posts could be frozen while classrooms are greatly overcrowded and many qualified teachers are on the streets.

Total failure

This situation is a creation of the apartheid system where resources are wasted and unevenly distributed along racial lines.

This further highlights the incompetence and total failure of the education departments.

The education crisis could only be overcome in a non-racial and democratic society, Gabru said.

A teacher, who requested not to be named, said she qualified but was still without a job.

"Surely the department was given advance notification that posts were going to be frozen. Why did they accept such a large number of education students? What must we do with our qualified teachers?" she asked.

Philip Tobias

In the frontline

SOUTH spoke to three men in different parts of the Cape who all have one thing in common - each have waged a private battle against what they see as an authoritarian and anti-democratic education system. Here are their stories.

REGGIE OLIPHANT

Once an English teacher of 13 years' standing at Bergsig Primary School in Oudtshoorn, Reggie Oliphant now sells books for a national company.

In late 1981 he was told by the Department of Education and Culture that he was being transferred to Kenhardt, 900 km away from where he lived and worked. Oliphant was convinced the transfer was politically motivated.

"A Department official told me they'd been struggling for years to secure an English teacher for Kenhardt. I replied that I found it impossible to believe that out of all the English teachers available, I was the most appropriate."

For many years Oliphant had served as president of the South Western District Primary Schools Sports Association, a Sacos affiliate. He said the Department had frequently taken exception to statements he had made to the Press in his capacity as president.

In September 1981 Oliphant's home was raided by the Security Police, who took away a batch of literature. Oliphant appeared in court but all charges were subsequently dropped.

A short time after he heard of his transfer.

In January 1982, Oliphant took up his new post in Kenhardt. But he left three months later and rejoined his family in Oudtshoorn.

Three years ago he tried to re-enter the teaching profession. He was informed he would only be considered for a post if he agreed not to teach in the Oudtshoorn area. This Oliphant refused to do.

PHILIP TOBIAS

In July 1985, Phillip Tobias, deputy-principal of Crestway High

School in Retreat, was appointed acting principal. A month later he was detained.

On his release two weeks later he returned to school. The day after his return he was suspended by the Department of Education and Culture for his avowed refusal not to administer the November examinations that year.

Like 72 other teachers later to be charged with misconduct by the Department, Tobias believed that the exams should be postponed in order to give pupils and teachers time to prepare.

The 73 teachers challenged the Department in court - and won.

In January 1986 the Department reinstated Tobias at Crestway High School - but as deputy principal, not acting principal. The teacher who had assumed his duties while Tobias was in detention was given the post of acting principal.

STEVEN RADCLIFFE

A month after the start of the new school year in 1985, John Walton High School in Uitenhage was closed down by the Department of Education and Culture as pupils were boycotting classes.

The school re-opened two weeks later but three of the teachers were told that they were being transferred. Amongst them was Steven Radcliffe, who served as chairman of the Uitenhage Sports Board, a Sacos affiliate.

Radcliffe was to be sent to Walvis Bay in Namibia, Yusef Nördien, deputy-principal of the school, to Pietersburg in the Northern Transvaal, and Ebrahim Wicomb to Postmasburg near Kimberley.

The three teachers informed the Department they would be challenging the transfers. They won their case and were unconditionally re-instated.

"It was the first time the Department had ever been successfully challenged over transfers," said Radcliffe. "In terms of their regulations they can transfer at will."

All three teachers are still teaching at John Walton High School.

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CAPE TOWN— The State President, Mr P W Botha, has agreed to appoint Mr Allan Hendrickse as Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives in the place of Mr Carter Ebrahim

Mr Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party and chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House, confirmed today that he had had a letter from Mr Botha informing him of this

Mr Ebrahim's services were terminated on January 31.

After a clash with Mr Hendrickse, Mr Ebrahim initially refused to resign but did so at a caucus meeting

Mr Botha had at first refused to dismiss him until he had ascertained what support he enjoyed in the House

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Trouble ahead for teachers

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TEACHERS who refuse to lie down and accept apartheid education are preparing themselves for a rough year. As the education system sinks into even deeper crisis and the Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA) accuses the Labour Party of "Broederbond" tactics, the fate of the progressive teacher is more precarious than ever.

Last year saw progressive teachers embroiled in a turbulent situation where promotions were withheld, senior teachers were demoted, subsidies were withdrawn, teachers were detained and 73 teachers were charged in court with misconduct.

In 1988 little will change. The victimisation of progressive teachers will continue in the months ahead, maintains Yusuf Gabru, president of the Western Cape Teachers Union (Wectu).

Wrath of the Department

The start of the new school year has once again focused attention on the punitive action taken against teachers who incur the wrath of the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) and the Department of Education and Training (DET). These teachers are either transferred to remote areas or switched to nearby schools and demoted.

This week, Peter Carelse, former principal of Glendale High School in Mitchells Plain, took up his new post as deputy-principal of Kleinvier Primary School in Eerste River.

Carelse got off relatively lightly. Some teachers are faced with the option of uprooting their families and moving to rural outposts - or of giving up teaching altogether.

The latest casualty is Duke Ngeukana, acting principal of Langa High School who was transferred to Stutterheim in the Eastern Cape. This week Ngeukana was still undecided about whether he would take up the post or not. "The only thing I'm sure about is that I don't want to quit teaching," he said.

A severe loss of confidence in the education system and alleged manipulation of teaching posts by the

Last year teachers who opposed apartheid education were fired, demoted, detained, had subsidies withdrawn or were charged with misconduct. This year isn't going to be much better, although teachers are fighting back with the formation of a new teachers' union. MARC DOBSON reports.

Labour Party has forced progressive teachers to adopt an increasingly militant stance.

"We are entering 1988 with a very high level of anger," said Franklin Sonn, president of CTPA and UTASA (Union of Teachers Associations of South Africa).

CTPA attacked the Labour Party for allegedly using its influence to secure posts for teachers in exchange for patronage.

Labour Party

The organisation claimed that the Minister of Education and Culture often ignored the first choice of the school committee and appointed a person who carried the blessing of the Labour Party.

The CTPA accused the party of "clearly adopting the strategy of taking over school committees and loading Regional Boards with MPs and Labour Party sympathisers".

The organisation cited the case of Nic Wagenstroom, former principal of Chestnut Primary in Uitenhage, who found himself in the strange position this week of being a principal without a school.

He is still employed by the Department of Education and Culture, but has been given no school to teach at.

When Chestnut Primary was

closed in 1985 its pupils were incorporated into two new primary schools. Mr Wagenstroom applied for the post of principal of the first new school.

He was found suitable for the post by the Selection Committee of the Department and was recommended as first candidate by the Port Elizabeth Regional Board of the Department of Education and Culture.

But, according to the CTPA, Wagenstroom had "committed the unpardonable sin in the eyes of the Labour Party" of having withdrawn Chestnut Primary from the "normal sport" school league in Uitenhage and joining up with the Sacos-affiliated Primary School Sports Association (SAPSSA).

After two rounds of applications, the Department of Education and Culture eventually appointed a teacher who had been found unacceptable during the first round of applications.

Wagenstroom then applied for the post of principal of the second primary school. The CTPA claimed that applications for this post were shelved for almost a year while the entire composition of the Regional Board was changed.

They further alleged that not only was Rev Allan Hendrickse a member of this board, but 13 of the 15 new board members were Labour Party supporters.

Wagenstroom did not get the post. He is still waiting for the Department to clarify his present status.

New teachers' union

However, there is some light at the end of the tunnel for progressive teachers.

This year will see the birth of a new progressive teachers' organisation that will bring together thousands of dissatisfied teachers belonging to Wectu, Detu (the Democratic Teachers' Union) and Edasa (Education for an Aware South Africa).

The new organisation will aim to "unite, mobilise and politicise all teachers".

Parent power rises on school boards

PRETORIA — The days of school management boards riding roughshod over the wishes of parents are numbered.

Amended legislation to come before parliament this session is expected to provide for the removal of a board that goes against the wishes of a majority of parents

Asked to comment yesterday, the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Piet Clase said "This matter will be attended to when regulations pertaining to management boards are promulgated once legislation on education affairs has been finalised

"The need for the amended regulations was highlighted by the Menlopark Hoerskool Management Board's actions over the past 12 months."

This time last year the board refused to allow a black Natal athlete to take part in an athletics meeting in the school grounds

The board also refused to allow two black pupils from Christian Brothers' College in Pretoria to participate in a squash tournament at the school

Outraged by the Board's "verkrampste" attitude a majority of parents called for its resignation

It refused

This time the Board has declined to invite Natal schools to this year's meeting — schools which have traditionally taken part — DDC



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Hartzenberg is suspended from House after allegation

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 Official Opposition MP for Lichtenburg Dr Ferdie Hartzenberg has been suspended from Parliament for refusing to withdraw his statement that the State President Mr PW Botha was unable to have allegations of bribery of Labour Party MPs by his own MPs investigated because he knew the allegations to be true.

Dr Hartzenberg referred on Tuesday to allegations made by Labour Party leader Mr Allan Hendrickse that LP MPs had been offered bribes of up to R10 000 by

National Party MPs if they, the LP MPs, would go along with a postponement of an election to 1992.

The Labour Party leadership is opposed to this move and in terms of the Constitution the next general election should be held next year.

Dr Hartzenberg was challenged for his remarks on Tuesday and Acting Speaker Mr Rex le Roux said he would consult Hansard to verify exactly what had been said.

Mr le Roux ruled yesterday that Dr Hartzenberg had indeed said Mr

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Botha "knew" the allegations of bribery to be true and he named him for this "serious reflection on the integrity of the State

President"

Mr le Roux referred to a decision in September 1986 when it was ruled that no MP might "denigrate, belittle or attack the character of the State President"

There were some sharp exchanges in the House when Mr le Roux, having named Dr Hartzenberg in terms of the standing rules and orders of Parliament, refused to take points of order from three official Opposition members.

The Leader of the House Mr FW de Klerk proposed that Dr Hartzenberg be suspended

and after division the motion was carried by 121 NP votes against 38 votes of the opposition parties and independents.

The period of suspension is five parliamentary working days on the first occasion followed by 10 on the second and 20 on any subsequent occasion.

A member suspended in this fashion may submit "a written expression of regret" which could be considered by the House.

Another motion would be required following an acceptance of an apology to have the suspension order discharged.

Le Roux seeks inquiry

Mr Frank le Roux (CP Brakpan) has given notice that he would propose a motion calling for a select committee to investigate the possible breach of parliamentary privilege by the leader of the Labour Party, Mr Allan Hendrickse

Mr le Roux said a committee should investigate remarks made by Mr Hendrickse at the congress of the Labour Party in Paarl last year

The Leader of the House, Mr F W de Klerk, said that negotiations had already taken place between the chairmen of the Ministers' Councils of the three Houses of Parliament so that a wider inquiry could be made into breach of privilege

He said that the inquiry would reveal the truth of all allegations that have been made — Sapa.

13/2/88
**Talks for
LP chief
and PW**

Political Staff

STATE PRESIDENT MR P W Botha and Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse are due to meet on Monday to discuss the reshuffling of the portfolios of the Ministers' Council of the House of Representatives.

Mr Botha is responsible for the appointment of ministers to the respective ministers' councils.

The reshuffle comes in the wake of the resignation of the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Carter Ebrahim

It is understood that Mr Hendrickse, who took over as Education and Culture Minister, will retain the Education portfolio.

However, it is possible that a new minister will be appointed to take over the culture aspects of the ministry and possibly other facets of the portfolios of other members of the Ministers' Council.

Mamre MP Mr Abe Williams is being tipped to join the council or to be appointed as a deputy minister.



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The State President, Mr P W Botha, had refused to appoint a commission of inquiry into the deaths of two children at Kakamas because a police investigation was already under way, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said in the House of Representatives yesterday

He was replying to a motion by the Minister of the Budget and Labour Party MP for Kalahari, Mr Andrew Julies, calling for a commission of inquiry to investigate the shooting incident on February 13 in which a four-year-old girl and a 13-year-old boy were killed

Mr Julies said that despite Mr Vlok's assurances on the judicial process already under way, he feared that eyewitnesses to the shootings would not want to give evidence to the policemen conducting the investigation

Although he was dismayed that a commission of inquiry would not be appointed, the House could do nothing but accept Mr Botha's decision

He said his motion still stood. It was then unanimously approved

He praised Mr Vlok for his immediate response to the shootings, but said that wounds had been inflicted that time could never heal

Mr Cecil Herandien (UDP,

Coloured House presses for inquiry

Macassar) said the people of Kakamas were not violent

"You must understand that when men arrive with big guns it is the event of the century in Kakamas," he said

Mr Vlok said he also wanted to know the precise details of what had happened. That was why he had announced yesterday that a senior police officer from Pretoria would begin an urgent and intensive investigation and that two murder dockets had been opened

Mr Vlok said the shooting incident was the exception, not the norm. Every minute of every day there were policemen on duty in South Africa fighting violence

In this process, things sometimes went wrong

Asked why people were arrested in murder cases, but that the policemen involved had not been suspended, Mr Vlok said the Commissioner of Police did not have enough information yet to take such a decision — Sapa

'Witdoeke' were in Casspir — evidence

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FIRST CITIZEN (JUNIOR): Christian Brothers College pupil Freddie Backman is the Jaycee Junior Mayor of Cape Town for 1988/89. Last year's mayor, Anne-Marie Deas of Holy Cross Convent was on hand to congratulate him when the junior town council was installed at the Cape Town Civic Centre last night. Other executive committee members are Christine Kinghorn of Rustenberg Girls High (Deputy Mayor), Dina Maree of Jan van Riebeeck High School (Town Clerk), and Shaun Wilmot of Fish Hoek High (Deputy Town Clerk). The junior council, made up of Standard 9 and 10 pupils, is chosen annually from pupils nominated by Peninsula schools. Its activities are aimed at stimulating an awareness of civic affairs.

Varsity subsidy victory: Fight not over — Gerwel

Staff Reporter

THE Supreme Court ruling that the Government's university subsidy conditions are invalid is "not nearly the end of the fight" for the University of the Western Cape, the rector, Professor John Gerwel, says.

An unidentified representative of the University Workers' Union said UWC's workers regarded the ruling as a "victory for freedom of speech" and backed the university's decision to mobilise action against Mr de Klerk's conditions on a

By MICHAEL DOMAN
Supreme Court Reporter

AN animal-lover who turned to pick up an injured dog in spite of teargas in KTC saw armed "witdoeke" dismount from a police Casspir and move into the camp

This was evidence in the Supreme Court yesterday by Mrs Iris Dyanti of Millers Camp in the R312 000 damages claim by 21 KTC families and the Methodist Church against the Minister of Law and Order.

The minister has denied allegations that police assisted in or failed to prevent attacks by Crossroads "witdoeke" who destroyed their property

Mrs Dyanti, who worked for the Animal Anti-Cruelty League, said that on June 9 1986 she saw police in a Casspir fire teargas at KTC residents preparing to defend their houses

She said the residents ran and houses were burnt

The next day she told policemen from a Casspir who were searching two men in KTC to go to their station commander and ask him to withdraw "soldiers from KTC"

Mrs Dyanti said she wrote down the numbers of three Casspirs and an armoured vehicle on June 10

"Two of the Casspirs, numbers 86 and 87, went into KTC and I saw the houses start to burn"

Mr G D Griessel SC, for the minister, in cross-examination Did the occupants of these Casspirs set the shacks alight?

Mrs Dyanti: It could be so.

Mrs Dyanti said a yellow Casspir, "number 101", fired teargas at the group of people with whom she was standing

"People ran. I saw a dog lying bleeding there, so I went back for it"

"A white policeman jumped down from the back of the Casspir, and 'witdoeke' with weapons and white armbands got out"

Mr Griessel The police in Casspir 101 say the teargassing incident did not occur and there were no "witdoeke"

Mrs Dyanti I say it happened I was there I was about 20 m from the Casspir doors when the "witdoeke" got out

(Proceeding)

Mr Justice de Kock is on the Bench Mr H P Viljoen SC, assisted by Mr P Pretorius and Mr A M Omar, instructed by the Legal Resources Centre, appear for the plaintiffs Mr G D Griessel SC and Mr L Visser SC, with Mr F D Brand and Mr C Y Louw, instructed by the State Attorney, appear for the minister.

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total division in each of the various provinces is furnished hereunder

NUMBER OF VOTERS REGISTERED IN EACH CONSTITUENCY OF THE REPUBLIC

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PROVINCE OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Pretoria Central	17 676
Pretoria East	34 084
Pretoria West	24 730
Primrose	20 131
Randburg	21 426
Randfontein	21 685
Russik	18 817
Rodeeplaas	24 121
Rodeeboom	21 366
Rosettenville	20 123
Rustenburg	22 449
Sandton	25 069
Schweizer-Reneke	15 671
Soutpansberg	17 774
Springs	19 924
Standerton	22 677
Stuiffontein	19 073
Sunnyside	17 844
Turffontein	24 256
Vanderbijlpark	23 868
Ventersdorp	16 484
Vereeniging	20 993
Verwoerdburg	24 983
Waterberg	18 072
Waterkloof	19 968
Westdene	19 968
Witbank	25 148
Wonderboom	26 937
Yeoville	20 442
PROV TOTAL	1 639 836
REP TOTAL	3 083 524

ANNEXURE B

SUMMARY OF VOTERS' STATISTICS FROM THE POPULATION REGISTER

31 DECEMBER 1987

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

NATAL

ORANGE FREE STATE

TRANSVAAL

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE	1 429 931
NATAL	66 358
ORANGE FREE STATE	31 456
TRANSVAAL	161 482
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTERS REGISTERED IN THE REPUBLIC ON 31 DECEMBER 1987	1 689 227

REMARK

The number of voters registered in each elec-

ANNEXURE C

SUMMARY OF VOTERS' STATISTICS FROM THE POPULATION REGISTER

31 DECEMBER 1987

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

NATAL

TRANSVAAL

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTERS REGISTERED IN THE REPUBLIC ON 31 DECEMBER 1987

Retreat	27 546
Rietvlei	20 906
Riversdal	19 553
Robertson	18 565
Schauderville	24 001
Silverton	20 512
Southern Cape	15 500
Springbok	13 909
Stenkopf	17 549
Strandfontein	32 675
Suurbraak	21 138
Swartkops	31 523
Swartland	29 050
Table Mountain	19 945
Upington	25 610
Vredendal	16 052
Wuppertal	16 841
PROV TOTAL	1 429 931

REMARK

The number of voters registered in each electoral division in each of the various provinces is furnished hereunder

NATAL

ORANGE FREE STATE

TRANSVAAL

Durban Suburbs	11 001
Greenwood Park	12 650
Natal Interior	11 147
Natal Mid East	12 035
Wentworth	19 525
PROV TOTAL	66 358

ORANGE FREE STATE

Heidelberg	5 188
Eastern Free State	5 392
Opkoms	6 098
Southern Free State	7 623
Western Free State	7 155
PROV TOTAL	31 456

TRANSVAAL

Alra Park	11 628
Bosmont	11 749
Eersterus	21 809
Eldorado Park	27 437
Klipspruit West	22 353
Newclare	16 457
Northern Transvaal	3 784
Reigerpark	17 159
Rust Ter Vaal	13 496
Toeekomrus	15 610
PROV TOTAL	161 482
REP TOTAL	1 689 227

THE DEPARTMENT OF Education and Culture Administration in the House of Representatives, Mr Patrick McEnery, has instructed the Department of Education and Culture to investigate the Atlantis School of Industry.

This follows a series of allegations put by SOUTH to the Minister of Education and Culture, Rev Allan Hendrickse.

The outcome of the investigation would be available soon, said Mr Thinus Dempsey, DEC liaison officer.

The probe follows the recent death of Martin Booyesen, 15, who was found hanged in a punishment cell at the school.

And in a SOUTH investigation, allegations of child abuse, excessive punishment and assaults on pupils stretching over years have come to light.

Put on pension

A former principal of the school, Mr Joseph Lambert, alleges that DEC tried to have him certified insane after he tried to clear up irregularities at the school.

Allegations of child abuse include

- A child care worker used a plank to assault three boys, who escaped from the school at the end of November 26 1985, when they returned late at night. One of the boys, Johannes Booyesen, received at least 20 cuts and another boy, Tyrone Fortun, at least ten. The boys then spent some hours in a punishment cell.

The matter was reported to a senior department official but no steps were taken.

- A 14-year-old boy, John de Wee, was found unconscious in solitary confinement in May 1985 after his head was allegedly knocked against the wall by a child care worker.

He was rushed to Tygerberg Hospital where he was kept in the intensive care unit for four days.

A social worker successfully applied for a court order preventing DEC from taking him back to Atlantis School of Industry.

No steps had been taken by DEC against any staff member.

De Wee told SOUTH last week he still suffered from headaches as a result of the bashing.

- A staff member had been reported to the department for ordering a pupil to masturbate him (the staff member) in March 1984. The staff member resigned after the incident.

- A pupil, Jerome Botha, was handcuffed to a staff member late at night at the end of November 1985. The

matter was reported to a senior DEC official, who later handed back the handcuffs to staff saying there was not enough evidence.

- It was reported recently that two boys were hit on the bare buttocks until they bled.

Former principal Lambert told SOUTH he reported two staff members in 1985 to the department for alleged theft and fraud after departmental stocks disappeared.

Burglary feigned

A charge of fraud was also laid with the police after the staff members made conflicting reports about the goods.

A burglary was feigned in an attempt to cover up the alleged theft.

No steps were taken against the staff members.

The wife of one of the staff members complained to DEC saying he had insulted her husband.

Shortly afterwards, on October 18 1985, Lambert was put on sick leave by DEC. He refused to see a doctor suggested by the department. Instead he had himself examined by four doctors who said there was nothing wrong with him.

His sick leave was later extended for a full year. He was then put on pension.

Lambert also alleged that:

- The department tried to have him certified insane. A doctor at Wes-Fleur Hospital in Atlantis had in fact given the department a certificate saying he suffered from a persecution complex. He had himself examined by a panel consisting of a psychiatrist, a psychologist and a medical practitioner, who found nothing wrong with him.

Persecution complex

He showed the relevant medical certificate to SOUTH.

Senior department officials had told the Wes-Fleur doctor Lambert had taken food from another person's plate at a conference at Silverstream Hotel. Lambert got a sworn statement from a waiter saying it was untrue.

He also collected affidavits from school staff stating there had been a concerted effort by some staff members to have him ousted from the school - the basis for the doctor's statement being that he had a "persecution complex".

- DEC asked the Atlantis police to keep him off the school premises.

On February 4 1986, he was allegedly assaulted at Atlantis police station. Lambert told a policeman he wanted to fetch articles at his department house on the school premises. He alleges he was pulled aside and hit in the face.

He laid charges against the policeman at Atlantis police station and later in Athlone.

He also received numerous police visits during the time of conflict with DEC, among others for allegedly trying to assault a social worker and trying to force a car off the road.

Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, Western Cape police liaison officer, told SOUTH no charge against any policeman was being investigated. He also referred SOUTH to the Wes-Fleur doctor.

The principal of Atlantis School of Industry, Mr Clive Werner, refused to comment and referred SOUTH to DEC.

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Close contact kept with schools — police

POLICE are normally in close contact with Department of Education and Culture inspectors before any official action is taken at schools where disruption has occurred, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The statement follows an incident on Monday when police entered Mondale Senior Secondary School in Mitchells Plain where a rally in support of the Sharpville Six was to be held.

Police confirmed using teargas and entering the school premises but said this was only after their vehicles had been stoned and pupils warned to disperse.

The public relations officer for the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) in the House of Representatives, Mr Thinus Dempsey, would not, however, confirm the police statement that police were normally in contact with DEC inspectors.

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Bursary march students in court

Court Reporter

THE rector of Peninsula Technikon, Mr Franklin Sonn, accompanied 40 education students yesterday when they appeared briefly in the Magistrate's Court in connection with contravening the Gatherings and Demonstrations Act.

The students, mostly from the Technikon, were not asked to plead and the hearing was postponed to June 15.

Their appearance follows a march in the city on March 16 by student teachers.

Protest

The students marched from the Grand Parade to the offices of the Department of Education and Culture in Roeland Street to protest against changes to the department's bursary scheme.

The students entered the court quietly and lined up in four rows behind the dock

The prosecutor, Mr J M McEwan, told the court that Ms Lucia Kekane, 22, was in Johannesburg and a warrant for her arrest was authorized and held over.

● They are Mr Jacob Khumalo, 19, Mr Ndungane Meekelo, 30, Mr Yeli Tshabalala, 22, Mr Gladman Speckman, 22, Mr Vivian Philip Braaf, 21, Mr Michael Tarentaal, 22, Mr Bennett Kenneth Bailey, 26, Mr Michael Henry Kleyn, 20, Mr Peter Mabena, 23, Mr Johan Africa, 19, Mr Stephen Mark Brown, 21, Mr Graham Siebritz, 20, Mr Bles Rost, 30, Mr Glenville Meyer, 23, Mr Marthinus Mouton, 20, Mr Nceba Loki Cwati, 20, Mr Bongani Moeti, 20, Mr Dumisan Kumalo, 20, Mr Albert Mtambu, 19, Mr Mzwabantu Mahola, 21, Mr Brian Kiewiets, 21, Mr Sidwill Hugo, 22, Mr Edward Raymond, 21, Mr Vumani Mtati, 24, Mr Morris Mannikus, 22, Mr Ian Feris, 21, Mr Allan Victor Jenneker, 18, Mr Frederick Volkwyn, 25, Mr Trevor Adolph, 22, Mr Petrus van der Horst, 19, Mr Martin Beukes, 22, Ms Colleen Hulley, 24, Ms Vivienne Botha, 22, Mr Jacobs Dastie, 21, Mr Peter Newman, 21, Ms Sandra Christoffel, 19, Mr Edward Regue, 21, Mr Ephraim Makgathi, 19, Ms Jacqueline Bailey, 19, and Mr Stephen Rbyn, 19.

Police to 'force' striking pupils back to class

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Education Reporter

POLICE say they are "fired" of seeing pupils milling around at schools in Mitchell's Plain and will in future force pupils into classrooms.

In a letter to principals this week, the regional inspector of the Department of Education and Culture, Mr D J Rabie warned that police believed some pupils were not interested in following normal programmes and were disrupting schools.

"Police will enter schools if they see pupils milling around and physically force them back into their classrooms," the letter said.

"Police will remain at these schools until teachers can continue with their normal programme.

"Thereafter these schools will be kept under observation."

Not all schools got the letter.

One principal said they received the same message by telephone.

Law and order

In a letter to staff, a headmaster of a high school in Rocklands said principals were informed that police would not allow any pupil to leave school without permission or to be on the premises without supervision.

"Police will not consult principals on their action to ensure that law and order is maintained," said the letter.

"Pupils will be arrested for any unlawful activity.

"If necessary police will enter the premises, classrooms and corridors to enforce law and order," staff were told.

The Cape Teachers' Professional Association deputy president, Mr Randall van den Heever, today appealed for "sensitivity and circumspection on the part of the authorities with regard to the simmering unrest in our schools".

There was anger and frustration at the repression and victimisation of community leaders, teachers and students, he said.

"Police interference and high-handed action by the Department of Education and Culture officials will serve exacerbate an already explosive situation."

A department liaison officer, Mr Thinus Dempsey, said: "We are in control of our schools. Police need permission from principals before they can enter any school.

"But our hands are tied under the emergency regulations. The department feels the same about the police's plans as the Press feels about the media restrictions."

The South African Police and the Department of Education and Culture had close contact about the situation at schools and the police were ready to act against intimidation, said Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, police liaison officer for the Western Cape.

Education: Fear of chaos, confrontation

By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Education Reporter

THE response of the authorities to the education crisis "is a recipe for chaos and confrontation" according to a group of "concerned educationists" who include the heads of the universities of Cape Town and the Western Cape.

