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DET is ready to re-open schools

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Whether the 31 black schools closed during the disturbances are re-opened, depends on the reaction of parents and the community, the Department of Education and Training (DET) said today.

Black schools are due to open on Wednesday

DET spokesman Mr Peter Mundell said discussions have been held around the country between his department, parents and community organisations.

He said parents and black organisations want the schools re-opened and said DET would re-open them.

In Soweto, only 10 schools will be re-opened, Mr Mundell said, adding that many others throughout South Africa could be re-opened depending on discussions with parent bodies

He said schools where classes were suspended at the end of the third term were not listed among the 31 because "classes resumed normally at the beginning of the fourth term."

The back-to-school plea to black pupils in 1987 has gaining momentum.

The United Democratic Front, the National Education Crisis Committee, the Azanian Peoples' Organisation, the Azanian Student Movement, the Soweto Parents' Crisis Committee and the Soweto Students' Congress have all backed the call

COMMENT The DET viewpoint

THE angry and rather impressive attack launched at the international community by Mr P W Botha in his New Year message was a preparation to call an early general election for this year.

In his address to the nation, Mr Botha said it was ironic for South Africa to be put under so much pressure by the world when the Government was "in the very process of moving forward with our reform programme and had registered significant further progress in our policies of development of underdeveloped population groups and areas of our country. Now suddenly it is too little too late."

This message might strike a responsive chord in the white electorate, but we fear the majority of the people will not be impressed. Mr Botha's efforts at making historical comparisons with the rest of the world can simply be answered by the assertion that leaders should learn from the mistakes of others, not make excuses to justify their own shortcomings.

Mr Botha had to use powerful language to get the white community to unite in his so-called reform programmes. There was also a veiled threat that if this Government is voted back into power the white community would do all in its power to fight so-called "terrorists" and stop what Mr Botha terms the establishment of a "tyrannical dictatorship" in South Africa.

What this means is that this year will see the repetition of all the terrible problems and perhaps some of the tragedies of 1986. It does not give us too much hope for the future. We fear it is also the type of aggressive confrontationist language that the radicals to the left and right will welcome.

GUEST columnist Jaap Strydom, the acting director-general of the Department of Education and Training, defends the controversial new powers given to his department under the emergency laws.

THE Department of Education and Training has a binding obligation towards all parents to ensure that their children are educated, and performs its task with one paramount objective: To serve the best interest of the child.

The Department cannot and will not bow to its detractors. It cannot because it would be abrogating its responsibility to the parents, it will not, because to do so would be to entrust the child's future to people who have consistently demonstrated that considerations other than the education of the child are foremost in their minds.

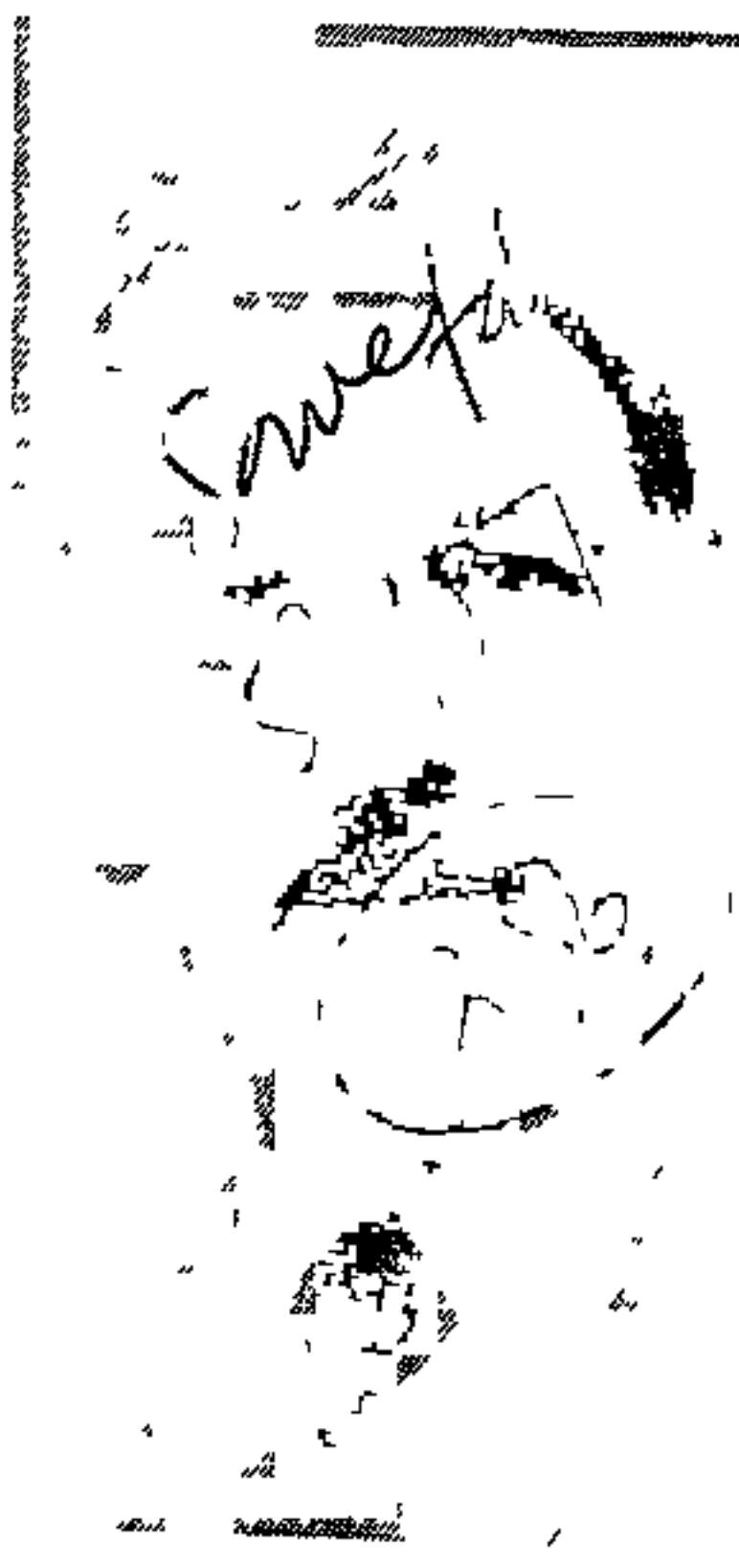
Their actions have led to untold misery, broken dreams, unfulfilled promises, ruin and vain sacrifices by both parents and children.

It is for these reasons that new regulations have been published to make it possible for the Director-General of Education and Training to issue orders aimed at ensuring uninterrupted and meaningful education in schools under the jurisdiction of this department. These regulations will have the promotion of education as their sole aim and the issuing of orders related to these regulations will primarily be to protect the interests of both pupils and parents.

Education is offered by true professionals. Our education department does not consist of a few officials at head office but of some 48 000 teachers who have the responsibility of educating almost 2

million children in our schools. These professionals are not an extension of any political party or of the Government of the day. The Department of Education and Training is a State department and these teachers — the professionals — will be continuing with the job regardless of which political dispensation exists in the country and regardless of which political party is in power.

Just as there is no difference between doctors and nurses employed at a State hospital and those employed in private practice, there is also no difference between the professionals employed by the Department of Education and Training and those employed by any of the 17 other education departments in the country.



Mr JAAP Strydom.

GUEST COLUMN

These professionals strive to maintain the highest professional standards of education. There is no such thing as an inferior education programme for our pupils. There is no restriction or ceiling in respect of study directions. This has been proved in practice in that provision of education up to the highest level by means of technical colleges, colleges of education, technikons and universities has been a reality for many decades. There is no such thing as an education which evades the sophistication of the modern world or which is limited only to the traditional culture or to prepare people for subservient, low-skill job opportunities.

An educationist's primary objective is to lead the child to responsible maturity in partnership with the parent. It is the perception of all those in the Department of Education and Training who have had the privilege of working with parents that in them you have a true sense of values, a willingness to sacrifice and the determination to see their children achieve what is worthwhile — a bright future. It is this perception that strengthens the resolve to do everything that is humanly possible to ensure that the children for whom we are responsible get proper education.

Our primary objective is to equip every child with knowledge and

skills so that he will be able to make wise choices and decisions and that he will eventually be able to offer his services on the open market to the highest bidder if he so wishes. But education is infinitely more than merely preparing children for one or other occupation. It is the spiritual, mental, physical and cultural development of the person as a total human being. It is the teaching of values and norms which will enable the child to develop to maturity and to maintain acceptable standards of behaviour in a civilized society.

The school has to accept the child as he is, and thereafter mould him in a group situation to become a useful member of society, equipped with those norms and values required to enable the child to exist as a responsible adult. Mere book knowledge can never be sufficient and it is only part of the education process, although it must necessarily be considered a vital part without which all of society would be that much poorer. The school is an extension of the home and must strengthen the work of the parents. Because of this it is of the utmost importance that the parents become involved with the school to ensure that the strengthening of values takes place. Although some of our parents have not had opportunities to acquire high academic qualifications, the school of life has equipped them with maturity, experience, insight and wisdom which entitles them to the esteem and respect of everyone.

Education in this broadest sense is a dynamic process and the objective is one which we share with the parent of every child. The principal and teacher act *in loco parentis* to supplement the education given in the child's home.

It is in this light that the regulations should be viewed. Just as a father will do everything possible to protect his children in his own home against harmful outside influences and just as a parent will not allow intruders to enter

his home to intimidate his children and to take over the running of his family, the school can also not allow intruders to come into this larger home, to intimidate its children and to cause them mental or bodily harm. After all, parents entrust their children into the care of the teacher and the principal, and this trust cannot be betrayed.

Thugs who will stop at nothing, force children on their way to school to return home, order them to resist going into classes, chase them home after break, compel them to acts of insubordination and destruction such as destroying their own books and tearing up their examination papers. The same thugs brandish weapons, burn schools, attack teachers, burn their cars and threaten death to those who refuse to toe the line.

These are blatantly criminal acts. The victims must be protected from the perpetrators of these acts. Clearly steps must be taken to put a stop to such acts.

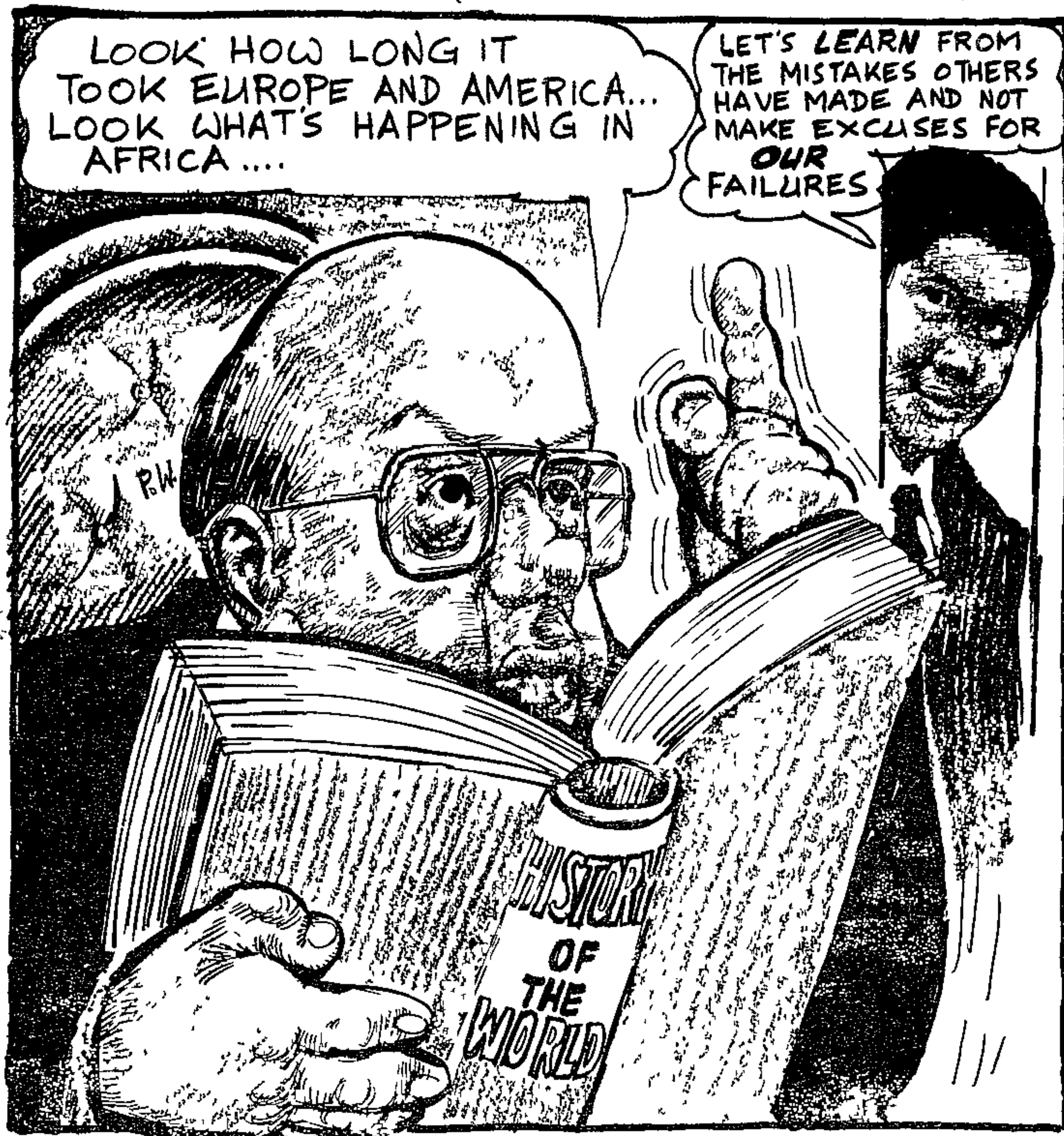
A recent survey has proved that 93 percent of all parents want their children to be in school and to receive an education without interference from outside.

It is essential that education should be depoliticised and that schools should never be allowed to turn into political battlefields. Politics is an adult domain. We are all looking forward to a new South Africa, and it is essential that we should work together to realise our common dream. But whatever the new dispensation will be, the children of this new South Africa will have to be educated and grow into responsible adults who are enterprising, confident and free of fear.

Ruthless and unscrupulous people who abuse children for selfish ends have thus far only succeeded in disrupting the education of many children, in destroying their futures and in turning these innocent children into fearful, confused young people.

WE are not intransigent, vindictive or insensitive. As professionals we have no political axe to grind. We have a proven track record of open doors and a willingness to communicate and to listen to those for whom the best interest of every child is of prime importance.

On behalf of every teacher I say to every parent: We are your friends and partners. We love your children — we love our own. Join in making 1987 a truly successful academic year.



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DET Accused of Intransigence

JOHANNESBURG — The National Education Crisis Committee (NECC) has described the criticism of the organisation by the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, as "slandereous".

Reacting to comments made by Dr Viljoen on SABC's Network on Sunday night, the NECC spokesman, Mr Eric Molobi, said the minister's claim that the NECC was a "negative" organisation was incorrect.

"It is about time we

expose the Department of Education and Training's (DET) intransigent nature with regard to the NECC," Mr Molobi said.

The NECC had made repeated attempts to discuss the education crisis with Dr Viljoen, but the minister had "casually sidelined" the committee to his deputy, Mr Sam de Beer.

"The DET and Dr Viljoen gave us no answer that they would not comment on guarantees for our safety."

On television, Dr Vil-

joen said there had been "more talk and promises than results" from those involved in people's education.

Mr Molobi said even though the NECC was "on the run", a draft history book had been completed.

"Dr Viljoen needs to know we are aware the recent repressive measures on schooling and syllabuses are aimed at people's education which has been interpreted as a threat to his government."

"It is not coincidental

that students refer to Bantu education as gutter education, because it truly is that," Mr Molobi said — Sapa

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Classrooms besieged as thousands return

THOUSANDS of pupils besieged black schools in Cape Town today, hoping to register for the 1987 academic year

Although schools have been open for registration for the past few days, many pupils turned up today, hoping to be accommodated. Many classrooms were, however, already full.

Black pupils poured into classrooms throughout most of the country today, heeding a return-to-school plea by community, political, church and education organisations.

The chief of public relations for the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr Job Schoeman, said about 1,8-million pupils were expected to enrol around the country. He said there were 70 000 more pupils than last year.

Mr Schoeman said the Department could not guarantee that all the pupils who failed a standard last year would be accommodated.

However, most principals in the Peninsula were optimistic that they would be able to cope with the number of pupils who wanted to enrol.

It appears unlikely that formal classes will commence this week as principals will, over the next few days at least, be attempting to accommodate as many pupils as possible.

A DET spokesman, Mr P J Scheepers, said the department did not yet have official figures for the number of pupils who returned.

"We expect a normal turnout," he

said. "There is no reason to believe that the situation would be any different."

Unlike schools in the Transvaal, pupils are not expected to be accompanied by their parents or legal guardian.

The principal of Crossroads No 3, Mr H Jimba, said the schools in the area had sufficient teachers to cope with the number of pupils expected to turn up.

Mr C W van der Vyver, principal of Luhlaza High, the only secondary school in Khayelitsha, was uncertain.

"We were flooded with pupils on Monday and Tuesday," he said. "We don't have enough places for all of them, let alone those who turned up today."

Pupils who could not be accommodated at the school would be sent to schools in other areas, he added.

Mr Schoeman said that some schools, many of them in Soweto, had been damaged to such an extent that they could not re-open today. They would have to be repaired first.

He expected there to be about 48 000 teachers for the 1,8-million pupils. The teacher/pupil ratio in primary schools was expected to be 1:40 and in the secondary schools there would be one teacher to 30 children.

● Black matriculants who wrote their exams last year received their results today, although assessment was completed some weeks ago — Staff Reporter and The Argus Correspondent, Pretoria



NEW PUPILS: Pupils line up outside Langa High, waiting to register.

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CONDOMINIUM... residents were embroiled in a rent-and-utilities row with the council.

THE National Education Crisis Committee yesterday accused the Department of Education and

DET 'has placed pupils in dilemma'

THELMA TUCH

Training of insensitively introducing "last minute harsh measures" which placed black students in a dilemma as to whether to return to schools today

On Friday, the DET announced that Soweto and Alexandra high school pupils had to be accompanied by a parent to be registered at schools today

Also recently introduced was an emergency regulation vesting the Education and Training director-general with wide powers to restrict and

control the movement of black pupils. Community organisations, including the NECC, the Transvaal Students' Congress (Trasco) and the Soweto Parents Crisis Committee have all appealed to pupils to return to school today.

NECC national organiser Eric Moloji yesterday labelled comments made by Education and Training Minister Gerrit Viljoen on SABC-TV as "slanderous".

Tembisa back-to-school call

JANET GILL

THE Tembisa Student Organisation has called on all Tembisa students to go back to school when schools re-open today

Organisation spokesman Bridgeman Kumalo said the decision had been taken after consultations with the local Parents' Crisis Committee, the Tembisa SRC Co-ordinating Committee and students.

Kumalo said: "We are not return-

ing to school as a compliance or a defeat on our side and we are quite aware that the Department of Education and Training (DET) has not met our demands and now the ball is in its hands to meet those demands."

The organisation also believed the DET should release students and teachers from detention.

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Huge classroom backlog

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AT LEAST R650m will be required to eliminate the backlog in the provision of classrooms for blacks, according to research conducted by the South African Institute of Race Relations.

These estimates are made in the institute's "Social and Economic Update" for the third quarter of 1987, released yesterday.

The figures include the "independent" and "non-independent" homelands.

They are based on a classroom shortage for blacks of 38 641.

The shortage of classrooms for coloured people is estimated at 5 400

and for Indians at 587.

There is a surplus of 3 840 classrooms in white schools, representing 15 3637 empty places, according to "Update."

The huge amount required to meet the backlog in black classrooms is based on estimates by the Department of Education and Training (DET) that it costs between R95 000 and R103 000 to build a classroom at a new secondary school, and between R22 000 and R30 000 to build one at an existing secondary school.

Comparable figures for primary schools are R60 000 at a new school and between R22 000 and R30 000 at

an existing one.

The publication also reported on the per capita spending in 1986 on education

An amount of R2 746 was spent for whites, R1 952 for Indians, R1 330 for coloured people and R395 for blacks.

Analysis of the education budgets for the current financial year illustrate that state spending had increased by racial departments had increased by 8,77% for whites, 16,1% for coloured people, 10,46% for Indians, and 25% for Africans outside the homelands

Increases for non-independent and independent homelands (which may include tertiary education) show

even better improvements.

Among the non-independent homelands, Gazankulu shows an increase of 65% Kangwane 48,98%, KwaNdebele 110%, KwaZulu 50,27%, Lebowa 66% and QwaQwa 43,43%.

Figures for three of the "independent" homelands are. Bophuthatswana 5,49%, Ciskei 38% and Venda 22,27%. Figures for Transkei were unobtainable.

"Social and Economic Update" adds that the trend noted in previous quarters — an increase in government resources for black education — continued in the third quarter for 1987.

Further analysis of this year's education budgets also suggests that priority is being given to homelands, most of whose education budgets rose far more sharply than that of DET. The government's commitment to upgrade farm schools also suggests that improvements in black education in white-designated rural areas may be on the way.

Outside the homelands, DET appears to be making limited but steady progress in reducing backlogs. There was evidence that the government was cutting back on white education resources. But it remained highly doubtful that racial parity in education could be achieved in the foreseeable future — Sapa

Pupil fares may be subsidised

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THE Department of Education and Training may soon subsidise scholars' transport fares, according to Mr Job Schoeman, the department's Chief Liaison Officer.

Mr Schoeman said on Thursday that the Department of Transport Affairs had, for some time, been negotiating with various education departments with a view to subsidising scholars' fares. He said the negotiations were still in progress and that no firm decision had yet been taken.

This follows a recent decision by Putco that scholars using its buses will have to pay full fares from the beginning of next year as the company was suffering substantial losses as a result of the concessions.

Meanwhile, white schoolchildren living in outlying areas but attending school in towns are being subsidised.

The company also appealed to the various Government departments with an "interest in scholar transport" to come together and formulate a meaningful policy for all population groups, "so that any perception of unequal treatment" could be eliminated.

Putco's decision came under fire from various black organisations which accused the corporation of being "insensitive".

The Azanian People's Organisation urged the Government to subsidise black transport as the problem emanated from its policy of apartheid.

3 840 surplus white classrooms, yet Black backlog needs R850-million — report

9/11/87

JOHANNESBURG — At least R850-million will be required to eliminate the backlog in the provision of classrooms for blacks, according to research conducted by the South African Institute of Race Relations.

These estimates are made in the institute's Social and Economic Update for the third quarter of 1987, released yesterday

The figures include the "independent" and "non-independent" homelands. They are based on a classroom shortage for blacks of 38 641

The shortage of classrooms for coloureds is estimated at 5 400 and for Indians at 587

There is a surplus of 3 840 classrooms in white schools, representing 153 637 empty places, says the publication.

The amount required to meet the backlog in black classrooms is based on estimates by the Department of Education and Training (DET) that it costs between R95 000 and R103 000 to build a classroom at a new secondary school, and between R22 000 and R30 000 to build one at an existing secondary school.

Comparable figures for primary schools are R60 000 at a new school and between R22 000 and R30 000 at an existing one.

Social and Economic Update noted that the DET built 435 new classrooms last year at existing schools and 1 361 at new ones.

Of the classrooms at new schools, 823 were provided at 28 new sec-

ondary schools and 538 at 25 new primary schools

The publication also reported on the per capita spending in 1986 on education

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Analysis of the education budgets for the current financial year illustrate that state spending on separate racial departments had increased by 8,77 per cent for whites, 16,1 per cent for coloureds, 10,46 per cent for Indians, and 25 per cent for blacks outside the homelands.

Increases for "non-independent" and "independent" homelands (which may include tertiary education) show more improvements.

Among the "non-independent" homelands, Gazankulu shows an increase of 65 per cent, Kangwane 48 per cent, KwaNdebele 110 per cent, KwaZulu 50 per cent, Lebowa 66 per cent, and QwaQwa 43 per cent.

Figures for three of the "independent" homelands are Bophuthatswana 5,4 per cent, Ciskei 38 per cent, and Venda 22 per cent. Figures for Transkei were unobtainable.

Social and Economic Update adds that the trend noted in previous quarters — an increase in government resources

for black education — continued in the third quarter for 1987.

Further analysis of this year's education budgets also suggests that priority is being given to homelands, most of whose education budgets rose far more than that of DET.

The government's commitment to upgrade farm schools also suggests that improvements in African education in white-designated rural areas may be on the way.

Outside the homelands, the DET appears to be making limited but steady progress in reducing backlogs. There was evidence that the government was cutting back on white education resources.

But it remained highly doubtful that racial parity in education could be achieved in the foreseeable future. Vast disparities remained in per capita spending on each race and in key indicators such as teacher/pupil ratios, teacher qualifications, and classroom shortages.

"As in previous quarters, a key constraint is the government's unwillingness to allow unused white facilities to be used by other races."

The publication conceded that there was some flexibility on this issue but pointed out that it was limited.

"For example, the government has retreated from an earlier willingness to allow unused schools to re-open as private, non-racial institutions."

"It now appears that some unused white fa-

cilities might be opened to blacks only — but only if they are outside white residential areas, a stipulation which sharply limits this concession."

The institute says a key test of government intentions will be its decision on the future of white teacher-training colleges earmarked for closure.

It notes that some government planners have been urging that these be reopened as black colleges.

The institute notes that despite government policy enforcing segregation in state schools, schools controlled by the Houses of Representatives and Delegates have admitted pupils of other races.

At the beginning of March, this year, 7 094 black, white, and coloured pupils had been admitted to Indian schools. Eighteen of these pupils were white.

Public health standards for all races are dropping sharply because financing public health is a low government priority, the publication found.

The institute questioned whether increased government spending on black facilities would generate sufficient momentum to sustain the required development to reach parity in facilities that are provided for all races.

The institute argued the government would be unable to sustain the burden indefinitely without cutting into white spending — Sapa

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About 550 000 copies of a Department of Education and Training pamphlet republishing "positive" newspaper reports about black education and the return to school were distributed to pupils countrywide yesterday, a DET spokesman said.

Entitled "Focus on Education", the pamphlet included an article by educationist Dr Franz Auerbach which appeared in The Star on December 17. However, it was not used in full and the introductory paragraphs were deleted.

Dr Auerbach said he was "displeased" the DET had not included these "very important paragraphs".

The article was the second in a two-part series. Dr Auerbach said the first article, outlining the "poor image" of the DET, should have been included.

"If the DET wishes its 'Focus on Education' to be taken seriously it should also have printed the first article which dealt with suggestions that the DET could take to rebuild its credibility."

The DET spokesman said the paragraphs had been deleted in error and he was unaware the article was part of a series.

"It is also strange that the DET highlights the National Education Crisis Committee's call for pupils and students to return to school while at the same time Dr Gerrit Viljoen accuses the organisation of negativism," Dr Auerbach said.

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DE BEER TO VISIT ALEX

SOWETAN Reporter

THE Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, will visit Alexandra Township today amid growing concern about the department's new registration requirements.

The Johannesburg regional director for the DET, Mr Gunther Merbold, yesterday said Mr de Beer would visit some schools and also talk to the Press.

At the weekend parents and pupils at several schools in Diepkloof, Soweto, expressed concern at the new registration forms. Parents are required to indemnify the department if their children are killed or injured while being transported in Government vehicles.

At a meeting attended by about 200 parents and pupils, parents told a headmaster to submit a memorandum to the DET rejecting the registration forms.

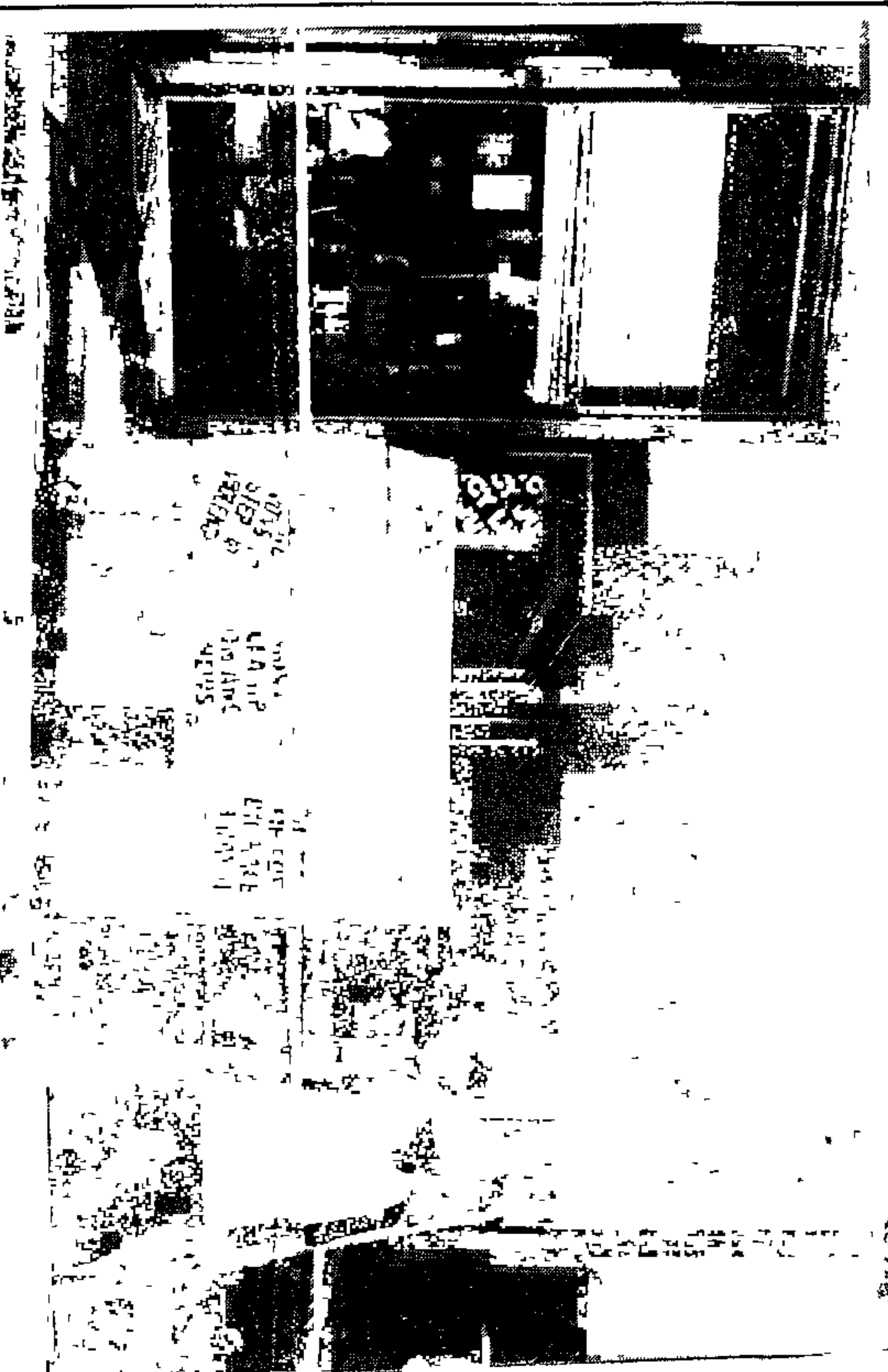
The parents said they were not consulted when the new regulations were drawn up.

People at the meeting felt that while they wanted pupils to return to school this year, they were concerned that the smooth return to school by black pupils was being hampered by minor snags.

Parents also criticised other aspects of the registration requirements which said that all fees should be paid on registration.

They interpreted this to mean that the department could demand any amount from them and they would be forced to pay high amounts as they had agreed in writing to do so.

The pupils said they were keen to return to school provided no impediments were placed before them.



WINDOWS were shattered when a bomb rocked the OK Bazaars Eloff Street branch on Friday afternoon. Police cordoned off the surrounding area. On Saturday morning, as shoppers were buying sale goods which were damaged during the blast, there was a false bomb scare which sent the thousands of people who were in the shop running for the exits. According to the general manager of OK Bazaars, there were about 8 000 bargain hunters in the store about 9.45am. About 30 minutes later the false alarm was raised on the shop's ground floor. Some OK Bazaars employees are on strike over wage increases. The strike has entered its third week. A spokesman for Ccawusa, the workers' union, Mr Salim Vally, categorically rejected any speculation linking Ccawusa to the bomb blasts.

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DET to build 6 schools in Alex

By SY
MAKARINGE

THE Department of Education and Training is to build six schools — five primary and one secondary — in Alexandra Township this year, Deputy Minister Mr Sam de Beer announced during a tour in the township yesterday.

Mr de Beer said two of the primary schools would be built between January and March at a cost of R600 000, while two more, Ikageng and Zenzele, would be put on tender on Thursday.

He said as far as upgrading was concerned, two existing school buildings had already been converted into double-storeys. He said R53 000 had also been set aside for improvements to other schools while R800 000 would be allocated for sporting facilities.

"I would like to thank the community of Alexandra for their patience and perseverance for years of waiting for better facilities. We are here because of our sincere wish for our children to obtain the best possible education," Mr de Beer said.

He said it must be realised that the future was going to be decided by the education of the children.

Meanwhile, the Transvaal Indian Congress (TIC) has issued a call to all headmasters of Indian schools to admit children of all races when schools re-open today.

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De Beer visits black schools (25)

ALEXANDRA schools were visited yesterday by Education and Training Deputy Minister Sam de Beer in an effort to assess the situation.

That came in the wake of new weekend restrictions effectively banning "people's education" for black pupils.

De Beer was accompanied by DET acting director-general Jaap Strydom, chief liaison officer Job Schoeman and Philip Engelbrecht.

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None of them could be contacted yesterday for comment but liaison officer Peter Mundell said De Beer had visited the township but it had not been a fully official visit.

He said De Beer had visited a number of townships to get a clear picture of the situation in the schools.

Mundell said the situation at schools nationally was "quiet".

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DET was consulted by police about banning

BUSINESS DAY incorrectly reported yesterday that a Department of Education and Training (DET) spokesman said his department was not consulted by the police before new regulations effectively banning "people's education" were issued.

DET spokesman, Job Schoeman said yesterday that his replies to questions had been "deliberately twisted" to give them a sinister interpretation and to cast aspersions on the actions of the police.

He said that when asked whether the police had consulted with the DET before issuing orders concern-

ing the NECC "my reply was that I did not have the information at hand and would have to verify the information".

"However, your report states that a DET spokesman says that these restrictions were apparently issued by the police without any consultation with the DET."

Consultation did, in fact, take place between the police and the DET "at the highest level" before the issuing of orders by the Commissioner of Police, a DET spokesman said yesterday.

Business Day apologises for the incorrect report

DET quiet on schools

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WEDNESDAY
THELMA TUCH

THE Department of Education and Training (DET) would not say yesterday how many of the 72 schools that were closed last year had re-opened.

DET liaison officer Peter Mundell said the re-opening of schools was being handled by acting director-general Jaap Strydom.

He said the department was not prepared to say which schools had been re-opened because it did not want to jeopardise negotiations.

Mundell said meetings were held last weekend between assistant directors and parents of scholars to "get the schools going as quickly as possible".

He said further meetings would be held this weekend to finalise negotiations.

Pupils in the Transvaal, Free State and Natal have until January 20 to register while the registration deadline in the Cape is January 30.

Parents have been requested to pay school funds on the day their children register.

Govt 'transfers' Oukasie school

By Susan Fleming

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has transferred a primary school in Oukasie, the Brits area, which the Government is slowly tearing down.

The Inumenaleng Primary School has been transferred to Lethlabile, the resettlement camp the Government has created for Oukasie residents 24 km away.

The chairman of the Brits Action Committee, Mr Marshall Buys, said the Government was "using education as a tool" to force people to move to Lethlabile.

"We will not be moved. If need be we will build our own schools," he said.

"Our children must have an education and we will make sure they have classrooms to go to.

"If the DET refuses to supply us with teachers we will find and pay for our own," he said.

DET spokesman Mr Peter Mundell refused to comment on the claim that the Government was "using education as a tool" by transferring the school.

He said the school had been "transferred" because it was "very run down".

Teachers, desks and school equipment had all gone to the new school in Lethlabile.

There is now only the Odi Primary School and a secondary school left in Oukasie.

Pupils who were previously at the Inumenaleng Primary School are crammed into Odi classrooms.

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Nearly 950 pupils have registered at the school and the DET has provided only 15 teachers.

Some classes have as many as 80 pupils and according to the principal of the school, Mr M.L. Pitso, teachers simply cannot cope.

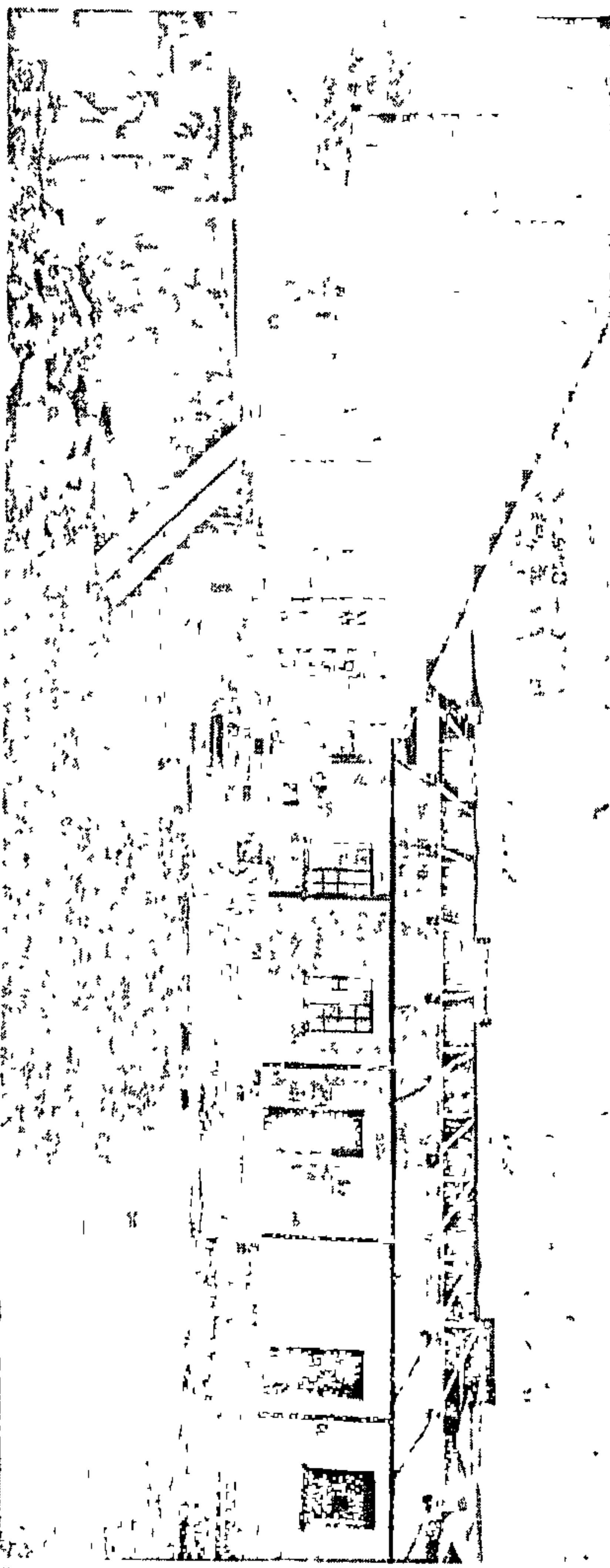
Mr Pitso has asked the DET to send more teachers urgently, but he said the "white inspector" told him the "school was dying" and no more teachers would be sent.

The DET has also not sent stationery and textbooks to the school and Mr Pitso said pupils had to buy their own equipment.

Mr Mundell said equipment and stationery for the school was probably



"We will not move", says Mr Marshall Buys (above), chairman of the Brits Action Committee. Oukasie pupils are crammed into a classroom (right) at the Odi Primary School since the Inumenaleng Primary School was moved to Lethlabile, leaving behind a vacant building (below).



in the circuit inspector's office awaiting collection.

The primary and secondary school in Oukasie are taking in pupils from outlying areas.

Mr Buys claimed a local transport company had been ordered by the DET to stop "bussing children" into the Oukasie location.

"The DET wants Oukasie to have so few chil-

dren that it can close the remaining schools."

In a letter to the Bothabelo Secondary School the DET's circuit inspector said schools should not enrol pupils from areas surrounding Oukasie.

He asked that a list of pupils and their residences should be given to the DET.

But the Bothabelo Sec-

ondary School committee agreed in a meeting this week that "any child was welcome at their schools".

Mr Mundell said pupils from outlying areas and Bophuthatswana could not be accommodated in Oukasie.

"Only pupils from Oukasie are zoned for the schools in the area. If we

find that the increase in pupil numbers is because people from outlying areas have been bussed in then we will have to negotiate with the Bophuthatswana Government," he said.

Since the end of last year about 100 homes in Oukasie have been demolished by the Government. Tin shacks have replaced many of the

homes. Residents stand firm that they will not be removed.

"We have lived here for 55 years. Why must we move? What gives them the right to tell us to leave our homes?" said one resident.

Another resident said if they were forced to move many people would be unable to get to work in Brits.

"While we live here we can walk to work. But, if they move us to Lethlabile it will be very difficult."

Said the Rev O K Makgopela, chairman of the Bothabelo High School committee and BAC Advisor. "I am amazed the Government does not want to upgrade Oukasie and wants to remove us when it can spend R4 million on a record."

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'DET IS FORCING US TO LEAVE OUKASIE'

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By ALINAH DUBE and SY MAKARINGE

THE Government has been blamed for allegedly using the Department of Education and Training as a tool to force the remaining 1 400 Oukasia, Brits, families to move to the Lethlabile resettlement area.

This comes in the wake of the transfer of most Oukasia teachers to Lethlabile, the closure of a primary school and the withdrawal of free stationery to the remaining two schools.

Community leaders in the area last week expressed fears that this move could lead to the destruction of proper schooling in Oukasia and eventually leave parents with no option, but to move to the new area.

The Sowetan was also informed that a top official of the DET had instructed the principal of Bothabala High School not to enrol pupils from Lethlabile and that all Lethlabile pupils who are already registered must be transferred to Lesedi High School, which is in the new area. According to the official, the move

was taken after a transport company allegedly complained to DET that it could no longer ferry children from outlying areas to Oukasia.

However, Mr P S de Lange, Operations Manager for the Bophuthatswana Transport Investments, denied claims that his company was withdrawing the service.

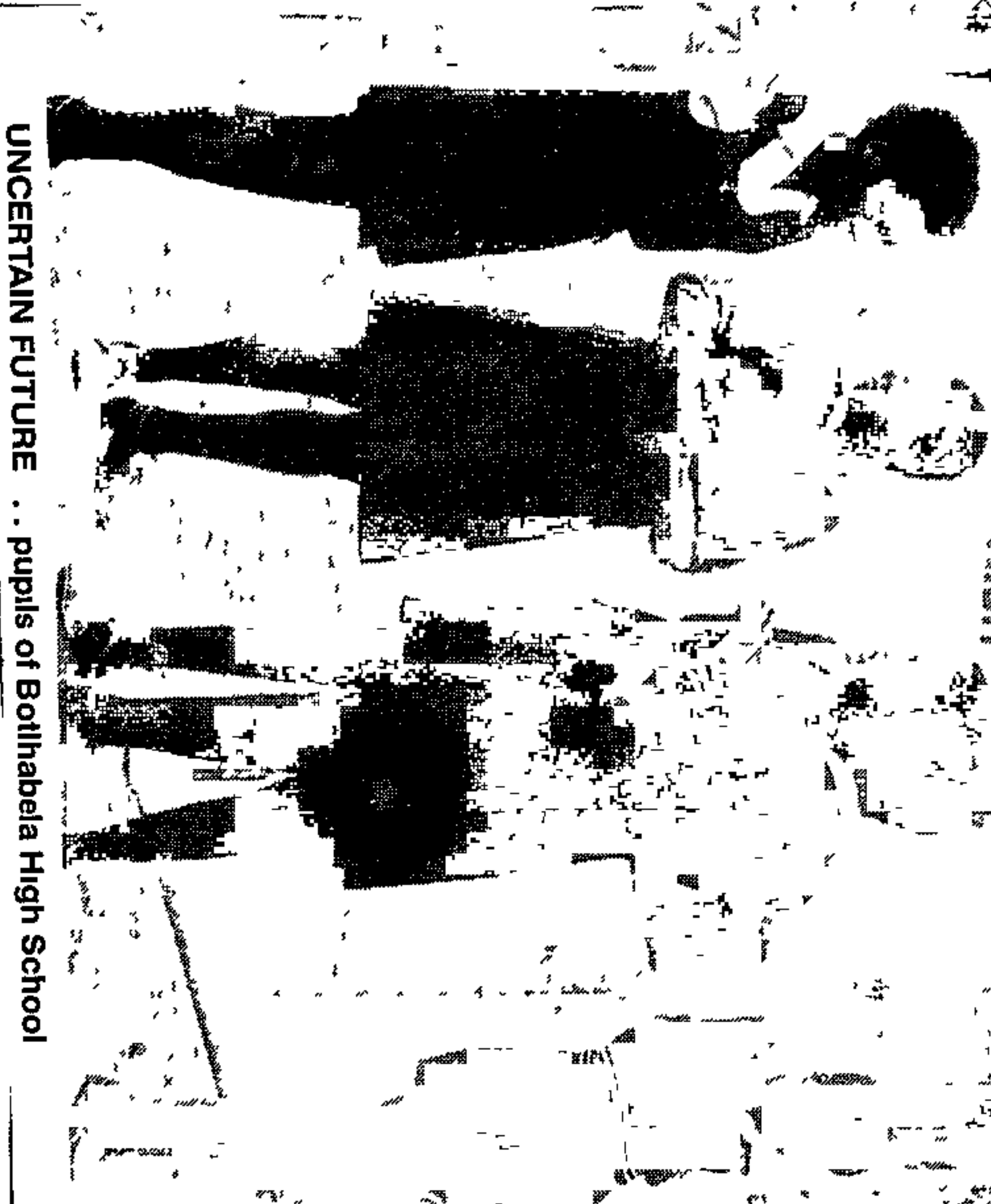
He said BTI had written to DET requesting a subsidy for the schoolchildren using buses between Lethlabile and Brits.

A spokesman for the Brits Action Committee said this was an attempt by DET to decrease the number of pupils at Oukasia's schools so that it could close down the remaining schools.

Mr Peter Mundell, DET's Press Liaison officer, said the primary school in Oukasia was not closed down, but had been moved to the resettlement area.

He said the department was experiencing problems at the remaining primary school where the number of pupils has more than doubled in the last 1 1/2 weeks.

He said residents were upset because most of the children came from outlying areas and others from Bophuthatswana.



UNCERTAIN FUTURE ... pupils of Bothabala High School

Mr Job Schoema, DET's chief liaison officer, denied that the department was being used as a tool to force Oukasia residents to move. Residents also told the Sowetan a creche which accommodated at least 200 children was closed down when schools reopened last week. They said no reasons were given.



DR H A Mocke, chief director of Education Development Services, unveiling a plaque at the official opening of Shadrack Mbambo Primary School in Tsakane, near Boksburg. The occasion was attended by educationists and other dignitaries.

Bridging course for schools

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE 20/11/87

THE Department of Education and Training is to introduce a bridging period at a number of schools next year to determine if many young beginners are ready to enter school.

This was announced by Dr H A Mocke, chief director of Education Development Services, on Wednesday. He was speaking at the official opening of Shadrack Mbambo Primary School in Tsakane, near Boksburg.

Dr Mocke said the department was aware that many pupils in the primary school fail at the end of each year. He said many have to repeat that particular year while others sadly leave school and go out into the world as illiterates.

He said one of the reasons for this was that many young beginners are not ready when they enter school. He said children who grow up in homes in an ideal family situation were better equipped to make success of their school careers.

"The department wants to address the problem of school readiness by developing a bridging period. We hope to introduce this year on an experimental basis in a number of schools.

"The Sub Standard A pupils will be tested after the first two weeks in school in order to determine whether they are schoolready or not. If they prove to be negative, they will go to a bridging class where they will be prepared to enter formal school the next year.

"This will prevent that they are subjected to the traumatic experience of failing a year. We believe that this bridging period will improve the quality of education considerably.

"The planners of the department are at present also investigating the restructuring of primary education. New information which necessitates the updating of syllabi continually comes forward," he said.

DET reports good turnout at schools

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Dispatch Correspondent
PORT ELIZABETH — The government has reopened 47 of the 73 schools it closed last year. The remaining 26 will be operating before the end of the month.

The chief liaison officer for the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr Job Schoeman, said yesterday 36 of the schools closed in the Eastern Cape were re-opened yesterday when pupils arrived to register for the new year.

A good turnout was reported in Grahamstown, Alwal North, Uitenhage, King William's Town and Queenstown.

Mr Schoeman said a further six Eastern Cape

schools would re-open before the end of the week and another 18 would follow suit within the next week.

A DET liaison officer said from Pretoria the 60 per cent enrolment of pupils in the Eastern Cape "went very well" despite confusion when hundreds of pupils arrived to enrol at secondary and higher primary schools in Port Elizabeth which had not yet been officially opened.

"Despite a concerted effort to bring parents, teachers and DET officials together to normalise the situation, a large number of closed schools have still not responded to the call. We

are continuing our efforts to hold the meetings so that education can resume at these centres," the spokesman said.

No areas in the country were affected by any problems this year although a number of Soweto pupils are refusing to sign application forms.

Pupils are rejecting a clause in the form indemnifying the state against any injury sustained while being transported in a government vehicle. Pupils whose parents fail to sign these forms will simply not be allowed to be transported on educational tours, Mr Schoeman said.

'Indemnity forms': No need to sign

DET BACKS DOWN

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By SOWETAN Reporter

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condition of registration of a pupil.

He explained that parents who signed the clause had given permission for their children to be transported in school vehicles (owned by the Government).

He advised the parents who objected to the clause to direct a legally phrased letter to the school principal setting out clearly their objection.

They should also suggest alternative means of transport to the various educational facilities which are vis-

ited from time to time.

"If parents withdraw permission, they should be very clear that all that was intended by the department was that it is not the agency through which they could make a claim in case of an accident

"This means parents cannot go to the headmaster to say he is responsible and demand him to take legal action

"Parents will have to go through the legal channels themselves. All responsibility will have to be directed to people who are responsible for the accident," he said.

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Itumaleng closure

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THE DET denied Oukasi residents charges that a primary school was closed to force them to move to the new resettlement area 25 km from Brits.

DET spokesman Mr Job Schoeman said that the Oukasi Itumaleng primary school had been closed after a survey had

shown that the remaining primary school would accommodate all Oukasi's primary pupils

He said it appeared that children from outlying areas were being enrolled at the school "in an orchestrated attempt to cause problems".

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DET backs down on 'school bus' indemnity clause

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● Re-enrolment at black Eastern Cape schools — which were hard hit by the stayaway last year — was progressing well today, DET spokesman Mr Job Schoeman said.

Thirty six of the 60 schools closed last year reopened today at the request of parents.

A further six would reopen soon, while parents from the 18 others would soon meet to discuss them being reopened — Sapa

IDB appeal: Delay for documents

Supreme Court Reporter

NO date has been set down yet for the hearing of Mr Adriaan Nieuwoudt's appeal against his 11-year prison sentence for illegal diamond dealing

Mr Nieuwoudt, former kubus king, was sentenced to six years and five years on two charges in May last year

Before a date can be set for the appeal six copies have to be made of the 11 000-page court record as well as tape-recordings, photographs and hundreds of pages of exhibits

This could take another two months.

Mr Nieuwoudt is on bail of R10 000

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Black pupils back but schools caught short

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By RONNIE MORRIS
Education Reporter

THE return-to-school call for black pupils has largely been heeded but non-delivery of stationery and a shortage of accommodation, teachers and teaching aids are hampering normality at schools

In an interview with the Cape Times, members of the Democratic Teachers' Union (DETU) said they were pleased by the response to the call by parents and community organizations for pupils to return to school

DETU represents most teachers in the black townships

Spokesmen said some schools in the Peninsula were "bursting at the seams" and pupils had to be taught on a rota system. The response of the Department of Education and Training (DET) in this regard was "disappointing and downright non-caring", they said

"The ball is in their court because

the children are back at school"

A teacher, who declined to be identified, said Langa High School, which could accommodate only 120 Std 6 pupils, had more than 600 pupils this year but their syllabus had not yet been received

Several schools needed major repairs; at Sizamile High School in Guguletu, some classrooms had no doors and in some cases window frames had been ripped out

Mr Job Schoeman, DET public relations officer, said yesterday that it was "not possible to comment" on the situation of individual schools but DET did not have unlimited funds for repairs.

The department could not freeze building projects to re-channel money elsewhere for damaged or vandalized schools

"Schools belong to the community and people are welcome to come forward with suggestions on how to repair them," he said

Parents decided

DET

PRETORIA — The Department of Education and Training (DET) had appealed to parents — not pupils — to decide on whether they wanted the 73 schools closed by the government last year to re-open.

"We wanted to get the parents involved at each individual school. It is not the pupils who must decide but the parents," the chief liaison officer for the DET, Mr Job Schoeman, said here yesterday.

He said the DET had laid down certain conditions, one of which was that parents agreed to take responsibility for the "behaviour and attendance" of their children after parents at each school had decided "almost unanimously" they wanted the schools opened.

Most of the 73 affected schools have re-opened. The remaining ones are expected to re-open "by the latest" next Monday, Mr Schoeman said.

Of the 60 schools closed in the Eastern Cape, "consisting of 50/50 secondary and high", 42 started last week — Sapa.

NO PLACES FOR NEW TEACHERS

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THE Department of Education and Training has turned down applications by newly-qualified secondary school teachers since the beginning of the new school term.

Many frustrated applicants who last year passed the Senior Secondary Teachers' Diploma said this week that officials at the DET's Johannesburg regional office in Booyens turned them away, saying there were no

BY THEMBA MOLEFE

posts available at secondary schools

Most of them accepted, out of desperation, the offer by the DET to take up posts at primary schools

One of the applicants, who did not want her name published, said a white official told about 50 new teachers at Booyens this week that employing them at secondary schools would be a political risk

Unrest

She said the official said the DET was not going to employ teachers at secondary schools because of the unrest and school boycotts

"I am qualified to teach at a secondary school and believe I would be ineffective teaching at a primary school because the

methods are different," the teacher said

The DET's liaison officer, Mr Peter Mundell, confirmed that teachers had been turned away at the Johannesburg regional office

He said the newly qualified teachers had their own community to blame

"It is up to the community to decide whether schools closed down because of unrest last year should be re-opened so that teachers could be employed"

Mr Mundell said the DET did not expect young and inexperienced teachers to be exposed to unnecessary risks before the school situation was normalised

He said many schools were closed last year and the re-opening of schools in Soweto, for instance, was a result of discussions between parents, teachers and the department

Mr Mundell said there were many factors involved before a school was re-opened

"I sympathise with the new teachers and I know how they feel," Mr Mundell said

DET reiterates warning on Border schools

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Five Border schools closed last year would remain closed this year unless the "stipulated department requirements" as outlined to parents through press statements, letters and at meetings with parents had been complied with

This warning was issued by the regional director of the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr Bill Staude, yesterday

Earlier the DET said parents in areas where schools had been closed should take the initiative and consult local assistant directors to arrange for the re-opening of the schools concerned

Parents should undertake to make good damage that might occur at such schools when re-opened

Permission for opening closed schools would only be granted by the Minister of National Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen

Yesterday, Mr Staude said the time for discussions between the parents of the closed schools and the assistant directors concerned was fast running out.

He urged parents concerned to lose no time in initiating such discussions

The five closed schools in the Border were in East London, King William's Town and Queenstown

Five other schools were still closed in the Port Elizabeth circuits, he added

Mr Staude said the re-opening of schools in the East Cape that were closed during 1986 was proceeding "most satisfactorily" Of the 60 schools closed, 49 had been re-opened

Of the 33 schools closed in the Port Elizabeth circuits, 27 had re-opened

In Uitenhage, Cradock and Grahamstown, all of the 22 schools affected had been re-opened

He did not say how many had been re-opened in the Border region

"Enrolment at the re-opened schools is proceeding apace, and, as

arranged between the parents and the assistant directors concerned, at many of them the former are accompanying their children to school to assist with the enrolment process

"This further evidence of parental interest and involvement in the education of their children is most heartening," he said

● In another development, Duncan Village and Cambridge Village parents decided at a meeting on Sunday in Parkside Hall that all pupils in the two areas should go to school on Monday and register at their former schools.

The parents said the decision also applied to children whose schools had been closed last year

The parents agreed that pupils should attend classes at the Duvcor buildings but that the DET should undertake to install floors, lights and ceilings in the classrooms since they were cold when the weather was bad

Pupils whose homes were far from the Duvcor schools should be allowed to attend at church halls nearer their homes, the parents said

This was in view of the fact that children living in Duncan Village proper (the area outside Ziphunzana) would encounter transport problems and might be exposed to road accidents, the parents said

Teachers were requested at the meeting not to allow their quarrels to spill over to their schools as these had a negative effect on education

Subsequently the parents requested the authorities to provide traffic officers to control the flow of traffic during the school hours when pupils were to start classes and when they come back from schools

Cambridge parents expressed concern about the shortage of teachers at their only primary school, which ran up to Std 4 and had six classes

There were only two teachers to teach all the classes, they said Pupils have to teach each other at times because the two teachers were not always available

Injury indemnity stays, says DET

By SEFAKO NYAKA

THE Department of Education and Training this week denied it had scrapped the controversial indemnity clause included in the registration forms issued to post-primary school pupils.

"What the department has done is to make it clear that this is not a condition for admission," said DET representative Peter Mundell.

The clause, which most parents refused to sign, stated that "in the event of my child/ward being conveyed in a government vehicle, or any other form of transport, I indemnify the state and state employees against any claim for compensation as a result of loss of life or personal injury to my child/ward or any loss or damage to his property."

Mundell said all education departments expected parents of pupils to complete the same form.

Many black parents believed the forms were aimed at indemnifying the state if pupils died or were injured while being transported in a Casspir or other police or army vehicle.

Mundell said the clause was intended to cover such events as pupils going on an educational outing organised by the school.

He said the forms are going to be used as they are. If parents wished to have the indemnity clause deleted, "then that does not mean that the child's admission is cancelled."

There had been "some serious misunderstanding on the indemnity clause and a few newspapers have tried their best to exaggerate this misunderstanding," Mundell said.

In the past parents had filled in the form on every trip the respective school undertook "and all that the administration section tried to do was to fill in one form which would cover the whole year."

Mundell said a busy high school would handle between 5 000 and

8 000 forms a year. His department was trying to simplify the process.

He said parents still had to sign the registration forms, but if they were unhappy about the indemnity clause they should delete it.

Mundell said he believes that parents who delete the indemnity clause "don't realise what they are doing."

No pupil whose parent had withdrawn indemnity could participate in any school outing "because no principal is allowed to convey a pupil that does not have indemnity."

In the meantime headmasters had been asked to speak to parents to try and make alternative arrangements. He said parents could choose to sign a form every time their children go on a school trip or only on special occasions and not at the beginning of the year.

Meanwhile a number of Soweto schools are carrying on normally after headmasters decided to ignore the forms. Most said their actions stem from the fact that in the past the DET had ordered stringent regulations but "quietly backed down" after realising that the regulations were not being implemented.

Last year a set of DET regulations was ignored, then fizzled out.

They included requirements that:

- Pupils carry ID cards
- No one except a pupil or person employed at a school was allowed to enter school premises
- The syllabus had to be adhered to and no one would be allowed to teach, address or speak to pupils about any matter not forming part of the syllabus or which had no bearing on tuition or normal school activities
- No pupils would be allowed outside a classroom unless during break, visiting a change room or changing classes

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DET clarifies procedure on re-opening appeals

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The regional director of the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr Bill Staude, has clarified the procedure that parents should follow when approaching their local assistant directors on the re-opening of schools.

Parents have complained they were turned away when they approached their local assistant directors.

Mr Staude said the procedure should be for separate meetings to be held of parents of pupils at individual schools.

An interim committee of parent representatives should be elected for each school and they

should be mandated to discuss the issue concerning their particular school with the assistant director.

He said a group of people from Duncan Village who tried to see the assistant director, Mr P G Stamper, in King William's Town on Monday had not complied with these requirements, and this had been explained to them.

Mr A T Ndindwa, a member of the delegation which went to see Mr Stamper, said they had been turned away after they were told they were not representative of parents of pupils of the area.

Mr Staude said 55 of the 60 schools which

were closed last year had been reopened by yesterday.

Turning to the complaint of Cambridge township parents who said there was a shortage of teachers at their only primary school, Mr Staude said the school committee chairman should take the matter up with the circuit inspector.

Cambridge parents said there were only two teachers for the six classes at their school, which went up to Std 4, and they were not always available, resulting in pupils teaching each other at times.

Mr Staude said lower primary pupils had attended school in large numbers on Monday.

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MOST of the 73 schools closed by the government in Soweto, the Eastern Cape and Durban last year have re-opened, Department of Education and Training chief liaison officer Job Schoeman said this week

Schoeman said the DET expected the remaining ones to re-open "by the latest" next Monday

Of the 60 schools closed

Most of DET's 73 closed schools have re-opened

in the Eastern Cape 42 started last week

He said "at least" five of the 10 high schools closed in Soweto had re-opened and the rest were expected to open next Monday

The two closed on the

East Rand would open next Monday and Durban's Lamont High had re-opened

He said since the closure of the 73 schools, the DET had appealed to parents - not pupils - to decide on whether they wanted the

schools to re-open

"We wanted to get the parents involved at each individual school. It is not the pupils who must decide, but the parents"

Schoeman said the parents at each individual

school had decided "almost unanimously" that they wanted the schools opened. He said the DET had laid down conditions - one of which was that parents agreed to take responsibility for the "behaviour and attendance" of their children

"There was an almost unanimous decision that they would undertake to do this," he said - Sapa

DET will pay R3m for 70 top people

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By KIN BENTLEY
THE Department of Education and Training is looking for 70 staff members at managerial level — and their salaries this year will account for nearly R3 million of the DET's budget.

In a full-page advertisement in national newspapers yesterday, the DET, which controls black education, offered the posts at an average annual salary of R40 000 each.

Mr Peter Mundell, public relations officer for the DET, said today the appointments were "a continuation of the implementation of the recommendations of the De Lange commission into education".

An "upward adjustment" occurred annually.

All appointments were strictly on a merit basis.

Mr Mundell stressed that managerial posts constituted only a small proportion of posts in the DET.

He could not say how many people worked at DET's head and regional offices.

Teaching posts were not advertised in the national Press.

He said the number of teachers in the DET this year was estimated at 48 500, compared with 43 328 in 1984.

The pupil-teacher ratio fell from 40,5 to one in 1983, to 39,8 in 1984, to 38,8 in 1985 and a "conservative estimate" of 38,2 to one last year.

The number of blacks falling under the department was close to 1 850 000.

● All the new posts advertised are in Pretoria, with the exception of 11 assistant directors whose task is "special assignments".

Three of these — also called senior deputy chief education specialists — will operate in Port Elizabeth.

Pupils must repeat — DET

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON. — Pupils at schools in the Eastern Cape which were closed midway through last year will have to repeat the standards they were in at the time the schools closed.

This was confirmed yesterday by the regional director of the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr Bill Staude.

He said it was the common goal of all education departments, including the DET, to attain and maintain educational standards.

"It is accordingly an axiom of educational administration that promotion to higher classes must be by way of examination."

Tomorrow is the deadline for pupils to register at DET schools which have reopened this year.

Although schools in all centres in the Border region are reported to have been reopened, there has been no indication as to when the Duncan Village higher primary and secondary schools will reopen.

All the schools in the township, with the exception of lower primaries, were closed in August last year because of what the DET termed a "lack of effective education".

Of the 60 Eastern Cape schools closed last year, only two remain closed after the reopening yesterday of Nonesi Higher Primary in Queenstown.

School boycotts have backfired

Minister

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By Sue Leeman, Pretoria Bureau

School boycotts have backfired by producing "a whole generation of illiterates, innumerates and misfits", according to Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer

Paying a visit to Mamelodi near Pretoria yesterday, Mr de Beer said the DET had tried to sort out pupils' grievances

"But as certain matters were attended to, so other demands were added, many of them going outside the department's jurisdiction, for example the release of detainees and the unbanning of Cosas," he said

"Some of you will be all too familiar with tactics which ranged from the abuse of teachers to the open use of alcohol and drugs on school premises and the outbreak of vandalism and violence"

ledge that are required of leaders". Mr de Beer said surveys showed that 93 percent of black parents wanted to see their children's education continue uninterrupted. But there was now pressure for black parents to take their children out of private schools as well as state institutions. This, he said, had resulted in the closure of Soweto's Pace Commercial College and Immaculata High School. Among the reasons for the closure of these facilities was that parents did not involve themselves closely enough in the school. "Pupil parents then took over and pupils used threats to close the schools. This rift between adult and child, he said, had been a carefully engineered by third parties. Their policy is to destroy everything that is near and dear to you and mine our family life and our moral principles."

Mr de Beer added "In spite of the blaze of publicity given to the boycotts by the media, only two percent of our 7 362 schools were seriously disrupted (in 1986) and something like four percent of the total number of school-going children absented themselves from school". He said the media had also ignored the fact that the number of trained teachers passing through universities and education colleges every year was growing "by leaps and bounds". "For instance, in 1984, there were 1 916 third year students enrolled at colleges. In 1985 the figure increased to 2 330. Ignored also is the fact that the 1985 census reflects 40 000 black doctors, 166 black engineers and 352 black lawyers as registered practitioners — all products of the infamous DET". The mayor of Mamelodi, Mr Bennett Ndjazi, said the security forces had "played an invaluable role in our area last year in protecting those children who were interested in learning". "Conclusive evidence that those who were bent on destroying our children's future were only hoodlums, masquerading as political activists, is the call late last year by various black political community and church organisations that pupils return to school this year"

**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."

State told: run farm schools

Dispatch Reporter

GRAHAMSTOWN — Albany farmers want to shift the responsibility of educating rural blacks to the state, it was said at this week's meeting of the Belton-Salem Farmers' Association.