They said in a statement that an explosive situation had developed steadily at coloured

and black schools in the Peninsula this year.

Signatories to the statement are University of Cape Town vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders, University of the Western Cape rector Professor Jakes Gerwel, Peninsula Technikon rector Mr Franklin Sonn, acting chairman of the Western Cape region of the Institute of Race Relations Sir Richard Luyt, and Moulana Ebrahim Moosa, national director of the Muslim Youth Movement.

Schools told of police threats to take action

Education Reporter

THE Department of Education and Culture confirmed today it had instructed school inspectors to tell principals of a police threat to force pupils into classrooms.

"Yes, we instructed all chief inspectors to tell principals of the police threats," said Mr Thinus Dempsey, liaison officer in the department.

"We did it in the interest and safety of our pupils."

Mr Dempsey said police told the department last week that they would enter schools where pupils were milling around, physically force them into classrooms and remain on school premises until teachers resumed normal programmes.

DIRECTIVE

"I want to make it clear that we did not draw up the new measures, neither did we ask the police for assistance. We do not co-operate with the police. They informed us of their plans."

He said Mr D J Rabie, regional inspector of schools in Mitchell's Plain, who told principals in the area of police threats, had not acted of his own accord.

"He followed our directive."

The instructions were similar to those the department gave to inspectors and principals to explain police powers when the state of emergency was extended in 1985, he said.

Attendance at schools in Athlone and Mitchell's Plain was low yesterday and some schools were empty.

They said the frustrations and grievances of pupils, teachers and parents have been met with silence from the authorities and education departments had reacted aggressively.

They said "Today, the security forces are effectively threatening to occupy schools in the name of 'law and order'."

"We want to say clearly education cannot happen at gunpoint. The response of the authorities is a recipe for chaos and confrontation that destroys all hope of normal schooling and undermines a meaningful educational process."

They called for an end to the harassment of teachers and pupils, the release of detainees and for democratic organisations to be allowed to meet freely.

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They urged the Department of Education and Training to reinstate suspended teachers.

Their demands were the minimum basis for negotiation and peace in schools, they said.

At a press conference called by the group, Mr Sonn said it would be useless and a waste of time for the group to speak to education authorities "because they do not control schools."

The major issue was the Government's refusal to allow pupils and teachers to express themselves, he said.

Dr Saunders said it was unacceptable that more than 1 000 black pupils had been refused admission to high schools this year.

Professor Gerwel said "Who is running education now the education authorities or the Joint Management Centres? It is educationally unacceptable to try to teach at the point of a gun."

Mr. Maitane is believed to be in hiding in Zambia.

been seen, the men ran away.

Teachers told of SAP 'threat' against pupils

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Bouquet for the SAAF's 27 Squadron

CAPE TOWN — The SAAF's Operational Efficiency Award was handed to 27 Squadron yesterday.

It is awarded for the unit which made the greatest contribution to the operational efficiency of the SAAF from November 1986 to October 1987.

Handing over the award at a function at 27 Squadron's headquarters near Cape Town, the Chief of the Air Force, Lieutenant-General DJ Earp, said the squadron had made a commitment to achieve excellence. — Sapa.

Mr Dempsey said police said last week that they would enter schools where pupils were milling around, physically force them into classrooms and remain on school premises until teachers resumed normal programmes.

"I want to make it clear that we did not draw up the new measures, neither did we ask the police for assistance.

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"We do not co-operate with the police. They informed us of their plans," said Mr Demsey.

He said Mr DJ Rabie, regional inspector of schools in Mitchells' Plain, and the person who told principals in the area about police threats, had "followed our directive".

School stayaways report was 'exploitative'

Political Correspondent ^{29/4/88} and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Hendrickse said the *Cape Times* had "exploited" the "difficult and troubling situation" at schools under his department by its prominent report that "tens of thousands of black and coloured schoolchildren" were absent in a stayaway protest on Wednesday.

Speaking during the debate on his Budget vote, Mr Hendrickse at first announced that the attendance figures at Western Cape schools of between 83 and 94 percent were the figures for Wednesday.

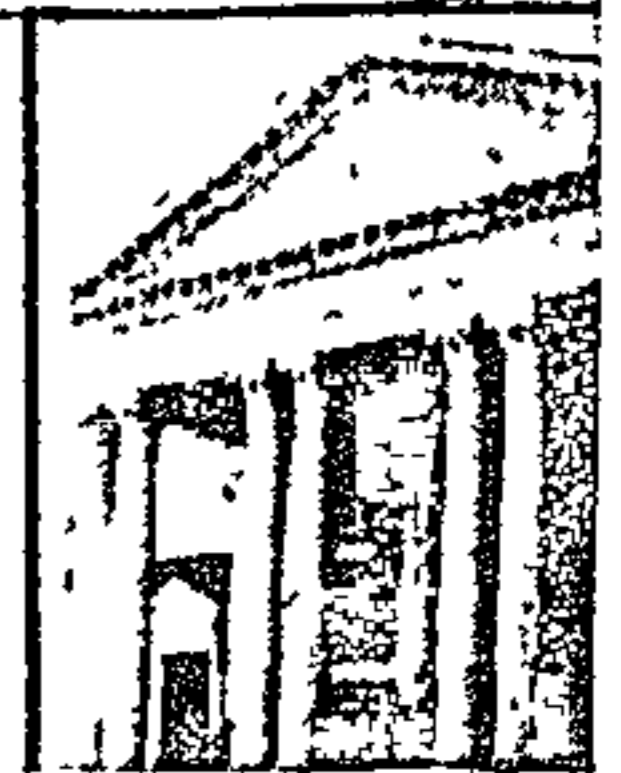
Later in the debate he said these percentages reflected yesterday's attendance.

Mr Hendrickse also announced that he had had talks with Deputy Minister of Law and Order Mr Leon Wessels and with Mr Adriaan Vlok.

As Minister of Education

Speaking during the debate on his Budget vote, Mr Hen-

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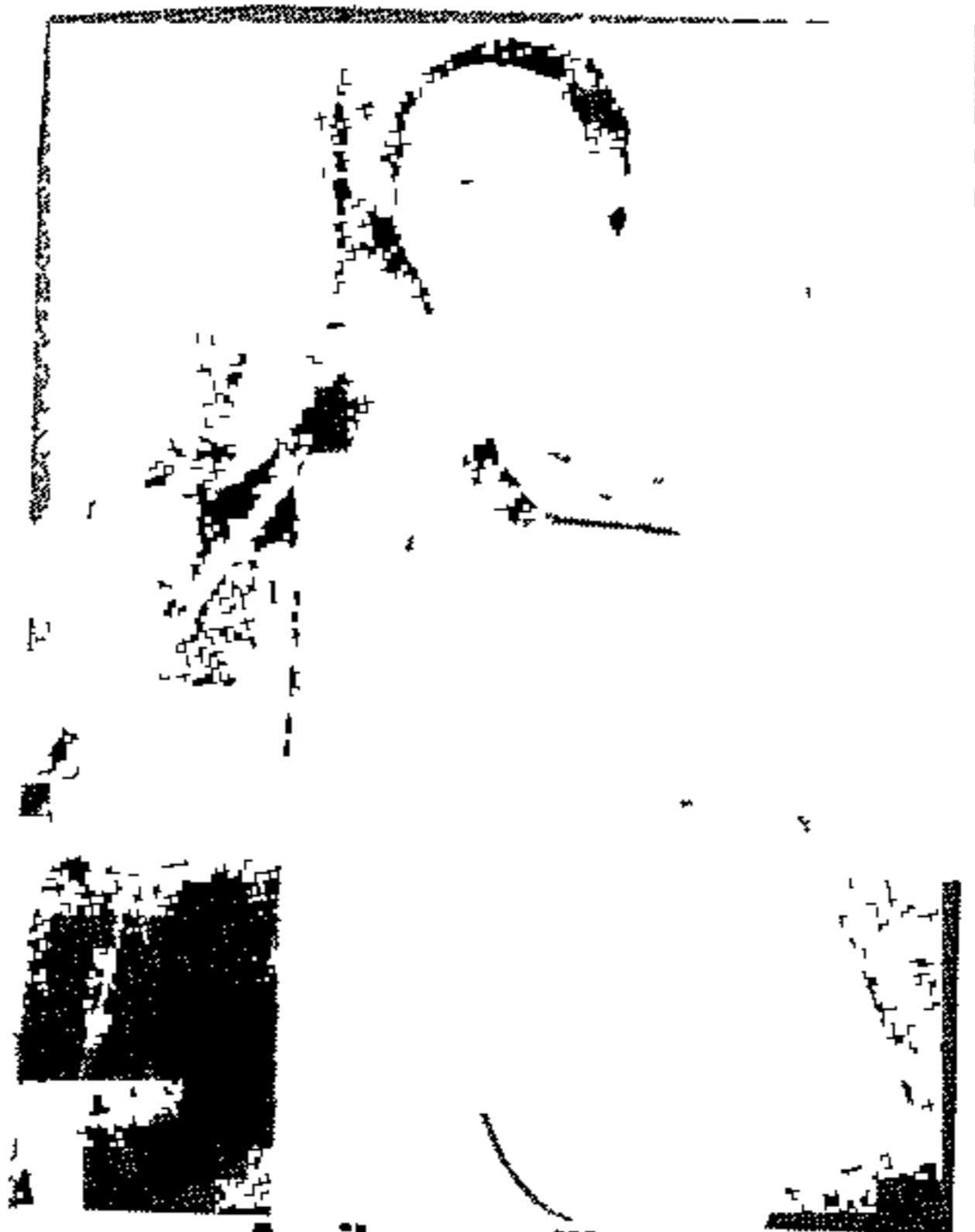


Take from Peter

Allan Hendrickse's Labour Party (LP) has effectively lost a major political confrontation with Finance Minister Barend du Plessis and now sits with the embarrassing problem of trying to find R40m to make good a public promise to increase coloured social pensions by R12 a month

The increase, announced by House of Representatives Health and Welfare Minister Chris April last month, appeared at first to pose a major political problem for the National Party. Coloureds were to get a pension increase, but whites were not. The Conservative Party sat up and took notice.

Du Plessis, obviously angered by April's announcement, pointed out that no provision had been made in the Budget for the R40m that would be needed for the increase. If April wanted to go ahead with it, money would have to be taken from other allocations within the coloured "own affairs" budget. He would have to take from Peter to pay Paul.



April ... will not meet deadline

He pointed out in a letter to Hendrickse that there was simply no money for the increases and appealed to the LP leader — in the national interest — to reconsider. It was clear, however, that the LP saw the increases more as a "narrowing of the gap" between coloured and white social pensions than as an increase. April, committed publicly to achieving parity in pensions by the end of next year, faces a major political problem. He will not meet his deadline and may have to quit to save face.

In response to Du Plessis' insistence that the money was not available, April and Hendrickse claimed in the House of Representatives that Du Plessis had "frozen" the funds needed for the increase. Du Plessis strongly denied the charge, it was never approved.

Du Plessis tells the *FM* that if the Treasury approves money for increases for coloured pensioners, then black and Indian social pensioners would also have a right to claim increases and this would cost about R230m, "which can't be afforded right now." He says financial discipline now will mean an improved economy later — and this will benefit pensioners far more than giving them increases, while not keeping inflation in check or improving the economic outlook.

"Government remains committed to closing the pensions gap, but would like to seek the solution to this problem in sustained economic growth, rather than in an economic over-burdening of the taxpayer and over-borrowing in the market. Getting inflation down now will greatly benefit the elderly, and getting growth going will greatly enhance our ability to get money from the economy," says Du Plessis.

Nevertheless, Hendrickse and April sit with a problem. They cannot go back on their word, despite the perception that Du Plessis is the villain.

Suggestions are that they will delay the increase until later in the year, thereby reducing by about half the amount they need.

But they will still have to find about R20m. Du Plessis will be watching them like a hawk. Over-spending on pension increases will simply not be allowed. ■

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Police 'won't interfere' — Hendrickse

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
and CHARL DE VILLIERS

THE government yesterday agreed to keep police from entering school premises as pupils returned to their classes in their thousands.

Labour Party leader Mr Allan Hendrickse, who is also the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, said last night that the undertaking had been given to him by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

The move follows a huge protest stayaway at black and coloured schools in the Peninsula after an official warning which said that police would physically enforce classroom attendance.

Mr Hendrickse said Mr Vlok yesterday gave him an undertaking that police would not enter school premises unless requested to do so by principals

'Intimidation'

Mr Vlok could not be reached last night. However, a spokesman for the minister, Brigadier Leon Melet, said police at no stage had said that they would force children to go to school. The controversial warning had not been issued by the police.

"The police's task is only to secure the safety of those who wish to go to school but are prevented from doing so by intimidation."

Earlier, Mr Hendrickse said in Parliament that he had asked the police to "refrain from entering school premises, and particularly to maintain a low profile in the situation being exploited by irresponsible persons."

A circular telling principals that police could act against pupils not attending school had been sent in the interests of pupils and had been "blown out of proportion", he said.

Teacher organizations and education authorities yesterday welcomed the "good" attendance figures at the Peninsula's coloured and black schools in the wake of the three-day protest.

Mr Tinus Dempsey, spokesman for the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, described the return to school by an estimated 60 000 to 70 000 pupils as "wonderful".

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Schools

Though no official comment from the Department of Education and Training (DET) could be obtained, a reliable source close to the department said there had been a "magnificent return" by students following the "poor attendance" in black schools over the past week.

Speaking in the House of Representatives earlier, Mr Hendrickse had accused the Cape Times of "exploiting" a "difficult situation" in reporting that black and coloured classrooms in the Peninsula had been "virtually empty" on Wednesday.

He said attendance at coloured schools in the Peninsula had been between 83% and 94%.

Later Mr Hendrickse acknowledged that he had been mistaken and had quoted yesterday's attendance figures, not those for Wednesday.

Mr Dempsey described the Cape Times report on Wednesday's widespread absenteeism in the Peninsula — estimated as high as 90% — as "very close to the mark".

Sporadic incidents of unrest connected with the schools protest were reported by eyewitnesses yesterday, including the setting up of "burning barricades" in Athlone and the gutting of a bus in Bonteheuvel.

Police spokesmen could not confirm the incidents last night.

In a related response to the schools protest, a spokesman for the Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) last night said the organization was "most impressed at the disciplined return to schools by the majority of pupils".

Wectu had, however, warned of the impending "crisis" earlier in the year because of the "harassment, detention and dismissal of its members at Manenberg Senior Secondary School and the locking out of students at black schools", he said.

Though there was high attendance at most schools throughout the Peninsula yesterday, a small number still had relatively few pupils in classes, including Uitsig, Ravensmead and Florida senior secondary schools.

Cathkin High School was closed yesterday after teachers advised students to go home.

CAPE 29/4/88 (257)

Coloureds, Indians in group areas alliance

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — The majority parties in the Houses of Representatives and Delegates are to form an alliance in an attempt to block proposed Government changes to the Group Areas Act

The latest move follows a National Peoples Party caucus decision yesterday to reject the proposed changes to the Act that will allow for open group areas but clamp down on any contraventions

Another major row over group areas is expected in Parliament today when President Botha presents his vote in the House of Representatives

If the Government goes ahead with the yet to be published legislation it will have to use its built-in majority in

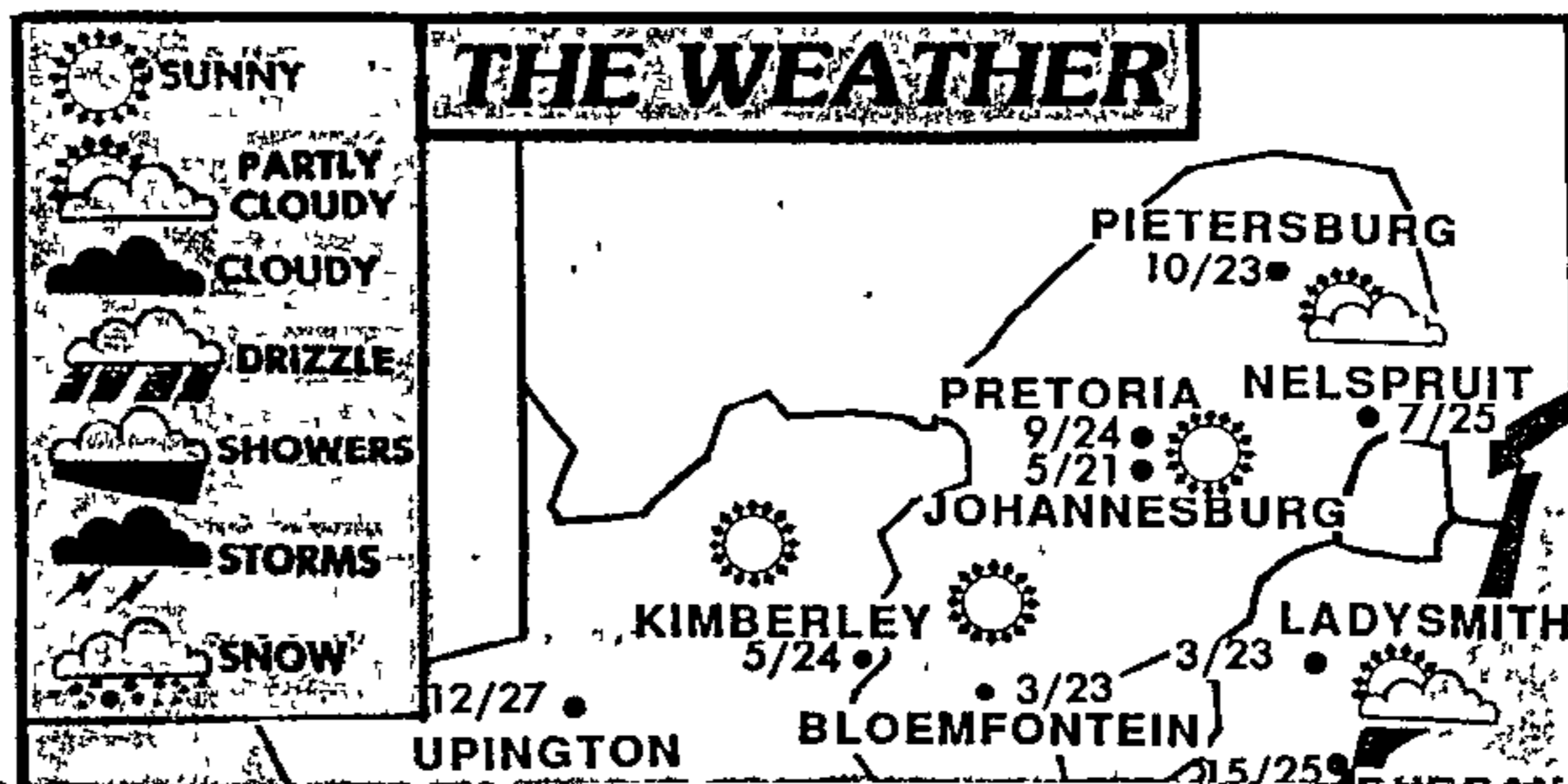
the President's Council to force through the legislation.

Government sources have indicated it is prepared to ride roughshod over the Indian and coloured houses and use the council to get its way.

Mr Amichand Rajbansi, leader of the NPP confirmed today that his caucus had decided at a special meeting to oppose the legislation

A meeting was been arranged with the Labour Party to co-ordinate opposition to the legislation.

The Rev Allan Hendrikse, leader of the Labour Party, today welcomed the NPP decision and confirmed that he was prepared to form a common front with the NPP



2 parties might fight by-election

Stevins 3/5/78
Pretoria Correspondent 257

There is a possibility of at least two political parties taking part in the by-election for the House of Representatives in the Eersterus constituency

The by-election, necessitated by the death of the Labour Party (LP) MP for Eersterus, Mr Louis Dewrance, will be held on June 8

Nomination of candidates will take place at the Department of Home Affairs offices in the Sentrakor Building, Pretoria, at 10 am tomorrow

A LP spokesman said yesterday that a member of the Eersterus Management Committee, Mr Patrick da Gama, would be nominated as the party's candidate

Although the Progressive Federal Party has decided not to fight the by-election, it is believed that the United Democratic Party might put up a candidate.

The chairman of the Eersterus branch of the PFP, Mr Roger Veldman, said there was not enough time and the constituency was too big for the party to tackle the by-election at this stage

A member of the PFP's Northern Transvaal Regional Council, Mr Rowan Haarhoff, said the party's recent announcement that it planned to enter elections for the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates rather concerned general elections than "the odd by-election here and there"

LP leader: Put us on common voters' roll

Now was the time for the Government to put the coloured people back on to the common voters' roll, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party, said yesterday in the House of Representatives

While South Africa was celebrating the 60th anniversary of the country's flag, the State President should appoint a commission to investigate the need for an alternative symbol — one of unity, Mr Hendrickse said

Speaking in the debate on the State President's vote, he said the present national flag was a reminder of conquest — not unity or loyalty

South Africa could not afford to say to the rest of the world "Do your damndest"

That was a display of arrogance which did not recognise the reality of international dependence or interdependence

The LP was dedicated to the liberation of all South Africans, but the approach should be in terms of truly democratic processes, he added. In South Africa, parliamentary democracy legitimised the rule and power of the minority, and tended to disguise and entrench a system of bureaucratic control

Mr Hendrickse said both whites and blacks needed to be liberated — Sapa

Willing to appoint coloured MP

PW makes new Cabinet offer

Star 4/5/88 (257)

By David Braun
Political
Correspondent

President Botha last night offered to appoint a member of the House of Representatives to his Cabinet

The provisos for such an appointment, he told the House during the de-

bate on the budget vote of the State President, were that such a person would have to adhere to the rules he had set for the Cabinet and that the House did not pass a motion of no confidence in that person.

Mr Botha's proposal was greeted first by

stunned silence, then guffaws and hoots of laughter, as members smiled at the Rev Allan Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party, who was ousted from the Cabinet last year.

President Botha took exception to Mr Hendrickse's reneging on a Cabinet agreement to amend the Constitution so as to postpone the next scheduled general election for whites.

Since then the House of Representatives has had no representative in the Cabinet.

Important

In making his offer to appoint someone to the Cabinet, Mr Botha said, he believed it was absolutely important that someone from the House of Representatives should sit on the executive body.

"If someone is prepared to meet the obligations of the Cabinet according to my rules, I would like then to appoint that person from this House to my Cabinet," he said.

"I think it would be a very good thing for the coloured community to make a contribution to Cabinet level," he said.

Attitudes of govt leaders are criticised

ONE OF the biggest problems in the country today was the weakening of mutual views and relationships, which was made worse by the attitudes of government leaders and House of Assembly members, Health Services and Welfare Minister Chris April said in the House of Representatives yesterday.

Speaking in the debate on the State President's vote, he said that suspicion, frustration, scepticism and bitterness were results of that

selfishness, ignorance, fear and prejudice.

The whites should begin to realise that the coloured people were also citizens of SA and black people should be included in the decision-making process as soon as possible.

Referring to last year's debate on the State President's budget, April said he had been bitterly disappointed by the President's reaction when he said he would put a stop to his (April's) visits to the US.

On the side of whites there was a tendency to go to the US to beg people to

give the country the time for reform and to fight against sanctions and disinvestment. This he did on TV, radio and in media interviews.

Working long hours, he had defended and exalted the President regardless of the negative views of him.

Because of his reaction, April wrote to him expressing his bitter disappointment.

He also said that as an LP member he entered Parliament to fight for the abolition of discriminatory laws within the system — Sapa.

PW calls for a volunteer

AFTER offering to appoint a disciplined volunteer to his Cabinet, the State President P W Botha, said in the House of Representatives yesterday that a different leadership in the House would have created better relations between Afrikaners and coloureds.

Replying to the debate on his budget vote, he told Peter Mopp (UDP Border) he was not constitutionally bound to appoint chairman of the Ministers' Council Allan Hendrickse to the Cabinet.

"It is of compelling importance that someone of this House does serve in the Cabinet," he said.

"But it is a disciplined body which operates according to rules, which I lay down.

"If there is someone who will accept the discipline I will gladly appoint him and I hope the House will not view such a person with suspicion."

□ In the same debate, Botha said SA had no claims against Angola but negotiated to get the Cubans off African soil in its region.

He said SA had a keen interest in a stable Angola.

Dr Savimbi has said he wants to go to the conference table, that he does not want to make war if he can come to a settlement and I support him.

"The Cubans, however, are disturbing the peace in southern Africa. They have nothing to do with Africa and that is why we are at the (London) negotiations," Botha said — Sapa.

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PARLIAMEN

Coloureds on voters' roll?

PERHAPS it was time for government to put the coloured people back onto the common voters' roll, so that, with a united front, they could fight against a right-wing threat which could cause the country to go under, LP leader Allan Hendrickse said in the House of Representatives yesterday.

Hendrickse also said that while the country was celebrating the 60th anniversary of the flag, the President should appoint a commission to investigate the need for an alternative symbol — one of unity.

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approach should be in terms of truly democratic processes.

Hendrickse said in SA, parliamentary democracy legitimised the rule and power of the minority, and tended to disguise and entrench a system of bureaucratic control.

In political terms, liberation could only be secured where all people had access to decision-making at the community, provincial and national levels.

Whites and blacks needed to be liberated and this should begin within the mind, so that there were new perspectives

As long as there was a Group Areas Act (GAA), education discrimination and a lack of recognition of individual rights, could SA really tell the world that it was busy with reform?

Hendrickse said the Free Settlement Areas Act was not free because the President would have the final say. It was also immoral for the amendment to the Group Areas Act to be forced through the President's Council, as was being predicted.

What could he say to government to make them realise that the GAA was consuming the country like a cancer?

The recommendations of the President's Council in this regard were unacceptable to the LP.

Hendrickse said changes that had taken place, for instance in the education field, were not enough.

"We are tired, like Lazarus, of remaining thankful for the crumbs that the NP government gives to us from their tables in the education area"

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The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

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The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

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Race groups	Years up till and including 30 April 1988			
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White	477	552	644	682
Totals	9 833	11 771	14 655	15 666

(ii) Category of employment

1984	Classification	Coloured	White
N M van Schaalkwyk	Senior Cabin Controller	2 315	403
Mrs F Strijdom	Cabin Controller	1 832	74
H L K Burger	Cabin Controller	5 209	
J A A van Zyl	Cabin Controller		477
M M de Almeida	Cabin Attendant	9 356	
A R Kellermann	Cabin Attendant		
Miss S Laurens	Cabin Attendant		
E F van der Westhuizen	Cabin Attendant		
P L Cramb	Cabin Attendant		
Mrs L O'Brien	Cabin Attendant		
Mrs J A McEwen	Cabin Attendant		
Miss H M Kruger	Cabin Attendant		
Mrs E L Schalekamp	Cabin Attendant		
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Own Affairs

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Trip cost ⁽²⁵⁷⁾
R122 961,42

PARLIAMENT — The
Minister of Local Gov-
ernment, Housing and
Agriculture in the House
of Representatives, Mr
David Curry, said he had
travelled together with
officials in his depart-
ment to West Germany
and Singapore in 1987 at
a cost of R122 961,42. —
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commercial systems/apparatus or variations thereof is not customary and was therefore not considered

- (b) (i) Falls away
(ii) Yes
- (aa) All courseware as specified in the contract, viz Mathematics Std 8, 9 and 10
- (bb) Date of purchase
- (cc) Unlimited
- (dd) No additional amount was paid The Department negotiated copyright without additional cost

NOTE The relevant clause regarding (1)(b) (aa) reads as follows

"6 0 COPYRIGHT OF COURSEWARE

6 1 All copyright in and to the courseware, referred to in this quotation will become the sole and exclusive property of the Department of Education and Training

6 2 The copyright referred to in 6 1 shall, however, not extend to or cover any future, new and/or innovative courseware developed by Learn Tech "

- (2) (a) No
(b) No
(c) No

NOTE The HSRC is, according to a contract with the Department, evaluating the courseware and as such has access to the courseware Learning Technologies has informed the Department that it is testing the Department's Std 9 and 10 Mathematics courseware on a new IBM hardware network. Communication in this regard is taking place to confirm that courseware on which the Department holds copyright be used for testing purposes only

- (3) Yes, enquiries were received
(a) The Chairman and the Project Man-

ager of the Council of the body referred to

- (b) 3 July 1987 and 7 July 1987
- (c) The Deputy Director Computer Based Education was approached by representatives of the body referred to, to enquire about the Department's approach to Computer Assisted Instruction and its attitude towards working with outside bodies Mr Metrowich supplied the necessary information as is done in the case of all such enquiries Since the dates referred to in (3)(b) no further enquiries were received from the body referred to Representatives of the body referred to, viewed the system on 6 May 1987 and 13 August 1987 at the College for Continuing Training

(4) No

- (a) and (b) fall away

Pilgrim's Rest, accommodation/meals for different race groups at hotel

*11 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

- (1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology to Question No 23 on 3 May 1988, (a) his Department and/or (b) the Transvaal Provincial Government has issued any instructions or laid down any guidelines regarding the (i) provision of accommodation and/or (ii) serving of refreshments to visitors of different race groups at the Royal Hotel, Pilgrim's Rest, if not, by whom were these instructions issued and/or guidelines laid down, if so, (aa) what instructions or guidelines, (bb) when, (cc) why and (dd) in terms of what statutory provision, regulation or other specified authority,

- (2) whether a review of such instructions or guidelines is being considered, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant particulars,

- (3) whether visitors of all races are able to obtain (a) accommodation, (b) meals, (c) drinks and (d) other refreshments at this hotel, if so, since when, if not, (i) why not

and (ii) who is responsible for this decision,

- (4) whether his Department and/or the Transvaal Provincial Government is taking any steps in this regard, if so, what steps?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

This matter vests in the Administrator of Transvaal and he furnished the following information

- (1) (a) No
(b) No

(i) No

- (ii) No The Board for Public Resorts exercises control over the Royal Hotel as part of Pilgrim's Rest Public Resort

(aa) A resolution by the Board which provides that the dining room of the Diggers Den as well as that of the Royal Hotel be opened to the different race groups

(bb) 21 November 1987

- (cc) In response to requests to meet the food requirements of the different race groups

(dd) Public Resorts Ordinance (18 of 1969)

- (2) Pilgrim's Rest has, in accordance with the Cabinet decision, now been classified as a general affair and has been entrusted to the Transvaal Provincial Government This implies that the position of Overvaal Resorts in Pilgrim's Rest must now be re-evaluated by the Transvaal Provincial Government with a view to the future handling of the whole conservation project as a general affair

- (3) (a) No for the present, except in special circumstances

(b) Yes

- (c) Limited to dining rooms during meals

(d) Yes

Effective from

(a) 1 October 1974

(b) 21 November 1987

(c) 1 October 1974

(d) 1 October 1974

(i) Falls away

(ii) Board for Public Resorts

(4) No

House of Representatives' houses for Ministers' Council

*12 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Public Works and Land Affairs

- (a) How many houses are being built for members of the Ministers' Council of the House of Representatives in Walmer Estate, (b) what is the total cost involved, (c) when is it expected that they will be completed and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND LAND AFFAIRS

- (a) Five for members of the Minister's Council and two for Deputy Ministers

- (b) The total estimated costs are R4 426 970,00 which amount includes construction work, site works, services like roads, water, sewerage, stormwater drainage and electricity as well as security measures and recreational and garden facilities

(c) September 1988

(d) 30 April 1988

William Andrew Hofmeyer detention

*13 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply has been detained by the Police, if so, (a) when, (b) why, (c) in terms of what statutory provisions or regulations (d) where is he currently being held and (e) what is his name.

- (2) whether this person is to be charged with any offences, if so, (a) when and (b) with what offences?

CAN. Times 21/5/89

Coloured people 'first in job stakes'

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE HOUSE of Representatives Ministers' Council held the policy that positions should in the first instance be filled from the ranks of the coloured people, the House of Representatives Administration said yesterday.

In its 1986 report, which was tabled in Parliament yesterday, the administration said the Ministers' Council accepted that the stipulations of the Public Service Act were applicable to all officials, irrespective of colour, language, religion or sex.

"The personnel requirements, especially in the entrance ranks of the Administration, must in the first instance be filled from the ranks of the coloured community.

"Only if a suitable candidate is not available, within or outside the public service, from this group, will candidates from other population groups be considered.

"The filling of posts from the ranks of persons outside the coloured community shall be subject to the approval of the Ministers' Council and/or the Minister denoted by the Ministers' Council."

The Ministers' Council had also decided that above-average performers from the ranks of coloured officials had to be identified at an early stage, in order that special attention could be given to their cases.

"The reduction of the qualifying period for interchangeable promotions can, for example, be considered in order to accelerate promotions to higher posts," the administration said.

Police will find Jacobs' assassin says Vlok

CAPE TOWN — No stone would be left unturned to discover and arrest the "cowardly" assassin of the Labour Party MP (Alra Park), Mr Peter Jacobs, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

Three shots are reported to have been fired by a balaclava-clad man into Mr Jacobs' car while he was on his way home from a church council meeting on Sunday.

Mr Vlok said an experienced team of detectives under the command of Captain Dirk Killian of the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad had been following up every possible lead.

"The police have no reason at this stage to

believe that the murder was committed for political considerations but are investigating the possibility that clashing personal interests could have led to the crime.

"This senseless deed is untenable and even though the motive of the assassin is not known at this stage, no community can tolerate or afford it," Mr Vlok said.

Mr Jacobs was a valued and respected colleague, he said.

Mr Jacobs, 43, is the second party member to be shot dead in Edenpark on the East Rand.

On April 6, 1986, the party's Transvaal secretary and Edenpark management committee member, Mr Frans Danster, 28, was killed in his Edenpark home by an unknown assail-

ant. Members of the Edenpark Labour Party Action Committee said they believed there was a link between the killings.

Since Mr Danster's death, Mr Jacobs had received numerous death threats and his car was burnt to a shell last August, one member said.

The chairman of the Edenpark Management Committee, Mr David Oranje, yesterday acknowledged that there was animosity between the committee and Mr Jacobs.

Mr Oranje, a former leader for the LP in Edenpark said "Jacobs was not popular with members of the management committee.

"We stopped com-

municating with him after he kicked me and three other committee members out of the LP in 1986 for not allowing an Indian doctor to practise in the area."

He said Jacobs had many enemies and blamed him for the shortage of housing in Edenpark.

Members of Parliament joined in the tribute to Mr Jacobs at the historic first sitting of the extended committee of Parliament yesterday and said they were shocked by the manner of his death.

He was described as hardworking and honest and a man who identified closely with his community.

The Leader of the House of Representa-

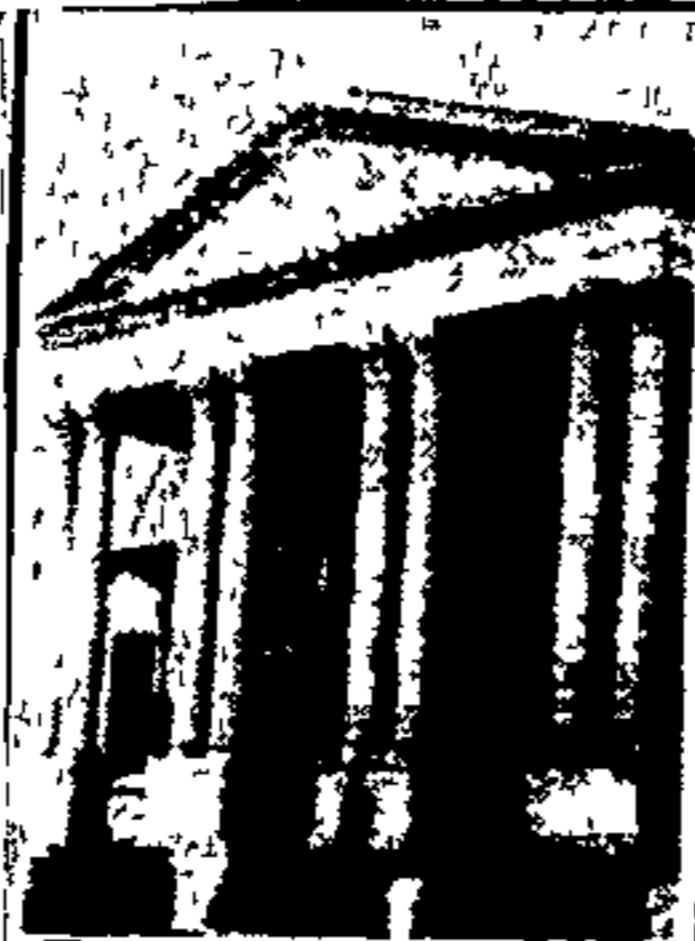
tives, Mr Miley Richards, said that Mr Jacobs had sacrificed his life and the future of his family in the interests of South Africa.

He would be remembered as a fighter and a person who did not spare himself.

Natal's Administrator, Mr Radclyffe Cadman, said he had been "shocked and saddened" at the news "It is perhaps a reflection of the times in which we live — a sign of lowered standards and tension."

Minister Amichand Rajbansi said the House of Delegates joined others in paying tribute to Mr Jacobs and described his killing as a "cowardly act performed against a person who lived and practised a life of peace" — DDC-

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**Ministers' Council homes
to cost R4,4-m**

Seven houses for members of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives were being built at Walmer Estate, Cape Town at a cost of R4,4-million, Public Works and Land Affairs Minister Pietie du Plessis said in reply to a question from Mr. Peter Soal (PFP Johannesburg North).

He said the cost of the houses, five for Ministers and two for Deputy Ministers, included provision for roads and sewerage.

— Sapa

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Bureau's papers to over 7m

Political Correspondent

THE eight newspapers published by the Bureau of Information had a circulation of more than seven million last year, according to the bureau's annual report tabled in Parliament yesterday.

The newspapers published by the bureau's regional offices are Karet (Cape Town), Light/Khanya (Pretoria), Metropolitan Digest (Johannesburg), PUISANO (Bloemfontein), Izindaba (Maritzburg), Umso (Port Elizabeth), Phoenix (Durban) and Silulu (Nelspruit).

The report notes "Several black municipalities have, in addition, also involved the bureau with the publication of 28 news letters which appear on a regular basis.

"This form of communication has proved extremely effective. The fact that each of these newspapers is target-oriented and addresses actualities regarding special groups, has contributed to their rapidly growing circulation," the report says.

By-election victories for Labour

CAPE TOWN — The Labour Party has retained both its House of Representatives seats in by-elections held yesterday

In the Eersterus constituency, the Labour Party candidate, Mr Patrick da Gama, received 5 301 votes. Mr Abraham Rabe of the United Democratic Party polled 2 300 votes. The percentage poll was 36,2.

In the 1984 general election, Mr Louis Dewrance won the constituency for the Labour Party. The constituency became vacant with the death of Mr Dewrance earlier this year. Eersterus, with 21 290 voters, is the largest constituency represented in the House of Representatives.

The by-election in the Natal Mideast constituency has been won by Mr Willie Whyte of the Labour Party, who received 2 217 votes. The United Democratic Party candidate, Mr Morris Fynn, polled 1 777 votes. The percentage poll was 33, which is considerably higher than the 21 per cent poll in the 1984 election — Sapa

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Sonn calls for funds for school repairs

FUNDS for the repair and maintenance of schools should be made available immediately to prevent pupils from taking matters into their own hands and boycotting classes, CTPA president Mr Franklin Sonn warned yesterday.

Mr Sonn sounded the warning after Mr A J Snyders, an Athlone high school principal and executive committee member, delivered a paper on repairs to school buildings.

Mr Snyders said the widespread schools crisis in 1980 was a result of neglect, leading to the boycott of classes to focus attention on conditions at schools.

Now, eight years later, the system of education has not yet recovered from the negative effects of the class boycotts.

Confusion at the procedures for repairs have led to the deterioration of conditions and many schools have been waiting since 1985 for repairs to buildings and grounds.

Broken windows threatened the health of both students and teachers in winter. Tuberculosis had taken on epidemic proportions and illnesses like colds, flu and double pneumonia were also on the increase.

When reporting five broken windows at a school, principals were expected to submit a police crime register number with the application for repairs.

Very little money was available this year so that almost no schools could be repaired or upgraded this year, Mr Snyders said.

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information is available, (b) what types of employment were allocated to members of each of these race groups and (c) what were the salary scales applicable to each employment category?

†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

Employees at regional offices

37 Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Home Affairs
(a) How many (i) Whites, (ii) Coloureds, (iii) Indians and (iv) Blacks were employed at the regional offices of his Department in Johannesburg as at the latest specified date for which

- (a) (i) 265
 - (ii) Nil
 - (iii) Nil
 - (iv) 174
- as at 31 May 1988

(b) and (c)

Type of employment	White	Black	Salary scale
Director	1	—	R54 94 fixed
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Civic Affairs Officer	9	—	R19 857X789-23 013X1 179-25 371
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Parliament rises early for winter recess

By David Braun,
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The proceedings of Parliament are coming to an abrupt end today following the decision of the Labour Party in the House of Representatives to stage a major new confrontation with Government.

At the centre of the row is Labour's decision to block all further legislation to amend the constitution until the Government starts negotiations on the scrapping of the Group Areas Act.

Parliament is to rise for the winter recess today, instead of Friday.

DELAYED

Among legislation which has been held up are proposals to create the position of Prime Minister and to include blacks and other people outside Parliament in the Cabinet.

Also in trouble is draft legislation to redistribute the seats of Parliament among the four provinces, which in turn will delay a new delimitation.

Labour Party sources said today they had lent their support to the Government on the legislation creating the National Council, but that the Government had given nothing in return.

The Rev. Allan Hendrickse said his party wanted to negotiate on constitutional legislation now before parliamentary committees.

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Enough, says Hendrickse

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Labour Party leader the Reverend Allan Hendrickse has vowed he will not support any more National Party legislation until the Group Areas Act is scrapped entirely

He made his strongest statement to date on the Act as Parliament's standing committee on constitutional development prepared yesterday to deliberate on three new Bills that will provide for some mixed residential areas while drastically clamping down on offenders in areas that remain exclusive

Mr Hendrickse said the LP's attitude had "hardened" It would not support any more NP Bills because the Government was refusing to take account of its strong views on the Group Areas Act

The constitutional development committee, chaired by Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development Mr Roelf Meyer, is due to discuss the three Bills in Pretoria for most of this week and next

FORCE THEM THROUGH

It is likely that the LP will simply state its objection to the principle of the Bills and then withdraw from the deliberations

Mr Hendrickse has said the majority in the House of Delegates is also opposed to the principle of the Bills. He believes that if the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates reject the Bills, the Government will be unable to force them through the deadlock-breaking President's Council

But close examination of the Constitution shows this is not so — if only one House accepts a Bill, it can be passed by the President's Council

But it is clear that the Bills — which even the Government itself has described as "drastic" — will seriously damage relations among the three Houses of Parliament

LABOUR PARTY MAY PULL OUT

THE Labour Party is considering pulling out of the tricameral system among other options as the constitutional crisis over the Group Areas Act deepened.

This was confirmed by party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse, who said it would be up to the party's congress in December to decide on future participation.

He also challenged President P W Botha to go ahead with a referendum or election to test whether there was the 70 percent support he claimed among Indians and coloureds for group areas.

Dr. Dennis Worrall, leader of the Independent Party, yesterday called on President Botha to resign and fight an election in October.

Fed up over new Areas Bill

There is growing speculation that Mr Botha could call an election or a referendum to test support for the Group Areas Act.

Comment

No comment could be obtained from his office on the issue yesterday.

Some members of the Labour Party are, however, not even keen to contest elections saying there would be little purpose as the Government clearly had no intention of bringing blacks into Parliament or scrapping the Group Areas Act.

A number of branch committees including two in the Durban Wentworth constituency have passed resolutions already calling on the Party to pull out of Parliament in order to wreck the tricameral system.

Mr Tommy Abrahams MP (LP Wentworth) said the main objectives of the LP in going into the system had been to get rid of group areas.



REV Hendrickse . . . party leader.

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Carter biting (257)

Former Labour Party (LP) Education Minister Carter Ebrahim, who together with eight other members resigned or were expelled from the LP, may be in line for a Cabinet post

However, Ebrahim and his followers may also lose their seats at the next election

LP spokesman Peter Hendrickse tells the *FM* his party's leadership is not unduly concerned that Ebrahim could lead a major split in the party

It has been known for a long time that the deposed minister was unhappy with the party leadership. On Monday, Ebrahim indicated that he and his followers would vote in support of the Free Settlement Areas Bill

They doggedly stayed in their seats when the Official Opposition in the House of Representatives joined the LP walkout from the joint session. Their support for the controversial Bill and compliments from National Party speakers could mean the kiss of death for Ebrahim's political future. If and when the coloureds go to the ballot box, the three Group Area Amendment Bills will be a sure election trouncing point against the Ebrahimites

Section 24 of the Constitution allows President Botha to appoint a person to the Cabinet if he deems it necessary "to administer such departments of State of the Republic" as he may establish "or to perform such other functions" the president may determine.

Botha has already indicated to the House of Representatives that he would like a member of it in the Cabinet (Hendrickse resigned from the Cabinet last year after taking his famous swim at a white beach)

Ebrahim may fit the bill. Eloquent and a recognised conservative, his appointment will be seen as a slap in the face for Hendrickse. But Botha might remember the embarrassment caused to the president's office by his stubborn support of Amichand Rajbansi in the other house

Ebrahim may serve Botha's purposes for a while, but in the end it will probably be the racist policies of government which will cook his goose among coloured voters

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Botha asked us to help fight CP — Hendricks

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men had appealed to the Labour Party to help them in their struggle against the Conservative Party, according to LP leader Allan Hendrickse.

Mr Hendrickse said this on Friday in the wake of a bruising session which saw relations between his party and the Government plunge to a new low.

Other points he made were:

● A categorical assurance that he wanted an early election for the House of Representatives which would simultaneously ensure an early general election for whites;

● The Government's attempts to force through amendments to the Group Areas Act raised doubts about the LP's continuing participation in the tricameral Parliament.

Appeals

Mr Hendrickse said direct appeals for co-operation had come from Mr Botha, Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis and National Party MPs. They had asked his Ministers' Council to co-operate with the NP to keep Dr Andries Treurnicht's CP from gaining political power.

Mr Hendrickse said this request from President Botha came at a meeting with my Ministers' Council held at Mr Botha's request in Pretoria on August 3.

And if he denies it, I challenge him to release a transcript of the tape recording his officials always make of such meetings. He has done so before to discredit me.

What should at least be abundantly clear is because of the shabby treatment of us and the NP's contemptuous rejection of our views, there

By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

is going to be no way, while I am council chairman and LP leader, that we are going to accede to the wishes of Mr Botha and the Nats to a change to the Constitution to allow them to postpone elections until 1993.

"Because of their political intransigence and insensitivity to our suffering as victims of apartheid, and of the Group Areas Act in particular, we are going to send them in to bat at the polls against their political enemies the CP when elections are due after September next year.

"This is because, quite frankly, I don't care if the CP wins over the NP at the next elections.

"My fight is not with either the NP or the CP but against racism and the iniquities of a system which excludes most people from central decision-making and the incarceration of those with whom the Government of the day disagrees politically."

Tough

Mr Hendrickse's tough line follows another week of disrupted parliamentary procedure during which the LP and House of Delegates parties debated the proposed amendments to the Act but refused to vote.

On Friday, Mr Botha gave the two chambers until October 17 to vote on the Bills. Failing that, they will be submitted to the President's Council — which is dominated by Government-supporting members — who will then, in all likelihood, pass the measures.

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Police action worries schools chief

Education Reporter

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MR Awie Muller, Director-General of the Department of Education and Culture, is to see the police today to express 'concern over action at schools'.

In a statement Mr Muller said he was concerned about police action at Cape Flats schools in the past few days, especially that at Alexander Sinton High School in Athlone yesterday when 17 pupils were injured

They were treated by a doctor and three were sent to hospital

Archbishop Desmond Tutu protested yesterday in a telex to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok

Archbishop Tutu said "I visited the school after inspecting the results of security force action at the University of

"I met members of staff of the school and later saw the principal upon his return to the premises

"The independent accounts of different teachers all substantiated each other"

The children were having a break when police acted, Archbishop Tutu said

"The school was told to get the children off the premises, then get them back into classes

"I saw three or four children who had been beaten Those who were beaten were as young as 13

"I am very deeply distressed and express in the strongest possible terms my abhorrence at the violence used by the security forces against defenceless children"

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THE extraordinary sitting of Parliament later this month is, in the words of Constitutional Development Minister Mr Chris Heunis, a "victory for the constitution"

This is not the way the white official opposition Conservative Party sees it, of course. They say the sitting is a waste of time and an undermining of the relevance of Parliament.

But it is a victory for the constitution and for the voices of reason in the Government.

The special sitting is necessary because the Government wasted everyone's time last month by forcing the House of Assembly to process legislation that had been rejected by the other two Houses.

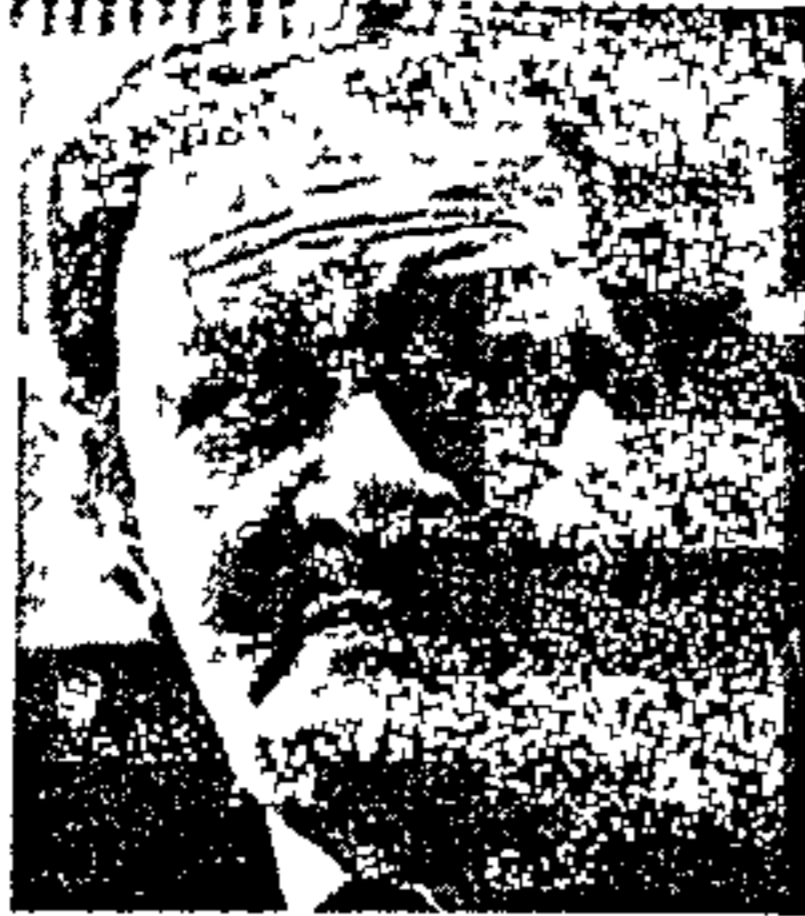
In order to do that, it had to get the Assembly to amend rules of procedure which had previously been agreed to by all three Houses.

Dilemma

In so doing, in the words of Progressive Federal Party Parliamentary leader Mr Colin Egin, the National Party converted a constitutional dilemma into the worst constitutional crisis in the history of the South African Parliament.

To many outsiders the structures and rules of the tricameral system are complex and very difficult to understand, so it is not easy to comprehend what the crisis has been all about.

In a nutshell, however, the Government unilaterally changed agreed rules of Parliament so that it could pass



Rev ALLAN Hendrickse



Mr CHRIS Heunis

TALKING AGAIN THE GOVT AND LABOUR



Sowetan Correspondent

controversial group areas and other legislation without the consent of the other two Houses.

If it had not changed the rules, it would not have been able to deal with the legislation (for a variety of technical reasons).

The Labour Party,

Progressive Federal Party and others had outmanoeuvred the Government within the rules of its own creation so the National Party simply changed the rules.

Government spokesmen argued that the spirit of the constitution was being violated by the opposition parties.

Those parties had found technicalities to thwart

the will of the House of Assembly, so the Assembly would quite legitimately use its own authority to amend rules which it had made in the first place to overcome this.

The Government was fairly certain that it had acted legally, although the opposition parties were in the process of taking expert advice on this.

What was less clear, however, was the moral aspect of one House simply changing rules that all three Houses had agreed to jointly consensus.

There was also a danger that what was good for the goose was

good for the gander. If the Assembly could make up its own rules as it went along, then why could not the other two Houses?

The potential for chaos was enormous.

It was with this in mind that the National Party bargained with the Labour Party and decided it had been wrong.

Debated

All the legislation which had been processed by the Assembly in terms of the amended rules would have to be re-introduced to Parliament and debated again -- this time within the rules.

This is why there is a special sitting at the end of the month.

Why has it been a victory for the constitution?

Mr Heunis meant that consensus had after all saved the day.

Ten hours of tough negotiations with the Labour leadership had resulted in a compromise, and the tricameral parliament was working again.

The House of Representatives will take part in the debate on legislation, and, of course, it will vote against Bills it objects to.

The President's Council will still be called in to ram the legislation through so that the Government gets its controversial laws on the statute book.

Advantages

The entire exercise may seem ridiculous but look at these advantages: Labour and the National Party are for the first time since Mr Hendrickse was dropped from the Cabinet really talking to each other again.

The talking has been tough and both sides have been bruised, but if genuine co-operation is to be expanded between all the South African communities it is going to have to start in the tricameral parliament.

It is no wonder then that the Conservatives are so outraged. Just when they had been goading the Government into taking a dictatorial line against the coloured and Indian politicians, Labour and the Nats did a deal.