Farmers say they are tired of receiving inadequate subsidies.

The chairman of the association, Mr Andre Bower, said: "Agriculture is the only sector which pays for educating blacks.

"We on the farms are required to provide

land, buildings and housing for teachers. Yet agriculture is constantly plagued by droughts, inflation and rising debt."

He said a memorandum would be submitted to the Department of Education and Training (DET) requesting:

- Boarding facilities for high school pupils to be provided in Grahams-town as a matter of urgency

"None of our schools have educational facilities beyond Std 5. We are frustrating young people if we give them a taste of education and do not follow through."

- The DET to acquire sites of five to six hectares adjacent to public roads from farmers on which to build schools

The schools should be security fenced to prevent trespassing

Mr Bower said it was estimated that two or three such schools would serve the area. They should be sited near Salem and Gar-

dener's Gate.

- Facilities to be provided for pupils to do their homework at schools, which should also be available at night for adult literacy classes for farm workers. The DET should foster healthy inter-schools competition.

- There should be a maximum of ten teachers including a pre-primary teacher.

- The schools should be under the direct control of the state.

"We are aware of the need for adequate housing for our staff as well as good training for our labourers. A good education for the children goes hand in hand"

Mr Bower said farm labourers were aware of the inadequacies of education for blacks in rural areas, where farmers had to manage schools where sports facilities in some instances were non-existent and schools had no water or electricity

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EXPULSION THREAT

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SOSHANGUVE PUPILS whose parents had not as yet signed the Department of Education and Training's "indemnity forms" have allegedly been threatened with expulsion.

Pupils at the Hlanganani, Memezele, Reitumetsi and Walmanshal secondary schools yesterday told the *Sowetan* that they have also been ordered to pay an amount of R20 towards the school fund. The money, they added, has to be submitted with the indemnity forms.

They said there was confusion in the areas as parents of those attending Soshanguve high school have already signed the forms following a meeting with the school principal. Most added that they were concerned about what would happen to them if principals carried out the threat to expel them.

"Our parents are also as confused as we are whether to sign the forms or not. They do not know what will happen a meeting with the pen to us if they agree with the department's new regulations," the pupils said.

Mr Peter Mundell, DET's liaison officer, said he believed that a number of principals who allowed pupils to carry on with their education while waiting for parents to sign the forms issued a reminder "out of frustration". Admissions forms, he stressed, had to be signed before pupils started with the schooling.

He pointed out that DET's regional directors have made it clear that the indemnity clause was negotiable. Although the clause remains a legal requirement, he added, parents who want it deleted legally can arrange with school principals.

On a question of the money which the pupils claimed they were being made to pay, Mr Mundell said no school could function properly without a school fund. He added that the money was a voluntary contribution determined by parents.

BY ALINAH DUBE

Now Soweto pupils apply to Lenasia schools

SCORES of pupils from Soweto have applied to be enrolled at high schools in Lenasia, but their applications are being held up by the 'Indian' education department, according to Lenasia's *The Indicator*

It is understood that up to 300 pupils have applied, and while local high schools are prepared to accept them, principals have been told to refer the applications to the department

The Transvaal Indian Congress has slammed the hold-up, saying the "permit system is intended to strictly control the access of African students to local schools"

It has urged principals to admit the pupils unconditionally, promising to support them and saying they would not be breaking any law

Principals are not allowed to comment, but teachers told *The Indicator* the schools had decided in principle to accept African pupils from standards six to eight.

They encounter red tape

"Because of the differences in syllabi it would be very difficult for matric students to adapt", one of them said

"The department sent a circular to schools asking that applications from African children be referred to it. It is asking principals to do its dirty work"

Questions

The Indicator put several questions on the applications, and other matters relating to education, to the House of Delegates authorities last Thursday. A spokesman said replies would be given by Friday afternoon, but at the time of going to press on Sunday evening no statement had been received

'Indian' education is in turmoil over the sacking of scores of teachers as part of the government's plan to slash spending on it

One of the questions related to the employment of about 40 newly qualified teachers from Lenasia. As far as could be ascertained, only five have been given posts — outside Lenasia

At the same time, teachers say there are vacancies at several primary and high schools. Some need up to nine teachers, and are in a chaotic state as a result

Because schools are unable to cope, timetables have been held back, they say

Some teachers made redundant in certain schools were taken on at other schools where there were larger shortages. This caused a lot of dissatisfaction, because they had to be separated from their families

One principal described the situation as "ludicrous"

A teacher claims some newly qualified teachers have been sent letters by the department informing them they are on the waiting list and will be offered jobs "as and when" vacancies become available. "But there are many vacancies," the teacher said

Some, who had spent up to four years at university, are looking around for other jobs but the prospects are bleak as they join the queues along with thousands of matriculants

Last year, when the House of Delegates announced plans to slash spending on education, the move caused an uproar as many teachers stood to lose their jobs or faced teaching larger classes

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Crowding, no books for pupils

Staff Reporter

THREE weeks into the new school year, pupils and teachers at Langa High School are still without a syllabus, stationery or textbooks and over-crowded classrooms are making teaching virtually impossible

A list of these grievances has been sent to the local offices of the Department of Education and Training (DET) by a group of concerned parents who fear that unless conditions at the school improve, their children "will deal with the matter in their own way".

Teachers at the school have adopted an "open arms" approach to registration and have been reluctant to turn away any pupil who applies

Two shifts taught

The school, which was built to accommodate just over 1 000 pupils, currently has 1 600 registered pupils and 31 teachers

Each staff member teaches two shifts of pupils a day and parents say their children have complained that by the afternoon shift the teachers are too exhausted to give lessons

The parents hoped to meet the DET's chief circuit inspector, Mr Piet Scheepers, yesterday to discuss the problem, but said they were told he

was "not available" when they arrived at his office

They said they had sent him a letter requesting an interview, but Mr Scheepers said yesterday he had received no such request

He declined to comment on conditions at the school, saying it was "against the emergency regulations"

The DET public relations officer in Pretoria, Mr Peter Mundell, conceded that Langa was one of the most over-crowded black schools in the country

The "massive increase" in the school's intake had outstripped earlier projections and was being investigated

He said no more teachers would be assigned to any black school for two or three weeks as the department expected a certain number of pupils to drop out and would have to reassess the need for extra teachers once the pupil population "stabilized"

School principals were responsible for making sure the syllabus arrived and if it did not it could be collected from the local circuit office, he said

He could not explain why books and stationery had failed to arrive as the central depot in Pretoria had received all its supplies and should have distributed these to the regional offices by now

□ The acting principal of Langa High School, Mr Joseph Kwebulana, could not be contacted for comment yesterday

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'Time to co-operate on schools'

By Sol Makgabutlane,
Education Reporter

This is not time to be apportion blame for the crisis in black education, but rather to help black pupils reach their maximum potential, says Mr Ken Andrew, Progressive Federal Party spokesman on black education.

He was commenting on the speech by Deputy Minister of Education and Training Mr Sam de Beer, who toured Mamelodi on Tuesday and spoke to teachers and governing councils.

Mr De Beer said school boycotts had backfired by producing a generation of "illiterates, innumerates and misfits" He said children boycotting schools "are their own executioners"

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Mr Andrew said: "It is highly desirable that as many children as possible in South Africa can get good education.

"We should not think in terms of winners and losers, but rather about how we can encourage co-operation."

Mr Andrews said everyone should be joining hands to "rectify the matter".

The chairman of the All African Student Action Committee, Mr Lawrence Nqandela, accused Mr De Beer of "opening old wounds".

"We want to correct the misconception by Mr De Beer. Students have never boycotted education, as such, because we all are aware that illiteracy is a disease.

"Students had grievances and merely wanted to show their displeasure."

A spokesman for the National Student Co-ordinating Committee said "There's nothing new in what Mr De Beer is saying. His department should instead be negotiating to the National Education and Crisis Committee."

No blacks for Indian schools

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Dispatch Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG

Hundreds of black pupils who have applied for entrance to Indian schools will not be admitted, the Minister of Indian Education in the House of Delegates, Mr K Ramduth, said yesterday.

Up to 300 pupils from Soweto have applied to be admitted to six high schools in Lenasia, according to a spokesman for the Transvaal Indian Congress (TIC). A number of applications have also been made to Indian schools in Pretoria and Actonville, Be-

noni, he said

He said headmasters had referred the applications 11 days ago to the Indian education department for its approval but no response had been forthcoming

He said "The House of Delegate leaders are dishonest by claiming early last year that 'Indian' schools have been opened to all races."

Further, he said, in view of their open policy statement, the Indian education department had no excuse for not preparing itself for receiving these applications

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DET-closed school opens

DURBAN. — Lamontville High School, the only school in Natal to be closed by the Department of Education and Training (DET) last year and which did not open with others earlier this year, re-opened yesterday with five white teachers as staff members. Pupils streamed back, but security guards refused entrance to pupils who could not produce identification.

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Five white teachers join black school

Mercury Reporter

LAMONTVILLE High School, the only school in Natal to be closed by the Department of Education and Training last year and which did not open with others earlier this year, reopened yesterday with five white teachers as staff members.

Pupils streamed steadily back into classrooms of the school which last year was troubled by unrest.

Two private security guards manned an entrance into the school and sometimes refused entrance to pupils who could not produce 'relevant' identifications.

The Director of Education in Natal, Mr Peter Nicholson, confirmed that five white teachers had been appointed.

He also said that Std 10 classes were suspended for 1987 because no Std 9 exams were written last year.

Admission form is an offensive mistake

By a Johannesburg educationist

When I first studied the 1987 high school admission form handed to African pupils I was surprised at its provocative tone

Every school needs data about new pupils and designs an admission form to suit its needs. They won't differ much from school to school — it is a routine matter. They just have to be filled in pupils don't have to sign them, perhaps in some schools parents may be asked to do so.

Where schools use indemnity forms for school excursions these are normally handled separately from enrolment forms, in any case there is some doubt whether such forms legally protect schools/education departments from third party accident claims.

The 1987 DET high school admission form, however, goes much further apart from normal details, it demands the pupil's signature — with two witnesses and their addresses; the parents, who also have to sign with two witnesses, have to promise "to pay all required moneys promptly and regularly" (are school funds now compulsory?), to pay for damages the child may cause, to guarantee regular attendance, to waive parental rights in cases of disciplinary action and in respect of control over treatment in case of accident or injury

And the indemnity clause at the end of the form says nothing about excursions by the school it indemnifies "the State or State employees" against claims arising from acci-

dents ("loss of life or personal injury") where the child has been conveyed "in a government vehicle or any other form of transport".

In prevailing conditions, parents and others say this would also apply where children are hurt or killed while being conveyed from school to a police station in government vehicles

Being puzzled by its tone, I showed the form to high school principals I know in white, coloured and Indian schools. One called it "threatening" and "unenforceable", another said it was "contentious" and "incriminating", the third said it was "foreign to normal admission procedures in other education departments" and if the intention was to involve the parents more directly in their children's schooling, this document would, on the contrary, estrange them.

There were other comments, but these will do. So one wonders why this document was drawn up in this offensive tone, why the matter couldn't be left to high school heads as is common educational practice — and why someone in authority doesn't say "We also regret the threatening tone of the document, we are sorry it was issued this way; we want to secure the parents' co-operation with the schools and the education department"

The form has certainly disrupted high school admissions which were just struggling back to normality some such gesture from the top would help

Soweto pupils claim DET has not issued their books

By Sol Makgabutlane,
Education Reporter

Soweto schoolchildren have complained they have not received their supply of books from the Department of Education and Training (DET) for this year.

Soweto Students Congress

Mr John Masibi, publicity secretary of the Soweto Students Congress, said yesterday:

"Hundreds of black pupils are back in school this year and we are amazed the DET does not provide them with books.

"How can students be in school without books? Parents are worried because they don't know what is happening. However, the Soweto Students' Congress wants to tell the DET that thousands of students are expecting these books before the end of March."

Mr Masibi also called on the DET to repair schools damaged in unrest last year, "because they are not conducive to learning" in their present condition.

Department of Education and Training

Mr Peter Mundell, liaison officer at the DET, said yesterday:

"Certain schools in Soweto have received most of their books. In the next few weeks we will apply great effort to ensure that all schools get their supplies."

He said the DET sent out a general circular this year to all schools informing principals that until registration figures were final, book stocks would not be submitted.

"The problem arises on two counts in some Soweto schools. In certain schools there is a fluctuation in enrolment and it has been difficult for principals to confirm the numbers, expected usually by mid-February. The principals have to exercise great care to ensure that all students receive supplies."

Mr Mundell pointed out the DET was unhappy that many textbooks issued to pupils last year were not returned at the end of the year.

"The department does not want to create a major issue over this, but the fact remains that it has created enormous difficulties for us."

He said the DET would spend R45 million this year to supply black schools with textbooks, prescribed books and stationery.

Parents agree DV schools must reopen

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Duncan Village parents have agreed that schools closed in the area last year should be reopened and have appointed an interim committee of nine to meet the assistant director of the Department of Education and Training in King William's Town tomorrow.

At a weekend meeting pupils were told to prepare themselves to attend classes from next Monday.

The parents also agreed to sign preconditions set by the DET before schools could be opened. This decision was taken with the approval of pupils who attended the meeting.

It was also agreed that classes would take place at Duvcor buildings now that Duvcor was no longer controlled by a number of East London individuals and the community council but by the DET itself.

Earlier the chairman of the meeting, Mr H. Luggola, read a copy of the DET's preconditions to the meeting.

Among the conditions were the document had

to be signed by "biological parents" only, parents would see to it that there was "effective education" at schools by supervising their children's school activities, including attendance and performance, teachers, parents and students would jointly see to it that the goal of effective education reached success through co-operation.

The meeting noted that the two senior secondary schools in the area, Qaqamba and Majombozi, were the only ones in the whole country that had not been reopened.

Delegates expressed concern that normal school attendance in the area was last achieved in 1984.

Mr Luggola told the meeting that, as a result, an adult school would be opened in the area for those who could not attend normal classes.

Pupils and parents were requested to inform those who had not attended the meeting of its decisions.

The meeting also noted that a senior secondary school, which would accommodate all the pupils of Duncan Village, was being planned and that its construction depended on the situation in the area returning to normal.

Mr Luggola expressed concern at the number of pupils who had applied for enrolment at schools elsewhere and had been turned away when it was learnt they were from Duncan Village.

It was agreed that parents would continue to work closely with teachers on school matters.

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New body for students aims at unity

By SY MAKARINGE

THE newly-formed African Students' Action Committee decided at an executive meeting recently not to affiliate to any political organisation or be used as a front by organisations operating from outside the country.

In a statement released to the *Sowetan* yesterday, ASAC's chairman, Mr Lawrence Nqandela, said the committee's first priority was to work towards unity with the "oppressed and exploited" African students.

Share ideas

Mr Nqandela said Asac was pursuing a non-colaborative stance but was prepared to share ideas with any serious-minded organisation for the benefit of African students

"We also believe that the students cannot liberate the soil without the workers and peasants. Thus we say workers are the vanguard of our struggle," Mr Nqandela said

He condemned the slogan "Liberation now, education later" saying the committee's view was that education and liberation were inseparable

The Department of Education and Training (DET) was called on to provide students with the necessary reading material and to repair all schools that were damaged during last year's unrest so that "the situation can be conducive for proper learning"

ASAC was formed at Selelekela High School in Orlando East in October last year. It has members in the Transvaal and the Cape Province

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THE Thokoza Town Council appointed an acting town c to replace Mrs Doris Thim suspended from council at ities following her appearance court in connection with the leged disappearance of al R1,3-million from council fers.

Admission will be difficult for African kids

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Curb on mixed schools

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- Accommodation and other facilities for black pupils must be available — but only after provision for Indian pupils has been made
- Pupils must reside within reasonable travelling distance of the school where admission is sought
- Available schooling facilities in the area where the pupils reside must also be taken into account before consideration for admission is given
- The principal must decide whether the pupil can be easily assimilated into the relevant class, taking into account the pupil's physical stature
- The principal must also establish whether the pupil is adequately prepared for placement in the correct standard in order to ensure that the pupil is not disadvantaged in any way
- If a principal considers it necessary to retard a pupil, the parent of such pupil must be consulted
- Pupils must not be more than two years older than the average age of classmates

REGULATIONS that make it extremely difficult for African children to be admitted to Indian schools have been issued by the authorities in charge of education in the Indian community.

The schools are controlled by the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Delegates

The guidelines come in the wake of an increased number of applications from African pupils seeking admission to Indian schools in Natal and Transvaal earlier this year

Principals

A circular marked "strictly confidential" was circulated among Indian primary and secondary school principals in which executive director, Mr Arjun "AK" Singh, called on principals to make sure that Form HDE 5 (application for admission) was completed in all respects.

Mr Singh also asked principals to ensure that all documents relating to the applications were at-

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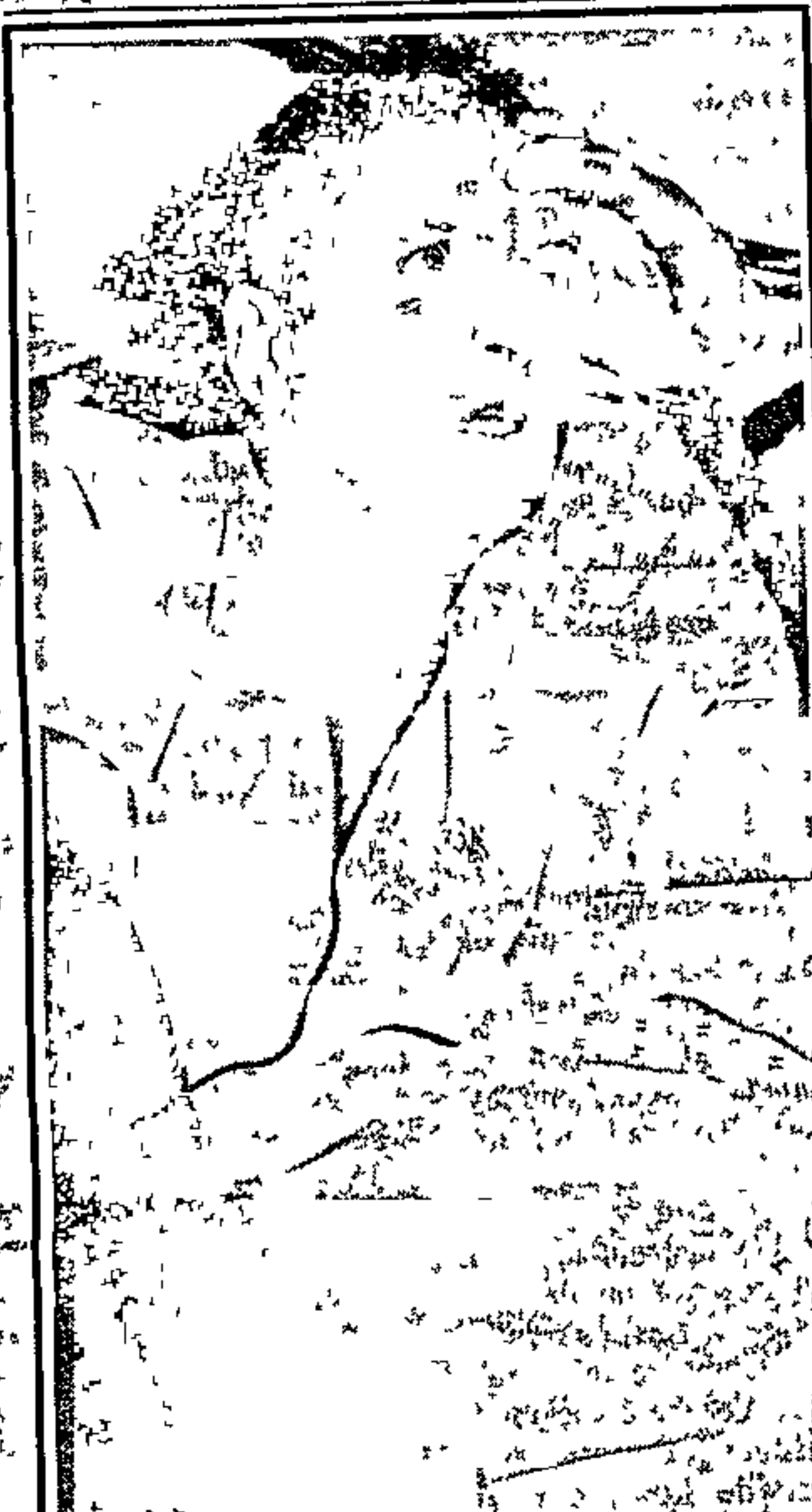
tached to the applications before being submitted to him for consideration

"Under no circumstances must a black pupil be admitted, even provisionally, without prior approval from the department," Mr Singh said

The principals have been asked to give an undertaking that the instructions would be carried out. They have been asked to apply certain principles and conditions when admitting black pupils

- Among these are
- The character of the school must not be prejudiced as a result of the admission of any black pupil
 - Preference at all times must be given to Indian pupils

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Schools: no DV decision

EAST LONDON — The problem surrounding the reopening of closed Duncan Village secondary schools was due to political motivated activities in the community itself, the liaison officer for the Department of Education and Training in Pretoria, Mr Peter Mundell, said yesterday.

Mr Mundell said no final decision had been made yet concerning the reopening of Qaqamba and Ebenezer Majombozi Senior Secondary Schools in Duncan Village.

The two schools are the only ones in South Africa that have not been reopened this year.

Mr Mundell added that no final agreement had been reached between the parents and DET officials.

"There seems to be some disagreement in Duncan Village and this appears to be due to politically motivated aspects within the community.

"Time is running out for pupils to study and this is worrying DET officials," he added.

He said the pupils were free to go to the classes next Monday as agreed upon by the parents, although no finality had been reached about the opening of the schools — DDR

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NEW COLLEGES FOR TEACHERS

THE Department of Education and Training has earmarked millions of rands for the building of more than 10 teacher training colleges in the country, the department's director of building, Mr C T V Helmbold has announced.

The announcement should bring relief to many living in urban areas whose applications were recently turned down by homeland and other rural colleges.

Mr Helmbold said most projects were still

in the planning stage and it was not known how much money will be used until the current year's budget has been finalised. The DET, he added, was presently having funds to cover plans alone.

In Bloemfontein, Khayelitsha and Kimberley where these centres operated from buildings attached to other institutions, the DET will spend about R10 000 to erect fully-fledged colleges.

DET speaks on those pay cuts

MANY Soweto teachers have been angered by the Department of Education and Training's unexplained cut in their January salaries.

Teachers who spoke to the *Sowetan* this week said the department cut their salaries by an average of R170 without giving any explanation last month.

They said they suspected that DET deducted the money to repair damaged schools, while others said they viewed it as a punishment following last year's class boycotts.

One teacher said "Perhaps DET wants to reduce its subsidy on our housing bonds."

Mr Peter Mundell, public relations officer of DET, said yesterday it appeared the deductions were made because of the department's overpayment of bond subsidies after a drop in building societies' interest rates.

He said there would be a constant adjustment of salaries, depending on the interest rates.

"These teachers should have asked for clarification from their respective headmasters instead of going to the Press. Any deduction must have an official reason," Mr Mundell said.

He dismissed as "nonsense" fears DET could have deducted the money to repair damaged schools.

The teachers, who cannot be named as they are not allowed to talk to the Press, said they were considerably inconvenienced by the unexpected and unexplained huge cuts.

They said they had a lot of commitments which they could not fulfil because of the reduction.

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White teachers are kept in low profile

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Mercury Reporter

NUMEROUS requests by the Mercury to interview five white teachers working

at the Lamontville High School have been refused by the Natal director of education in the Department of Education and Training, Mr Peter Nicholson.

The five whites and other black teachers were employed early this year following the transfer of a number of teachers who were working at the school last year.

Mr Nicholson would not supply the number of white teachers employed by DET in Natal schools.

Class boycotts and stay-aways plagued Lamontville High last year and it eventually became the only school in Natal to be closed by DET. However, conditions are back to normal this year.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the KwaZulu Department of Education and Culture announced yesterday that there were 276 white teachers employed at their schools.

DV secondary schools to open on Monday

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Duncan Village secondary school classes will start on Monday.

This was announced yesterday by the regional director of the Department of Education and Training for the Eastern Cape, Mr Bill Staude.

Students would be registered as attending the Duncan Village Secondary School and would be accommodated in the Ebenezer Majombozi buildings

Mr Staude added that the decision to restart classes for students at Qaqamba and Majombozi secondary schools, which had been sus-

pending for almost two years, had been made following a series of discussions between the parents concerned and the assistant director of education, Mr P. G. Stamper, in King William's Town.

The schools were closed in 1986 because "no effective education" was taking place. Of the 60 black schools in the Eastern Cape, the two in Duncan Village were the only ones not reopened when the other 58 resumed classes

"Official sanction has now been given for the resumption of secondary education in Duncan Village

"It has been agreed that scholars will be en-

rolled starting Monday (February 23) with Std 10 classes and will proceed class-by-class until all students have been registered.

"For the purposes of enrolment, application forms will be completed by parents," Mr Staude said, but gave no reason for this requirement

If the number of registered pupils increased, the DET might consider starting a "partial platooning system"

Hundreds of secondary school pupils in Duncan Village have been going to classes on an unofficial basis since Monday this week after a decision taken by their parents at a meeting here two weeks ago

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Two-year wait for new school facilities

Education Reporter

Pupils attending overcrowded schools in Oukasi, Brits, will have to wait at least two years before their accommodation problems can be attended to by the Department of Education and Training (DET).

Mr Peter Mundell, liaison officer for DET in Pretoria, said planning for 1987 and 1988 was done about three years ago. His department was presently planning for 1989 onwards.

When Itumeleng Primary School, one of two in Oukasi, was moved to the Lethlabile resettlement area on Bophuthatswana border, the remaining one, Botlhabelo, became overcrowded.

"Many pupils were encouraged to come to Oukasi to create this problem," he said.

"It takes two to three years to get an extra school or extensions to an existing school. Temporary classrooms are not acceptable to many."

The charge that pupils from outlying areas were being "encouraged to enrol at Oukasi" has been rejected by Oukasi community leaders.

Mr Mundell said his department was in constant contact with parent groups from Oukasi to try to solve the accommodation problems.

The DET has been accused of moving Itumeleng school to encourage families to move to Lethlabile, where the Government has been demanding that they move.

Mr Mundell said: "The new schools in Lethlabile, which people said were superfluous, are overcrowded."

School ban to stay

CAPE TOWN — The Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Piet Clase, reiterated yesterday that his department's decision that the children of a black clergyman from Malawi cannot attend Rhenish Primary School will not be reconsidered

Mr Clase, in charge of state-controlled white "own affairs" schools, said government policy was that exceptions could be made only for

diplomats' children

He said the case of the Reverend Jonathan Kamwana, studying in Stellenbosch, and his children, was "not such an exceptional one."

There are indications that the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, in whose constituency the school falls, may try to find a solution to the matter in consultation with Mr Clase — Sapa

DET 'meeting accomodation challenges'

ALAN FINE

THE provision of additional accomodation for the ever-increasing student population, without detracting from the programme for eliminating backlogs in physical facilities, was the single most challenging problem faced by the Department of Education and Training (DET) in 1986, director-general A B Fourie said

But, he said in the DET's annual report released last week, it had succeeded in maintaining that balance.

For the first time, the full range of text books was distributed as well as free stationary for all pupils. The special attention needed in the rural areas, together with increasing urbanisation, caused a complicated demographic phenomenon

School unrest was dealt with in two pages — one in each official language — of the 394 page report. It said on average 260 out of more than 7 300 schools were disrupted at any particular time

DET members tried their utmost to promote and maintain communication with organisations, community leaders and parents. Grievances and demands were thoroughly investigated

It expressed concern that "small groups of radicals were successful in their attempts to disrupt schools".

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Post Reporter
BLACK schooling during the first quarter in Port Elizabeth was "incident free" the regional director for the Department of Education and Training, Mr Bill Staude, said today

This year, black pupils returned to school en masse after two years of boycott disruptions

Commenting, Mr Staude said "Normal school routine is once again becoming established Attendance at all schools has been good"

Parent committees were being established, "and such committees have been involved in decision-making concerning the establishment of priorities in regard to school repairs"

At a regional DET conference last week, "professional stocktaking of the present situation and the development of strategies aimed at improving the organisational functionality, as well as the educational effectiveness of our schools" was discussed, he said

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End of the calmest quarter in four years

All's quiet on the education front

By Sol Makgabutlane, Education Reporter

Black schools close for first-term vacations on Friday in what must rank as the quietest quarter since tumult hit black education in 1984

It is too early to say which way the mood will swing in the coming months, but the feeling of despair and frustration in black education circles seems to be lessening, and teachers are crossing their fingers that this will prove to be the first academic year unhindered by stayaways and boycotts in four years

Besides a boycott presently centred on six schools around Alice in the Ciskei, black education in South Africa is plodding on with renewed determination

There has been an overwhelming return to school after a number of black groups, including the National Education and Crisis Committee, the All-African Students Action Committee, Azan-

ian Student's Movement, the Soweto Students Congress, the Azanian People's Organisation and the Azanian National Youth Unity, appealed to pupils to wage their battle while learning at the same time

Few of the pupil demands have been met, a factor which still riles a significant number of pupils. The Soweto Students' Congress is to meet soon to analyse the situation

School children, church leaders and anti-Government organisations have called on the Government to release detained pupils, lift the state of emergency, reinstate dismissed and transferred teachers, unban the Congress of South African Students, withdraw troops from the townships, repair damaged schools and provide free tuition and books

In the present pre-election climate, these demands have fallen largely on deaf ears

Most of the leaders closely involved with the watershed congress in Durban on March 29 1986, including editor Zweekakhe Sisulu, the Rev Molefe Tsele and Mr Vusi Khanyile, are in detention

The conference, attended by 1500 parents, pupils and teachers, was called to decide whether black pupils should continue their boycott of schools

"We are speaking to many parents and pupils and the pendulum has swung," said the liaison officer of the Department of Education and Training, Mr Peter Mundell

"They realise they were getting nowhere. I remember speaking at a big gathering of pupils and they wanted to know if stayaways and boycotts had achieved anything"

He pointed out that there had also been a "rude shock" when the Government closed 73 schools last year "where there was no progress". The schools were all re-opened this year

"Even in areas such as Alexandra there has been a big shake-up in attitudes. But the parents, pupils and the department are partners in this. It is happening from all directions and the department is happy"

He said black students were working to catch up on lost time

"We do not want to make any predictions about the future. If we can build on a solid foundation, then some positive results will flow from this"

Dr Kenneth Hartshorne, consultant to the Centre for Continuing Education at the University of the Witwatersrand, preferred to withhold comment until the next quarter

"I am not sure how long this situation is going to hold," he said. "There still lies the second quarter — with May Day and June 16 still to come. I prefer to hold my comments until I am sure about the scenario"

Mr Leepile Taunyane, the president of the Transvaal United African Teachers Association (Tuata), said "We have already lost thousands of youngsters who will never get the schooling they need"

"Teachers, parents and community leaders must do everything in their power to get the schools humming again. We owe it to our children and their future"

No DET action yet on quick cash colleges

By SEFAKO NYAKA

ALTHOUGH the Department of Education and Training has admitted it regards the emergence of "cash-in colleges" in a "very serious" light, it is not going to take drastic action against them yet.

The department said in a statement this week: "If we take action without proper consideration, hundreds of parents stand to lose a lot of money."

The statement was issued in response to a series of articles in the *Weekly Mail* last week, outlining how schools had been set up in the centre of Johannesburg in an attempt to fill the vacuum created by the township school crisis.

The DET said any of the schools applying for registration will have to undergo a stringent grading system. Issues such as classroom size, toilet facilities and teachers' qualifications are taken into consideration.

Applications are scrutinised by regional offices and the DET's head office in Pretoria — and no school will be allowed to register unless it subscribes to basic needs.

The DET said schools have to be registered before writing an official department exam

It said those schools that applied for registration were "clearly informed that they must not start teaching or even admit pupils unless registration has been finalised.

"None of these schools have told us they have children in class."

Some of the schools wanted provisional registration but "we told them we could not commut ourselves and demanded an assurance that they had not yet started."

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Printers blamed for book shortage

About 100 000 pupils at 80 schools are still without textbooks because publishers, unnerved by last year's unrest at schools, reduced their printing runs, a Pretoria bookdealer has said.

Mrs Miranda du Plessis said publishers filled orders placed by the Department of Education and Training because payment had been guaranteed,

but "independent" teaching institutions were not catered for.

"Publishers should have had better faith in their land," she said.

Printers vied to get Government orders and did not worry about smaller markets, she added.

Mrs du Plessis said the Government should not be blamed for the problem, but the printers. — Sapa.

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Optimism as stability returns to black schools

By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Education Reporter

STABILITY was the feature of the first quarter at black schools in South Africa this year, except for a few isolated exceptions, according to the Department of Education and Training

The schools have closed for the Easter holidays

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Prominent role

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And, some of the pupils' demands — the withdrawal of troops from the townships, an end to overcrowding and the shortage of textbooks at schools, unbanning the Congress of South African Students, the release of detained pupils, the lifting of the state of emergency and the re-instatement of dismissed and transferred teachers — have not been addressed

Mr Mundell said "We are not prepared to comment on public appeals for pupils to return to school Our research has shown a sense of realism has returned There has been a very fundamental change in attitudes

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Correspondent

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On the surface Mr Mundell's words are reassuring

But few, if any of the pupil demands have been met, a factor which still rules a significant number of them

June 16

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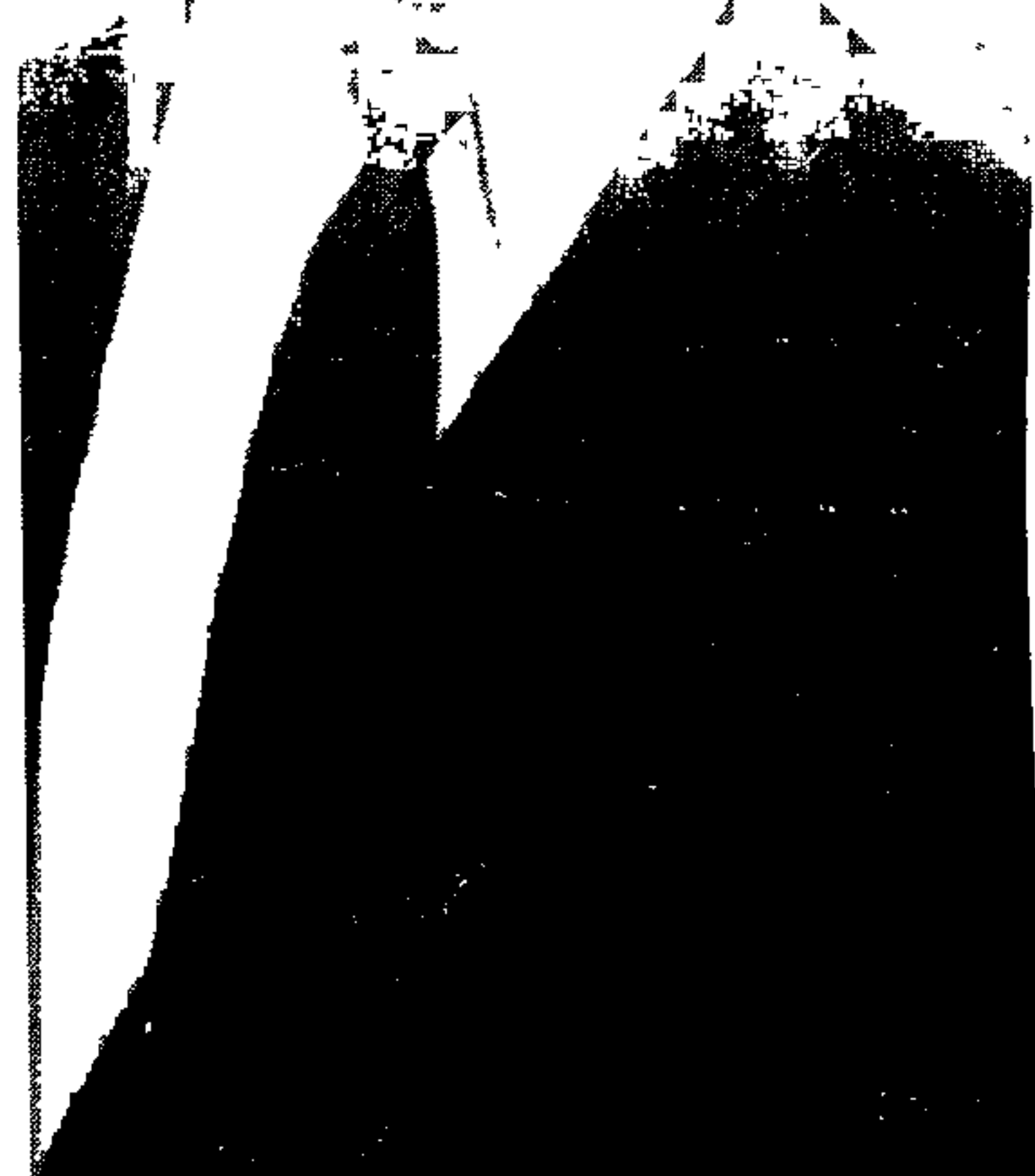
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**DET set to train
13 600 managers**

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PRETORIA — The Department of Education and Training has embarked on one of the most ambitious management projects of its kind ever undertaken — the enormous task of training 13 600 managers simultaneously at a uniform standard and to maintain this on an ongoing basis, the director-general, Dr A B Fourie, said yesterday

“Good management is looked upon by the department as one of the key factors in the present and future improvement of performance and job satisfaction at schools under its control,” he said

“AOL representatives initially present the course to regional directors and deputy directors. They train their inspectorate who present the programme to principals in their region who present it to their deputy principals and heads of department. A basic assumption is that every manager is responsible for his subordinate’s performance improvement

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provement of performance and job satisfaction at schools under its control,” he said on the occasion of the official presentation of the Manager’s Diary by De Jager-Haum and Aol in Pretoria.

The programme is the result of a successful pilot project in 1984 by the department and its consultant, African Oxygen Ltd Performance and Educational Services.

“The approach consists initially of a core programme which conveys the department’s management philosophy and universally accepted management principles followed by a series of situation-directed ‘top-downs’.”

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Workshop groups never exceed six and both follow-up reports are built into this approach,” Dr Fourie said.

“In phase one of the project, eight ‘top-downs’ were decided upon, namely

- Self management
- Managing buildings and physical assets
- Managing conflict in schools
- Managing pupils
- Managing subordinate outputs
- Managing the community
- Managing methods, systems and procedures, and managing

your team

“owing to the management improvement and success already achieved it is envisaged to present similar programmes during the next two years to include a programme on coaching for use by heads of department and a course on ‘class management’ for all 50 000 teachers

“Management programmes to include senior personnel at farm schools and at head office are also being planned to reach a total involvement of more than 14 000 managers by the year 1990” — Sapa

A British court decision

mentally handicapped

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People ^{stay} wanted ^{14/87} discipline — DET

By Sol Makgabutlane,
Education Reporter.

Some black groups constantly affirmed their desire for order and discipline in schools last year but small groups of radicals caused disruption, according to the Department of Education and Training (DET).

The DET, responsible for black education in South Africa and the self-governing tribal territories, expressed this view in its annual report for 1986.

The report added. "In many instances consumer boycotts, bus boycotts and dissent between political groups led to disruption in school education — pupils were often drawn into the conflict against their will."

While other black groups wanted order and discipline "it is disturbing that small groups of radicals were successful in their attempts to disrupt the schools by means of intimidation and violence and so deprived many pupils of their opportunity for education"

The report said grievances related to education matters had been investigated and in some cases rectified.

"However, the manipulation of pupils for political purposes became apparent as educational demands were replaced by demands of a political, socio-economic and social nature.

"These unrealistic demands were then laid at the door of the department to create a stalemate. The department was then described as unyielding and unsympathetic.

"Supposed and fabricated grievances even resulted in new buildings being damaged and free books and stationery being burned as inferior"

REGISTRATION

The report said unrest forced the DET to shelve or transfer new building programmes to other areas.

"To promote the safety of pupils and teachers and to restore order to schools all pupils were required to re-register after the winter holidays

"They were further required to show proof of registration while in school.

"Security forces were stationed at a few schools."

The DET claimed these measures were approved of by many black communities.

The report said that during the year the areas most seriously affected by unrest were Johannesburg and the Eastern Cape where, on average, 260 schools were disrupted at any given time.

A total of 73 schools in the Johannesburg, East Rand, Natal and Eastern Cape regions were closed until December last year either because no pupils registered or because no effective education was taking place

The report said the demands of pupils boycotting classes last year included the immediate release of detainees, the reinstatement of dismissed or transferred teachers, the end of the state of emergency and the removal of soldiers from the townships.

● The report said farmers made a valuable contribution by providing classrooms on farms. A total of 378 classrooms accommodating 15 120 pupils were built and 50 schools renovated.

During the same period 25 new schools with a total of 538 classrooms were built by the Government, as were 172 extra classrooms at 21 existing schools.

The DET said the classrooms would provide accommodation for about 28 400 pupils.

Khanyile application: judgment postponed

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Judgment in an application for the release from detention of the chairman of the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC), Mr Vusi Khanyile, was yesterday postponed to April 7 in the Rand Supreme Court.

Mr Khanyile was taken into custody in December last year in terms of the emergency regulations. He has asked the court to declare his detention unlawful.

Mr Denis Kuny, SC, has argued that there were many other alternatives the authorities could have used to cir-

cumscribe Mr Khanyile if they felt he was a threat to public safety and the maintenance of public order.

Yesterday, Mr J D M Swart, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, argued that the Minister was empowered by the emergency regulations to order Mr Khanyile's continued detention.

Although it was not shown in the court papers that alternatives to detention had been considered, this did not mean they were ignored.

The court has heard that Mr Khanyile had

been involved in negotiations with the deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, about the crisis in education. The court papers contained a series of telexes between the two.

Mr Kuny argues that the NECC had tried to act as an "honest broker" between militant schoolchildren and the authorities.

"Here is a man who is moderate, who is educated, who is in a senior position and who has been relied upon by the authorities," Mr Kuny said.

2 000 pupils face uncertain school future

14/4/87 THELMA TUCH *B/Day*
MORE than 2 000 pupils face uncertainty about their school careers if government goes ahead with threats to remove the community at Brits' Oukasie township.

There is a serious shortage of schools in this Northern Transvaal region to accommodate the pupils now registered at Oukasie schools.

Department of Education and Training (DET) liaison officer Peter Mundell said last week many of the pupils walked long distances to schools in Oukasie because of a lack of school facilities in the outlying rural areas.

And, although government had stated repeatedly the area was marked for removal to Lethlabile, the number of pupils attending schools in Oukasie had increased significantly this year, particularly this month at the start of the second term.

He said at the end of last year, the DET transferred teachers and pupils from the Odi Primary in Oukasie to Lesedi Primary in Lethlabile.

Despite the transfer, the DET had gone ahead and renovated the classrooms at Odi Primary to accommodate an influx of pupils from outlying areas trying to attend school in Oukasie.

Mundell said the DET had fixed the roof which had been swept away by wind. It had also provided staff for the school.

Further, since the start of the second term this month, Odi Primary had also been accommodating an increasing number of high school pupils who could not be accommodated at Bothlabelo High in Oukasie.

Mundell said Odi was now so full pupils had to use rooms at nearby churches as classrooms.

As well, Lesedi Primary had now reached its maximum capacity, making it increasingly difficult to incorporate more pupils at the school.

In response to the situation, the DET was investigating which outlying areas were most severely affected by a school shortage so that it could start planning schools for those areas.

However, it faced a problem of obtaining state ground for the schools.

□ Up to 10 000 Oukasie residents are refusing to move from the location to Lethlabile, 20km away, and are demanding Oukasie be upgraded.

□ Mundell said black pupils at many schools countrywide were facing a shortage of textbooks, varying from 10% at some to as much as 60% at others. The DET budgeted for a certain amount of replacement value as well as the increasing number of pupils but this could not accommodate the large numbers of pupils who were not returning books.

Ripples in the uneasy classroom calm

THE uneasy calm at schools in Cape Town's black townships is being threatened by what parents, teachers and students see as intransigence and inefficiency on the part of the Department of Education and Training (DET).

Dissatisfaction with overcrowded classrooms and a crippling shortage of textbooks has already been manifested in one-day stayaways at two Gugulethu

high schools. According to pupils at ID Mkize High School in the township, more than 160 matric candidates are without history textbooks.

Members of Langa High School's parent, teacher and student association told the *Weekly Mail* how pupils have to walk each morning to a nearby church to collect chairs lent to the school because the DET has yet to

By GAYE DAVIS, Cape Town

equip 10 newly-built classrooms with furniture. "Even then, there are not enough chairs," a pupil said.

This year the school's numbers, which fell from the usual 1 200 to a low of 600 last year, have been swelled not only by pupils returning after 1985's protracted class boycott but also by an influx of Std 6 pupils,

following a DET decision that Std 6 would no longer be offered by higher primary schools. By the end of March Langa had 1 762 pupils; the average class size was 60.

"The community took a decision not to turn anyone away," a teacher said. "So we started a double shift system, with Std 7 classes from 7am until noon and Std 6 pupils from noon until 3pm."

The double shifts came to an end when the 10 classrooms were completed in mid-April, but no textbooks were provided during the past four months, the teacher said.

"When the second term arrived and there was still no sign of any textbooks arriving, we had to take the initiative. We went from one higher primary school to another collecting books used in Std 6 last year.

"When it comes to furniture, we know we are not unique. But what we are saying is how can the DET let it happen?"

"It seems the department is not concerned whether schools are destabilised. It seems the only time they act is when they hear there is going to be a boycott," the teacher said.

Langa matric pupils are using three different types of mathematics textbooks. "It depends on what you can get from your friends," a pupil said.

Stationery — the free pens and exercise books supposed to be given to pupils in terms of a new government deal announced last year — is another flashpoint. While Langa High has none to issue, pupils claimed a Khayelitsha high school, run by a white headmaster, had a surplus

an. "But we are aware of the DET's strategy to undermine the people's struggle and will continue to work with these pupils to get them to understand," a pupil said.

Fueling anger is the decision by the DET to send high school athletes to Durban for a mixed inter-provincial athletics event.

"They are spending thousands on taking a few pupils to Durban but they can't afford to build us classrooms or laboratories," the pupil said.

Not surprisingly, the PTSA has shelved plans to celebrate the anniversary of Langa High's 50th year of existence in the face of "more pressing problems".

The regional director, Cape region, of the DET, Bill Staude, said delivery of furniture to Langa High School was expected to take place "in the next three to four weeks". He said "information concerning an overabundance of stationery at certain schools at the expense of others was not correct.

"The amount of free stationery a pupil receives varies from standard to standard according to the written work generated by the various syllabuses."

The Langa parent, teacher and student association was not recognised by the DET. "Our contact with parents of schools is by means of school committees elected in terms of regulations governing the establishment of such bodies."

Staude did not respond to questions related to the provision of textbooks, except to say that the introduction of a new syllabus would not affect their supply.

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By Sol Makgabutlane
Education Reporter

The Department of Education and Training (DET) expects about 250 000 black pupils to register for the Std 10 examinations this year, according to the DET's chief liaison officer, Mr Job Schoeman.

He said the deadline for registering for the examinations was last Friday (April 10) and those pupils who had not registered by then would not be eligible to sit the examinations.

"Although lists are still being forwarded to us from schools and circuit offices from all over the country, we expect about 130 000 full-time candidates and 120 000 part-time candidates to have registered," said Mr Schoeman.

Last year 230 000 black pupils — 110 000 of them full-time candidates — registered for the DET Std 10 examinations.

250 000 may enter for Std 10

Full-time candidates are required to pay R36,30 to register.

The total number of pupils covers South Africa as well as the self-governing and independent homelands, but excludes Transkei.

Many black pupils have missed their final examinations since trouble hit black schools in 1984.

However, according to Mr R R Motau, deputy regional director for the DET's Highveld area (East Rand), many black pupils flooded back to schools at the beginning of this year.

Mayors Mahlangu, Nkatlo and Boya at the official opening of a municipal park in Atteridgeville.

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A shot in the arm

THE DEPARTMENT of Education and Training has donated R850 000 for the erection of a recreation resort on the outskirts of Atteridgeville.

The first phase of the recreation resort, which is expected to cost about R6-million upon completion, was opened last week by the mayor of Atteridgeville, WK Mahlangu, and the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen.

The first phase consists of a take-away cafeteria, a roofed bar-

rier with concrete floor to accommodate about 200 patrons, braai stands and toilets.

The two subsequent phases, to be completed within three years, will include a lake with boating facilities, a BMX track, football field, tennis courts, swimming pool, a roller-skating area and group facilities. Work on the second phase will begin in August.

It is expected that

the resort will eventually consist of picnic areas and five ablution blocks.


A hotel - at this stage only a possibility - will be entrusted to a private entrepreneur.

A similar recreation resort will be opened in Vosloorus today.

The resort has also been divided into three phases and has received an initial boost of R850 000 from the DET.

Schools' plea to minister

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By CLARE HARPER
Education Reporter

PARENTS of pupils at the I D Mkiize High School and Fezeka High School in Guguletu have called on the Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, to visit the schools "to see conditions for himself".

The joint secretary of the Parent-Teachers-Students Association for the schools, Mr Walter Lefuma, said yesterday he had written to the local office of the Department of Education and Training (DET) in April request-

ing Mr De Beer and the DET to conduct in loco inspections of the schools

But he had not yet received a reply, Mr Lefuma said

"We believe it is necessary for Mr De Beer to acquaint himself with the situation at first hand — he would then realise that the students should be commended for exercising such restraint," he said

He said there were huge gaps between what the government said it was doing and what the DET was doing in the schools
"At Fezeka High School there are

no set books for the Xhosa class, no English text or set books, no maths or physics text books, 113 Afrikaans text books for 153 pupils, but no set books The Sotho and Tswana class have no text books or set books at all," Mr Lefuma said

He added that there were no text books for the history pupils, but 114 geography books for 18 geography pupils

He said this situation for matric pupils was similar for the standard nine and standard six classes

He said I D Mkiize School had the same problem with books, and was not

electrified which meant conducting science classes was "impossible"

"This matter must be viewed with urgency, the conditions at the schools are appalling and school grievances tend to spill over into the economic and family life," he said

Mr Lefuma said that the purpose of the DET visit would be to ensure that the executives of the department were adequately informed of the situation, as it was they who were involved in the planning of programmes

Western Cape DET spokesman, Mr Bill Staude was unavailable for comment yesterday

Shots fired at Eastern Transvaal school

By Sol Makgabutlane, Education Reporter

There was a shooting incident at Memeza Secondary School, in Mgwenya township, Waterval Boven, in the Eastern Transvaal, last week. Pupils have given The Star one version of the incident, while the Department of Education and Training, in Pretoria, and police have provided another.

Pupils say

Pupils say that on Friday May 8 a pupil, Sergeant Lukhele, was questioned by his white headmaster in connection with a missing tea flask, which had disappeared from the headmaster's office.

The principal handed Lukhele over to the police for further questioning.

Std 9 and 10 pupils were unhappy about this and decided to stay away from classes.

Pupils told The Star the headmaster ordered all pupils, on Monday May 11, to vacate the school premises.

As the pupils were going out of their classrooms, the headmaster opened fire on them, they claimed.

One boy, Chris Mazibuko (18), a Std 7 pupil, was said to have been hit in the forehead by a bullet.

As pupils tried to flee, the headmaster kept on firing, they claimed.

Three pupils, Phindile Nkosi (16), who is in Std 6, Sam Mdluli and a pupil known only as Ernest were injured.

These three were treated in hospital and discharged, while Mazibuko spent at least a day at Themba Hospital, in White River, receiving treatment.

Pupils are now demanding that the headmaster be dismissed. They say he walks around the school carrying a firearm.

DET says

Mr Peter Mundell, a spokesman for the Department of Education and Training, said there was a stone-throwing incident on Monday May 11 at Memeza Secondary School. Std 9 and 10 pupils refused to attend classes.

They then became unruly and attacked two private motor vehicles with stones, causing considerable damage.

The headmaster of the school (Mr Mundell said he did not have the man's name) repeatedly warned the children to disperse.

When the stone-throwing became severe, the headmaster returned with a shotgun and fired three warning shots into the air.

The children then left the school grounds. The following morning 150 pupils were threatened by Std 9 and 10 pupils and told they would be "marked" if they attended school.

The assistant director for that

area (Mr Mundell did not give the man's name) sent letters to all parents asking for their co-operation. The local school committee had decided that all Std 9 and 10 pupils would have to re-apply for registration at the school, with their parents.

A number of parents and their children had already applied.

Mr Mundell declined to say if his department allowed headmasters to keep firearms with them at black schools.

Police say

Police said "We confirm that there was a shooting incident as mentioned in your telex inquiry."

"However, the headmaster allegedly fired four shots into the air after he was threatened and stones were thrown when a group of Standard 9 and 10 pupils became unruly. According to our records, nobody was injured in the incident."

Alexandra to get six schools this year

By Michael Tisson

Alexandra township will get six new schools before the end of the year in a R10,5 million education project.

Department of Education and Training (DET) officials launched the project in Alexandra yesterday.

DET's deputy director-general Mr Jaap Strydom, said five primary schools and a secondary school would be completed before the end of the year.

There are now 13 primary schools and three secondary schools in the township.

Strydom said he had been associated with education in Alexandra since 1972 when he was circuit inspector.

"We tried to get the facilities upgraded then, but we could not get the land because Alexandra was known as a frozen area. The community here successfully appealed against their impending removal from the township and the situation is different today. We can build.

"When Mr Sam de Beer (Deputy Minister of Education and Development Aid) visited us on January 12, he promised us at least five schools.

"That was not an idle promise. We expect the five primary schools and a secondary school to be completed by the end of the year. Another secondary and another primary school should be ready by the end of 1988."

Mr Strydom said the secondary school would cost about R3 million, while the primary schools would cost an average of R1,5 million each.

In an incident near the site where one of the schools is to be built, a youth shouted "Amandla!" (Power). Some children shouted the refrain "Awethu!" (Is ours).

Schools for Alex

By NKOPANE
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HUNDREDS of Alexandra primary school pupils and their teachers yesterday attended a sod-turning ceremony to mark the start of the building of six new schools in the township.

The schools — five primary and one secondary — are to be built at a total cost of R10,5 million by the Department of Education and

Sports

Addressing dignitaries before the ceremony, Mr Jaap Strydom, deputy director general of the

DET, said his department cared about Alexandra

The first two primary schools are to be completed at the end of the year and two more in the middle of next year. The fifth primary and the secondary school will be ready for occupation at the end of 1988.

Mr Strydom also announced that DET has allocated R800 000 to be spent on sports and recreational facilities on the eastern side of the township.

Two existing primary schools, he said, would be upgraded to double-storey schools. The Old Alexandra Junior High School and Ithute Primary School will also be upgraded, he said.

Dr No's ideal

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — The Conservative Party stood for a lofty ideal — a free white nation with its own government in its own fatherland, the new leader of the opposition, Dr Andries Treurnicht, said yesterday.

Introducing a motion of censure of the Government, he said his party granted the same rights to other nations in South Africa.

"We reject the label of radicalism," Dr Treurnicht said.

"There is no radicalism in the striving of a people to survive in freedom on its own territory."

"We are right. We are conservative. We are against liberalism's levelling and the surrender of the

MR JAAP Strydom turning the sod at a ceremony in Alexandra yesterday to mark the start of building of six schools in the area. Looking on is Mr Edwin Baloyi, principal of Gordon Combin School, and some primary school pupils.



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New system delays pay

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By Mudmi Maiyha
More than 1 000 adult education teachers employed by the Department of Education and Training (DET) in the Johannesburg region have been without pay for four months up to April, teachers said this week.

Teachers, both black and white, said they last received their cheques in December 1986. DET's Johannesburg regional director, Mr Gunther Merbold, confirmed the teachers had not been paid.

"We had problems effecting payments, but we have completed the backlog. We had problems in obtaining information since the teachers are not on the regular payroll," said Mr Merbold.

Mr Merbold said payments from January to April would be made before the end of the month.

SENT TO HOMES

The teachers, who preferred not to be named, said the problems seemed to have something to do with a new system of issuing cheques.

Instead of cheques being sent to them at the centres from Pretoria, they are sent to their homes from their regional offices.

"I saw Mr Merbold four weeks ago. He told me the problems would be sorted out and we would receive our money at the end of April or the beginning of May at the latest. Nothing has happened yet," said one teacher.

Mr Merbold said the new system was part of the restructuring of the administration. Once fully in operation, cheques would not be delivered at centres where teachers gave lectures but would be sent directly to their addresses. "We are streamlining the system," said Mr Merbold.

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White principal for troubled Langa High

By CLARE HARPER and ANTHONY JOHNSON

THE Department of Education and Training (DET) has appointed a white principal to Langa High School to take over temporarily from Mr Duke Ngcukana, who was allegedly assaulted by a knife-wielding sports master earlier this month.

And yesterday the government announced it would dispatch a special team to the school to conduct a "firsthand" investigation into recent disputes between pupils and staff members.

Chaos erupted at the school on May 12 when members of its athletics team returned from the DET's national schools athletics championships in Durban and allegedly assaulted other pupils. The sports master allegedly chased the headmaster.

Announcing the investigation yesterday, the Director-General of the Department, Dr A B Fourie, said disputes at the school had "affected" school attendance adversely.

Langa High School members of the Democratic Teachers' Union (DETU) yesterday condemned the DET decision to instal the new principal on Thursday and demanded Mr Ngcukana's reinstatement.

A spokesman for the DETU said Mr Ngcukana was currently off the school premises. The sports master, who allegedly assaulted him and other teachers, was still on the school grounds.

A meeting of parents last Sunday resolved that the sports master should be removed from the school in the light of recent disturbances.

Better facilities demanded

The DETU spokesman said teachers at the school were asked this week to report to the DET circuit office.

In a statement the DETU demanded better facilities at the school, the provision of books to schools which needed them and the instalment of temporary teachers as permanent teachers. It also demanded that all new teachers be appointed as permanent staff.

A teacher pointed out that temporary teachers could be dismissed with just 24 hours' notice.

Dr Fourie said the investigating team would also "thoroughly examine alleged shortages of furniture, books and other stock. Reasons for such shortages will also be investigated.

"The DET maintains unreservedly that education can only take place meaningfully in an orderly, constructive and disciplined environment," he said. "The normalization of any untoward situation is a matter of urgent concern."

Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens) has tabled questions in Parliament asking the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, to divulge the extent of his department's financing of sports events involving the school.

Pupils brainwashed at nature camps — claim

A Soweto student group has objected to the weekly visits by black pupils to nature training camps organised by the Department of Education and Training (DET)

Mr Johnny Masebe, publicity secretary of the Soweto Students Congress, says pupils return from the training camps "brainwashed and neutralised".

The camps caused a row last year after reports that pupils released from detention were being sent there for "re-education".

Mr Masebe said "We discredit this programme. The DET is trying to neutralise pupils about the situation in the country."

Mr Peter Mundell, liaison officer of the DET in Pretoria, said he failed to see how anyone could be against the programme.

Participation was strictly voluntary,

he said. There were seven such training centres in the country.

"There is no indoctrination, as one could quite easily find out by speaking to children who have been there. It is absolutely on a voluntary basis and there is no arm-twisting."

He said courses dealt with civic values, Christian beliefs, career guidance, physical fitness, leadership skills and the role of violence in a democratic society.

"Pupils do ask questions, they just don't sit there and listen. The girls and boys are allowed to chat about topics and subjects. There is no form of coercion or pressure to accept a certain point of view."

Feedback from participants had been "generally very positive".

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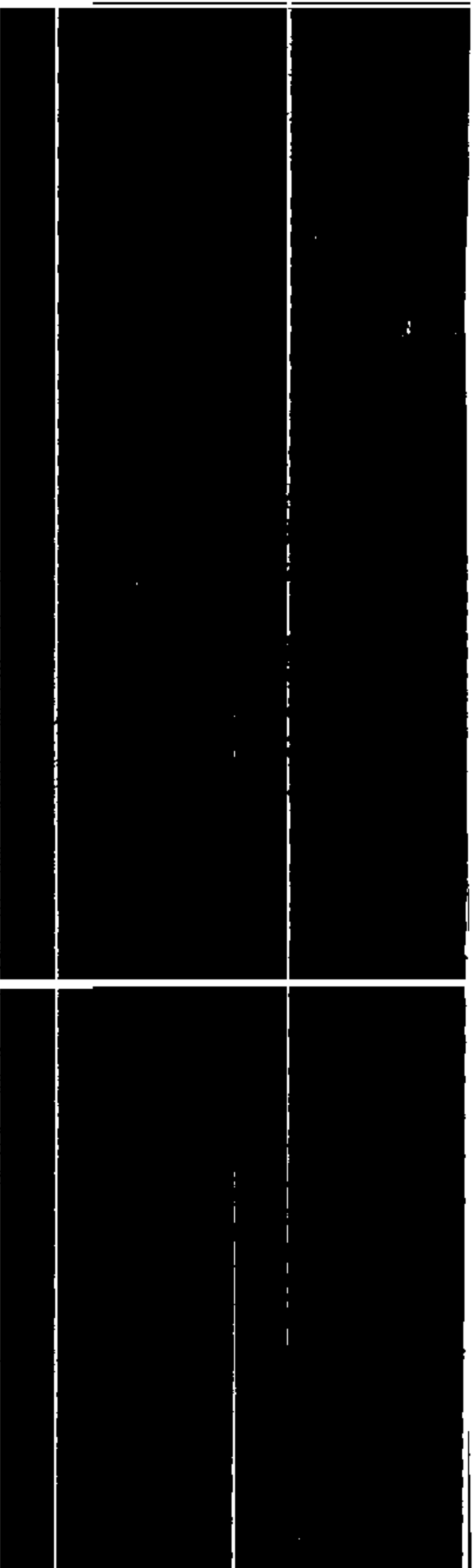
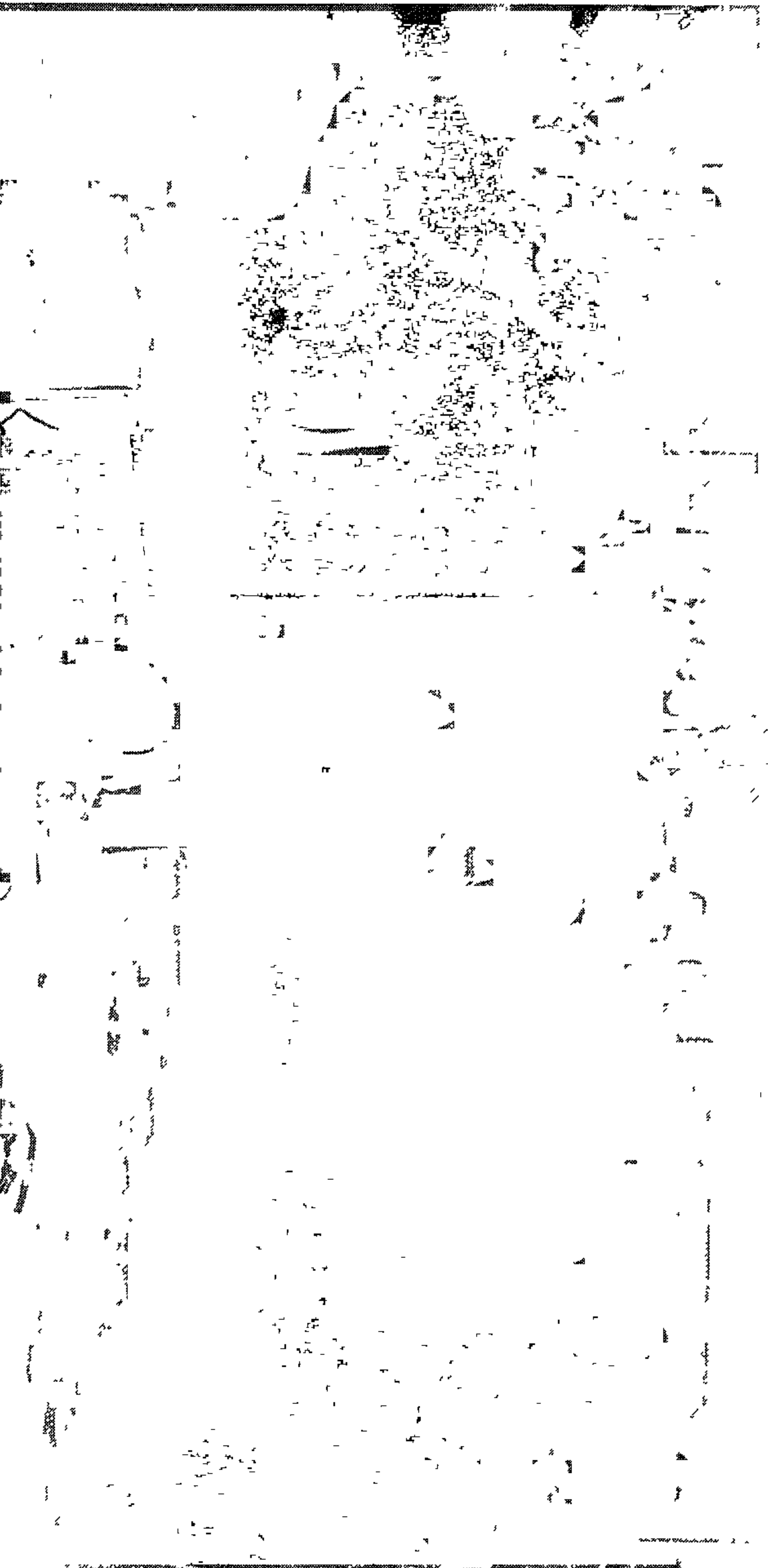
DET uplifts Alex in bid to win over the youth

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Jaap Strydom tells the Alexandra pupils that the schools are for their use. Strydom said that four schools are to be built in the area.



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THE GOVERNMENT'S declared intention to win the hearts and minds of the people of Alexandra township was transformed into action this week when the Department of Education and Training announced a R10,5-million project to build four new schools in the area.

Construction will begin immediately and the four primary schools are expected to be completed by the end of the year. An additional primary school and one secondary school will be completed before the end of next year.

The secondary school will be built at a cost of R3-million.

According to the deputy director of the DET, Jaap Strydom, each primary school would be built at a cost of R1,5-million.