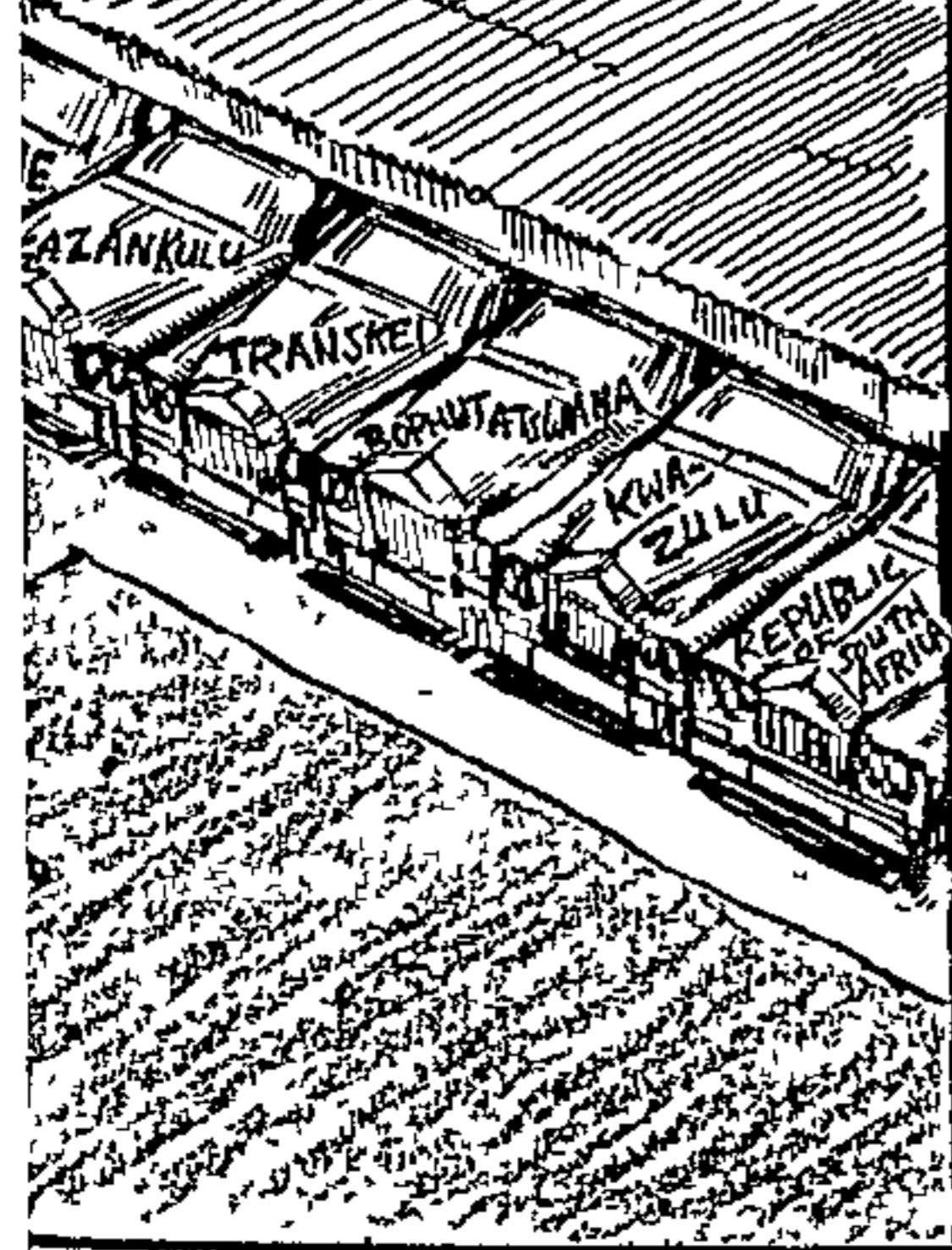
All the CP could think of saying was that 'Baas Allan' had won the day.

Mr Hendrickse has not won the day. The Government will still get its Group Areas legislation in spite of his vigorous opposition to it.

The constitution, which provides for the Government to get its way in spite of opposition from the coloured and Indian Houses of Parliament, has won the day.

A logical next step for the Government would be to expand the consensus which it saved at the last minute and make the constitution a more genuine instrument of power sharing.

EVEN SEPARATE STATES ARE A LUXURY SOUTH AFRICA CANNOT AFFORD SAYS ANTON RUPERT



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Ministerial houses may stand empty

CAPE TOWN — The "White Elephants of Walmer Estate", seven luxury houses built for the Minister's Council in the House of Representatives in a coloured group area near central Cape Town, seem set to become a R4,5m embarrassment to government.

The houses have taken nearly two years to build due to disputes with contractors. The cost, including services, has nearly doubled from the original estimate of R2,3m.

It now seems certain the ministers will not move into the houses as a protest against the Group Areas Act.

Relatively small

An over-riding political consideration is the damage that occupation could do to Minister's Council chairman Alan Hendrickse's growing credibility in the coloured community. It has been argued that for the ministers to move to Walmer Estate would be tacit acceptance of the GAA.

The new houses are relatively small for the cost. The larger of the two types is a 331 square metre double storey with three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a guest bedroom, a family room, lounge, study, kitchen, laundry, servant's room and bathroom, double garage and store room. The smaller house, on 251 square metres, has smaller rooms and no guest or family room.

Most white ministers live in ultra-luxurious, multi-roomed mansions in Cape Town's best areas — Sapa-

'White elephant' homes Group areas protest threat

CAPE TOWN — The white elephants of Walmer Estate — seven luxury houses built for the House of Representatives' Minister's Council in a coloured area — seem set to become a R4 500 000 embarrassment to the Government.

The homes took nearly two years to build because of disputes with contractors. The cost, including services, has nearly doubled from the original estimate of R2 300 000.

It now seems certain that, because of a protest against the Group Areas Act, the Ministers and a Deputy Minister will not move into the homes.

Politicised

The Walmer Estate community, one of the most politicised in Cape Town, is strongly opposed to the Ministers moving into the area, which borders on District Six.

The seven houses occupy a prime site on the slopes of Devil's Peak with a view over the city and Table Bay.

The site is heavily fortified and well guarded. A razorwire-topped concrete wall surrounds the area, and the perimeter is floodlit at night.

The coloured Ministers at present live in luxury government flats in

"white" Rondebosch. The homes were built originally for diplomats from the independent homelands and the Far East.

An overriding political consideration, however, is the damage that a move to Walmer Estate could do to Minister's Council chairman Mr Allan Hendrickse's growing credibility among moderates in the coloured community.

It has been argued that a move by the Ministers to Walmer Estate would be a tacit acceptance of group areas.

Critics of the Walmer Estate project have also argued that the Government could have bought existing houses for the Ministers in most of Cape Town's upmarket white suburbs for far less than the average of R632 000 for the new homes.

The new houses are relatively small for the cost. The larger type is double-storey with three bedrooms, two bathrooms, guest bedroom en suite, family room, lounge, study, kitchen, laundry, servant's room and bathroom, double garage and storeroom.

The smaller type has smaller rooms and no guest bedroom or family room.

Most white Ministers live in ultra-luxurious, multi-roomed mansions in Cape Town's best areas. — Sapa

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Labour Party punch-up flares

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Clash after Group Areas speaker barred

CP Correspondent

FISTS flew this week when supporters of the Labour Party's Allan Hendrickse climbed into followers of Durban Residents' Association chairman Sayed Iqbal Mahomed, who was barred from addressing a meeting in Durban

The meeting at the Durban City Hall was on the Group Areas Act

Mahomed and journalists covering the event were assaulted by LP members in a chair-hurling free-for-all that developed after supporters of Mahomed attempted to hijack the meeting

The fracas started when Mahomed was assaulted while he tried to get on stage to address the audience

A reporter from *The Post* newspaper, William Harper, was grabbed by LP supporters when he tried to take photographs of the scuffle during Hendrickse's address

His camera was smashed in the tussle and he was thrown out of the hall

"They smashed my camera and grabbed me by clothes, shouting, 'uit jou opstoker' (Get out, you instigator)," Harper said

Harper was then arrested by SAP members and handcuffed, but was later released

He said he intended suing several members of the LP for malicious injury to property and assault

Residents' association supporters held several banners carrying the message, "Collaborators not representatives" and were also punched by LP supporters and members of the Indian National People's Party and Solidarity Party members.

The SABC showed the incident in its morning programme on Wednesday, with the comment that "radical elements" were removed from the hall

Later, Mahomed, backed by a small group of anti-Group Areas Act protesters, told the Press that if Hendrickse believed in working within the system as a strategy to effect change, it would not work.

"If this is a democratic meeting the victims of the Group Areas Act must be given the right to speak and all people must be represented," Mahomed told reporters. - Concord

---: Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party.

Rajbansi denies site allegations

DURBAN — Ministers' Council chairman Amichand Rajbansi told the James Commission investigating alleged irregularities in the House of Delegates yesterday that he did not instruct any officials to make submissions relating to the allocation of petrol service station sites.

This was Rajbansi's fifth day on the witness stand. He told Commission chairman Mr Justice Neville James he did not vet applications for the sites.

He denied allegations by a director in the House of Delegates, Victor George Hunt, who told the commission that Rajbansi chose the applicants and had placed them in order of priority for who should get one first, and so on. Rajbansi said that it was the Allocations Board which made the recommendations.

Mr Justice James pointed out there was conflicting evidence about who allocated the service station sites. He said that after weighing up the evidence he would decide which version to accept.

Rajbansi also denied he exerted pressure on the Housing Development Board's chairman to have things done in a certain way.

Mr Justice James said evidence given so far gave the impression that the board chairman had pressure exerted on him to take decisions in accordance with Rajbansi's wishes. "No," said Rajbansi.

The inquiry continues. — Sapa.



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Fired after 'snubbing' Hendrickse

DURBAN — A few days before a young clerk was fired from her job in the House of Representatives administration for "snubbing Hendrickse", she received a threatening and abusive handwritten letter on official paper warning her she was "being watched".

Marysa Leukes, 23, was dismissed from her job in the registry section of the Durban office of budgetary and auxiliary services, House of Representatives, last Friday, allegedly for refusing to apologise to Minister's Council chairman, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, for her "behaviour" at a Labour Party "Group Areas protest" meeting.

But before she was notified of the termination of her services, Leukes had to endure 10 days of poison-pen letters and abusive phone calls. All she threatened that she would pay for her "disloyalty" to the Labour Party

According to Leukes, the harassment and her subsequent dismissal arose from her attendance at a recent meeting called by the Labour Party and members of the House of Delegates to "protest" against the Group Areas Act.

She had walked out because she was so disgusted at the way Labour Party officials had "manhandled" protesters from the Durban Central Residents' Association (DCRA) and victims of the Group Areas and squatter laws-victims.

Before she left the Durban City Hall, she joined the protesters in singing Nkosi Sikelele i-Afrika and had been sitting near the group when the fracas broke out.

As a resident of Durban's Albert Park area, Leukes was herself a Group Areas victim — she had gone to the meeting with an open mind to hear the Labour Party's position

hand out pamphlets. Leukes has been working for the House of Representatives for just over a year.

She said she could not be sure who saw her at the meeting but when she returned to work the next day, she was called into the ministerial regional representative's office where her section head, Mr T Niemack, told her they were "aware of her action" at the meeting and felt an apology was due to Hendrickse.

"But I saw no need to apologise and I told them that I would not do that," Leukes said.

Not long after she began to receive the abusive letters and phone calls.

One of the letters, handwritten on official paper, placed in an official envelope and left for her at work, warned her against her "extra-mural activities".

"I would like you to know that you can't have your cake and eat it," said the anonymous poison pen writer.

"I know all about you and your extra-mural activities. At this stage I would advise you to resign because if you don't you may find yourself so humiliated that you would not know where to hide your face."

"Marissa (sic) I have nothing personal against you but I know many

unemployed people who would be far more appreciative of a job at HOR than you are.

"Remember an official can be dismissed immediately if he/she aligns himself with a banned or restricted organisation."

The letter ended saying, "beware you are being watched."

Leukes also received two anonymous phone calls at work where women speakers, using foul language, once again warned her against being "disloyal" to the Labour Party.

"Then on Friday morning I was once again called by Mr Niemack and handed a dismissal notice. It stated that I was being fired under the Public Service Act for unsatisfactory conduct."

"I was not even asked for my side of the story. They just came to their own assumption," she said.

"I feel that I was only fired because of my support for the DCRA and I feel strongly that injustice has been done."

Leukes is presently examining her legal options, with the assistance of the DCRA, but says she is sure she will be able to challenge the dismissal.

Mr Niemack refused to comment on Leukes' firing.



Allan Hendrickse

on the Group Areas Act. "What I wanted to hear at the meeting was a reassurance that the people who are meant to be doing something against the act are actually doing it because with the new bills our future looks bleak."

"But all I saw were Labour Party members acting as oppressors by refusing to let the DCRA present their views or even

Teachers urged to oppose cuts in teaching staff

Education Reporter

DETAINED Bonteheuwel teacher Mr Saleem Mowzer is one of several members of the Western Cape Teachers' Union whose contracts have not been renewed by the Department of Education and Culture, said civil rights attorney Mr Essa Moosa.

Mr Mowzer and a restricted colleague, Mr Neville van der Rheede, who taught at Arcadia Senior Secondary School, were detained under the emergency regulations on September 21.

"Neville is a permanent teacher and Saleem holds a temporary position. The department has refused to extend his contract, effectively dismissing him. His dismissal is politically motivated," Mr Moosa said.

Good teachers who had the education of their pupils at heart were being victimised, he said.

The retrenching of teachers would have serious consequences for teacher unity and it was "important that teachers close their ranks against this onslaught and adopt the slogan 'An injury to one is an injury to all'," he said.

MORAL AND POLITICAL DUTY

He urged more than 250 teachers at a meeting in Elsie's River yesterday to oppose plans by the department to retrench 2 434 teachers next year because of a lack of funds.

"We have a moral and political duty to stand by them. We refuse to accept that the government has no money. Where did they recently find money to give white teachers increases?"

"We must send a clear signal to Hendrickse (the Rev Allan Hendrickse, Minister of Education in the House of Representatives) that we will not allow the retrenchment of any teacher."

The government was reaping the fruits of apartheid. "In their grand scheme they are wasting money on four education departments and spending millions of rands on marketing apartheid. Yet they say there is no money to pay our teachers."

Wectu president Mr Yusuf Gabru rejected the executive director of education, Mr Awie Muller's denial that he had launched a witch-hunt against the union.

Mr Randall van der Heever, deputy president of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association, said it was time to tell the Labour Party that their bull in a china shop attitude was destabilising education.

"There is no sense in the Labour Party fighting the trilogy of Group Areas Bills when they are destroying the efforts of teachers trying to liberate education."



**Rajbansi ... his future
in Botha's hands**

the commission has been almost a daily slugging match between himself and Rajbansi. For his pains he has been accused of having a "prosecutor mentality" and "warped mind" by Rajbansi.

Harder to fathom are the feelings of Rajbansi, the central player in the James Commission saga. At the start he described the commission as "a godsend" and promised his full co-operation.

But towards the end of his evidence last week he was refusing to answer questions, first on the tape-recordings allegedly made of him "coaching" a witness, Dave Pillay, on what to say under cross-examination; and then on details of R25 000 deposited into his personal account as an "election donation."

Ackermann charged Rajbansi with trying to discredit the commission, as he had done with the earlier two parliamentary inquiries.

Now it only remains for Judge James to submit his report to the State President. Rajbansi's political future lies in P W Botha's hands.

There is also the likelihood of a number of sequels to the commission. Many allegations have been made, evidence has been contradicted, statements have been changed. The after-effects of the James Commission could still be with us for a long time. ■

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End of Chapter One

After 65 days in session, with the evidence of more than 70 witnesses recorded on more than 5 300 pages, the James Commission of Inquiry into alleged irregularities in the House of Delegates (HoD) came to an end this week. The only question remaining was who heaved the heaviest sigh of relief that the marathon hearing had finally come to an end.

For commission chairman Justice Neville James, appointed by State President P W Botha earlier this year to investigate allegations of corruption in the HoD, the inquiry has seen two attempts to have him removed.

The first came when suspended chairman of the Minister's Council Amichand Rajbansi, almost exclusively the focus of the commission, asked the retired judge to step down on the grounds that he was "biased" against him.

When this failed, Rajbansi applied to the Supreme Court to have Judge James removed. The matter was settled out of court.

For special prosecutor Anton Ackermann

Participation likely to continue

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Labour Party to reassess its role

CAPE TOWN — The Labour Party's continued participation and role in the tricameral system is expected to dominate next week's congress in Bloemfontein.

Early indications from resolutions already submitted are that the LP will stay in the system, despite previous hints of a withdrawal should the government choose to push Group Areas legislation through via the President's Council.

One resolution to be put before the congress calls for a mandate to continue in the tricameral system, since the LP is perceived to be the only party which can exercise political pressure on the government to introduce reforms.

Following its success in blocking racially-linked legislation this year, there seems to be little doubt the LP congress will want to maintain its confrontational role in 1989

The events in Boksburg are bound to strengthen this resolve, as illustrated by a resolution from leader Allan Hendrickse's Eastern Cape region.

The resolution criticises the "hypocrisy of government in condemning the Conservative Party for wanting to put

up apartheid-enforcing notice boards in towns under their control while government itself is guilty of maintaining the Separate Amenities Act".

Some differences of opinion may be voiced over Hendrickse's blocking of proposed changes to the constitution to permit the enlargement of the House of Assembly.

Determined

Some Labour MPs believe this has forced them into participating in next year's general election — an event which could mean the end of political careers for some.

Hendrickse, however, appears determined to hold firm on this issue and is expected to spell out his stand when he opens the congress on December 27.

During recent talks with Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis it became clear he was not prepared to capitulate on the issue

Other resolutions indicate the LP congress will focus on bread-and-butter topics, especially the plight of the unemployed and the conditions under which farm workers have to survive.

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Tweaking PW's tail

■ Allan Hendrickse took a major stand for reform in the forum that mattered



History may come to judge the Reverend Allan Hendrickse as a courageous leader who successfully pioneered the politics of participation. If eventually this takes SA along the high

road to peaceful change. On the other hand, the danger is that events may render his career in the tricameral system no more than an aberration, a valiant attempt at the politics of moderation which failed to bring forth a solution.

But the FM has chosen him as our Man of the Year because of his dramatic use of "the system" to go for the jugular of apartheid — the fraying Group Areas Act (GAA). His strategy led to a virtual constitutional crisis, and amounted to far more than the "boycott" tactics government often chooses to tag on its opponents. He employed the constitution of which P.W. Botha is the spiritual architect to seriously embarrass the State President on a major issue. But, there was more to it all than symbolism. He helped, in 1988, as much as did the rise of the Conservative Party (CP), to set P.W.'s political agenda.

By holding out the prospect of a reconciliation in a common South Africanism, by articulating the need for a balanced accommodation of black aspirations and white minority fears; and by his readiness to negotiate such an accommodation — Hendrickse offers the ruling Afrikaner tribe salvation, if they could but see it. He remains the voice of moderation and negotiation in the halls of power, firmly rejecting violence in spite of the provocative iniquities of apartheid and the frustration caused by trying to squeeze reform out of a dithering, baulking government. In 1988, Hendrickse's brand of incremental politics came into its own. He emerged arguably as the foremost standard-bearer of the cause of reform and black aspirations — in or outside parliament. On record he was probably the most effective politician this year, rising in importance as he virtually held government to ransom by refusing to sign an

amendment to the constitution which would delay (for government) until 1992 an unwanted general election next year, or by March 1990 at the latest. This puts him in a strong bargaining position to extract reforms, on (if not the repeal of) what he has made his cause — the Group Areas Act. Failing this, government may have to face an early election.

It doesn't want to — for not only will government have the rightwing to worry about; there is also the mooted new left-of-Nat party, which would ideally like to fight an election late next year, confident, possibly overly so, that it can replace the CP as the official opposition in parliament. The new party is therefore in a sense banking on Hendrickse not doing a deal with government over such a postponement.

In one way or another, the leader of the majority Labour Party (LP) in the coloured House of Representatives ends the year in a

politically pivotal position, with his status much enhanced, and having restored some credibility to the embattled tricameral parliament. It was a year characterised by political constitutional deadlock — and the third under emergency rule. There was scant manifestation of a reform programme under a rudderless National Party (according to Hendrickse, reform came to a halt after the election on May 6 1987 when the CP became the official opposition.) Panicked by the CP's apparent growth potential, government lost its stomach for change towards a more open society and seemed to lurch instead to the Right with increased curbs on the press and civil liberties.

On the parliamentary front, the Progressive Federal Party, replaced by a reactionary opposition, was consigned to a lesser, soul-searching role that is to be subsumed under a new party in the new year. Through security crackdowns and the courts government opponents in the United Democratic Front were mainly rendered ineffective, as they've been for two years — and unable to find the "legal space" from which to continue opposition. The African National Congress presents no real danger to the State — though capable of increasingly random terror bombings.

Enter Hendrickse, "unshackled" from Cabinet responsibility since he resigned from it last year, and for whom the year was something of a culmination of what his detractors call his phase of "confrontational politics" which they trace back to his protest dip at whites-only King's Beach in Port Elizabeth in January 1987. In spite of the charge, however, Hendrickse clearly still values his parliamentary role. For instance, he rates highly his party's input on the creation of the National Council, which he claims they were able to change radically, so enabling someone like Nelson Mandela to participate in it if he so desires.

Using the less-than-perfect platform provided by parliament, the man who was detained for 160 days without charge in 1976 played a key role in blocking passage of the retrograde trilogy of Bills to amend the GAA. In so doing Hendrickse brought his party's role



Rev Hendrickse takes tea ... a very good year



Receiving an award for leading Labour (left); and with his party secretaries

into the limelight, rendered parliament temporarily immobile, and forced President Botha to refer the Bills to the President's Council Hendrickse explained his opposition to those pillars of apartheid, group areas and the race classification laws, in a spell-binding hour-long address to the Joint Sitting of parliament on September 28, which he regards as the highlight of the year for him personally. The address doubtless stung consciences on the government benches, and earned itself a place among the parliament's most memorable speeches.

Hendrickse is at his most effective when making passionate, non-ideological appeals to reason and common humanity as he did in his *tour de force* — exposing the crassness of apartheid laws and the hurt caused by them. As part of "an educative process" he tried to get across to members of the ruling party what it is like to have one's humanity rejected. "I was visited in the home in which I was born by the police because I was living there in contravention of the GAA. That was the house in which I was born! Do honourable members know what I mean? Have they experienced it? Do they share my experience? Yet they sit here in judgment on the whole of SA and they want to make a law."

Challenging government on the number of Afrikaner families that have been uprooted in terms of the GAA, Hendrickse reminded them that "in every case there was the protection of the minority while the majority has to pay the ideological price."

He pointed out that people in SA's embassies abroad appreciated "the fact that at least the voice of resentment, the voice of rejection of apartheid legislation is now being heard. One of the things that helped get them off the hook was the fact that, regarding this session, the decisions of the House of Assembly had been withdrawn." Foreign criticism had hardened because of the white chamber's readiness to press ahead with the Bills.

He concluded "There is only one answer

If we want to restore the credibility of this land, if we want to restore respect and if we want to develop healthy relationships across the colour and cultural lines, then we must show clearly the direction in which we want to move. A clear sign must be the repeal of the GAA."

Veteran journalist Norman West wrote afterwards "Never before in the history of SA has a coloured man had the protection of parliamentary privilege in directly confronting the white lawmakers about their own laws. Every one of those 55 minutes was epoch-making."

Hendrickse's style and the (accurate) perception whites have of him as a non-threatening, non-ideological figure, have enabled him most effectively to challenge their consciences, and in the process perhaps to bring along new attitudes in favour of change. The psychological effect of this approach should not be underestimated. On December 26, the LP will hold its annual congress at Bloemfontein, at which it will decide whether or not to continue participating in parliament. The party set itself five years — when it decided to enter parliament at Eshowe in 1983 — in which to achieve the scrapping of apartheid legislation. This has of course not happened.

Giving nothing away before the congress, Hendrickse says it's up to party delegates to decide, adding there's "a lot to be said" for both staying in, and withdrawing "in the light of government's intransigence on the GAA and the race classification Act."

The FM's guess is that the party will decide to stay on. Speaking at a banquet recently given by party faithful in Port Elizabeth to mark his 10th year as leader of the LP, Hendrickse dismissed the formation of Carter Ebrahim's new party as a miscarriage, and added "The LP is here to stay and play that important role in SA history (of leading the country to peace and total freedom)."

Participation in the tricameral system, while not accepted by the party as the

"answer to the constitutional demands of our time," is seen as a starting point in the process of expanding democracy in SA. Hendrickse believes SA will eventually be a non-racial, geographic federation embodying a bill of individual human rights and freedom of association. He understands that "the biggest problem in SA is that whatever system is devised will have to result in a balanced accommodation of white fears and black aspirations." Related to this is his belief in the socio-economic upliftment of blacks as a way of making a common South Africanism easier to achieve.

Hendrickse notes of the incremental possibilities for reform in the tricameral set-up "Things which appeared initially to be so remote became all the more possible. Through participation, a large number of Afrikaner Nationalists were stripped of their fears of sharing power and of their natural suspicion of people of 'colour'. The participation of people of 'colour' in central government has introduced a new dynamic to SA politics which we are still experiencing" (Of course the process has led to many negative consequences and to instability and unrest in the country — as the FM, for example, predicted it would.)

Aside from getting more done for his constituency in terms of social and infrastructural development, Hendrickse lists among the "hard" achievements of his party's participation in the tricameral system the repeal of the political interference, mixed marriages, and influx control laws, and the scrapping of 87 discriminatory provisions, including the race clause of the Aliens Act. The extent of Labour's influence in the repeal of key Nat statutes like influx control, the Western Cape coloured and white labour preference policy, and mixed marriages, however, remains debatable, though it would be difficult to gainsay the influence it wielded in standing committees. Many would argue economic and foreign pressures had more to do with seeing off those laws.

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Approbation of Hendrickse implied by the FM's selection of him as Man of the Year, does not of course mean he cannot be faulted or that we agree with all he stands for

On economic policy, for example, Hendrickse still retains discredited labourite notions, such as nationalisation of the mining industry, based on his view of an eventual federation of SA states and the disproportionate wealth that would go to the areas in which the mines are located

Again, in spite of the principle of collective Cabinet responsibility, he denies he was party to government's decision to impose emergency regulations His participation in Cabinet was viewed by followers as an opportunity to influence government, and not for taking equal responsibility for everything the government did It's debatable Hendrickse now finds himself in somewhat of a cleft stick between the more conservative and the radically inclined groups in the coloured community

While many are full of praise for him, there is a large body of dissenters The list of those who have resigned from the LP, or been expelled, has grown From a high of 73 MPs earlier this year, Labour now has 66 of the 85 seats in the House of Representatives Hendrickse, not surprisingly, merely dismisses these *afskilferings*

The root cause of dissension, which crystallised in the recent formation of the Democratic Reform Party under Carter Ebrahim, relates to Hendrickse's perceived shift from a consensus approach to a confrontational one

The Rubicon was crossed with the swimming episode It was, for three reasons, an event of great importance Firstly, most critics trace the beginning of the confrontational phase back to that occasion Secondly, the humiliating backdown which was forced upon Hendrickse removed any ambiguity from the argument about whether or not to participate in the tricameral system Up until this time there were still many, especially, in the pro-



With his wife and children ... 'influential' Peter seated on his right

fessional classes, who were still tempted to give the tricameral system a go

After this episode, though, it became much more difficult to make the argument that one could participate without sacrificing dignity and integrity Finally, the humiliation was, thereafter, to colour the entire nature of Hendrickse's relationship with the State President And that had real political consequences

Critics believe that the souring of relations between Hendrickse and P W Botha has affected LP policy Says one "The party became more anti-government which meant anti-negotiation too" This is a crux of discontent the feeling that the LP is renegeing

then, Hendrickse is losing support as more moderate elements show their displeasure with what they consider unrewarding gestures On the other, he is very unlikely to garner further support on the Left — the direction he is moving in — without abandoning the tricameral system altogether and with it his power base It is with some anticipation, therefore, that people look forward to Labour's conference in Bloemfontein — to see how Hendrickse resolves this dilemma.

Some opposition MPs maintain that part of the explanation for Hendrickse's shift to the Left is family pressure, with his wife, son-in-law Desmond Lockie, and son Peter singled out There is a strong feeling, even among those who remain within the party, that Peter Hendrickse is exerting an undue influence This is apparently the cause of considerable unhappiness So too is the feeling that Hendrickse is becoming an increasingly autocratic and authoritarian figure as evidenced by the recent expulsion of those MPs who wished to stand in the municipal elections

Nonetheless, at a time when government has stalled on reform, Hendrickse has served to keep it alive — in the forefront of parliamentary attention That is far, far more than the once reformist Nats and the depleted Left opposition have done

It should also be considered whether there are not further advantages to be gained from inter-House alliances if the new left-of-centre party can get its act together In this, Hendrickse would be pivotal



Taking that swim in PE ... an event of crucial significance

CHRISTMAS BREAK

There will be no issue of the *FM* next week. The next issue will be dated January 6 1989. We wish readers a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

"The error on activity was particularly significant because, taking account that there was concern about a weakening in most OECD countries, it may have sent the wrong signals to policymakers and could have led to inappropriate policy actions. This kind of 'policy misleading error' at the level of total OECD activity is a rare event," says the report. The secretariat admits it was wrong-footed by policy changes: more State spending in Japan and in Canada and less in the UK; and the fact that rising interest rates did not stop money supply growth rising.

But the core reasons lay elsewhere and the OECD cites its own "striking underestimation" of productivity growth. "This was projected to continue at a steady pace of 1,5% at an annual rate. In the event it grew at almost 2,5%, an unusual acceleration at this stage of the cycle."

"This productivity performance has allowed real wages to rise and profits to increase — especially outside the US — sustaining consumption as well as investment, while not adding to (inflation) pressures in both product and labour markets."

Hence the increase in labour unit costs has lagged behind wages (compensation per employee). The gap is closing fast in the US, where rising pay awards of 6% (against 3,3% in 1986) is more closely matched by unit costs up 4,3% (against 2,4%). The UK is a similar case. But in Japan this year's 3,3% wage rises were accompanied by a drop of 0,8% in costs (after 0,5% in 1987), Germany's 3,8% increases filtered through as 0,3% at cost level, and in France the relationship was 4,5% to 1,3%.

The effect of improved profitability and confidence on business was a doubling of private non-residential investment. In the OECD as a whole it jumped to 1,5% of real

GNP (from 0,7%), led by Japan with an increase from 1,5% to 3,3%. In terms of annual growth, investment was up 11,3% (from 5,1%) and next year's projection of 7% is a key element in the outlook.

Investment growth coming on top of a slow decline in private consumption growth (down 0,5 points over the next two years), should cushion the deceleration foreseen. Even consumer spending had its virtuous side, outside of the UK and US where savings ratios are well down. The report notes: "This growth appears to have been more solidly based than in recent years, being related more to increases in disposable incomes and less to falling savings ratios."

The concerns and risks to the outlook are all familiar. Top of the list remain the US current account and Federal deficits and the question of strategy needed to persuade foreigners to keep funding America at the rate of over \$100bn a year while remedial, but slow, action works through. The OECD is not convinced that monetary measures alone are sufficient or desirable: higher interest rates will endanger growth markets in the Third World, enjoying a respite from their overall deficits, and add to budget problems.

Pleading for consideration of fiscal measures, it points out that a reduction in spending which produces a balanced budget between 1990 and 1993 (as called for in the Act), could cut the inflation rate by a full point and improve the current account by \$68bn. "Using monetary policy to achieve the same impact on inflation would require a

sustained increase in US interest rates, starting in 1990, of up to 300 basis points, depending on the extent to which (they) induced an appreciation of the dollar."

It makes no such suggestion in the case of the UK, which has a budget surplus but which is employing high interest rates to cool the demand responsible for this year's \$23bn current account shortfall. The OECD sees no early cure and posits the deficit rising to \$29bn in 1990 or 3% of GDP, making Britain the only major economy outside the US grappling with inadequate export growth.

The shadow of protectionism posed by the trade imbalances has also yet to be banished. That was amply demonstrated by the failure to find a breakthrough over farm subsidies at the latest talks in Montreal in the Uruguay Round by the General Agreement on Tariffs & Trade International Monetary Fund MD Michel Camdessus told trade ministers that present economic buoyancy offered a "window of opportunity" to dismantle barriers which hobble sustained growth. "The quest for making growth less vul-

nerable to external shocks will continue to fall short until industrial and developing countries alike forego reliance on protectionist props," he declared.

So far, however, the free trade rhetoric of the world leaders has yet to be translated into political will. The same applies to the US deficits which Bush inherits on January 20, though the window of a reduction in arms spending apparently opened by President Mikhail Gorbachev offers more hope.

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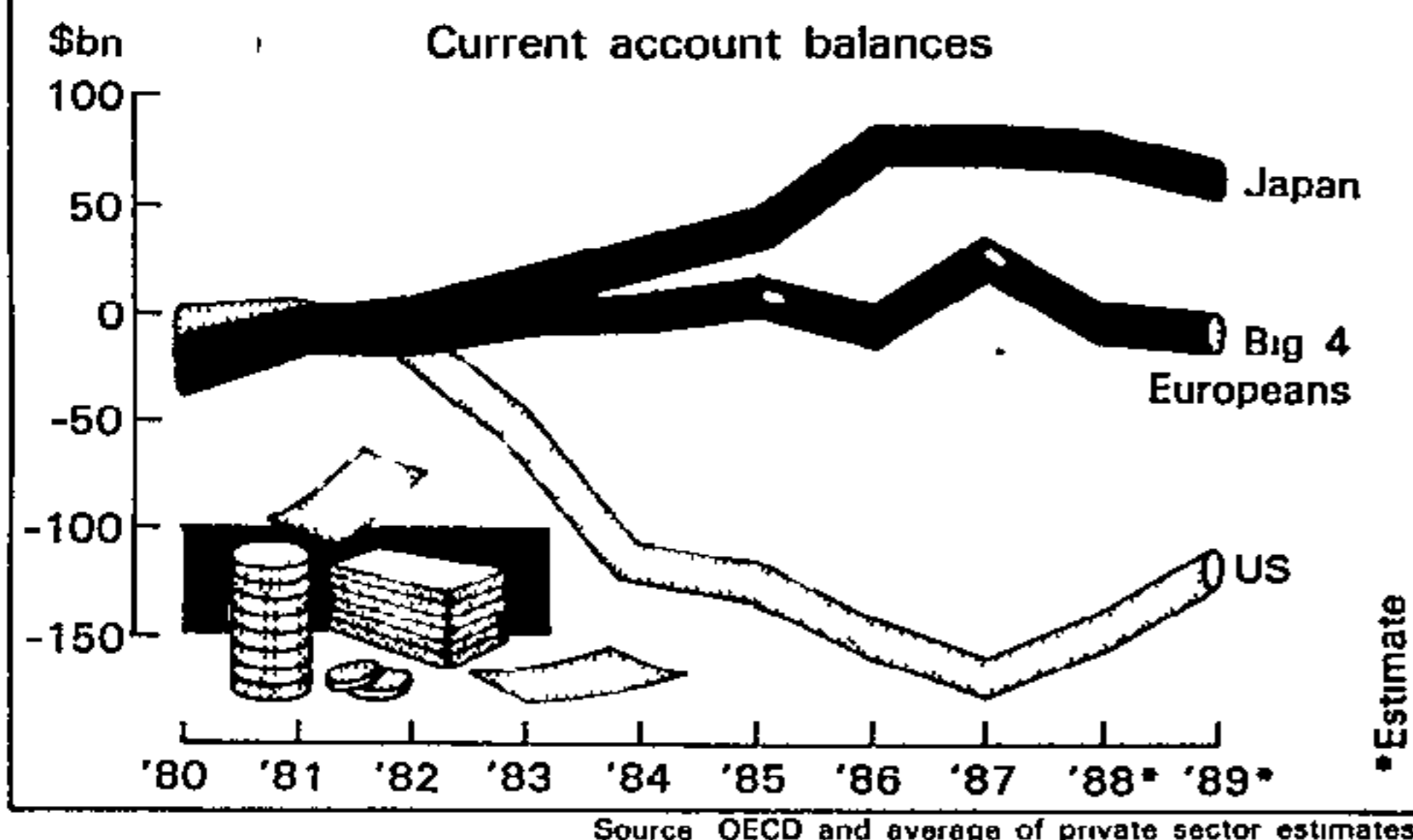
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United States ..	3.4	3.8	3.0	2.5
Japan	4.3	5.8	4.5	3.8
OECD Europe	2.8	3.5	3.0	2.5
Total OECD	3.3	4.0	3.3	2.8
Inflation				
United States ..	3.3	3.3	4.5	4.8
Japan	-0.2	0.3	1.0	1.5
OECD Europe	4.4	4.8	4.8	4.3
Total OECD	3.4	3.5	4.0	4.0
World trade				
Import and export volumes	5.7	9.0	7.5	7.0
Current account US \$ bn				
United States	-154	-132	-116	-108
Japan	87	79	77	76
Germany ..	45	45	51	52
Total OECD ..	-49	-61	-50	-51
OPEC	-7.6	-21	-18	-11
Non-oil developing countries	8.4	8	-3	-12

Source: OECD Economic Outlook December 1988

Assumptions: unchanged economic policies, exchange rate stability, US\$1 = Y124,7 and DM1,78, oil price constant in real terms at US \$12/barrel fob.

Imbalances slow to correct



Reagan, Bush ... the winning team still?

Coloured matric results disappoint, says Hendrickse

Star 23/12/88 Education Reporter

The chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, has expressed disappointment at the poor pass rate achieved by coloured matriculants

Of the 21 007 candidates who wrote the exams, 14 235 or 67,8 percent passed and only 3 492 pupils obtained a matriculation exemption. Last year, the pass rate was also low at 67,9 percent

"I hope for better results in the near future," he said, "and wish to appeal to teachers to give more than in the past to help wipe out our backlog"

However, he said it should not be forgotten that the Std 7 pupils of 1985 were this year's matriculants

Mr Awie Muller, director of Department of Education and Culture, said he was also disappointed with the results, but said it was clear that "we are now moving into a period of stability and we expect better results in the future"

In this year's exams, 64 candidates achieved an A aggregate, compared to 51 candidates last year

There was an increase of 2 718 matric candidates over last year

According to an analysis by the DEC, brighter candidates fared better than in the past as indicated by the larger number of candidates who obtained A aggregate passes, as well as the greater number of exemptions when compared with 1987

On the other hand, the weaker candidates taken generally did even worse than in 1987

"The successful candidates are to be congratulated on their achievement, and parents and teachers are thanked for their share in the pupils' success," a DEC spokesman said

● Results — See Page 5

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until 1992, but indicat-
ed that scrapping the
Group Areas Act was
the price the NP
would have to pay to delay a poll.
Hendrickse told the LP's national con-

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Hendrickse tells P.W.: you scrap Areas Act, we'll halt early election

gress in Bloemfontein the NP was afraid
of right-wing whites and wanted to delay
an election until 1992
"If they are looking for support in this
regard, they will first have to give us a
clear indication as to the direction in
which they wish to send the country
If the Group Areas fiasco of the past
year is anything to go by, then I am
afraid the NP will have to contend face
to face with the CP at the polls."
Hendrickse told the Congress — the
10th he has addressed as national leader
— it would not matter to the LP whether

the NP or CP won the House of Assem-
bly elections. The LP was ready to face
its voters, he said.
Addressing himself to State President
P.W. Botha, Hendrickse said it was no
disgrace to negotiate with the LP.
He warned the LP would not allow
Parliament to be used as an instrument
in the struggle between the NP and CP.
"While the Group Areas Act remains
on the statute books, the co-operation on
the part of the LP in the current dispens-

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ation will be marked by confrontation
and conflict," he said.
The three-day congress will decide
whether the LP, the majority party in
the House of Representatives, should
Hendrickse said the Congress should
stay in Parliament
spell out clearly to the party leadership
what approach it should adopt on par-
ticipation and the election date issue.
All three houses will, in terms of the
Constitution, have to hold an election by
the end of March 1990 if the LP does not

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agree to a postponement
Hendrickse said the LP had achieved
considerable success in uplifting the
dominated community and now "totally
dominates parliamentary politics."
However, the fact that the President's
Council had been forced to decide on its
own Group Areas recommendations had
turned the whole parliamentary system
into a farce, he said, should start negotia-
tions with leaders such as Mangosuthu
Buthezi, Nelson Mandela, homeland
leaders, the ANC, the UDF and others

we'll halt early election

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Congress votes for early elections

Resounding LP 'aye' to Parliament

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BLOEMFONTEIN — The Labour Party yesterday voted overwhelmingly to stay on in the tricameral Parliament, ending any uncertainty about the party's political future.

The annual congress also agreed that elections should be held for the three Houses of Parliament at the end of their current term — before the end of March 1990. This means it is unlikely Labour will agree to postpone the white elections until 1992, as favoured by the NP.

Opening the congress on Tuesday, LP leader Allan Hendrickse left the door open on negotiations around the election date issue but made it clear the LP would insist on the scrapping of the Group Areas Act in return for postponing the election.

There were just three dissenting votes from the 900 delegates meeting in the Bloemfontein City Hall when a motion was put that the LP, majority party in the House of Representatives, remain in Parliament.

In 1983 the LP decided to enter parliamentary politics, but undertook to review its decision after five years.

The general feeling at the three-day congress ending today was that the LP had made significant strides in uplifting the coloured community and that it pro-

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vided the most effective opposition to the NP government.

Earlier the congress was told that 91% of coloured voters believed the LP had done the right thing by entering Parliament. Minister Chris April argued the LP needed to stay in Parliament to educate whites.

"The white man in this country must be taught to accept others as fellow citizens. The party needs representatives in Parliament to carry out that educational task."

Addo MP Peter Hendrikse said the party could not allow itself to be restricted by government, as had happened to organisations such as the UDF.

The LP, he said, should "carry the torch of freedom at home into that place (Parliament) that has to us in the past represented the dark halls of oppression."

Local Government, Housing and Agriculture Minister David Curry said the time was right for the LP to fight group areas legislation, but not for the party to leave Parliament.

Wentworth MP Tommy Abrahams said the LP was not making progress on its national aim because of the NP's attitude towards negotiations. He proposed it withdraw from Parliament for strategic reasons, which would embarrass government, but still fight the next House of Representatives elections.

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No budging on election deadline

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Hendrickse: time's up for negotiation

BLOEMFONTEIN — The Labour Party was no longer prepared to negotiate with government on postponing a white general election to 1992, the LP's annual congress decided here yesterday.

LP leader Allan Hendrickse said the party would "under no circumstances extend the life of Parliament" beyond the March 1990 deadline required by the constitution.

Closing the three-day congress, Hendrickse said government had left it too late to negotiate with the LP on postponing a House of Assembly election.

"This year the LP was prepared to bend over backwards on the whole question of postponement.

"But government was unwilling to give us what we wanted," Hendrickse said.

The LP previously insisted on the abolition of the Group Areas Act in return

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for postponing the white elections, which government favours.

Hendrickse said "We want to say emphatically, particularly as the result of the attitude of government and its inability and unwillingness to negotiate with the LP, that we will under no circumstances extend the life of Parliament.

"Even if there are concessions made now, we say 'too late'."

The LP, he said, was committed to going to the polls at the end of its current term of office.

The constitution requires that all three Houses approve a postponement of an election for any of the Houses.

A general election is now expected late next year, following a recent an-

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nouncement that President P W Botha intended appointing a delimitation commission for the House of Assembly early next year.

The reservation of Separate Amenities Acts — the law that allows CP-controlled councils to reimpose petty apartheid — was frequently attacked at the congress.

Hendrickse did not, however, refer to a previous statement of his that the LP would agree to the enlargement of the House of Assembly if the Act was scrapped.

Because of population expansion and imbalances between constituencies, the Transvaal needs several extra seats, probably at the expense of the Cape

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Such a move would favour the CP, at the NP's expense.

By increasing the number of elected MPs, the NP's losses to the right could be made good.

Hendrickse was non-committal on whether the LP would continue its confrontational stand in Parliament.

Indications were, however, that there would be little deviation from the LP's present approach.

"A good general never reveals his strategy. Where there is legislation which is in the interest of the people and of SA, it is possible that we can or may support such legislation," he said.

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LP to attempt talks with ANC

BLOEMFONTEIN — The LP would initiate contact with extra-Parliamentary organisations, including the banned ANC and PAC as soon as possible, LP leader Rev Allan Hendrickse said yesterday in his closing address to the party's annual congress

He emphasised this contact, in terms of a resolution passed this week, did not mean only the ANC, the PAC or the UDF

The resolution was broad enough to include initiating contact with all organisations, inside and outside the country, who were opposed to apartheid and dedicated to the dismantling of the system

This was in line with another which called on the party to "take over the negotiation initiative from government", as government was incapable of gathering leaders that counted around the conference table

Hendrickse said his party would start initiating contact with these organisations "whether they recognise us or not"

He said government only wanted to talk to people who were "irrelevant" to the South African situation — such as people in Malawi and other African states

Charity started at home and it was hypocritical of government not to enter into negotiations with its own people, he said

The congress yesterday unanimously adopted a call for the immediate release of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners and detainees

There was no discussion on the resolution before it was put to the vote

The congress also called unanimously for government to establish a single education department for all race groups and to immediately open white technical and agricultural colleges to all

Another resolution, opposing international sanctions and trade boycotts against SA was also approved — Sapa

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LP opts for staying on in Parliament

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Only three delegates are against participation

By CHARLES MOGALE

THE coloured Labour Party has decided to continue its participation in the tricameral Parliament in spite of its shortcomings

The decision to continue

participation is contrary to the party's vow in 1984 to withdraw if the Group Areas Act was still on the statute books after five years

The LP's annual congress in Pretoria last year decided that the govern-

ment would have to scrap the Group Areas Act totally to earn the party's cooperation

This week, an overwhelming majority of delegates at the LP's congress in Bloemfontein agreed to

stay on in Parliament. Party leader Rev Allan Hendrickse launched a bitter attack on President PW Botha's contention that the Act had majority support among whites and coloureds

Hendrickse said Botha could not dare call a referendum on the matter to prove his point. Whites, he said, could face severe repercussions because of the Act in years to come

The Act had caused bitterness and eroded the dignity of South Africans, he said. It was clear that the National Party and whites were clinging determinedly to the Act and regarded it as "a sort of Calvinistic Bible"

"The National Party and the voters will in years to come have to pay a high price for this unholy and un-Christian Act"

"The time has come in South Africa when we must make it unambivalently clear to the whites that our dignity will never again be assailed," Hendrickse told the congress

He dealt at length with the re-introduction of petty apartheid in the Conservative Party-controlled municipality of Boksburg, blaming it on the government

"It is exactly these kinds of incidents which add fuel to the fires of hatred and revolution," said Hendrickse

Anti-participation delegate at the congress Tommy Abrahams, MP for Wentworth, told the congress that although participation had done much to uplift coloured municipalities, we are not making progress in terms of our national politics

His call for withdrawal was supported by only two delegates

Supporters of participation said the LP's role in Parliament was to dismantle apartheid and act as a bridge between black aspirations and white fears

In another move at the congress, leaders of the QwaQwa and Lebowa homelands rejected participation in the proposed National Council while other organisations "outside the system" were excluded

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LABOUR PARTY

A running start

Labour Party (LP) leader Allan Hendrickse is confident that the African National Congress (ANC) and other extra-parliamentary groups will be receptive to the wide-ranging dialogue initiative approved at the party's congress in Bloemfontein last week.

He believes the LP has proved itself to be the most significant opposition force within parliament and as such can play a leading role in ridding SA of apartheid. It is important to open channels of communication with groups with similar aims, he says.

The party hopes to open lines of communication with, among others, the ANC, the Pan-Africanist Congress, Inkatha, the United Democratic Front and parliamentary groups to government's Left.

Hendrickse points out that the ANC is apparently not opposed in principle to talks with participants in the parliamentary system — as evidenced by past meetings with MPs of the Progressive Federal Party and National Democratic Movement. He also mentions that just over 10 years ago the LP had ANC backing for its participation in the now defunct Coloured Representative Council (CRC), also a government-created, racially segregated institution. He met ANC leader Oliver Tambo in London at the time to discuss strategies. The LP effectively destroyed the CRC from within — a strategy similar to that which it is now adopting in the tricameral system.

Hendrickse says the mechanics of opening dialogue with the ANC and other groups are being worked out by LP leaders, but stresses that in his view the important aspect is that the more than 900 delegates in Bloemfontein unanimously endorsed the initiative.

He is "not at all concerned" by speculation that President P W Botha may sack him as Chairman of the Minister's Council in the House of Representatives if he makes contact with the ANC. Hendrickse believes that Botha is constitutionally bound to retain him as chairman of the council as long as he has the support of the majority of members of the House. "If he takes any action against me it will reflect very badly on him."

Hendrickse says Botha has in the past accepted the principle of talking to people who have any interest in a peaceful settlement of SA's problems — and that is all the LP is now trying to do. "While we don't agree with the ANC strategy, they, like us, are looking for a new SA. The end product will be a result of us all sitting down together and talking," he says.

The congress also resolved to try to reopen dialogue with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha movement. The LP and Inkatha were both parties to the Black Alliance

which disintegrated when Buthelezi broke ties with the LP following the party's 1983 decision to enter the tricameral system.

Hendrickse is not confident that the coming parliamentary session will see the National Party (NP) moving boldly on reform, particularly with a general election



Hendrickse



Tambo



Botha

looming and the prospect of further losses to the Right.

He says he would like an election as soon as possible and is confident of winning nearly all 80 elected seats in the House of Representatives. However, he believes P W Botha will delay sending the country to the polls for as long as constitutionally possible, which means early April next year.

The Bloemfontein congress finally and unequivocally ruled out any possibility of a compromise with the Nats to allow Botha to amend the constitution to postpone the elec-

tions to 1992, which is what he proposed last year. The NP needs Labour's support for such an amendment and may not use the President's Council (PC) to force the change into law.

In return for his party's support, Hendrickse has repeatedly demanded the unconditional scrapping of the Group Areas Act, a move the NP finds impossible to make at present.

The mood of the congress also indicated that the coming parliamentary session is likely to be the most acrimonious since the inception of the tricameral system. The LP's increasing frustration at its inability to force the NP to dismantle more apartheid measures is expected to result in the party blocking far more legislation than ever before and therefore forcing Botha to use the Nat-dominated PC to bulldoze laws on to the statute book.

The congress resolved that the LP will boycott the NP's proposed National Council, the ill-fated forum in which government hopes leaders of all groups will meet to thrash out a new constitution, and will back changes to the constitution to allow blacks to be appointed to the Cabinet only after consulting "authentic" black leaders — and then only if those leaders approve of the move.

HOMELAND CONSOLIDATION

Braklaagte tests P W

The 9 000 residents of the western Transvaal settlement of Braklaagte last week won a victory of sorts in the Pretoria Supreme Court. But they failed in their bid to avoid immediate incorporation into Bophuthatswana. Nonetheless, by March 7 the State President will have to show cause why his proclamation of incorporation should not be declared null and void — which would clearly have a retroactive effect on the incorporation.

According to the attorney for the Braklaagte community, Clive Plasket, the issue turns on whether or not the State President can be said to have "applied his mind" to the decision to excise Braklaagte from the Transvaal. The sequence of events leading to the implementation of the decision will have to be further considered.

Knowing their probable fate, community representatives met Education and Development Aid Minister Gerrit Viljoen on December 15 and presented him with a memorandum detailing "hardships and privations which will flow from incorporation." These

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Bus subsidy to end for coloured schoolchildren

Municipal Reporter

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Coloured education bosses monitor transport scheme

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Municipal Reporter

Coloured education authorities will monitor school attendance in Johannesburg suburbs where school buses have been discontinued.

If necessary, an internal service will be provided at no extra cost to parents, said the city's housing director, Mr F W Robins.

This follows a Putco announcement that it had been obliged to pull out all school buses in Eldorado Park and Klipspruit West because the authorities had refused to subsidise the service.

White children go to school on mu-

nicipal buses subsidised by Johannesburg City Council.

The threatened halt to the school bus service between Eldorado Park-Klipspruit West complex and Coronationville, Noordgesig, Bosmont and Riverlea from October last year was only averted after the South-west Management Committee appealed to the council to provide temporary finance to carry on until the end of the school term.

But despite representations by SWMC to the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives to secure a future bus service, this request had been turned down.

Mr Robins said the Minister had advised that due to the opening of new schools in Eldorado Park and Klipspruit West, there was no further need for a school bus service from Wednesday when schools reopen.

From this year all pupils will be accommodated at schools within walking distance of their homes.

Parents who choose to send their children to schools in other areas will have to pay their own transport costs, said Mr Robins.

The SWMC has appealed to parents to note the discontinuation of the bus service and to make alternate arrangements, he said.

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'Nothing done' in tense school situation

Staff Reporter

AT the start of the new school year the State, the Labour Party and the Department of Education and Culture have done nothing to defuse the tense situation in schools, says Mr Yusuf Gabru, an educationist and mathematics co-ordinator at Khanya College

Actions by the authorities that had led to a "serious situation" in education included the victimisation of progressive teachers, the banning of the Western Cape Teachers' Union, the Democratic Teachers' Union (Detu) and the Western Cape Students' Congress (Wecso), and the demotion of scores of acting subject heads of department with loss of pay and consequent administration problems

The large pupil-teacher ratio was another problem not addressed, said Mr Gabru.

ACTING HEADS

Mr Gabru said the latest issue was the removal of acting-heads of departments

"This is a move by the department (of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives) to control promotions in a more thorough fashion," he said

"At one school applications by the acting-heads for the permanent head of department posts were approved by the principal but denied by the department

"Now a teacher from outside may be getting the head-of-department post, whereas a teacher already on the staff may have done the job in an acting capacity for years"

CUT DOWN

Mr Thinus Dempsey, a spokesman for the department, said acting-heads of department, who were paid more for holding the positions, had been removed as a budgetary measure

"We needed to cut down on expenditure and we sent around a circular about this in October last year," he added

"Now all teachers teaching a particular subject will have to share the duties of the head of their department

"It wasn't a question of cutting back left and right"

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Labour still needs some one to talk to

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ALLAN HENDRICKSE could find that his much-publicised promise to hold meetings with the banned African National Congress and Pan Africanist Congress is impossible to fulfill.

Labour Party officials are remaining tight-lipped about progress in setting up the meetings, supposed to take place this year — and the ANC has flatly rejected the possibility of receiving Hendrickse.

The PAC is adopting a wait-and-see attitude, refusing to commit itself until a formal approach is made.

The leader of the Labour Party, which is dominant in the House of Representatives, told his party conference late last year that an active effort would be made to "speak to all organisations, inside and outside South Africa, that are opposed to apartheid." The ANC and PAC were included.

Critics viewed the commitment — which angered the government — as an attempt to divert attention from Labour's decision to remain in tricameral politics.

But now the ANC's head office in Lusaka has given Hendrickse the coldest possible shoulder.

"There is no possibility of the ANC meeting or having talks with Hendrickse," the organisation said in a statement to the *Weekly Mail*.

"The ANC is of the position that those who are today participating in the oppressive regime's institutions must join the rest of our people in a common effort to bring down those institutions and the apartheid regime."

Replying to *Weekly Mail* inquiries, the PAC's director of publicity and information in Dar es Salaam, Molapo Molefe, said "We have no comment at this stage since Hendrickse has not communicated with us directly."

The Labour Party's national public relations officer, Peter Hendrickse, who is also the party leader's son, would not be drawn on the exile movement's comments — nor would he reveal any details about approaches to Lusaka and Dar es Salaam.

Teachers fear new DEC ruling

By ANDRE KOOPMAN

SCHOOL principals yesterday expressed fears that many coloured teachers could be made redundant following a ruling by education authorities prescribing minimum teaching periods.

Principals said yesterday that early this year and late last year they had been visited by inspectors from the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, or had received directives, instructing them that each teacher had to have a minimum of 42 teaching

periods a week.

Teachers said it was normal for a teacher to have between 30 and 40 teaching periods a week, the rest being vital "free periods" which were used for administration and preparation.

One high school principal in the Bishop Lavis area explained yesterday that the effects of the ruling would mean that in a school of 30 teachers responsible for 1 000 periods between them, each teacher would usually take 30-odd periods.

To implement the new ruling, at

least five teachers would have to leave the school to bring the total number of periods taught by their colleagues to 40.