Other plans aimed at upgrading facilities in the area include building a R800 000 recreational facility.

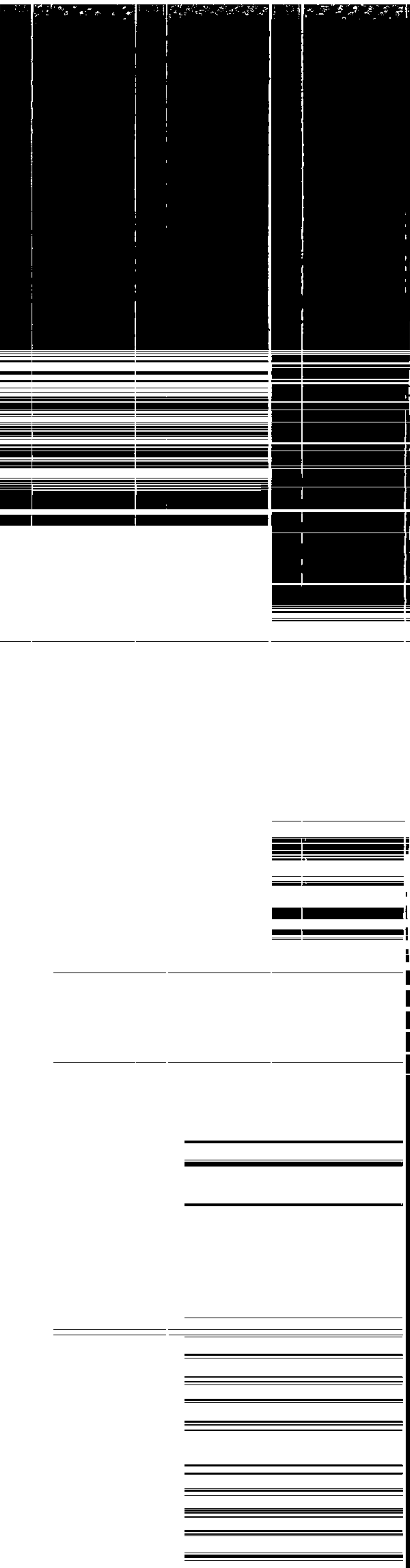
The announcement was made at a function held at the town council offices attended by councillors, top DET officials, headmasters and representatives of the private sector.

Hundreds of Alexandra children from the local lower and higher primary schools lined the dusty streets in a guard of honour as the visitors drove to the site of the schools to be built.

This was in strong contrast to the scenes of violence and unrest which gripped the



Alex pupils watch Jaap Strydom scooping the soil of their future school.



area last year

There were responsive shouts and screams from the pupils when Strydom told them that the schools to be built would belong to them

"All that is done is for the benefit of you little children"

"It is part of the urban renewal for the interests of the young," said Strydom

Strydom said the four schools would replace the dilapidated schools in the area

"The pupils are literally being taught in shacks at the moment and the DET has resolved to change the situation," he added

The schools are Ikage, Zenzeleni, Iphuteng and Carter lower primaries. The latter two will be completed by mid-year next year

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White principal: Parents angry

By CLARE HARPER
Education Reporter

A MEETING yesterday, between the Department of Education and Training and Langa High School pupils' parents, ended with parents shouting at DET officials for closing the meeting before their questions had been answered.

Since the headmaster, Mr Duke Ngcukana, was allegedly attacked by the sports master on May 12, opposing pupils have been fighting each other in the classrooms — and many pupils have stayed away from classes for fear of further violence.

Mr Piet Scheepers, of the DET Western Cape Circuit, and the newly appointed white headmaster called the meeting to discuss what steps the DET were taking to "normalize" the situation at the school.

The conflict at Langa High followed about 30 athletes taking

part in a DET-organized national schools athletics championship in Durban.

Some parents yesterday said the DET had caused the chaos in the school by not consulting them over the tour to Durban, and not asking them in the first place why parents and pupils were opposed to the tour.

Parents expressed anger that the DET had now, without consulting them, decided to appoint a white principal and to investigate the dispute and other grievances over furniture and stationery.

In response to a parent's question about why a white headmaster had been appointed, Mr Scheepers replied "because a white man would be neutral".

Many parents expressed their disagreement and said he might aggravate the situation.

Mr Scheepers told parents that the "temporary" headmaster was there to investigate the problems at the school, including the shortage of desks and furniture, and

would be removed when his job was done.

He urged the parents to encourage the staff and pupils to give the DET their co-operation, so they could "normalize schooling".

However, the DET called the meeting to a close after a parent asked Mr Scheepers why the DET had not consulted the parents committee of the Parents/Teachers/Students Association.

As Mr Scheepers walked out of the meeting, parents shouted at him to answer the question.

Later, the chairman of the parents committee of the PTSA, Mr L G Daba, said the meeting had served no purpose.

"The DET came to tell us what they are doing, excluding the parents from the investigation," he said.

A spokesman for the Langa Youth Movement said the newly appointed principal could not help solve the problem — "the DET is part of the problem".

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Police patrol outside troubled Langa school

Education Reporter

SPECIAL constables and police patrolled outside Langa High School after several windows in the principal's office were broken yesterday.

The Department of Education and Training (DET), which is investigating the situation at the troubled school, would not comment on the matter.

Deputy regional director of the Western Cape Mr Piet Scheepers said he was "too busy to talk to the Press".

Yesterday, an Argus team was ordered to leave the school and to contact the department for information on the position of Mr G S Niehaus, who was said earlier to have replaced the principal.

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Youths not forced says DET

A SENIOR DET official has responded to reports that political detainees may be sent for social re-education after their release by saying nobody could be forced to attend youth education camps against their will.

The Department of Education and Training's (DET) senior PRO, Mr Job Schoeman, was reacting to a report in a Johannesburg newspaper that detainees at the Modderbee Prison near Springs have been on a hunger strike because of fears that they could be transferred to youth camps or other re-education centres.

'Invited'

Mr Schoeman said that since August last year detainees have been "invited" to attend youth centres run by the DET but this was not done at the request of prison services and attendance was voluntary.

He said the courses dealt with "Study techniques, vocational guidance, leadership and sport" and had no political content.

"There is no form of coercion or pressure of any kind. Detainees are

MR JOB Schoeman . . . youths "invited".

free to attend or go home after their release from prison or at any time during the course."

The newspaper report quoted DET spokesman Mr Peter Mundell as saying the courses dealt with questions such as "what is democracy?" and "how do elections take place?"

Fears that some detainees were to be transferred from prison to the camps were reported to lawyers by concerned parents and the Department of Prison Services confirmed the hunger strike but refused to comment, referring enquiries to the DET.

It said detainees on the hunger strike were believed to be protesting about other grievances that could not be reported in terms of the emergency regulations. — Sapa/EK

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Guguletu pupils 'dispersed' after official's car stoned

Staff Reporter

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Langa school head still holds post

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THE perception that the acting principal of Langa Secondary School had been replaced by a white official was not correct, the Director-General of Education and Training, Dr A B Fourie, said yesterday.

He also said the departmental investigation, involving senior officials, into the problems at the school had been in progress since Monday, May 25, and officials would be submitting their report and recommendations to him shortly.

In a statement, he said he wanted to correct any misapprehension that may have been created in the minds of the public by rumours in circulation or by press reports concerning the situation at the school.

"I wish to emphasize particularly that the acting principal of the school is at present still in his post.

"The perception that he has been replaced by a white official is not correct.

"I wish to state further that this point was stressed by the Deputy Director of the Cape Town circuit at a meeting with parents of the school on Sunday, 24 May, 1987.

"I regret that the attempt to clarify matters at that meeting was frustrated by the behaviour of certain persons present.

"In conclusion, I wish to reiterate that the Department of Education and Training maintains its stance that meaningful education can only take place in an orderly, constructive and disciplined environment," Dr Fourie said.

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Langa school could be closed, says DET letter

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By CLARE HARPER
Education Reporter

THE Department of Education and Training is considering closing Langa High School, according to a letter received by members of the school committee

The letter was sent by the acting regional director of the DET, Western Cape, Mr A Ndamase, to members of the school committee saying the closure was being contemplated because conditions were such that "no effective education is taking place"

The chief public relations officer for the DET, Mr Job Schoeman, said yesterday that no decision had yet been taken to close the school, but once the investigation at the school was complete, a report and recommendations would be sent to the

director-general

The chairman of the now defunct school committee, Mr Joseph Langa Magaqa, said yesterday that he and five others were mandated by residents of Langa at a meeting last Thursday to voice the community's objections to any intended closure

The ad-hoc committee of Mr Magaqa, Mr G Ntuli, Mr V Xhamlashe, Mrs N Gikolo, Mr H Zothe and Mrs N Makeletl have asked that the school not be closed "until we, the residents of Langa, have met and tried to settle the matter between teachers and scholars", he said

The Joint SRC, the organization representing the majority of black school pupils in the Western Cape, yesterday described the letter mootng the school clo-

sure as "highly provocative"

The Joint SRC spokesman said last night that "it is clear to us the DET do not want us to write our final examinations"

He said the problems at Langa High school started when students were used "as puppets by the DET to participate in the athletics tour to Durban on May 6".

"We call on students to unite and not be used by the DET," he said

The spokesman said that reports from different schools yesterday were that six pupils had been arrested over the long weekend in connection with pupil clashes

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Political Correspondent

THE Department of Education and Training contributed R8 642,79 towards the controversial Langa High School athletics trip to Durban at a time when there were shortages of classrooms, teachers and desks at the school.

The Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said yesterday that the total of R11 700 was spent on subsistence and transport expenses for the teacher and 60 pupils who attended the department's annual national athletics meeting. R3 057,21 had been paid from "central sponsorship", he said.

Replying to questions from Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens) on shortages of classrooms, equipment and teachers at the school, Dr Viljoen said that sufficient provision had been made for the "normal intake" of pupils at the school in 1987.

Shortages did, however, occur

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as a result of "the unforeseen actual higher number of pupils" and this was being urgently investigated by a departmental committee.

"In the meantime, 10 new classrooms have been erected by the Urban Foundation and furnished by the department." Dr Viljoen said that nine additional teaching posts have already been created at the school. He did not say if these had been filled yet.

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Viljoen 'deluded' over Langa crisis

Education Reporter

BLACK education chief Dr Gerrit Viljoen would not understand the frustration and tension in black schools as long as he allowed himself to be deluded by misinformation, the Progressive Federal Party spokesman for black education, Mr Ken Andrew, said today

Mr Andrew issued a statement after Dr Viljoen, the Minister of Education and Development Aid, gave him a written reply to questions on Langa High School

In his reply Dr Viljoen conceded that 13,7 per cent of Standard 10 pupils at the school had been without mathematics and English text-books since January because of an unexpected increase in the number of pupils.

For the same reason the school was short of classrooms, teachers and desks

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But the Urban Foundation had built nine classrooms and nine additional teaching posts had been created at Langa, Dr Viljoen said

He said the department had furnished the new classrooms and other shortages were receiving urgent attention

Mr Andrew said the answers given by Dr Viljoen illustrated how ill-informed he was

Langa High School had an acute shortage of classrooms, teachers, desks and books which disrupted its teaching programme

In spite of Dr Viljoen's claim that sufficient provision had been made for a normal intake of pupils this year, Standard 6 classes were transferred from primary schools to high school in January and no extra classrooms were provided, Mr Andrew said

"SCRAP CLOSURE IDEA"

The Urban Foundation had helped "by supplying 10 new classrooms before the start of the second term". He accused the department of failing to honour an undertaking to provide the necessary teachers, desks and books at the same time

● The Archbishop Desmond Tutu has appealed to the Department of Education and Training to "scrap the idea" of closing Langa High School

This follows the disclosure that Dr Viljoen was considering closing the school because conditions were such that "no effective education is taking place there"

Archbishop Tutu said he found it incredible that the department should want to close a school which pupils wanted to attend

"Closing Langa school would be a rash act and I appeal to the department to scrap the idea forthwith," he said

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Bus victims on 'training' trip

THE trip that resulted in the death of 14 Alexandra township schoolchildren was sponsored by the Department of Education and Training.

When the accident occurred, the children were on their way to a "leadership training" youth camp — an activity condemned by at least one student society as "brainwashing" and designed to "highjack and doom" student representative councils.

DET PRO Job Schoeman denied this week that the trip a fortnight ago was politically motivated. Youth camps, he said, concentrate on nature conservation, study techniques,

By THAMI MKHWANAZI

sports, religion and the development of leadership qualities among the youth. If SRC members were included, it was incidental.

But the Soweto Students Congress has called on students to boycott a similar DET tour proposed for June 14 and has accused the DET of a campaign to reverse gains made by SRCs

"We call upon parents to disapprove these trips" because of "contradictory" developments which did not serve the interests of students, said

Sosco.

According to Schoeman, the students had completed an educational tour of the Sabie region and were on their way to a youth camp at Hoedspruit in the Eastern Transvaal when their bus careered off the road and rolled down a cliff.

The camp they were headed for was "Ninja", co-owned by Soweto millionaire, Zola "Mr Cool" Mahobe, linked last week to the theft of more than R10-million from Standard Bank.

Meanwhile the Automobile Asso-

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Death bus on a DET trip

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ciation has called for a commission of enquiry into the bus disaster, urging the minister of education, Gerrit Viljoen, to find whether first aid was given at the scene of the accident. The AA said the lack of bandage wrappings suggested that the injured were not stabilised

The commission should also enquire if proper extrication equipment was used to free the injured and,

Eugene Roelofse, director of the AA research unit, said reasons should be given for taking the injured to the Mapulaneng Hospital in Lebowa, which had limited facilities when these could be shared by Mapulaneng and the hospital in Sabie

The commission should also look into why an emergency helicopter had not been called from Johannesburg. This helicopter could have had a highly trained medical team and sophisticated equipment on the scene or at the hospital within an hour. He also questioned whether plyboard had been used in the construction of the bus floor and whether it had contributed to the tearing away of seats and supports.

Roelofse said the minister had appointed a departmental enquiry last week but this was inadequate, as it would not be able to cover issues such as medical treatment and engineering. He argued that a departmental inquiry was a non-starter because it would be conducted in secret.

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Orders to clear school



NO CLASSES . . . Langa High School pupils who abandoned classes yesterday in support of detained Joint-SRC members outside the school

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

TEACHERS at Langa High School, scene of pupil demonstrations yesterday, have been instructed to compile lists of all pupils' home addresses and to clear the buildings of all equipment, furniture and books by end of term on Friday.

The directive, from the deputy regional director of the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr A Ndumase, comes within a fortnight of another DET letter advising that closure of the school was being contemplated because conditions were such that "no effective education is taking place"

Teachers spoken to yesterday saw the latest move as a prelude to closure of the school next term, but it was also understood that the measure could be to avert possible damage to equipment over the three-week holiday

Despite numerous attempts, a DET spokesman was unavailable for comment yesterday

The DET directive instructs teachers also to hand in all textbooks, stock registers and examination schedules for November last year to the DET's circuit office on or before Friday. Complete lists, per standard and class unit, for textbooks must also be compiled, the directive said

One teacher, who declined to

be identified, said the task would be "impossible" to complete by Friday. The directive warns teachers they would not be allowed to leave the school premises till all instructions had been carried out

Langa High School has been at the centre of ongoing township school controversy since a team of its athletes took part in a DET-sponsored sports tour to Durban last month. Fighting broke out on the school grounds when the team returned

More than a dozen pupils at township schools throughout the Peninsula have since been arrested in connection with charges of intimidation, arson, public violence, assault and

malicious injury to property. Langa High School pupils abandoned classes yesterday to express solidarity with arrested Joint SRC members and called on the DET to drop the threat temporarily to close the school

Several Buffel armoured cars patrolled past the school as pupils "toi-toied" in the school grounds, but no incidents occurred

Members of the school SRC demanded an end to the "provocative" presence of "kits-konstabels" on school grounds each afternoon as classes ended. They asked that the DET correspond with the Langa Parent Teachers Student Association instead of the "defunct" Langa High School committee

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Teachers fear Langa school will be closed

Education Reporter

LANGA High School teachers fear the school will close when term ends

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He said parents, teachers and pupils would be required to meet certain conditions if the school was to re-open in July.

Parents had to indicate through an interim committee that they would exercise their authority to keep children at school, Mr de Beer said:

They also had to ensure that their children attended school regularly, to replace lost, damaged and destroyed textbooks, to pay fees promptly and to agree to a system of "platooning and or relocation" of pupils if necessary

In addition, the department, which has refused to recognise the school's parent-teacher-student association, expected parents to elect a school committee in terms of regulations

The department would allow a student representative council to function if it was democratically elected by secret ballot and was not affiliated to bodies "outside the school".

Pupils would be required to co-operate with the authorities, write tests and examinations, not attend unauthorised meetings and not to disrupt daily school routine, Mr de Beer said

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The department would allow a student representative council to function if it was democratically elected by secret ballot and was not affiliated to bodies "outside the school"

Pupils would be required to co-operate with the authorities, write tests and examinations, not attend unauthorised meetings and not to disrupt daily school routine, Mr de Beer said

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New law on access to schools

Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — The entry of black pupils to schools has been strictly controlled in terms of the Education Laws (Education and Training) Amendment Bill, which was released in Parliament yesterday.

In a memorandum, the Department of Education and Training said pupils may not visit a school or enter its grounds — without the written permission of the Director-General — outside periods of instruction or for any

other purpose other than to attend a sports meeting, a concert or "any other event" at the school.

The bill also empowers the Minister of Education and Training to suspend the activities of a public school or any class at a school for any period he may determine.

Another provision stipulates that teachers will have "discharged" themselves if they are absent from duty for longer than 14 days without the permission of the director-general.

By late last night, Mr [unclear] had not been released. Applicants Dr W E Cooper SC, with Mr B Griesel and instructed by Ernst Strauss and Haasbroek, appeared for the municipality

Patrols 'to protect school grounds'

By CHRIS BATEMAN

SPECIAL constables patrolled Peninsula township school grounds in the afternoons and overnight to protect school property against "any possible vandalism", the Department of Education and Training (DET) said yesterday.

Mr Bill Staude, regional director of the DET, was responding to telexed inquiries by the Cape Times about the disruptions at black Peninsula schools and claims by Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSAs) that the presence of kitskonstables was provocative.

Asked about the participation by Langa High School athletes in the annual DET national athletics championships in Durban — which was the initial incident which sparked widespread school violence in the Peninsula last month, Mr Staude said. "Regrettably, for reasons apparently unconnected with sport, an initial inter-zonal athletics meeting from which two Western Cape teams would be chosen did not take place."

Langa High School athletes had decided to act as representatives of the Western Cape, he said.

The participation of Langa High School pupils resulted in fights between the athletes and other pupils which later spread

to confrontations between pupils and officialdom at most other township schools

Mr Staude rejected the PTSA's request that they be consulted instead of the "defunct" high school committees

PTSAs were non-statutory bodies and did "not attract the recognition that statutory school committees do", he said.

Black schools closed for the winter holidays yesterday.

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approaches DET after reluctant town

PPFP: Dept Jacks' basic facts' on Langa High

Political Correspondent

IT WAS "astounding" that the Department of Education and Training was attempting to handle the crisis at Langa High School "without even having the most elementary facts at its disposal", Mr Ken Andrew (PPF Gardens) said yesterday.

He was responding to the failure of the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Sam de Beer, to respond to a series of questions on the admission of certain pupils and the availability of classrooms, books and stationery at the school.

Mr De Beer, answering on behalf of his minister, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said: "The circumstances surrounding Langa High School have been investigated by a departmental committee. A report is being prepared, on receipt of which more clarity on questions concerning this matter will be attained."

Mr Andrew said later: "The department does not appear to know whether it instructed the school to admit Std 6 pupils in 1987 nor whether any additional classrooms were provided this year. "How one can ... run a department without this

sort of basic information is beyond me."

Responding to another question from Mr Andrew, Mr De Beer said no schools under his department had been closed or had remained closed "owing to non-attendance, unrest or any other form of disruption of normal school activities" during the second quarter of 1987.

However, investigations into the possible closure of certain schools were in progress but the names of the schools could not be disclosed "at this stage".

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Mr De Beer 17/6/87

Govt rejects call for bus tragedy probe

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The Government has decided not to grant an Automobile Association request for a commission of inquiry into the bus accident in which 14 Alexandra schoolchildren died

In a statement issued in Cape Town yesterday, Deputy Education Minister Mr Sam de Beer said the Government had decided the appointment of a commission of inquiry was inappropriate because the accident was being investigated by the police, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the Department of Education and Training (DET).

He added "I am convinced the investigations of the SAP and DET, with those of the CSIR will ensure all aspects will be thoroughly investigated"

Mr de Beer said police were conducting a normal investigation as it was possible an offence had been committed. Its inquiry would include a thorough investigation of the mechanical aspects.

Mechanical and structural safety aspects of the bus would be investigated by the Bus Safety Standards team of the CSIR.

A DET team was also investigating and their report was expected soon, Mr de Beer said.

The crash occurred on May 22 when a bus carrying pupils from Alexandra left the road near Graskop in the Eastern Transvaal and plunged down a cliff.

Mr Eugene Roelofse, head of the Automobile Association's research unit, called for a commission of inquiry into the bus disaster, as it was in the public interest that certain aspects of the accident be probed which would not normally be aired in court.

Mr Roelofse, who examined the scene of the accident, said the lack of medical debris such as bandages suggested the injured had not been treated before they were taken to hospital.

He queried why all the injured were taken to Mapulaneng Hospital in Lebowa, which had limited facilities, and not divided between Mapulaneng and Sabie.

Other points he queried were:

- Was proper equipment used to free the injured from the wreck and, if not, did this contribute to the death toll?
- Why was the emergency helicopter not called from Johannesburg?
- Why did the luggage racks come adrift and what effect did it have on the death and injury rate?
- Was plyboard used in the construction of the floor and if so did it contribute to the tearing away of seats and supports?
- Was a doctor in attendance at the accident?

Mr Roelofse said it was essential these issues be probed, not just departmentally, but by a commission sitting in public — Staff Reporter and Sapa

No evidence of

By Neil Lurssen, The Star Bureau

WASHINGTON — American military chiefs have no information to support claims that South Africa is aiding anti-communist rebels in Nicaragua, according to a Pentagon official.

Mr James Woods, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence for African Affairs, told a congressional inquiry into US enforcement of SA sanctions here yesterday that the US Department of Defence knew "nothing about alleged covert South African operations to assist the Nicaraguan Contras with or without American involvement".

Mr Woods also defended the retention of US military attaches in South Africa.

In the course of the he said, the US attaches meetings with various representatives of the SA Chu intelligence and other of the SADF.

"All of these meetings bound by the law and guidelines. No congressional SADF officials has been in the context of as the Contras, nor do we have knowledge of such a said.

Mr Woods argued the department of Defence strongly that the political military attaches were highly valuable.

"Our attaches are not politico-military in and their reporting supports the efforts of the



Nearly 1,7 million with little or no schooling

By ROGER KENYON

LAST year, 13-year-old Martha Snyders was top of her class at a school on a farm near Montagu in the Overberg.

She was in Std 5 and should have had another five years of schooling ahead of her, but the closest high school was nearly 80 kilometres away in Robertson

Her farm-worker parents couldn't afford boarding fees, so she was forced to drop out of school

This bright child has now found work as a domestic servant

Martha is typical of some 640 000 children at farm schools throughout South Africa

The Government, which should be responsible for ensuring a basic education for all our children, is not facing up to its duty

Even though teachers are often dedicated and farmers generous with aid, most black and coloured children in rural areas are given a hopelessly inadequate education.

Worse, it is estimated that another one million children have no access to schooling whatsoever

"There are few things more tragic than a child being robbed of its potential," says Mrs Margaret Gaganakis of the University of the Witwatersrand's Education Department, who has just completed a study on farm schools.

"Yet this is happening to hundreds of thousands of children who have no legal right to schooling

"Simply, if there is no school on a farm or nearby, the children get no education."

There are some 6 300 Government-registered farm schools — including fully 68% of the country's schools for blacks

Typical is a school called Tsebung (South Sotho for "Place of Wisdom") in the Free State

Here, in a whitewashed block under a tin roof, are six classrooms for 156

Flight of South African's farm school pupils



pupils

Though in the shadow of Sasol I and the powerhouse of Vanderbijlpark, the only available electricity comes from a hand generator which is not used during the day

In one classroom, a teacher has 50 Std 1 and 2 children huddled into desks bought by the farm from a white primary school that had discarded them.

The children are fresh-faced and eager to learn.

The Std 1s share reading books there are not enough to go around

At the same time, the teacher tries to get the older ones to concentrate on arithmetic.

For these children, there are no text books at all the Department of Education and Training (DET) has not sent any

The whole lesson has to be written on the blackboard and the children copy the exercises on to note pads

All the stationery, from chalk to notepads, was bought by the farm because the free issue has not been delivered

Headmaster Mr Moses

Thekiso has given up complaining to the department

"Compared with other farm schools, we're well off," he says

"Even our six teachers are better qualified than most, and only three of them have matric

Unfortunately, the majority of lower-qualified teachers are sent to farm schools

No matter how enthusiastic a teacher is, there is no substitute for basic training

Facilities at Tsebung are better than most

Many schools consist of a couple of cramped whitewashed rooms, often with broken windows and cold concrete floors

Some children have no desks or seats and sit and write on the floor

The farmer pays half the building costs, and his annual State maintenance grant falls far short of expenses

The farmer or a nominee, such as a minister of religion, is expected to manage the school

Teachers' salaries and equipment costs are State-funded

However, the farmer interviews teachers, provides housing for them and handles their salaries — wielding awesome influence

The Government has pledged itself to equal education through similar syllabuses for both black and white children, yet as Mrs Gaganakis points out, "with such inadequate facilities and poorly qualified teachers, how can farm school pupils and their teachers possibly cope?"

While the budget for black education has been boosted by 148% during the past four years, little of this money has filtered through to farm schools

Most of the increased expenditure went to improve teacher-training facilities — often inaccessible to rural teachers hundreds of kilometres from the nearest college — and classroom building programmes

Since farm schools are only erected on the initiative of the farmer, fewer than 500 new classrooms were built on farms in 1985 compared with more than 2 000 in the urban areas

The Government owes a great debt to South African farmers for taking on the responsibility of — and often nurturing — a system that was foisted on to them

The time has come for them to get out of the business of education and for the State to take over its rightful responsibility

(By arrangement with Reader's Digest)

By SIPHO VANGA
 LANGA High School, under the threat of closure, reopens soon after the mid-year break with signs of a breakthrough in negotiations with the Department of Education and Training (DET)

Parents are to address the pupils on the first day of the new term following a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Sam de Beer.

This follows problems at the school from the beginning of the year, and a government threat to close the school.

The Langa High School's Parent-Teacher-Student-Association (PTSA) met on June 14,

attended by about 100 parents, to discuss the threatened closure of the school.

This followed a meeting on June 4 where members of the Langa Residents Committee and representatives of the church met with Mr de Beer to discuss the school's position on closure.

At that meeting the DET handed in a report claiming

- The school ignored a ruling on a maximum

enrolment of 1000 pupils and took in over 1 700 pupils.

- A large proportion of pupils enrolled at the school were from Guguletu

- Standard six and seven pupils could be accommodated at Moshesh Primary School

- There were promotion irregularities at the school. 58 pupils attended standard 10 without having passed std 9

- No properly constituted

statutory committee exists

- The Langa SRC does not meet departmental requirements, for example election by a secret ballot system.

According to the principal, Mr Duke Ngeukana, DET was approached about the shortage of classrooms, but the only response the school got from the department was that there was no money.

"The school had to approach the Urban Foundation for assistance."

The PTSA has rejected many of the DET claims. On criticism that many students came from Guguletu, a spokesperson said "the school does not belong to the Langa community but to the entire Western Cape community"

He also said that a non-statutory PTSA had been formed, comprised of seven parents, three teachers and two pupils. The acting principal and acting deputy principal were co-opted members

"The school committee stopped operating since 1985, its revival was rejected at a meeting in August last year

"At a parents meeting held on August 3 last year, SRCs were constitutionally and democratically elected and the constitution was submitted to DET"

The PTSA said of the alleged stoning of the principal's office during a visit to the school of a panel of inspectors' "This was a protest against DET's unilateral action in replacing the principal and installing a Mr Niehaus."

The PTSA rejected department claims of animosity at the school

The animosity only started after the athletes and their sportsmaster returned from Durban

The DET said the immediate cause appeared to be the spreading of malicious rumour that the Durban National Athletics Championship was a multiracial meeting

Because of political influences certain Western Cape schools refused the invitation to take part Langa High School decided to participate and carried the torch for the Western Cape.

The DET said that the department wanted to draw the parents' attention to the fact that at Langa no effective education can take place, and the school must be closed temporarily to allow an opportunity for the situation to be normalised

The parents agreed to form an Interim Committee but rejected a DET demand that parents fill in an application form for each child

Schools row at end

Langa Secondary closed by govt

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Staff Reporter

THE government has closed Langa Secondary School "with immediate effect with a view to normalizing the situation there as soon as possible".

This follows a meeting yesterday between the Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, and the school's interim committee.

The school has been at the centre of controversy since a team of its athletes took part in a DET-sponsored sports tour of Durban in May and fighting broke out on the school grounds when the team returned.

Mr L G Daba, chairman of the interim committee, said last night that DET had offered them a package deal and that the talks ended in a deadlock "because the interim committee could not resolve the issue about the closing of the school".

He said a meeting would be held at the school or the local Presbyterian Church on Sunday at 2pm to discuss the matter.

In a statement, Mr De



Mr Sam de Beer

Beer said that a fourth meeting was held in Cape Town with Langa community representatives to solve problems concerning the school.

"I wish to reiterate that we went out of our way to resolve the situation with the co-operation of the committee in the interest of the pupils and the community.

"The Department cannot abdicate its responsibility to ensure that acceptable educational standards are maintained and that order and discipline prevail in schools."

The "only option now remaining" was to close Langa Secondary School "with immediate effect

with a view to normalizing the situation there as soon as possible".

"As a first step, those parents who wish to enjoy normal, effective education and who accept that the school will function in accordance with Departmental procedures and regulations may register their children at the school as from July 7, 1987.

"To ensure that enrolments proceed in an orderly fashion, parents must accompany their children to the Langa Secondary School and complete the necessary application forms on the following days:

Std 10 pupils Tuesday, July 7, Std 9 pupils Wednesday, July 8, Std 8 pupils Thursday, July 9, Std 7 pupils Friday, July 10, Std 6 pupils Monday, July 13.

He appealed to all concerned to give their fullest co-operation to ensure that the situation at Langa Secondary School is normalized as soon as possible so that effective, meaningful education can be resumed in the interests of the pupils and the community."

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Court action may follow school move

Education Reporter

THE National Education Crisis Committee is investigating legal action against the Department of Education and Training to get it to withdraw conditions laid down for reopening Langa High School.

The closure of the 1 700-pupil school, which was to reopen for its third term tomorrow, was announced on Friday by the Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, after a meeting with the school's interim committee.

The crisis committee's Western Cape executive warned in a statement today that the department's "inexplicable action" had brought matters at the school "to the brink of an explosion".

The committee called on the department to rescind its decision and to open discussions with the school's parent-teacher-student association and other "democratic representatives".

Only option

Spokesmen for the department could not be contacted for comment today.

Mr de Beer said in his announcement that the department's "only remaining option" following a series of four meetings with Langa community

representatives was to close the school immediately with a view to "normalising the situation there as soon as possible".

Parents who accepted that the school would function in accordance with departmental procedures and regulations could accompany their children to the school and register them within six days from tomorrow, he said.

However, both the crisis committee and the school's interim committee have said the closure will be ignored and that pupils and teachers will return to the school as normal tomorrow.

"Trouble-makers"

A crisis committee spokesman said the organisation was doing everything possible to ensure that Langa High remained open.

The possibility of applying for an interdict halting the closure was being considered.

He said it appeared that one of the department's motives for setting the condition was to "weed out" pupils regarded as "trouble-makers".

Another possible motive was to reduce numbers to force pupils into schools in Khayelitsha, he said.

The school, which has a capacity for about 1 200, has an enrolment of about 1 700 this year.

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Parents, pupils 'ignore' Langa High closure

By ANDRE KOOPMAN

PARENTS of pupils at Langa High School, closed on Friday by the Department of Education and Training, decided last night that they would ignore the closing of the school

The school was closed "with immediate effect" on Friday after a meeting between the Deputy Minister of Education and Development Aid, Mr Sam de Beer, and the school's interim committee

The parents met yesterday and decided to accompany their children who will report to the school as usual tomorrow, when it is due to reopen after the school holidays

Langa High School has been at the centre of a controversy since fighting broke out on the school grounds in May after pupils returned from an athletics tour.

Mr De Beer laid down a number of conditions last week to "obviate the need to close the school" Some of the conditions were that parents had to complete a standard application form at the beginning of the third term and that they had to accept that some pupils would be "relocated" due to "gross over-enrolment"

The chairman of the interim committee, Mr L G Duba, said parents had decided after a lengthy meeting yesterday to ignore the closure of the school and the "directives of the minister"

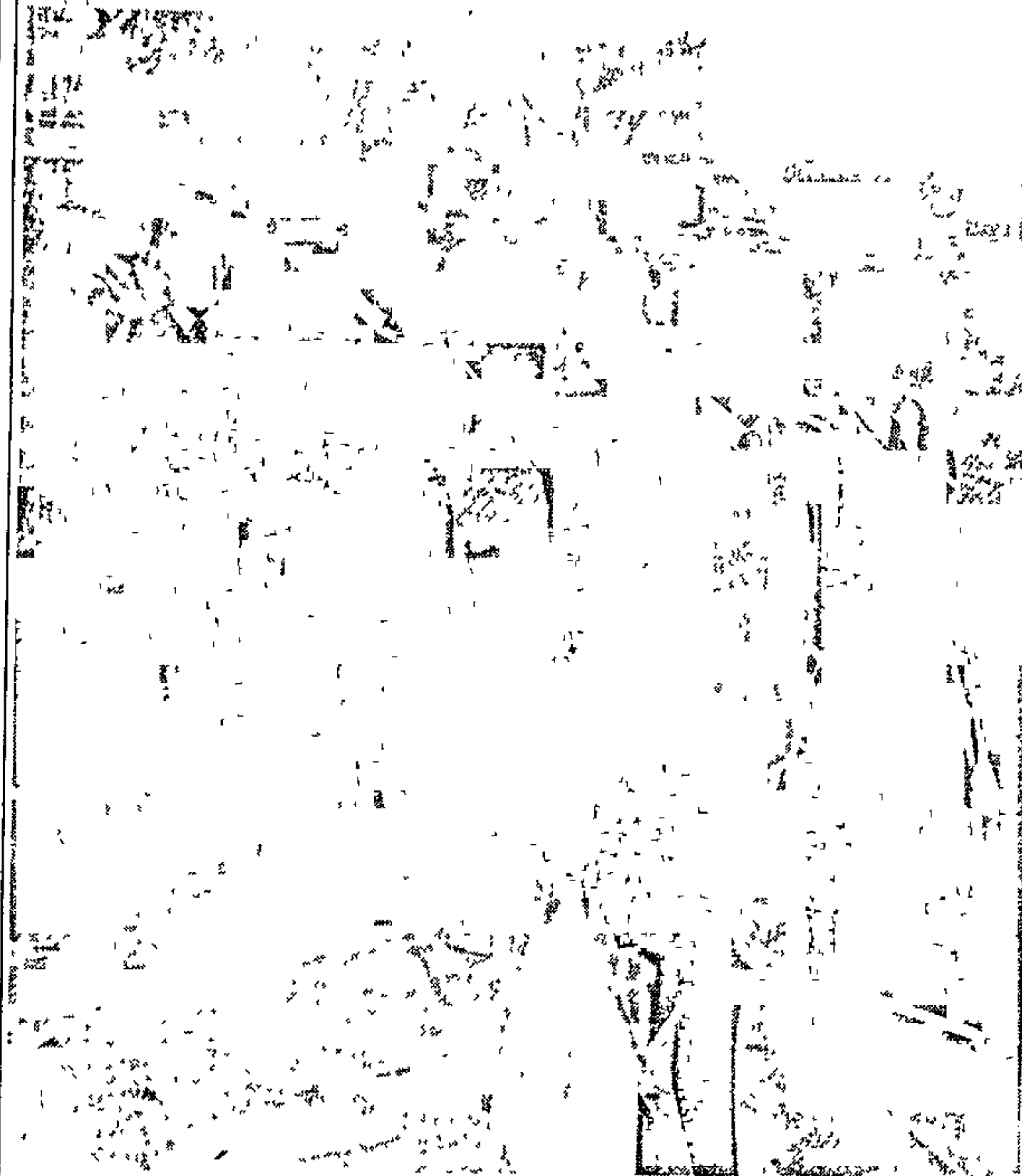
"We decided that we will go with our children to report at Langa High but not to register," he said

Meanwhile, the the National Education Crises Committee (NECC) warned yesterday that the closure of Langa High School was creating "needless tension and a situation of confrontation"

A spokesman said last night the "inexplicable actions of the DET in closing Langa High now brings us to the brink of an explosion since Langa High is not an isolated issue"

"We warned that the heavyhanded response by education authorities would create needless tension and a situation of confrontation," the spokesman said "We call on DET to withdraw from their provocative stance"

'Closed' Langa High pupils back in force



Picture WILLIE de KLERK, The Argus

ABOVE: Pupils file through the gates of Langa High school today. **BELOW:** Among those at the school were Mr Jan van Eck, left, Mr Moosa Kaprey of the National Education Crisis Committee, and UCT vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders.



Education Reporter

LANGA High pupils today ignored the closure of the school and returned to classes

They were greeted by a high-powered group including Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and University of Cape Town vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders, who said they were there in a show of support for pupils, parents and teachers

The Department of Education and Training announced on Friday that the school would be closed until its 1700 pupils — accompanied by their parents — re-registered over a six-day period

Matric pupils were supposed to register today when the new school term was due to begin

The school's parent-teacher-student association (PTSA), not recognised by the department, decided at the weekend to ignore the closure and urged all pupils to return as normal today

The decision was backed at a meeting of parents, teachers and pupils in the school quadrangle today

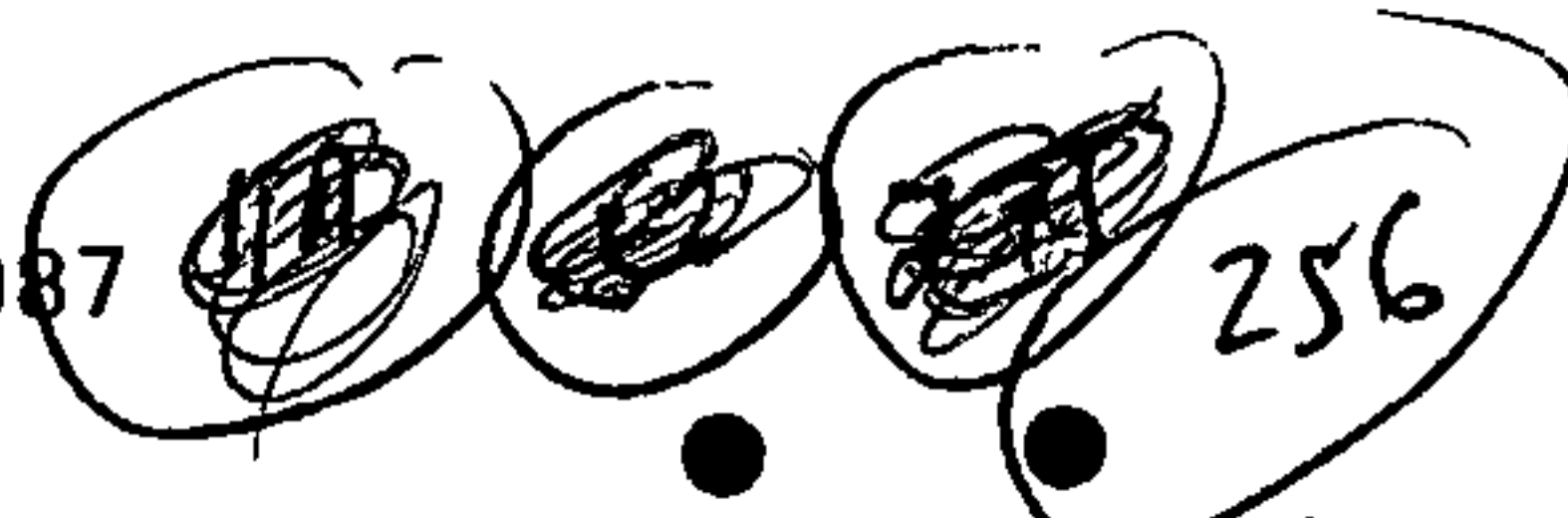
A memorandum reiterating the department's decision was read out by the acting-principal, Mr Duke Ngcukana, but it was decided classes would start

Among those outside the school as pupils filed through the gates were Mr Matt Esau, personal assistant to Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Mr Jan van Eck, Progressive Federal Party MP for Claremont, and representatives of organisations including the Black Sash and National Education Crisis Committee (NECC)

Dr Boesak said the key to the solution of the deadlock at Langa High was firmly in the hands of the department. He warned the department to liaise properly with the community, which included the PTSA

Mr van Eck said it was imperative that the department relax its stance and recognise the PTSA

The regional chairman of the NECC, Mr Moosa Kaprey, said the purpose of today's gathering was to show the department the extent of support for the PTSA, an NECC affiliate.



Langa crisis: NECC warning

By ANDRE KOOPMAN

THE closure of Langa High School by the government has brought the situation in Western Cape schools "to the brink of an explosion", the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC) has warned.

And parents of all Langa High School pupils today accompany their children to the school in defiance of a government directive.

The 1700-pupil school was closed with "immediate effect" on Friday by the Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, after a meeting with the school's interim committee.

In terms of the directive, only matric pupils and their parents were to report to school today to re-register.

But the school's interim committee decided on Sunday that pupils in all standards and their parents would go to school this morning — to report but not to register — as if it were the start of a normal school term.

This was confirmed last night by the committee chairman, Mr L G Daba.

Mr De Beer laid down a number of conditions to "obviate the need to close the school".

He said parents had to complete a standard application form at the beginning of the third term today and that they would have to accept that some pupils would be "relocated" due to "gross over-enrolment".

He also said "the irregular and unmerited promotion of pupils whose past scholastic attainments do not warrant such promotion cannot be condoned".

"Wherever necessary the department will determine the standard of attainment achieved by the pupils concerned by means of special examinations."

But parents and the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC) have rejected these conditions.

The interim school committee has said it could not accept these conditions because it were not in the interests of their children and education.

The NECC warned that the department's "inexplicable action" had brought matters at the school and in the Western Cape "to the brink of an explosion since Langa High is not an isolated incident".

A NECC spokesman said it appeared that one of the department's motives for setting some of the conditions was to "weed out" pupils regarded as "troublemakers".

Another possible motive was to reduce pupil numbers and to force them into schools in Khayelitsha, the spokesman said, adding that the NECC was investigating legal action against the department.

A spokesperson for the Black Sash last night said the DET's action appeared to be aimed at "simultaneously demoting those pupils who were promoted without writing examinations" and "solving the problem of glaring equipment shortages, simply by forcing a reduction in numbers and eradicating 'troublemakers'."

"According to reliable sources there is a very real and immediate danger of major conflict erupting in Western Cape schools.

"It is intolerable that bureaucratic recalcitrance should be permitted to produce a situation which holds such dangers of violent confrontation and needless tragedy," the spokesperson said.

Turn-out of Langa High pupils seen as a victory

Education Reporter

THE National Education Crisis Committee has hailed the turn-out of pupils at Langa High School as a "victory" for the school's parents, teachers and pupils.

Most of the school's 1 700 pupils arrived for classes yesterday, ignoring an announcement by the Department of Education and Training that the school would be closed and would re-open only when the pupils, accompanied by their parents, had re-registered.

The Western Cape executive of the NECC said in a statement today: "Students showed in an orderly and disciplined way that they have only their education at heart.

"The only obstacle in the way of schooling at Langa High is the department."

"CHEAP ATTEMPT"

Referring to a departmental instruction yesterday that some of the teachers should go to the St Francis adult education centre, the executive said this was "a cheap attempt to prevent normal schooling".

The department should now accept that the parents, teachers and pupils had reopened the school, the statement added.

A spokesman for the department in Pretoria, Mr Peter Mundell, said that as far as the department was concerned, re-registration was continuing today for Standard 9 and matric pupils.

The school's acting principal, Mr Duke Ngcukana, said classes for all standards were proceeding as normal today.

Although accurate figures were not available, about 60 percent of the pupils had reported for classes yesterday. More had attended school today, he said.



SCHOOL AS USUAL . . . Mr. L. Daba, chairman of the Langa High School interim school committee, addresses pupils and parents who yesterday defied the government's closure of the school. Picture: GLENN SHERRATT

Langa: Education dept 'provocative'

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Staff Reporters
PARENTS of Langa High School pupils yesterday urged education authorities to co-operate with its interim committee.

The parents and pupils returned to school yesterday in defiance of a directive by the Department of Education and Training on Friday that only matric pupils and their parents report yesterday.

Mr Danile Landingwe, who has two children at the school, said the registration of pupils as described by the DET was "unacceptable and provocative".

He said parents were eager that their children return to school, "because this is the only place where they can receive instruction — whether it is rotten or not".

Another parent said parents

were being "very reasonable" and "all we want is for our children to return to school. These inspectors must tell the department to co-operate with us."

As the pupils filed through the school gates, a delegation of religious, educational and community leaders stood in the school grounds.

They included Dr Allan Boesak; Dr Stuart Saunders; Mr Jan van Eck, (PFP MP for Claremont and chairman of their Western Cape Unrest Committee); Mr Matt Esau, personal assistant to the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Desmond Tutu, Mr Yusuf Ebrahim, attorney and vice-president of Sacos; Mr Frank van der Horst, president of Sacos; Mr Jasper Walsh, PFP, MP for Pinelands;

Professor Charles Villa-Vicencio, Mr Moosa Kaprey, Western Cape chairman of the National Education Crisis Committee; the Rev Pierre van den Heever, of the Western Province Council of Churches; and members of the Black Sash.

Parents were called into the school quadrangle and were addressed by the principal, Mr Duke Ngcukana, who read out a list of instructions brought to the school by two DET inspectors.

The instructions essentially repeated last Friday's directive from the Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer.

Only ten teachers were required to be at the school while the rest had to attend a meeting at St Fran-

cis Cultural Centre, but parents rejected this and requested the teachers to remain at school.

Dr Boesak said after pupils had gone to their classes. "This situation could explode and very well have nationwide consequences if the DET insists on applying these stupid rules and if teachers and students are punished."

The onus was on the DET to defuse the situation and the only way to do this was to meet the "reasonable demands of parents and students".

Mr Moosa Kaprey, Western Cape chairman of the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC), said pupils showed "in an orderly and disciplined way that they have only their education at heart. The only obstacle in the way of schooling at Langa High is the department".

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Nearly 1 500 pupils return to Langa High

Education Reporter

ALL but 200 of the 1 700 pupils who registered at Langa High School at the beginning of this year are back in class.

The school was effectively re-opened by pupils, parents and teachers this week in defiance of a Department of Education and Training announcement that it would be closed until pupils, accompanied by parents, had re-registered.

Acting principal Mr Duke Ngcukana said 1 477 pupils turned up for school yesterday. It had not yet been established where the other pupils were.

"Otherwise, everything is going smoothly," Mr Ngcukana said.

The chairman of the school's interim committee, Mr Lungile Daba, commended the department for apparently conceding that the school was now open again.

He said: "It seems that logic has prevailed on the part of the department."

DET Order on Langa High 'smokescreen'

THE closure of a Peninsula township school was aimed at crushing resistance against the school's inadequate facilities, a community leader said this week

Mr Lungile Daba, the chairman of the Parents Teachers Association of Langa High, was commenting after the pupils returned to classes this week

Langa High was closed by the Department of Education and Training as "no effective education was taking place"

DET also ordered the pupils to register before the school could re-open

On Tuesday this week the pupils flouted the regulations. They were applauded by several prominent organisations as they returned to their classes without registering

Mr Daba accused DET of being dictatorial and dismissed its reasons for closing Langa High as a "smokescreen"

"The whole issue stems from our confrontations with the DET concerning the poor facilities at Langa High. At the beginning of the year the PTSA complained of the shortage of books, teachers and overcrowding at the school," he said

"DET did not respond positively to the issues. We then approached the Urban Foundation which redressed some of these problems"

At that time the community voiced objections to the DET's move to neglect Langa High's school grievances concerning their inadequate facilities

The opposition to DET's multiracial sports tour worsened the matters, he said

Mr Daba said the DET, as a backlash to the resistance, decided to close the school.

"DET displayed uncaring attitude when we warned

them about the decision to close the school. It should appreciate the role of the parents, teachers and community organisations in contributing to normalising the school crisis," Mr Daba said.

Meanwhile, several organisations, including National Education Crisis Committee, (NECC), are planning to launch a campaign to stop DET from harassing Langa High.

In statement this week NECC condemned the DET's "heavy-handed actions"

A DET spokesperson in Pretoria refused to comment this week

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Langa pupils go to school, defy DET

Education Reporter

MOST Langa Secondary School pupils arrived for classes for the second day yesterday in defiance of the Department of Education and Training's announcement that the school would re-open only when pupils, accompanied by their parents, re-registered.

A spokesman for the DET, Mr Job Schoeman, said yesterday no pupils had registered yet.

When asked whether the school was therefore officially closed, Mr Schoeman said the school was closed "officially" from Friday night until Monday night.

"The school was supposed to re-open once pupils started re-registering," he said.

He said later the DET had "in effect" re-opened the school.

The school's acting principal, Mr Duke Ngcukana, said all classes proceeded normally yesterday.

Cape teachers accuse state of 'provoking' a schools crisis

By GAYE DAVIS, Cape
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CAPE education authorities, who closed a Langa school only to have it re-opened by the pupils, have been accused of deliberately provoking a new education crisis.

At Cape Town's Langa High school, closed this month by deputy minister of Education and Development Aid, Sam de Beer, because "no effective education" was taking place, parents and pupils tossed down the gauntlet by re-opening the school. Strict procedures De Beer laid down for the re-registration of students were rejected as "provocative and unacceptable" by parents

Raising the political temperature in coloured schools was the decision by the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives to proceed with misconduct charges against 72 teachers for refusing to administer year-end exams in 1985, a year of ongoing school boycotts.

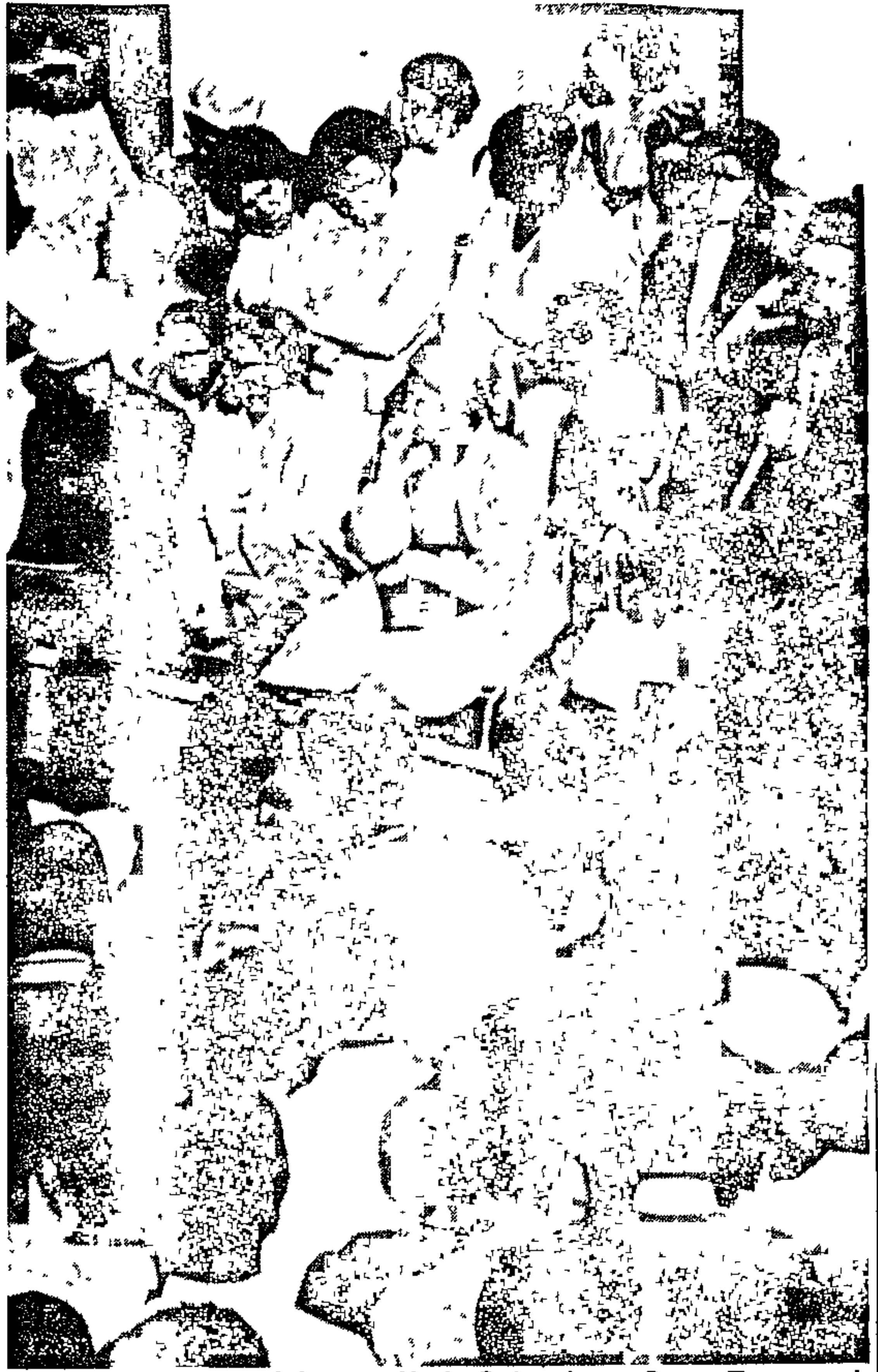
The Western Cape Teachers' Union (Wectu), to which most of the teachers belong, asked whether the department was being "naive, or calculating to provoke" the community.

The continued detention of five Bonteheuwel students, many of whose colleagues are on the run after repeated raids on their homes, provided another flashpoint. Eighteen-year-olds Mark Truebody, Caledon Darryl Visagie, Mogamat Elmie and Keith Cootee, 17, — all members of the Bonteheuwel Inter-Schools Congress (Bisco) — have been in detention under Emergency regulations since May 14. Fellow Bisco member Christopher Rutledge was detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act on June 29.

The Western Cape branch of the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC), which cautioned more than a month ago of "a major disruption of education" if these issues were not sympathetically handled by the authorities, this week reiterated its warning. They called for an end to the harassment of students and teachers.

Members of the Western Cape Students' Congress, representing schools across the Peninsula, in the Boland and on the West Coast, are to meet soon to thrash out a response to these issues. Wectu meanwhile has launched a "Hands Off Our Teachers" campaign in support of its demands that charges be dropped or, alternatively, that the closed hearings be made public.

NECC affiliates — including the Congress of SA Trade Unions, the United Democratic Front as well as student, youth and community organ-



The headmaster of Langa High School, in Cape Town, addresses pupils this week after they had re-opened the school officials had closed down

Picture: MIKE HUTCHINGS

isations — attended a full emergency meeting of the NECC's general council last weekend to discuss the situation.

The NECC has endorsed a "Hands off Langa" campaign which got underway this week as pupils, parents and teachers at the school waited for the department's reaction.

The school was closed on July 4 after months of disruption. This was initially sparked by overcrowding, textbook and furniture shortages, but was fuelled by the participation of some students and teachers in a Department of Education and Training athletics event in Durban — against the wishes of the community, according to Langa's Parent Teacher and Student Association (PTSA).

After a series of meetings with community representatives, deputy minister De Beer set a number of conditions to be agreed to if the school was to remain open. These were

● Re-registration of students and the possible transfer of some to other schools to solve the "enrolment irregularities", which he said were the "root cause" of the overcrowding. This was rejected by the PTSA as a

way of barring students deemed politically undesirable

● The demotion of pupils promoted to Standard 10 without passing Standard 9 last year. The PTSA said special circumstances applied at the time, and that to demote pupils midway through the year would cause chaos.

The main stumbling block however was De Beer's insistence that a statutory school committee be elected. The PTSA said the school committee, on which students had no representation, became defunct in 1985. "We have witnessed the consequences of students taking control and acting with disregard for the wishes of parents and teachers. By involving students we win their co-operation and bring about stability in the school," they said.

Classes this week were meanwhile reported as "normal" by acting principal Duke Ngcukana, but a department representative said he could not respond to a list of questions from the *Weekly Mail* as he had been told to "stick to official releases".

Lawyers however confirmed that hearings for four teachers, all highly respected members of their communities, were to start on July 20.

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Langa pupils return

NEARLY all the 1 700 pupils returned to Langa High School yesterday for the third day of classes. The school was effectively reopened by pupils, parents and teachers this week in spite of an announcement by the Department of Education and Training that the school would reopen only when pupils, accompanied by their parents, re-registered. So far no pupils have registered at the school. The acting principal, Mr Duke Ngcukana, said "schooling is proceeding smoothly".

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LANGA HIGH: The turbulent years

CRISIS SCHOOL

by ROBERT HOUWING
Weekend Argus Reporter

EMBATTLED Langa High School should be celebrating its golden jubilee this year. It is a school that has survived decades of unrest, mysterious fires which have caused thousands of rands of damage, overcrowding problems and, more recently, a knife attack on the acting principal, Mr Duke Ngcukana.

Now several distinguished former pupils, saddened by the conflict between the Department of Education and Training, which declared the school officially "closed" although it is now (apparently unofficially) open again, have appealed for urgent action to resolve the feud, pointing to the school's often colourful and distinguished history.

The recent trouble flared on May 12 when members of the school's athletics team returned from a "multiracial" sports event in Durban, hosted by the Department of Education and Training.

They clashed with other pupils, apparently supporters of the "non-racial" South African Council on Sport (Sacos), and Mr Ngcukana was allegedly chased by a knife-wielding sports master.

Since then, opposing pupils have fought each other in classrooms and many others stayed away in fear.

The department attempted to "normalise" the situation, but tension heightened when it was rumoured that Mr Ngcukana had been replaced by a white official. This was denied by the authorities, but the crisis wore on until last week's official "closure".

Classes resumed

This week classes resumed in defiance of the authorities.

Now an uneasy truce prevails but the issue is not cut and dried.

Parents, teachers and pupils appear to have rallied behind the parent-teacher-student association (PTSA), angry that their various demands for more autonomy have not been recognised by the department.

And a high-powered group, spearheaded by Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, and University of Cape Town vice-chancellor, Dr Stuart Saunders, has urged the department to liaise properly with the community, including the PTSA.

The PTSA's chairman, Mr Lungile Daba, a pupil at the school in the early fifties, fears that the fate of the school is drifting out of their hands.

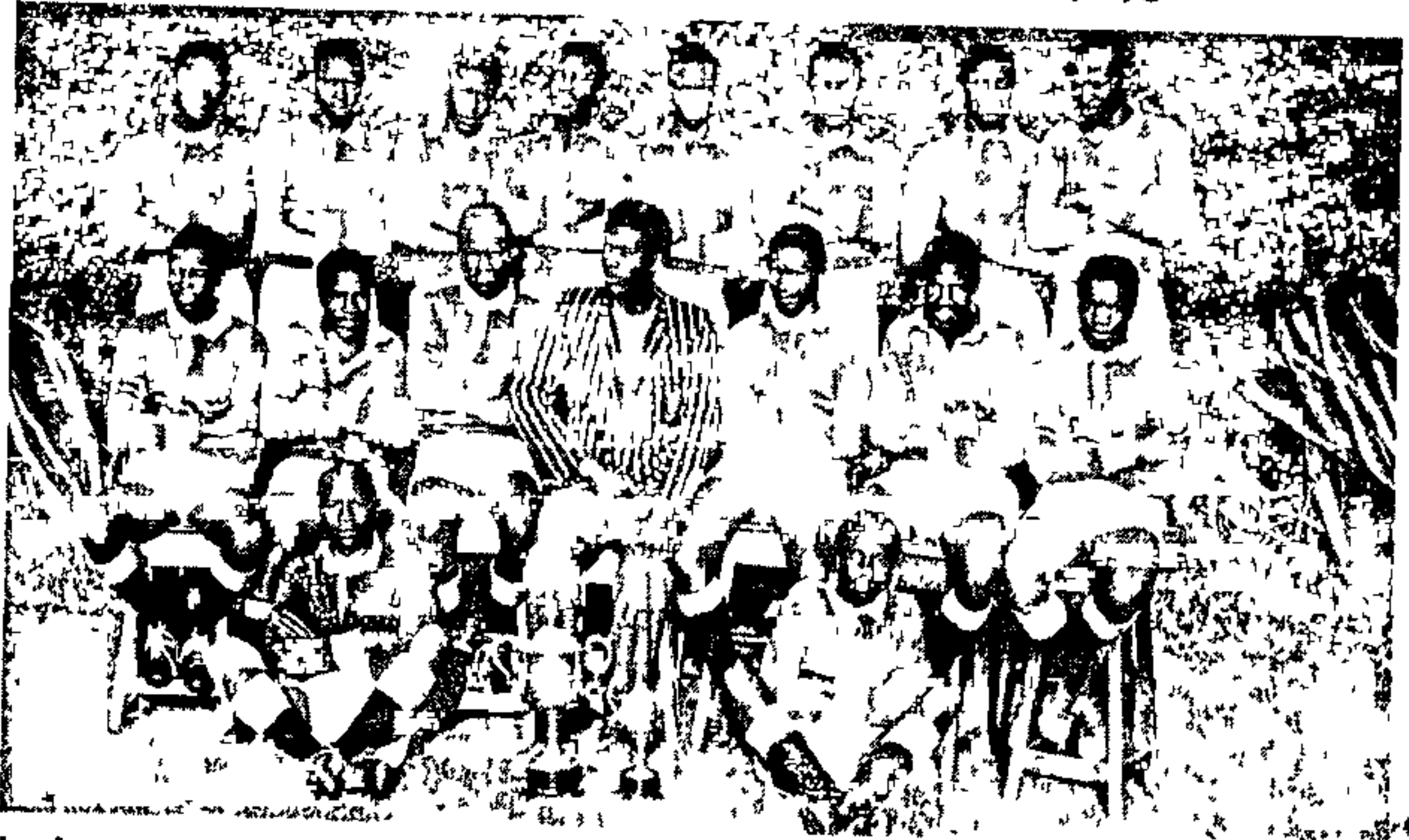
Now engaged in clerical work for a supermarket chain, he recalls slightly happier times at Langa High.

"Overcrowding was seldom a problem in my days at the school, even though we only had the use of the existing central block. Classes generally had about 30 to 40 pupils.

"The only recognised black townships at the time were Langa and Nyanga, although many



Class of '64... a group of Std 9 and 10 pupils on the playground.



The Langa High School first team rugby XV of 1964, winners of the SA Black High Schools championships. Vice-captain Mr Vince Zokwe is second from the left in the seated row.

pupils came from other areas like Kensington and Elsies River."

One of his most vivid memories is the reign of Mr Pat Cossie as acting principal.

"He was crazy about sport and helped build very strong teams, particularly at rugby. I recall one pupil, Ernest Dlambulo, going to England to play professional rugby."

Mr Vince Zokwe, 40, who now works for a city insurance firm, matriculated at Langa High in 1965.

"I arrived there shortly after the 1960 riots, when some classrooms were gutted and temporary ones had to be erected. Pupils were less politicised in those days, though."

Mr Zokwe served his four years at the school under two headmasters — Mr JD Zeka, later to become a Cabinet Minister in the Transkei Government, and the legendary Mr VC Qunta, who had a second spell at the helm after founding the school as a young undergraduate teacher in 1937.

"He was a strict disciplinarian but a great teacher and sports lover. Mr Qunta was instrumental in raising the school's sport to unprecedented levels."

Distinguished pupils

"We won the SA Black High Schools rugby tournament in 1964, and I was vice-captain of the team."

Mr Zokwe feels that Mr Qunta should be honoured by having one of the Peninsula's black high schools named after him.

Distinguished pupils who Mr Zokwe remembers include Dr Shadrak Ntintwa, now medical superintendent at Butterworth hospital in the Transkei, and Dr Osma Mbombo, a district surgeon there.

"My memories of Langa High are fond and I greeted the announcement that it was to be

closed with sadness — I wish the department would recognise the PTSA in a bid to eliminate the strife.

"Instead of negotiating with the people who matter, they have tried to revive a committee that went defunct several years ago."

Another ex pupil, Mrs Nomsa Nyombolo of Athlone, vividly remembers the earliest days of Mr Qunta's illustrious reign.

"As a young undergraduate teacher from Springs, Mr Qunta was appointed by a committee of concerned individuals to convince the Cape Education Department of the need for a black high school in this region."

"Previously, a trickle of young people used to travel to institutions in the Eastern Cape for education higher than Standard VI."

"Mr Qunta started a Standard VII class in the vestry of the Methodist Church in Langa. Given three years to prove the viability of a school, he proved this point well before the deadline."

Three years after its inception, Langa High School was taken over by the department and Mr Qunta returned to Fort Hare University to complete his degree. Mr ID Mkize became principal.

According to Mrs Nyombolo, the school went through a prosperous period under Mr Mkize, but standards plunged when he left — to such an extent that Mr Qunta was urgently recalled.

"He accepted and the school picked itself up from 1964. Mr Qunta remained there until 1975, when he became a school inspector."

Mrs Nyombolo, who was also distressed by the closure, feels that the school should be renamed the V C Qunta High School "in honour of the man who worked so unstintingly for its well-being."

But close it up?

Nobody I spoke to supports that.

NECC and affiliates start school drive

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By CLARE HARPER
Education Reporter

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THE Western Cape branch of the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC) and its affiliate organizations distributed 125 000 pamphlets and stickers yesterday to launch the "Hands off Langa High! Hands off our Schools" campaign

The organizations, which represent thousands of pupils, students, teachers, residents and workers throughout the Western Cape — including the West Coast and Boland areas, voiced their support for the Langa High School community who defied the DET and reopened their school on Monday

At a press conference yesterday, a spokesman for the NECC said that although "firm action by parents, teachers and students at Langa High by the NECC affiliate, the Parents Teachers Students Association (PTSA), had resulted in the reopening of the school and resumption of classes, there were a number of issues still unresolved"

These include that the

DET recognize the PTSA and abandon the formation of a statutory school committee,

DET not attempt to enforce arbitrary demotions of pupils,

Teachers who did not register students as instructed by the DET should not be victimized by the department;

Threats to relocate students be immediately withdrawn,

Shortages of stationery, textbooks and other facilities at Langa High and all township schools be urgently addressed

The campaign will also focus on two other sources of tension "The continued detention of Bonteheuwel school students and charges against Guguletu students" and the "ridiculous and provocative charges against 72 members of the Western Cape Teachers Union (Wectu)".

Organizations backing the campaign include the Western Cape Students Congress (Wecsko), the South African National Students Congress (Sansco), the Western Province Council of Churches, the Cape Housing and Action Committee (Cahac), the South African Youth Congress (Sayco), the Western Cape Teachers Union (Wectu), the United Democratic Front, the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) and Education for an Aware South Africa (Edasa).

Schools affiliated to Wecsko, representing the majority of coloured and black schools in the Western Cape, will be conducting educational programmes on Monday and Tuesday as part of the campaign

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Teachers to meet DET officials today

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Staff Reporter

TEACHERS at the troubled Langa Secondary High School were yesterday summoned to meet Department of Education and Training (DET) officials today.

Last week pupils at the school belatedly began mid-year examinations, ignoring an official school closure.

The school's Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) yesterday called on parents to accompany their children to school today to await the outcome of the meeting.

Tensions rose again last week after DET inspectors spent several days at the school.

Yesterday's DET deadline for teachers to compile lists of all pupils' names and addresses was ignored. The request for the list is regarded with "deep suspicion" by the PTSA.

The DET set re-registration as a pre-condition for reopening.

However, last week a DET spokesman, Mr Job Schoeman, conceded that the school had "in effect" been reopened.

"We are all in the dark and just waiting to see what will happen," one source at the school said yesterday.

The school has been at the centre of ongoing township school controversy since a group of athletes took part in a DET-organized sports meeting in Durban in May.

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DET gives no details of Langa High talks

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Education Reporter

THE Department of Education and Training has declined to give details of discussions yesterday between Langa High School teachers and the deputy director-general of DET, Mr Jaap Strijdom.

A spokesman for DET, Mr Job Schoeman, said no statement would be forthcoming from the department until the discussions were finalized.

However, Mr Schoeman said earlier the Langa High School could not "legally" be re-opened until pupils re-registered, although he conceded it had "in effect" re-opened.

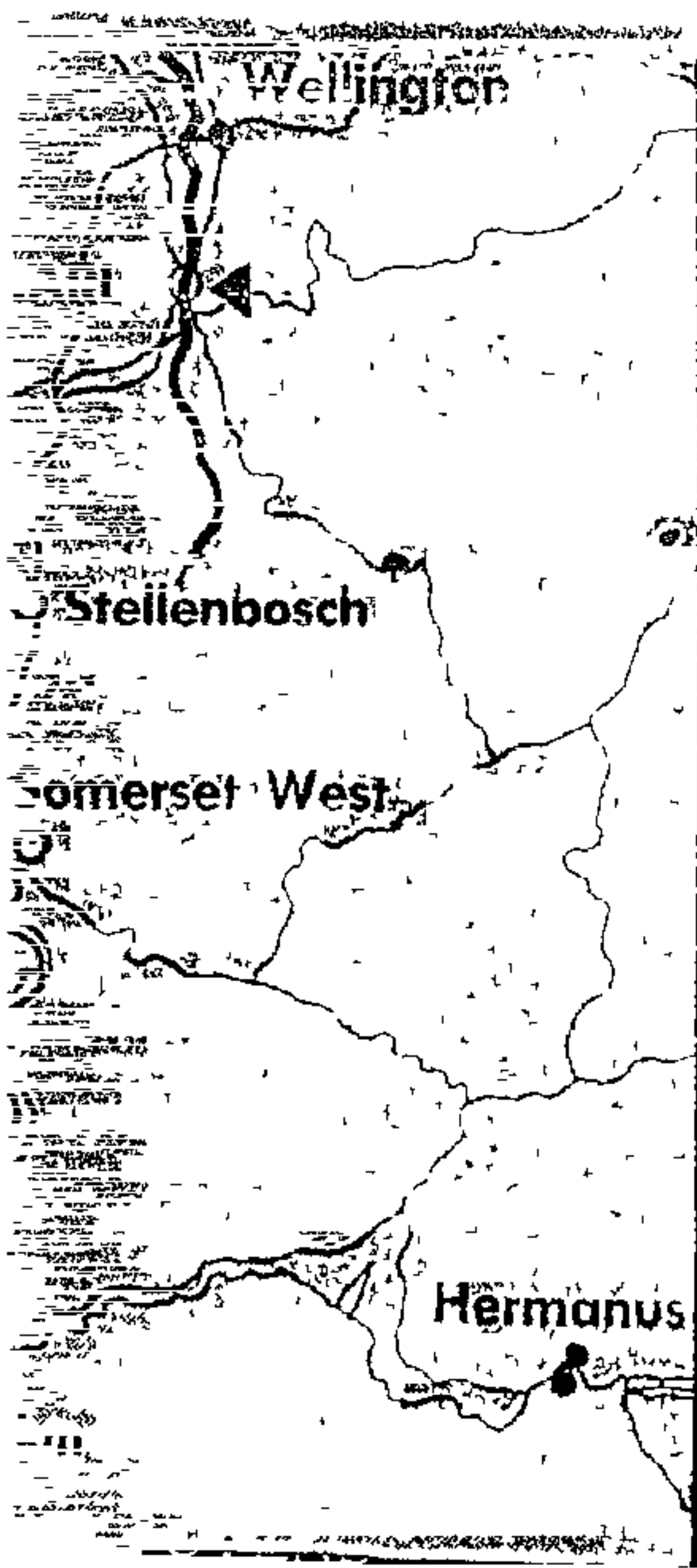
It is reliably understood the discussions, which continue today, centre around this issue.

No classes were held at the school yesterday as a result of the meeting between the staff and DET.

The Democratic Teachers Union (Detu), an affiliate of the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC), fears the meeting will be "an attempt to victimize and intimidate teachers at Langa High who have refused to re-register pupils" or list names and addresses.

An NECC spokesman said in a statement it was pleased the school was running "normally".

"The Parent Teachers Students Association (PTSA) of Langa High have shown in a very responsible manner they are capable of sorting out the problems at the school and that DET should now address itself to the problems at school, which include the shortage of stationery and text books."



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Top education official, Langa teachers to meet

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Education Reporter

IN a bid to resolve the current impasse at Langa High School, the deputy director-general of the Department of Education and Training, Mr Jaap Strydom, will again hold talks with the school's teachers.

It is understood that Mr Strydom arrived from Pretoria to meet the teachers for preliminary talks yesterday and that further talks will take place tonight.

The main issue under discussion is believed to be the reso-

lution of the school's present closed-but-open status.

The department closed the school 12 days ago, saying it would be re-opened when its 1 700 pupils, accompanied by their parents, had re-registered.

However, parents, pupils and teachers voted to ignore the re-registration requirement and continued with classes as usual.

A department spokesman in Pretoria said a statement would be made after the talks were over.

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DET TRIPS ATTACKED

Student bodies allege 'brainwashing'

By NIKOPANE
MAKOBANE

THE Department of Education and Training is "brainwashing" pupils who undertake educational tours, student bodies have alleged.

A spokesman of Teso said they were perturbed that the DET was adamant in continuing to sponsor these tours when the Alexandra bus disaster was still fresh in the minds of many people

"We view these tours as an attempt by the DET and the Government to "indoctrinate" pupils to be on their side. Furthermore we are concerned that these tours do not guarantee the lives of those who undertake them

"DET should stop these tours. If and when they are undertaken they should be done in consultation and the approval of the local parents' crisis committee. If this is not done, they will be challenged by the pupils at all levels."

the spokesman said Mr Bheki Khumalo, publicity secretary of Trasco, said his organisation supports the decision taken by the Masisebenze High School pupils in Tembisa that the trips be cancelled

Alexandra tragedy Insisting on such trips can only lead to confrontation at a crucial time when everyone has heeded the call to go back to school," he said

He said hundreds of pupils, even after the Alexandra bus disaster, have stayed at youth camps where they were given training on sports, communication, leadership, study techniques, wild-life conservation and religion

someone is trying to stir up mischief. Does it mean that when you are involved in a car accident, other people should not travel?

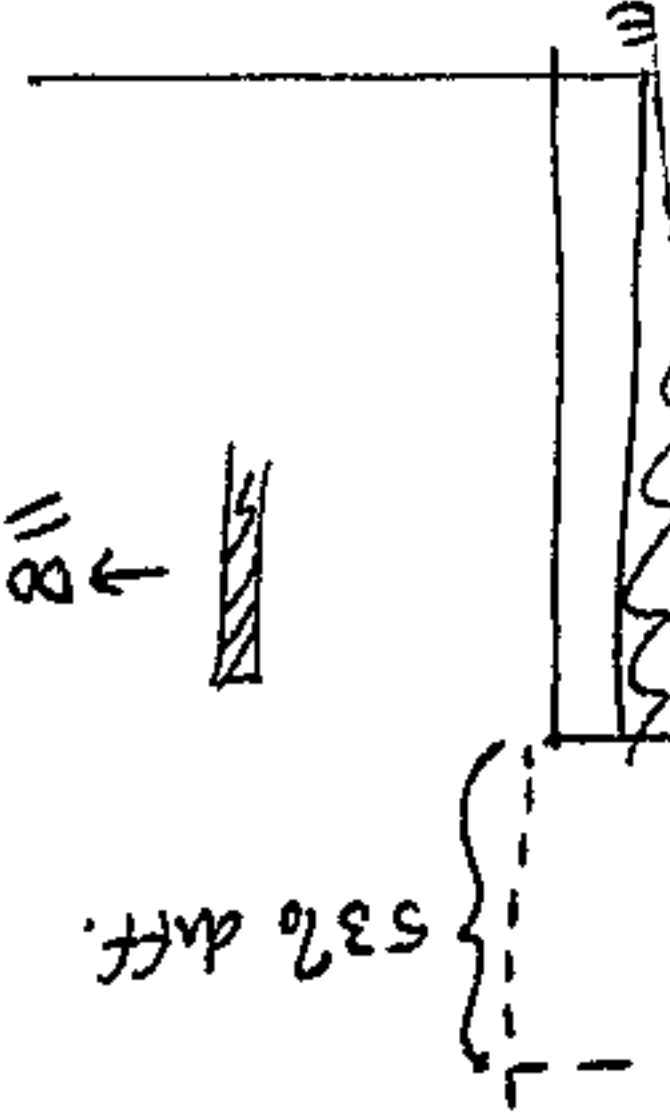


PRO: Mr Schoeman.

Mr Job Schoeman, DET chief public relations officer, said there was nothing sinister about the trips

"Arguments being raised against these trips are ridiculous and

"We have statutory school committees that are consulted on these matters. We do not take pupils out without their parents permission," he said



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Free books move to boost industry

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KAY TURVEY

GOVERNMENT'S new policy to supply free books to black schoolchildren will boost real growth in the paper industry by between 4% and 9%.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) decision last year to provide free school books is expected to see the market experience a real growth of between 10% and 15% over the next five to 10 years.

Johan Strauss, GM of Business and Marketing Intelligence (BMI), said these figures were realistic, yet if the government followed through with the De Lange Commission recommendations on compulsory education this growth could be as high as 25% to 35% after inflation.

However, because of the political implications and financial constraints, this was unlikely.

Haddons MD Frits Waldeck said the real growth markets were to be found in cut paper for office commu-

nication, and scholastic books.

There are as many black children in Grade One as in all the other classes combined. Waldeck believed the industry would benefit tremendously once this potential came through, although he added this would hinge on the general political environment and on the extent of school boycotts.

He expected the textbook market to grow by about 10%.

Sappi product manager for exercise books Anton van Rooyen said the DET policy to provide free books would give the market a huge boost, although the effects were not yet being seen.

Growth would be easier to quantify once the tenders for 1988 had been awarded.

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Re-opening of Langa High a people's victory

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By MOOSA KAPREY of the National Education Crisis Committee

LAST week saw the strange and unedifying spectacle of an education department battling to close an overcrowded high school

Teachers and pupils, accompanied by their parents, defiantly filed through the school gates to resume normal classes

How could such an absurd situation develop, and what does it tell us about the perspectives of the Department of Education and Training (DET) on current problems in the township schools?

The list of problems at Langa High goes back to the beginning of the year, when DET introduced standard six classes

matter how rotten", as one parent said

The issues at Langa High are still unresolved and they are also not isolated

In schools under DET, as well as others under the Department of Education and Culture (DEC), there are serious deficiencies

Yet the response of the authorities is a persistent refusal to listen, to discuss, to consult and negotiate

Instead we see DEC digging up charges against 72 teachers, members of the Western Cape Teachers' Union (WECTU) and highly respected educators

In Bonteheuwel, more than five students are detained, while some 40 stu-

For several years it has been a cause of concern to Boltons' directors that the group's overall rate of return is at present relatively low. It is considered desirable to separate the company's trading assets plus property assets referred to above, as this would enable investors to assess the value of the shares more accurately, determined by returns on trading assets and unaffected by immediate return on property assets in respect of which longer term investment criteria apply. Apart from the immediate strategies of the property assets referred to above, including approximately 2 000 hectares of plantations in the Mossel Bay/George area, have substantial potential for improved income return over the longer term. They have been owned by the group for many years and the directors are most reluctant to achieve this separation of assets whilst securing for the present Boltons' shareholders a maintained, but much more direct investment in the company's property assets. Certain of the company's property assets will become vested in a separate company, Bolpro, which will be listed in the "Financial - Property" sector of the JSE. These assets include plantations, water rights and hydro electric plants. The company which will become Bolpro also owns certain property assets and will acquire further rental producing property assets from Cargo and its subsidiary Cargo group, and from its fellow subsidiary company, Cargo Carriers Motor Holdings (Pty) Limited. Bolpro will act as landlord to the enlarged Boltons group in respect of many of its property assets. Bolpro's property assets will have a gross assessed market value of over R23 million. In due course Bolpro is likely to acquire other property or property-related assets which will offer adequate rental income. The entire issued ordinary share capital of Bolpro will be distributed free of consideration to Boltons' shareholders after the Boltons rights issue.

5. Flotation of Bolpro and distribution of shares in Bolpro to Boltons' ordinary shareholders

Simultaneously with the flotation of Cargo it is intended to obtain a listing in the Industrial Footwear and Textiles' sector of the JSE for Bolwear, which company conducts the principal existing activities of Boltons consisting primarily of its footwear manufacturing and merchandising in the manner, this new listed company, which will be a subsidiary of Boltons, will be enabled to plan effectively its development plans. The trading entity represented by this new listed company hindered in this respect if it remained both wholly owned and unlisted, within Boltons, after transaction. As in the case of Cargo, motivation of the management of this new listed company will also be improved. Management staff will be separately and more directly motivated by way of an independent share scheme in relation to Bolwear. The directors of your company accordingly feel that this proposal will assist the group in main strengthening its current leadership position within the South African footwear industry. As in the case of Cargo, it is proposed to give Boltons' ordinary shareholders the opportunity of investment participation in Bolwear through a distribution to such shareholders free of consideration. Boltons rights issue of one ordinary share in respect of each Boltons ordinary share. This will also be via a reduction in Boltons' share premium account in terms of section 83 of the Act, to R1.55 per Bolwear ordinary share to be distributed, which is considered to be equivalent to the net worth of each such share.

Shareholders

contribute R20 from the school's funds as admission fee to join the WP Senior Schools Sports Union. "The principal refused to have anything to do with non-racial sport."

Mr Van der Vyver refused to comment.

DET 'backing down'

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A HIGH-POWERED delegation of the Department of Education and Training is believed to have backed down on its threat to close Langa High School, according to teachers.

Meanwhile, classes continued this week in defiance of the DET decision to close the school pending re-registration of pupils.

At two meetings this week, a DET delegation asked teachers to "assist" in the registration - aimed at finding out the exact number of pupils.

A teacher said: "We explained how difficult it was to implement these DET instructions. We told them to come and explain the matter to the parents."

According to the teacher, the DET officials said they could "declare them redundant" as technically there were no pupils at Langa High.

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Kriel killings — protest

By CHRIS BATEMAN
AND CLARE HARPER

SEVERAL thousand pupils of at least four schools in Bonteheuwel and Heideveld yesterday held rallies and placard demonstrations in protest at the police killing of a prominent former schools activist, Mr Ashley Kriel, 22.

And the United Democratic Front, Western Cape, yesterday demanded an "immediate investigation" into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr Kriel to allay the "deep suspicion in our community about the events surrounding the shooting".

Mr Kriel, whom progressive organizations identified as an ANC guerilla, was a founder member of the Bonteheuwel Inter-Schools Congress (Bisco) and left the country during widespread schools upheaval in 1985.

He was mysteriously killed by police in a "skirmish" at a house in Hazendal, Athlone, last Thursday. Police said they found a Russian-made hand-grenade, a weapon and ammunition at the home.

The regional vice-president of the UDF, Mr Joe Marks, said in a statement that the UDF demanded answers to the following questions:

- Was Ashley Kriel assaulted or beaten up before he was shot?
- Did he attempt to use a firearm or any weapon to re-



PUPILS PROTEST: ... Some of the thousands of pupils of three Bonteheuwel secondary schools who protested yesterday about the death of former schools activist Mr Ashley Kriel.

● Had he already been subdued or handcuffed at any time before the shooting?

Yesterday's main rally was at Bonteheuwel Senior Secondary School where more than a thousand pupils of the three main Bonteheuwel secondary schools gathered, festooning fences with placards reading "Our school belongs to the ANC".

After several speeches and the singing of "Nkosi Sikelele" in the school courtyard, hundreds of placard-waving pupils streamed out to march around

the school grounds and along several streets before dispersing.

A similar rally was held at Cathkin Senior Secondary School in Heideveld. No incidents were reported at either school.

Meanwhile at Portlands Senior Secondary School in Mitchells Plain, pupils held a lunch-time rally in the grounds in support of teachers and pupils at Langa High School.

● Langa High teachers yesterday entered their second day of talks with officials of the Department of Education and

Training (DET) over their refusal to compile registers of all pupils at the school and their unofficial reopening of the school. The meeting with DET will continue today.

Police maintained a low profile at all rallies and no armed vehicles were seen.

Residents spoken to in Bonteheuwel and Heideveld expressed fear over the rising tensions in the area.

The Western Province Council on Sport has postponed its sports day on Saturday because of the Kriel funeral.

Talks end *CAPE Times 17/7/87* between

DET and *DET 322 (12)* teachers *200 256*

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

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De Beer considers Langa school requests

THE Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, is considering requests made by staff at Langa High School and his reply will be conveyed to staff as soon as it is received, the department said yesterday.

In a statement, the DET said that at the conclusion of a meeting between the deputy-director general of the DET, Mr Jaap Strydom, the regional director of the Cape, Mr Bill Staude, and Langa High staff, the teachers asked Mr Strydom to convey the following requests to the deputy minister:

□ To maintain the status quo and delay completion of application forms till January 1988, and to make this applicable to all schools in the Western Cape

□ Or the DET must explain the "innocence" of the application form at a parents' meeting and that the department report back to the deputy minister on the outcome of the meeting

□ The deputy minister is requested to extend the period for registration if the parents agree, and

□ The deputy minister is asked for a period of grace for the teachers and children to be at the school till the matter had been resolved

Following the three-day meeting, the chairman of the Langa High School Parent Teacher Students Association (PTSA), Mr L Daba, said parents were upset by the "intimidatory tactics DET is employing on the teachers"

"We understand that the teachers are employees of the Department, but they cannot even under duress make decisions which affect the community without the consent of the parents"

He said parents had rejected the conditions laid down by DET, "because the conditions set out are not a requirement to effective education"

"The whole situation can only be resolved by the parents themselves and the parents are having a PTSA meeting on Sunday to this end

"We appreciate up to this stage, the attitude of the department in allowing normal classes to continue," he said

Langa High parents ask to see Minister

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Education Reporter

PARENTS of Langa High pupils have requested an urgent meeting with the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, to discuss "unacceptable" conditions for the school's long-term reopening.

The chairman of the school's interim committee, Mr Lungile Daba, said parents met at the weekend and rejected the Department of Education and Training's insistence on re-registration.

Until now the Langa High closure issue has been handled by the Deputy-Minister, Mr Sam de Beer.

Yesterday Mr de Beer said he had agreed to a request from teachers that a "period of grace" be given for teachers and education officials to inform parents of the need for re-registration.

He said: "I will await the outcome of the communication exercise."

The school was closed on July 4 and effectively reopened on July 7 when parents, teachers and pupils ignored the closure and conditions for the school's reopening.

A spokesman for Dr Viljoen said today that if any interviews were to be given, they would be handled by Mr de Beer.

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De Beer agrees to Langa High talks

Staff Reporter

THE Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, has agreed to requests from Langa Senior Secondary School teachers that local Department of Education and Training officials meet the parents of Langa pupils.

In a statement yesterday, Mr De Beer said he had allowed a "period of grace" to allow teachers and pupils to return to the school, which he closed in terms of the Education and Training Act on July 4 and reopened on July 7.

"My purpose in closing and then reopening Langa Secondary

School was to provide an opportunity for reorganizing the school on sound educational lines, so that meaningful education can take place there," he said.

"In my earlier statement I emphasized that the first step in the reorganization exercise was the formal registration of the pupils by their parents or guardians. I stated specific dates on which parents should register their children."

By the final date, July 13, no pupil had been registered, he said.

Last week, the deputy director-general of Education and Training, Mr Jaap Strydom, and the regional director, Mr Bill Staude, met for three days with Langa staff, in particular the Democratic Teachers' Union, to discuss

teachers' positions "in light of the fact that no registration had taken place."

"In the course of those meetings, the teachers highlighted the misunderstandings prevalent among the parents concerning the registration exercise," said Mr De Beer.

"Inter alia, the teachers have requested me to allow a period of grace for them and the children to be at the school. During this period the teachers and local education officials will inform the parents fully regarding the need for registration and for completing the necessary application forms."

"I have agreed to grant this request of the teachers and will await the outcome of the communication exercise."

Pupils revolt as netball girls go to DET camp

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GRAHAMSTOWN. — The introduction of the most recent Department of Education and Training youth camp deep in the forests at Loerie in the Eastern Cape, was responsible for a near pupil revolt at Nombulelo High School here last week

The DET's assistant director, Mr A S Joubert, said classes were suspended last Thursday and Friday after students objected to a group of netball players being taken to the camp

Joubert was adamant that there was nothing secret or sinister about the camp. The Grahamstown Student Congress (Grasco), however, attacked the venture as part of a national DET policy to "brainwash" pupils.

Joubert said the facility, originally a

forest station, was taken over by the now-defunct East Cape Development Board and was recently inherited by the DET

About 21 Nombulelo girls attended after students physically tried to prevent their bus from leaving the school. Joubert said the camp was merely an outdoor education facility

Lectures on hygiene were given and there was also a Bible study course

The camp was part of the DET youth activities programme which emerged from the 1985 Year of the Youth campaign

Asked if the defence force would deliver lectures, he said that "no outsiders" would be involved — *Albany News Agency*

in each such transfer and (c) what was the reason for transferring each of these teachers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(1) Fourteen (14) of the 147 teachers are no longer in the Department's service

(a) and (b) Two teachers resigned on 30 June 1986 and 12 February 1987 respectively. One teacher absconded on 30 June 1986. Five teachers' appointments on probation were terminated due to unsatisfactory service and/or conduct

Two on 28 February 1986
One on 6 June 1986
Two on 31 December 1986

Six teachers' temporary appointments were terminated due to unsatisfactory service and/or conduct

One on 30 June 1986
Three on 31 December 1986
One on 31 July 1986 and
one on 30 June 1987

- (2) No, (a), (b) and (c) Fall away
- (3) No, (a) and (b) Fall away
- (4) Yes,

- (a) One
- (b) From a mine school to a farm school
- (c) The manager of the school was not prepared to have him on the staff any longer

Mr R M BURROWS. Mr Speaker, arising from the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, may I ask whether in the case of any of the teachers whose services were not renewed or in the case of temporary teachers whose services were not retained, the fact that they had been placed in detention affected the continuation of their service?

The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Speaker, it is very clear from my reply that the issue here was unsatisfactory work done.

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Helicopter: pamphlets dropped

*21 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 7 on 16 June 1987, the investigation into the incident on 23 May 1987 in which pamphlets were dropped from a low-flying helicopter has been completed, if not, when is it anticipated that it will be completed, if so, (a) when, (b) what were the results of the investigation and (c) who is the owner of the helicopter,

- (2) whether, as a result of this incident, any action has been taken against the (a) owner of the helicopter and (b) group allegedly responsible for distributing these pamphlets, if not, why not, if so, (i) what action in each case and (ii) what is the name of this group,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) No It is not possible to indicate when the investigation will be finalised

- (a) to (c) Fall away
- (2) (a) and (b) No, because the investigation regarding this matter is not yet finalised
- (3) No

Modderbee Prison: detainees

*22 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Justice.

(a) On how many occasions did the district surgeon make visits to detainees held in the Modderbee Prison under the emergency regulations since 12 June 1986 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) what total number of detainees were seen by the district surgeon during these visits?

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THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(a) Five district surgeons are responsible for visits to Modderbee Prison and visits are made every weekday, excluding public holidays

Arrangements for emergency cases involve registered nurses on standby and if necessary ill prisoners are taken to hospitals outside the prison for emergency treatment

(b) Until and including 22 June 1987, 472 detainees consulted the district surgeon on their own request and 228 of these persons were referred by the district surgeons concerned, for further visits to physicians, hospitals, and other medical services outside the prison

Schools-civil-unrest

*23 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) Whether his Department has decided not to carry out repairs at certain schools that were damaged as a result of civil unrest, if so, (a) who decided on this policy, (b) who decides on the schools at which such repairs are not to be carried out, (c) what criteria are applied in making decisions of this nature, (d) why was this policy adopted and (e) (i) what are the names of the schools concerned and (ii) where are they situated,

(2) whether any financial or other assistance has been (a) requested from and (b) offered by (i) parents, (ii) local communities, (iii) charitable organisations, (iv) commercial undertakings and (v) any other specified organisations in regard to repairing such damage to schools, if so, (aa) what assistance and (bb) what persons or bodies were involved,

(3) whether any such assistance has been accepted, if not, why not, if so, (a) what assistance, (b) from whom, (c) when and (d) in respect of what schools;

(4) whether any assistance has been of-

ferred in respect of repairing damage to schools in (a) the Cape Peninsula and (b) Alexandra, Johannesburg, if so, (i) what assistance and (ii) what was the response of his Department?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(1) No It is policy that damages caused by unrest may be repaired under certain conditions and the availability of funds. Obviously there is no budgeting for this expenditure

- (a) The Minister of Education and Development Aid
- (b) The considerations of repairs of damages caused by unrest are delegated to several officials according to the amount of the damages
- (c) Basically three criteria (i) availability of funds (ii) the risk of further damages (iii) protection of State property
- (d) To avoid disruptions and to furnish continuous services
- (e) (i) and (ii) Fall away
- (2) (a) No (i) to (v) Fall away
- (b) (i) Yes
- (ii) Yes
- (iii) Yes
- (iv) Yes
- (v) No
- (aa) Mainly donations and repairs such as replacing or repairing windows, locks, doors and toilets
- (bb) Parents of pupils, local communities, charitable organisations and commercial organisations
- (3) Yes
- (a) Donations and labour as mentioned in (2) (aa)
- (b) As mentioned in (2) (bb)

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- (c) Dates are not readily available
- (d) A large number of schools which ought not be identified without the permission of their benefactors
- (4) (a) No (i) and (ii) Fall away
(b) Yes
- (1) As in paragraph (2) (aa)
(ii) Assistance was accepted with appreciation

Voters' rolls

*24 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Home Affairs

- (1) Whether all persons who qualified in terms of the Electoral Act, No 45 of 1979, to be registered voters for the House of Assembly and who were in possession of identity documents were on a voters roll for the general election of 6 May 1987. If not (a) why not and (b) how many eligible persons were not on a voters' roll, if so,
- (2) whether any objections have been received from voters in this regard, if so, what was the purport of these objections?

†The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

- (1) and (2) 4 532 persons who qualified as voters and who were included in the Population Register from which voters' lists are compiled, were excluded from the voters' lists. This was due to insufficient particulars regarding residential addresses which are necessary to determine voters' electoral divisions and polling districts
- Complaints regarding their exclusion from voters' lists were received from some of these voters. In these cases full particulars were obtained and they were duly included in the voters' lists of their appropriate electoral divisions

Mr K ANDREW. Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him whether it was only because voters had in-

complete addresses in their identity document registration that they were not included in the voters' roll or whether there were any other reasons for voters' names being omitted?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, as far as I know, it was only in the first-mentioned instance where people's names did not appear on the voters' roll. They may perhaps have been registered in a wrong constituency for other reasons, but if they were not on the voters' roll at all, it was because they had, for example, given a postbox number and could therefore not be placed in a specific constituency

Voters' rolls

*25 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Home Affairs

- (1) Whether his Department has any procedures for (a) removing from the voters' rolls persons who emigrated or ceased to be permanent residents and (b) reinstating on the voters' rolls persons who are returning emigrants or resuming their permanent residence, if not, why not, if so, (i) what procedures, (ii) who is responsible for implementing these procedures and (iii) how many persons have been (aa) removed from and (bb) reinstated on the voters' rolls in terms of these procedures since 29 April 1981,
- (2) whether any complaints have been received in this regard, if so, (a) what complaints, (b) from whom and (c) what action has been taken as a result?

†The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

- (1) (a) Yes
(b) Yes
- (i) The procedures are set out in section 14 of the Electoral Act, 1979 (Act 45 of 1979)
- (ii) The Regional Representatives of the Department in their capacity as Electoral Officers

- (iii) (aa) 7 189
(bb) 3 503
- (2) Yes
- (a) Complaints in respect of persons whose names appear on the voters' list but who had emigrated or whose names did not appear on the voters' list but who had resumed permanent residence in the RSA
- (b) From political parties and individual persons
- (c) Every complaint was investigated and where substantiated by the facts, the necessary adjustments were effected

For the hon member's information, I have to mention that the procedures set out in section 14 can only be applied, if the Department is properly notified of a person's intention either to leave the country permanently or to resume permanent residence in the RSA. Unfortunately many people fail to furnish the Department with the required information

Germiston: premises occupied

*26 Mr D S PIENAAR asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs †

- (1) Whether a certain Black person, particulars of whom have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purposes of his reply, is presently occupying premises and/or a house in Germiston, if so, (a) what is the (i) name of the person and (ii) address of the premises concerned, (b) what other persons occupy the said premises and/or house with this person and (c) (i) who is the present owner of the property and (ii) (aa) when and (bb) in terms of what statutory provisions was the title deed concerned issued,

(2) whether permission has been granted to these persons to occupy the premises and/or house concerned; if so, (a) when, (b) by whom and (c) in terms of what statutory provisions,

- (3) whether his Department gave an instruction and/or addressed a request to the (a) South African Police and (b) Department of Justice about this matter, if so, (i) what was the purport thereof, (ii) (aa) by whom, (bb) to whom and (cc) when was it given or addressed, (iii) what action was taken as a result of this instruction and/or request and (iv) (aa) by whom and (bb) when was this action taken,
- (4) whether his Department (a) consulted the Germiston town council about and (b) informed it of the occupation of this property by the Black person concerned, if not, why not, if so, (i) when, (ii) in what manner and (iii) what was the response thereto,
- (5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- (1) Yes
- (a) (i) The name furnished by the hon member. The person concerned is a representative in South Africa of another Government
(ii) The address furnished by the hon member
- (b) It is not customary for details of this nature to be furnished
- (c) (i) The relative Representative's Government
(ii) (aa) 1984, but the relative premises were already then occupied for many years by representatives of the Government of the country concerned
(bb) Deeds Registries Act, 1937 (Act No 47 of 1937), as amended
- (2) In terms of an understanding as *inter alia* also confirmed in an agreement between the two Governments permission was not deemed necessary

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Offer to rebuild E Cape schools

STUDENTS in the Eastern Cape say they have made an offer to the Department of Education and Training to rebuild more than 35 schools damaged during the unrest more than two years ago.

Members of the Eastern Cape Students' Council (Ecasco), an offspring of the outlawed Congress of South African Students, emerged from hiding this week to call on students to disrupt and frustrate the "special programmes" of the Department of Educa-

tion and Training (DET).

The programmes, which include camping trips, sports events and music concerts organised by the DET, are seen by Ecasco as "trying to win the hearts and minds of the students".

In an exclusive interview this week, Ecasco executive members, who have remained underground for six months, discussed some of the issues that face them now that the students are crowding back into schools.

One of the major concerns expressed was the rebuilding of schools damaged during the 1985 unrest.

Over 15 schools in Eastern Cape townships were razed to the ground and about 22 were partially damaged during the fierce black education battle in 1985.

One member said his organisation had long offered to rebuild the damaged schools but the DET had always maintained that schools belonged to the State and it was its responsibility to repair them.

Six months after the end of the boycott, however, conditions in most schools are far from adequate. Classes are overcrowded, window panes are broken, buildings are poorly-maintained and facilities such as libraries and laboratories as well as administration offices are lacking.

This week Ecasco released a list of amended demands to the DET.

The list included the reinstatement of students and leaders expelled from schools, and a demand to DET to scrap the identity document and re-registration system.

The chief of public relations at the DET, Mr Job Schoeman, said the department was not aware of any offers to rebuild or repair damaged schools.

With reference to some of the other demands, he said registration at schools was a normal administrative procedure to ensure that schools function effectively.

Other demands "fall outside this department's ambit of responsibility".

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DET conditions rejected

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PARENTS of Langa High pupils have requested an urgent meeting with the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, to discuss "unacceptable" conditions laid down for the school's long-term re-opening.

The chairman of the school's interim committee, Mr Lungile Daba, said parents had held a meeting at the weekend at which it had been decided that the Department of Education and Training's insistence on re-registering pupils was unacceptable.

Mr Daba said a request for a meeting with Dr Viljoen had been made. He had not yet received a reply from Dr Viljoen's office.

Until now the Langa High closure issue has been handled by the deputy minister, Mr Sam de Beer.

In a statement released yesterday afternoon, Mr de Beer said he had

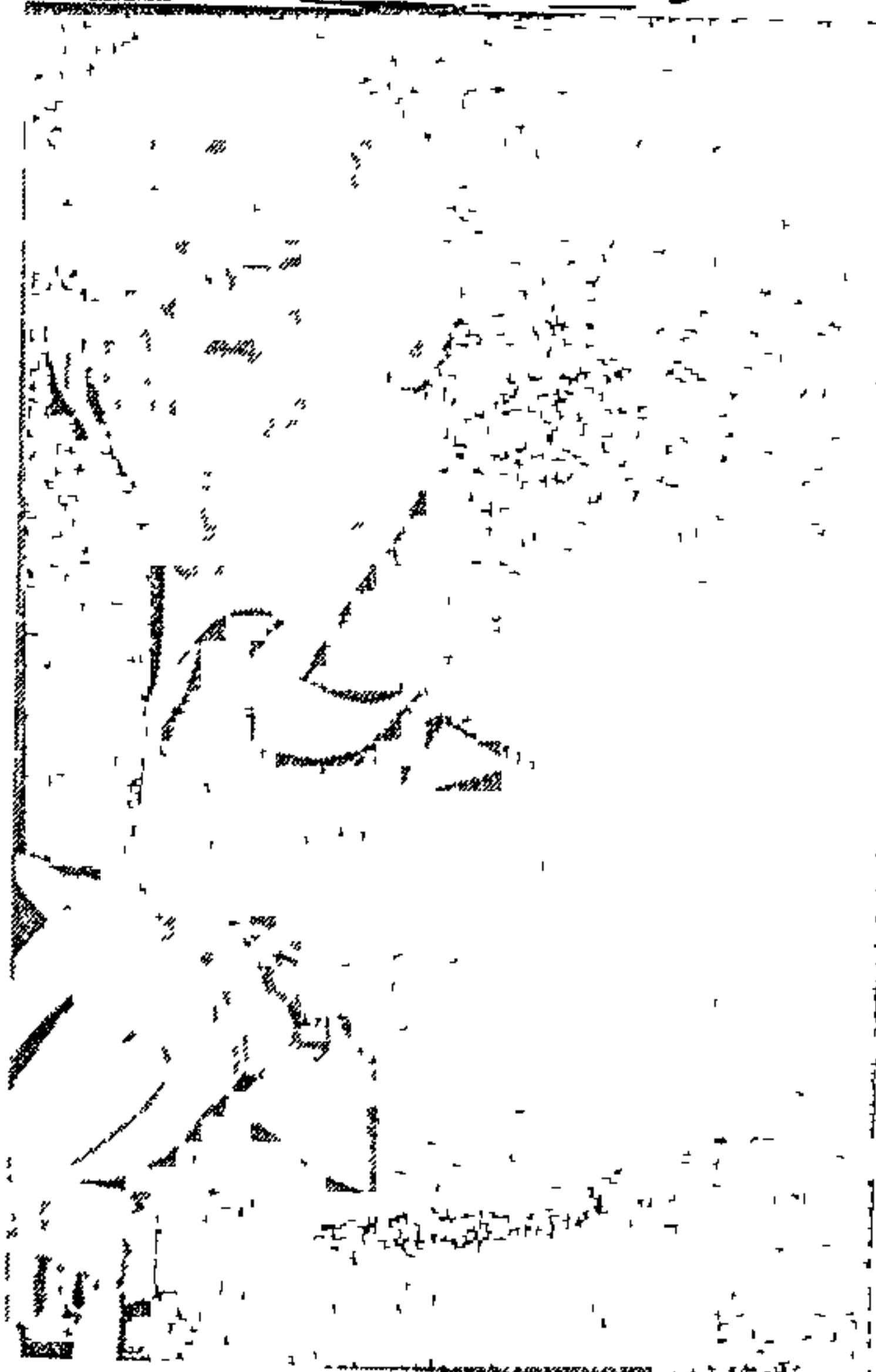
agreed to a request from teachers at the school that a "period of grace" be given for teachers and education officials to inform parents of the need for re-registration.

"I will await the outcome of the communication exercise," he said.

The school was closed on July 4 and effectively re-opened on July 7 when parents, teachers and pupils voted to ignore both the closure and various conditions laid down for the school's re-opening.

According to Mr Daba, the main cause of dissatisfaction among parents is the department's insistence on re-registration.

"What the parents want to know is Why is Langa High being singled out for this? Why aren't all the other schools under the department having to re-register pupils?" Mr Daba said.



GERRIT Viljoen, Minister of Education and Development Aid. 23/7/87

Farm school collapses so children learn out of doors

Post Reporter

MORE than 120 children are taking their lessons out of doors because their farm school has collapsed.

The Department of Education and Training will not advance cash for the building of another. It will only refund half the cost after private individuals or a charity have built a school at their own expense.

And then only if the school conforms to the department's requirements.

Meanwhile children at the Kholisile farm school in Draaifontein near Greenbushes sit beside the ruins of their wood-and-iron building, which just rotted away and finally collapsed in a strong wind.

The blackboards rest on the ground because the wind blows them flat if they are raised on easels.

"It's terrible," said Mrs Virginia Heliso, the principal, yesterday. "The wind blows and on rainy days we have to hold classes in the church."

The Old Apostolic Church stands nearby, but

the pews are fixed to the floor, which makes it difficult to organise classes.

"There's a lot of our school equipment that we can't use out of doors lying in the ruins — tables and cupboards and wardrobes."

Mrs E E Beckley, on whose land the school stands, said. "We have approached people for help, but as you know the economic situation in the district is not good. We have had four years of drought in succession and at the moment we can't do a thing."

Mr Donald Jackson, a farmer, said Nothing is going to be done unless a

private individual or a charity organisation is prepared to provide the money.

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Training in Port Elizabeth said yesterday "It's a bit of a problem — may I suggest Rotary? They have built a marvelous school at Coega."

He said the department would subsidise half the expense of the school to the extent of R6 000 maximum a classroom, but the money would only be advanced once the school was built and found to comply with requirements.

It must be a brick or block school with gutters and downpipes and the farmer must be prepared to sell the land.

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THE government had made mistakes in the past in black education and one of these had been the failure to listen to the cries of those with genuine intentions, the Deputy Minister of Education, Sam de Beer, said this week

"Our message now is that we will listen," he said in a debate on the education and development aid budget vote

According to De Beer, the welcome turnabout in the unrest and boycott situation at black schools was largely due to the healthy communications being built up between pupils and parents, and particularly between the Department of Education and Training and parents, pupils and community leaders.

"This process of communication and negotiation, and the huge reservoir of positive attitudes among the black communities is being further strengthened by the DET's bona fides, and its sincere efforts to create the best possible education opportunities for each individual," he said

He added that much was often made of the problems in black education, and that this was frequently used as a stick with which to beat the government, while the positive attitudes of the vast majority of the black communities and the

We will now listen to the grievances, says De Beer

remarkable progress being made was ignored

This progress included a wider social responsibility which was often negated or even abused in an attempt to derail efforts to bring people closer together

Education for blacks had become a highly emotive topic over the years, with the department being frequently attacked, said De Beer

"Sloganeering has become a common tactic to nullify anything that is positive and to cloud people's vision, simply because an objective appraisal of the progress in education and the goodwill that stems from such an appraisal obviously does not suit certain groups

"This approach, coupled with the crudest forms of intimidation, had been used to prevent or jeopardise greater understanding between groups of people who understood and appreciated the true value of

education and concomitant communication," said De Beer

The government accepted politics was not completely separate from education and that political reform was directly related to stable progress in education reform, he said

"It would be wrong, however, to allow education to fall prey to political expediency, whatever part of the political spectrum such attempts might originate"

Education could and, in fact, had to play a role in the process of change and reform but, it was of the utmost importance that it should be regarded as a neutral vehicle for achieving the country's ideals and never as a political lever or an end in itself

"It is a sad fact that the road behind us is strewn with the victims of those individuals and organisations who have elected to use education as a political weapon," he said - Sapa

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Stationery shortage at Langa High

Education Reporter

THE severe shortage of stationery at Langa High School is believed to be a factor behind pupils' actions this week which ended in the overturning of a vehicle belonging to the Department of Education and Training.

Police are investigating yesterday's incident, which followed protest meetings on Monday and Tuesday.

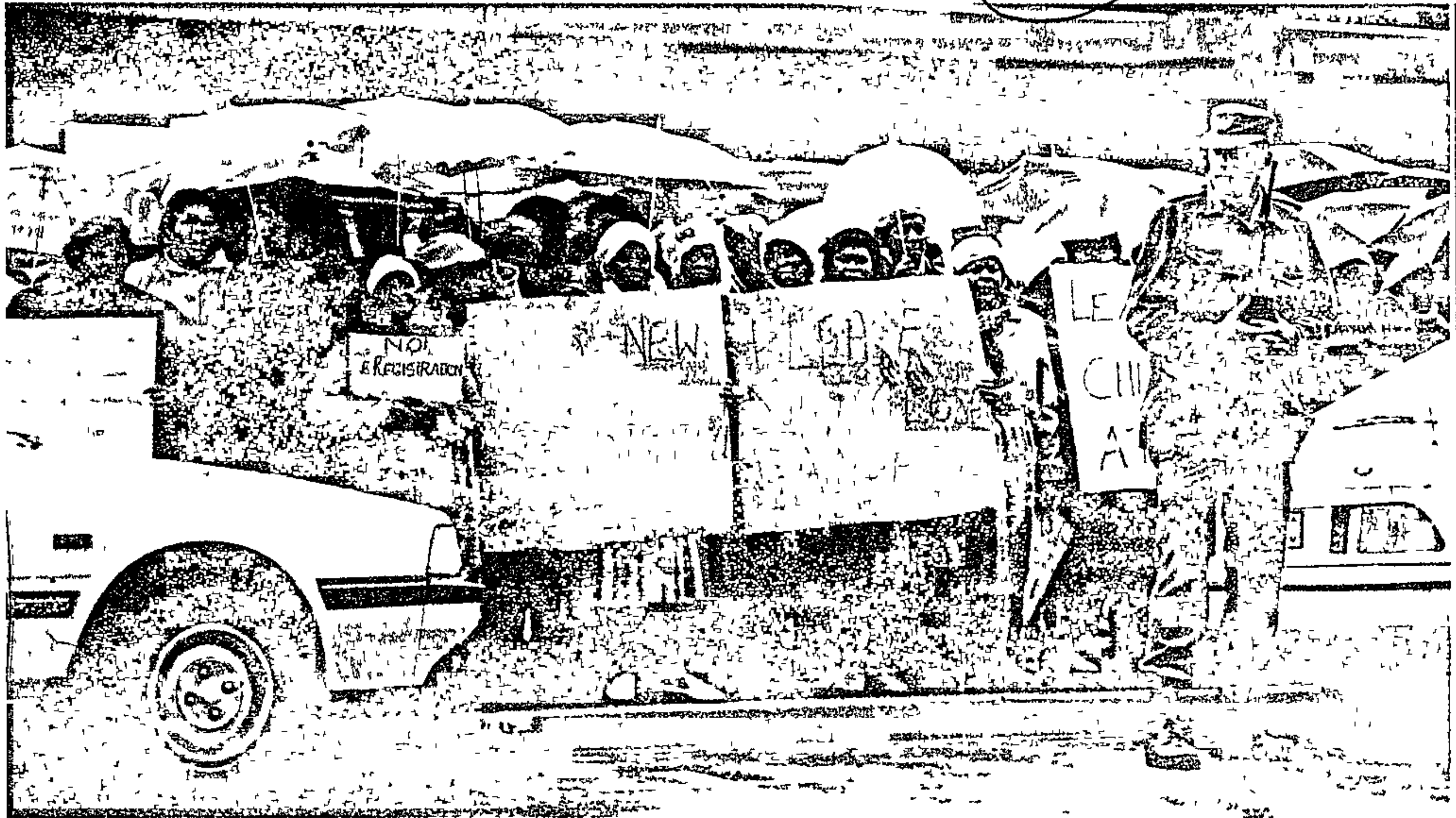
A police spokesman said there had been no "normal education" at the school this week.

The chairman of the school's interim committee, Mr Lungile Daba, said the committee would make a statement soon.

It is understood that the DET recently clamped down on the supply of stationery to Langa High from overstocked schools.

However, a department spokesman in Pretoria said his office was unaware of this.

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PROTEST IN THE RAIN . . . About 100 mothers of Langa High School pupils demonstrated against the Department of Education and Training's refusal to officially re-open the school, at the circuit office on the Foreshore yesterday.

Picture GLENN SHERRATT

Langa High parents protest

By CLARE HARPER
Education Reporter

ABOUT 100 placard-carrying mothers of Langa High School pupils demonstrated outside the Department of Education and Training's Foreshore office yesterday in protest against the closing of the school.

Others presented a list of demands to the Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer.

They stood for more than two hours in the rain holding placards reading "No new registration", "Leave our children at school" and "Two months to exam time".

- The demands presented to Mr De Beer included:
- That he officially and unconditionally re-open the school,
 - That the DET stop its alleged harassment of pupils at the school;
 - That the DET drop its requirement that pupils should re-register; and
 - That the former sports master of the school, who left the school after he allegedly attacked the headmaster with a screwdriver, be forced to resign his post as a sports administrator for the department

One mother tearfully told the Cape Times that she had paid for her daughter to write her matric examinations, but feared they would never be written unless the DET listened to the parents.



FAREWELL . . . Mr A H Heard, right, outgoing editor of the Cape Times, wishes his successor, Mr J C (Koos) Viviers, well at an editorial staff meeting yesterday, symbolically handing over his long-service tie.

Picture GLENN SHERRATT

Cape Times 11/8/87

Principal's denial

Education Reporter

LANGA High School's acting principal, Mr Duke Ngeukana, has denied telling parents on Friday that the school was about to be closed.

A spokesman for a group of women who protested on the Foreshore on Monday said Mr Ngeukana had made the statement and it had been discussed at a meeting on Sunday.

Mr Ngeukana, who was not available for comment at the time, said today it seemed some of the parents had got the "wrong end of the stick".

A Department of Education and Training spokesman confirmed yesterday that the school did not face imminent closure.

(ii) R35 000 divided as follows
 R22 000 to the firm Brunette Kruger Stoffberg Incorporated, and
 R13 000 to the firm Transport Info who also participated in the project

(2) Yes

(a) R22 000

(b) The hon member is referred to my reply in paragraph (1) (b) (i)

(c) Brunette Kruger Stoffberg Incorporated

(3) Yes, in three cases

(a) The equipment used at three of the nineteen observation points was not updated to reflect adjustments in current maximum speed limits at the time the project was undertaken

(b) (i) A reliable answer cannot be supplied at this point in time

(ii) The results at three observation points were adjusted to reflect the following corrections

to indicate that only 13,9 per cent of the motorists at Middelfontein exceeded the speed limit of 120 km/h and not 51,7 per cent,

to indicate that 13,9 per cent of the motorists at Hibberdene exceeded the speed limit and not 1,3 per cent, and

to indicate that 11,0 per cent of the motorists at Wonderfontein exceeded the speed limit and not 47,9 per cent

(c) Brunette Kruger Stoffberg Incorporated

(4) Yes In comprehensive traffic obser-

vation bulletins issued by the Department of Transport to provincial and local road authorities, consulting engineers, etc, mainly to be used for planning and design purposes

(5) Yes, amended pages were distributed to users of the report

Children's court, Melmoth

*25 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Justice

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 19 on 28 July 1987, the proceedings of the children's court in Melmoth have been concluded, if not, when is it anticipated that they will be concluded, if so, (a) when, (b) what were the findings and (c) what action has been taken in respect of the child in question as a result of these findings?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER (for the Minister of Justice)

Yes

(a) 30 July 1987

(b) and (c) In terms of section 15 (1) (b) of the Child Care Act, 1983 (Act 74 of 1983) the Children's Court, Melmoth ordered that the child concerned be placed in the custody of a suitable foster parent, to wit Mrs Bhaliswe Virginia Dlamini, under the supervision of a social worker. An order was also made that, as far as the formal adoption of the child is concerned, the matter be transferred to the Children's Court, Eshowe, because the foster parent is resident in the magisterial district of Eshowe

Amanzimtoti

*26 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) Whether it is the intention to alter the area of jurisdiction of the local authority of Amanzimtoti, if so, what

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is the nature of the proposed alterations,

(2) whether any written representations have been submitted to his Department in this regard, if so, (a) when, (b) (i) by whom and (ii) on whose behalf and (c) what is the purport of these representations,

(3) whether these representations have been submitted to the Borough of Amanzimtoti for perusal, if so, (a) when and (b) what was the response, if not, why not,

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

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND FAIRS (for the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning) (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House).

(1) The power to alter the area of jurisdiction of a local authority is not vested in me. This power is vested in the provincial administrators of the various provinces

(2) Yes

(a) 6 May 1986

(b) (i) Mr N E Khan MP of the constituency of Isipingo

(ii) The residents of Isipingo

(c) The expansion of the area of jurisdiction of the Borough of Isipingo by the inclusion of the industrial area of Amanzimtoti which is situated between Isipingo Rail and Isipingo Beach

(3) Yes, by the Administrator of Natal,

(a) on 6 November 1986 after such representations had been considered by the Administrator-in-Executive Committee of Natal, who resolved that the matter also be referred to the Demarcation Board for investigation and report;

(b) the Borough of Amanzimtoti requested that the Demarcation Board enquiry be abandoned

(4) No For your information it may be mentioned that the Administrator of Natal has requested the Demarcation Board for Local Government Areas in terms of Section 7F of the Promotion of Local Government Affairs Act, 1983 (Act 91 of 1983) to advise him on the desirability or otherwise of the alteration of the area of jurisdiction of the local authority of Amanzimtoti

An announcement by the Administrator of Natal will be made in the Official Gazette after consideration of the recommendations of the Demarcation Board by the Administrator-in-Executive Committee

Compulsory schooling

*27 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) Whether compulsory schooling has been introduced in respect of all Black children in the Republic and self-governing territories, if not, (a) why not and (b) in which areas has schooling not been made compulsory, if so with effect from what date,

(2) (a) up to what age has schooling been made compulsory for Black children and (b) when was this age limit introduced,

(3) whether he intends changing this age limit, if so, (a) to what age, (b) why and (c) when?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(1) No

(a) Compulsory education was introduced only in the 379 schools where the school committees requested it

(b) In those areas where the school committees did not request the introduction of compulsory education

(2) (a) 16 years in those areas in which compulsory education has been introduced

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- (b) 1981
- (3) No (a) to (c) Falls away

Literacy among Black persons

*28 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

- (1) Whether his Department has conducted investigations into literacy among Black persons, if not, why not, if so, (a) when was the most recent investigation of this nature conducted, (b) what procedure was followed in conducting this investigation and (c) what percentage of the Black population, including the self-governing territories, was literate as at that date,
- (2) whether his Department has (a) formulated any policy regarding promoting and (b) taken any action to promote literacy among Black persons in consequence of this investigation, if not, why not, if so, what action,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

- (1) No Because the HSRC has been doing research of this kind for many years. The results of the most recent research done by the HSRC in this respect are available in the report 'The promotion of literacy in South Africa: numbers and distribution of literate Black adults' (C S Ellis, 1982, Report TLK/Lit 2)
- (a), (b) and (c) Falls away
- (2) (a) Yes this was already done in 1975. This policy was, however, not formulated as a result of investigations carried out by other bodies but as the direct result of a need perceived by the Department concerning the promotion of literacy amongst Blacks
- (b) Yes The Department has taken the following steps:
 - (1) An Adult Education Sec-

tion was created, one of the aims being the promotion of literacy

- (ii) Teachers in the service of the Department were initially trained to present literacy courses of private concerns. From 1977 to 1984 1 572 instructors were trained in this way

- (iii) Subsequent to thorough research into the problematics surrounding literacy, the Department developed its own reading and writing courses for adults in seven African languages, Afrikaans and English. The course consists of study material in the form of readers and answer books for students, wall charts, flash cards and an accompanying teacher's guide. To date 725 instructors have been trained in these methods

- (iv) Since 1975 the Department has offered literacy classes and by 1986 such classes were in fact being presented at 380 localities

- (v) The post of literacy adviser has been created in each of the Department's seven regions and five of these seven posts have already been filled

- (vi) The study material for literacy courses is provided free of charge to students by the Department at each of its own public centres and also at state-subsidised centres. The Department also provides one free copy of the courses to private concerns or companies who may then reproduce the material
- (vii) The Department's training programme for instructors at state-subsidised and pri-

vate centres is also free of charge

- (viii) In co-operation with the Transvaal Women's Agricultural Union the literacy campaign has been extended to farm workers in the rural areas since 1986. As from 2 February to 31 March 1987 five courses were held for people who wish to offer courses to their farm labourers. 17 people have already been trained to offer the reading and writing courses. These persons will teach 940 farm labourers to read and write
- (ix) A literacy certificate is issued to students at the successful conclusion of a course
- (x) From 1977 to 1986 a total of 71 553 adults attended literacy classes at public centres of the Department
- (xi) During 1986 five readers for recent literates in each of the seven African languages and Afrikaans were published by the Department

- (3) No

Own Affairs

*1 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS—Local Government, Housing and Works [Withdrawn]

Malawian children at government/provincial schools

*2 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Culture.

- (1) Whether any Black children of (a) Malawian diplomats and (b) other Malawian citizens attended government or provincial schools during the past three years, if so, which schools did they attend;

(2) whether their attendance of these schools had any adverse educational consequences, if so, what were these consequences,

- (3) whether any complaints were received from White (a) parents, (b) teachers and (c) pupils at the schools concerned, if so, (i) how many complaints, (ii) what was the nature of the complaints, (iii) what action was taken and (iv) what was the result of this action?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE.

- (1) (a) Yes, Pretoria Boys' High School, Waterloof Primary School, Brooklyn Primary School
- (b) No

- (2) It is not possible to supply an authoritative answer after such a short period of time in respect of a specific group of pupils. The Department also prefers not to comment in public on a few individual pupils who are easily identifiable
- (3) (a), (b) and (c) No, no complaints have been received, according to available records
- (d) to (iv) Fall away

Paarl Teacher Training College

*3 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) (a) What is the maximum number of students that can be catered for at the Paarl Teacher Training College and (b) what was the student enrolment at this college as at the latest specified date for which information is available,
- (2) whether any requests have been made for students of other race groups to be admitted to this college, if so, (a) what requests, (b) by whom and (c) what was his response to these requests?

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Department urged to heed views of parents

Education Reporter

PARENTS' views on issues affecting their schoolgoing children should be taken more seriously by the Department of Education and Training, the Peninsula African Teachers Association said.

The association was reacting to the dispute over Langa High School, where a threatened closure prompted about 100 mothers to stage a silent protest outside the department's Fore-shore offices last week.

The president of the association, Mr Christopher Gqaji, asked: "Why does the department stipulate the re-registration of students as a primary condition for the reopening of the school when this appears unacceptable to the parents on whose behalf the education is provided?"

No matter how concerned the department was about sorting out problems at the school, its concern "could not possibly surpass" that of the parents.

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The feelings and appeals of the parents should be listened to more closely, Mr Gqaji said.

The department has declined to comment on the controversy over the conditions it has laid down for the formal reopening of the school.

In the meantime it has granted the school a period of grace during which teachers have been asked to persuade parents of the "necessity" for pupils, accompanied by their parents, to re-register.

Many teachers, pupils and parents fear this condition could be a way of "weeding out" pupils — and their parents — considered troublesome by the department

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will be added to the farm Onverwacht 424-JR until the investigation is completed

(a) (i) The present occupants of the farm include Whites, Coloureds and Blacks

(ii) Ownership of the farm Onverwacht 424-JR is as follows

Whites	1 005 ha*
State	115 ha
Coloureds	79 ha
Churches	9 ha
Total	1 208 ha

* (rounded off)

(b) (i) The addition of land, or not, depends on the results of the investigation, the recommendations and final decisions

(ii) No area, if any can therefore be furnished

(c) The future use of the land depends upon the findings and resolutions following the investigation

(d) (i) and (ii) The local farmers' association and representatives of the farmers were consulted on 30 June 1987 and comments in writing regarding their views were requested

(2) The question whether the present occupants are to be moved depends upon the findings of the investigation and the eventual decisions thereabout

(a) Present occupants are Whites, Coloureds and Blacks.

(b) Decisions as to what steps are to be taken will only be taken after the investigation is completed

3) If necessary, a statement will be made by the relevant bodies after the investigation has been completed

Northern Transvaal Technikon

*20 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid +

(1) (a) How many members of the (i) administrative and (ii) teaching staff of the Northern Transvaal Technikon resigned during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available and (b) for what reasons,

(2) whether his Department instituted an investigation into these resignations, if not, why not, if so, (a) what were the findings of the investigation and (b) what action was taken as a result of the findings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(1) (a) (i) 6

(ii) 29

1 July 1986 to 30 June 1987

(b) Since 1984 it has been the policy of the Northern Transvaal Technikon that the Council be informed by staff about the reasons for their resignation when they terminate their services

The reasons given during the above-mentioned period were *inter alia* promotion (10), ill health (2), joining the private sector (6) and family reasons (3)

None of the staff indicated that they resigned due to dissatisfaction with the Technikon or its management

It must be pointed out that the Council had to reduce the number of academic posts from 145 to 106 as a part of the rationalisation process to remain within the limits and norms of the SAPSE-formula

(2) No The Northern Transvaal Technikon is an autonomous institution which is administered in terms of the

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Technikons (Education and Training) Act, Act 27 of 1981

By virtue of section 10 of the Act the Council of the Technikon has the authority to deal with all personnel matters

The Department is not aware of any *prima facie* reasons why personnel resignations should be investigated

(a) and (b) Fall away

Northern Transvaal Technikon

*21 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid +

(a) What has been the average daily attendance figure at the Northern Transvaal Technikon since 27 June 1987 and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(a) and (b) From 12 June 1987 to 6 July 1987 the Northern Transvaal Technikon had its normal winter vacation

On 7 July 1987 980 students registered for the second semester

From 7 July 1987 to 27 July 1987 classes were fully attended except for a number of absentees due to ill health and other acceptable reasons

From 28 July to 17 August 1987 no classes on campus were attended by students due to boycotts and a compulsory recess from 4 to 11 August 1987 Today (18 August 1987) classes have normal attendance (more or less 950 students)

For written reply

General Affairs

Subsidies to schools of all population groups

131 Dr F HARTZENBERG asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid +

Whether (a) White, (b) Coloured and (c) Indian children are attending schools full-

ing under the Department of Education and Training, if so, (i) how many in each case, (ii) how many of these schools are (aa) State-controlled, (bb) State-subsidised, (cc) private and (dd) other specified kinds of schools and (iii) with what total amount did his Department subsidise schools attended by Black children as well as children from other population groups, in the latest specified 12-month period for which figures are available?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(a) No

(b) Yes

(c) No

(1) (a) Falls away

(b) 4 203

(c) Falls away

(ii) (aa) Public schools 386 (1 852 pupils)

(bb) State-aided schools 510 (2 274 pupils)

(cc) Private schools 11 (77 pupils)

(dd) None

(iii) The amount to which the individual schools have been subsidised, is not available. Calculated on the national per capita expenditure to pupils in the Department of Education and Training the following subsidies were spent on non-Black pupils

Public schools 1 852 pupils

and

State-aided schools 2 274

pupils, together R1 596 845,00

Private schools 77 pupils

R 23 100,00

Total amount R1 619 945,00

Information as on 3 4 1986

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237 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid.

Cape Times 21/8/87

Langa High School report challenged

From Mr BILL STAUDE, Regional Director (Cape Region), Department of Education and Training (Cape Town):

I WISH to react to the article published under the headline "Langa High parents protest" (Cape Times, August 11).

The caption reads that "about 100 mothers of pupils of Langa High demonstrated against the department's refusal to officially re-open the school".

I wish to remind you that Langa Secondary School was closed on July 4 by the Deputy Minister, Mr Sam de Beer, but that he reopened it on July 7. His press statement announcing this was communicated to your newspaper on Monday July 20.

I fail to understand why you should employ in your caption the words "the Department of Education and Training's refusal to officially reopen the school" since this must surely create an impression at variance with the facts.

You also stated that the parents stood for two hours in the rain. You make no mention of the fact, however, that the Circuit Office officials invited them into the building and spent considerable time listening to their representations.

Concerning the "demands" allegedly presented to Mr de Beer, the fact is that the four ladies to whom the Deputy Minister spoke made no "demand" that the sports master resign and no "demand" was made that "the Department of Education and Training stop its alleged harassment of pupils".

The Deputy Minister explained the situation but the ladies seemed unaware, as you too appear unaware, that the school is officially open and has been for several weeks.

Mr de Beer also explained why it was necessary for parents to register their children as pupils.

● *The situation is far more complex than Mr Staude states. While the school has been declared officially reopened, the Department does not recognize either the classes or the pupils because the pupils have not reregistered as required. The Cape Times's information is that formal tuition is taking place, but the Department says that, legally speaking, there are no pupils, only children. To the parents, this means the school effectively remains closed.*

The parents told the reporter they had conveyed certain demands to Mr de Beer. We accept that this was not done and the report was wrong in stating it as fact. — Editor, Cape Times.

Mr. Trank (10)
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'R584m' classroom backlog

Political Staff

IT WOULD cost between R347 million and R584 million to eliminate the shortage of black classrooms outside the homelands, the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Sam de Beer, revealed yesterday.

He said there was a shortage of 1 494 classrooms for primary school pupils and 3 030 classrooms for secondary school pupils.

Last year, however, his department built 435 additional classrooms at existing schools and 1 361 classrooms at new schools.

He said 538 classrooms were provided at 25 new primary schools and 823 classrooms at 28 new secondary schools.

Mr De Beer was replying to a question by Mr Ken Andrew (PFP, Gardens).

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2 Cape Times, Wednesday, September 2,

Govt moves to cut Langa friction

ILL-FEELING brewing between the government and the local community over Langa high school may have been eased by three concessions announced yesterday.

They are:

□ Reregistration of pupils at Langa Secondary School, which the government threatened to close, has been extended to the end of the year;

□ The establishment of Working Committees

— with parent representation — for Langa, Sizamile, I D Mkize, Fezeka and Crossroads Number 3 high schools;

□ Another Langa secondary school is to be built for occupation in January, 1988.

The first two points are conditional on parents "fully and continuously support the need to register all pupils in all Western Cape schools for the 1988 school year".

The announcement was made by the Deputy Minister for Education, Mr Sam de Beer, yesterday in a joint statement with the parents' representatives he met on August 25, who had indicated to him yesterday that they were prepared to accept the proposals

Survey shows massive 'no' to tricameral govt



By Michael Chester

SAR 3/9/87

If the Indian and coloured communities had freedom of choice in deciding the political future of South Africa, then the overwhelming majority would prefer a national convention of all race groups to plan a new course rather than the tricameral system of government.

Big demand for education, peace — poll

An end to socio-political unrest and better educational facilities are the main objectives that the Indian and coloured communities want their leaders to pursue, according to an Omnichek poll conducted by Research Surveys.

The two issues out-rank even political freedom, better housing, better job opportunities and freedom of movement as aims that their parliamentarians should set as targets.

The Indian community was specific in listing "peace for all people" as a top priority. Second came better educational facilities, followed by improved employment opportunities. Better housing was ranked fourth, political freedom fifth and freedom of movement came at the tail-end.

The coloured community topped its own list of priorities with better educational facilities. Tying for next place were the objectives of political freedom and more employment.

This preference comes out loud and clear from an Omnichek poll, with 60 percent of Indians and 58 percent of coloured respondents voting in favour of a national convention instead of pressing on with the tricameral system.

But about 10 percent of the overall total were entrenched in the view that neither the tricameral system nor a national convention met their political aspirations.