A spokesman for the DEC yesterday confirmed the ruling but emphasised that no teachers in permanent positions would lose their jobs. When pressed to explain how principals would be expected to obey the directive without losing teachers, he said: "In certain cases regional inspectors will help principals with their timetables."

Party politics and education: Call for inquiry

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By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN, Education Reporter

THE government has been challenged to appoint an independent judicial commission of inquiry into alleged party political interference in coloured education.

Issuing the challenge, Mr Franklin Sonn, president of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association, pledged to apologise publicly if the commission repudiated his allegations.

"However, I hope the government will be man enough to act if the commission proves me right. The whole can of worms must be opened up," he said at a meeting in Bellville.

He was calling for a commission of inquiry because the teaching profession had entered a dark period when teachers had to protect their integrity, he said.

Little had changed since the De Lange Commission of Investigation into Education found in 1981 that teachers and parents were enjoying relatively little recognition and authority in society.

Little respect

"Today, almost a decade after the appearance of that report, matters have again deteriorated to an alarming degree in education under the control of the House of Representatives. Little respect is shown to teachers and principals by the authorities."

Open allegiance to the party brought attractive rewards while opposition meant censorship and repression.

"There is widespread concern about increasing evidence of party political interference in the appointment of teachers into promotion posts with political servility seemingly counting more than educational merit."

Mr Sonn said inspectors were herding teachers from school to school, cajoling and humiliating them into silence in fear of losing their jobs.

Teachers were being overloaded, schools were falling into disrepair, increasing the feeling of neglect which had caused the "bitter uprising" of the past.

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(2) and (3) Bryanston, Randburg, Bramley, Rosebank, Sunninghill Park, Olivevale, Diepsloot, Bromhof, Benmore Gardens, Kelvin, Crowthorne and Fourways

If everything proceeds according to plan, all the waiting applicants in these exchange areas will be provided with service within the next three months on completion of cable works

Farmall Restrictions on the provision of telephone services are at present in force owing to a shortage of telephone numbers in the exchange and in some cases cable leads. It is expected that the applications on hand will be met within the next six months as minor cable works are completed and by making use of numbers that become available as a result of the discontinuance of existing services. The existing exchange will be replaced by an electronic unit during the first half of 1990 which will result in this exchange being extended by 891 lines

Greater Pietermaritzburg buses damaged/
 drivers killed

11 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

- (1) (a) How many buses were damaged in the

Greater Pietermaritzburg area as a result of unrest in 1986, 1987 and 1988, respectively, and (b) what was the total cost of this damage in each of these years,

- (2) (a) how many bus drivers of a certain transport company, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, were killed as a result of such unrest in 1986, 1987 and 1988, respectively, and (b) what precautions are taken to ensure the safety of drivers and passengers?

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The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

- (1) and (2) I am unable to reply to the question of the honourable member as transport companies are not compelled by law to inform the Department of Transport of unrest incidents

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Pupils transported in subsidized school buses

14 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (a) What total number of pupils was transported daily in subsidized school buses, and (b) what was the total net annual cost of such transport, in each province in 1988?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

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Transvaal	48 122	24 583 184,00

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the present formula of subsidization of private schools

- (2) Primary = 15% to 45% X cost per unit as per pupil in state schools X total enrolment of the school

Secondary = 15% to 45% X cost per unit as per pupil in state schools X 1,5 X total enrolment of the school

- (3) A statement is not deemed necessary

Average expenditure per school

*1 Mr C J KIPPEN asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) Whether any change has been effected or is envisaged in the formula or policy for the financing of subsidies for private schools falling under his Department, if not, why not, if so, what changes have been or are to be effected,
- (2) what is the current formula for the financing of such private schools,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

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†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE. Order I am obliged to say that a question is put to obtain information and facts. It requires a lot of work to obtain the information, and if the member concerned is not even present when it is replied to, I wonder for what reason the information was asked for [Interjections]

- (1) No As far as the Department is concerned there is no need for any changes to

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

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Press barred at meeting

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By MEG BRITS (257)

HOUSING Minister Mr David Curry last night barred the press from a meeting with the Blue Downs ratepayers' committee, at which the discussion was to centre on possible foreclosures on some residents.

One ratepayers' representative said it had been agreed with Mr Curry that the meeting was not to be attended by Blue Downs management committee members. But the venue, the Melton Rose Community Hall, is controlled by the management committee and its members insisted they be allowed to stay.

Mr Curry said he was not prepared to continue the meeting unless the press were barred. He then withdrew with the members of the management committee.

DP/LP deal on elections

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CAPE TOWN — Coloured members of the soon-to-be-formed Democratic Party (DP) are not going to be allowed to stand for public office, because of an "agreement" with the LP

Labelling the move as "racist", one PFP MP has already threatened to resign should an independent MP in the House of Representatives, Charles Redcliffe, not be admitted to the party. Redcliffe is MP for Schauderville.

Redcliffe's membership application has now been with PFP leader Zach de Beer for nearly two weeks. He said on Friday he would deal with it "in my own good time".

He said an application by a public representative such as Redcliffe was obviously different to that of an ordinary member of the public.

It is understood the "deal" between the DP and the LP is based on co-operation

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because both parties have the common goal of bringing an end to apartheid and establishing a non-racial democracy.

It involves working out joint strategy in Parliament, although no move to merge the two parties is anticipated.

The LP is adamant the implication of the "deal" is that the DP does not oppose it at the polls, and if this does happen, an LP source says, it will be regarded as a "hostile act".

There is also tension within the DP over the extent to which it should take part in the tricameral Parliament.

It is understood the NDM wants to stay clear of the coloured and Indian chambers because the ANC is opposed to any kind of link with the tricameral system.

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Zonnebloem College 'has to close'

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE Department of Education and Culture (DEC) had "no other alternative" but to close the Zonnebloem College in District Six, Mr Allan Hendrickse said yesterday.

Mr Hendrickse, Minister of Education and Training in the House of Representatives, yesterday dismissed calls by opposition MPs that the historic college should be upgraded and preserved.

Speaking in Parliament, Mr Hendrickse said "The existing building structure and facilities at Zonnebloem do not conform to the prescribed norms for effective teacher training.

"Considering all the relevant circumstances, the department has no other alternative but to close the college."

Mr Hendrickse said that no provi-

sion existed in the lease, which expired in 1992, for its renewal.

The United Democratic Party MP for Reiger Park, Mr Jac Rabie, said the college, one of the oldest educational institutions in the country, should be preserved at all costs.

Mr Hendrickse said that although students would vacate the Zonnebloem College at the end of this year, the buildings would continue to be used "for educational reasons" until the lease expired.

● There were 3 567 vacancies at white colleges of education, the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Assembly, Mr Piet Clase, said yesterday.

Mr Clase said "no" arrangements had been made with other departments of education for the use of any colleges of education, or parts of them, which fell under his department's control.

Blue Downs ratepayers revolt against Curry

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By MEG BRITS

THREE ratepayers' organisations in Blue Downs will refuse to appear before the committee of investigation appointed last week by Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Representatives

Spokesmen for the three organisations said yesterday that they would not take part in the investigation on the grounds that amendments suggested by them to the committee's terms of reference had been ignored

In addition, Mr Curry had not consulted them, as he had agreed to do, on the composition of the committee, they said

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Mr Curry confirmed yesterday that the committee of investigation, composed of former regional magistrate Mr P J Le Roux and two assistants, would have no powers to subpoena evidence. Neither developers nor residents could be forced to take part

Last month Mr Curry sent out circulars advising the residents of Blue Downs that he intended to appoint a committee of investigation

The ratepayers' umbrella body, the Blue Downs ad hoc committee returned the circulars with amendments to the terms of reference proposed by Mr Curry. Among these amendments was a specific recommendation that the land price issue be investigated

Residents have complained that, despite original assurances by Mr Curry

and officials of his department that plot prices in Blue Downs would be held between R10 000 and R12 000 because it is built on state land, these have risen to as much as R25 000 in some areas

At meetings with the committee, Mr Curry gave undertakings that his department would finance an independent arbitrator acceptable to both developers and residents to investigate disputes and that the terms of reference would be acceptable to both sides

However, a spokesman for the committee said yesterday that he had not consulted it after these meetings but had "simply gone ahead and appointed whoever he wanted"

On this basis, the ratepayers of Forest Village, Hillcrest and Electric City had decided to take no part in the investigation

Mr Ernest Abrahams, ratepayers' chairman at the LTA-Comiat development The Conifers, said this was another in a long series of moves by Mr Curry "to defuse the issue and protect the developers"

Mr Anton Hartogh, ratepayers' chairman at Vista's Tuscany Glen, said he still expected a report compiled by officials of Mr Curry's department to be placed before the committee of investigation, before any new inquiry was begun

The ad hoc committee is to continue to press for an independent arbitrator appointed by the Association of Arbitrators



Mr Allan Hendrickse

Coloureds need ^{CALC - TRIPS 12/5/89} 'R250m more' ²⁵⁷ for education

THE amount allocated to coloured education by the government was about R250 million less than was needed, the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, The Rev Allan Hendrickse, said yesterday

He and his department had "exhausted" themselves in trying to convince the authorities of the impracticalities they faced in satisfying community needs with the allocated funds

But he and the Labour Party had not been known to crawl or beg and would not start to do so

He strongly objected to the attitude of the National Party when dealing with the "obvious inadequacies" in the educational sys-

tem for the coloured community

Instead of allowing his department to utilise a disused white education college complex for the purpose for which it was erected, the complex had been handed over to the police, or the army

"My colleague in the House of Assembly (Mr Piet Clase) argues that the policy not to open white government schools to all races, is based on sound conclusions I ask myself how educationally and economically sound can such a policy ever be"

Mr Hendrickse said that after the allocations for universities and technikons, remuneration of personnel, and such things as contractual obligations were deducted from the budgeted R1,37 billion, a total of R143,8 million

remained

This had to cover post and telegraph expenditure, bus transport services, lodging allowances, study grants, provisioning and equipping of educational institutions, repair and maintenance of equipment and furnishings, travel and subsistence costs "and so on and so on"

"The total needed for these latter items comes to about R396,37 million — in other words a shortfall of about R252,482 million"

● he department was fully aware of the shortcomings in its syllabuses and had committed itself to remedy the situation, Mr Hendrickse said

Departmental study committees were finding ways of ensuring greater relevance in syllabuses and learning material — Sapa

April: We ruffle feathers

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CAPE TOWN — Feathers had been ruffled by innovative measures taken to ensure that everyone got the opportunity to improve the quality of their lives, Health Services and Welfare Minister Chris April said in his budget speech in the House of Representatives yesterday

"We have the obligation to serve and I will not apologise for initiating changes that could precipitate faster improvement in the quality of life of people

"All around us we are overwhelmed with poverty and the misery of despair. We see the symptoms of deprivation and denigration, alcohol and drug abuse, overcrowding and the violence of anger and frustration with all its attendant social ills

"I have adopted as *credo* for my department that we should be service orientated and not power-hungry empire-builders. I am service crazy, not power crazy"

April said it should always be remembered that the situation in SA was unique because of socio-economic stratification on the basis of racially-enforced legisla-

tion and historical discrimination
 "Every country in the world has poor and ill people, but in our country we are disadvantaged and have been deprived simply on the basis of the pigmentation of our skin, and that makes our poverty and ill-health even more unacceptable"

"Poverty," he said, "cannot be resolved without political justice

"I feel strongly that we have much reason to thank the aged who kept the farms and factories going as well as the white households. These often illiterate "non-whites" had to be satisfied with meagre wages and little job security with no provision for pensions. Yet their contribution to the prosperity of the country is immeasurable

"I have already promised to do everything in my power to eradicate the disparity in pensions. It is just a pity that welfare pensioners are also disadvantaged by those



● APRIL

who propose sanctions"

He said since 1984, old age pensions had increased in number by 14,5% compared with a total financial increase of 144%, and he was extremely proud to have achieved these results in such a short period

During the 1984/85 budget, an amount of R2,547m was provided for homes for the aged, while this financial year provided for R11,009m which would provide for care for 2 985 residents of 40 registered homes for the aged. An amount of R1,156m had been set aside for service centres

April said a series of projects had been planned by the House of Representatives' Department of Health Services and Welfare to create greater public awareness of the importance of a healthy family unit, which was the cornerstone of society

The registration and subsidising of child minding services was being investigated which would open new doors for child care

The problem of juvenile delinquency was being researched by a senior departmental official and the findings would soon be made available — Sapa

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But the men for whom the houses were built are still refusing to move into them — as a political protest against the Group Areas Act Walmer Estate is a “coloured” group area on the slopes of Devil’s Peak, overlooking the vacant ground of District Six

Most of the cost escalation was due to contractual problems which caused extensive construction delays Early last year, the cost of the houses had risen to R4m, in November last year the Public Works Department (PWD) estimated the total completion cost at R4,4m

The PWD now says the complex has been completed for R4,9m, which includes the houses and services, a service centre, guard-house, swimming pool, tennis court and change rooms The houses were furnished at an additional cost of R374 558

Two types of houses have been built at Walmer Estate The larger is a double storey with 331 m² of “usable” space including three bedrooms, a guest bedroom, family room, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen-cum-laundry, servant’s room and bathroom, double garage and storeroom The smaller houses have 251 m² of “usable” space and do not have a guest bedroom or family room

Apart from Allan Hendrickse’s refusal to move into the complex, there has been considerable political opposition in the neighbourhood to the construction of the houses

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Ghost town

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The cost of seven new houses at Walmer Estate in Cape Town — for ministers and deputy ministers in the House of Representatives — has now reached R5,2m, more than double the original estimate of R2,3m

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and to the prospect of the ministers and deputy ministers moving in Walmer Estate is one of the most highly politicised	“coloured” areas in Cape Town It falls into the Tafelberg constituency for the House of Representatives Massive rejection of the tri-	cameral parliament in the 1984 election saw a poll of less than 2% in Tafelberg — the lowest in the country
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Housing row: Call for Curry to resign

By MEG BRITS

THE Blue Downs Ad Hoc Committee has called for the resignation of Housing Minister Mr David Curry, following the breakdown of negotiations on the appointment of an independent arbitrator to evaluate residents' complaints about the township.

The committee, which represents the rate-payers of all six suburbs in the massive housing project, took the step this week at a meeting with Mr Curry, the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Representatives.

Mr Curry, whose department is responsible for overseeing the development of Blue Downs, decided to appoint a committee of investigation under the chairmanship of former regional magistrate Mr P J Le Roux, rather than an arbitrator.

Blue Downs residents have complained of poor building work, non-compliance with building regulations applicable to the area and other discrepancies.

Responding to the allegations, Mr Curry said the committee had been appointed to investigate and report on complaints by home-owners, and he would "deal with the matter after the committee presents its findings".

Coloured House to have new MPs

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CAPE TOWN — At least 15 new Labour Party candidates will contest Cape seats in the elections for the House of Representatives, and the Democratic Reform Party — the Official Opposition in the House — intends “putting up a strong challenge”.

Neither party has finalised its nomination arrangements

NEW FACES

Labour's election line-up will include several new faces to replace MPs retiring from Parliament.

The party's media spokesman and MP for Addo, Mr Peter Hendrickse, said most of the sitting MPs in the Cape intended standing again. A few would be retiring.

“However, we will definitely be putting up 15 new candidates in opposition constituencies in the Cape. Eleven of the opposition MPs in these seats were actually elected as Labour Party candidates in 1984, so we are

confident of gains,” he said.

Among the opposition seats the LP has targeted are several in the Peninsula, including Tafelberg (Mrs Soheir Hoosen, Freedom Party); Ravensmead (Mr John Christians, Independent); Belhar (Mr Archie Poole, Democratic Party), Bishop Lavis (Mr Nicholas Isaacs, DRP); and Macassar (Mr Cecil Herandien, Independent).

The DRP, which holds seven of the Cape's 60 seats, will be announcing new candidates individually.

CHALLENGE

The first new contender, Mr Daniel Thomas of Ceres — who will stand in the Bokkeveld constituency now held by Labour — was announced yesterday.

DRP spokesman Mr Nic Isaacs, MP, said “We will announce more details in the near future. What I can emphasise is that we will be putting up a strong challenge.”

Bid for consulate sit-in demo foiled

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By CHARL DE VILLIERS

TEACHING college students were yesterday foiled in their bid to occupy foreign consulates in the city in protest at the impending closure of the Zonnebloem college

The failure of the proposed sit-in demonstration — titled "Plan X" — was announced at a meeting of 400 students at the Zonnebloem Teachers' Training College in District Six

The Department of Education and Culture (DEC) in the House of Representatives intends closing the college, leased from the Anglican Church, at the end of the year

Police stood at the doors of the Zonnebloem college hall as civil-rights lawyer and community leader Mr Dullah Omar said "This (the meeting) is not just a formality — it is a call to action. We can win because the apart-

heid regime is in deep crisis and the mass democratic movement is stronger than ever"

Speaking on behalf of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Dean Colin Jones assured students of the church's support for the Zonnebloem college

Referring to the lease between the church and the DEC which is due to expire in 1992, Dean Jones said "As far as we are concerned the lease between the church and the state is renegotiable"

Meanwhile, widespread "disruption" was reported yesterday for the third successive day at the DEC's 12 teacher training colleges, DEC spokesman Mr Thinus Dempsey said

A Western Cape Tertiary Institutions SRC (WCTISRC) spokesman said four members of the umbrella body intended "occupying" embassies until their de-

mands concerning the Zonnebloem college were met

Elaborating later, another WCTISRC spokesman said the students had yesterday approached the British, Norwegian, Spanish and Canadian embassies under the pretext of speaking to officials about "education"

Finding embassy staff posted to Pretoria, they instead went to the respective countries' consulates

The four students were referred to the British Council by consular staff, but British vice-consul Mr Michael Frost yesterday said there was no record of their having gone there

Norwegian vice-consul Mr Henning Steiro said four students had yesterday approached the consulate about bursaries, but were told that no such facilities existed

The Canadian consulate said it was not aware of the students' planned action, nor of any approach by them to consular staff

Teachers muzzled over electioneering

Education Reporter

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COLOURED teachers have been prevented from publicly electioneering on party political matters, according to a circular issued by the Department of Education and Culture

In a circular to regional chief inspectors and inspectors of education, college rectors, school principals, teachers' associations and regional representatives, the department has outlined the "political and civil rights" of teachers

The department says they can be members of political parties and serve on their committees without permission of the director-general

However, teachers may not post up, distribute or hand out any notice, document, poster or any matter whatsoever "evoking support for, or opposition to a political party or relating to the election of a person as a member of parliament or a provincial council or committee"

Teachers who are members of a divisional council, city council, municipal council and village management board may not take part in "any discussions or voting in connection with any matter involving a dispute between the said council, committee or board and the government"

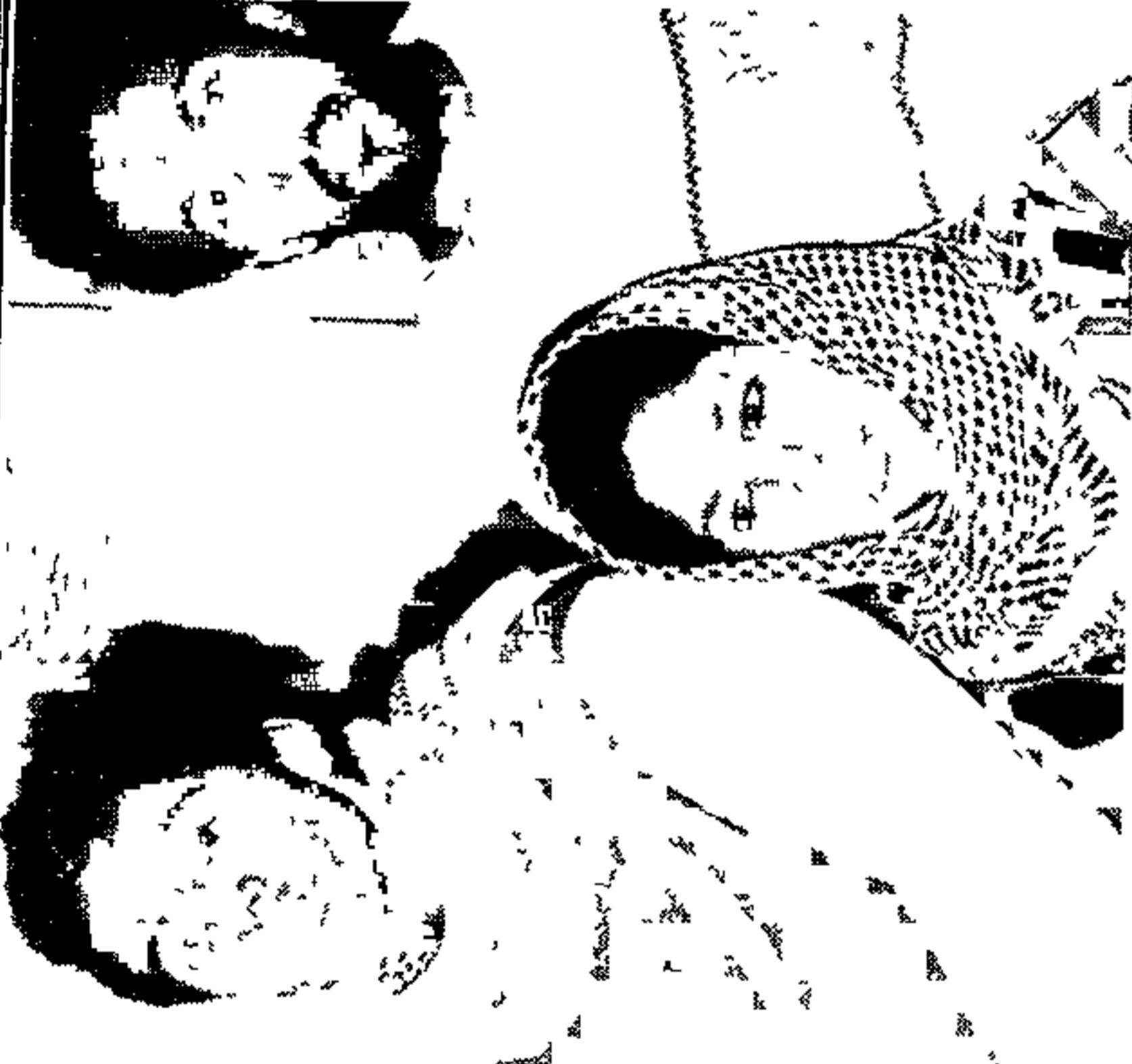
Teachers who fail to comply with the instructions could be charged with misconduct in terms of the Coloured Persons Education Act

(Report by D Cruywagen, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

Police probe

election fraud

By HENRY LUDSKI



SURPRISED. Mrs Sabera Jeenah with her sons Feizul, right, and Mohamed, who were told by a security policeman that their names appeared on the nomination form of an independent candidate in Rylands Estate

Handwritten notes: "Mrs" and "2/2/81" with a scribble.

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AN ELECTION candidate has quit after it was revealed that his nomination form included several forged signatures.

The false signatures were spotted by an Athlone security policeman who recognised several of the names on the list as those of activists he had previously detained. It was confirmed late on Wednesday that independent candidate for Rylands, Cape Town, Mr Gangian "Gang" Naidoo, had withdrawn.

But perhaps the biggest shock was for 25-year-old Rylands student, Feizul Jeenah, who was in Britain on the day he was alleged to have added his name to a list of 300 signatures needed by the candidate to have his nomination accepted.

"How could I have endorsed his nomination when I was in Edinburgh at the time?" asked Jeenah, who said he found tribalism "abhorrent". His mother, Mrs Sabera Jeenah, and his 19-year-old brother Mohamed were equally upset that their names were included in the candidate's nomination

Surprised

A SOUTH investigation has revealed that Feizul Jeenah allegedly endorsed the candidate on June 17 — a week before he arrived back in South Africa from England where he is studying.

"When I saw the policeman I immediately thought he was coming to detain me again," said Mrs Jeenah. "He told us he was surprised to spot our family's name on the candidate's nomination list and had come to investigate."

"Our signatures were obviously forged," she said. The returning officer for Rylands, Mr D Vostoo, said late on Wednesday night that Naidoo had resigned "for personal reasons".

Vostoo said he was not aware of any nomination irregularities but if there were any, it would be a matter for the police. A Western Cape police spokesman Captain Hendrik Opperman confirmed on Wednesday that police were investigating a case of fraud in connection with the election, but would not disclose any details. Exhaustive attempts by SOUTH to contact Naidoo for comment, both at his home and at work, have proved unsuccessful.



SHUT UP!

Teachers warned

By HENRY LUDSKI

TEACHERS have been warned by the Labour Party to stay out of the elections — or face charges of misconduct.

The threat is contained in a circular sent to schools and colleges throughout the country by the Labour Party-controlled Department of Education and Culture, House of Representatives.

Included in the circular is a copy of the Education Act of 1983 which reminds teachers that they could face charges of misconduct if they use their positions as teachers to "promote or prejudice the interests of any political party".

The circular from the executive director Awie Muller, a management committee chairman, has been sent to principals, inspectors, regional representatives, and "recognised" teacher organisations.

The Cape Teachers Professional Association (CTPA) has interpreted the threat as a ploy to "facilitate teacher participation in House of Representatives politics".

Describing the circular as an "infringement of teachers' political rights", CTPA deputy president Randall van den Heever said it also "militated against teacher involvement in anti-apartheid organisations".

"It is yet another glaring example of how our education department has become a handmaiden of the ruling Labour Party in the House of Representatives," he said.



Franklin Sonn

Mr Thinus Dempsey, liaison officer for the House of Representatives, denied there was an ulterior motive to the circular.

He said it was "normal procedure" to advise teachers on their position regarding the election.

"It was not meant as a warning," he said.

The circular follows a recent election platform attack by Labour Party leader and Minister of Education, Mr Allan Hendrickse, on Mr Franklin Sonn, CTPA leader and president of the Union of Teachers Associations of South Africa.

Hendrickse accused Sonn of "hypocrisy" for allegedly enjoying the benefits of capitalism while simultaneously embracing the "socialist" Freedom Charter.

He has refused to retract his statements and Sonn is proceeding with a R100 000 defamation suit against him.

(Report by H Ludski, of 95 Sir Lowry Rd, Woodstock)

Sonn vs Labour 28/7/89

Labour Party (LP) leader Allan Hendrickse is facing a R100 000 damages claim for allegedly defamatory statements about Cape teachers' leader Franklin Sonn's business associations and his endorsement of the Freedom Charter (FC)

Sonn's lawyer, Essa Moosa, says he has been instructed to proceed with the claim after Hendrickse indicated that he was not prepared to retract his allegations

The row between the two has been brewing for some time. Hendrickse is not only chairman of the Minister's Council in the House of Representatives (HoR), but also Education & Culture Minister (and in effect Sonn's boss). Sonn is president of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CPTA) and rector of the Peninsula Technikon

Political differences between the CPTA and the LP have caused endless friction between sections of the (coloured) teaching profession and the HoR administration. Matters worsened a year ago when the CPTA congress in Cape Town adopted the FC. The move was seen as a watershed in the politics of the coloured community and the most important political event in the western Cape since the formation of the United Democratic Front in Cape Town in 1983.

Endorsement of the FC meant that the CPTA pointed itself firmly in the political direction of the "mass democratic movement" and away from the participationist approach of the LP. In so doing it shook off an image of political vacillation and set itself on a firm course against Labour.

The worst collision so far occurred last month at a political meeting in the eastern Cape where Hendrickse allegedly accused Sonn of being "dishonest" with the CPTA, of "embracing" the "socialist" FC while enjoying personal wealth including income from 24 company directorships, and of having sold his house back to the education department, pocketing the money and con-

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tinuing to live in the house for free

Sonn denies the allegations. His lawyer says he serves on only two boards and does not receive "thousands of rands" in director's fees. He has also not sold his house to the department.