The main protagonists for a national convention are male — 57 percent of Indians and 58 percent of coloureds.

When asked their views on their future as a minority group in a government based on majority rule, 71 percent of the Indian community said they would be "fearful" — 65 percent of the men and 78 percent of the women.

Only 10 percent of the Indians expressed optimism under a majority rule dispensation — 14 percent of the men and a only 6 percent of the women.

Among the coloured community, 32 percent of the men and 37 percent of the women were "fearful" of majority rule. An overall 24 percent saw an optimistic future in such a plan.

Trainee teachers

Though some 56% of black school teachers — excluding the self-governing states — last year still had no matric, Peter Mundell of the Department of Education and Training (DET) remains optimistic and says the situation is "improving rapidly." Last year 63% of black teachers had no matric.

As the percentage of black children of school-going age attending school escalated from 36,7% in 1951 to 86,3% last year, the DET has the problem of providing adequate teachers at a pace.

The DET this year increased its budget by R240m (26%), with the aim of training teachers and especially providing "subject-qualified teachers."

A teacher is regarded as qualified when he has a matric and three years' tertiary training. But Mundell avers that an unqualified

teacher is not necessarily a bad one

He explains that the large number of teachers with only a standard eight should be seen in relation to the fact that more than 50% of school-going black pupils are in the junior primary school phase.

Mundell says that though the shortage of black teachers is not disastrous — the pupil/teacher ratio in 1986 was 37,6 to one — SA lacks specialised teachers in "killer subjects" such as mathematics, the sciences and English. The large number of teachers with low academic qualifications in secondary schools is often blamed for the high failure rate among matric pupils.

The DET consequently introduced various specialisation training courses. There are 36 colleges of education for blacks, whose total enrolment exceeds 21 000 students

This year more than 4 000 teachers out of a total of about 48 000 have enrolled in the DET's adult education programmes to improve their academic qualifications.

Mundell emphasises that the DET aims not only to improve the quantity of teachers, but also the quality of their teaching. He says the modern child lives in a sophisticated environment; teachers need additional organisational skills to cope with them. ■

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Natal

Region E 156 715

(Presumably this figure includes squatters in parts of KwaZulu)

†Indicates translated version

(ii) No reliable information is available

(b) 30 June 1987

For written reply

(2) No figures with regard to the squatter situation in the RSA for the period 1984 to 1986 are available

General Affairs

Pupils: dropped out of school

614 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid.

(1) What percentage of the Black pupils who attended schools falling under his Department dropped out of school in 1984 1985 and 1986 respectively.

(2) whether his Department has conducted any research into the reasons for Black pupils dropping out of school if not why not, if so, what were the findings.

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

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(1) 1984 10.6%,
1985 10.2%,
1986 not yet available

(2) Yes Many reasons for the dropping out are known The following reasons should however be mentioned

2 1 Many of the pupils are environmentally handicapped

2 2 The pupils are not "school ready" when they enter school

2 3 Even after completion of a school readiness programme, some pupils are still not ready for school

2 4 Limited language skills

2 5 Problems arising from switching over to English as medium of instruction in Std 3

265 Mr J H VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) (a) How many Black (i) squatters and (ii) squatter structures are there estimated to be in (aa) the Republic and (bb) each specified place or area at present and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

(2) what were the corresponding (a) real or (b) estimated figures as at 31 December 1984, 31 December 1985 and 31 December 1986, respectively?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) Reliable information is not available in the form in which the hon member has asked the question Information with regard to Black squatters that is available, is as follows

(a) (i) (aa) Total number of Black squatters in the RSA 1 310 813

(bb) Transvaal

Region F 46 140,

Region G 11 648,

Region H 731 964,

Region J 67 998

Cape Province

Region A 735,

Region B 16 978,

Region D 277 493

Orange Free State

Region C 1 142

(Only with regard to eight of the possible 41 districts)

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- 2 6 The inadequate qualifications of some of the teaching staff
- 2 7 The teaching of more than one standard in one class (farm schools)
- 2 8 Limited education advisory services for basic (primary) education
- 2 9 Teacher-pupil ratio
- 2 10 Irregular school attendance
- 2 11 Lack of motivation by pupils

Universities

330 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid +

- (A) How many (i) Blacks, (ii) Whites, (iii) Coloureds and (iv) Indians are at present studying at each university under the control of his Department and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(a)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
Fort Hare	3 013	46	26	2
The North	5 409	18	5	4
Zululana	3 524	16	1	7
Medunsa	1 106	1 179	1	31
Vista	14 065	12	81	3

(b) 3 June 1986

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Agri-cultural colleges

332 Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

How many Black students (a) applied for admission and (b) were admitted to each specified agricultural college under the control of his Department in 1986?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

The Department of Education and Training has no agricultural colleges under its control

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Diesel for road transport

347 Mr A J W P S TERBLANCHE asked the Minister of Transport Affairs +

What percentage of the diesel purchased by the South African Transport Services in 1986 was used for road transport?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

26 per cent in respect of the 1986/87 financial year

Information for the 1986 calendar year is not readily available

Annual reports

359 Mr K M ANDREW asked the State President

- (1) (a) How many annual reports were produced in 1986 by the National Intelligence Service (b) what was the cost of producing each such report, (c) how many copies of each report were printed and (d) who undertook the printing of each report.
- (2) whether the printing of these reports was put out to tender, if not, why not, if so, (a) what was the (i) lowest and (ii) highest tender submitted, and (b) what was the amount of the successful tender, in each case.
- (3) whether any copies of these reports were sold, if so, (a) how many, (b) to whom, and (c) at what price, in respect of each report.
- (4) in respect of each of the latest specified five years for which information is available, (a) what was the total cost to this Service of these annual reports, (b) how many copies were printed, (c) how many of these reports contained (i) full colour and (ii) black and white pictures, (d) on what quality paper were the annual reports printed and (e) (i) how many of these reports contained a photograph or drawing of the (aa) political head and (bb) top official of this Service and (ii) how many of these pictures were in (aa) colour and (bb) black and white in each case?

The STATE PRESIDENT

- (1) None
- (2), (3) and (4) Lapse

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Indicates translated version

For oral reply

General Affairs

Local authorities

*1 Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Finance +

- (1) Whether the Government has taken a decision that local authorities are to ensure that the increase in their revenue and expenditure does not exceed a certain percentage which is determined annually by him, if so, when.
- (2) whether this decision is departed from, if so, (a) why and (b) in what circumstances.
- (3) whether, in comparison with the relevant figures for 1983-84 financial year, there was an increase of approximately 34 per cent in respect of the revenue and expenditure of local authorities in the 1984-85 financial year, of so,
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF FINANCE

(1) In June 1981 the Cabinet decided that the Department of Finance should exercise overall control over the expenditure of local authorities in accordance herewith the Minister of Finance annually determines a percentage increase in the expenditure of local authorities

(2) There has been no departures from the decision to subject the expenditure of local authorities to overall financial control

financial control In deserving cases, for example exceptionally rapid development, the guide rate may however be adjusted upwards

- (3) Based on the records of the Department of Finance kept for local authorities, the budgeted expenditure for 1984-85 increased by 16% compared with that of the 1983-84 financial year These figures do not include the expenditure of divisional councils and development boards
- (4) No statement on the matter is deemed necessary

*2 Mr J H VAN DER MERWE—Constitutional Development and Planning—[Reply standing over]

Periodical financial assistance

*3 Mr J H VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs +

Whether the State renders any financial and/or other assistance to a certain periodical, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purposes of his reply, if so, (a) why (b) what is the nature of the assistance, (c) what was the amount of the assistance in each of the latest specified two periods of 12 months for which information is available and (d) what is the name of the periodical concerned?

†The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Yes, indirectly

(a) and (b) An agreement was concluded with a public relations firm to introduce South Africa to opinion formers in France and elsewhere in Europe, and this firm publishes the magazine as part of its general business activities

(c) The public relations firm is paid a total amount for its service as a whole and it is therefore not known how much is specifically spent on the magazine

(d) As private persons and organisations also make direct financial contributions

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DET fails to comment in face of criticism

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — School accommodation in Duncan Village is causing concern among parents in the township and the Department of Education and Training (DET) had been accused of causing the deterioration in the school accommodation situation.

The regional director of the DET, Mr Bill Staude, declined to comment on these complaints.

All the schools in Duncan Village, except Ebenezer Majombozi Senior Secondary School, were destroyed at the height of unrest in 1985

Primary and junior secondary school pupils have been accommodated at the Duvcor buildings situated at the western entrance to the township

The two senior secondary schools, Qaqamba and Ebenezer Majombozi were combined and accommo-

dated at the Ebenezer Majombozi school buildings. The combination is called Duncan Village High School

When the schools were destroyed, parents sought accommodation for the pupils at church buildings in the township. The DET later made the present accommodation arrangement of Duvcor and Majombozi

However, parents said the Duvcor buildings were not conducive to a smooth running school.

Mrs Nondwe Lalawi, of Ziphunzana section, said the buildings had been situated far from the reach of most pupils in the township

She criticised the grounds and the surroundings at Duvcor,

saying they were bushy and were most likely to attract dangerous insects and reptiles

Mrs Lalawi said it was improper for all the junior secondary schools and primary schools to be lumped together in one centre since this could lead to overcrowding and disruption of classes

Another parent, Mr Buntu Raraye, said the present arrangement of Duvcor accommodation was not conducive to the health of the pupils and teachers

He said the buildings had no windows and doors and the toilets were not working

These conditions exposed the pupils to bad weather and consequent health hazards, he said

Turning to the Duncan Village High School accommodation at Majombozi, Mr Raraye said it was improper to combine two senior secondary schools with different curricula under one roof

He said the combina-

tion had resulted in overcrowding and inconvenience to the teaching staff and pupils

Mr Raraye said the DET should improve the accommodation before things got worse

He added that something should have been done during the past two years by the DET to alleviate the conditions

He appealed to the DET to consider building more schools in Duncan Village

Other residents complained about the safety of the children and the availability of transport to and from the schools because the Duvcor buildings and the Majombozi were both situated at either end of the township

They said small children were exposed to traffic hazards since they had to travel through the length of the township to get to school

Transport to school was unreliable, the residents said

In July two schoolchildren were knocked over by cars while crossing streets on their way to school. One of the children died and another was seriously injured during the accident

The mayor of Duncan Village, now officially known as Gompo, Mr Eddie Makeba, said parents should report their complaints to their local authorities

He added that during the job creation project, some people had been appointed to clear the surroundings of the school buildings at Duvcor and the graveyard

The school grounds and their surroundings had been cleaned, he said

Pupils could be engaged during the manual work time to do follow-up cleaning, Mr Makeba said

Mr Makeba said his council liaised with educational officials on school matters, adding that some school problems had been solved

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The SABC

- (1) (a) (i) One statutory body
- (ii) The SABC
- (b) R37 934 GST excluded (R42 846 GST included)
- (c) 1 000 copies
- (d) Partners in Communication
- (2) Yes, 14 companies requested specifications, but only 8 submitted tender documents
- (a) (i) R36 037 GST included (BM Litho)
- (ii) R78 141 GST included (Industrial Communications)
- (b) R42 486 GST included
- (3) The Annual Report is not sold
- (a), (b) and (c) Falls away
- (4) (a) 1982 R42 139
- 1983 R37 461
- 1984 R39 939
- 1985 R33 341
- 1986 R37 934
- (GST excluded in all cases)
- (b) 1 000 every year except 1984 which was 650
- (c) All the reports were printed in full colour
- (d) High quality paper
- (e) Photographs of the Minister concerned, the Chairman of the Board and the Director-General were in colour and were taken at occasions that were of importance to the SABC and its activities

Annual Reports

365 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

- (1) (a) (i) How many annual reports were produced in 1986 by the Department of Education and Training and/or statutory bodies falling under this Department and (ii) in respect of what bodies were these reports pro-

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Financial and Related Statements 1985

University of Fort Hare	R 2 000,00
University of Zululand	R 2 000,00
University of the North	R 1 824,00
Medical University of Southern Africa	R 3 752,00
Vista University	R 13 285,00

Report of the Council for the year ended 31 December 1985

University of Fort Hare	R26,88
University of Zululand	R47,04
University of the North	R53,76
Medical University of Southern Africa	R36,96
Vista University	R20,16

(c) Annual Report of the Department of Financial and Related Reports 1985

University of Fort Hare	90
University of Zululand	75
University of the North	80
Medical University of Southern Africa	50
Vista University	80

Report of the Council for the year ended 31 December 1985

University of Fort Hare	24
University of Zululand	24
University of the North	24
Medical University of Southern Africa	24
Vista University	24

(2) Yes, with regard to the Financial and Related Statements 1985 of the Vista University

Annual Reports of the Department are submitted per requisition to the Government Printer for printing while the Financial and Related Statements, with the exception of the Vista University and the Reports of the Councils of the universities were typed and duplicated internally by the relevant universities

- (a) (i) R13 285
- (ii) R32 188
- (b) R13 285
- (3) Yes
- (a) 29 copies of the Annual Report of the Department
- (b) To the public by the Section Publications of the Government Printer
- (c) R18,50 per copy
- (4) Period 1982 to 1986
- (a) R198 479,99
- (b) 9 845
- (c) (i) Two, namely 14 pages of full colour graphs in the Annual Report for 1985 and 17 pages of full colour graphs in the Annual Report for 1986
- (ii) One, namely 12 pages of black and white graphs in the Annual Report for 1984

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- (1) (a) (i) Eleven
- (ii) The Annual Report of the Department of Education and Training 1986, the Financial and Related Statements 1985 of the Universities of Fort Hare, Zululand, the North, Medical University of Southern Africa and Vista University, and the Report of the Council for the year ended 31 December 1985 of each of the above-mentioned universities
- (b) Annual Report of the Department R41 650,18

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- (e) (1) (aa) None
 (bb) None
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The MINISTER OF FINANCE

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Annual reports

(1) (a) (i) How many annual reports were produced in 1986 by the Department of Finance and/or statutory bodies falling under this Department and (ii) in respect of what bodies were these reports produced, (b) what was the cost of producing each such report, (c) how many copies of each report were printed and (d) who undertook the printing of each report,

(2) whether the printing of these reports was put out to tender, if not, why not, if so, (a) what was the (i) lowest and (ii) highest tender submitted, and (b) what was the amount of the successful tender, in each case,

(3) whether any copies of these reports were sold, if so, (a) how many, (b) to whom, and (c) at what price, in respect of each report,

(4) in respect of each of the latest specified five years for which information is available, (a) what was the total cost to this Department of these annual reports, (b) how many copies were printed, (c) how many of these reports contained (i) full colour and (ii) black and white pictures, (d) on what quality paper were the annual reports printed and (e) (i) how many of these reports contained a photograph or drawing of the (aa) political head and (bb) top official of this Department and/or the statutory bodies

in question and (ii) how many of these pictures were in (aa) colour and (bb) black and white in each case?

(1) (a) (i) 8

(ii) Local Authorities Loans Fund Board, Annual Report of the SA Mint, Unit Trust Companies, Building Societies, Banks, Pension Funds, Friendly Societies, and Insurance

(b) Local Authorities Loans Fund Board	R 1 312,19
Annual Report of the SA Mint	R22 480,44
Unit Trust Companies	R 2 142,34
Building Societies	R 1 795,32
Banks	R 1 970,70
Pension Funds	R 1 419,16
Friendly Societies	R 1 052,67
Insurance	R 7547,81
Total	R39 720,63

(c) Local Authorities Loans Fund Board

Annual Report of the SA Mint

Unit Trust Companies	3 000
Banks	900
Building Societies	915
Pension Funds	925
Friendly Societies	925
Insurance	900
Total	9 765

(d) Local Authorities Loans Fund Board

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Annual Report of the SA Mint

Yes The printing of the annual report was awarded by the Government Printer (Tender SDK 77) to Cape and Transvaal Printers The Department has no knowledge of any other tenders and/or prices that were requested by the Government Printer

Unit Trust Companies
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(2) Local Authorities Loans Fund Board
 No In accordance with Treasury Instruction S 2 1 3

Local Authorities Loans Fund Board	Yes/No	How many	To whom	What price	Total
Annual Report of the SA Mint	No	17	Public	R1,10	—
Unit Trust Companies	Yes	None	Public	R1,18	R2,15
Building Societies	Yes	891	Public	R1,80	R2,20
Banks	Yes	900	Public	R1,80	R2,25
Pension Funds	Yes	925	Public	R1,30	R1,60
Friendly Societies	Yes	913	Public	R1,05	R1,30
Insurance	Yes	900	Public	R4,70	R5,90
Total	Yes	1 199	Public	R4,70	R5,90

(3) Local Authorities Loans Fund Board (only 2 annual reports printed)

Annual Report of the SA Mint (*The SA Mint duplicated their annual reports from 1981-82 until 1984-85 themselves and therefore no costings of expenses were made)

Local Authorities Loans Fund Board	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	Total
Unit Trust Companies	1 663,60	2 970,87	2 015,80	2 461,86	2 142,34	8 283,60
Building Societies	3 266,72	2 510,35	3 150,21	2 468,97	1 795,32	13 652,09
Banks	2 636,03	2 510,35	3 000,92	2 623,91	1 970,70	12 741,91
Pension Funds	2 260,04	#	No	1 558,45	1 419,16	5 237,65
Friendly Societies	1 494,22	#	report	1 160,50	1 052,67	3 707,39
Insurance	9 089,20	#	10 058,74	10 135,77	7 547,81	36 831,52
Total	20 409,81	5 481,22	19 386,17	20 355,18	39 720,63	105 353,01

(4) (a) # No statistics available

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DET warns teachers

THE Department of Education and Training has apparently threatened to take action against teachers who spoke to SOUTH about the conditions at Peninsula schools.

Three weeks ago SOUTH reported that most high schools in the townships were experiencing books and teachers shortages.

The schools affected were ID Mkize and Fezeka in Guguletu, Langa High, Malizo

Secondary in Khayelitsha and Sizamile Secondary in Nyanga.

Pupils interviewed blamed the DET for not fulfilling its promises to resolve the problems at the schools. The shortages included the case of about 80 pupils sharing two Geography textbooks at ID Mkize.

It is believed that in terms of contract, teachers are forbidden to speak to the Press about school matters.

Sources said at last

Friday's meeting the high schools' principals were asked to account for the report.

"The principals were also asked to identify the teachers who had spoken to SOUTH.

"The DET officials also wanted the pupils in the photos taken in damaged classrooms at Fezeka High to be identified," a source said.

The principals are expected to report back to the DET soon.

The PRO for the DET in Pretoria, Mr Job Schoeman, said it was policy that employees were not permitted to "derogatively" criticise the department in public.

He said provision existed within existing departmental structures for the "airing and rectification of grievances".

"This ruling is of general applicability to all education departments and not only the Department of Education and Training.

"Principals were advised accordingly," Schoeman said.

New opposition party for coloureds, Indians

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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.

Mamelodi schools face eviction

By Mckeed Kotlolo,
Pretoria Bureau

Several Mamelodi schools which are behind with their rent or service charges have been given a 30-day ultimatum to pay up or face eviction.

The principals of J Mahlangu Secondary, J Kekana Secondary and Ndima Lower Primary schools, which are in arrears, were handed notices by town council policemen on Friday.

A spokesman for the Pretoria East Circuit Inspector's office said the Department of Education

and Training was not aware of any notices issued to schools by the Mamelodi Town Council.

But he confirmed that a number of schools, mostly secondary ones, had not been paying their tariffs in time.

THREE SCHOOLS

The spokesman said arrears were not due to the department's lack of funds but because of schools that "delay to send their accounts to the department after receiving them from the council".

He was aware of at least three schools in such a position.

The notices given to the principals were issued on behalf of the Town Clerk, Mr J P Nel. However, Mr Nel said yesterday he was not aware of such notices.

He referred The Star to the Town Treasurer, Mr Conradie Engelbrecht, who said "whether notices were issued or not, I do not have any slightest idea". Mr Engelbrecht then referred The Star to the mayor's office.

The Star could confirm the arrears of only two schools, J Mahlangu and Ndima, which owe R1 024 and R639 respectively.

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Mr FANYANA Mazibuko, a leading educationist, believes it is not only the Department of Education and Training that is to blame for the collapse in black education today.

He says pupils, students, teachers, parents and the community have not tackled the schools' crisis vigorously

Mr Mazibuko is the director of the University Preparation Programme He was secretary of the Soweto Teachers Action Committee and a teacher at Soweto's Morris Isaacson High School at the time of the June 1976 unrest.

"We have let the Government and the Department of Education and Training off the hook in the manner in which we have handled the education crisis.

"Students have behaved in a way that allowed people to point fingers at them and divert attention away from the culprits (the State and DET), to the victims (pupils and students)

"We have heard allegations being made against the teachers but have failed to pursue them Parents have not questioned why the children are not in class and the community relaxed after the children had returned to school "

Mr Mazibuko says it was sad to see 1987 — which had been declared "A Year of Learning" — not being taken seriously by schoolchildren

"One must point out here that the lack of seriousness is not only confined to high schools, but university students are also demotivated "

"I have heard disturbing stories of schoolchildren not going through the full day of schooling I have also seen droves of them in the streets when they were supposed to be in class

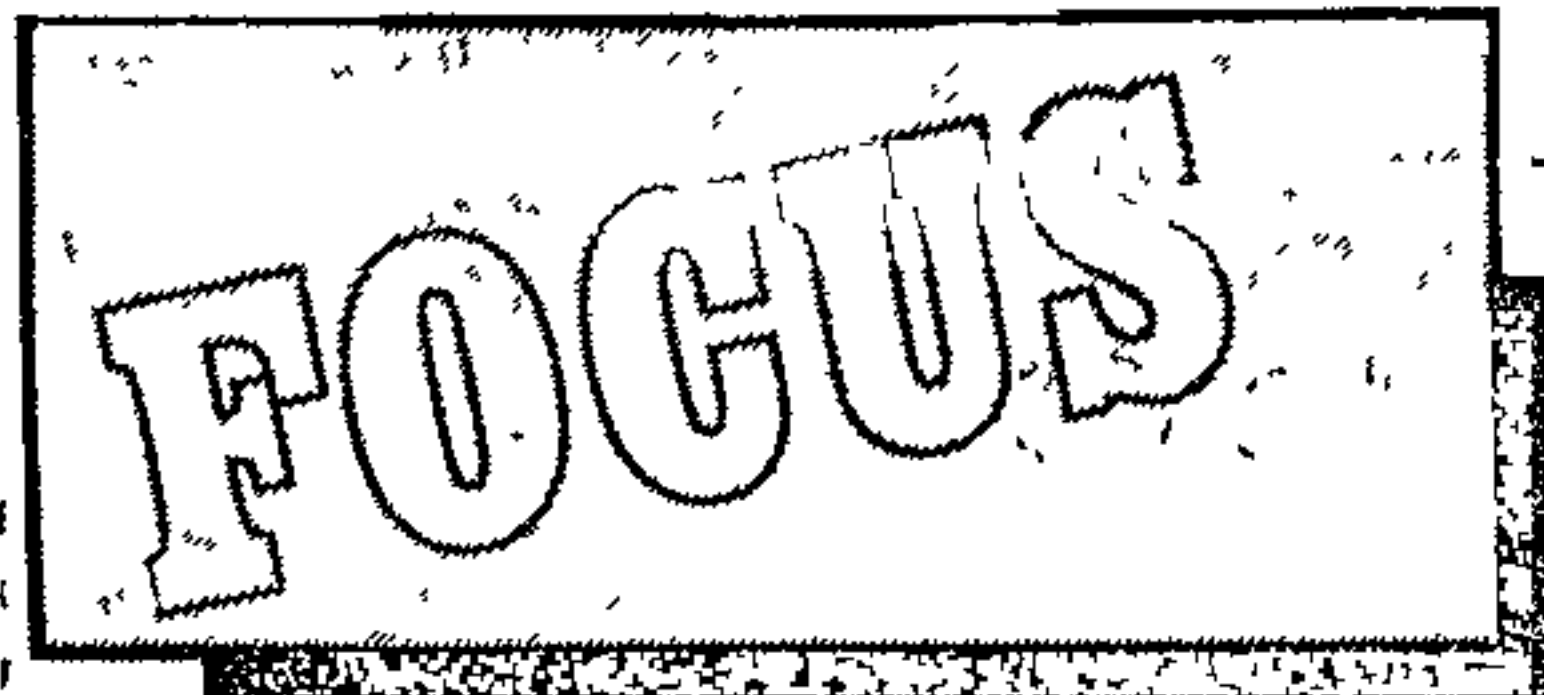
"The problem is that the present pupils and students have forgotten what the struggle is all about They seem to have shifted from the mental frame of the class of '76 and shortly thereafter.

Blurred

"Those children knew what the problems were and had a vision. That vision seems to have become blurred and needs to be cleared again. They should do their school part and allow other things to be taken up by the community "

"Have we as parents tried to find out why these things are happening? Have we tried to discuss the matter or asked them why they are doing it"?

He says teachers have also not come out unblemished in the whole problem They have been



MR FANYANA Mazibuko.

accused of being reluctant to teach.

They have also been accused of not going to school regularly and concentrating on their own studies instead of

teaching the children

Mr Mazibuko said black parents tended to dump their children at school without following up their progress Parents seemed to forget that it is their duty to take an interest in their children's education.

Failure

Since children returned to classes, he says, the community had not tried to find out if it was tackling the education problem properly.

"The community has neglected its great responsibility to ensure that the issues are not forgotten It has not looked at what is wrong with the present education system, who is to blame, what strategies are effective and what strategies are self-destructive "

Mr Mazibuko says a high failure rate will not be surprising

He says supporters of Bantu Education are probably delighted that our education is in a mess

DET is not the only one to blame

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The children went back to school in their thousands. But was it really to learn?

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SOWETAN education reporter NKOPANE MAKOBANE this week, on the eve of the annual examinations, spoke to teachers, pupils, the DET regional director and community leaders on the crisis in our education.

He believes the only solution is for the Government to introduce one education system He sees no reason why this cannot be achieved Private schools have set an example and the heavens did not come crumbling down

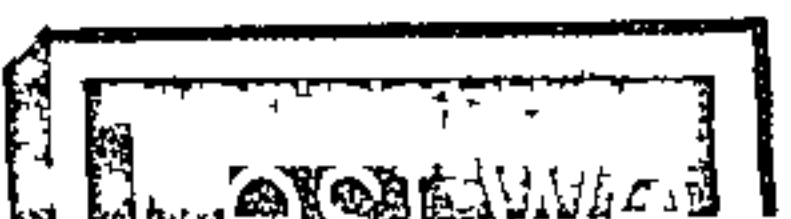
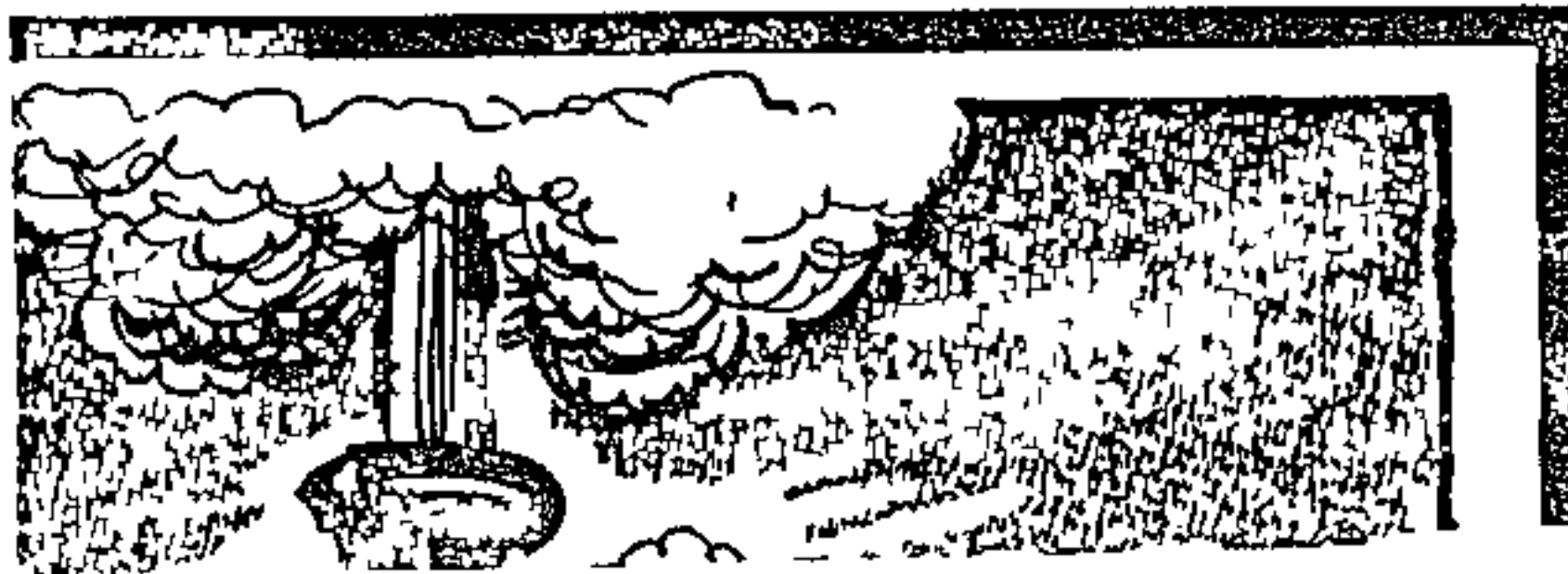
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He said next year should be dedicated to learning Children, he urged, must join hands with their parents They must also ask their parents to get involved in

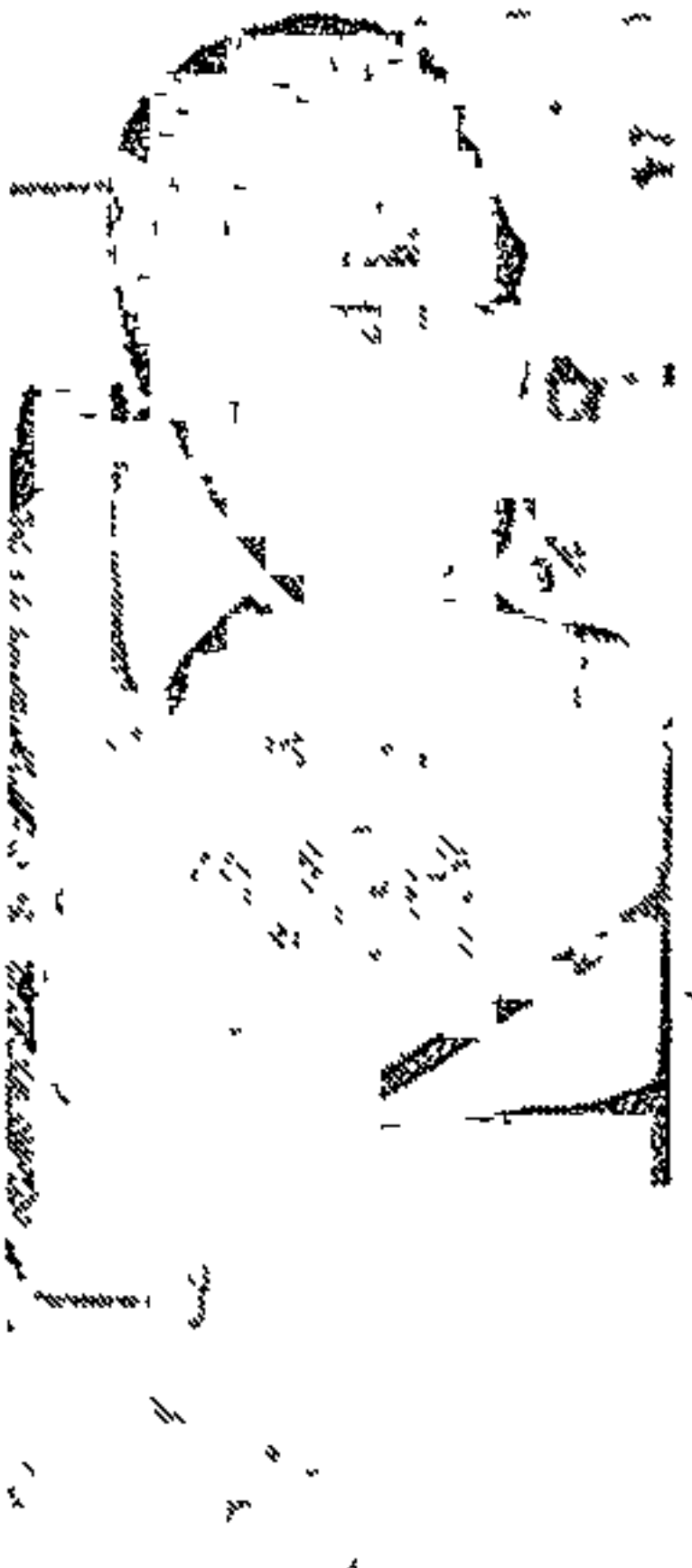
their education

"Education is the key if we are to be successful in the post-apartheid era As long as we do not have education, no one would be happy no matter what Government takes over

"We shall be forced, if such a situation arises, to call upon those very whites we do not like to run the country This is the time to start freeing ourselves from ignorance and a lack of skills "



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MR ELMON Mathonsi . . . vice-president of Neusa.

THE blame for the current crisis in black education should be placed squarely on the Government and the Department of Education and Training, says Mr Elmon Mathonsi, vice-president of the National Education Union of South Africa.

Mr Mathonsi is a schoolteacher in Soweto and earlier this year had a Master of Education degree conferred on him by the University of the Witwatersrand.

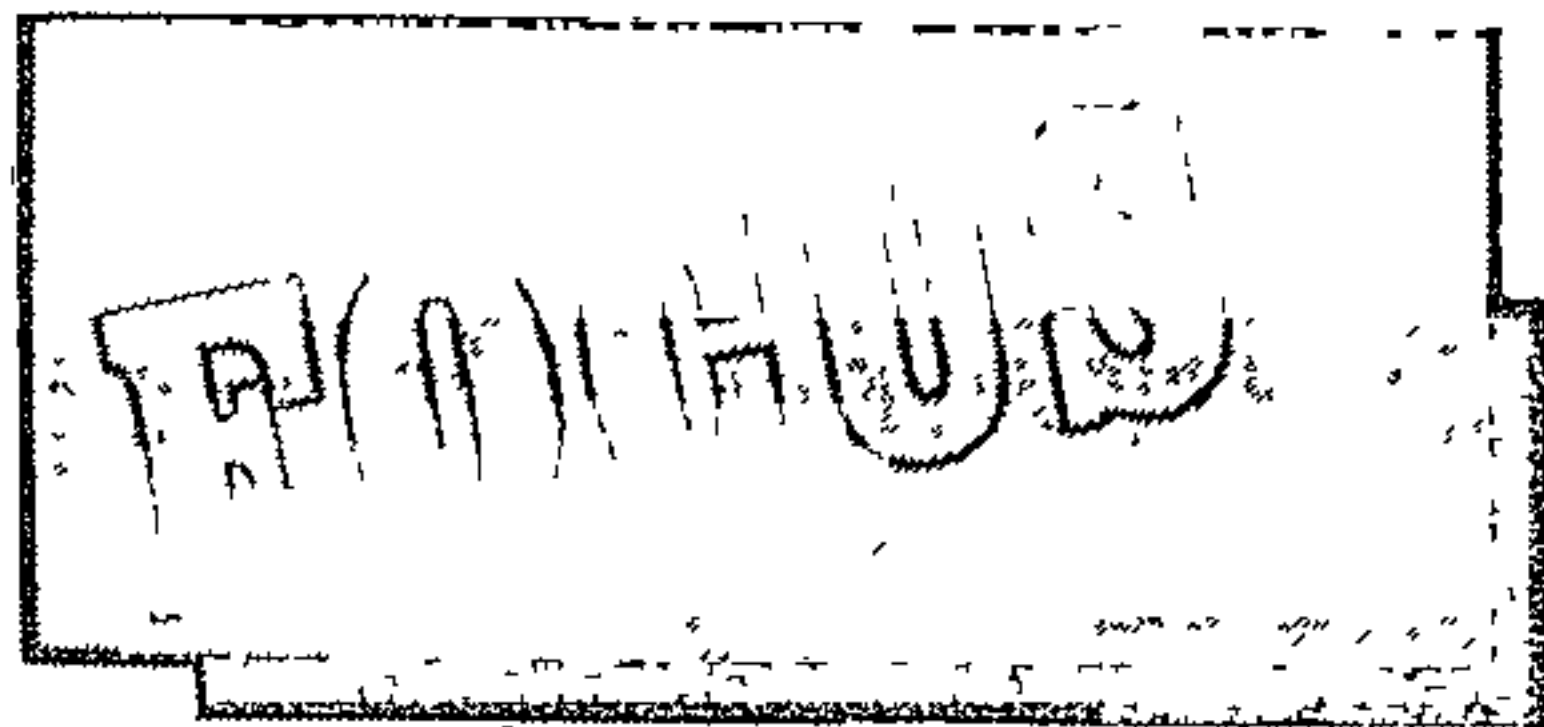
Mr Mathonsi says it is not accidental that the school situation in areas like Soweto is in this state; it is the effect of a well-planned strategy by the authorities to control and manipulate the output of black schools.

He agrees that pupils are not serious about their schoolwork, that there is a collapse of discipline and that no effective teaching was taking place this year.

Mr Mathonsi says it is because of certain factors.

"The absence of discipline emanates from

Give pupils their voice back



the fact that structures that could have handled the crisis have been crushed by the Government

"The Students Representative Councils and students congresses were crushed because they gave pupils a vision of the type of education they want to receive.

Detained

"Pupils are unhappy that some of their colleagues are still detained, others have been refused admission to schools and others still are in hiding. They are also discontented that some of the SRCs are not progressive, but are mere puppets of some princi-

pals and operate along the lines of the prefect system."

He argues that today's pupils study under difficult conditions

He says it is understandable why they find it difficult to perform their schoolwork.

"The children are affected by the evictions taking place every day in the townships. Many have had electricity in their homes cut off. Others are on the run from the police.

"It is clear from these that the children cannot do their homework or study properly."

He believes that another reason for the crisis is that the image of a school, particularly among blacks, has collapsed

"In the past pupils were told that the only key to success was education. Today's

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"They are questioning the value of education because they see uneducated people living better lives than those with certificates. They see educated people struggling to obtain jobs. They see no point in being educated when the economy is not going to absorb them."

Mr Mathonsi says pupils are unhappy about the inferior education they get. He says at certain levels of their consciousness they reject it.

Struggle

He says teachers lost credibility among the pupils when they distanced themselves from the people's struggle. Teachers are blamed for seeing themselves only as classroom teachers.

Mr Mathonsi says the pupils have also been affected by the unfulfilled promises of the department to provide textbooks and other requirements.

"We believe the shortage of textbooks was deliberately engineered by the DET so that our children should be ill-prepared for the examination. We are convinced that this is to make the black child a source of cheap labour.

"We also fail to

understand how the DET expected pupils to attend school regularly when the physical conditions of schools were not conducive to learning.

"There is suspicion that the Government is no longer satisfied only with giving inferior education, it has reached a stage where it feels it should not give it at all."

Mr Mathonsi believes that the schools' crisis is rooted in the political and economic structures of South Africa. He feels unless radical changes are made in these areas, the problem will remain with the black community for a long time.

He says the only solution to the crisis is for the State to grant student congresses and community-based organisations the right to operate freely.

"We believe the answer lies in freedom of expression and association. Parents, teachers and pupils should be allowed to discuss solutions for the problems in our education.

"We believe the Parent-Teacher-Student Associations are the only bodies that can bring back discipline. The present governing councils have no credibility and should be discontinued."



Waiting for help

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200 pupils sit under holes in roof

By PETER DICKSON

PERCHED on a muddy slope in an unproclaimed area, the school balances precariously on wooden stilts. It is made of wood and hardboard — faded, peeling and cracked.

Gaping holes in the walls and roof let through icy winds in winter. In the summer's heat the place is an oven.

There are four classrooms for 200 children, but toilet facilities amount to little more than a patchwork of rusting

Time and the weather have taken a cruel toll on Patensie's Masisebenze Primary School. Teachers fear for the safety of their 200 pupils because of the condition of the wood and hardboard building.

Teachers prefer to use toilets in a township over the hill — a 10-minute walk there and back. This is the Masisebenze Primary School in Patensie.

Teachers say it is an unsafe building that could come crashing down at any moment.

No repairs have been carried out since it was opened in 1982, and the weather has taken its toll.

They say they were promised a new school building by the Department of Education and Training (DET) a year ago.

Now the department has placed advertisements in newspapers calling for tenders — for five mobile classrooms.

A spokesman for the department admitted the building had become dilapidated and unsafe and the mobile classrooms were a temporary

measure.

He did not know when construction of a new building would start, but added that the mobiles would be a safety measure until building plans were sorted out.

The matter rested with the Department of Constitutional Planning and Development, he said.

The school, at present situated in the middle of Patensie's coloured community, would have to be rebuilt in the African township.

The principal, Mr D T. Matsha, said the mobiles should be supplied before the end of the year.

The problem was that these were only a temporary measure and the new school could only be built when blacks at present living in the coloured area were accommodated in their own group area.

Four teachers at Masisebenze are responsible for the primary education of 200 African pupils in the four classrooms.

Sub A and Sub B pupils are taught together in one class, as are Stds 1 and 2 and Stds 3 and 4.

Only the Std 5 class of 18 pupils is taught on its own.

Toilet facilities in the form of a tin shack at the bottom of the slope on which the school stands, are just not enough for everyone, say the teachers.

A DET spokesman said this week he hoped that supply of the temporary mobile classrooms could begin by the end of the year.

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Cosatu slams Bantu education

BANTU education was designed to "keep people in ideological bondage and enslave the working class to the cheap labour system," Cosatu general secretary Mr Jay Naidoo told an education conference at the weekend.

Addressing about 250 delegates, Mr Naidoo said this was why Cosatu backed student demands for an alternative education "that develops the potential of people and serves the interests of the working class."

The conference took place against the background of the education crisis, Mr Naidoo said.

The conference resolved — among other things — to:

- Adopt the guidelines for "people's education";
 - To launch a concerted drive to mobilise and educate "around the issue of women";
 - Form a "fully fledged education department".
- The following people were elected to man the department: Messrs Chris Seopesengwe (chairman), E Masego (vice-chairman), David Pule Thate (treasurer) and Khetsi Lehoko (education secretary).

QUESTION: Mr Merbold, there has been concern in Soweto because although the class boycotts, particularly in high schools, ended last year there was no normal schooling and meaningful teaching this year.

ANSWER: I agree that certain high schools are affected and no effective teaching took place at those schools. However, this situation did not prevail at all high schools, only at a few of the 62 in the township.

At the few schools where problems were experienced, it was because pupils wanted to bring organisational politics into the school. All in all, we are happy that efficient teaching took place at primary schools.

Q: Can you name the few schools and say what action was taken to solve their problems?

A: I would not like to mention the names of the schools because the pupils there would feel that they were being victimised. What the department did was to talk to both staff and pupils to find solutions to whatever problems they had. Although we did not always succeed, to a large extent we changed the situation from negative to positive.

Q: Were some pupils more committed to their school work than others?

A: Yes, the final year matriculants were the ones who really did their school work and studied very hard. The problem was with pupils in Std 6 and 7 classes.

The Std 10 pupils want to get done with school and go to face life. They have told me that they are interested only in studying and getting their certificates.

Q: Do you foresee a higher matric pass rate this year?

A: Precisely. We expect a higher percentage. They studied hard and took their work seriously. They sacrificed and attended weekend and holiday classes to supplement their class work. They are better prepared than those of last year and this will be reflected in the results.

Q: There is the accusation that DET was aware of the problems at schools in Soweto, but did nothing to solve the problem. What is your comment on that?

A: We certainly took up the issue. Teachers,

Things aren't so bad - DET chief

parents and inspectors have — in the last two years that I have been in Soweto — tried their level best to get the pupils back to class.

We did not succeed 100 percent, but we made great strides considering that everything went on smoothly from January to now.

It is true that we had pupils loitering around, even in the past few weeks, but we must realise that education in Soweto was disrupted for two years.

The challenge to everyone of us is to normalise and stabilise the situation. One way is through discipline, and pupils must get used to it.

The children must re-

adapt to a routine to go to school on time, stay there until the school hours are through and then go home to do their homework and study.

Teachers too had not taught, as they are supposed to, for two years. They too must get used to the routine of preparation, teaching, testing and evaluation.

Q: There is a strong feeling in the community that discipline among pupils in Soweto schools has collapsed. What is your view on that?

A: May I point out that there are pupils at many schools in Soweto who are disciplined both in the classroom and on the sports field, as well as outside school. We are very proud of them.

Unfortunately, this cannot be said of all pupils. I must stress here that pupils are ambassadors of any education

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In the last two instalments of this series, today and tomorrow, he reports on an interview with Mr Merbold.

department. They have to understand that discipline is the pillar of education. Education will crumble if discipline is not maintained.

Q: Has your office received reports that teachers find it difficult to instil discipline because of threats and intimidation from pupils?

A: Yes, we have received such reports and we went out to investigate them. The problems were discussed with the teachers and the pupils.

Only a minority of teachers were affected by this.

We had teachers — especially lady teachers — who had no difficulty in maintaining discipline.

Discipline depends a lot on the attitude of the teacher to the child. The child in turn must be disciplined and be willing to be disciplined.

Q: I have heard stories



MR GUNTHER Merbold, the Johannesburg regional director of the Department of Education and Training.

or some teachers adopting an attitude of "if these children do not care about their education, why should I care?" What is your comment on that?

A. We take a serious view of children who do not take their work seriously. The same applies to teachers. A teacher these days must be committed to teaching.

If he is not, he must ask himself if he is at the right place or if he is still needed in education.

We have overcome riots, now everyone in education must give his best to guide the children.

If a teacher says the words you allege, he should be ashamed of himself because he is supposed to be an educationist.

Teachers must understand that children will always act like children. Teachers are trained as teachers and must not act like children.

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THE children went back to school in their thousands this year. But was it really to learn?

No more demands - DET

QUESTION: There are claims that the department did not supply pupils with all requirements, particularly textbooks, and they were therefore ill-prepared for the examinations. Please elaborate.

ANSWER It is totally untrue that there was a major shortage of textbooks. In areas where this problem occurred, we gave out typed and roneoed notes to pupils.

There was no shortage of literature books (English, Afrikaans and vernacular). We also provided all the necessary stationery.

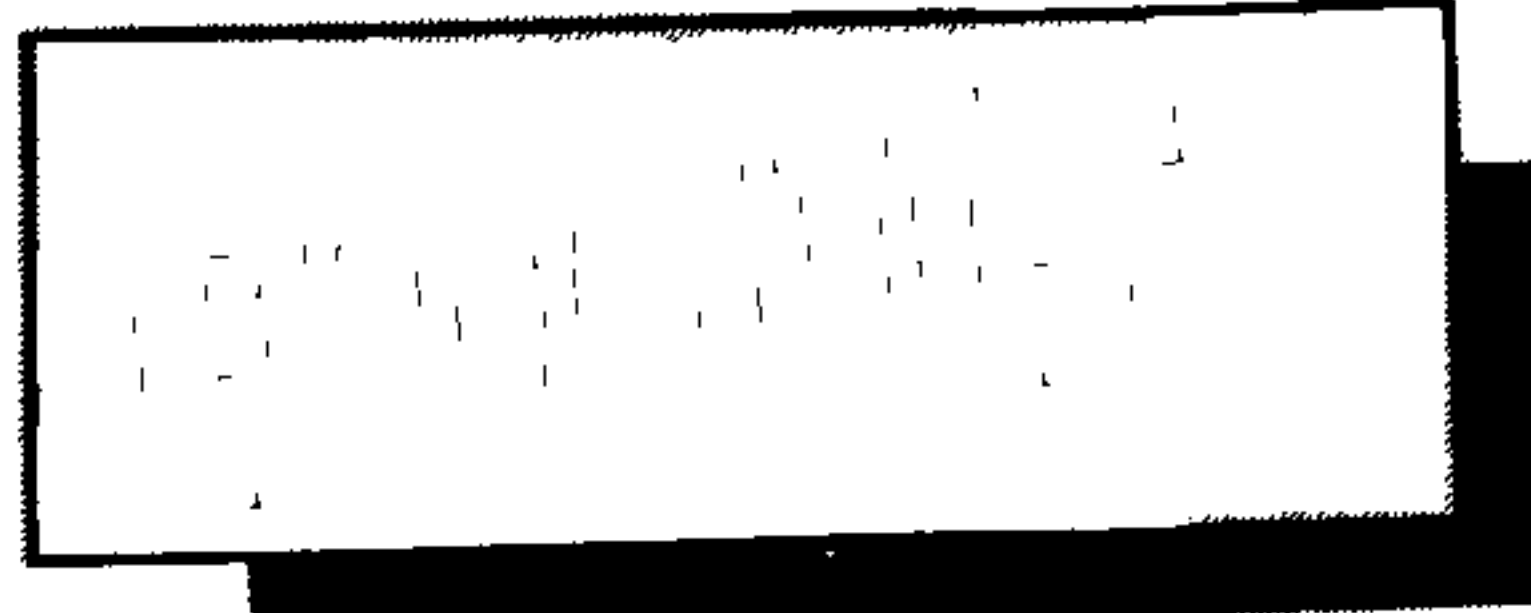
Therefore we find no truth in the statements that the pupils are ill-prepared. Each and every school was given what was necessary and the notes were prepared by very able subject advisers.

Q: What do you say to claims that pupils were uncommitted and dispirited because the demands they made during the boycotts had not been met?

A: There were no demands this year. The pupils themselves wanted to return. In fact the time for demands is over. The only demand we know of is that of repairing the schools.

Q: That brings us to another complaint, about the physical condition of schools. Is there any attempt to repair them?

A: We are repairing as much as we can, but the damages run into millions of rands. It will be pointless if repairs are done on doors and



windows and the next day they are destroyed again.

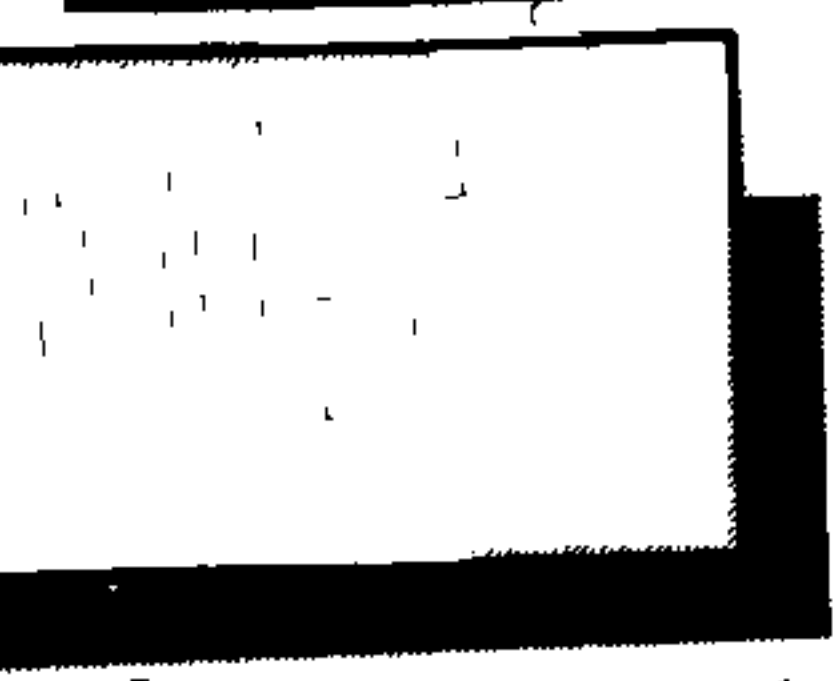
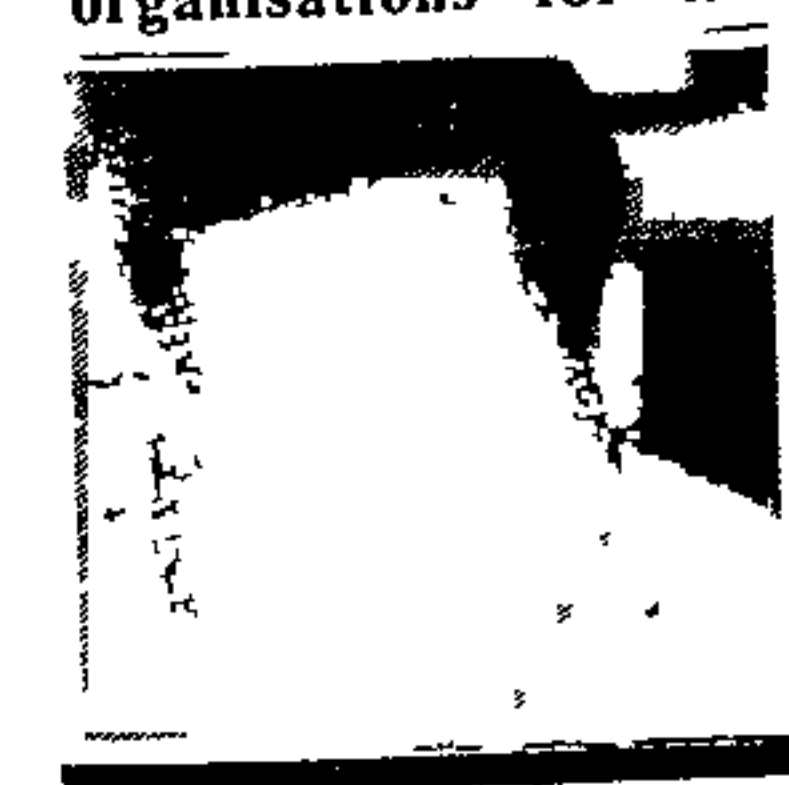
So far repairs have been done at those schools where the communities have made requests and have guaranteed they would not be vandalised. However, we hope all schools will be repaired by January.

Q: What is the position with Students Representative Councils?

A: The choice to have an SRC or not lies totally with the schools. Some have democratically elected SRC members, while others have rejected them. In some schools, the SRCs are

well-run and disciplined, while at others they are not.

Q: What is your attitude on school uniforms? It has been said that the option given to pupils to wear it or not has allowed those that do not wear it to play truant because they cannot easily arouse suspicion?



A: Personally, I would like to see school uniforms worn at all schools. However, the uniform issue is a matter to be decided by individual schools. School uniforms have been found to make children proud of their school. The other advantage is that it

return to class. The children went back to school in their thousands. But was it really to learn?

It now appears that in areas like Soweto, there was very little effective education this year; the crisis is still with us.

Sowetan education reporter NKOPANE MAKOBANE spoke to teachers, pupils, community leaders and the DET's regional director, Mr Gunther Merbold.

Today he concludes the series with the last half of his interview with Mr Merbold.

always looks neat. **Q:** There is a belief that the education crisis will not be solved until the political issues are addressed. What do you say to that?

A: We must make a clear distinction between politics and education. Education will go on and must go on no matter what political party is in power.

At the moment the core syllabuses at all the education departments are the same. Education does not depend on a political party, a system or a policy.

It depends on the interaction between the teacher and the pupil in the classroom. It depends on the dedication and motivation of the individual teacher as well as the response of the pupils.

DET appoints white teachers to closed schools

NATAL. — At least six white teachers have taken over the jobs of 20 black teachers at a black school closed by the Government last year.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has installed a white principal and five white teachers at Lamontville High School.

It was one of 34 schools throughout the country which were closed due to class boycotts.

Those who had taught at the school last year were either retrenched or transferred to remote areas.

A number of African teachers, said to be fresh from college, have also been appointed according to sources at the school.

This is despite a DET promise to give priority to applications from teachers it transferred when the school was reopened.

The six whites were employed at school in February, but DET has remained silent about its decision to install them.

DET's traditional policy has been not to allow members of one "race" group to teach in schools of another.

Silence

The official silence follows numerous unresolved conflicts between the pupils, teachers and parents of Lamontville township and the department last year. This finally led to the closure of the school

before the end-of-year examinations

Pupils were protesting against the introduction of strict regulations and the presence of security forces at schools after the State of Emergency was declared.

The DET Natal regional public relations officer, Mr S J Buys, maintained a stoic "no comment" and refused to allow SOUTH to interview the new principal, Mr Ruary Grantham, even before the type of interview intended could be explained.

Buys said it was DET policy not to comment about staff appointments, nor to allow teachers to be interviewed about their work.

Meanwhile, the National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa) has slammed the teachers' appointment as high-handed. They saw it as a "control measure".

Crisis

Neusa said about 20 of their members were "ruthlessly displaced" last year. Six were retrenched, and 14 were "sent away" to schools far from their homes, irrespective of whether they were married or had commitments.

It was strange that white teachers should be imposed on black schools while African teachers could not teach in white schools, let alone head a white school, Neusa said.

Diakonia, the Durban based ecumenical church organisation, also criticised DET's actions. "We deplore the continued crisis and tension at Lamontville High School which we believe is State instigated," it said. "We call on the department to give immediate attention to the educational needs of the Lamontville community."

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'Black is to run education'

THE Government has committed itself to placing control of black education in the hands of a black Minister — effectively dashing hopes of a central inter-racial controlling body.

Speaking at the annual banquet of the Natal Chamber of Industries in Durban, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister of Education and Training, said it was "a high priority that my own position as white Minister in charge of black education should as soon as possible be replaced by an effectively operating black executive decision-making minister"

He said black pupils numbers in South Africa, including the self-governing and independ-



MINISTER Gerrit Viljoen

ent states, exceeded seven million.

"It is a tremendous undertaking and I think merely this fact should warn people not to be over optimistic in calling for a central single organisation structure dealing with all education in South Africa"

Declaring the Government was committed to achieving equal education for all communities, Dr Viljoen admitted a "considerable backlog"

in schooling existed

The "negative effects" of the population growth rate in most black communities effectively eliminated the progress in catching up on this backlog he said

And, the "astronomical number" of pupils placed "huge financial commitment" on the Government. The department's budget had risen four fold in the last four years to R1,5 billion "but even this was not enough."

He said that while education and politics were inter-related "education in black communities has become highly politicised and has been misused as an instrument for achieving what has been called ungovernability in this country."

DET looks at bus fare subsidies

Discussions to investigate the possibility of subsidising bus fares for black, Indian and coloured pupils have begun, Department of Education and Training spokesman Mr Job Schoeman said yesterday.

He could not give details of talks between the Department of Transport and the DET.

The discussions follow Putco's announcement that it would no longer subsidise pupils' fares. Scholar passengers will have to pay full fares from January 1 1988.

The company decided to withdraw its subsidy because over the past three years scholar concessions had cost it between R12 and R15 million. This had resulted in substantial losses.

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Sisulu case: NECC 'used' children's gripes — judge

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A RAND Supreme Court judge this week said the National Education Crisis Committee could be viewed as aiming to overthrow the state by using school children and exploiting grievances around black education.

Mr Justice LTC Harms made this comment during his judgement which rejected *New Nation* editor Zwelakhe Sisulu's urgent application for his release from detention.

His remark came shortly after government officials had apparently given the NECC some legitimacy by approaching it for comment on a new black education Bill.

Justice Harms said the official reasons provided for Sisulu's 11-month detention were his alleged involvement in the executive of the NECC.

In a lengthy memorandum which Sisulu prepared for the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, Sisulu denied that he belonged to the NECC executive. He stressed that his involvement in the education body formed after unrest had disrupted schooling was minimal.

However, Justice Harms said Sisulu had admitted that he gave the keynote address at an NECC conference in April 1986.

The judge said it was clear from Sisulu's speech that "some of the NECC's aims were laudable while others were, to say the least, legitimate" — especially considering the complexities of the education crisis.

But, Justice Harms added, "the



Adriaan Vlok

speech as a whole does evince an intention to overthrow the state by using black children and exploiting the conditions and grievances surrounding black education".

The judge criticised the fact that Sisulu's memorandum had not been handed to Vlok.

He said Sisulu could have had a legitimate expectation that his representations would be heard. But, the judge added, Sisulu had the "insuperable difficulty" that the Appeal Court had ruled this year that the minister of law and order's failure to consider a detainee's representation would have no legal consequence.

The judge rejected all the legal arguments Sisulu's lawyers advanced for his release, including what he called a "semantic quibble" about the phrasing of PW Botha's order promulgating the June 1987 Emergency.

● An application for the release of United Democratic Front leaders Murphy Morobe and Mohammed Valli is expected to be heard by the Rand Supreme Court on Tuesday.

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Wait your turn

DET tells damaged primary school

By VUYO BAVUMA

PRIMARY school pupils at Vukukhanye Higher Primary in Guguletu carry the hopes of their parents for a brighter future. But when they sat down to write their end-of-year exams last week they did so under the worst conditions imaginable.

They sit in classrooms with broken windows boarded up. Six classrooms have holes in the ceiling and roof, several others have broken window panes.

Refused

The Department of Education and Training said in a statement this week "repairing the school is not a priority".

Pupils said it was difficult to write exams under such conditions. Several classrooms were set alight in June last year and now have holes in the ceilings and roofs. Rain seeps into several of the classrooms.

According to sources, the school has not been painted since it was built in 1972. They say DET has steadfastly refused to re-



Pupils at Vukukhanye Higher Primary in Guguletu study in classrooms with broken windows

pair the classrooms. A DET spokesperson said the Department did not have the available funds to repair unrest-

damaged schools. "Such repairs should be done as part of the normal budget. Obviously we cannot stop other building

projects to channel money to unrest-damaged schools. "The Department has priority lists. Damaged

schools have to wait their turn. Broken windows are normally repaired by schools using school funds," he said.

The classrooms were set alight in June last year shortly after 130 KTC squatters, who had been living there, were evicted from the premises. The squatters had been homeless after their houses were destroyed in the Crossroads "widoek" violence.

Useless

A Vukukhanye teacher said "The environment is not conducive to learning. How can the pupils be expected to concentrate when it is so cold in the classrooms?"

"The pupils are also affected by windy conditions. Winds sweep through the classrooms as there are no window panes," she said.

The teacher said the DET had been approached last year about the condition of the school, but nothing had happened.

She said teachers' facilities were also inadequate. "Our staff-room is small and poorly furnished." She said vandalism could be the cause of broken windows.

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Millions of rands spent on scholars of other race

NO SUBSIDY FOR BLACK KIDS

THE Government is spending more than R10 million on subsidising transport for whites, coloureds and Indian scholars, but does not spend anything on black schoolchildren.

An investigation by the *Sowetan* has revealed that more than R4 million was spent on scholars under the control of the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives and Delegates) in the 1986/7 financial year.

The amount for whites, who are controlled by the Department of Education and Culture (House of Assembly), had by yesterday not been established yet. A telex sent to the department last week Monday had as yet not been answered by the department.

However, according to our estimates, the Government is spending far more on white children. Expenditure for coloured

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scholars was R534 334,32 for Indians R3 892 168,00. These are official figures.

Spokesmen for the education departments of coloured and Indian scholars, said pupils who live 3,25 km and more from a suitable school were each entitled to travelling allowance of R50 a year.

The following are the total number of pupils at school this year: blacks (6,5 million), whites (1,1 million), coloureds (818 832) and Indians (240 000).

The Putco bus company recently announced that from next year, black scholars would have to pay full fares on its buses.

The company said scholar concessions over the past three years had cost it between R12 and R15 million. This, it said, had resulted in substantial losses.

The black community has strongly criticised Putco for withdrawing the subsidy for scholars.

JOB Schoeman

The Government has also been attacked for not subsidising black schoolchildren.

It has been argued that blacks, through no fault of their own, stay far from schools and had to travel long distances.

Meanwhile, white schoolchildren living in outlying areas but attending school in towns, are being subsidised.

Mr Job Schoeman, the Department of Education and Training's chief liaison officer, recently said his department might soon subsidise scholars' transport fares.

He said the Department of Transport Affairs, was negotiating with various education departments on subsidies for scholars.

However, he made it clear that at this stage no decision had been made to subsidise black pupils.

- Putco has appealed to Government departments with an "interest in scholar transport" to formulate a policy for all population groups, so that any perception of "unequal treatment" could be eliminated.

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Blacks won't benefit from school closures

ROGER SMITH

MORE white education facilities can be expected to be closed down — but government shows no inclination to hand them over to education departments for other races whose facilities are increasingly overburdened

This picture is clear from recent statistics on declining white pupil numbers, increasing black pupil numbers and a statement by (white) Education and Culture Minister Piet Clase on the question of re-allocation of facilities.

According to a report by the Institute for Futures Research at Stellenbosch University, an increasing number of white schools will become empty or only partly occupied. By implication, white teachers' training colleges and related institutions will also become underutilised

The report said the annual output of white matriculants will drop by 10 000, from 63 000 in 1984 to about 53 000 in the year 2000, as a result of the declining white birth rate

In the same period, black matriculants are expected to increase from 40 000 to 186 000, while between 1986 and the year 2 000 coloured matriculants will rise from 11 900 to 18 700 and Indians from 9 700 to 14 400. It was disclosed in Parliament earlier this year there were more than 200 000 vacant classroom desks in white schools

Against this background Clase announced cut-backs in white education last month, saying that greater cost-effectiveness must be achieved.

But he made it clear the re-allocation of facilities for coloured, Indian or black education had a low priority, and made no provision for re-allocation for possible mixed-race education. He gave higher priority to re-allocation to other white "own affairs" departments and State departments.

The results of this policy are already being seen. Notable recent instances include a decision to hand over the Paarl Teachers' Training College buildings to the SADF

In Johannesburg's integrated suburb of Mayfair, many complaints have centred on the fact a local white school was closed down and the buildings handed over to the Post Office. Black residents say their children have to attend distant schools

PFP spokesman on education Roger Burrows condemned "these developments which cause extreme unhappiness, where buildings designed specifically as training facilities or schools are not used as such because of problems regarding Group Areas or government policy"

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DET TO GET TOUGH

Unregistered schools must go, says Merbold says

THE Department of Education and Training is to clamp down on unregistered schools next year.

This emerged in an interview with Mr Gunther Merbold, the DET regional director (Johannesburg)

He said his department was aware that many unregistered schools have come up as a result of the uncertainty in schools in the last two years.

However, he said, according to the Education and Training Act anyone who gives tuition for remuneration must register with the department.

"Next year we shall take the necessary action against unregistered schools. We shall do this because we want to safeguard the pupils and their parents," he said

Although Mr Merbold could not provide figures, he said his region was aware of about 10

Mr Gunther Merbold, DET's regional director.

schools. He said it was difficult to say how many of these "private" schools existed in Johannesburg.

However estimates by independent sources have revealed the figure could be more than 50. Concern by some parents and educationists is that most of these schools are nothing but fly-by-night institutions

'Rip-offs'

One parent said "Some of these schools are rip-offs. They are started by individuals who are after making a quick buck from desperate black parents who

want to educate their children. I sent my child to one of these schools last year and it was as good as throwing my money into the sea."

Mr Merbold said he could not vouch for the quality of education at a school not registered with a department. He said one area of concern was the appalling conditions where some of these schools operate

"However, I must also say that some of these schools do give good education. Their intentions are honest and they want to provide constructive tuition."

Mr Merbold said fees paid at some of these schools are very high. The DET provided the same tuition free

"All textbooks and stationery in our department is provided freely. I believe this is not the case with these schools

"It must be understood that we have nothing against these schools provided they are registered."

Mr Merbold warned parents that if their children attend unregistered schools, they cannot write the DET's matric examinations. In such cases they will have to register as private candidates in order to write the external exam



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Matriculants face job crisis

MATRICULANTS throughout the country have little chance of finding jobs — or of furthering their studies — as employers and universities face their worst crisis in years

That is the gloomy message from universities, economists and educationists

Alarming cuts in Government subsidies to universities and a massive 20 percent increase in fees are forcing thousands of potential students to abandon thoughts of pursuing higher education

Bad news

This spells trouble for a country already suffering a massive brain-drain

Many educationists fear that unless there is a more rational approach by Government and commerce, there will be severe breakdowns in the entire higher education system

More bad news, from Sanlam chief economist Johan Louw, is that the gradual economic recovery is likely to lead to only

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a marginal drop in unemployment

In his December economic revue, Mr Lous says official estimates project that more than 1,2 million blacks — or a huge 18,5 percent of the economically active black population — are without work or not fully employed

Most of these people are below the age of 30 and have had little schooling

State subsidies

Even worse news comes from Central Statistical Services in Pretoria, which estimates that the recession has cost almost a quarter of a million jobs in four major work areas since July 1984. In the same period, more than 600 000 new black work-seekers have entered the labour market

Young people seeking tertiary education face stricter university entrance qualifications and the increasingly difficult task of finding money to pay far higher tuition and residence fees

Most universities have announced increases of between 12 and 20 percent for next year because of rising costs and further cuts in State subsidies

Both the University of the Witwatersrand and Pretoria University have had their subsidies cut by 17 percent — despite an inflation rate of 17,5 percent this year

Applications at Natal University are two percent lower this year, and spokesmen have stressed that the matriculation point system will

be adhered to strictly. Tuition fees for undergraduates will increase by 15 percent at Wits, 16 percent at Pretoria, 15 percent at Unisa, about 12 percent at Rhodes University, 20 percent at the University of Port Elizabeth, 20 percent at the University of Natal and 20 percent at Rand Afrikaans University. These universities have also announced increases in residence fees of between 11 and 20 percent

Employers

The growing number of matriculants of all races can only pray that their matric results — expected within 72 hours — are good enough for them to catch the eye of potential employers, because the good news, from personnel experts, is that there are jobs in the commercial field — particularly from companies which have shown profits and large groups which have a natural annual intake

However, these recruiters have made it clear that good matric results are essential for most

White classes stand empty

ABOUT 1000 classrooms in Transvaal schools for whites — enough room for 48 000 pupils — are currently standing empty, and even more space will stand idle next year as enrolment at white schools in Johannesburg and Pretoria continues to slide

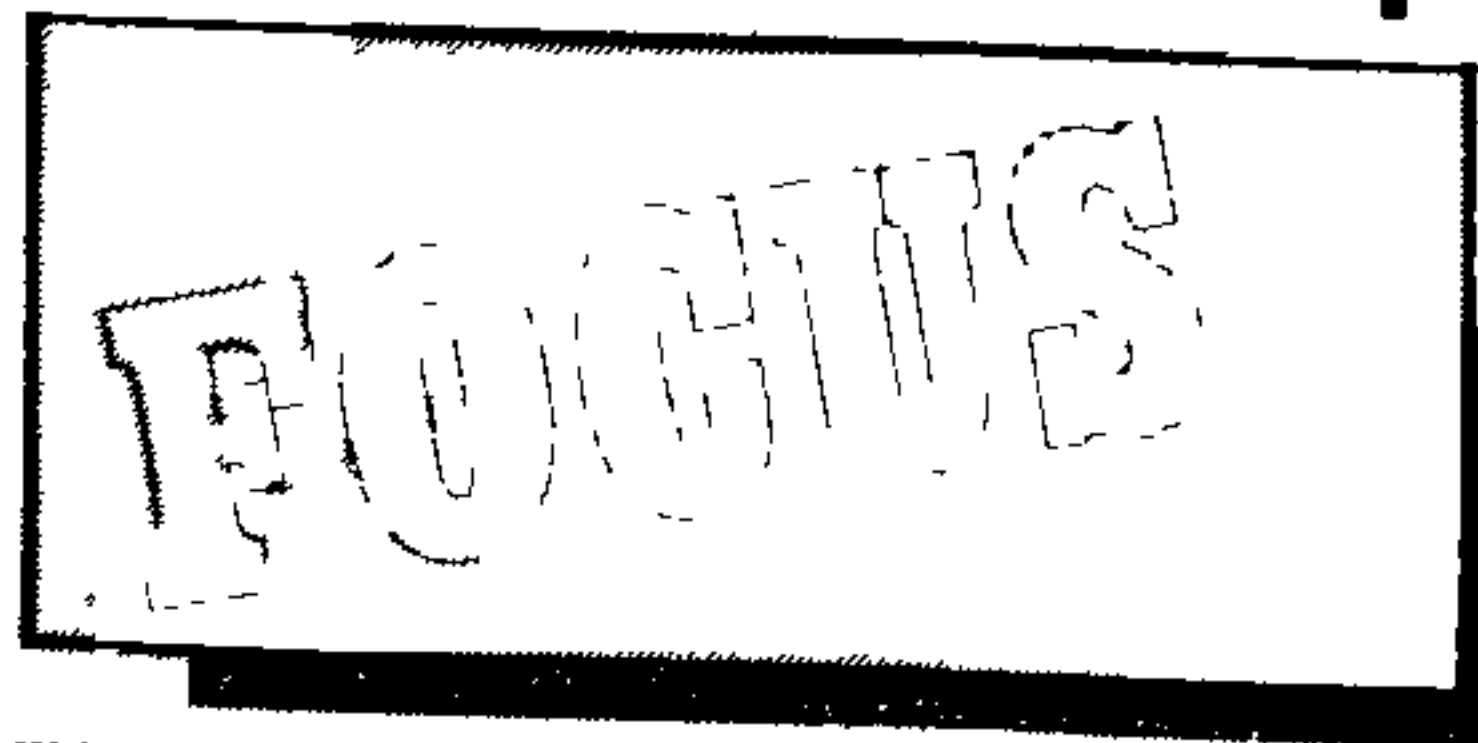
As parents tackle the red-tape nightmare of enrolling their children in Transvaal schools for 1988, the Transvaal Education Department admitted this week that about 1000 classrooms were empty and that these could hold 48 000 pupils

And most school spokesmen approached for comment were expecting a further decline in pupil population next year

In a related development, several organisations and educationists have called on the TED to stop the waste of facilities and allow black pupils to make use of them

Most white schools in Johannesburg are experiencing an acute shortage of pupils

Of the 23 schools able to provide information to the *Sunday Star*, 14 confirmed they were not full to capacity and seven



were experiencing shortages of more than 200 students

Observatory Girls in Johannesburg East, for example, expected to be only 27 percent full in 1988

The other seven schools whose numbers were down declined to say how many more pupils the schools could hold if they were full

The alarming decline can be attributed to three main factors.

- The predominance of the nuclear family, with parents having only one or two children
- The underdevelopment of residential growth, particularly in Johannesburg's older suburbs
- The shortage of semi-skilled job opportunities available to whites in Johannesburg, forcing many families to move to other areas in search of employment

Nine schools said they expected either to be full next year or to experience

positive growth

Queens and Jeppe Boys High expected to be bursting at the seams next year, while Vorentoe expected an increase in the number of scholars applying for enrolment but felt they would have to turn some away because of "accommodation problems"

Others expressed the hope that Johannesburg municipality's new housing schemes in their areas would attract more families and thus boost the number of children at their schools

Pretoria primary schools are down in numbers by as much as a third, said one headmaster

Waterkloof, Brooklyn, Hatfield and Arcadia primary schools were cited as English-medium schools hit by the falling birth rate. Menlo Park Laerskool and Pretoria Oos Laerskool were said to be among Afrikaans primary schools affected

Most principals of these schools would not

comment on pupil numbers

Miss L Lauterbach, acting headmistress of Pretoria Oos Laerskool, confirmed that, over the past four years, numbers at her school had decreased by 30 each year

The headmaster of Hatfield Primary School, Mr P du Plessis, said the number of pupils at his school had dropped from 434 in 1983 to 323 in 1987

The Progressive Federal Party's spokesman on national education, Mr Roger Burrows, said this week "I believe the whole situation is being extremely badly managed 'Own affairs' demands are overriding any educational demands

"The Minister of Education and Culture should be seriously reconsidering allowing admission of non-whites to government schools, particularly in the so-called open areas"

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NO CHEQUES FOR REBEL TEACHERS

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Jo'burg teachers face grim Xmas as salaries refused after school row

THE Durban owner of tutorial schools has left several Johannesburg teachers without salaries

this month after a row about her running of a school.

Many of the teachers were hoping for a real Robin Hood to come to their aid in their battle with Ms Gillian Katz, principal of Robin Hood College in Johannesburg

The teachers have been left without money during the December holidays and are now desperately trying to find other jobs

They believe Ms Katz, who is now in England, plans to restart her school next year

The controversial Robin Hood College, launched in Johannesburg earlier this year, has been reported by the teachers and their legal representatives to the Department of Education and Training

In its constitution, Ms Katz says "it is the aim of the educational institution to educate African people of Southern

Africa according to the highest principles of European Christian standards (as opposed to Chinese standards or others)"

One aim is to "develop a deeper appreciation for our land, Mother Earth, for her creatures, her ecology, care and protection from the rapacious devastation of the present and future times"

Protests

The school had 550 pupils this year — ranging from standard 1 to matric — who pay fees of R120 a month

Teachers say they have had several confrontations with Ms Katz, including protests about her decision to bring exams forward by a month in spite of pupils not having completed the DET syllabus

Ms Katz, they say, wanted to use the extra month to rehearse the children for a concert at

the City Hall to promote the school

The teachers, headed by the vice-principal, objected to bringing the exam date forward because the children "need every bit of tuition possible before the end of the year"

They argued that cutting short the pupils' education by a month would be "an abuse of the faith and trust" of the paying parents

Ms Katz then dismissed the vice-principal, claiming he was "spreading false information about the college, 'defaming' the directors and making 'misrepresentations' to induce existing pupils of the college to leave the school"

The staff was also steadily reduced and other teachers had to take over preparing exam papers and marking papers for classes and subjects they did not normally deal with, teachers said

The only reason the staff stayed on, they say,

was for the sake of the children

"We all did it for the children. In many cases they had already had several bad teachers during the early part of the year," said mathematics teacher Tandi Murgatroyd

Earlier this month, claiming "a precarious financial position due to the lack of payment of fees," Ms Katz gave teachers the choice of terminating their duties immediately or accepting payment of the December salaries, dependent on various conditions, before June 1988.

Teachers refused to accept the offer and with the support of many of the pupils withheld the children's reports until they were given cheques dated for this week

Teachers say that Ms Katz stopped the cheques and repudiated her agreement with them "due to duress," she says she experienced at the hands of the pupils and for which she blamed the teachers

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2 Soweto schools 'score'

TWO Soweto Roman Catholic Church schools in the Johannesburg region of the Department of Education and Training came out tops in this year's matric results.

They are Immaculata High in Diepkloof and St Matthews High in Moroka

A spokesman of the DET (Johannesburg office) said yesterday that although it was not possible at this stage to give a breakdown of schools that did well because other results are still outstanding, however from statistics they had the two schools were the best in the region

Out of 49 pupils who wrote the matric examination at Immaculata, 42 passed with matric exemption, five obtained a senior certificate and only two failed

The school produced three first class passes with a C aggregate, 19

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second class passes with a D aggregate and 20 ordinary passes with an E aggregate

At St Matthews, out of 36 pupils who sat for the examination, 24 obtained university entrance, nine got senior certificates and three failed

Of those who passed, five attained a C aggregate. There were five pupils who obtained A's in Biblical Studies and B's in other subjects

Principal

The principal of Immaculata, Mrs Hilda Veronca Wigget, said although the school had always topped other schools, they were elated that they had achieved this feat with a staff of completely black teachers this year

The nuns who used to be at the school were

withdrawn from Immaculata at the beginning of the year

"We are proud that we have made it as blacks and proved some people wrong. We have bigger plans for next year and we are confident we shall do it again," she said

Sister Michael of St Matthews, said they were delighted that the school did well. She said this year's matric class was the third and best the school has had

Another school that did well in Soweto is Pace Community College. Mr Vusi Nkumane, chairman of the college's management committee, said out of 30 candidates who wrote, 21 passed, eight failed and one pupil's results were still pending

"We are satisfied with the results. These are the best results to be produced by the college since the first matric examination was written

in 1985 while the school was under white management. We hope this will bring the sponsors back," he said

The deputy director of the DET Vaal Triangle region, Mr G B Steyn, said they were quite satisfied with the performance of the pupils in the region. He said at this stage they cannot tell which schools did well because some of the results were still outstanding

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DET is to pay subsidy

THE Department of Education and Training is to subsidise the transportation of black scholars

from January next year. Dr Braam Fourie, the director general of the DET, said in a statement

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to the *Sowetan* that as an interim measure, his department was to make funds available for the subsidisation of transport of pupils — “in those cases where it is essential”.

This announcement is the latest in the row between the black community and the department on the subsidisation of black schoolchildren.

There was an outcry after the *Sowetan* disclosed that the Government was spending millions on subsidising transport for whites, coloureds and Indian scholars, but nothing was spent on black schoolchildren.

The last straw came when Putco announced

that from January 1 black scholars travelling on its buses would have to pay the full fare

During November, Mr Job Schoeman, the DET chief liaison officer, said his department might soon subsidise scholars

transport fares. He said the Department of Transport Affairs was negotiating with various

education departments on subsidies for scholars

But according to a letter from the Department of Education and Culture (House of Assembly), which is in charge of white education, it is the prerogative

of an education department to decide whether it subsidises bus transport or not and no-one else

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MATRIC RESULTS ON WAY TO SCHOOLS

THE results of 137 600 full-time candidates of the Department of Education and Training were yesterday sent out to schools by various regional offices of the department.

77 000 candidates pass exam

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Mr Job Schoeman, the DET public relations officer, said yesterday that most regional offices had received the print-outs of the results and they in turn were to distribute them to the schools yesterday.

But, in Soweto, many pupils were disappointed when they arrived at their schools and received no results.

In most cases it was either that the gates were locked or someone had still gone to town to fetch the results.

Mr Schoeman said the results of private candidates would only be released early in January. He also announced that 77 454 candidates passed their matric examination this year. He said the pass rate of 56,3 percent "compared favourably" with last year's 53,4 percent. In 1985, 49,3 percent passed.

Distinctions

Of those who wrote, 28,6 percent attained university entrance passes. Altogether 55 candidates achieved two or more distinctions, while nine pupils passed with an A and 81 pupils with a B aggregate.

Mr Schoeman said the 56,3 pass rate was due to the fact that "most candidates persist in taking all or most subjects on higher grade, which diminishes their chance of passing."

If for example, more had taken Biology on standard grade, a 20 percent higher pass may have been achieved. Standard grade subjects did not automatically bar the candidate from higher study.

Candidates who qualify for the supple-

had dropped from 73,6 percent in 1983 to 46 percent this year.

This, he said, could be attributed to his department's section of adult education, which offered teachers the opportunity to obtain matriculation certificates at its 51 circuit centres countrywide.

Schoeman, the biggest single problem facing the department is the provision of accommodation for the increasing number of black pupils starting their school careers every year. He said about 300 000

black pupils enrolled annually and that to cope with this number the department needed about 300 new schools every year.

This year, his department had completed 52 new schools. More than 600 classrooms had been added to existing schools and about 39 new schools were still under construction.

He also said the number of teachers in his department without matriculation certificates

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By SOL MORATHI
THE Department of Education and Training's announcement that the 53 percent black matriculation pass rate was good has met with sharp criticism from a wide spectrum of black organisations throughout the country.

"The 1987 matric results are a disaster as far as blacks are concerned," said critics. The same opinion was echoed by many people, including political organisations such as the UDI and Azapo. Though there is a 2.9 percent improvement on last year's results, complaints are that the percentage is still far too low to warrant praise. Blame was put squarely on the "Verwoedean education system

which, under the DET, retained almost all of its original features." In 1987, 137 600 fulltime candidates wrote their examinations, and only 77 454 passed. Of those who passed, 28.6 percent attained university entrance, while 55 achieved two or more distinctions. Nine passed with an A average and 81 with a B aggregate. The DET public relations officer Job Schoeman maintained that the pass rate was good. He said had many pupils not taken most of their subjects on higher grade, they could have done much better. He said most candidates persisted in taking all or most of their subjects on higher grade and that this diminished their chances of passing. He gave biology as an example. Schoeman said if the candidates could have taken biology on a standard grade a 70 percent higher pass rate or better could

have been achieved. He pointed out that standard grade subjects did not automatically bar the candidates from higher study, as many thought. The director of the South African Institute of Race Relations, John Kane Berman, said school children could be better prepared for the South Africa that lay ahead if common sense prevailed and increasing intergration took place in educational institutions. He said he noted that in 1986 there had been 153 637 empty places in white schools and at the same time, there was a shortage of 193 575 places in black schools. He said he doubted that teachers and education authorities, particularly the DET, were preparing adequately for the future. He pointed out there could have been a dramatic change in the results if schooling in South Africa was fully non-racial. Azapo vice-president Lybon Mthabisa was also of the same opinion.

Maritzburg is apprehensive

By SIBU MNGADI
THE embattled Maritzburg region this week awaited the new year apprehensively instead of planning to make merry. Already, this year's festive season has shown to be not so kind for the region as political violence continued with no signs of abating. The Christmas weekend was the bloodiest the Natal capital has ever seen. A total of 37 people were killed in separate but related incidents around the city. Fifteen of those killed were victims of faction fights in the Ngqoshe area near Greytown between the Ngqoshe and Thumbe clans and another at Siphaklem near Bulwer. The latest killings brought to 163 the total number of people killed in townships and villages around Maritzburg as a result of the bloody conflict between supporters of Inkatha

and those of the UDI-Cosatu alliance. Hopes for a peaceful Christmas were dashed a fortnight ago when the crucial peace talks between Inkatha and the rival UDI-Cosatu alliance broke down after the Inkatha delegation produced a copy of a banned Marxist-Leninist document which they demanded the other faction publicly repudiate. Nevertheless, leaders of all organisations appealed for a peaceful Christmas. Meanwhile, Archbishop Desmond Tutu said yesterday that if the ANC was involved in the Maritzburg violence his weekend peace call applied to that organisation as much as to anybody else involved in the fighting. He was responding to a statement by the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Mngosuthu Buthelezzi, who said on Tuesday that Tutu's call on leaders of Inkatha and the UDI was posturing for peace.

Black people will be robbed and denied of their right to know as long as the present deplorable system of Bantu Education is still in force," said Mthabisa. Sebolelo Mohlajane, secretary of the National Education Crisis Committee, said the results were disappointing and that something positive had to be done. "Our children cannot afford to stay for 12 years at school because the long-term effect on the children is that they end up seeing themselves as stupid," she said. Schoeman reiterated this by saying that the biggest single problem facing his department was the provision of accommodation for the ever increasing number of black pupils starting their schools careers every year. He said though the DET was trying its best to fight against the problem it was not a simple matter. He said about 100 000 pupils enrolled every year and the DET needed about 300 new schools to cope every year. Meanwhile, Schoeman said candidates who qualified for supplementary examinations would be notified individually and must register before January 15. The exams will begin in February.

Qoboza still critical

PERCY QOBOZA, editor of City Press, remained in a critical condition in the intensive care unit at Baragwanath Hospital yesterday. "Mr Qoboza was admitted to the hospital on Christmas day after suffering cardio-respiratory failure," said City Press publisher Keith Ister yesterday. "Mrs Qoboza requests that the family's privacy be respected at this time. Further statements will be issued by me, if appropriate."



He said Tutu had frequently stated his support for the ANC.

Tutu released a statement in Cape Town this week which said the shooting carnage in Maritzburg had to stop. "The absolute minimum conditions necessary as we enter 1988 was an immediate ceasefire," it said.

Pupils get a second chance

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By STAN MHLONGO

DEPARTMENT of Education and Training supplementary matric examinations will be held countrywide from Wednesday - two days after pupils return to school.

DET spokesman Job Schoeman said candidates who qualified to write would be personally notified by the department.

He said the following candidates qualified:

● Pupils who were sick during the exams and were unable to write, but submitted medical certificates to the department.

● Pupils who passed but did not obtain university exemptions. These will have to rewrite all six subjects.

● Those who passed at least three subjects.

Pupils were required to register before January 15.



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DET chief willing to discuss poor matric results with parents

By Montshiwa Moroke

The Johannesburg regional director of the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr Gunther Merbold, said yesterday that he was willing to meet Soweto parents, but was not aware that they were demanding a meeting with him.

The *Sowetan* reported yesterday that Soweto parents wanted to meet Mr Merbold and other DET officials "in the wake of last year's bad matric results in the area".

Mr Merbold said: "I have not yet been approached in this respect.

"I'm available at all times for a meeting with parents."

The *Sowetan* has reported that of the 125 Morris Isaacson High School pupils who wrote matric, only one obtained a university entrance pass. Seventeen obtained school-leaving certificates, 77 failed and the results of 30 were still outstanding.

Principals at black schools north of Pretoria are refusing to release matric results unless candidates settle outstanding school fees.

A matriculant from Soshanguve said yesterday that he was unable to raise the money and that he could not apply for a job to earn the money unless he received his matric certificate.

The DET's director for the area, Mr A Heyns, said: "There was an agreement that the pupils would pay. We granted them a postponement, but in the end they did not pay," he said.

○ About 2 million pupils were expected to enrol at DET schools yesterday.

A DET spokesman said about 300 000 Sub A pupils were expected to start this year. He added that the DET had 1,9 million pupils last year.

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Protest after closure of 5 black schools

Staff Reporter

THE closure of five black Peninsula high schools and the transfer of a principal have sparked an outcry among parents, teachers and pupils

In the latest development, the Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Western Cape, Brigadier Roy During, yesterday banned any meetings at which non-attendance of schools or non-registration of pupils was promoted

The order, issued in terms of the emergency regulations, prohibits meetings in the Cape, Wynberg, Simon's Town, Bellville, Athlone, Goodwood and Kuils River

The ban is effective until January 28

Many pupils have refused to register for schools in Guguletu, Langa, New Crossroads and Nyanga unless the Department of Education and Training lifts several conditions it has laid down for their re-opening

Among the conditions the parent/teacher/student associations (PTSAs), affiliates of the National Education Crisis Committee, regard as unacceptable are

- That pupils be accompanied by two witnesses when they register,
- That parents or guardians sign documents holding them responsible for paying for damage to schools, and
- That parents or guardians give an undertaking that pupils will not take part in "disruptive" activities

REGISTRATION

Mr Moosa Kaprey of the NECC's Western Cape executive said parents and pupils were also "very unhappy" about the fact that registration forms did not ask pupils to state the name of the school they attended in 1987

"They believe the department may try to re-allocate students to different schools against their wishes," said Mr Kaprey

They were also unhappy about the transfer of Langa High's acting principal, Mr Duke Ngcukana, to a school in Stutterheim in the Eastern Cape, Mr Kaprey said

The regional director of the department, Mr Bill Staude, said an attempt was being made by "ill-disposed persons" to "whip up" opposition to registration at the schools, Langa High, Sizamile Senior Second-

ary in Nyanga, I-D Mkhize High and Fezeka High in Guguletu, and Crossroads No 3 in New Crossroads

"The effect of such activities has been minimal, however, and applications for enrolment are now being received at an increasing rate," he said

Mr Staude said the newly-completed Langa Comprehensive Secondary and Guguletu Comprehensive Secondary were attracting "a large number" of applications

Mr Kaprey said the NECC wished to emphasise that the PTSAs were not against registration in principle

"It's just that the PTSA's object to the conditions laid down," he said

In a statement yesterday, the NECC accused the department of acting "high-handedly", and called for the scrapping of the registration requirements, the withdrawal of security forces from the schools, the reinstatement of Mr Ngcukana at Langa High, and the unconditional re-opening of the schools

The schools were closed last week after principals were given notice from the department that no teaching staff, pupils or parents were to be allowed on to the premises

The NECC today condemned the banning order on meetings and said that "the only way the present crisis can be resolved is by allowing our people to meet and to take decisions"

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Fatima Meer ... is optimistic.

Matrics ^{C/press} are still ^{17/11/88} waiting ²⁵⁶

By VASANTHA ANOAMUTHU

TEACHERS and pupils at Natal's experimental multi-racial Phambili Institute are eagerly awaiting the matric results of 80 pupils.

Good results would mean the institute's one-year-old multi-racial test has been successful.

According to an institute spokesman, the delay "is stretching the nerves of pupils and teachers".

He said he could not understand why the pupils, who wrote through the Young Men's Christian Association, had not received their results.

"We are trying to figure out why, while it seems the results are out, Phambili has not received them," he said.

Numerous queries had been made to the Department of Education and Training but a satisfactory reply had not been received, he said.

Another spokesman for the institute, Professor Fatima Meer, said although no detailed results had been received, indications were that they were favourable.

Meanwhile, the Kwa-Zulu Department of Education and Culture was awaiting further information from the DET after the results of seven high schools were withheld pending investigations into cheating.

The schools are Hambangondlola, Ivungu, Malinga, Ndakano, Ngqamathi, Siphahlile and Ziphathole.

A spokesman for the DEC said the DET had promised that pupils would be told why their results were being withheld.

The Natal branch of the National Education Crisis Committee has sent an urgent memorandum to the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, highlighting anomalies in black education.

The action was described as an attempt to "ensure some normalisation of black education in Natal".

It highlighted the non-admission of some pupils to schools, the "inadequate" supply of stationery and books and the detention of pupils.

It was also sent to Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok and the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan.

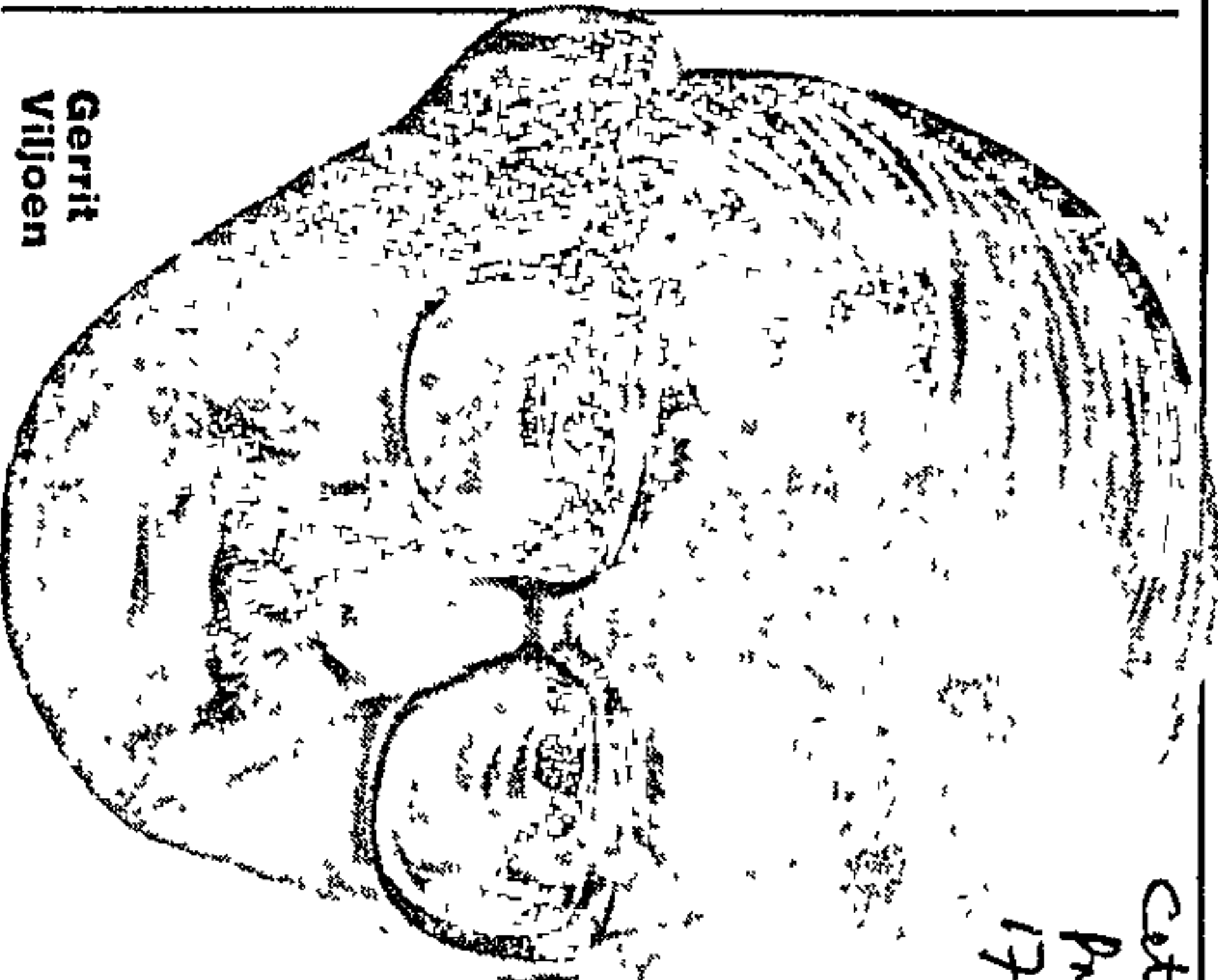
New peace initiative in Walmer

CP Correspondent

A NEW peace initiative was this week launched to stem the latest wave of violence between the UDF and Azapo in Port Elizabeth's Walmer township.

The violence has already claimed four lives and left one person critically injured.

Clashes between the two groups seem to have temporarily subsided after the rival organisation's leaders condemned the fighting and stated their commitment to peace.



Gerrit Viljoen

Segregation costs millions

CP Reporter

TAXPAYERS could be saved R40-million in capital expenditure if the government allowed black teacher-trainees to fill vacancies in white teacher-training colleges.

This is one of the findings of the South African Institute of Race Relations which is published in a book entitled *Race Against the Ratios*.

The book claims that in 1986 about 20 percent of the places at white teacher-training colleges were not used.

If these places had been used to train African teachers the number being trained would

have been increased from 27 613 to 30 296, an overall increase of almost 10 percent.

The author, Vanessa Gaydon, pointed out that the Department of Education and Training planned to spend R73.3-million to build new facilities for about 9 050 African students, which would not be completed until the 1990s.

"However, more than 25 percent of the students could be accommodated immediately at the white colleges at minimal cost since there would be no capital outlay and no need to create new infrastructure," she said.

Squatters do it their own way

BY SIMPIWE NCWANA and BONGANI HLATSWAYO

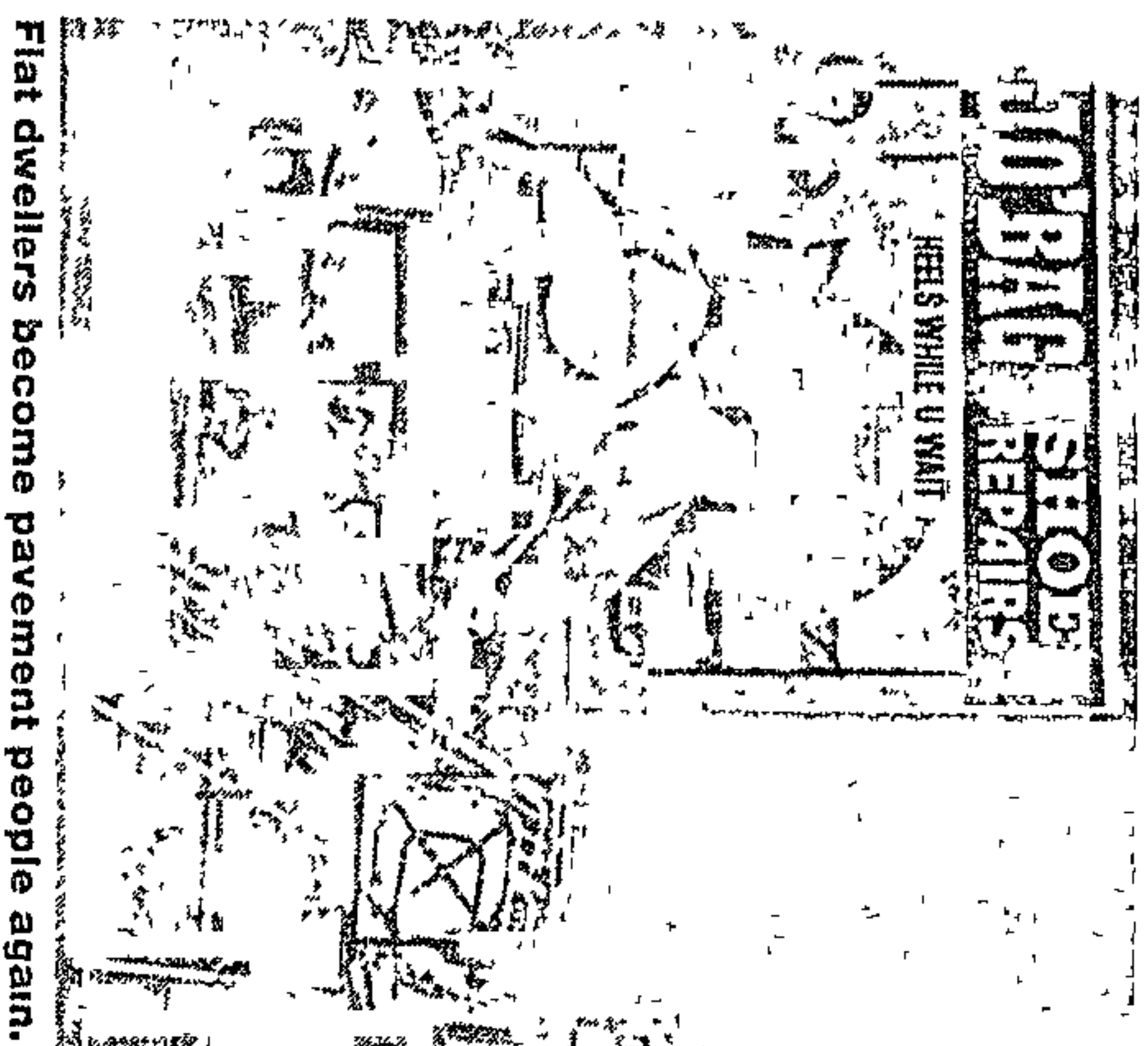
THE eviction of the MacDonald Farm squatters, near Regina Mundi in Rockville, Soweto, which started on Wednesday, was yesterday temporarily stopped when trucks organised by the Soweto City Council to "escort" the squatters to their "new places" were turned away by the representatives of the squatters community and church organisations.

The representatives and squatters had organised their own vehicles to transport their belongings to an "emergency camp" near Chawelo extension.

A spokesman for the squatters said "We are not resisting eviction, so we do not need to be policed."

Meanwhile, six families were evicted from a block of flats in Joubert Park, Johannesburg, yesterday after they failed to heed a Supreme Court order that they pay their rent arrears within seven days.

The six families, residing at Branscome Towers in Wanderers Street, were evicted from their flats at 7am. Their belongings were sprawled along the street while they stood on the pavements waiting for their committee members who had gone to



Flat dwellers become pavement people again.

By the time the DET colleges were built, the number of vacancies at white colleges would have increased further and an even greater proportion of the places the DET planned to create would be available.

It noted further that the under-utilisation of white facilities was the result not only of lack of demand for places, but the declining demand for teachers in white schools.

The publication concluded that parity in segregated facilities was a considerable burden to the taxpayer.

"Parity can be achieved within a segregated system only at considerable cost and this can be funded only through higher taxes or decreases in spending on Indian or white education, or both."

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Pupils pay for past years' damage

By STAN MHLONGO

THE parents of about 300 000 pupils who attended school for the first time this week were in line for a rude shock they were asked to pay between R10 and R15 school fees

The 300 000 pupils joined two-million others estimated by the Department of Education and Training to have returned to school this year.

DET spokesman Edgar Posselt said the amount paid for school funds varied from school to school and was determined by school committees

He stressed that as far as his department was concerned "education is free".

City Press investigations found that new pupils had to pay more than the normal R5 school fees to help cover the costs of repairing riot-damaged schools.

Parents interviewed were angry and claimed that some of them were forced to abandon plans of sending their children to school because "of the high fees".

A teacher at one Vaal

school, who asked not to be named, said: "As a parent and a teacher, I was simply stunned by the decision for Sub-A youngsters to be forced to pay for repairs to damaged schools on the very first day they entered their classrooms"

The principal of Naledi Lower Primary School in Soweto said: "If the parents have any complaints, let them make them to the school committee."

An Evaton parent, Anna Mokotudi, said she had to pay R15 to have her daughter admitted to a Sub-A class

"I don't understand how my child - who was very young or not born when delinquents burnt schools in 1976 and 1984 - can be expected to pay for repairs of the damaged schools," she said.

Another parent, George Magagula, of Soweto, said: "How can they expect black pupils to continue their education when they are scaring them away by charging high school fees?"

Another teacher said pupils at his school were only forced to pay for major damage to school buildings - repairs to walls and the roofing

"The school committee calls meetings at which parents are asked for money to make repairs to damaged doors and windows," he said

Meanwhile, the DET built 600 new classrooms, 30 new lower primary schools and 20 secondary schools in the past year

retrenched says Dhlomo

tion of existing schools and teacher-training facilities must be addressed immediately"

This would entail the re-employment of these dismissed teachers to ensure that every available human resource was utilised to the full.

However, Dhlomo accepted that rationalising education in KwaZulu/Natal would drastically increase government spending on education in the area

He further went on to say legislation should provide for a provincial education council representative of the entire "education community", elected representatives of school committees, departmental nominees, members of

teachers' and parents' organisations, religious and cultural interests, and local government

"Race will cease to be a criterion for admission to a public school, with the only applicable criteria being appropriate residential, age and academic qualification," said Dhlomo

Citing demographic factors, he said. "This does not necessarily mean, however, that all schools will automatically be intergrated

"They will continue to serve the needs of their particular geographical communities while the short to medium-term prognosis is likely to be that many schools will become fully intergrated"

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DET makes its case

DETAILS of the disturbing matric results at Soweto schools have once again highlighted the parlous state of schooling in this city. Predictably, a scapegoat must be found, and quickly. Almost as predictably, this is the Department of Education and Training.

The Department of Education and Training has always acknowledged shortcomings and problem areas, and will continue to do so. This stems from the conviction that problems will not be solved unless they are aired and addressed rationally by all the partners involved in education.

The *Sowetan* has given prominence to the appalling conditions at some schools, and has cited this as the principal cause of matric failures. While it is certainly a factor, even a major factor, the time has come to examine the whole system of education in more detail. The Department of Education and Training will not attempt to evade responsibility for its actions, but cannot accept sole culpability for this situation.

This week the *Sowetan* published some of the more bizarre consequences of vandalism: wrecked desks, a ransacked library and the bare bones of a structure which was once a well-equipped school (Jabavu White City).

On Monday (January 11, 1988) you wrote: "Other schools which used to have decent libraries or well-equipped domestic science centres no longer

have them. Items in those classrooms have either been stolen or damaged.

"At other schools, wooden desks and chairs have been destroyed by fire and only the frames remain.

"Orlando High, one of the oldest and well-known schools in the country has been badly vandalised. Former pupils would find it incredible to believe that it was their former school which has produced some of the top personalities in the community today.

"Almost half of the school roofing has been removed, allegedly by people to build tin shacks. The school's laboratory is a mess, and library books have been strewn all over. There are holes in one of the walls and almost all the doors are missing."

Your sub-heading "Schools are in tatters" is not unrealistic. It is a pity that other, more vociferous and less responsible commentators have attempted to incense readers and in so doing have made it very difficult to obtain a clear picture of the situation.

The following sentence in the second leader in Monday's edition warrants close attention:

"We should have alerted parents and the Department of Education and Training about the shoddy state of Soweto schools."

We agree that PARENTS should have been alerted so that they would have been more aware of the condition of school buildings as DET officials — from the most junior teacher to the Director-General himself — have always been

CENTRAL ISSUES

A close scrutiny of articles in the *Sowetan* shows that at least some commentators are aware of what we hold to be one of the roots of the problem: an absence of civic awareness, responsibility and parental and pupil discipline. This

range of statutory bodies (management councils) and non-statutory bodies have been created to involve parents as partners in their children's education. This was done essentially in recognition of parents' rights in education. Parents have a right to a

schools (R6 million)

At the same time it has been using available resources to repair and upgrade schools wherever possible. Last year R1,2 million was spent on repairs and upgrading in Soweto. An additional R502 000 was spent repairing doors and windows.

It is, however, necessary to emphasise that the funds budgeted for buildings are committed in advance according to a national plan for the erection of new schools and classrooms countrywide. This is to ensure that there is an equal and fair distribution of facilities for all communities.

The Department cannot haphazardly reallocate funds or stop existing building programmes. It would also be morally indefensible to expect of one community to forfeit a planned new school or classroom in order to repair or rebuild a damaged school in another community.

In reality, a community that destroys one school loses two schools: the original school as well as the new school that could have been built with the money required for rebuilding.

It is also a sad fact, and a serious reflection on some communities, that schools that had been repaired during 1987 were vandalised almost immediately.

Many more communities in Soweto will have to follow the lead taken by a few who have, most commendably, already started playing their role as partners by repairing damage and patrolling schools to prevent further damage.

The absence of civic involvement has, unfortunately, more serious consequences than broken windows and furniture. Technical education has virtually come to a standstill in Soweto — the expensive equipment and tools and materials have been stolen.

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Dr BRAAM FOURIE, the director-general of the Department of Education and Training, replies to some of the criticisms that have been levelled against the Department in recent weeks — poor examination results, badly maintained school buildings, etc.



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means that some partners in education are not yet fully aware of the importance of their assuming direct responsibility for their roles. Pupils need parents who are firmly convinced of the value of education.

In a series of articles published during 1987 you noted:

• "The majority of pupils had not been serious about their schoolwork during the year."

• "Parents seem to think it was the teachers' responsibility to discipline pupils. He said it was not only the teachers but also the parents who had failed in their job."

• "Teachers complain that giving homework is 'an exercise in futility', because the majority do not bother to do it."

• "Black parents tended to dump their children at school without following up on their progress. Parents seemed to forget that it was their duty to take an interest in their children's education."

• "They (pupils) should do their school part and allow other things to be taken up by the community."

The Department has great sympathy for the plight of parents, pupils and teachers. We have gone to great lengths to involve parents as partners in the process of formal education. A

say in their children's schooling. One of their first duties, and hence duties, is to preserve the facilities provided.

Unfortunately parent involvement seems less in evidence in parts of Soweto than in almost any other black city or town.

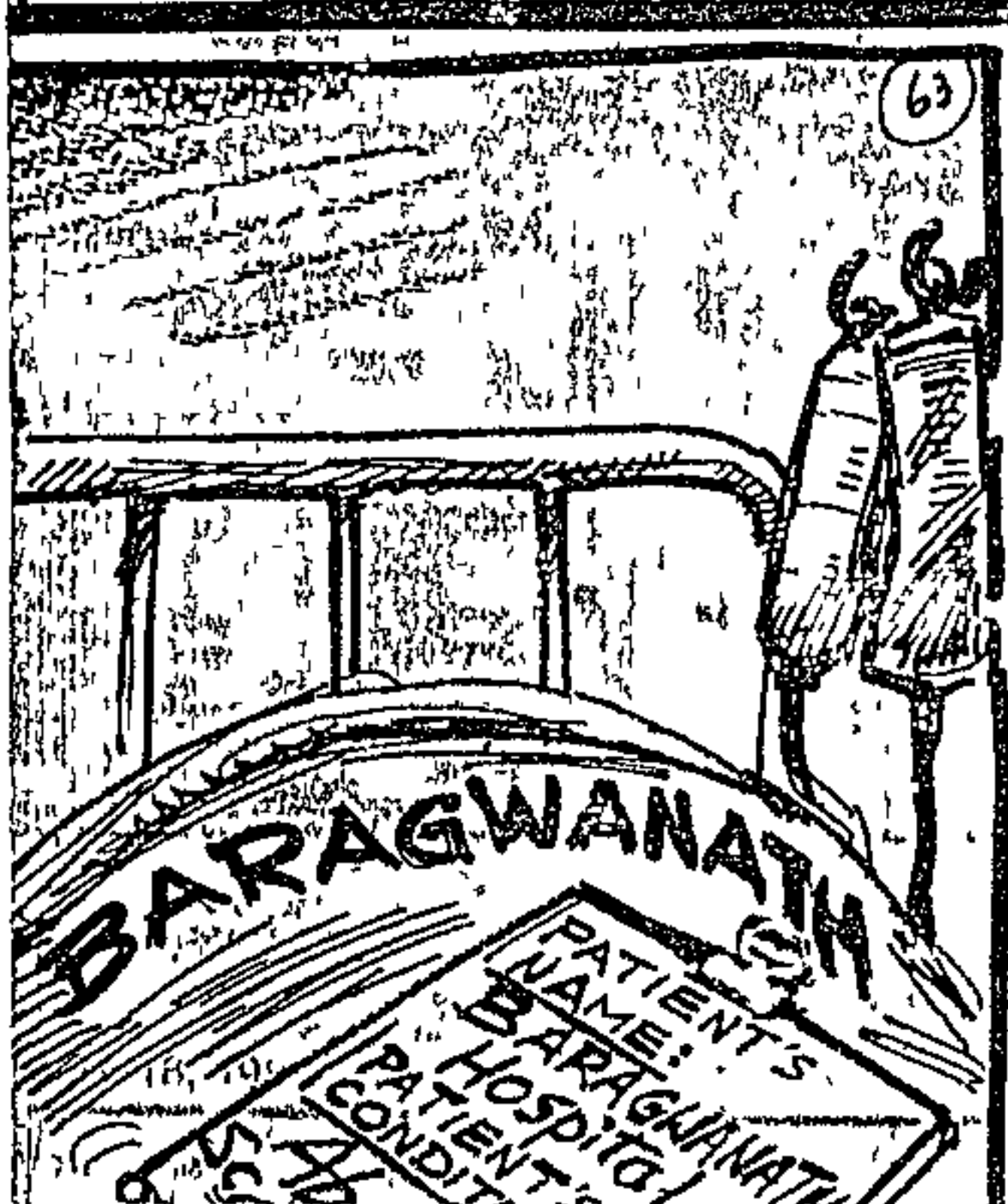
It is our opinion that the *Sowetan* did in fact sound appropriate and adequate warnings.

The Department of Education and Training's appraisal of the situation is:

• It acknowledged the seriousness of the situation in Soweto and is doing all it can to resolve the problems.

• It has made every effort to continue to provide facilities in terms of the long range plan to promote equal education. Building work continued during school holidays and the following major contracts are nearing completion: Letsibogo Secondary School to be completed by January 1988, Matsediso Secondary School to be completed by March 1988, Khandebhule Primary (final phase) to be completed by May 1988.

(Four new primary schools will be opened in Alexandra by May this year). In 1987 2 new primary schools were completed (R2,6 million) and 2 new secondary



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THE *Sowetan* today remembers journalists around the country who are in detention.
• Zwelakhe Sisulu

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The crux of the matter is that a school is provided by the State for the use of and to the benefit of a community and its children, and one would expect a community to regard the school as its property and to see it as an investment in the future of its children. Fortunately the vast majority of communities throughout the country are doing just that and are proud of their schools. They do not revert to sloganeering and lame excuses to try and put the blame elsewhere.

The facilities (as provided) and the teacher pupil ratio in Soweto are among the best in the country. In 1987 the pupil teacher ratios in DET schools were primary 39,4:1 (Soweto 35,9:1) and secondary 31,3:1 (Soweto 24,7:1).

Against this background an analysis of pass rate for Std 10 raises some very pertinent questions. Pass rate in Soweto 33,1 percent, Average for all areas 57,04 percent. Pass rate in best area 77,5 percent.

Soweto school crisis

Clearly, if a community that has the best facilities records the lowest pass rate, it is time for some serious soul-searching by the community concerned. Their children, after all, received the same education as those in other areas, but have obviously not used their opportunities. Simply building more schools and upgrading schools (as the Department will continue to do in terms of long-range planning) will not solve the "crisis in Soweto". All the partners will have to assume their full responsibilities.

The activists, the stone-throwers, the vandals and the people who steal are the ones who should be addressed by the *Sowetan*. They are the ones who should be made to feel the shame and disgrace of destroying valuable school facilities which simply cannot be replaced overnight. How can anyone justify their actions? Where are the faceless, nameless people who are

doing these terrible things? Can we ever measure the backlog they created and the years of good education they are destroying by inciting and exploiting our children for their own purpose?

The repair of one smashed window pane costs the same as 2 new school text books. The unnecessary cost of one delay or destroys the other.

What would your fictitious Mr X say if he knew all the facts (which are readily available)? What would he say if he knew that when certain schools were repaired the new panes and putty were stolen the very next day in full view of local onlookers? What would Mr X say if he saw the numerous examples of burglar-proofing ripped apart to gain access to valuable tools and machinery (after such burglar-proofing had been strengthened and repaired)? Does Mr X really have any idea what it is going to cost to replace this valuable technical apparatus?

Educationalists are deeply frustrated by critics who tirelessly advocate "quickfix" solutions to educational problems. These often indicate nothing more than professional shallowness, ignorance of the facts or a thinly disguised attempt to stir up another round of dissatisfaction at education's expense.

Rushing out to find scapegoats and to apportion blame elsewhere, is self-defeating.

As for the spurious reasons offered for the vandalism, namely the detention of some persons and security force presence at schools, everyone knows that the persons detained were those who fomented unrest, disrupted educa-

tion and burnt schools. The security forces were called in after schools had been damaged and the education disrupted. How do you account for the fact that schools were badly vandalised even during holidays after security forces had been withdrawn from schools.

No, Mr Editor, the security forces were there to prevent further damage to schools and to protect the interests of parents and of pupils who wanted to continue with their education free from senseless interruption and intimidation.

In Greater Soweto we have many fine examples of school buildings well cared for and protected by the communities who care for their children. The *Sowetan* should give such schools' its full moral support and urge other parents to do likewise.

DET TEACHERS 'RETIRED' WITHOUT NOTICE

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SCORES of teachers — some with services of up to five years — have been allegedly retrenched without notice by the Department of Education and Training at various schools in Atteridgeville, Pretoria.

Teachers interviewed yesterday said they were also informed by principals that teachers who go on study or maternity leave will not be replaced. Scores of teachers reported for duty at their respective primary and high schools last week, only to be told that they no longer had posts, and to "go home".

It is believed that more than 80 teachers have been allegedly retrenched. Victims include those who have been teaching for the past five years. Many teachers said the move has left some schools without teachers in certain subjects.

Mr JH Felstead, regional director of DET in the Northern Transvaal, denied that there had been teachers who have been retrenched. He said only 11 teachers at two high schools, who were temporarily employed until December 31 last year, had been told to vacate their posts as they were relieving had come back to school. Mr Felstead added that the replacement of teachers will first have to be brought to his attention before any decision can be made.

PRETORIA — The contracts of a number of temporary teachers here have been terminated, and others elsewhere could be at risk as a result of a Department of Education and Training (DET) move to rationalise teaching posts.

One of the temporary teachers affected said it was believed a lot more could lose their posts as a result of the rationalisation move.

The terminations were apparently made known through a circular distributed to schools by the Northern Transvaal regional office on January 11, which stated that temporary and unqualified teachers were required to apply for re-appointment.

Teachers on study or sick leave will not be replaced by temporary staff and new teachers may be appointed only with the permission of the regional director, according to the circular.

Qualified teachers

DET spokesman Job Schoeman said the contracts for temporary workers were terminated to make way for qualified teachers.

He could not confirm that 86 temporary teachers were affected by the move in Mamelodi.

Schoeman said the department had asked regional directors to look into the situation of teachers at their schools, with a view to making good use of existing staff.

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Teachers lose posts in DET job reshuffle

Education and Training director-general Braam Fourie said categorically yesterday that no teaching posts had been abolished.

He denied allegations that the DET had retrenched teachers, had "frozen" or reduced the number of teaching posts and that newly qualified teachers had not been appointed.

"In fact, thousands of additional posts have been created for 1988 within the constraints of the budget."

The department could accommodate all newly-qualified teachers, but not necessarily in the town or at the school of their choice.

Fourie advised teachers who had not secured posts yet to approach the DET's regional offices.

He emphasised no permanent teachers had been retrenched.

"In keeping with the department's policy continually to improve the quality of education, more well-qualified teachers are becoming available every year.

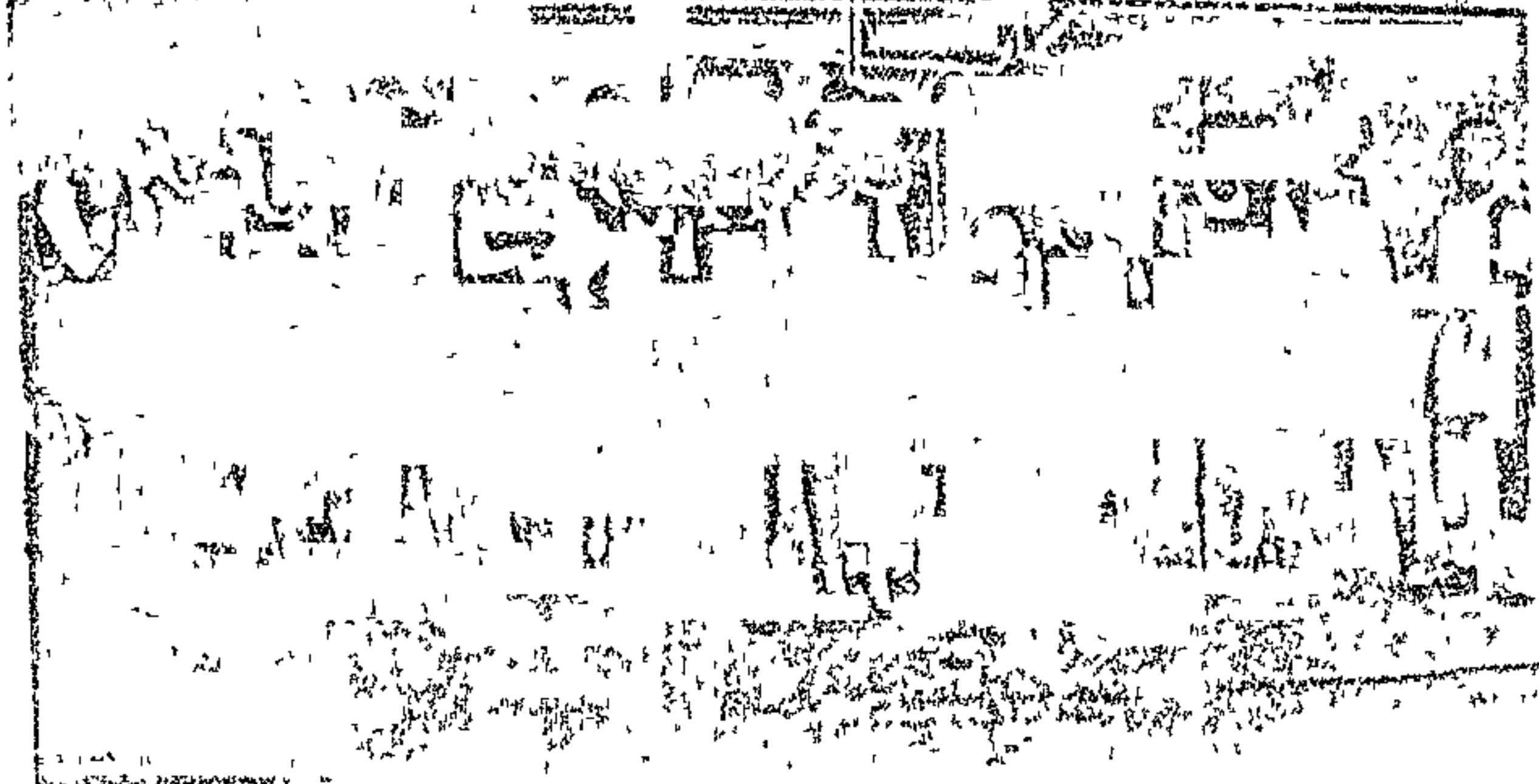
"Obviously, such teachers are given preference when vacancies are filled at the beginning of the year."

Pupils are locked out of schools as teachers are retrenched

Pupils halted

DET deny posts are frozen

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THE Director-General of Education and Training, Dr Braam Louw yesterday denied allegations in recent press reports that the Department of Education and Training had retrenched teachers and 'frozen' or reduced the number of teaching posts and that newly qualified teachers had not been appointed.

"I wish to state emphatically that no teaching posts have been abolished. In fact, thousands of additional posts have been created for 1988 within the constraints of the budget. The Department of Education and Training was indeed fortunate to have been allowed to do this despite the prevailing stringent economic circumstances in the country."

Qualified

Mr Louw said all newly qualified teachers could be accommodated. However, he added that it should be obvious that not every teacher could be appointed in the town or school of his choice.

"Urban schools normally receive numerous applications and school committees understandably recommend the appointment of well-qualified and experienced teachers."

Advised

Newly qualified teachers should be prepared to look further afield, he said, and advised teachers who had not yet secured posts to approach the regional offices to find out where vacancies existed.

"This also applies to bursars with whom the Department entered into an agreement to appoint them, albeit not necessarily in the towns or schools of their choice."

LOCKED OUT some of the 300 pupils who were turned away from Kagiso Senior Secondary School yesterday
 Pic LEN KHUMALO

By **NIKOPANE MAKOBANE**

HUNDREDS of pupils — mostly those entering high school — have been turned away as overcrowding hit many schools on the Reef this week.

Since Monday the *Sowetan* has been inundated with telephone calls from concerned parents on the East and West Rand who have been unsuccessful in securing places at some schools.

The concern of parents is heightened by the fact that according to the Department of Education and Training regulations, pupils have to register in the first 10 days of schools reopening. This means pupils have until Friday (January 22) to register.

At Kagiso Senior Secondary School yesterday our reporters found about 300 pupils, who had come to seek positions, waiting outside the locked gates of the school yard.

Furious

Pupils who spoke to the *Sowetan* said they were furious to be told there was no space. They claimed they were being refused admission in preference to children who came from outside areas like Soweto, Mohlakeng and Bekkersdal.

One angry parent said "There are only two high schools in Kagiso and the township is growing fast

with new houses being built. The education officials should have seen to it that another high school was built, because children who were born and bred in Kagiso are now made to suffer."

From Tembisa comes reports that many pupils can also not find space at local high schools. There are allegations that some school principals have claimed their schools are completely full, when in fact they are not. Some parents have also claimed there is favouritism on the part of principals when making admissions.

Mr Job Schoeman, the chief liaison officer of the DET in Pretoria, said yesterday he could not comment on these claims. He referred us to the local regional offices.

Mr Piet Ielstead, the regional director of the DFI Northern Transvaal region, said yesterday his office was aware of the accommodation problem in Kagiso. He said they were busy making arrangements to accommodate all the children, and hoped to finalise the matter by Friday.

Mr J H Booysen the DEI Highveld regional director could not be reached for a comment yesterday. He was said to be attending a meeting in Pretoria.

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TWINS SERVICE

THE venue for the Mpho and Mphonyana prayer meeting on January 24 has been changed and the service will now take place at the Methodist Church in Zone 2, Diepkloof, Soweto starting at 2.30 pm. The prayer meeting will also focus on strife-torn Pietermaritzburg.

DREAM HOUSE

IT WAS incorrectly reported in the *Sowetan* yesterday that our R100 000 home in the Dream House competition will be given to one of the 12 finalists at Spruit View this Sunday, January 24. In fact the lucky winner will be chosen on the following Sunday, January 31.

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'DET does not learn'

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THE Azanian Students' Movement has described as provocative the decision by the Department of Education and Training to terminate the contracts of temporary teachers in Pretoria and elsewhere.

In a statement issued yesterday, Azasni's publicity secretary Holly Kekana said it was difficult to understand why teachers were being retrenched when pupils who failed their matric exams last year were being refused admission to school this year.

"The Government does not learn from past experiences," he said.

Crowded

The DET has explained, however, that some pupils are being refused re-admission because many schools are overcrowded and lack basic supplies — not because there is a shortage of teachers.

Preference was being given to pupils being promoted through the standards.

Dr Braam Fourie, the department's director general, said in a statement that thousands of additional posts had been created for 1988 in spite of prevailing stringent economic circumstances in the country.

He said no teaching posts had been abolished and no qualified and permanently appointed teachers had been retrenched.

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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 Thimus 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.

School organisations in court bid to hold meeting

Supreme Court Reporter

A SUPREME Court application by township parent-teacher-student associations (PTSA) for an order allowing a meeting to go ahead unhindered by police has been postponed until next Friday.

The application, brought after two meetings to discuss with parents the registration procedure laid down by the Department of Education and Training (DET), were stopped by police, was heard briefly by Mr Justice Rose-Innes in chambers last night.

The PTSAs had intended having an urgent meeting with parents last night.

The application was brought by the PTSAs of Langa and Crossroads No 3 high schools and a parent, Mr Matthew Sonnyboy Cabadiya.

Role of PTSAs

The respondents are the Minister of Law and Order and the Western Cape Divisional Commissioner of Police.

Chairman of the Langa PTSA Mr Lungile Daba said in an affidavit that the Langa, Crossroads No 3, Fezeka, ID Mkize and Sizamile secondary schools' PTSAs had tried in 1987 to ensure that black education returned to normal.

The PTSAs, to a large measure, were responsible for persuading pupils to return to school last year and also formed a joint ad hoc working committee consisting of — for each school — four parents, the school principal and his deputy and three DET officials.

Between September and November, in meetings with top DET officials, parents and pupils said they did not object to re-registration, but to certain aspects on the registration forms which they proposed should be amended.

Parents dismayed

Instead, on January 7, a DET statement was issued setting out the registration procedure for pupils. Parents and the PTSAs were dismayed at the DET's lack of consultation.

Mr Daba said meetings on January 14 and 20 to get a mandate from parents to proceed with registration or to seek adjustments were prevented by police.

He said it is essential for the normalisation of schooling that parents could have a meeting.

"The deadline for registration forms to be submitted to the DET is tomorrow and the DET has threatened to close schools if large numbers do not register."

Security policeman Captain Adriaan Trollip said he was told that the intended meeting would be used as a platform for advising and encouraging a refusal to re-register pupils.

He said the PTSAs were trying to take over control of schools and to use them for teaching "alternative" syllabuses.

The matter was postponed to give the Minister and the police time to file replying affidavits.

TVI-black high school pupils turned away

SMC 2/11/88

Hundreds of black pupils are being turned away from high schools in the Transvaal because of overcrowding, say parents — raising fears that a national crisis is developing.

The Department of Education and Training (DET), which says reports of "mass overcrowding" are without substance, has made it clear that emergency measures will be taken if necessary.

Newspapers are being inundated with calls from parents who have been unable to place their children at schools and have little hope of doing so before registrations close today.

An example is a schoolgirl from Zola, Soweto, entering Standard 10 this year, who has so far been turned away from four schools in the township.

About 300 pupils were this week refused admission to one of the two high schools in the East Rand township of Kagiso.

At kwaGuga in Witbank, it was estimated that between 700 and 1 000 pupils would be unable to find a place at the township's three high schools this year.

It is feared that the situation in the Transvaal reflects the national picture and that thousands of pupils are being denied further education.

Mr Job Schoeman, DET chief liaison officer, said he had been

made aware through the press of the Kagiso and Witbank cases but, until registrations at schools were complete and reports were received from regional offices, it was impossible to gauge the problem.

He said if warranted, emergency measures such as renting space could be introduced.

He said it was possible that problems were being experienced in specific areas because of an influx of many additional pupils, many from rural areas, which created a distorted picture.

Of the 123 new schools opened in the Transvaal this year, 111 were for blacks, according to official figures.

A DET spokesman said 20 new black high schools, 36 primary farm schools, 50 State-aided primary schools and five pre-primary schools were built in the western and northern Transvaal to open this year.

A spokesman for the Ministers' Council, in the House of Representatives, said eight new schools opened for coloured pupils this year.

Of the three new schools built for whites, all were Afrikaans-medium high schools.

Only one new Indian school was opened in the Transvaal this year.

Opening date for black city schools

Cape Times 23/1/88 (256)

Education Reporter

BLACK schools in the Cape Town circuit will begin full teaching routines on February 3 and pupils must enrol by 4pm today, the Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, said yesterday.

Since the official opening of schools on January 13, pupils have only been able to fill in registration forms for the nine Cape Town secondary schools at St Francis Centre, Langa, and the Sivuyile Technical College in Guguletu.

The gates of the other seven schools, including two new comprehensive schools in Langa and Guguletu, have stayed shut.

Improve

In a statement, Mr De Beer said 7 233 of an expected 9 000 black pupils in the nine Cape Town secondary schools for this year had registered so far.

He said that owing to the tremendous increase in the black school population and the lack of development of school facilities, "every effort has been made to provide adequate school accommodation".

"It is hoped that classes will be smaller than in the past and this should improve the quality of schooling offered.

"Parents, pupils and teachers are anxious that the 1988 school year should be a good one so those who really want to learn can get the best possible opportunity to do so," Mr De Beer said.