Sonn, incidentally, tells the *FM* that he also regards Hendrickse's interpretation of the FC as incorrect. It was endorsed by the CPTA after thorough debate which concluded that the document sets out a mixed economy with certain State-owned undertakings such as the Post Office and railways. He believes it is a similar economic system to that supported by Afrikaners for many years.

The 23 000-member CPTA (arguably, with the LP, the most important organised group in the coloured community) has come out in support of Sonn, according to deputy chairman Randall van den Heever — who says any attack on Sonn is an attack on members of the association.

LP sources say the effect of the row on the party's election prospects is difficult to assess at this stage. They claim that many CPTA members, particularly in rural areas, are strong supporters of the LP and are disturbed by Sonn's attitude towards Hendrickse. There is little doubt, however, that the overwhelming number of CPTA members in urban areas back extra-parliamentary opposition groups and will definitely not be voting Labour on September 6. ■

MP claimed maid's wages from Parliament

A MEMBER of Parliament, Mr Johnny Johnson, admitted yesterday he had claimed a monthly sum of R120 from Parliament to pay his wife's maid.

He said, however, she had left his employ and was, therefore, no longer on the Parliamentary payroll.

He said the reason he claimed wages for the maid, Mrs Ester Witbooi, as part of his constituency expenses was because she also doubled as office cleaner at his Esselen Park (Worcester) constituency office.

When she worked as his wife's maid, "she also answered the telephone" for him, Mr Johnson said.

He paid her an extra R60 a month for her work as a maid, he claimed.

Mr Johnson won the Esselen Park seat for

By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

the Labour Party in 1984, but has since joined the official Opposition Democratic Reform Party in the House of Representatives, led by Mr Carter Ebrahim.

He is being opposed in the general election by a young Worcester teacher, Mr Anwar Ismail of the Labour Party. Mr Ismail is the son of President's Council member Mr E Ismail.

Mr Johnson's claim that Mrs Witbooi also worked at his office is denied by her and Mr Johnson's secretary, Mrs Alvera Fortuin.

They have signed affidavits attested to by a Commissioner of Oaths.

Both swear, Mrs Witbooi never worked at Mr Johnson's office.

When this was put to Mr Johnson, he said they were "not telling the truth!"

He also charged that they were under the influence of my opponent, Mr Anwar Ismail.

Mrs Witbooi said in her affidavit she was employed by Mrs Johnson at the Johnsons residence in Hennie Fesus Crescent and that she had never worked in any constituency office.

She denied she had worked at any other premises in any other capacity for Mr Johnson, except as a maid for his wife.

Her claim is being backed up by an affida-

vit signed by Mr Johnson's secretary until recently, Mrs Fortuin.

Mrs Fortuin also denies Mrs Witbooi had ever been employed in any office in the Esselen Park constituency.

She was not only secretary to Mr Johnson, but made the tea and cleaned the office herself, he said.

According to a Parliamentary document, Mr Johnson claimed reimbursement from Parliament for a sum of R121,08 in respect of "Ester Witbooi".

He also claimed R403,60 for Mrs Fortuin. His explanation to the Sunday Times was that the R121,08 he had claimed for Mrs Witbooi was what he paid her monthly for cleaning his office.

Report by N West, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.

Election balls-up

MDM

FROM PAGE ONE

sary of the formation of the United Democratic Front

MDM spokespersons said the week following August 20 had been designated as "colours week" when people would be "creatively promoting the colours and logos of banned organisations"

Meanwhile, the MDM has targeted segregated beaches as the next public amenity which it intends to challenge

Segregated

The MDM spokespersons said people in Cape Town and Natal would open "closed beaches themselves as was seen at several hospitals in the Transvaal and Natal last week

There are also plans for action against segregated hostels at campuses in Durban, an MDM spokesperson said

The country's two major trade union federations are preparing for a workers summit due to take place at the end of this month in Johannesburg

Delegates at the summit will finalise details of national industrial action which unions have threatened to take in protest against the Labour Relations Amendment Act and the parliamentary elections

The Congress of South African Trade Unions this week hit out at the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, for claiming that he is investigating Cosatu's alleged breaking of its restriction orders

Summit

Cosatu's assistant general secretary Sydney Mufamadi said that instead of investigating Cosatu the Minister should investigate the state of emergency itself

In a letter written to Cosatu last week Vlok retracted allegations that the federation had planned a campaign of violence

National Education Front spokesperson Graeme Bloch said students and teachers in the Western Cape would be preparing for protest action likely to coincide with that of organised labour

Bloch said joint conferences of students and teachers in the Western Cape would take place at the same time as the workers' summit

Students were drawing up lists of demands and deciding on appropriate action he said

Several student teacher rallies involving a range of organisations from the educational sector took place in Cape Town this week

Teargas

On Tuesday there were rallies in Athlone Mitchells Plain and the northern and southern suburbs

The rallies focused on mass support for restrictees who at an emotionally-charged service held in Athlone on Sunday night defied the terms of their restriction orders

Gangsterism blamed for 'revenge slaying'

By DOCTORSON TSHABALALA
A GUGULETU youth was hacked to death by his neighbours in a horrific revenge slaying following the alleged gang rape and murder of a young teacher hours earlier

The death of 19-year-old Mr Martin Felane last Saturday night was a sequel to the killing of Mrs Nodumiso Mejeni, 26, a teacher and wife of a prominent Guguletu businessman

Felane, whom police suspect was involved in Mejeni's murder, was cornered in the kitchen of a house next door to where Mejeni's body was found

The unemployed youth was then hacked to death with pangas allegedly by angry neighbours

Shocked residents in Guguletu have attributed the deaths of Mejeni and Felane to the growing wave of gangsterism in the townships and the community's backlash against it

A teacher at Vuzamanzi Primary School in Khayelitsha Mejeni was the mother of a seven month-old baby

She died in the early hours of Saturday morning after her home was broken into by gangsters, who allegedly raped her repeatedly before stabbing her eight times in the chest

The gangsters tore her from the arms of her baby Kuma Fika, and dragged her out of the bedroom window of her home in NY 30

She was taken to a nearby yard where she was allegedly raped and stabbed and left to die

When her husband, Mr Mzikayise 'Exile' Mejeni, a co director of Fame Magazine Promotions, returned home shortly after 3am he found their baby lying alone in their bed

The house had been ransacked and there were fresh blood stains on the walls and floor Cash amounting to R800, the family video recorder and a hi-fi set were missing

The slain woman's stepmother, Mrs Cynthia Hoshe who lives nearby, said the killers had also tried to steal her husband's car which was stacked



GANGSTER SON Mrs Miriam Felane, the shocked mother of Martin Felane who was killed by residents

with clothing, curtains and bedspreads

However the car stalled and the gangsters made off with the battery and the car's contents

Hoshe said she believed the gangsters wanted to use the car to transport her stepdaughter's body to a place far from the crime

While searching for the gangsters, Mejeni's brother, Mr James Hoshe, said he found four members of a gang sleeping in a backyard shack

After questioning them he left, but on returning later he discovered the stolen goods hidden in their shack

A few hours later, Mejeni's body was found in a pool of blood next door to the house where they had earlier found the gang

Police were called and two men

were arrested They have already appeared in court in connection with the murder

Felane, known to be a member of the same gang was spotted at about 7pm that evening at a house near the scene of the murder

Within 10 minutes, he had been cornered by neighbours and killed as he tried to escape

Felane who quit school after standard five several years ago, is survived by his 58-year-old mother, Miriam, and seven brothers and sisters

Mejeni qualified as a teacher at Fort Beaufort's Cape College in December 1987, and married "Exile" two weeks later

The couple's happiness was crowned a year later with the birth of their first child, Kuma-Fika

THE Labour Party's candidate for Retreat, Gerald Morkel, was forced to leave the Retreat Civic Centre on the opening day of special voting last week — by a team of volleyball players!

In a clash of venues, Morkel was scheduled to share the civic centre with the WP Amateur Volleyball Association.

The players held a placard demonstration expressing their views on Morkel's participation in the September 6 tricameral elections

They also refused Morkel access to the chairs and tables in the hall

Explained a top WP volleyball official who preferred to remain anonymous "Apparently the council had given Morkel permission to use a corner of the foyer for his election campaign

"However, as lessees of the premises we have sole use of the chairs and tables

"In removing the tables and chairs we were simply exercising our rights as lessees

A war of words followed between the players and the MP

Seven votes

'You probably got no votes tonight?' one player challenged Morkel

Came Morkel's reply 'Seven, my boy seven

Morkel approached for comment afterwards, said "It's a pity that these youngsters are not part of the elections and so against the system. The sad part of it is that they do not even know why" he said

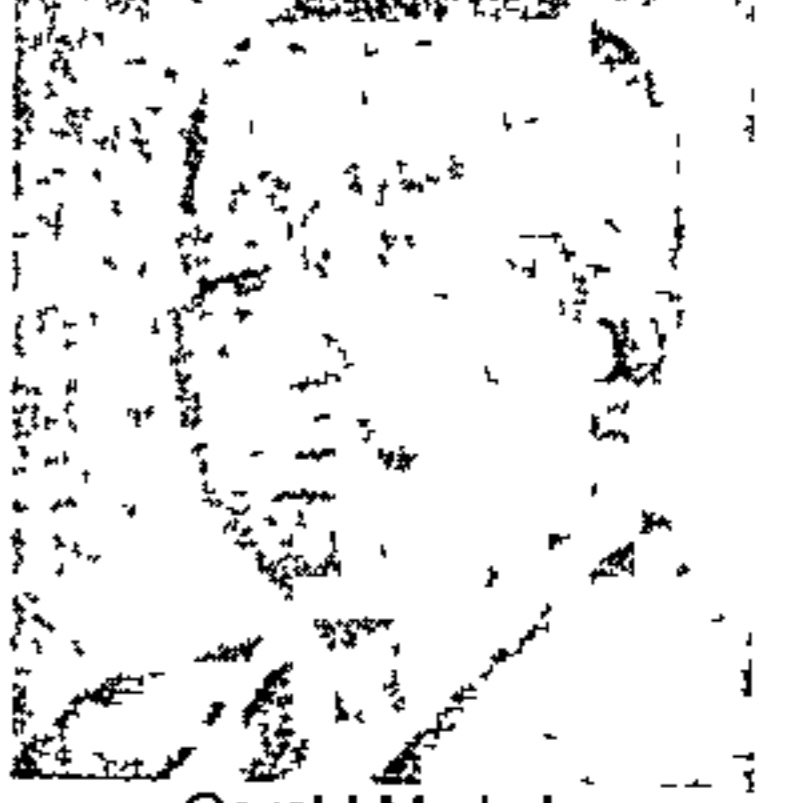
Morkel claimed that the Labour party had the same aims as that of the Mass Democratic Movement

"We are not any different from the United Democratic Front," he added, "we are all moving in the same direction

Morkel however, admitted that the volleyball players were correct in their decision to eject him from the Civic Centre

"We are not happy with it but when they claimed the tables we had no choice since they had booked the hall for the entire year"

(Report by W Misbach of 95 Sir Lowry Road Woodstock)



Gerald Morkel

Clean sweepers

Though attention is now focused on the white arena, the significance of what is happening in coloured parliamentary politics should not be overlooked

Indications are that Allan Hendrickse's Labour Party (LP) is preparing a two-pronged strategy to force government into speedier reform. It is expected to adopt a far tougher stand in parliament than during the past five years — and it hopes to forge closer links with extra-parliamentary groups, including the ANC, to co-ordinate efforts and exert new pressure on F W de Klerk.

However, whether this will raise coloured voter turnout at the polls from the low level of the 1984 election seems doubtful.

Hendrickse has already indicated that he is not interested in serving in De Klerk's Cabinet and describes the National Party (NP)'s new five-year plan as "window dressing" which gives no indication of a genuine commitment to move away from race-based policies. Hendrickse has, however, renewed his original five-year ultimatum (which expires this year) for apartheid to be scrapped if the LP was to continue participating in the tricameral parliament.

Hendrickse's most significant power in parliament is the ability to block changes to entrenched and semi-entrenched clauses in the constitution. These changes need majority backing in each of the three Houses and government may not use the NP-dominated President's Council to bulldoze them through.

In effect this means De Klerk will need Hendrickse's approval to move away from tricameralism, or to set up negotiating mechanisms which affect aspects of the constitution. Hendrickse's attitude is that he will only back changes to the constitution and moves towards negotiation that are supported by recognised black leaders.

It is understood that he is already engaged in low-key moves to improve his relations with other major players outside parliament including ANC leaders and Inkatha's Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

There is no doubt that Hendrickse will again have the power base from which to operate. The LP is set to win an overwhelming majority in the House of Representatives (HoR). The only real challenge the party faces is to see if it can capture all 80 elected seats.

The LP is the only party contesting all 80 seats and 15 of its candidates, including Hendrickse, are unopposed. The main opposition group, the Democratic Reform Party (DRP) of former LP minister, Carter Abraham, had seven MPs when parliament ad-

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joined. It is fighting 41 seats. The United Democratic Party (UDP) of former senior LP member Jac Rabie is contesting 19. The Freedom Party has put up seven candidates, and there are 27 independents. Observers believe the LP's opponents will be lucky to win more than half a dozen seats between them.

The three Democratic Party MPs in the HoR were abandoned by their party. Two are standing as independents. The third, Charles Redcliffe, is not standing.

The LP dropped three of its current MPs including former opposition leader Dennis de la Cruz who is now standing for the DRP. Seven Labour MPs have retired and two have changed seats including Population Development Deputy Minister, Luwellyn Landers, who has moved from Mitchells Plain to Durban Suburbs. The party's two nominated MPs, Health Services & Welfare Minister Chris April and Desmond Lockey, were again nominated, as was former People's Congress Party leader and President's Councillor, Peter Marais.

The Hendrickse family is again well represented in the line-up with the addition of lawyer Michael Hendrickse as a candidate in Schauderville. He joins his father and party leader, Allan, his brother and party PRO, Peter, and his brother-in-law Desmond Lockey in the business of full-time politics. Godfrey Julies, brother of Budget, Auxiliary Services & Agriculture Minister Andrew Julies, was also nominated, as was Dawood Adams, son of former LP office-bearer, Lofty Adams, who was expelled from the party when he accepted appointment to the first President's Council, against LP policy.

Peter Hendrickse says the party certainly expects to return to parliament with more than the 66 elected seats it now holds. He adds that there is a genuine possibility that the LP will win all 80 seats. Election costs will be a bigger obstacle in most constituencies than opposition parties. He estimates that an average rural seat will cost about R20 000 to fight, with costs for an urban contest rising to between R30 000 and R40 000. The major share of the costs will go to printing and transport. ■

Alan won't join debate No 'waiting a little longer'

Political Staff
DURBAN — The National Party would lose votes if the SABC televised a debate between National Party leader Mr F W de Klerk and Labour Party leader the Rev Alan Hendrickse

Speaking at the Labour Party congress here, Mr Hendrickse said Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr Stofiel van der Merwe told him this.

Mr Hendrickse strongly criticised the SABC for its racially divided political debates and most newspapers for ignoring the elections in the Houses of Representatives and of Delegates

He had refused to take part in debates on the SABC with other members of the House of Representatives.

"I refuse to debate on a co-lour basis I am prepared to debate with Mr F W de Klerk as leader to leader"

Mr Hendrickse said he had taken the issue up with Dr van der Merwe, who had told him the NP would lose votes if such a debate were to take place.

(News by B Cameron, 85 Field Street, Durban)

Political Staff

DURBAN — National Party leader Mr F W de Klerk had to declare whether he intended dismantling apartheid or not, Labour Party leader the Rev Alan Hendrickse said at the weekend

Speaking at the party's Natal congress, Mr Hendrickse said Mr de Klerk must repeat what both he and former Constitutional Development Minister Mr Chris Heunis had said about the Separate, Amenities Act, the Group Areas Act and the Population Registration Act, namely that they were the main obstacles to a solution

"We agree with him."

He warned Mr de Klerk and the NP they would not be able to say after the

election "wait a little longer"

They had to take note of what important people were saying both inside and outside the country about the need for change There was no doubt South Africa was at the crossroads at which both black aspirations and white fears had to be considered

He appealed to people to ignore the "don't vote" campaign, saying that by participating in the system, the House of Representatives had already made a significant contribution to change and to improving the socio-economic conditions of people

This included the equalisation of a number of pension scales and salaries

(News by B Cameron, 85 Field Street, Durban)

Battle grows over alleged racist slur

257 By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

The coloured South Western management committee and its white counterpart in Johannesburg are set on a collision course over alleged racist remarks made by former mayor and senior management committee member, Mr Ernie Fabel.

After claims that Mr Fabel had insulted the coloured people at a joint meeting last Monday, the SW committee adjourned its monthly meeting yesterday demanding a transcript of the tapes and an apology from Mr Fabel.

SW chairman Mrs Margaret Mateman said yesterday's meeting was held in the old council chamber in the City Hall, which was not what her committee had requested.

"We asked for a committee room in the Civic Centre. We are ratepayers who worked to build up the city and we have a right to that facility," she said.

It was claimed last week that in response to the SW committee's request to be allowed to hold future meetings in the Civic Centre, Mr Fabel had insulted the coloured people. It was reliably learnt his remarks indicated coloured people were unwelcome in the Civic Centre.

Mrs Mateman said "A week after the incident Mr Fabel has not apologised nor have we received the tapes of

the meeting. We now insist on our requests being met."

Johannesburg management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger said last week that the tapes were "very faint".

Mr Fabel, after initially refusing to comment on the incident, yesterday issued a lengthy press release saying his "references to the Civic Centre being for white city councillors were torn out of context".

Refraining from repeating the actual words which allegedly insulted the coloured committee, he explained in detail that a discussion of delegated powers was one of the main reasons for last week's joint meeting (at which he allegedly made the racist remarks).

He said the reasons why the SW committee should meet in the City Hall and not the Civic Centre as they wanted, were spelt out at length to them.

He said his committee suggested the old council chamber at the City Hall as the venue "was part of our national heritage" and had all the facilities.

"In support of our suggestion we pointed to the practice of each council having its own council chamber, and that we wished them to have their own council chamber to have full status in the eyes of their people.

"We explained that no council gathered in the chamber of another council and that each chamber is the seat of that particular city council."

Judge allows sex offender to second nomination

By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

A LABOUR PARTY candidate whose nomination was seconded by a convicted sex offender on parole will be allowed to stand for election Cape Supreme Court Judge H C Nel ruled on Friday that the nomination of Mr Henry Cupido was valid because the criminal's name appeared legally on the voters' roll.

He dismissed argument by counsel for applicant Mr Petrus Cloete of the Democratic Reform Party that a person on parole was in fact still in detention and therefore not qualified to second an elec-

Cloete for now switches from the courtroom back to the hustings for the Kasselsvlei (Bellville) seat in the House of Representatives.

The seat was won for Labour in August 1984 by Mrs Joy Pilcher.

Her majority was 659 in a 14,5 percent poll Mrs Pilcher has stood down this time.

Mr Cloete sought a court order to have Mr Cupido's nomination declared invalid after he had discovered a prisoner on parole had signed and seconded Mr Cupido's

The election battle between Mr Cupido and Mr

nomination form

According to papers before the court, Mr Benjamin Richard Hickley had been found guilty of incest and was sentenced to four years' imprisonment in July, 1987.

He was allowed out on parole on April 15 this year and his parole period expires only on December 14.

The returning officer for Kasselsvlei, Mr Richard Benjamin Fredericks, allowed Mr Hickley to witness the nomination of Mr Cupido because Mr Hickley's name ap-

pears on the voters' roll, according to an affidavit submitted by Mr Cupido.

Mr Cloete told the court Mr Cupido had been correctly nominated by another eligible voter, Mr September Daniel Andreas van Wyk, on July 25.

But the next day, he received information that Mr Hickley had, on July 15, 1987, been found guilty of incest in the Parow Regional Court and sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

Mr Cloete argued that in

terms of the Electoral Act Mr Hickley was not entitled to be registered in the Kasselsvlei Constituency or to vote there until his parole period had expired and that the appearance of his name on the voters' roll was therefore not legal.

He asked the court to declare Mr Cupido not properly nominated as a candidate and that his nomination was invalid.

Mr Justice Nel dismissed the application with costs.

Report by Norman West, 122 St Georges Street, Cape Town

THE ELECTIONS GAME ... WHO'LL WIN, WHO'LL LOSE AND WHO IS BAD-MOUTHING WHOM

THERE will be no "hung parliament" after September 6 but it could be very close. The Nats will snake in with 91 seats, the DP will get 32 and the CP 43.

The Labour Party will come close to a clean sweep in the House of Representatives, Amichand Rajbansi will be back in parliament, and the DP will get no more than two (and maybe less than one) seats in a Solidarity-controlled House of Delegates.

These are the some of the results of an unofficial *Weekly Mail* punters guide to the election.

The race in the House of Assembly, which is the only one that counts, can be narrowed down to around 60 of the 166 seats.

What the parties do, say or don't do in the next 12 days could determine the outcome in over half of these.

Last week's departure of the Groot Krokodil has probably hindered the Nats to the right but may have helped those to the left.

FW may convince enough reluctant Nats to give the new boy a chance, and save the NP a seat or two. But PW's barbs about Lusaka's furniture factories might also persuade some on the right that it's time to leave.

Outside of a catastrophe the results in over 100 seats are already decided more or less, and only a fool would bet against the odds. As for the rest, here's the score.

TRANSVAAL

BENONI

The DP is seeing this one as a big chance for a gain. Former TV high flyer Pat Rogers is its man and the DP is running a vigorous campaign. Against him are some heavy odds, and a sitting MP, Johan Lemmer, who won the seat with 49 percent of the vote, compared with 28 percent for the DP and 22 percent for the CP. For the DP to win, the Nat share will need to fall by 15 percent. It should

A punters' guide to the sixty seats which count



The Democratic Party's Tony Leon

Okay, here's the score: 91 to the Nats, 32 to the Democrats and 43 to the CP. Labour will walk it and so will Rajbansi. That's the verdict of political reporter-cum-boxing writer **GAVIN EVANS** put his diverse talents to work predicting who'll win and who'll take a dive.

be close but Lemmer must be the favourite.

BEZUIDENHOUT

In the softest language Sam Bloomberg and his family are running a robust campaign. Using the "German factor" (to put it euphemistically) to swing Jewish voters and wheeling in the old age homes may not be everyone's idea of cleanliness, but it'll probably work. The Nats themselves wanted him out but he threatened to use the "Jewish factor" against them and they backed off. Fresh from his municipal election failure in Yeoville he beat Transvaal PFP leader Douglas Gibson by 19,6 percent in Bezuidenhout. DP's Geoff Engel, the South African born son of a political

refugee from Nazism, is doing his best and he'll come close. Also on the bill is the CP's S de Jager and two independents. Johan Enslin is a free marketer who makes Fred Hayek look like Joe Stalin, and Lionel Reichenberg is something close to a joke candidate. He was declared a "vexatious litigant" by the supreme court and is therefore standing on a scales of justice ticket. It all sounds like good fun but when the smoke clears Suicide Sam will be back.

BOKSBURG

Once again this is a four-party race, and one of the most fascinating of the election. The CP will say the HNP are the spoilers, the Nats will pass this accusation on to the DP. Last

time the NP's Sakkie Blanche passed the combined right-wing vote by nearly 16 percent. This time the town's rough experience of the consequences of CP policy should keep it in Nat hands. Expect Blanche to hold it but it will be close. The DP's Sirk van Wyk should come in third with 20 percent and the HNP's Attie Treurnicht, brother of Andries, will come fourth with five percent.

CARLETONVILLE

Once again the Nats are hoping the consumer boycott will give them a win but don't count on it. The CP's mineworkers' stalwart, Arrie Paulus, took the seat by a handful of votes in 1987 and he'll do it again. Without the HNP to mess things up he should

'Maak die kruis bo, man. Moenie vergeet, bo'

THE electioneering game is in full swing in the sprawling "coloured" township of Eersterust, about 15km east of Pretoria.

The Labour Party's Patrick da Gama and independent candidate Paul "Manna" Williams Jacobs are contesting the 13 894 township votes. And by the time polling stations closed on Monday night 4 760 people had already voted.

Standing at the polling stations at the weekend is better than going to a movie.

The two groups' offices face each other across the street. One can hear shouts of "Stem reg" ("Make the right choice") from both camps as prospective voters are bused to the office.

From the one side are children dressed in the blue and white colours of Eersterust Concerned Citizens, a municipal body that supports Jacobs, marching in front of minibuses which are hooting out the tune "E-C-C".

A man watching the vehicle pass tells his friend "Iemand het my gevra vir watter party stem ek, toe se ek 'KP - kleurling polidieke'" (Someone asked me which party I support. Then I said 'CP - coloured politics'). His large belly wobbled as he laughed.

Little drum majorettes give Jacobs flowers and he pecks them on the cheek, while their proud mothers stand by smiling.

Supporters explain money was raised for the campaigns through the holding of beauty contests and discos. The LP held "Miss Labour Party 1989" and "Labour Party Grandmother of the Year" contests, while the ECC is organising a "Grand Dance" to be held on September 1 at Club Bel Air.

Late in the evening a last group of voters is ferried to the office. A man stumbles to a booth as canvassers try to make sure of his vote. "Maak die kruis bo, man Moenie vergeet, bo!" ("Make your X at the top, man Don't forget, at the top.")

Just then the ECC team is busy connecting loud hollers to the top of a Sierra station wagon. It is now time for a procession to go out with "Ayobayo ECC", while the frenzied supporters in the next car are belting out "Papa is vir Manna bang," ("Papa is afraid of Manna") as they leave the offices.

Across the street Labourites are singing "You don't have the future if you do not share my beliefs", but later they switch

Standing in line at the polling stations in Eersterust, near Pretoria, is better than going to the movies. **LANCE NAWA** reports on a ferocious battle for the heart of the north-east.

to shouts of "Amandla" and "Wat het ons gemaak, Senzeni naa?" ("What have we done?") to the darkening night.

But behind the noisy, cheerful lobbying are claims of voter intimidation. Residents, who asked not to be named, claim the LP canvassing team last week prevented pensioners who wanted to vote for the independent candidate from leaving the premises of an old age home. "Two weeks ago a pensioner (a woman) was locked out of the home for the night because she voted against the Labour Party," said one middle-aged woman.

The LP has denied the allegations. Executive member of the party's Transvaal region, Aubrey Appelles, said "as far as we are concerned we do not know of any incident since the polling started" while Da Gama told the *Weekly Mail* (Johan Scholtmeijer (electoral officer) approached me with the allegation that my canvassing teams were using unacceptable methods to indoctrinate voters and I told him that was blue lies".

Said Jacobs "I do not want to answer anything with regard to the pensioners' issue, even if this has been brought to my attention, because I am trying to fight a clean battle."

According to Scholtmeijer, Eersterust is one of the largest constituencies in the Transvaal for the House of Representatives and the total number of people registered to vote in the constituency, which includes areas as far as the Swaziland and Mozambique borders, is 22 958.

The LP, through interviews with newspapers, has attacked Jacobs, the local management committee (of which Jacobs is a member), and David Wathen, who is opposing the LP in the northern Transvaal. Wathen is representing the Democratic Reformed Party.

In an article published in the *Pretoria News* two weeks ago the LP accused the management committee of discriminating



Allan Hendrickse

against Muslims practicing their faith and conducting business in Eersterust.

Jacobs challenged his opponent to a public debate. "When it comes to the claims against the management committee, I would like challenge Da Gama to a public meeting to iron out the issue," he said.

"The Muslim community knows quite well that two of my sisters are married into their faith. It is absurd to suggest that I discriminate on what ever ground.