Earlier this week, representatives of the Joint Parent-Teachers Students Association said registration had been slow in schools, because parents were not satisfied with certain aspects of the registration form.

The convener of the ad-hoc working committees, Mr Matthew Cabadiya, said the DET had not honoured its undertaking to discuss the registration form further, and some parents had objected.

At a meeting with Mr De Beer this week, Mr Cabadiya said, the deputy minister had urged the PTSA representatives to ask parents to register and other problems would be sorted out later in the year.

However, the PTSA's report-back meeting in Guguletu on Wednesday evening was prevented by police, and is now the subject of legal action.

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NEUSA TAKES A SWIPE AT DET

'Repair all damaged schools'

THE National Education Union of South Africa has condemned in the strongest terms the dismissal, suspension, retrenchment and transfer of black school teachers to other institutions in the country.

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg Neusa's national treasurer, Mr Aubrey Matshiqi said they believed that the Department of Education and Training was attempting "to render progressive teachers docile and submissive".

Mr Matshiqi called on the Government to hand over the running of black education to organisations such as the

SOWETAN Reporter

National Education Crisis Committee He said the DET had launched a campaign aimed at destabilising black schools in the country.

- The campaign had been characterised by.
- The harassment of teachers and students
- The retrenchment of teachers and freezing of their posts.
- The DET's arrogant response to a demand for the repair of damaged school buildings.
- The continued suppression of democratic structures such as the Students

Representative Council and the Parent Teacher Student Association.

He said "we find it difficult to understand the retrenchment and transfer of teachers at a time when there is a dire need for teachers in the black community. The retrenchments are also taking place at a time when there is high unemployment

"The retrenchment of teachers and the freezing of teaching posts confirms our suspicion that DET's priority is to promote the ideological interest of the Government," Mr Matshiqi said

THE Soweto Civic Association (SCA) has called on the Department of Education and Training (DET) to repair all damaged schools in the township as a matter of urgency.

In a statement issued this week, the SCA said it was the duty of the department to repair the schools as parents in Soweto had been paying for their maintenance

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through the rent system for many years. The association said DET should use school fees which it collected since the inception of Bantu Education to rebuild the schools. "We, residents of Soweto, must also take a keen interest in the standard of services provided us. We say to DET that the betrayal of education of our children will not go unchallenged. From now on we will take a keen interest in their activities," the statement said. The SCA said Soweto residents would no longer tolerate further manipulation of their children's education. "Soweto people will recall that DET had gone on record last year as having said that parents were tired of radicals in schools. The SCA says it is the apartheid policies that have radicalised black schools," the statement said.

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for teachers

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 Mitchell's Plain, took up his new post as deputy-principal of Kleinvlei 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 Ngcukana, acting principal of Langa High School who was transferred to Stutterheim in the Eastern Cape. This week Ngcukana 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".

Schools stay closed

HIGH schools in Cape Town's African townships remained shut after the deadline for pupil registration expired on January 23.

Teachers at five schools, Langa High, Fezeka and I D Mkize in Guguletu, Sizamile in Nyanga and Crossroads No 3 in New Crossroads, returned to school this week to find school gates locked and the premises guarded by security force members.

An undisclosed number of pupils have registered while many refused amid confusion created by bogus pamphlets issued in the names of the Joint SRCs and the Western Cape Students' Congress (Wesco).

This pamphlet called on students to register a week after Wesco distributed a pamphlet asking students to boycott registration.

Meanwhile, an urgent application by the townships' joint Parents, Teachers and Students Association (PTSA) to hold meetings, will be heard in the Supreme Court on Friday.

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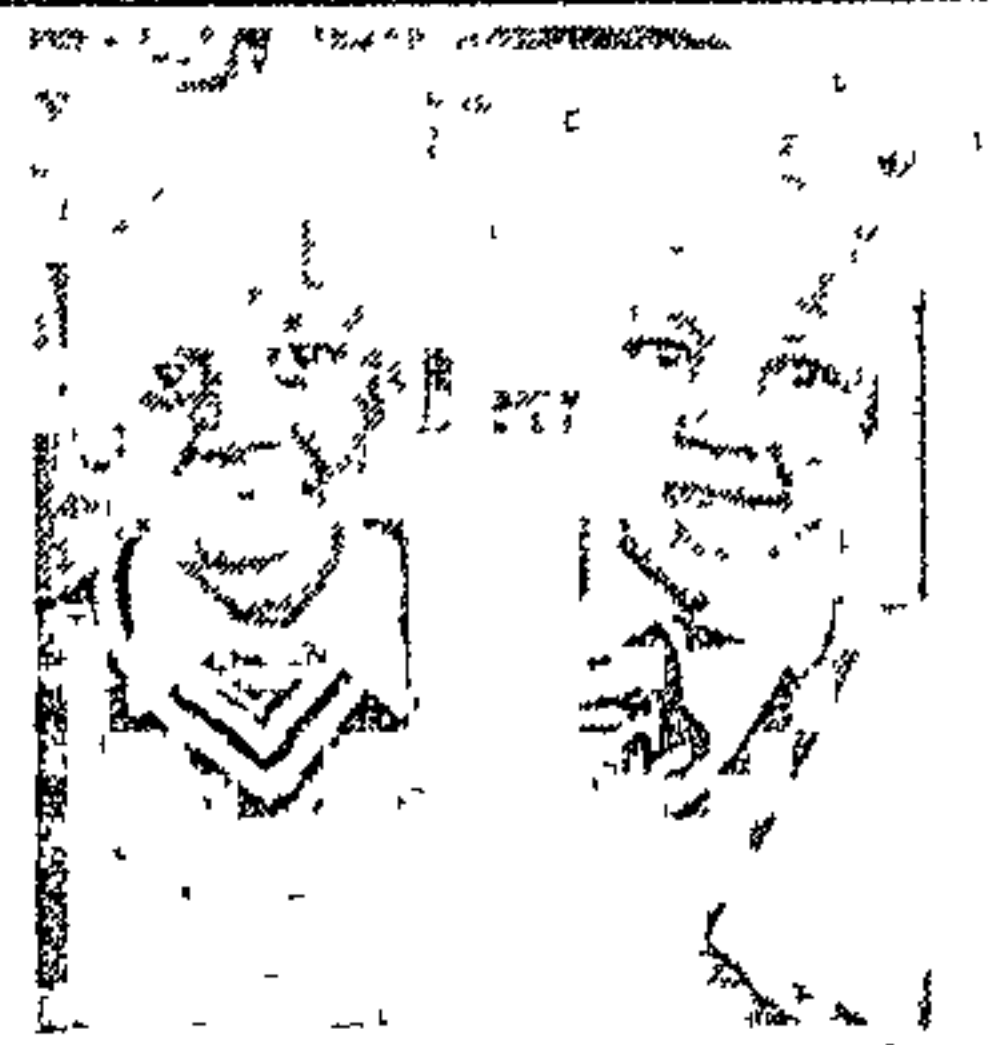
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Places being sought for pupils

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Black pupils . . . some struggle to find school places

By Zenaide Vendeiro,
Education Reporter

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The Department of Education and Training has been assured by its regional offices that urgent attention is being given to finding places for black pupils turned away from schools at the start of the first term, chief liaison officer, Mr Job Schoeman, said yesterday

Accounts of overcrowding at some Transvaal schools were published in The Star last week when the deadline for registrations expired.

Mr Schoeman said that as reports were still being received from the regions, it was not yet possible for the department to gauge the extent of the problem. But reports of "mass overcrowding" were exaggerated, he said

He said planning for the school building programme was based on the annual growth rate of 3 percent in the primary school population and 10 percent in the secondary school population — but classrooms were built to accommodate more pupils than projected in this way

The DET had expected an increase of 70 000 pupils this year and had built new classrooms to accommodate 104 000 additional pupils

In various stages of planning were a further 58 primary schools and 54 secondary schools, he added

"Surveys are conducted to establish the schooling needs of each community but we cannot be expected to plan for pupils we don't know about. We cannot control the movement of people"

Mr Schoeman said it was possible that problems were being experienced in specific areas because of an influx of many additional pupils, most probably from rural areas, which created a distorted picture

AMPLE ROOM

A pupil turned away from a particular school could complain of overcrowding "but the school next door may

rural areas, he said, schools were being drained of pupils

At schools where overcrowding occurred, it was the policy of principals to give preference to pupils who attended the school the previous year, pupils from feeder primary schools and those from that particular area

It was also policy to refuse admission to pupils who had failed twice and rather offer these opportunities to children coming up through the grades

Mr Schoeman said acts of vandalism at schools in Soweto, where squatters had for example ripped off roofs, windows and doors to use in erecting shacks, was an aggravating factor. "It is morally indefensible to stop building projects in some areas so that funds can be used towards repairing damaged school buildings in other areas"

The DET, said Mr Schoeman, had a responsibility to distribute fairly and equally the available funds throughout the country

He said last year 86 percent of the potential black school population (children aged six to 16 years) were actually at school. This was a major achievement. "We are moving towards a situation of universal and compulsory education"

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the security forces
Call to pupils by you friends

THOUSANDS of pamphlets issued by "the security forces" and proclaiming "peaceful education is real education" were distributed in Cape Town's townships this week in an apparent bid to defuse tensions over next week's delayed start to the school year.

It remains to be seen whether pupils, angered by new compulsory registration procedures and a police ban on meetings to discuss the issue, will be wooed by the message. "Your friends the security forces wishes the thousands of students starting their school year on Wednesday 3 February 1988 the best of luck for a successful 1988."

"From today our presence in the vicinity of schools will ensure a peaceful start to your education," the pamphlet read, concluding "Peace and Education is a South African way of Life".

Published in English and Xhosa, the pamphlets appeared on Wednesday, stating they were issued by the security forces, but carrying no name or address.

A representative of the National Education Crisis Committee in the region said he viewed the pamphlet as a declaration that they will be occupying schools and an explanation of the kind of repression we've been seeing. A reference to recent detentions, banned meetings and police raids on organisations affiliated to the NECC have been guarding high school premises at the request of the Department of Education and Training since January 13.

Cape activists slip into hiding

ACTIVISTS in the Western Cape slipped into hiding this week, expressing fears that a "major crack-down" against organisations was imminent. Executive committee members of the National Education Crisis Committee in the region said they were "no longer sleeping at home" following the detention of chairman Moosa Kaprey.

Kaprey, detained for three months last year, was taken from his Rylands home early on Thursday morning. Although every member of the national executive of the NECC has been in detention for some time in the Western Cape, the organisation has been able to co-ordinate a number of campaigns during the past year.

One of the Western Cape had been the NECC executive member said he based his view on various incidents during recent weeks at the last general council meeting of the NECC in Athlone a fortnight ago.

Parents, teachers and students were met from a Mitchell's Plain school held earlier this month to discuss the transfer and demolition of an Anglo high school principal. The pamphlets were distributed in the name of the NECC affiliate conducting the campaign to have the principal reinstated.

The fake pamphlets have been distributed in Cape Town's townships where controversial new registration procedures have sparked an outcry. One, issued in the name of the Western Cape Students' Congress, an NECC affiliate, called on all students to register in spite of some aspects of the form being sinister.

By GAYE DAVIS, Cape Town

school rules and subject themselves to any necessary disciplinary action. Parents had to agree to their children being disciplined, to foot the bill for any damages to school property or departmental books and, to furnish written reasons for their child's absence from school.

The deadline for registration expired last Saturday and the department has stated that those who failed to meet it "will thereby regrettably have been denied the opportunity of education".

It has also warned that where insufficient numbers of pupils enrol, schools may be closed and that where low pupil numbers result in an excess of teaching posts, teachers' jobs could be in jeopardy.

Observers believe the department's new hardline approach is a carefully thought out strategy. By barring pupils from school premises until they are actually registered, they have prevented them from meeting to discuss mobilising around the issue. Those who failed to register will then have effectively expelled themselves.

There are also fears that if the axe falls on teachers based in progressive organisations will be the first to go. The department did not respond when asked to comment on this. The Cape regional director, Bill Staude, did, however.

He denied allegations by the NECC that the DET was "provoking a schools crisis", saying it was doing its best to ensure schools were adequately equipped and properly organised to give pupils "the best educational deal possible in an orderly environment".

As the registration deadline ticked away, two meetings to discuss the issue, called by the Joint Parents' Teachers' Student Association, representing the five main high schools in Langa, Nyanga, Guguletu and New Crossroads, were prevented from going ahead by police acting in terms of a ban on any gatherings where non-attendance of schools or non-registration was promoted.

Late last week the PTSA of two schools launched a supreme court application for an urgent interdict preventing a meeting to be held and restraining the police from interfering unlawfully with it.

The matter was postponed until today to give the minister of law and order and the police time to file reply affidavits. Langa High PTSA chairman Lunyale Daba describes in his affidavit the shock and dismay of parents and PTSA's at the department's failure to consult them over the new procedure. While the principle of registration was accepted during negotiations with the department, officials' reservations were expressed about certain aspects, he said.

The relevant official, deputy director for Braam Olyvor, failed to keep an undertaking to report back after reporting these to his superiors, Daba said. In the details of the new procedure were released on January 13.

Daba also described how people who arrived at two meetings called by the Joint PTSA to discuss the issue of registration in a responsible manner and obtain a mandate from parents were chased away by a large contingent of police. Without parents' decision-making and participation there was very little likelihood that schooling would return to normal, Daba said.

In a replying affidavit security policeman Captain Adriaan Trollop advised the PTSA meeting could be used as a platform to go pupils away from school.

The latest figures available from the department indicate that more than 6,500 students have registered for 1988. But according to Weekly Mail sources, registration for some schools has been very low while some pupils are signing their forms but cancelling out the declarations in the hope that they will be re-admitted but with no strings attached.

Back to school will be peaceful security forces

Weekend Argus Reporter

THE Peninsula's seven black schools open next week after a two-week delay during which parents' meetings have been banned, a principal has resigned and pamphlets attributed to the security forces have warned of a military presence at schools.

Recent developments in the schools, originally due to have opened on January 13, include:

• The resignation this week of Langa High's acting principal, Mr. Duke Ngcukana, with effect from Monday;

• The distribution of pamphlets in the townships on Wednesday, saying: "Your friends, the security forces, wish the thousands of students starting their school year on Wednesday, February 3 1988, the best of luck for a successful 1988. From today our presence in the vicinity of schools will ensure a peaceful start to your education";

• A Supreme Court bid by

the Langa and Crossroads No 3 parent-teacher-student associations to overturn a ban on a parents' meeting in a Guguletu church on January 21,

The meeting was to have been held to protest against conditions for registration, among them that parents accept responsibility for damage caused by their children to school property, and

• A statement by the Demo-

cratic Teachers' Union and Peninsula African Teachers' Association condemning the insistence by the Department of Education and Training (DET) on teachers having to produce identity cards to enter their schools, having to shorten their holidays to attend courses "of no educational value" and having to report at schools to check stationery, text books and furniture

Detained

The National Education Crisis Committee (NECC), whose regional chairman, Mr Moosa Kaprey, was detained on January 21, has condemned the DET's handling of the schools' reopening.

The regional executive called for "constructive and open-ended discussions as an alternative to confrontation, threats and the heavy-handed use of force".

The NECC said the situation stemmed from "a lack of consultation or regard for the feelings of parents, teachers and students".

The organisation, to which the schools' parent-teacher-student associations are affiliated, said:

"Our entire Western Cape executive has been put on the run, mysterious fake pamphlets in the name of our affiliates have appeared on two occasions, meetings have been banned and our recent general council meeting was blocked by police".

Meetings banned

A DET spokesman said the application forms for enrolment were similar to those used country-wide.

• Sapa reports that police in the Western Cape have banned meetings where school boycotts are discussed.

The order will apply until February 29.

Aids info at DET ⁽²⁵⁶⁾ schools possible

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PORT ELIZABETH — Aids lectures may be given soon in schools run by the Department of Education and Training (DET) as part of the countrywide campaign against the disease, the DET's liaison officer, Mr Edgar Posselt, said at the weekend

He said this depended on the National Health Department's school programme services indicating the need to inform pupils

He said at this stage the DET had not been approached by the health workers and medical lecturers requesting to lecture on Aids in government schools

He said with Aids becoming a major issue the department would look into the possibility of incorporating Aids lecturers in school health programmes

The department's move on Aids follows a National Health and Population Development information campaign on how Aids can be contracted and avoided

It was announced by the department in a statement issued last week, that specialists on Aids were organising a telephone advice service at the department's seven regional offices

Inquiries can be made anonymously and questions will be answered confidentially — DDC

Teachers reassured on retrenchments

Staff Reporter

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THE Department of Education and Training has dismissed fears that teachers at Peninsula schools have been retrenched.

The regional director, Mr Bill Staude, said differences in enrolment for the department's seven Peninsula schools, which open tomorrow, meant some teachers had had to be moved to where they were needed most.

Principals had been closely involved in these moves and no teacher was without a job, Mr Staude said.

In an apparent reference to pamphlets distributed in the townships last week, he added there would be no police presence at the opening of the "older" schools.

The pamphlets, from "your friends, the security forces", said "From today our presence in the vicinity of schools will ensure a peaceful start to your education."

CRITICISM

Meanwhile, the DET has defended the duties given to teachers during the two-week delay in the schools' opening.

The department was reacting to criticism by the Democratic Teachers' Union and the Peninsula African Teachers' Association, which condemned the need for teachers to produce identity cards to enter schools, to cut their holidays short to attend courses "of no educational value", and to report at schools to count stationery, text-books and furniture.

A department spokesman said teachers had to produce identity cards because only authorised people were allowed on school premises during enrolment.

He confirmed that "workshops on professional matters" had been held, which he said were very successful and had resulted in "positive feedback".

The spokesman said teachers' duties included ensuring that pupils would be supplied with stationery and books.

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Rival black teachers' bodies meet for talks

Staff Reporter

A HISTORIC meeting between two formerly rival black teachers' organizations — the Democratic Teachers' Union (Detu) and the Peninsula African Teachers' Association (Penata) — takes place in Guguletu today.

Five schools in the Peninsula have not been functioning because parents and pupils refused to comply with new registration procedures instituted by the Department of Education and Training (DET).

Black schools were to have opened on January 13, but the Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, said last week that full teaching routines would be resumed on February 3.

Detu chairman Mr Shepherd Mdladlala last night said his organization and Penata would meet at the Uluntu Centre in Guguletu today for talks.

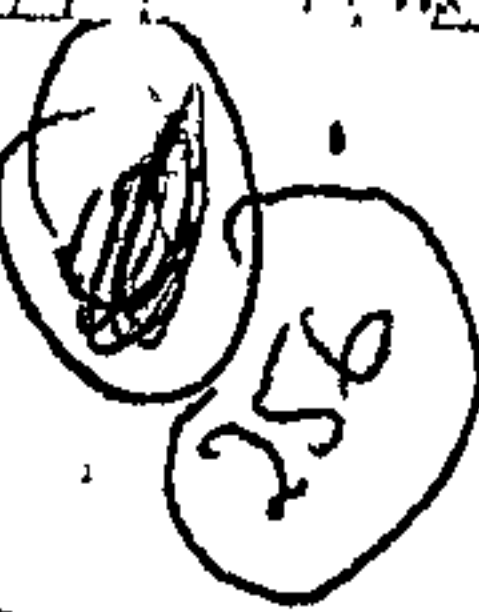
Pupils return

THOUSANDS of Cape Peninsula pupils returned to township schools yesterday after a delay of almost three weeks.

The deputy director-general of operations for the Department of Education and Training, Mr Jaap Strydom, said early indications were that the turnout was "very positive".

Principals and staff at the Peninsula's seven black high schools spent yesterday enrolling pupils and placing them in classes. — Sapa.

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Dept says DET pensions transferred

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BISHO — Pensions of teachers employed by the Department of Education and Training (DET) whose schools were administered by Ciskei before 1986 were transferred to the DET during its takeover in the same year.

A statement from the Ciskei directorate of communications said the department wished to assure affected teachers there was nothing to fear.

The statement said retired teachers would have to write to the DET and it would not be necessary to check with both the Ciskei and the DET when claiming their pensions.

The department wished to emphasise that it was not necessary to fear that something might go wrong with pension claims

In a report last month

teachers in the Border corridor whose schools were under Ciskei before 1986, claimed that their pensions had not been transferred from Ciskei's education department when the DET took over.

They claimed that they were regarded as new contributors by the DET according to their pay sheets, which recorded that they had started contributing to the pension scheme on April 1, 1986.

In the same report the DET's public relations officer, Mr Job Schoeman, assured the teachers that their pensions had been transferred to the DET when they took over

He said the date indicated on the pay slips referred to the time they started drawing their salaries from DET and had nothing to do with pensions — DDR

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**Black school
enrolment**

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Staff Reporter

ENROLMENT at the five older black schools in the Peninsula was "most encouraging" and things were going "exceptionally well" the Department of Education and Training (DET) said yesterday.

Mr Bill Staude, regional director of the DET Cape region, said he found yesterday's return to school "most encouraging" and wanted to thank parents, teachers and pupils for making it possible.

⊙ Meanwhile the All African Students Action Committee and the Azanian National Youth Unity have deplored the refusal by the Department of Education and Training to release the matric results of the ex-detained students.

Teachers at gate - cops in the sky

THE Peninsula's five African high schools opened this week, amid a strong police presence, following their closure earlier when pupils refused to register

A helicopter hovered above as teachers monitored pupils arriving at schools

Many pupils arrived at Fezeka High School in Guguletu, New Crossroads 3 in New Crossroads and Sizamile in Nyanga, but few were seen at ID Mkize in Guguletu and at Langa High School.

Pupils arriving at schools this week had to produce timetables or identity papers before being admitted

While teachers monitored pupils entering Sizamile, Fezeka, New Crossroads 3 and Langa High, no teachers could be seen at the gate of ID Mkize

Langa head

According to a Langa High pupil, the school was introduced to their new headmaster, Ntutshuzelo Belewa. Pupils were not allocated classes but dismissed and told to return the next day

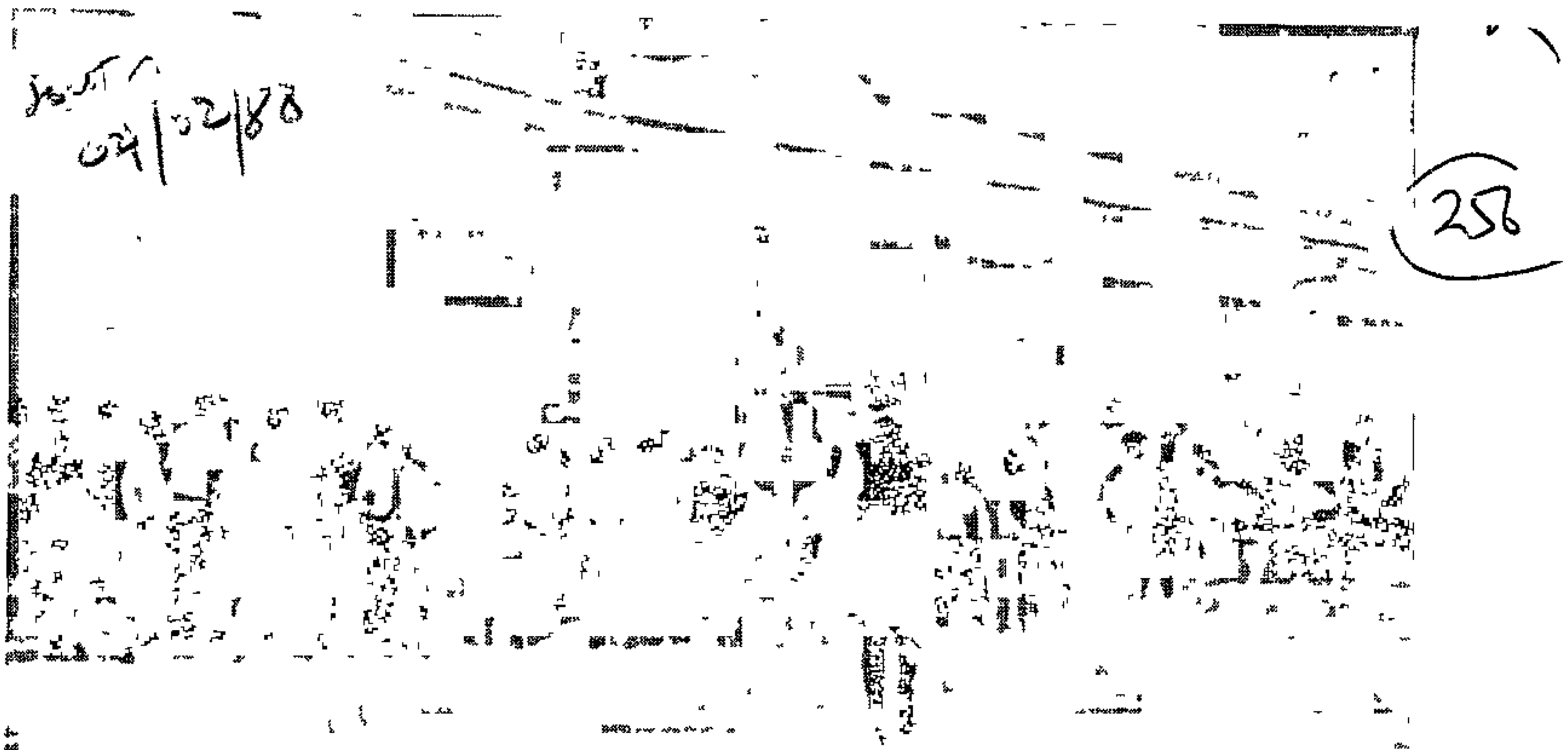
Teacher transfers was the main discussion point at a teachers' meeting in Guguletu this week

A spokesman said the teachers had not decided what they would do against transfers, but would meet again to draw up a plan of action

He said DET did not consult teachers marked for transfer. But DET denied this in its response to questions put to it by SOUTH

The teacher spokesman said two permanent teachers at ID Mkize were transferred to Khayelitsha, and three temporary teachers were also transferred

Langa High expected to lose 13 teachers through transfers. At Fezeka five teachers were added to the staff but no one was transferred



Teachers monitor the arrival of pupils at Fezeka High in Guguletu

Schools chaos

ANGRY parents removed their children from Manenberg High School this week in the chaos that followed the detention of three teachers and three pupils

The six were detained in terms of the Emergency Regulations.

The dismissal of two other teachers further angered parents

SOUTH established that the Student Representative Council executive and four teachers had been in hiding since the detention of their fellow pupils and teachers at the weekend and on Monday

The detentions turned the school upside down, according to a SRC executive member

Dismissed teachers

The teachers are Mr Selvyn Daniels, Ms Cheryl Boer and Ms Lilian Buckton. The pupils are Mark Splinter, Maqbool Moos and Conrad Corneelsen. All were detained at their homes

Moos and Corneelsen were detained on Monday night and the others at the weekend

The dismissed teachers are Mr Lawrence Hoepner and Ms Emily Fairbairn. Both had been teaching at the school more than 10 years

The detained teachers are all members of the Western Cape Teachers Union (Wectu)

Wectu and the Western Cape Students' Congress condemned the detentions and dismissals

Pupils at Manenberg High boycotted classes on

Monday and Tuesday. They resumed classes on Wednesday, but decided to run alternative programmes in school time

Pupils at two other schools in the area, Silverstream and Phoenix, also resolved to run alternative programmes. Periods were being shortened to accommodate these programmes

According to sources, parents removed at least 60 pupils from Manenberg High and placed them in other schools. Most of the pupils were in Std 6

The acting principal, Mr R Talmarkes, denied this and said the figures were highly exaggerated. But he confirmed that transfers were issued

A parent said "I am not satisfied with what is happening at this school. It is my child's first year at high school and look what he is being faced with - boycotts"

Security police

According to the wife of detainee Selvyn Daniels, security police came to their Mitchells Plain house at 7.45 on Sunday morning

"They searched the house and left with Selvyn at about 9 am, taking about 20 books with them," she said.

Hoepner and Fairbairn were notified by DEC to apply for special permission to teach at the school this year. This permission was refused

9 000 pupils register, DET claims

MORE than 9 000 pupils have registered at the five African high schools under the Department of Education and Training.

This figure was supplied by the DET's regional director, Mr WA Staude, responding to a list of questions put to him by SOUTH.

Staude said although ten days were allowed for registration after the start of the school year, parents who missed the

deadline had their applications accepted.

He denied allegations that parents were not consulted and said he had received "broad-based parental support".

On allegations by two teachers' organisations — the Democratic Teachers Association (Detu) and the Peninsula African Teachers Association (Penata) — that teachers were being unfairly transferred, he said "Such transfers

have been effected with the knowledge and consent of the teachers concerned"

Detu and Penata also alleged that white teachers were being employed at the new schools, Luhlaza and New Crossroads secondary schools while blacks were losing their jobs.

"No black teachers are losing their jobs," Staude said

On criticisms of "collaboration" with the defence force, Staude said police protected the schools from damage and ensured that children who wished to go to school were not intimidated

"We make no apology for having made arrangements to protect our schools and our children from the possible attentions of thugs," he said.

Former detainees say matric results withheld

By Maokeng Kgwete

Two student organisations, the Azanian National Youth Unity (Azanyu) and the All African Students' Action Committee (Aasac), have accused the Department of Education and Training of refusing to release matric results of former detainees who sat for examinations as private candidates.

The department has said it has no knowledge of candidates having been refused their results, and has advised any candidate who has not had his results to contact the department.

THE STUDENT ORGANISATIONS SAY:

In a joint statement, the organisations claim the Department of Education and Training (DET) has refused to release the matric results of ex-detainees. They say that, whereas other private candidates received their results, pupils who were in detention were turned away.

The organisations condemned this as a "plot" intended to exclude ex-detainees from school premises "thereby frustrating their educational progress".

The "plot" was also aimed at destroying student leadership and crushing student militancy as well as political action on school premises.

"The mass failure rate, refusal to readmit students and refusal to release the results of ex-detainees are all aimed at filling up the labour force, a vital force for the survival of the imperialists and the capitalists."

Aasac pledged to rally students around the problem of the ex-detainees and said mass student action would be launched to challenge the DET.

THE DEPARTMENT SAYS:

A DET spokesman said it had no knowledge of former detainees being refused their exam results.

However, problems may have occurred because students registered at a particular centre before detention and, on release, wrote examinations at a different centre.

"The examination officer at the first centre will, quite correctly, have marked them absent. Neither the candidates' names nor examination numbers will have been on the list of candidates for the centre at which they wrote.

"Clearly the onus is on the candidate to inform the examination centres of any changes in arrangements."

It was certainly not the DET's policy to withhold results if there had been no irregularities and if candidates had complied with all the regulations pertaining to the examination.

Candidates were advised to contact the DET's examination section through the regional offices. On receipt of full particulars, the matter would receive immediate attention.

DET to act on salaries

By STAN MHLONGO

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PROBLEMS with delayed salary payments to 140 Soweto teachers believed to have gone on strike this week would be solved within six weeks, Department of Education and Training spokesman Peter Mundell said yesterday.

Mundell said the reported number of teachers facing problems had been exaggerated.

He said the delay was nothing new and was "something that any education department finds itself facing as a result of change of home addresses and schools by

teachers and also when a teacher's position is upgraded"

When told that a number of affected teachers had expressed fears that those who had not received their payments were not regarded as permanent staff by the DET, Mundell said it was known that the position of temporarily employed teachers differed from that of permanent staff.

"The position of these teachers is usually determined by the number of pupils at every school. More pupils at the schools means the higher the number of temporary teachers we can employ."

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Pupils banned

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RESENTMENT is building up among parents, teachers, and pupils at Cape Town's African schools as the Department of Education (DET) continue its heavy-handed effort to gain control

At Langa High, one of the most prominent schools in the townships, the enrolment is down from 1800 last year to about 500 with hundreds of pupils refused readmission

Eleven of the school's 33 teachers have been transferred, mainly to schools in Khayelitsha. Two teachers who have refused transfers face possible dismissal when they appear at the DET's circuit office on Monday

The school's new principal, Mr Ntutshuzelo Belewa, has apparently banned staff meetings after teachers made an attempt this week to discuss the growing crisis

"Teachers are seriously concerned about the large number of pupils refused admission to schools and now roaming the streets

"The principal, however, is apparently under instruction from the security branch not to allow any meetings," a reliable source said.

No to over-21

Belewa, a replacement from the Ciskei for the school's popular former acting principal, Mr Duke Ngcukana, apparently told pupils his task was "to normalise Langa High where no effective teaching happened last year"

Belewa is being assisted by a DET assistant director in the administration of the school. He could not be contacted for comment

DET has also refused admission to pupils who are over 21.

At ID Mkhize High School in Guguletu the enrolment is also substantially down but no exact figures could be obtained this week

Seven teachers have been transferred from this school and at least one face possible dismissal for refusing to abide

A Supreme Court application by the PTSA to proceed with a meeting is still outstanding



No school: The classes are still wrecked

HUNDREDS of students have been turned away from township schools in Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage, Grahamstown and Graaff Reinet because of lack of space.

The crisis has risen because schools damaged during the 1984-86 school boycotts have not been rebuilt, according to the Eastern Cape Education Crisis Committee (ECECC) and the Eastern Cape Students Council (Ecasco). More than 15 schools in the area were destroyed and 22 damaged during the boycotts.

In a joint statement this week, ECECC and Ecasco also blamed the crisis on "unnecessary resolutions taken by the Department of Education and Training without consulting parents, teachers and students".

Among resolutions are a DET-set limit on student numbers and a ruling that students must be accompanied by a parent in order to register.

The two organisations also criticised a decision to allow school principals to set compulsory school fees.

The DET Cape Regional Representative said yesterday students were required to bring parents when they registered because "many children migrate to city areas without their parents' consent. It is our desire to attempt to assist parents towards their goal of a united family."

On overcrowding, he said "the ongoing process of providing additional facilities is determined by enrolment, funds, area growth, etc. Damaged schools must be added to the priority list according to these variables:

"Those (pupils) unable to be accepted at certain schools have been directed elsewhere." — PEN



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Vasco accused DET

THE Vaal Student Congress has accused the Department of Education and Training and principals in the area of expelling pupils and refusing others admission.

Vasco said in a statement it condemned the expulsion and the refusal to admit pupils as "this will aggravate the situation in the area".

Vasco claimed mostly former detainees and activists were being refused readmission.

It further alleged some pupils were being expelled for not having between R5 and R25 needed to repair schools.

"We consider this as an act of aggression perpetrated by the DET. We further see it as a plan

By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

to halt peoples' education from being implemented.

Vasco said pupils should be unconditionally readmitted, schools repaired and democratically elected SRCs recognised.

School funds should be refunded.

Mr G B Steyn, the DET Vaal deputy regional director, said yesterday his office was not aware of Vasco's accusations.

Forms

He said the DET had not ordered that certain pupils be refused admission or be expelled.

"Instructions we have given are that pupils who want to be admitted at schools should apply and complete registration

forms. Anyone can apply for a placement at a school, but his application has to be considered by the school principal and his school committee.

Parents

"As for funds to repair damaged school property, that decision is taken by parents with children at school. At certain schools parents have agreed among themselves to do repairs.

"To enable us to investigate, Vasco should be more specific and supply names of schools involved and not make general allegations," he said.

● Meanwhile, the Vaal Student Congress has called on pupils in the area to hold prayer services today to commemorate the death

of a Pretoria schoolgirl Emma Sathekge.

She was killed by a police vehicle in 1984 during a student demonstration.

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DET schools, half full, turn pupils away

CAPE TOWN 12/2/88
Staff Reporter

ABOUT 50 teachers went to the Department of Education and Training yesterday to complain that pupils were being turned away from half-full schools through DET red tape

The teachers met departmental officials briefly but were asked to nominate principals to meet DET officials later

Among the teachers' claims were

- The department was not being sympathetic to pupils who had registered late, even though many had sound reasons,

- Pupils were being turned away from schools in Peninsula townships, even though these schools were only half full,

- Teachers and pupils were being transferred to other schools against their wishes and the remaining teachers were left with large classes of about 60 children

Mr J N Vermaak, speaking on behalf of the regional director of the department, Mr Bill Staude, who was not able to be at the meeting, said that they had listened to the teachers, but could not come to any agreement until a formal meeting with a few, nominated school principals had been held

"We are prepared to listen to what they have to say"

Teachers emerging from the meeting yesterday said that it was "very unsatisfactory" One man, who declined to be named, said "We are angry This is not education when children are turned away from half-full schools"

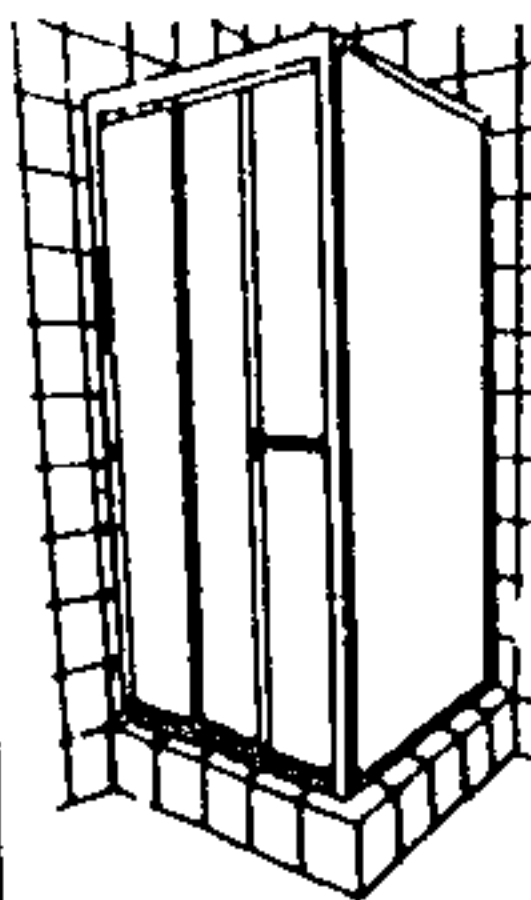
The chairman of the PFP's unrest monitoring committee, Mr Jasper Walsh, said yesterday that the PFP had appealed to the DET to grant a sympathetic hearing to pupils who had not yet registered

EDUCATION CRISIS ...

Township school teachers went to the Fore-shore offices of the Department of Education and Training to complain that half-full schools were being forced to turn away pupils because of departmental registration red tape and several other complaints

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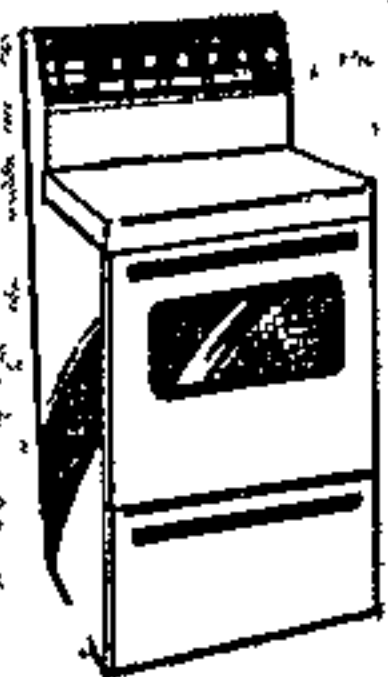
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By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff 13/2/88

REPORTS that the Department of Education and Training was unsympathetic by not allowing pupils to register late at Cape Peninsula schools were denied yesterday by the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Sam de Beer.

He also said the department could not deviate from arrangements "agreed to by the overwhelming majority of parents and also by principals and teachers, in the interest of orderly, effective education".

In a statement, Mr De Beer said a process was begun in June 1987 "to prepare for the orderly reopening of schools in January 1988".

Meetings were held with parents, teachers, principals and community representatives.

The closing date for enrolment in the Peninsula secondary schools was

Late enrolment: DET is not 'unsympathetic'

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January 23. This period was extended for 10 days for parents who for valid reasons were unable to meet the deadline date.

The need to enrol their children was brought to the parents' notice through meetings, circular letters, pamphlets, statements on Radio Xhosa and press statements.

"The fact that the vast majority of parents did, in fact, enrol their children (well over 8 000) in the stipulated period is ample proof that the message was received," Mr De Beer said.

Dept denies claims of 'half-full' schools

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Staff Reporter

THE Cape Department of Education and Training has denied that black schools in the Peninsula are operating at half their capacity while pupils are being turned away or transferred to other schools against their wishes.

This follows a meeting between about 50 angry teachers and departmental officials on Thursday, when the teachers converged on the department's Foreshore offices to protest against the turning away of pupils from "half-filled schools".

Talks between departmental officials and school principals, begun later on Thursday, were described as "still proceeding".

According to Mr Bill Staude, regional director, all schools had reached "maximum functional operating capacity".

He added that the closing date for enrolment in the Peninsula secondary schools was January 23.

"This period was extended for a further 10 days to enable parents who, for valid reasons, were unable to meet the deadline date. The need to enrol their children was brought to the notice of the parents by means of a continuing communication programme, which included circular letters, pamphlets, statements on Radio Xhosa and statements to the press," Mr Staude said.

"The fact that the vast majority of parents did, in fact, enrol their children in the stipulated period is ample proof that the message was received."

In reply to a claim by the teachers that many of them were being transferred to other schools against their wishes, Mr Staude said "The need for the redeployment of a limited number of teachers was thoroughly discussed with the principals of the schools, who were actively involved in the decision-making process."

"The matter was also discussed with the teachers concerned, who freely consented to the moves."

Pupils were also not transferred without their consent, Mr Staude said.

Unmarried pupils get preference, says DET

High school rejects 10 married women

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Three young women, keen to complete their education despite household responsibilities, have been turned out of the Elephant River High School in the village of Elandsdraal, near Marble Hall.

SECURITY

Mrs Ephesia Masemola (19), Mrs Consilina Ratlou (18) and Mrs Wilhelmina Mathebe (22) view further education as the key to their security and that of their families.

They enrolled at school on January 13, they said, and were issued with books. They were ready to begin their studies when they were called into the principal's office on January 22 and they and seven other married women were told to leave, they said.

The three women feel bitter that their hopes were raised — and suddenly dashed. They point

out that the blow fell on the last day of registration, leaving them no time to find places at any other school.

"The policy of the Department of Education and Training is not to admit married women to its schools," said DET spokesman Mr James McNeil.

He added that it was considered "pedagogically" unsound, especially as three of the 10 women affected had married teachers at the school.

"There are a number of reasons for this, not the least of which in this instance is the professional status of the teacher in the classroom. The pedagogic relationship between teacher and pupils would be jeopardised by the presence of spouses of his colleagues."

Mr McNeil said that the school had already exceeded its approved quota of 460 pupils and continued to receive applications for admission. The women who were turned out after registration claim that there is no accommodation problem at the school.

Angry pupils allegedly attacked the school principal on the day after the married women were told to leave. Two days later five youths were taken into custody. Their parents say they are being held at Nyistroom Prison. Their legal status is not known.

"Education isn't a privilege or a favour — it's a right and we demand that right," is the view of Mr Norman Mathebe, husband of Wilhelmina.

DISRUPTED LIVES

He said it seemed that rules were made with the protected and well-regulated childhood of whites in mind but black children often experienced more disrupted lives which disturbed their schooling.

He said his wife, who left school after Std 5, been forced to live with an uncle who did not believe in education for girls. In those circumstances it had been impossible for her to continue at school. Mrs Mathebe, a mother of



Turned out of high school because they're married... Mrs Ephesia Masemola (left), Mrs Wilhelmina Mathebe (centre) and Mrs Consilina Ratlou.

four, hoped to resume her studies in Std 6.

Mrs Masemola, who married in September last year, has only matric to complete. Her husband, David, is a teacher at the Elephant River High.

Mr McNeil said the fact that Mrs Mathebe's husband taught at the school made her presence there even less desirable in educational terms. Mrs Ratlou, who has been out

of school for two years and has two children, had hoped to do Std 8.

"Life is so difficult and education is the key to success. In the future something might happen to my husband but, if I am educated, I'll be able to take care of myself and my family," said Mrs Masemola.

Mr McNeil said that there might be exceptional cases of

married women fitting into high schools "but, equally clearly, unmarried pupils of normal school age must be given preference. Adults should enrol at the department's adult education centres or study by correspondence."

The expelled women point out that there is no adult education centre where they live and the correspondence colleges are expensive.

Another chance
for black pupils

CAPE TOWN — Parents of black high school pupils in the Western Cape who missed the deadline for registration this year will be able to put their cases to a senior Department of Education and Training (DET) official

Deputy regional director Mr Piet Scheepers will be at the Technical College at Guguletu until Friday, according to a pamphlet issued by the department — Sapa

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Of the pupils falling under his department who wrote standard ten examinations at the end of 1987, 50,26 per cent passed, Minister of Education and Development Aid Dr Gerrit Viljoen said in reply to a question from Mr Ken Andrew, (PFP Gardens).

Dr Gerrit Viljoen

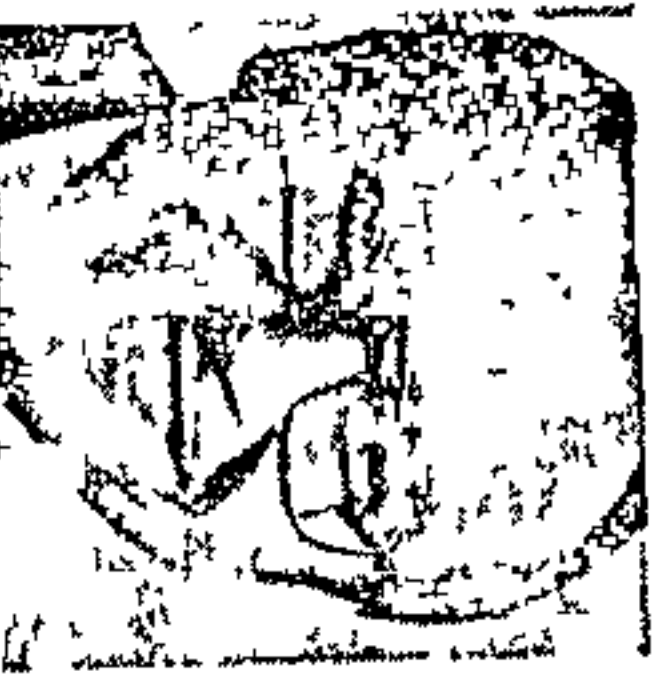
~~Non-qualified teachers in black schools in the Cape Peninsula were re-trenched in 1987. Dr Viljoen said in reply to a question from Mr Andrew~~

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Black teachers return in face of dismissal

SCHOOL SHOWDOWN

By BARRY STREEK and CLARE HARPER



Mr De Beer



Mr Andrew

TEACHERS at black secondary schools in the Cape Peninsula — who have been refusing to teach classes since Monday — will resume lessons today, following a unanimous decision at a mass meeting in Guguletu yesterday evening

Earlier yesterday, the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Sam de Beer, made veiled threats to fire teachers who were refusing to teach classes

"It is clearly my duty to draw to the attention of teachers concerned that their action is contrary to their conditions of service," he said

Mr De Beer said that before the back-to-school decision, a teacher stay-away was in effect at five Peninsula schools

But the secretary of the Peninsula Teachers' Association (Penata), Mr Baasse Nikan, said teachers had not been present at Sizami, ID Mize, Crossroads Number 3, Fezeka, Langa, two new comprehensive schools in Langa and Guguletu and three secondary schools in Khayelitsha

Mr De Beer accused the teachers of betraying his trust and breaching faith with parents, whose children were suffering as a result of their unprofessional behaviour

He also disclosed that the deadline for parents to make representations for the late registration of their children had now been extended till 4pm on Saturday

Agreed to return

After this was conveyed to more than 150 teachers assembled at Umluthi Centre, the teachers agreed to return to school

However, they wanted Mr De Beer to address other grievances including the reduction of staff and the banning of meetings depriving parents of the opportunity to meet and discuss educational issues

Yesterday's meeting of teachers was initially prevented by police, but was unbanned after PFP MP Mr Ken Andrew made representations to the police

Mr Andrew said he contacted Mr Sam de Beer and the Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok, after being told that Casspirs had surrounded the centre

In a statement later, Mr Andrew said Mr De Beer had attempted to present the authorities as "eminently reasonable in contrast to the non-professional behaviour of black teachers, but this is far from the truth"

"We know that many students wanting to register after the original deadline were told to go away until next year" Mr Andrew said

MPS 'must also tighten belts'

Political Staff

MEMBERS of Parliament and all other political appointees are included in the government's wage clamp and will not be receiving salary increases this year

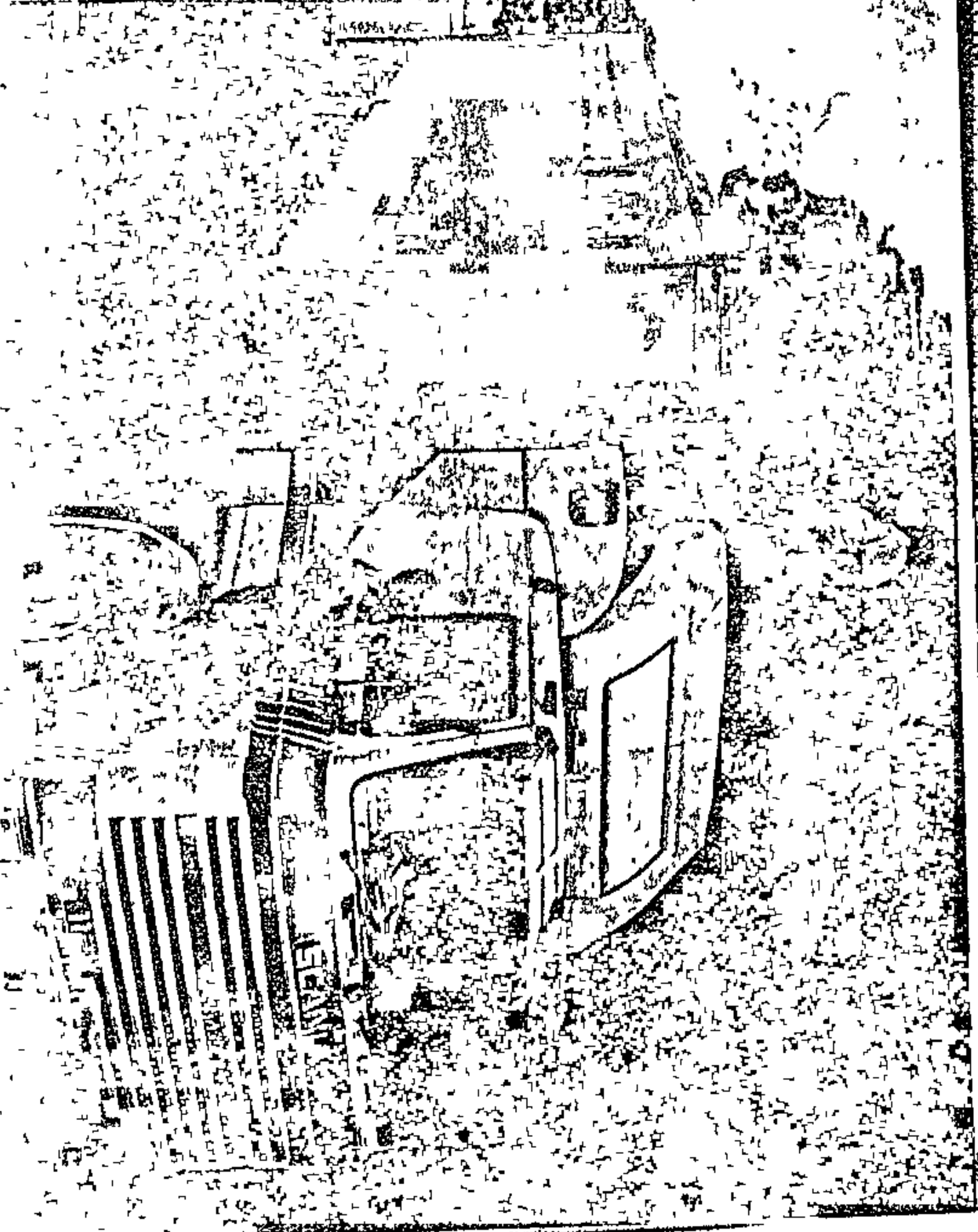
This was confirmed last night by a spokesman in the Office of the State President in response to inquiries about an appeal by the Housewives' League to Mr P W Botha for an assurance that MPs would have to tighten their belts just like all other South Africans

The League said in an open letter to Mr Botha that it could appreciate his appeal for all to tighten their belts but reminded him "the ball is in your court" He should "show the way" by giving the assurance that MPs' salaries, allowances and pensions would also be pegged

Asked what consideration was being given to increasing MPs' salaries, Mr Botha's spokesman said "The reply given by the State President is that increases are not being considered"

Earlier this week it was announced that Mr Botha would soon meet leaders of civil service organisations and unions to discuss his anti-inflation campaign and the clamp on increases

TRUCKS TIGHT FIT



TRAPPED Mr Hanno du Toit takes stock of the damage to one of his company's trucks after the 22-wheel mechanical horse and trailer stuck fast under the Pulpit, an overhanging rock on Bain's Kloof, yesterday. The driver, Mr Joel Mathabela, is on the steps to the cab. A spokesman for the Provincial traffic police said the pass had been closed to heavy traffic from 9am to shortly before 10am, when the trailer was freed

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Black schools back to normal after stayaway

Education Reporter

CLASSES proceeded normally at black secondary schools in the Cape Peninsula yesterday, the regional director of the Department of Education and Training, Mr Bill Staude, said.

At a mass meeting in Guguletu on Wednesday, teachers decided to resume classes after a three-day stayaway. This followed a decision by the Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, to extend the registration deadline till tomorrow afternoon.

A spokesman for the newly merged Democratic Teachers' Union and the Peninsula Teaching Association, Mr Shepherd Mdladlala, said the main reason for the stayaway was that many pupils were being turned away from schools because they had not registered on time.

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Teachers boycott their own classes

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*Government 'displeasure'
as 200 go on strike*

By GAYE DAVIS, Cape Town

ABOUT 200 high school teachers, both black and white, boycotted classes in Cape Town on Thursday. The teachers, all from black high schools, called on education authorities to allow the enrolment of pupils who missed the deadline for the school year

Best seats: Police allowed an Athlone student protest prayer meeting to go ahead yesterday ... provided they could attend the service too.

Picture: ADILBRADLOW, AP

Opposition to undertakings which parents and pupils had to sign on registration — and confusion compounded by a police ban on any meetings to discuss "non-registration" — resulted in hundreds of pupils failing to register before schools re-opened, two-and-a-half weeks late, on February 3

The boycott — which is said to have involved an estimated 200 teachers, including white teachers employed by the Department of Education and Training — ended yesterday after a delegation of teachers met Deputy Minister of Development Aid Sam de Beer.

During Tuesday's meeting, De Beer agreed to extend the enrolment deadline to 4pm tomorrow, saying afterwards he had done it so parents who had not registered their children in time could "put their case".

In a statement, De Beer expressed his "extreme displeasure" that teachers had "absented themselves from class to hold unauthorised meetings" and warned that the teachers' staya-

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Ten kilometres north of Windhoek, a Soviet tank stands outside a Soviet camp — all part of the set for "Red Scorpions", a film being shot in Namibia

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High school teacher boycott

way action was "contrary to the conditions of service governing their employment".

The "unauthorised meetings" apparently refer to unsuccessful attempts by teachers to meet DET officials. When teachers later twice tried to gather at township venues, police prevented them from doing so.

A meeting on Wednesday, where teachers gathered to hear the delegation's report-back on discussions with De Beer, decided to return to school, nearly didn't take place. Police forming part of a large contingent at the Guguletu venue finally allowed it to proceed.

A condition was that police be allowed to "monitor" the meeting. Witnesses said it went ahead in a "very tense" atmosphere, about 50 uniformed policemen and *kisikonstabels* forming part of the audience.

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A feature of the teachers' action was the co-operation between the "progressive" Democratic Teachers' Union (Detu) and the traditionally more conservative Peninsula African Teachers' Association (Penata).

De Beer referred in his statement to a stayaway at five schools, but according to Nikani about 200 teachers, including whites, at as many as 10 schools were involved. The five main high schools in Nyanga, Langa, Guguletu and New Crossroads as well as three Khayelitsha secondary schools and two new comprehensives which opened this year in Lan-ga and Guguletu.

Nikani said another meeting with De Beer was scheduled for next Tuesday, when teachers would bring fresh demands.



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ABOUT 50 teachers approached the Department of Education and Training this week to complain that red tape was causing pupils to be turned away from half-full schools.

The teachers met departmental officials briefly, but were asked to nominate principals to meet DET officials later.

Among the teacher's claims were that:

- The department was not being sympathetic to pupils who had registered

Pupils refused entry

late, even though many had sound reasons.

- Pupils were being turned away from schools in Peninsula townships, even though these schools were only half full.

- Teachers and pupils were being transferred to

other schools against their wishes and the remaining teachers were left with large classes of about 60 children.

JN Vermaak, speaking on behalf of the regional director of the department, Bill Staude, said officials had listened to the teachers, but could not come to any agreement until a formal meeting with a few nominated school principals had been held.

Staude was not able to attend the meeting.

De Beer lashes teachers

By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN

MORE than 200 Cape Town high school teachers ended a three-day stayaway this week after deputy Minister of Education and Training, Sam de Beer, extended the registration period for pupils to 4pm on Saturday.

But they decided at a meeting in Guguletu on Wednesday to delay their final decision of permanently returning to teaching only after their representatives had had a second meeting with De Beer.

Teachers have not been on duty since Monday. They staged a sit-in at the DET Cape Town offices on Tuesday.

Their representatives met De Beer on the same day.

De Beer criticised the stayaway in a statement yesterday, saying it was contrary to the teachers' conditions of service.

"I consider the action not only a betrayal of my trust but also a breach of faith on the part of the parents whose children are now suffering in consequence of such unprofessional behaviour," said De Beer.

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DET expels seven pupils

THE Department of Education and Training has expelled seven pupils from an East Rand high school following an incident that took place at the school two years ago.

The pupils from Etwatwa high school in Wattville, near Benoni, have been barred from being admitted to any

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

school falling under the jurisdiction of DET.

They are Charles Matsebe (Standard 9), Benjamin Mfula (Standard 8), Isaac Mahamba (Standard 7), Vincent Mnisi (Standard 9), Robert Kgope (Standard 9), Apollo Mashalaba (Standard 8) and Greatitude Sekgalelo (Standard 8).

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A spokesman for DET's Highveld region yesterday confirmed that the seven have not been re-admitted at the school. The spokesman also said the seven had been barred from all schools falling under DET.

The spokesman accused the seven, all student leaders who were serving in the school's Student Representative Council, of attacking teachers and DET officials with tomatoes and eggs in 1986.

He said "These pupils do not qualify to be admitted as scholars again because they are not willing to learn but are only there to disrupt lessons and to intimidate and assault teachers and education authorities."

Benjamin's mother, Mrs Rhoda Mfula, yesterday said when parents approached the education authorities they were told their children would not be re-admitted because of their behaviour.

She said the parents had now asked the Etwatwa school committee for help.

School committee deputy chairman, Mr Joseph Moalafi, assured parents at a meeting held on Wednesday night that the DET would be approached and asked to re-admit the seven pupils.

The school's acting principal, Mr S Mosia, refused to discuss the matter.

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DET sets sights on teacher upgrading

By Zenaide Vendeiro,
Education Reporter

A 10-year plan was adopted in 1986 by the Department of Education and Training (DET) to upgrade the qualifications of all black teachers to at least the level of a senior certificate or a three-year teaching diploma.

At that time, only 10,3 percent of its 106 287 teachers were so qualified. Those possessing at least a senior certificate totalled 41,7 percent, while a shocking 48 percent had not even completed their high school education.

Last year, the DET was able to bring down the number of teachers without a senior certificate — a figure which stood at 73,6 percent in 1983 — to 46,4 percent

"By 1990 or 1991 every single teacher should at least have a matric," says the DET's chief liaison officer, Mr Job Schoeman.

More ambitious is the department's plan to have all teachers properly qualified by 1996. Mr Schoeman says the reasons for the enormous backlog should be seen in historical perspective.

MASS EDUCATION

"When the central government took control of black education it had to decide whether to continue with the elitist education previously offered by churches and provincial schools or to opt for mass education. It decided on mass education so as to wipe out illiteracy

"The initial emphasis was thus on primary school education and, although attention was later shifted to secondary school education in 1967, this meant that the outflow at matric level was a trickle

"There were less than 1 000 students in matric in 1954 and only 19 percent of them passed."

When the DET took over it inherited teachers with only a Std 6, some of whom are still teaching in the primary schools

The DET raised the minimum teacher qualification to Std 8 "as there were simply not enough matriculants"

Before 1980 very few blacks who trained as teachers had 12 years' schooling themselves. Those who obtained a teacher's diploma without having passed Std 10 were considered to be adequately qualified.

EXTENDED COURSES

Only as recently as 1981 was the DET able to make matric the minimum qualification for teacher training. It has since extended teacher training courses from two years to a minimum of three years

The DET's upgrading programme focuses on three areas

● **Adult Education:** Teachers are given the opportunity of receiving instruction at 51 DET circuit centres countrywide to gain a senior certificate.

● **Further training:** Teachers receive leave and financial assistance to enable them to enrol for full-time or part-time diploma or degree courses at colleges of education or universities.

The DET also offers teachers one-year specialisation courses — again with leave and bursaries. In 1987, 255 teachers took these courses.

● **In-service Training:** This training is aimed at improving the subject knowledge and skills of qualified teachers, as well as developing the managerial skills of senior staff. The many in-service training courses are offered by the DET, occasionally in collaboration with the private sector.

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Late pupil registrations turned down

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By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

APPLICATIONS by 208 black pupils for late registration in Std 9 and 10 at schools in the Cape Town area have been refused, the regional director of the Department of Education and Training in the Cape region, Mr W A Staude, said yesterday.

The applications were refused on grounds of inadequate or unacceptable documentation although 42 had been accepted, the statement said.

More than 9 000 applications had been approved for 1988. The very late applications received between February 15 and 20 were being processed by a committee which had been especially appointed for this purpose.

This committee had already considered those requesting places in Std 9 and 10, and it was examining the Std 6, 7 and 8 applications at present.

In regard to the 167 applications for Std 10, the committee refused 64 on grounds of inadequate or unacceptable documentation.

"Included in this group were a disturbing number of cases where the results of the previous promotion examination had been either misrepresented or else falsified.

"In deciding to exclude such applications, the committee was guided by an earlier, unanimous decision on the part of the principals that, in such

cases, the pupils concerned should not be admitted to school this year."

The committee found that 24 applicants wrote matric in November last year and wanted to return to school to improve their results, but it believed these pupils would best be served by the department's special school for matric candidates at Lagnuya, where there was already an enrolment of over 600.

It felt the 26 applicants who were considered to be too old for the formal school situation should attend Lagnuya.

"In the case of 22 of the applicants, school places could be available to them elsewhere."

The committee rejected 12 applications because "the reasons advanced for the very long delay in applying were insubstantial", and 14 applicants had had a break in their schooling of a year or more and alternative arrangements could be provided at centres such as Lagnuya.

It approved five applications.

In regard to the 284 applications for Std 9 places, the committee rejected 144 on grounds of inadequate or unacceptable documentation and 73 applications were refused on grounds of insubstantial explanation for the long delay.

The committee approved 37 applications.

Mr Staude said the results of the committee decisions were being communicated to parents by telegram.

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News in Brief

Blast victim dies

PRETORIA. — An Oshakati bomb-blast victim died yesterday in No 1 Military Hospital at Voortrekkerhoogte, bringing the death toll to 21. She was Mrs Jenny Human, 33, wife of a Namibian police inspector. She received burns on 70% of her body. Another blast victim, Mrs Charlotte Taitge, 27, remains in a critical condition, a hospital spokesman said.

DET exam fees up

PRETORIA. — The Department of Education and Training has announced an increase in examination fees with effect from November 1988. Fees for full-time Std 10 pupils will go up from R39,60 to R44,00.

Basques kidnap tycoon

MADRID. — The Interior Ministry said yesterday that Basque guerillas kidnapped a Madrid real estate tycoon, Mr Emiliano Revilla, in a car at gunpoint on Wednesday night. Police have identified one of the kidnappers.

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DET's statement 'hollow'

By MBULELO LINDA

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The Eastern Cape Education Crisis Committee has dismissed as "hollow" a statement by the Department of Education and Training that SRCs would participate in decision-making structures in schools

This was in response to a statement by the regional director of the DET, Bill Staude

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"Without releasing detained students leaders and lifting restrictions on student mass meetings in school buildings, Staude's statement is meaningless," said an ECECC representative.



SOWETO schoolteachers and other dignitaries took time off at the weekend to attend a farewell function for Mr Cyprian Mahlaba, a former circuit inspector with the DET, Johannesburg region. There to grace the occasion were (from left), Mr Omsy Nhlapo, Mrs Yvonne Mahlaba, Mrs Barbara Tsukudu, Mr Gunther Merbold, the Johannesburg regional director, and Miss Mabel Mtshali.

Principal lashes at DET

THE Department of Education and Training was lashed by a well-known Soweto educationist, Mr Eddie Tenza, at the weekend.

Mr Tenza, the principal of Ditau Primary School in Orlando East, criticised the DET during a farewell function to honour Mr Cyprian Mahlaba at the Soweto College of Education on Saturday.

Mr Mahlaba, a former DET Johannesburg region circuit inspector (in charge of guidance services), resigned from the department last December to take up a new post of deputy headmaster at a multi-racial school in Kyalami, Johannesburg.

**By NKOPANE
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The function, organised by the Johannesburg Guidance Teachers Association, was attended by among others, Mr Jaap Strydom, the DET deputy director-general, Mr Gunther Merbold, the DET Johannesburg regional director and scores of Soweto guidance teachers.

Speaking as a representative of the Johannesburg principals, Mr Tenza said there were certain things that gave his colleagues hiccups and made them extremely uncomfortable. These things, he said, created a climate of uncertainty and even confusion.

"We are not happy with the current freezing of posts. Our children who have recently qualified from colleges of education should be given the opportunity of entering the teaching profession. They have sacrificed years of study to reach this ultimate goal.

"To us, it is ideal that they serve the community that has produced them and not for them to be offered posts in foreign places."

Mr Tenza also said in the past, the department said the ultimate aim is to reduce the teacher-pupil ratio. He said the ratio 1:30 was quoted in the media and they as professionals felt this was

good in the interests of effective teaching.