"If I did, I shouldn't be using the motto 'Give Eersterust back to the People' in my campaign," Jacobs asserted.

Chairman of the LP's Transvaal region, Dr Willie Hoods, said "We did not make this allegation (of Jacobs' stance on the Muslim community) ourselves. It is the Muslim community that came to us with the matter and later handed a petition to (Minister of Local Government in the House of Representatives) David Curry about the alleged discrimination."

On July 30 a Sunday newspaper quoted LP leader Allan Hendrickse warning that should Jacobs and Wathen lose the elections they will not be accepted back into their teaching posts. The two men quit their posts as principals to contest the elections.

Hendrickse was quoted as saying it was a serious time and the people who opposed the party would find doors closed to them. "Terwyl ons in die verlede gese het die deure en vensters is oop, wil ek nou waarsku ... Dit is 'n ernstige tyd en vir die mense wat nou

teen die Party staan, wil ons se die deure is vir julle toe!"

But sources within Jacobs' camp said according to the Civil Service Act 110 of 1984 a person who suspends his service to stand for election can still be allowed back to teaching even after he has lost in the election, though he may get a lower post than previously held.

Wathen's response (in *Rapport*) was that there was so much interference in bona fide education matters that he had decided not to return to teaching.

Similar feelings were shared by some teachers approached by the *Weekly Mail*. "We lost many good teachers in Eersterust because of Hendrickse's political interference in our schools," said one high school teacher.

Residents and some of the canvassers, however, have pointed out that there are similarities between the two candidates.

Harrison Dewrance of the LP felt that taking part in the election was like playing house. "We are wasting a lot of money and time by creating divisions — from which the government thrives — instead of creating one formidable force that will keep them uncomfortable until such time that the genuine leaders of the South African people are out of jail," he said.

Jacobs added "My entry into the tri-cameral parliament is like prostituting my principles, but that is the only place at the moment where people can be represented until the bona fide leaders of our country will come and sit around the negotiation table."

Although Da Gama shared these opinions, he nevertheless warned the independents in parliament "there is no way independents can make their points in parliament because of the time allocated for debates".

Da Gama, who is the father of Moroka Swallows football star Owen da Gama, said "Standing as a party in parliament is advantageous in that you might have, say 400 minutes during which you can put your case across. But as an independent you may be allocated five minutes per session."

But "Dempsey" Prinsloo, a management committee member and a Jacobs supporter, disagreed. "The issue is not to bring irrelevant matters to parliament."

Report by Lance Nawa, 127 Anderson Street, Johannesburg

keep yesterday's information man, Louis Nel, out of office.

EDENVALE

This is the return bout between Brian Goodall and Joan Hunter, with independent PJ Venter in the spoiler role. Last time the NP's Hunter won by one percent. But she's proved to be a not-too-sharp righty and Goodall should win well. He'll be back in parliament to secure his pension.

GEDULD

Deputy Education Minister and arch-vertegite Sam de Beer is in big trouble here. Two years ago he retained his seat by a 12 percent margin. The NP's decline and the presence of the DP's Chris Pinto will take care of that. CP candidate Danie Marie should squeak home.

HERCULES

A strong HNP vote (26,5 percent) kept this seat from the CP in 1987, when the Nats won with 39 percent of the vote. Right-wing voters are likely to be wiser this time and the CP's SO Barnard looks set to win.

HILLBROW

Leon de Beer, the NP's youthful 1987 winner, is doing stumps in a softer section of a Northern Transvaal prison with his victory having been helped along by some out-and-out corruption. This should be the thing to give it to the DP's Lester Fuchs by a healthy margin, with the NP's Tony Wasserman second and the CP's TJ Ferreira a good third.

JOHANNESBURG WEST

If your bookie's a G-Man you should get odds in the region of 10/1 — which means its worth a small bet on the DP's Willem Hefer. Deputy Constitutional Affairs Minister Roelf Meyer is one of the bright young stars of the party and defeat is not even part of his nightmares. Last time he won by 3 600 votes with 57,5 percent to 23 percent for the PFP and 18,5 percent for the HNP. He must be favoured to sneak home again but by a margin of less than a thousand. Hefer is running strong but maybe not quite strong enough.

KRUGERSDORP

Once again a straight fight between Deputy Law and Order Minister Leon Wessels and CP wacko Clive Derby-Lewis. In 1987 Wessels won by 0,38 percent. Early polls showed he had consolidated his lead partly through the Boksburg-Carletonville fall-out. But the NP's lacklustre campaign may well have squandered that one for him. It's almost too close to call, but I'd bet on Clive.

INNESDAL

It's a good thing for maverick verteigte Nat Albert Nothnagel that he was eased off to take up ambassadorial duties in the Netherlands. In 1987 he pipped the combined right-wing vote by a single percent. This time Dr Rina Venter won't be so lucky and the CP's Reverend Mossie van der Berg will be in parliament. The presence of the HNP's L van der Schyf will be no more than an irritant.

LYDENBERG

Last time former cabinet minister Pietie du Plessis squeezed home by 1,6 percent over the combined right. Since then he's resigned under, well, questionable circumstances. The HNP are back but the DP are also there, which all means that the CP's Dries Bruwer is white house-bound.

NIGEL

This is a seat the Nats are hoping that with a little hoopla they can lift from the CP. In 1987 the CP's Carel Schoeman took the seat by a mere four percent. This time the NP has wheeled in self-proclaimed "super-spy" Big Craig Williamson to pump up the party's security image. It didn't work for him in Bryanston last time but maybe the good people of the far East Rand have more of a taste for the boot. They also hope the presence of the HNP's HE Hofmeyr will help. It won't. Count on Carel to beat the fat man like a heavy metal practice drum. But, no matter, Major Craig is back as a nominated MP.

NORTHRAND

The DP is sure that car hire magnate Louis de Waal has the stuff to lift this one from the NP's Attie Grobler.

Vlok responds to schools-unrest plea

'I will tell police to avoid using teargas'

By Peter Fabricius, Political Correspondent
Labour Party leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse met Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok in Pretoria yesterday to appeal to him to restrain police from "harsh" handling of protests at Western Cape schools.

Mr Vlok had agreed that the police would handle the schools' unrest "with caution", Mr Hendrickse said after a meeting lasting an hour and 45 minutes.

Mr Hendrickse — acting in his capacity of Minister of Education in the House of Representatives as well as party leader — said Mr Vlok assured him he would ask the police "as far as possible" to avoid using teargas in school buildings and school grounds.

Mr Vlok had also agreed to meet principals as soon as possible to discuss the unrest.

Mr Hendrickse said he and his education department felt strongly that education should return to normal and would not close schools. He

appealed to teachers and pupils for co-operation. "We brought to Mr Vlok's attention the unnecessarily harsh attitude of some police in some circumstances. We are disturbed by the way police have entered school premises in some cases."

"For example, at Excelsior School everything was quiet up to the 9th period on a certain day when the police barged in by kicking in the doors. We told Mr Vlok this sort of arrogant approach was hardening attitudes of pupils and teachers."

Mr Hendrickse said he also told Mr Vlok he believed that the underlying political situation had given rise to the unrest.

"Our reception was cordial. He showed understanding for our concern about the escalation of unrest that has taken place. We said the political problem must be addressed. He accepted this statement."

As a result of the meeting, there would be further close contact between the police and the education authorities to discuss mutual problems.

(Report by P. Fabricius, 47 Sauer St, Johannesburg)



The Rev Allan Hendrickse with a collection of teargas canisters. He says Mr Adriaan Vlok has assured him he will ask the police "as far as possible" to avoid using teargas at schools.

REPORT BY PETER FABRICIUS

Labour will win, but lose a moral battle to non-voters

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THE Labour Party will win the second round of ethnic elections for the House of Representatives on Wednesday, but it will be a hollow victory when measured against the large-scale resentment against tricameral politics by the majority who will boycott the polls

During the first election for the House of Representatives in August 1984, the Labour Party won 76 out of the 80 contested seats

The average percentage of registered voters who cast their votes countrywide in 1984 was 30,7 percent while the total percentage of eligible (potential) voters who bothered to cast their votes was only 18,4 percent

The percentage this time around could be higher, but that would be because of an amendment to the Electoral Act which has allowed candidates to canvass special votes hassle-free since July 3, and up to next Tuesday, the day before the election

In most constituencies thousands of voters, particularly pensioners and the jobless, have been ferried by taxis to the polling stations to cast their votes

Defiance

The supreme irony of Wednesday's elections remains the fact that the main pivot of South African politics is the role of blacks in a future political dispensation, yet they are excluded from the polling stations

The Mass Democratic Movement, the loose umbrella alliance based on a core of the United Democratic Front and the country's biggest trade union federation, Cosatu, to which a myriad of anti-apartheid groups are affiliated, has in recent times grabbed the headlines with its anti-election campaign

The MDM, fiercely against tricameral politics, spearheads a national defiance campaign said to be aimed at peaceful acts of civil disobedience in protest against this week's ethnic-based elections

But so far a factor that has cushioned the LP against possible MDM hostility at the hustings is that, unlike 1984, this year's elections take place against the backdrop of a state of emergency

This curtails the holding of protest meetings and stops the media from



by **Norman West**

Sunday Times Political Reporter

publishing certain stories about extra-parliamentary forces calling for a boycott of the election

It also muzzles those people who are against the tricameral Parliament and who are either banned outright or have restriction orders placed on them in terms of the Internal Security Act

Such measures also call into question whether an election held under emergency restrictions can be called "free, fair and democratic"

Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse conceded yesterday that the Labour Party could lose three seats, giving it a return of 77 out of the 80 contested, but he would not name which three were at risk

Challengers

Labour could lose any of about 10 seats. Observers believe Mrs Soheir Hoosen of the Freedom Party will beat off two opponents, Mr Solly Levy of the LP and Mr Ismail Achmat, an independent, and retain Tafelberg, which includes Salt River, Woodstock and Central Cape Town

In Ravensmead, Oom Hansie Christians is aiming to deal the LP candidate and President's Council member Mr Billy Ross a crushing defeat. Mr Ross has made a Supreme Court application to have Oom Hansie's candidature declared null and void because of alleged irregularities

Labour's Mr Dawood Adams has scant chance against the incumbent DRP MP Mr Dennis de la Cruz, who is expected to retain Ottery. There are troubles on the horizon for the sitting

LP MP for Grassy Park, Mr Joseph van den Heever, who is being challenged by one of the DRP's strongest candidates, Mr Sulaiman Ebrahim of the Grassy Park Management committee and a member of the West Cape RSC

The LP's Reiger Park candidate, Mr Isak Kruger, has a tough fight on his hands trying to unseat the veteran Transvaal politician and leader of the United Democratic Party, Mr Jac Rabie.

And in the Northern Transvaal, independent Mr Paul Jacobs may pull off one of the biggest upsets of the campaign in his bid to unseat the LP's Mr P R E da Gama

Mr Hendrickse's two sons are fighting against a full-scale DRP onslaught in the Eastern Cape. The sitting MP for Addo, Mr Peter Hendrickse, is being buffeted by the DRP's Mr Trevor Donald Lee while his younger brother, Michael, is being challenged for the Gelvandale seat by a veteran civic leader in the area, Mr Harry Claasen

In the Peninsula the two most interesting contests to watch are Liesbeeck, where the LP has fielded the Rev Pieter Klink of the President's Council against former Minister of Education and Culture and DRP leader Mr Carter Ebrahim

Grudge

Labour also looks to be in for a bloody nose in Macassar where the DRP's Mr Cecil Herandien is tipped to beat off an attempt by Eerste River businessman Mr Clarence Ratangee to grab the seat from him

A seat where history is repeating itself is the local grudge contest between the LP's Mr Peter Marais of the President's Council and Mr Nic Isaacs of the DRP.

Last time around Mr Isaacs won Bishop Lavis for the LP with a majority of 735 in a 17,7 percent poll against Mr Peter Marais, who was then leader of the People's Congress Party

Now Mr Marais is the LP candidate and out to avenge his 1984 defeat by pitting his stronger personality against the popularity of Mr Isaacs

Bishop Lavis will, as in 1984, be the national focal point of the House of Representatives elections on Wednesday night

Between 1% and 20% made use of special or prior votes

19/09/89 TANIA LEVY

SPECIAL and prior votes in House of Delegates and House of Representatives constituencies ranged from under 1% to 20% before polling day yesterday.

A 20% poll was recorded in the House of Delegates last election in 1984. The poll was 30% for the House of Representatives (257) (508).

About one-fifth of voters in House of Delegates and House of Representatives constituencies in Johannesburg voted prior to the election yesterday.

In Lenasia, 16,3% of 28 253 House of Delegates voters had voted before election day. In House of Representatives constituencies in Johannesburg, 13% voted early.

The lowest early voting was recorded in Maritzburg, where less than 1% of the 107 316 voters in six House of Delegates seats made prior votes.

In Durban, 15,5% of 551 304 voters cast special votes in 23 House of Delegates constituencies.

A 9,6% poll was recorded in 32 House of Representatives constituencies in Cape Town. In Rylands, the only House of Delegates constituency being contested in Cape Town, 11% of voters went to the polls before yesterday.

A 19,8% poll was recorded in the only House of Delegates constituency in the Port Elizabeth area, and nearly 20% of House of Representatives voters had cast prior votes.

MP showdown in a duel for snoek

By NORMAN WEST: Political Reporter

DEATH was a hair's breadth away after a Labour Party social function this week when an MP allegedly challenged another MP's son to a gunfight over territorial rights to a tasty piece of snoek.

The MP, reported to have his shooter constantly dangling at his hip, did not hesitate and in true Clint Eastwood style apparently urged the son to go ahead and make his day (or night)

The son then went to fetch his "iron".

Bullets were removed from the MP's pistol by a colleague, allegedly to avoid a murder at Cape Town's Laboria Park parliamentary village.

Several prominent politicians were present when an MP close to LP leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse allegedly chased away the son who reached for a piece of snoek, telling him to "f*** off" because he was not a member of the LP.

Deprived of his snoek, the insulted man accused the MP of being a "coward" who relied on his gun

Luckily, before the two pistol-packing men could blaze away, a "sheriff" in the form of a third MP disarmed the challenger and a high-noon-style duel was averted.

Dynasty

This is the latest development which points to dissatisfaction in party ranks over the way Mr Hendrickse handles nominations and promotions

In political circles, it is said the clash is the result of increasing opposition in party ranks to the way in which the "Hendrickse dynasty" runs the LP's affairs

Mr Hendrickse's two sons, Peter, MP for Addo, and Michael, MP for Schauderville,

plus son-in-law Desmond Lockey, MP for North West Cape, are now elected MPs

There are also rumours Mr Hendrickse is planning to bring two more family members into tricameral politics.

Names being bandied about are his brother, Arthur Hendrickse of Durban, and Professor Maurice Hommel, previously attached to the University of the Western Cape as professor and head of public administration and presently attached to the University of Toronto, who is likely to be appointed to the President's Council

Professor Hommel is Mr Hendrickse's half-brother.

Reject

Mr Hendrickse will be presented with a petition this week signed by Labour MPs asking him to recommend Lesley Jenneke for nomination to the President's Council

Mr Jenneke stood back for Mr Lockey in a nomination battle in the North Cape constituency.

Mr Hendrickse is likely to reject the suggestion.

There have also been party rumblings over the demotion of Willie Diedrich, unopposed MP for Bethelsdorp, in favour of Sohrub Oosthuizen.

Mr Diedrich was one of the most industrious questioners of issues regarding Mr Hendrickse's portfolio of Education and Culture.

Mr Diedrich was not always satisfied with Mr Hendrickse's replies to questions about the Order Paper of Parliament and openly said so

To crown it all, during the last elections Mr Diedrich's son Keith, former LP youth organiser, openly supported Trevor Donald Lee, who unsuccessfully tried to unseat Mr Hendrickse's son Peter in the Addo contest.

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TTA plea to Minister

Call to end race bar in schools

By Sue Valentine,
Education Reporter

The Transvaal Teachers Association (TTA) has called on the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Assembly to allow schools and colleges to admit students of all races

The decision was taken during the TTA's annual conference held at the Johannesburg College of Education at the weekend

TTA President, Mr Michael Myburgh, who was re-elected for a second term, said a motion was passed unanimously, requesting the TTA "through its representatives of all committees and contacts with extra-parliamentary initiatives to assert the right of school management councils to ask that schools be permitted to admit all pupils, irrespective of race, residing within the community served by the school"

Greater autonomy

"It further requests that such schools should fall under the control of the Minister of National Education and be administered as a General Affair"

In another motion, the TTA called on

Education and Culture Minister, Mr Clase to "allow colleges greater autonomy with regard to admission of students and courses presented"

A motion requesting mother-tongue instruction in the Transvaal Education Department be compulsory only to the end of Std 3 was also approved

On the issue of declining school enrolments, the conference proposed that where such a decrease resulted in posts becoming redundant, the teacher who holds such a post should have rank and salary protected for five years

Mr Myburgh said much of the debate during the conference centred around the keynote address by Advocate Mr Edwin Cameron on Friday night on the issue of human rights and education

Mr Myburgh said two key points were made by Mr Cameron. Education could not be divorced from politics and human rights went hand in hand with a just education system.

Other papers given included "Education for the 21st Century" by Mr Ben Brooks and Professor Ron Yule and "Women in Education" by Ms Penny Mackrory and Mrs Lynne Watson

Vice-presidents elected at the conference are Professor Ron Yule, Mr Dave Balt and Mrs Frances Graves

DEC teachers to be penalised for poll protests?

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Staff Reporter

COLOURED teachers who took part in anti-election protests could be disciplined for neglect of duty, Department of Education and Culture (DEC) spokesman Mr Thinus Dempsey said yesterday.

Asked to comment on the effects of simmering protests at Cape Flats schools, Mr Dempsey said disruption had varied between individual schools and regions.

Hardest hit by anti-election and defiance campaign actions were schools in Mitchells Plain, Bellhar, Paarl and Stellenbosch, he said.

Attendance had been lowest on September 5 and 6, when many of about 119 000 DEC high school pupils stayed at home, he said.

While third-term internal exams had been affected at some schools, teachers were helping pupils to catch up with afternoon classes.

Mr Dempsey could not say how many pupils had been killed or detained during recent unrest, saying the DEC did not keep a record of these figures.

Teachers would not be penalised for participating in protests, but could face disciplinary action relating to neglect of duty, he said.

A Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu) spokesman said yesterday that progressive teachers' organisations had recently adopted a motion warning that any victimisation of members taking part in the defiance campaign would be "vigorously opposed".

In the Western Cape's largest mass protest by teachers, about 5 000 members of DEC school staffs stayed away on September 6, he added.

Teachers warn HOR of 'tough fight'

By ANDRE KOOPMAN

THE Cape Teachers' Professional Association yesterday warned that education authorities in the House of Representatives "face a tough fight" if they persist with threats to discipline teachers who participated in anti-election protests.

"We will fight them with everything we've got. We will pull out all the stops," Mr Franklin Sonn, president of the 23 000-member CTPA, warned yesterday.

His comment follows a strongly worded press statement from the CTPA, which stated that "tensions in the schools are reaching critical proportions"

Tensions were running so high that officials of the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, such as inspectors and subject advisers, were not safe at schools because of the DEC's negative image, the statement said.

Earlier this month, DEC spokesman Mr Thinus Dempsey said that coloured teachers who took part in anti-election protests could be disciplined for neglect of duty.

He was quoted as saying that the normal procedures for monitoring teachers would be completed within a week. The DEC was concerned only with the action of teachers during

school hours, he added.

In the press release, the CTPA said it was clear from Mr Dempsey's statements that the the DEC was once again handling the "extremely sensitive issue" of tensions at schools, as a result of "apartheid elections, with high-handed and oppressive acts of retribution".

It would not be so easy this time "to quietly victimise teachers, as was done in the past", the CTPA said.

"Teacher-parent-student coalitions are much better-prepared to counter departmental actions and are in for a sustained fight that neither the DEC nor the minister, Mr Allan Hen-

drickse, can win".
Action against teachers would cause "incalculable damage to education", the statement said.

To this Mr Sonn added that DEC officials "were totally absent and some of them patently scared" to enter schools during times of upheaval, "but now that the situation has calmed down they wish to victimise teachers who have tried to protect their pupils".

Mr Sonn said he was seriously concerned that action by the DEC could disrupt exams.

Mr Dempsey was not available for comment yesterday.

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Housing project to provide for 15 000

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LESLEY LAMBERT

CAPE TOWN — The House of Representatives has launched a major R550m project to provide low-cost homes for 15 000 Western Cape families over the next decade.

The 1 000ha of land which has been made available for development in an area called Delft, borders Blue Downs on the Cape Flats and is east of D F Malan airport.

The project has been spread over a fairly long period to ease pressure on government resources which will be used to subsidise home loan repayments, and the homes are expected to be completed at a rate of about 2 000 a year, starting from January next year.

Described by Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture project co-ordinator James Slabbert as a "breakthrough in Cape housing", the project will provide substantial relief to the estimated 80 000 coloured people in and around Cape Town who are waiting for homes of their own.

A show village of 57 houses has already been completed and will be open for viewing tomorrow. About 19 largely Cape-based developers are building houses for between R12 500 and R17 000, with smaller 24m² homes selling at about R20 000 and larger 65m² homes, at about R30 000.

To achieve these prices, many of the houses will be incomplete when they are sold — without features and fixtures such as water cylinders, inner doors, ceilings and plastering.

A subsidised repayment scheme will enable people earning between R450 and R1 000 a month to buy homes in the area.

It is understood that people earning between R950 and R1 000 will be entitled to a R30 000 loan with monthly repayments of R322, while those earning between R450 and R950 will qualify for a R20 000 loan with monthly repayments of R65.

People who want to build their own homes will be offered plots varying in size from 200m² to 350m² for between R4 000 and R7 000. The Western Cape branch of the Urban Foundation will run a self-help programme to train builders.

The development project will also put aside 300ha for industrial development.

When he announced the project yesterday, House of Representatives Housing Minister David Curry said the people of Delft would be encouraged to contribute to the development of their community.

Allegations about LP's R300 000 ⁽²⁵⁷⁾ spark crisis

By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

THE Labour Party was thrown into turmoil this week by shock allegations involving the handling of party funds by LP leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse and party secretary Abe Williams.

The allegations involve a mysterious donation of R250 000 to the party, two alleged payments of R10 000 to Mr Hendrickse and Mr Williams and a R30 000 payment to Mr Hendrickse's "discretionary fund".

The man who has sparked the crisis is LP funds trustee Mr Roy Williams of the President's Council, who is known for his decade of self-imposed silence during political debates.

Probe

He has threatened court action against the two leaders, who are members of the National Executive Committee.

In an unprecedented move, Mr Roy Williams has launched an internal probe into the party's financial affairs, which has split the party into two groups — those who support Mr Hendrickse and those who support Mr Roy Williams.

In a letter to Mr Hendrickse, Mr Roy Williams called for clarification of the origin of the mysterious donation of R250 000 to the party.

Mr Hendrickse has refused to disclose the source.

He said yesterday "As Mr Roy Williams is well aware,

it has long been the LP's policy not to divulge the identity of party donors.

The LP, in keeping with other parties, is sensitive to a donor's wish for anonymity. The party has no intention of breaching the trust placed in it by donors, now or in the future.

"It is also not the policy of the LP to comment publicly on matters relating to its internal financial administration.

"However, the payments to members of the party to which Mr Roy Williams referred were allocated in terms of a unanimous resolution passed at a meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee on September 25, 1989.

"Mr Roy Williams was also present at the meeting."

LP MPs said yesterday the funds probe had sparked the most serious crisis in the party since it entered the tricameral parliament in September 1984.

And they feared it could seriously affect party morale at its annual congress in Kimberley after Christmas.

For the first time in 11 years, Mr Hendrickse's leadership is expected to be openly challenged at its annual congress.

Mr Roy Williams said yesterday Mr Hendrickse had no valid reason to refuse to disclose the origin of the R250 000 donation.

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members of the Hendrickse clan promoted rapidly to senior posts in the party

Rumblings in the lower ranks of the party — particularly among members who were sidelined in September's election or who were not favoured with the many discretionary appointments Hendrickse has at his disposal — are expected to surface with a vengeance in Kimberley. It is unlikely that Hendrickse will be ousted — but the expulsion of some rebel members and a possible split in the party can't be ruled out.

The latest row centres on an anonymous donation of R250 000 to the party. A trustee of the party funds and former MP, Roy Williams, wants to know where the money comes from, but Hendrickse won't say. It is understood that it may have been donated by Anglo American — but a spokesman, Conrad Sidego, this week declined to discuss the corporation's donations, saying they were regarded as private matters.

Williams also wants details of payments from party funds of R10 000 each to Hendrickse and party secretary and "Own Affairs" Minister Abe Williams and a payment of R30 000 from party funds into Hendrickse's "discretionary account" over which he has total control. Roy Williams has threatened to take Hendrickse and other party officials to court if they don't comply with his requests.

Party spokesman Peter Hendrickse says the LP does not want to debate its financial affairs in public. He says Roy Williams is welcome to raise the issues at the Kimberley congress, where they will be dealt with.

Hendrickse's supporters accuse Williams of waging a vendetta following his election defeat in September and Hendrickse's decision not to appoint him as a nominated MP. He was instead given a seat on the President's Council.

Hendrickse also faces criticism over the role his immediate family plays in managing the party. His son Peter is its PRO and spokesman on foreign affairs, his son-in-law, Desmond Lockey, is spokesman on Home Affairs. Both are regarded as relatively junior within the party and their appointment as spokesmen on key portfolios shocked a number of senior MPs who were overlooked. Hendrickse's wife, Terry, is said to play a leading behind-the-scenes role, and their younger son, Gary, is also an MP.

Hendrickse also appears to have fallen far behind recent political developments and is in serious danger of being completely sidelined. It now seems that Hendrickse's high profile and apparently powerful position within the tricameral system was a direct result of P W Botha's intransigence. ■

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Gone to fat

Labour Party leader Allan Hendrickse faces the first serious challenge to his leadership in more than a decade, when the party holds its annual congress in Kimberley next week.

Dissatisfaction has been sharpened by allegations of irregular handling of party funds and of increasing nepotism that has seen

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Expelled LP official to take party to court

By Esmare van der Merwe,
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KIMBERLEY — A senior Labour Party official, summarily expelled this week after alleging that certain party funds had been misused, is to take the party to court

Funds trustee Mr Roy Williams, a former MP and now a member of the President's Council, said in a statement yesterday his expulsion was an "in discriminate raping" of the party's constitution

His allegations involved an undisclosed R250 000 donation to the party, two alleged payments of R10 000 to LP leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse and to party secretary Mr Abe Williams and also a R30 000 payment to Mr

Hendrickse's discretionary fund Mr Roy Williams was expelled by the LP's executive on Wednesday for disclosing sensitive information to the press

A huge row is expected to erupt today, the last day of the 24th annual congress Party officials hinted last night a discussion of the treasurer's annual report could be closed to the press at the last minute

Hundreds of copies of Mr Roy Williams's statement are expected to be distributed at the congress today

Sources in the Williams camp said if suspicions of "meddling with funds by the Hendrickse mafia" were correct, Mr Hendrickse could be forced to step down However, supporters of Mr Hendrickse dismissed this as laughable

Mr Williams described as "a gross untruth" implications that his disclosures were the result of vindictiveness and position-seeking

"The national trustee has an obligation towards the people who make up the party, and not to certain individuals who have hushed up the truth like the Hendrickse clan"

Mr Williams said the constitution did not provide for the expulsion of officials found guilty of dishonourable conduct, only for such people to be ineligible for election to party committees

The information he had required was not for the purpose of publishing but for drawing up his trustee's report