"We are dismayed that we are now told it should rise to as high as 1:40 or 1:45. This has led to talk that our schools are over-staffed. We feel this leads to instability and inconsistency," he said.

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Govt 'fiddles' black matric results: claim

By Zenaide Vendeiro,
Education Reporter

Black matriculation results have been systematically manipulated by the Government to control the output of black matriculants to suit the socio-economic and political needs of the country, claims a book entitled "Black Matriculation Results - A Mechanism of Control" released this week

Claims in the book have been denied "in the strongest possible terms" by the Department of Education and Training

The book, published by Skotaville Publishers, was written by Elmon Ngabeni Mathonsi, vice-president of the National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa) who was killed in a car accident in December

FOUR STRATEGIES

Backing his argument with an analysis of black matric results from 1956 to 1983, Mr Mathonsi claimed that four strategies were used by the Department of Education and Training (DET) to manipulate matric results

● The "classroom strategy" through which the inequalities of teacher-pupil ratios, discriminative expenditure per child, lack of physical facilities and equipment, high drop-out rates, and ill-qualified teachers are used "to destroy the minds of African pupils" These factors prepared a certain proportion of black pupils to pass matric but ejected thousands "into production as cheap labour"

● The "marking centre" strategy through which the Government allowed carelessness to take place in the marking centres "so as to cut off thousands of African pupils from the mainstream of economic development or economic competition". This carelessness ranged from allowing unqualified people, such as white pupils to mark scripts, to allowing teachers "under the influence of alcohol" to mark scripts.

LEAKING OF PAPERS

● The "authoritative strategy" through which the Government refused to disclose the results of students on the grounds of irregularities, such as the leaking of papers This strategy, said Mr Mathonsi, was challenged in the Supreme Court in 1981, but the DET still refused to give pupils their certificates "In this way, thousands of African pupils are prevented from entering competition in South Africa"

● The "ideological strategy" which manifested itself in political, constitutional and economic developments in South Africa

Mr Mathonsi claimed that an improvement in the results of Indian and coloured communities was the result of the Government's strategy to co-opt these groups on the side of whites

He also said there was a direct relationship between black matric results and economic needs Education was totally dependent on the economy of the country so when the economy improved, matric results also improved Few matriculants were produced when there was a downturn in the economy

"From the above four strategies one can argue that in a capitalist society like South Africa the education system functions to meet the needs of capitalist employers for a disciplined and skilled labour force and to provide a mechanism for social control

"It is therefore senseless to talk of improving the system in any way when the 'system' itself has spawned this rot No real change in education or in the African matric results can take place until the society which it serves demands it

"While the economy demands docile workers, the education system cannot afford to produce anything else In this way, education is directly linked to political and economic forces"

Teachers in class ^{Sowetan} boycott ^{24/88}

ABOUT 200 third year trainee teachers at the Soweto College of Education yesterday boycotted lectures because of dissatisfaction with some lecturers. ^{JS6}

The students involved in the protest stayaway were those doing the Senior Primary Teachers Diploma and the Secondary Teachers Diploma

Mr Gunther Merbold, the DET Johannesburg regional director, confirmed yesterday that there had been a class boycott.

"Although I do not have all details, the problem was in connection with one lecturer I have been assured everything is now in order and all students will be back in class today," he said

But students we spoke to yesterday denied that the boycott was over and said their complaints had not yet been addressed to

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PUPILS at Peninsula high schools in the African townships threatened a three-day stayaway this week in support of other pupils whose applications were rejected by the Department of Education and Training.

Hundreds of pupils from five high schools were locked out of Fezeka High on Wednesday where a meeting had to take place, according to pupils interviewed.

They say they dispersed and went home after finding the gates locked

Two Fezeka pupils told SOUTH police were present outside the school but

did not interfere.

Many pupils from Guguletu, Nyanga and New Crossroads schools arrived for the meeting, but few from Langa High School attended.

A pamphlet distributed by the Joint Student Representative Councils called for "three days of concern" this week in support of pupils whose applications were rejected by DET.

The Joint SRCs claimed DET promised parents and pupils it would accept all applications but did not keep its promise. Instead, pupils were told to attend DET's night school.

"We were surprised to see pupils from other high schools gathering outside the school," a Fezeka teacher said

"The pupils had told the staff they were going to hold a meeting in the school - not a mass meeting"

A teacher claimed that Mr Braam Olivier, deputy regional director of DET, told a meeting of high school principals this week that DET would not recognise the Parents Teachers Students Associations (PTSAs).

Instead, DET would appoint school committees

Asked to react, Mr Lungile Daba, chairman of Langa High's PTSA said. "PTSA will operate in all the schools no matter what DET says School committees were rejected by the community As far as we are concerned the PTSA will challenge DET."

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Lectures are suspended at Soweto college

THE rector of the Soweto College of Education, Mr Michael Morapeli, yesterday suspended lectures at the institution for a day after about 200 third year trainee-teachers refused to attend classes for the second day.

The stayaway from lectures by the students doing the Senior Primary Teachers Diploma and the Secondary Teachers Diploma, was sparked by dissatisfaction with some lecturers.

At about the same time (11.30am) that the rector announced the suspension of classes, the student body held a mass meeting which two hours later resolved to extend the lecture boycott to all 1 000 students on the campus

Students at the college have told the *Sowetan* that they had complained to the rector about two lecturers who they felt were "unsuitable."

They said despite several meetings, the rector had failed to

address their grievances Hence the whole college was to boycott classes until their demands were met

The demands include the dismissal of the two lecturers, that students be given a "free period" during the school hours and that the lunch-hour break should be extended to its original time

The present lunch-hour break is 35 minutes and the students demand 45

At yesterday's meet-

ing, the students resolved to hold another meeting this morning where more "burning issues" concerning the college are to be discussed A source said a list of new demands on the college was likely to be made

Mr Peter Mundell, the DET deputy director planning (Johannesburg) planning (Johannesburg region), confirmed that Mr Morapeli suspended classes at the college yesterday He said they expected things to return to normal today

Late for class ... by six weeks

THIRTY-EIGHT children from the Eastern Cape township of Cookhouse started school last week — six weeks late and behind barbed wire.

The pupils are victims of a fierce feud between two families and their followers, splitting the Bongweni community into two camps — that of comrade and collaborator.

Two years ago, about 200 residents perceived to be government supporters by the rest of the community were hounded from the township. For 18 months they camped outside the Cookhouse police station.

They returned to Bongweni township in September last year and were housed behind high barbed wire fences in a compound called Ekupumeleni — "A Place of Rest".

The children could not attend the only school in Bongweni, so a house in their protected compound became their school until the end of last year.

This year, Ekupumeleni residents

By EDYTH BÜLBRING,
Port Elizabeth

asked the Department of Education and Training to close the compound school. They wanted their children to attend Bongweni's Msobomvu School.

DET complied with the request, but when students attempted to enrol at the school, Bongweni pupils threatened to boycott classes. The compound school has now reopened to cater for the 38 children.

An Msobomvu School representative said he had been expecting 38 new pupils, but only one had enrolled.

A representative for the DET for the Cape confirmed that 38 pupils had enrolled and are attending the Ekupumeleni School, and that there are now 975 pupils at the established Bongweni School — Pen



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154 applications approved

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By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

OF THE 1544 late applications by black pupils to Western Cape schools, only 154 had been accepted, the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Sam de Beer, said yesterday.

There had never been any suggestion that late registrations would be unconditionally admitted, he said.

In a statement after a three-hour meeting on Tuesday with representatives of teachers at the black schools, Mr De Beer said he had lent "an attentive ear" to items which had not been addressed at a previous four-hour meeting.

"I was at pains to address and to try to satisfy each individual complaint."

The teachers again raised the late registration of pupils, a matter which had been discussed at the previous meeting.

Although the closing date for applications by pupils was January 23, applications were accepted till February 3 when classes were resumed at older Peninsula schools and two new comprehensive schools.

Mr De Beer said he had agreed to a further extension from February 15 to 19 and after representations by teach-

ers, staff were also on duty on Saturday, February 20.

"I stressed that there had never been any suggestion that all who applied during that period would be unconditionally enrolled.

"Where good and valid cause could be shown that the delay was due to circumstances beyond the parents' control the representation would be sympathetically considered.

"Naturally, the application itself would also have to be in order.

"I have asked the teachers to view the matter in the context of the overall enrolment situation

"In 1987, the secondary enrolment for the Peninsula was 10 200. This year 11 350 pupils were enrolled.

"All these pupils had been enrolled before the expiry of the enrolment period.

"They and their parents clearly wanted education and it was not fair that their educational careers should be jeopardized for the sake of the comparatively few cases where very late applications could not be accepted for the reasons mentioned

"I concluded by urging the teachers to respond professionally and positively to the challenge of meeting the

History book rumpus is history, says Department

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The controversy over the Joubert and Britz "History for Standard 10" textbook prescribed by the Transvaal Education Department (TED) is no longer being investigated by the Department of Education and Culture.

Answering questions posed by the Saturday Star, Dr Chris Pretorius, head of the information section of the House of Assembly, speaking on behalf of the department, said that "all complaints had been investigated and dealt with".

"Arrangements have been made with the publisher to ensure that mistakes will be eliminated from the next edition of the book," he said.

No action is being contemplated against those responsible for prescribing it.

"The matter has been attended to and the necessary steps taken to ensure that pupils receive the best possible tuition," he said.

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The book has been withdrawn by the publishers, Perskor, and is undergoing revision after causing an uproar because of factual errors and inaccuracies, bad grammar and expression, and unacceptable bias.

Dr Pretorius was asked if the department would allow "History for Standard 10" to be retained as an approved textbook until 1996, when the next revision of the syllabus is due.

He said the book in its revised form would be retained on the list of approved books only after the department was satisfied that it complied with general standards applying to textbooks.

"The new manuscript is at present being evaluated, as is the case with other manuscripts," he said.

The TED had in the meantime received further manuscripts for evaluation. If approved, these would offer further alternatives.

He said that at the time the Joubert and Britz textbook had been chosen, only one manuscript had been received for evaluation and possible listing.

"Nevertheless, teachers are not forced to purchase a particular book for their pupils, and if they decide to do so, they have to use the book as a teaching aid and at their own discretion," he said.

The Department of Education and Culture will not be represented at the next subject meeting of the Transvaal Teachers' Association (TTA) in two weeks' time when the subject of the textbook will be raised.

"The TTA is an autonomous professional body and is free to put forward any suggestions it wishes," said Dr Pretorius.

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Neglect of school drug abuse denied

By McKeed Kotlolo,
Pretoria Bureau

Allegations that it has failed to tackle the problems of drug abuse by pupils have been denied by the Transvaal Education Department (TED). Star
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Director of education Dr P H Bredenkamp stressed at the weekend that the TED would not allow organisations to give lectures on such subjects during school hours — as had been suggested.

In response to a letter published in a newspaper about problems surrounding drug abuse by pupils and the department's alleged failure to tackle those problems, he said in a statement released in Pretoria that it "has, without fanfare, been giving attention to this problem for many years".

Pupils identified as drug abusers were "immediately referred to the department's education aid centres and child guidance clinics, where problems are dealt with by highly trained staff according to prescribed procedures".

Dr Bredenkamp said it was departmental policy not to allow outsiders, "no matter how well intentioned, to give guidance to pupils during school hours". He added that his department supported groups interested in guiding pupils and parents, but only in the evenings, when parents and children could be together.

DET is quizzed

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THE Department of Education and Training would have to study the recent publication *Black Matriculation Results* by Elmon Mathonsi (Skotaville) before commenting, the department said in a statement last week.

As this publication is essentially the result of academic research, the department has decided to make an in-depth study of it before responding to the

questions and allegations already received, and before commenting on the role ascribed to it.

"However, even at this stage the department wishes to refute in the strongest possible terms any allegations concerning so-called "strategies" used to manipulate matric results.

"No such strategies exist and any allegations to this effect are clearly unfounded

"A further statement will be issued when this

study is complete. It is anticipated that the study will take approximately a fortnight," the statement said.

• Mr Mathonsi, former vice-president of the National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa), died in a car crash in December.

At the time of his death, he had been suspended by the Department of Education and Training.

Skotaville Publishers recently launched his book in Johannesburg

The book has been lauded by many as a thorough research of the black educational system in South Africa.

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Pupils in (S) threat to kill DET officials

Education Reporter

Pupils at two high schools in Soweto this week threatened to kill officials of the Department of Education and Training (DET), the director-general, Dr A B Fourie, said today

In a statement he said the incidents occurred when a group of five assistant directors and inspectors visited the schools to discuss educational matters

"At Prudence Secondary School, it was found that radical pupils had refused to attend classes and had threatened to stab teachers with knives. While the inspectors were engaged in a meeting with teachers, a group of pupils slashed a front tyre of their car."

"On their departure after the meeting, the pupils positioned themselves so as to stone the car, but the officials took a different route to another school."

"At Naledi Secondary School, another group of radical pupils approached the inspectors in the principal's office and threatened to kill them if they did not leave immediately. In the meantime, approximately 1 000 pupils stoned and set fire to their car — a brand new vehicle valued at R20 000, and with R400-worth of books inside bought by an inspector to further his studies."

The pupils then locked the gates, cut the telephone lines and converged on the officials, inciting one another to stab and necklance them, Dr Fourie said. The officials escaped unharmed "through the timely intervention of six policemen on foot patrol."

Dr Fourie said no effective education could take place under these circumstances.

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STAFF

A GROUP of assistant directors and inspectors of the Department of Education and Training were attacked but escaped unharmed in two separate incidents at Soweto schools this week.

The incidents took place on Tuesday when the officials had paid visits to Prudence Secondary School in Tladi and Naledi Secondary School to address educational matters

In a statement, Dr A B Fourie, the DET director general, said at Prudence it was found that radical pupils had refused to attend classes. They had also threatened to stab teachers with knives

Group

"While the inspectors were in a meeting with teachers, a group of pupils slashed a front tyre of their car. On their departure, the pupils had positioned themselves to stone the car and officials. However, the officials took a different route to another school," he said

Pupils slash car tyre


At Naledi about 1 000 pupils threatened to kill the officials

They also stoned and set fire to their vehicle valued at R20 000. Inside it were books worth R400 which were bought by an inspector to further his studies.

"The pupils then locked the gates, cut the telephone lines, and converged on the officials. They incited one another to stab and necklace the officials. They, however, escaped uninjured through the timely intervention of six policemen on foot patrol," he said

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NEARLY 1400 young people in Cape Town's African townships face the prospect of idling away the next 10 months.

Their applications to attend school have been rejected by the Department of Education and Training (DET) because of "unacceptable" documentation.

Parents and teachers fear this interruption will jeopardise the youngsters' chances of ever acquiring necessary qualifications.

The 1 390 pupils who have been excluded from attending school still do not know exactly why they have been denied the opportunity to study.

They were informed of the department's decision

by telegram, which simply read: "Regret application unsuccessful".

The department says the pupils were refused admission on the grounds that their examination results were "misrepresented",

"falsified", or their documents "inadequate" or "unacceptable".

But pupils interviewed by SOUTH maintained their reports and documentation met all the criteria.

Sonwabo Santi, 18, of Guguletu, a former pupil of Fezeka High, said he would probably look for work before he applied for school again next year.

Santi, a Standard 9

pupil, returned from a holiday in Ciskei on January 31 and missed the DET's first deadline of January 23.

He told SOUTH how he battled to get a response from DET after several attempts to register.

"On February 1 I went to the Circuit Office in Cape Town. A group of pupils were waiting in the foyer to speak to Mr Braam Olivier, the deputy regional director. Pupils were ordered to wait outside while Olivier spoke to parents who accompanied their children," he said.

"The parents were given forms to sign and state why their children applied late. I went to the circuit

office again on February 2. I was given forms to give to my parents to sign. When I returned the form on February 5, Olivier ignored the pupils. He walked out saying he was going to a meeting "

On February 1 a person at the circuit office who claimed to be a sports officer of DET gave him a form to sign for registration at XR3 Adult Training Centre - a night school at New Crossroads. He was ordered to report on February 15.

"I reported at the centre and was admitted. But I refuse to attend night school because I feel I am too young to attend a school for old people."

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Soweto pupils threatened to kill officials

JOHANNESBURG. — Pupils at two Soweto schools threatened to kill education officials when they visited the schools, a high-ranking education official said yesterday.

At one school a car belonging to one of the inspectors was set alight.

Dr. A. B. Fourie, director-general of the Department of Education and Training, said a group of five assistant directors and inspectors had visited Prudence and Naledi secondary schools on Tuesday.

"Radical" students at Prudence had threatened to stab teachers with knives, Dr. Fourie said.

"While the inspectors were meeting teachers, a group of pupils slashed a front tyre of their car."

Dr. Fourie said another group of "radical" pupils confronted the inspectors in the principal's office at Naledi Secondary School and threatened to kill them if they did not leave.

"In the meantime, approximately 1,000 pupils stoned and set fire to the inspectors' car, which had books inside worth R400, he said.

© An intensive manhunt is still under way on the Reef to track down a number of insurgents who injured nine municipal policemen in a grenade and AK47 attack in Mapetla, Soweto on Tuesday night. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

SOWETAN, Friday, March 11, 1988

MISSING LINEN - 200 SENT BACK HOME

TWO hundred students at the Soshanguve Technical College were this week sent home after being accused of having stolen pillows and blankets by the Department of Education and Training.

Only 60 students remained at the college after the rest had been ordered to pay for the "lost goods." Parents of the students are also required to give an undertaking that "their children will adhere to the school's regulations."

Mr J P H Felstead, DET's regional director for the Northern Transvaal, yesterday confirmed that the students were sent home on Monday after bedding was found missing at hostels. He said the affected students failed to pay for the goods they are alleged to have stolen and that their parents had not signed declarations.

Students told they must pay

According to sources close to the students, the goods alleged to have been stolen went missing after there was unrest at the college. This was after the February 18 incident in which students at the nearby Technikon Northern Transvaal were allegedly beaten up by security force members.

The *Sowetan* further established that when the students went back to the college the next morning, the principal sent them back. He allegedly told them to return on Monday (March 7) — the day when the 200 were not accepted back.

The items alleged to have been

stolen, sources stated, were removed from the hostels at the time when the students were away. They blamed the DET for making students pay "for other people's mistakes" and asked why the students' demand that unqualified lecturers be replaced had been ignored.

Mr Felstead dismissed these allegations as "nonsense" and said students left the school without the permission and knowledge of the principal. He said that they removed pillows and blankets.

He pointed out that those affected would have to pay for the items missing from each student's room.

● The nine students expelled last week from Technikon Northern Transvaal in Soshanguve will have to wait until Monday to know whether the institution will grant them an appeal or not.

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Pupil power causes chaos

156 SIPHO NGCOBO 11/3/80

THERE had been very little effective education at some Soweto schools for about a year now, the DET's chief PRO Job Schoeman said yesterday

Schoeman, commenting on an incident in which five assistant directors of education and inspectors were threatened with death by pupils at two Soweto schools on Wednesday, said some schools were in chaos

Schoeman said pupils were no longer doing their homework. They came late to school. They went in and out of classes as they pleased. Teachers were intimidated from time to time by pupils and feared for their lives.

On Wednesday three white assistant directors of education and two black inspectors were threatened with death by pupils of Naledi and Prudence Highs.

In a statement, director-general of education A B Fourie said Naledi High pupils threatened to kill the inspectors if they did not leave immediately, while about 1 000 other pupils set alight one of their vehicles.

Fourie claimed the pupils then locked the gates, cut telephone lines and converged on the officials, inciting one another to stab and necklance them

He said the inspectors escaped unharmed after six policemen intervened.

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For written reply

General Affairs

Infant mortality rate

387 Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Home Affairs

What was the infant mortality rate for (a) Blacks, (b) Coloureds, (c) Indians and (d) Whites in the Republic in 1986?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(a) 80,0* (Estimate — registrations incomplete)

(b) 31,6*

(c) 13,6*

(d) 7,0*

*Per 1 000 births

Gainfully employed people directly/indirectly in State employ

435 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Home Affairs

What percentage of gainfully employed (a) Whites (b) Coloureds, (c) Indians and (d) Blacks were (i) directly and (ii) indirectly in State employ in the Republic as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(i)

(a) 4 8%

(b) 1 5%

(c) 0 3%

(d) 4 2%

(ii)

(a) 2 1%

(b) 0 6%

(c) 0,1%

(d) 4 5%

Percentages as at 30 June 1987

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(2) (a) Zimbabwe 27

(b) Lesotho 32

(c) Swaziland 16

(d) Botswana 5

(e) Mozambique 49

Total 129

Children born in South Africa

495 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Home Affairs

How many (a) White, (b) Black, (c) Coloured and (d) Asian children were born in South Africa in 1986, (i) including and (ii) excluding the self-governing territories?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(a) (i) 72 955 (ii) 72 914

(b) 769 000* 421 950*

(c) 81 825 81 808

(d) 19 560 19 548

*Estimated

School buildings constructed

519 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(a) How many school buildings were constructed or caused to be constructed by his Department in 1987 and (b) what was the average capital cost of constructing these buildings?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(a) Primary schools 28 complete schools consisting of 700 classrooms and the addition of 142 classrooms at 11 existing schools Besides this 411 classrooms at farm schools were subsidized

Secondary schools 24 complete schools consisting of 1 064 teaching rooms and the addition of 468 teaching rooms at 18 existing schools

(b) Primary school for 1 000 pupils of R1,256 million

Secondary school for 1 000 pupils R2,932 million

(Escalation costs and professional fees excluded)

Total 37 423

(b) (i) and (ii) 37 423 Separate figures in respect of male and female persons are not being kept

(ii) In terms of section 16 of the Admission of Persons to the Republic Regulation Act, 1972 (Act 59 of 1972)

(a) (i) Zimbabwe 3 124

(b) Mozambique 26 870

(c) Botswana 2 669

(d) Swaziland 1 349

(e) Malawi 99

(f) Zambia 1

(g) Tanzania 1

(h) Zaire 1

(i) Gambia 1

(j) Lesotho 3 308

Total 37 423

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Focus on human rights

17/3/88 PAT DEVEREAUX (256) 911
The Black Sash on Thursday night launched its annual national conference, focusing on human rights, at the University of the Witwatersrand.

The three-day conference began with a candle extinguishing ceremony to symbolise the erosion of human rights in South Africa. It coincides with the 40th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights (which South Africa has refused to sign).

"Terror and disorganisation express what is happening in South Africa today," Mrs Mary Burton said in her presidential address.

Guest speaker, the Reverend Frank Chikane, roused the crowd to a standing ovation after he spoke on "South Africa — a country where human rights have been negated".

DET exam

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fees rise

THE Department of Education and Training's examination fees will increase from November this year.

The DET's director, Dr A B Fourie, said in a statement that this was decided after consultation and co-ordination with the other education departments.

"While every effort is made to contain increased printing and transportation costs, fees for examiners and moderators have necessitated an increase in examination fees. Since 1984, fees have remained unchanged

"The increased fees will still not cover the actual costs involved and the

department will continue to subsidise the Std 10 examination," he said.

The new fees for candidates of all races are:

Full-time Std 10 candidates — R44 (previously R39,60)

Private candidates — R6 a subject (previously R5 a subject).

Candidates have until April 15, 1988, to register for the department's November 1988 examinations

Further information may be obtained from the department's examination centres and regional offices

Has history in schools become a thing of the past? ask TED teachers

Star 13/88 SARA MARTIN (256)

The controversy over the higher grade history textbook and syllabus taught in Transvaal Education Department schools will be discussed today at a meeting of the Transvaal Teachers Association (TTA) in Johannesburg.

It will be chaired by three leading headmasters and attended by a chief history inspector from the TED.

Educationists and historians are hoping that the future of the subject in English-speaking schools will be placed in a clearer perspective. The subject became the focus of attention after the introduction last year of the prescribed textbook by Joubert and Britz, "History for Standard 10".

The book caused a storm because of its poor grammar and spelling and was condemned as "blatant apartheid propaganda" by historians.

Repercussions

"The meeting will debate whether history is going the same way as Latin in English-speaking schools," a spokesman told The Saturday Star last night. He does not wish to be named for fear of repercussions against his school.

"At the moment both history teachers and pupils are very discouraged about the subject.

"We will try to achieve a professional resolution to the deadlock. We will try to determine to what extent the textbook has affected both the syllabus and the history examination last year," he said.

Questions to be raised at the meeting include

- Are there ways of improving the state of history teaching in the Transvaal?
- What is the current state of the debate as far as teachers are concerned?
- Is there still a place for history in the curriculum?
- History and controversy: do the two go together?

The senior general manager of Perskor, Mr Jopie Strydom, this week confirmed the Joubert and Britz textbook had been withdrawn from Perskor outlets. Several schools have stopped ordering it.

Professor Napier Boyce, former rector of the Johannesburg College of Education, told the Saturday Star that as far as he knew "no new history manuscript had been formally accepted by the TED so far".

1 million blacks not attending school

D/A 23/3/88

Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — More than a million black children between the ages of seven and 16 were not attending school, the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said yesterday.

He stressed that his department was doing everything possible to reduce this figure

Dr Viljoen said pupils who were refused permission to register late for schools this year "did not really want to study".

In reply to a question from Mr Ken Andrew, (PFP Gardens), he said of 1 300 pupils who applied, one tenth was granted late registration.

Those refused permission to register should earn "pocket money" and enrol next year.

Mr Andrew asked what job opportunities were available for 13 and 14 year olds in the Cape Peninsula



DR VILJOEN

● From March 2 to 4, 5 310 pupils staged a stayaway at schools in the Cape Peninsula, Dr Viljoen said

A pamphlet urging pupils to "sympathise" with late applicants refused admission, by maintaining three "days of concern", was interpreted as a stayaway call

A counter-pamphlet pointing out the senselessness of stayaways was distributed by the Department of Education and Training

On March 7, school attendance was virtually back to normal

Since March 8, the average daily attendance had increased — Sapa

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By Zenaide Venderro,
Education Reporter

'Manipulation' row on black matric

The Department of Education and Training (DET) is shortly to respond to allegations in the book, "Black Matriculation Results — A Mechanism of Social Control", that it systematically manipulates black matric results

A spokesman said the DET had almost completed an in-depth study of the book, which claims the Government controls the output of black matriculants to suit the country's socio-economic and political needs

Educationist Dr Franz Auerbach has criticised claims made by the author, the late Mr Elmon Ngqabem Mathonsi

"It is true that historically the economic and political power structure has severely retarded African education," Dr Auerbach said "But it is not true that deliberate manipulation depresses matric results, nor do the facts cited in the

book 'prove' otherwise

"The Department of Education and Training — apart from any other point — obviously has no interest in making poor results worse"

The ongoing boycotts of classes and examinations, and the influence this could have on results, was not mentioned

A suggestion in the book that variations in black matric results corresponded with fluctuations in the level of economic activity was not possible

"There really is no way in which this kind of up-and-down change almost from year to year could be brought about, a point obvious to those who know how education systems

and public examinations actually work. Any correspondence between the two factors can only be accidental"

Another false claim was that marks were reduced because of shortcomings in the quality and behaviour of examiners

The book also asserted that the results of the Indian and coloured education systems have improved because the groups had been "co-opted" through the tricameral system

Dr Auerbach said it was true that Indian education was almost of a similar quality to that offered by the white education department, but coloured education still had a great lag

He said that the many inade-

quacies of the black education system had a profound bearing on both the holding power of schools and on matric results, but it could not be denied that the vastly increased number of candidates, and of passes, indicated that there had been improvements in the quality of education in the last 20 years.

"In fact, the substantial rise in the number of candidates who achieve Std 10 and university entrance passes may, in this general sense, be partly ascribed to the need of the economic system for greater numbers of better-educated African youths who can fill thousands of jobs once reserved for whites, and to improvements in the system made to respond to this need

"And while many inadequacies persist in African education, we can take some comfort from the fact that 77 500 young men and women — a significant number — passed Std 10 last year."

Pupils 'gatecrash' school

By MARC DOBSON

PARENTS of pupils barred from African schools in the Peninsula are to challenge the Department of Education and Training (DET) in the Supreme Court.

An attorney acting for the parents confirmed that his firm was preparing an application to contest the refusal to admit the pupils.

Some pupils whose applications have been rejected are as young as thirteen. At the moment they face being idle for the next nine months.

The Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said in Parliament this week that those pupils whose applications were rejected would

be advised to work to earn pocket money so they could attend school next year.

Only 154 of the 1 544 late applications for registration in the Peninsula were eventually approved. The DET claimed that the remaining 1 390 were turned down because of "misrepresented" or "inadequate" information.

'Regret unsuccessful'

Unsuccessful pupils were simply told in a telegram "regret application unsuccessful".

However, SOUTH learnt this week that many "unregistered" pupils "gatecrashed" their schools.

They are apparently slipping pass the

security guards at school gates every morning to attend classes.

One fourteen-year-old pupil told SOUTH that she had "gatecrashed" school for a week now.

"I decided I was going to go to school one way or another," she said. "I am too young to get a job. Anyway, I want to go to university one day so it's important that I study."

Meanwhile, the joint executive of the Democratic Teachers Union (Detu) and the Peninsula Teachers Association (Penata) is to meet this week.

Detu spokesman Mr Osborne Mbekwa said the registration issue would definitely be on the agenda.



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DET man 'gave son's company' R4,8-m contract

Political Staff

The Director General of Education and Training, Dr A B Fourie, was instrumental in giving a company in which his son had a financial interest a R4,8 million contract without taking tenders from competing firms.

Dr Fourie has been firmly rapped by the Advocate-General, Mr Justice van der Walt in a report tabled in Parliament, for showing "extremely poor judgment" and for not keeping his Minister properly informed.

But Mr Justice van der Walt accepted that Dr Fourie was "not aware" of his son Willem's financial interest in the firm Learn Tech.

Minister of Education and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said yesterday he felt no further steps were necessary.

"What Dr Fourie, on his own admission indeed knew all along, was that Willem was some or other manager of Learn Tech during

the relevant period," said Judge van der Walt.

Mr Justice van der Walt pointed out that the deputy Director-General, Dr D H Meiring, had signed a certificate saying that Learn Tech was the only company capable of developing computer education courses in March 1986, despite Dr Fourie and Dr Meiring having attended a demonstration of another system in the United States nine months previously.

He said the Department and Dr Fourie knew in February 1985, of yet another system.

Mr Justice van der Walt said he found it strange, however, that Dr Meiring's certificate — submitted to have the contract confirmed without going to tender — was accepted by the Commission for Administration and Tender Board.

He found, however, that the certificate of the Department "is most probably correct in relation to the moment at which the certificate was given".

But he added: "My finding is that the Department's certificate does not in all respects reflect the true state of affairs as it existed at the beginning of the Department's negotiations with Learn Tech."

Mr Willem Fourie and a friend Mr Clive Baron, who were in partnership in Wilbar (Pty) Ltd, decided to take advantage of computer education as a means of solving problems in black education, after Mr Fourie had discussed the issue with his father.

In his statement Dr Viljoen said he had discussed the Advocate-General's findings with Dr Fourie and Dr Meiring.

pointing a gun at Boesak's house.
Police have rejected the allegation as
"totally unfair, untrue and malicious".
The increasing number of death

Foundation for Peace and Justice.
"The battle lines have been drawn
and the NGK has clearly shown which
side it is on," Boesak said.

Teachers' salaries cut

TEACHERS' from African high schools in the Peninsula face salary deductions this month from the Department of Education and Training (DET) because of a three-day stayaway in February.

Teachers from Langa High, Fezeka High and ID Mkhize said principals were aware of this action but had not informed their staff.

Teachers at ID Mkhize said they were personally told by the DET deputy director, Mr Braam Olivier, shortly after the stayaway that deductions would be made to their salaries.

Teachers at the school last week held a staff meeting asking the principal, Mr I Tloti, about the pending deductions. He promised to show the staff their cheques when he received them, a teacher alleged.

Teachers said they were given a form to sign accepting salary deductions. They refused but were told by the circuit inspector, Mr AR Mshumpela, deductions would be made to their salaries despite their stand.

A DET spokesperson said teachers who were involved were informed that they would be debited with leave without pay for the days on which they were absent from their schools. The deduction would be effected on

the March paysheets.

One of the teachers said they should not be considered to have been absent on those three days.

They had been to see the department about education issues. They also worked three days before the opening of the schools at the beginning of the year.

The department's action follows previous attempts by teachers to speak to DET officials on education issues.

Last month about 200 teachers met at the department's offices demanding to see Olivier about the presence of the South African Defence Force at the schools, the registration issue, and the retrenchment and transfer of teachers.

They were handed a statement telling them the meeting was unscheduled and teachers had no permission to be there.

In an effort to resolve the problem Deputy Minister of Education and Training Mr Sam de Beer responded to a memorandum on the teachers grievances sent to him earlier and met with a delegation of teachers. Agreement was reached to extend the registration date but other issues were unresolved.

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Teachers suspended

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By SIPHO VANGA

FIVE high school teachers in the Cape Peninsula have been indefinitely suspended by the Department of Education and Training for allegedly being absent from school during January to March without leave.

Mr O M Mbekwa and Mr Ernest Henda of ID Mkize in Guguletu, and Mr Vuyo Hlaba, Mr Thembekile Plaatjie and Mr Zolile Fonya of Langa High School have been banned from entering school premises without approval of the regional director of the DET.

They have been suspend-

ed from duty without salary from March 31 pending a formal charge of misconduct.

The teachers suspected the suspension to be connected to their non-participation at a recent inter-schools athletics meeting organised by the DET at Green Point Stadium.

A letter from DET to one of the teachers alleged the teachers disobeyed an order from the department by refusing to complete leave forms.

Four teachers at ID Mkize received a directive from DET on March 28 to participate as officials at the athletics meeting. One

teacher at ID Mkize participated but two were suspended, a source at the school said.

None of the eight Langa high teachers appointed to officiate, participated but three were suspended.

"The department informed the schools on March 24 to prepare for the school's athletics meeting on Tuesday 29 which was impossible. Most schools were organising interhouse athletics meeting," one of the suspended teachers said.

One of the teachers, who refused to be named, said his school's sports master informed the department

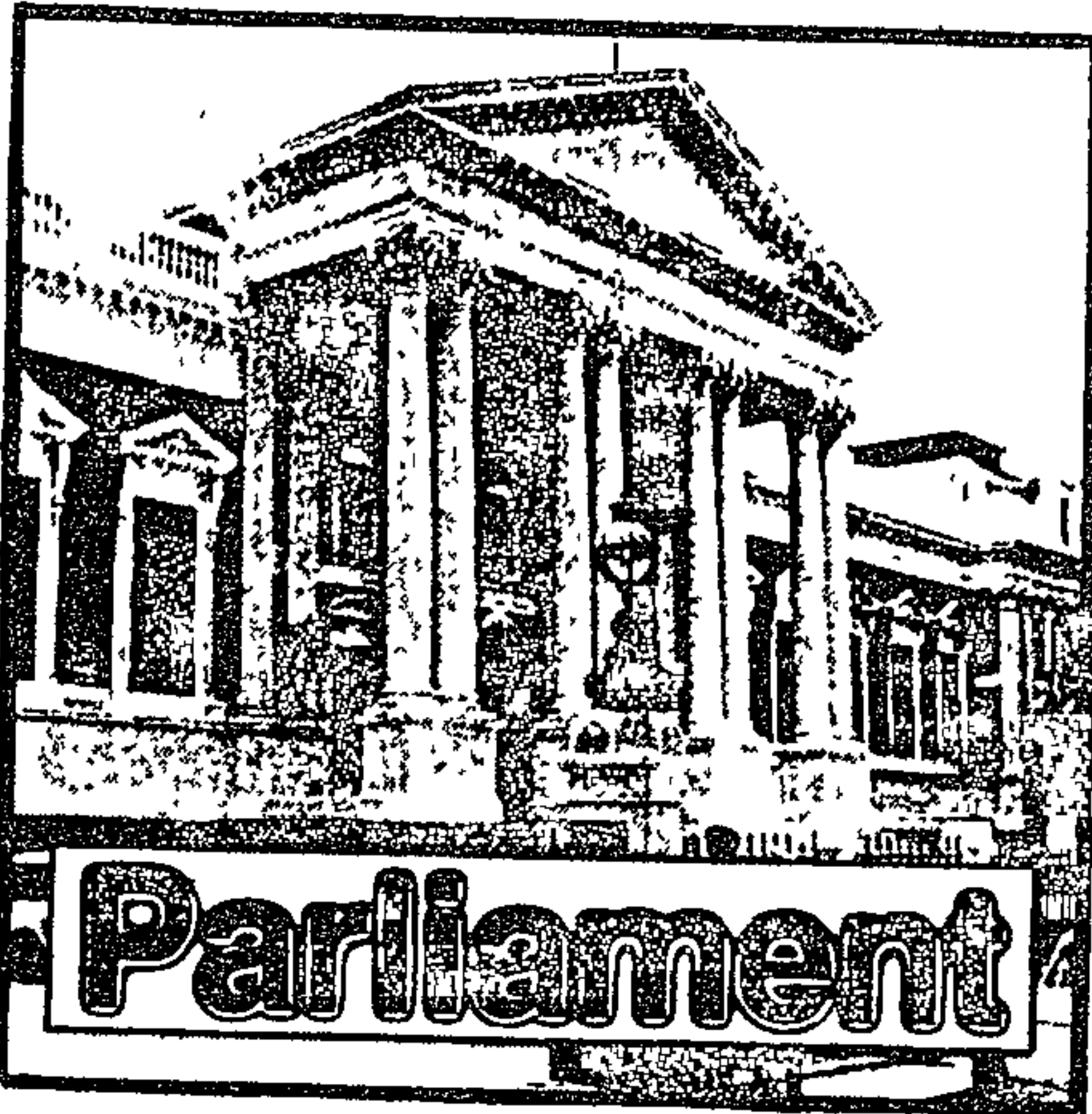
they were preparing for an interhouse meeting but the department ignored him.

Guguletu and Langa Comprehensive Schools, XR3 High School participated while Fezeka, Sizamile, ID Mkize High Schools refused to participate, a source at ID Mkize said.

One of teachers dismissed the department's reason for the suspension.

"We have been unnecessarily victimised. Many teachers did not sign the leave forms," he said.

SOUTH telexed the Department for comment but they had not replied by the time of going to press.



No action against police in Trojan Horse incident

CAPE TOWN — The members of the police force involved in the "Trojan Horse" incident three years ago in Athlone, Cape Town, have not been suspended while the attorney-general decides whether to prosecute them, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

Mr Vlok was replying to a question from Mrs Helen Suzman, (PFP Houghton).

At the present, these members of the police force were stationed at various police stations and were performing "normal police duties".

Mr Vlok told Mrs Suzman that the court record was a public document which was at her disposal.

At the inquest, the police involved in the Trojan Horse incident were held responsible for the death of two youths.

● The Defence Force will not take any action against the six soldiers who were to have been charged with murder in Namibia until the State President, Mr. P. W. Botha, intervened and stopped their trial.

The Deputy Minister of Defence, Mr Wynand Breytenbach, said no action was to be taken against six members of the Defence Force after the death of Mr Immanuel Shifidi.

Mr Shifidi died after members of the Defence Force broke up a Swapo rally at Katatura township near Windhoek. — DDC

DET to repair flood damaged schools

PRETORIA — The Department of Education and Training would repair flood, storm and fire damage to farm schools, the Director-General of the department, Dr A. B. Fourie, announced in Pretoria yesterday.

He said this applied to schools where the owners of farms were not in a position to undertake the repairs themselves.

However, where farmers undertook repairs, the department would subsidise them by up to 100 per cent of the estimated cost of repairs.

Damage resulting from unrest or unrest-related incidents was excluded.

"In the light of the recent floods in the Orange Free State and in the Northern Cape, when farm schools were damaged, it is gratifying that farmers can be accommodated in this way.

"Farmers with farm schools which suffered damage may obtain details from local circuit inspectors, assistant directors or regional offices," Dr Fourie said. — Sapa



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B/day 14/4/88

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — The solution to the sorry state of black education could not be found by insisting on a policy of own affairs education with its separateness and strong

apartheid connotations, Mike Ellis (PFP Durban North) said yesterday.

Speaking in the Budget debate, he said the problems in black education were the direct result of NP political decisions.

Ellis said: "The differences in standard between white and black education are so great and the divisions between the race groups that have developed are so deep that the task of equalising education is of gigantic proportions."

Ellis said a solution lay in a concerted effort on the part of all race groups working together and in the interests of the country to reduce as

Equality in all education call

quickly as possible problems and shortcomings.

"This requires not only money but the genuine desire on the part of the government and its many officials to eradicate problems as smoothly and efficiently as possible and to establish the mechanism whereby equal educational opportunities can be offered to all children in this country.

"This can only happen once all education is demarcated a general affair under the control of a single Minister of Education and education facilities are declared for the use of all race groups." — Sapa.

Barred pupils in Supreme Court plea

By MARC DOBSON
PUPILS barred from school spoke in papers before the Supreme Court this week of their unsuccessful efforts to gain admission. Parents of 14 pupils applied this week to set aside a decision by the Department of Education and Training (DET) refusing their children admission.

The parents claim the department's decision was "grossly unreasonable and unfair" and that in some cases it acted with an "ulterior motive".

Late applications of about 1 390 African pupils were turned down by the DET on the grounds of "misrepresented" or "inadequate" information. Luvuyo Williams, 19, from Langa

said was not aware of the registration requirements which stipulated that pupils should register before January 23 1988 - until he returned to Cape Town on February 2

He filled in four forms and was told on each occasion by DET representatives that he would be informed. He had not heard from DET

He had not failed a standard, he said, and had hoped to study science at the University of the Western Cape in 1989.

"As a South African citizen whose parents contribute towards the coffers of the Inland Revenue, I submit with respect that I am entitled to an education," said Williams.

Barrington Kalpa, 16, said he and his guardian had gone to the Francis Cultural Centre before January 23, to register

There were no more forms and they were referred to the circuit office

At the circuit office, police "barred our way so that we could not register", said Kalpa.

He was told to report to his school on Monday, February 8, but found the gates locked.

Circuit office

He then filled in another form at the Sivuyile Technical College. He had to give reasons for his "late" application.

At the circuit office he was told to fill in an application and to submit it with his Syd 6 school report.

On March 6 he received a telegram from the DET informing him that his application had been unsuccessful.

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3-day stayaway: 5 teachers suspended

Education Reporter

FIVE black teachers have been suspended without pay for alleged misconduct.

Mr O M Mbekwa and Mr Ernest Hendla of I D Mkize High School in Guguletu and Mr Thembekile Plaatjie, Mr Vuyo Hlaba and Mr Zolile Fonya of Langa High School have been instructed not to communicate with colleagues and pupils and not to enter schools.

They have been told that failure to obey could lead to charges of insubordination.

One of the suspended teachers said they had been charged with misconduct because they were absent from school for three days in the first term.

"I wanted to know if we were victimised because of the three-day stayaway by black teachers. But the department could not give me a clear answer."

On Wednesday, pupils held a placard demonstration at I D Mkize, demanding that their teachers be reinstated immediately. They said they would not attend classes until their demand was met.

● A telex requesting confirmation of the suspensions was sent to the department on Wednesday. The Argus has not yet had a reply.

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Mr De Bie attended a summer school on Town Planning and visited housing projects in England and Europe.

- (c) (i) The Department of Local Government, Housing and Works;
- (ii) The Minister on recommendation of the Director General;

- (2) Yes, Mrs Reynecke,

Hotel on own expense and fare by the State in terms of Public Service Staff Code D IV 6(1)(b)(IV),

- (3) No, but he was a member of the group referred to in (1)(b) above to no expense for the State;

- (a) and (b) Fall away

Closure of William Hartley Primary School

*6 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Culture.

- (1) Whether any regional council in the Durban areas has been approached in regard to the closure of the William Hartley Primary School, if not, why not, if so, (a) when, (b) which regional council and (c) what decision did this council reach.

- (2) whether any regional council in the Durban area has been approached in regard to the establishment of a phase 1 section at the Durban Preparatory School; if not, why not, if so, (a) when, (b) which regional council and (c) what decision did this council reach?

†THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (1) No, the closure was initiated by the school committee as representative of the parents of the school. The school committee negotiated with the school committee of a neighbouring school and, as consensus was reached, the Natal Education Department was requested to close the school. The regional committee (there are no

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- (a) because the NED provides for any costs incurred by regional committees (there are no regional councils in Natal),
- (b) see (a)

Greater Durban area: closure of schools

*8. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether consideration is being given to the closure of any schools in the Greater Durban area in 1988, if so, (a) which schools are being considered and (b) what criteria are being applied in determining which schools are to close?

†THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

No,

- (a) and (b) fall away

Schools: charging of tuition fees

*9 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture.†

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 2 on 15 September 1987, a final decision has been taken about the charging of tuition fees at schools falling under his Department, if not, (a) why not and (b) when a final decision is expected to be taken about this, if so, (i) what tuition fees have been decided on and (ii) (aa) why and (bb) when are they to be charged?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE.

No,

- (a) the matter is still under consideration,
- (b) when the necessary investigation has been finalised.

- (i) and (ii) (aa) and (bb) fall away

Pretoria Boys' High School: pupils addressed by Mr Clem Sunter of Anglo American

*10 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture.†

- (1) Whether, with reference to information furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, a certain person recently addressed Sid 8, 9 and 10 pupils of a school in Pretoria, if so, (a) what is the name of the (i) school, (ii) school principal and (iii) speaker concerned and (b) (i) on behalf of what organization did this person address the pupils and (ii) what was the subject of his speech;

- (2) whether prior permission was obtained for the person concerned to address the pupils, if not, why not, if so, (a) by whom, (b) from whom and (c) when?

†THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (1) Yes,

- (a) (i) Pretoria Boys' High School,

- (ii) Mr E M Armstrong,

- (iii) Mr Clem Sunter,

- (b) (i) although Mr Sunter is associated with Anglo American, he acted in his private capacity,

- (ii) an economic-futuristic projection for the year 2000,

- (2) no, permission was not necessary as the function was not part of the curricular programme, was organised in co-operation with the parents and took place after school hours;

- (a), (b) and (c) fall away

For written reply

General Affairs

Regional directors/inspectors/teachers employed by Department

*485 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

- (1) How many (a) White and (b) Black (i) regional directors, (ii) circuit inspectors of education, (iii) regional inspectors of education, (iv) inspectors of schools and (v) teachers were in the employ of his Department?

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ment as at the latest specified date for which information is available.

- (2) whether there are any vacancies in respect of these categories; if so, how many in respect of each category as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

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(a) White (b) Black Vacancies

(1) (i) Regional directors	7	Nil	Nil
(ii) Circuit inspectors of education (Assistant director Area Office)	39	18	3
(iii) Regional inspectors of education (Circuit inspectors)	1	171	11
(iv) Inspectors of Schools	Nil	Nil	Nil
(v) Teachers	2 181 51 794	1 605	

These numbers are as on 31 December 1987

Printing contracts awarded to two companies

825 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of National Education

- (1) Whether his Department awarded any printing contracts in 1987 to two companies, the names of which have been furnished to the Commission for Administration for the purpose of the Minister's reply, or to their associated companies and printing operations, if so, (a) in respect of what publications or printed matter, (b) how many copies of each publication or item were ordered from each company and (c) what are the names of the companies concerned,
- (2) whether these contracts were put out to tender, if not, (a) why not and (b) what was the total amount paid by his Department in respect of each of these contracts,

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publications published by the above companies, if so, (a) which publications and (b) (i) why, and (ii) what is the amount of the subsidy, in each case,

- (4) what total amount was spent by this Department in 1987 on printing and publishing involving (a) the above companies and (b) any other specified companies?

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(4) (a)	Peskor	R 68 078,34 + 12% GST = R76 247,74
(b)	Nasionale Pers	R 51 345,00 + 12% GST = R57 506,40
	Temco	R 8 494,15 + 12% GST = R9 513,44
	Pretoria Printers	R 16 001,00 + 12% GST = R17 921,12
	Caxton Limited	R 17 238,95 + 12% GST = R19 307,62
	Hooftstad Pers	R454 769,61 + 12% GST = R509 341,96
	CTP Printers	R 45 093,27 + 12% GST = R50 505,46
	Rogalan Printers	R 32 467,50 + 12% GST = R36 363,60
	Baron Forms	R 4 965,00 + 12% GST = R5 560,80
	Varnprint Business Forms	R 2 400,00 + 12% GST = R2 688,00
	VRB Printers	R 8 263,15 + 12% GST = R9 254,72
	INL Printers	R 50 960,24 + 12% GST = R57 075,46
	NBK Printers	R 10 662,00 + 12% GST = R11 941,44
	Vavio Plastics	R 2 030,00 + 12% GST = R2 273,60
	CPC Printers	R 2 281,50 + 12% GST = R2 555,28
	Keatlands National Printers	R151 687,08 + 12% GST = R169 889,52

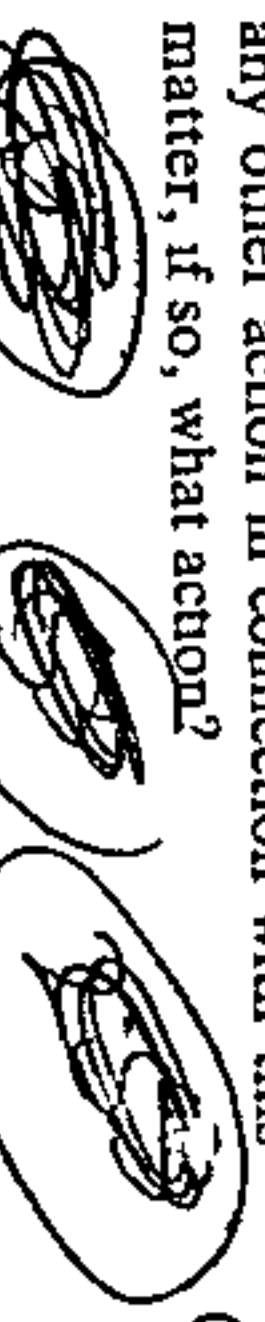
Simondium outpost prison: industrial school for Black pupils

852 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid +

- (1) Whether his Department purchased the Simondium outpost prison, near Paarl, to be used as an industrial school for Black pupils, if so, (a) for what amount (i) was the prison and (ii) were the grounds purchased, (b) what amount is to be spent on the creation of facilities, (c) how many pupils are catered for at present and (d) from what area will pupils be admitted to this school,
- (2) whether it is the intention to cater for a larger number of pupils in the future; if so, what is planned in this connection;
- (3) whether his Department intends taking any other action in connection with this matter, if so, what action?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

- (1) Yes (by the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs for use by the Department of Education and Training)
 - (a) (i) Prison R1 337 million
 - (ii) Grounds R0,135 million
 - (b) Approximately R3 442 million will be spent on new facilities, including the renovation of existing buildings
 - (c) 210 pupils
 - (d) countrywide
- (2) The maximum number of pupils in a school of industries is 360 Present planning is not for more than in (c)
- (3) None.



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Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — A *Readers' Digest* reporter introduced himself to the principal of a farm school as a Department of Education and Training official before writing an article on farm schools, the Media Council was told yesterday

Mr Moses Phekiso, principal of the Tsebong farm school at Viljoensdrift, near Vereeniging, was giving evidence to the council which is hearing a complaint by the department about the article entitled, "Farm Schools A lesson in lost hope", in the July 1987

Digest reporter said he was a DET official, hearing told

issue of *Readers' Digest*

Mr Phekiso said that Mr Roger Kenyon, author of the article, arrived at his school on August 15 1986 and introduced himself as Mr Kenyon from DET's head office.

Mr Kenyon said he was investigating the relationships between teachers and the manager/owners of farm schools, Mr Phekiso said

He took Mr Kenyon to his

office where they had a lengthy discussion.

"When he told me he was from *Readers' Digest*, I said it was unfair to have said he was from our head office"

He said Mr Kenyon promised to send him a copy of his article for approval before publication This was not done

He said *Readers' Digest* researcher Miss Sylvana Dantu called him in May last

year and read him the story

He objected to certain sections, but Miss Dantu became aggressive and said she had researched the story and would publish it

He said he told her to delete the section on his school because it was inaccurate and filled with untrue statements

Mr Kenyon denied misrepresenting himself

He said Mr Phekiso welcomed him in a manner which suggested that he was aware of his visit and the purpose thereof

The hearing continues

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Farm school article writer testifies

Staff Reporter

ROGER KENYON, a contributing editor of Readers Digest, has told the Media Council he did not claim to be a representative of the Department of Education and Training when interviewing the headmaster of a farm school.

He was giving evidence yesterday during the council's hearing of a complaint by the department about an article on farm schools in the July 1987 issue of Readers Digest.

Mr Moses Thesiko, principal of the Tsebong farm school at Viljoensdrift, near Vereeniging, alleges that Mr Kenyon, author of the article, introduced himself to him as a Department of Education and Training official.

Mr Kenyon said: "It would not be in my character. In any event, I laid my bona fides on the table with Anglo American, owners of the farm. There was no reason for any deception."

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Mr Thesiko had welcomed him in a friendly manner which suggested that he knew about his "mission", Mr Kenyon said.

Mr Kenyon said Tsebong farm school was well run.

Mr M A Diemont, chairman of the council: Would it not have been fair to say so?

Mr Kenyon: Possibly. The point of the article was to show our readers what the situation is like in the rural areas. I don't think many of our readers have ever physically seen a farm school."

Readers Digest editor Miss Wendy Pankhurst asked him if his article was a fair reflection of farm schools.

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Mr Kenyon replied: "Yes, it was very fair. I believe the article shows exactly what is happening in our rural areas as far as the education of children is concerned."

He told her that he had never promised to give Mr Thesiko a copy of the article before publication.

Readers Digest research editor Miss Sylvania Dantu said she read the article to Mr Thesiko twice.

Earlier, Mr Thesiko said Mr Kenyon went to his school on August 15 1986 and introduced himself as being from the Department of Education and Training in Pretoria. It was only after the interview that Mr Thesiko realised Mr Kenyon was from the magazine.

The department and Readers Digest agreed to explore a possible compromise.

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**Khayelitsha
school closed**

Political Staff

PUPILS at Njompa Primary School in Khayelitsha were not attending classes and no teachers were present, the PFP MP for Pinelands, Mr Jasper Walsh, said yesterday after attending a meeting outside the locked school gates.

He appealed to the Department of Education and Training urgently to investigate allegations by parents.

"Once again lack of communication and consultation between the department and affected parents, staff and pupils has created further dissatisfaction.

"The parents have a number of grievances concerning the way the school is run and the alleged misconduct of the headmaster, deputy headmaster and three teachers.

"They are deeply concerned for the safety and well-being of their children."

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Cape Times, Thursday, April 21, 1988, 1633 4

Irate parents take petition to DET

By PETER DENNEHY

A DELEGATION of parents of pupils at the troubled Njongo Primary School in Khayelitsha yesterday handed in a 400-signature grievance petition to the Department of Education and Training (DET).

The petition called for the transfer of the principal and deputy principal of the school and the reinstatement of a teacher, Mr Nkosinathi Mvunge, who has been suspended without pay pending an investigation.

Mr Leon Nel, deputy regional director of the DET, confirmed yesterday that he had accepted the petition and undertaken to reply to it today.

Several startling claims concerning sex, violence and alcohol abuse were made in the petition.

Parents who signed the petition also noted that "no action had been taken" about another list of grievances submitted to the DET in December last year.

Mrs Veronica July, Mrs Beauty Tim, Mrs Elsie Mahobe and Mrs Anne Lingwa said tension was so high at the school that most parents had not sent their children there at all this week. Classes had been held on only three days last week, they added.

SA phone Billion-dollar

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ensive School have left the staff in 1988, if so, (a) how many, (b) when, (c) what are their names, (d) why, (e) what (i) subjects and (ii) classes were they teaching and (f) what were their qualifications to teach those (i) subjects and (ii) classes;

(2) whether any such teachers have been (a) re-employed at Langa Comprehensive School or (b) employed at other departmental schools, if not, why not, if so, (i) which teachers, (ii) at which schools, (iii) why, (iv) since when and (v) what (aa) subjects and (bb) classes are they teaching,

(3) whether the teachers concerned suffered any loss in salary,

(4) whether any teachers who left Langa Comprehensive School have been replaced, if not, why not, if so, (a) which teachers have been replaced, (b) by whom, (c) since when, (d) what (i) subjects and (ii) classes are the new teachers teaching and (e) what are their qualifications to teach such (i) subjects and (ii) classes,

(5) whether there has been any change in the number of pupils at Langa Comprehensive School since the beginning of this school year, if so, what change?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID [Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House]

- (1) Yes
- (2) (a) Four
- (b) 31 March 1988
- (c) P H de Lisle, M A Helfrith, W W Jay, A Siegruhn
- (d) Appointments only until 31 March 1988
- (e) (i) & (ii) Mr P H de Lisle
English — Std 8, 9 and 10
Religious Instruction — Std 10

(f) (i) & (ii) Mr P H de Lisle M A. in English III, Religious Instruction — (none)

Mr M A Helfrith B A HOD (History III, English I, Geography Std 10)

Mr W W Jay S T D (Accounting Std 10)

Miss A Siegruhn B A S T D Afrikaans I, Religious Instruction — (none)

(2) (a) No

Temporary teachers are employed for specific periods and are replaced when suitable candidates are available

(b) Yes

- (i) Miss A Siegruhn
- (ii) St Francis Centre for Adult Education
- (iii) Miss Siegruhn who was the best available candidate
- (iv) 1 April 1988
- (v) (aa) and (bb) History Std 8, Afrikaans Std 8

(3) No

(4) Yes

- (a) Messrs P H de Lisle, M A Helfrith, W W Jay and Miss A Siegruhn
- (b) Mrs K Hartley
Mr C S Ntsiko
Miss A van Schalkwyk
Mr L P Rousseau
- (c) Messrs Ntsiko and Rousseau since 1 April 1988
Mrs Hartley and Miss van Schalkwyk since 1 May 1988
- (d) (i) & (ii) Mrs Hartley
English, Religious Instruction Std 8, 9 and 10

Mr Ntsiko
History, English, Geography Std 6-7

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Miss van Schalkwyk
Accounting Std 6-10

Mr Rousseau
Afrikaans, Religious Instruction Std 8 and 9

(e) (i) & (ii) Mrs Hartley M A in English + Education Diploma
English II, Psychology I, Latin I and History I

Mr Ntsiko B A, B Ed, P T C
English III, History III, Geography Std 10

Miss van Schalkwyk National Diploma in Internal Audit Accounting III

Mr Rousseau B A
Afrikaans III, Religious Instruction, Greek and Hebrew

(f) Charge sheets have already been served on the persons concerned. The legally prescribed procedures are now being followed. It is not possible to indicate at this stage when the cases will be finalized

(g) Messrs Mbekwa, Henda, Plaatyne, Hiaba and Fonya 30 April 1988
Mr Mvunge 28 February 1988

(1) Yes

(ii) An increase of 540 to 639 pupils

Cape Peninsula: teachers suspended from duty

*22 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

Whether any teachers in the Cape Peninsula have been suspended from duty in 1988, if so, (a) what are their names, (b) at which schools were they teaching, (c) when did each of them start teaching in the Department's schools, (d) what are the reasons for their suspension, (e) when last were they paid and (f) when will their cases be finalized?

†THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Yes

- (a) Mr O M Mbekwa
Mr M I Henda
Mr T A Plaatyne
Mr H L Hiaba
Mr Z E Fonya
Mr N W Mvunge
- (b) Messrs Mbekwa and Henda at I D Mkize Secondary School
Messrs Plaatyne, Hiaba and Fonya at Langa Secondary School
Mr Mvunge at Injonge Primary School
- (c) Mr O M Mbekwa — 27 February 1977
Mr M I Henda — 1 January 1977
Mr T A Plaatyne — 1 April 1983

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*23 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology

(1) Whether a certain hotel in Pilgrim's Rest, the name of which has been furnished to the Department of Trade and Industry for the purpose of the Minister's reply, is directly or indirectly controlled by any Government Department or statutory body, if so, (a) by what Department or body, (b) since when, (c) what is the

Royal Hotel, Pilgrim's Rest: admission of non-Whites



Parliament '88

**DET faced
pupil influx**

The removal of influx control had made it necessary to provide for almost 50'000 pupils more than the expected increase for 1987, the Director-General of the Department of Education and Training, Mr A B Fourie, said in his report tabled in the House of Assembly yesterday.

The expected increase, the number the DET made provision for annually, had been about 44 000. According to the report, the number of primary school pupils under the DET increased from 1,37 million in 1982 to 1,5 million in 1987.

fairs requested that all their archives be regarded as closed

- (c) Yes
- (d) No Access to archives relating to the South African Defence Force in the custody of the Archives Depot of the Defence Force may not, in terms of Section 9(7) of Act 6 of 1962, be authorized without the approval of the Minister of National Education in consultation with the Minister of Defence
- (4) Yes

(a) Archives of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister, Governor-General and Executive Council

- (b) (i) Such cases were considered during 1982, 1983 and 1985
- (ii) At the request of the departments concerned

(5) No

- (i) Lapsed
- (ii) Lapsed
- (iii) Lapsed

Administration of Legal Deposit of Publications Act

*28 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education

- (1) Whether the administration of the Legal Deposit of Publications Act No 17 of 1982 falls under his Department, if not under which Department does it fall if so, whether any person or organization undertakes the review of all South African publications to ensure that deposits are made to all legal deposit libraries, if not why not.
- (2) whether any person or organization undertakes the review of all South African publications to ensure that deposits are made to all legal deposit libraries, if not why not.

- (3) whether since the commencement of the Legal Deposit of Publications Act, he or his Department has had any legal proceedings instituted as contemplated in section 8 of the Act if not why not, if so, (a) how many such legal proceedings had been instituted as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) what was the result in each case

such other equipment needed to operate this courseware interactively

- (1) IVIS interactive video system with 30 terminals as a unit and courseware in Mathematics for Standards 8, 9 and 10
- (ii) March 1986
- (iii) R4 894 981,28
- (iv) Learning Technologies (Pty) Ltd
- (2) No
- (a) Falls away
- (b) Falls away

Purchases from Learning Technologies (Pty) Ltd

*30 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

- Whether with reference to certain information which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, his Department has been involved in business transactions with any business undertakings with which a certain person is associated, if so, (a) what are the names of these business undertakings (b) what is the nature of each of these transactions, (c) what was the total amount of money involved and (d) what is the name of the person in question?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

Yes

- (a) Learning Technologies (Pty) Ltd
- (b) The purchase of courseware for Mathematics Standards 8, 9 and 10 as well as the interactive video system needed to operate this courseware
- (c) R4 894 981 28
- (d) The name furnished is Mr W P Fourie
- The person at the firm concerned with whom negotiations for the purchase of the system were conducted is Mr Clive Baron
- Mr W P Fourie was at no time involved in the negotiations

Member of Police dog unit in Kimberley charged with offences

*31 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether, with reference to information furnished to the South African Police for the purposes of the Minister's reply, a member of the Police dog unit in Kimberley has been charged with certain offences as a result of a shooting incident which took place at Kakamas in February 1988, if so, (a) what were the circumstances surrounding this incident and (b) (i) with what offences has this member been charged and (ii) what is his name,
- (2) whether the Police investigation into this incident has been completed, if so when,
- (3) whether the involvement of other policemen in this incident has been investigated, if so,
- whether any other members of the Police Force are to be charged as a result of this investigation, if so (a) what are their names and (b) with what will they be charged?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) to (4) A member of the South African Police has already appeared in court as a result of this incident. The matter is therefore the subject of a judicial process. Consequently the requested information is not furnished because it could anticipate the judicial process.

Closure of railway line between Gingsindlovu/ Eshowe

*32 Mr R S SCHOEMAN asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

- (1) Whether the railway line between Gingsindlovu and Eshowe is closed at present if so, (a) since what date and (b) why
- (2) whether the South African Transport Services have taken measures to replace the services previously provided by means of this railway line if so what measures
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the planning in respect of the future use of the railway line concerned

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

- (1) Yes
- (a) 28 September 1987
- (b) As a result of washaways

Whether his Department is involved in the construction of a new road between Umdloti and Richards Bay, if so, (a) what works in respect of this road have been completed, (b) in what phases is it envisaged to build the road and (c) what is the estimated total cost of the road?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

Yes

(a) The first carriageway of the envisaged dual carriageway road between Ballito-ville and New Guelderland

(b) As 12 separate contracts commencing in the 1988/89 financial year to complete a dual carriageway road between Umdloti and New Guelderland and a new single carriageway road between New Guelderland and Mamedal on the existing road a short distance north-west of Richards Bay

(c) The total estimated further cost of the road is R376 561 000

Richards Bay - new police station complex

*7 Mr W J HEINE asked the Minister of Law and Order †

Whether it is the intention to erect a new police station complex at Richards Bay, if so, (a) what buildings will the planned complex comprise, (b) what is the estimated total cost of these buildings and (c) when are building operations expected (i) to commence and (ii) to be completed?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes

(a) to (c) It is envisaged that the construction of a new police complex, comprising a district head office, police station, mortuary and single quarters at an estimated cost of R68,5 million, will according to expectation, commence early in 1994. The preliminary construction period is 42 months. However, I wish to point out to the hon member that the expected date of commencement of the project may be changed as a result of various factors, *inter alia* the availability of funds

Instructions that no further action be taken against squatters

*8 Mr S C JACOBS asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether he or any person representing him has issued any instructions to the effect that no further action be taken against squatters, if so, (a) when, (b) to what areas do these instructions apply and (c) on whose authority was this decision taken?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a) to (c)

As the result of a notice of motion by the Vlakfontein Residents Committee in the Supreme Court, on 22 October 1987 an undertaking was given that the South African Police would take no further action against the Vlakfontein Squatters, pending the outcome of the notice of motion. On 4 December 1987 this undertaking was extended to also include the areas of Vereeniging, Grasmere and Fintown. The notice of motion is still pending.

†Mr S C JACOBS Mr Chairman

†Mr J H VANDER MERWE [Inaudible]

†Mr S C JACOBS arising out of the hon the Minister's reply will he tell us whether he is considering amending the Prevention of Illegal Squating Act in such a way that squatters will not be able to continue living where they are living illegally?

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, the hon member is supposed to be a lawyer

†Mr J H VANDER MERWE But you are supposed to answer the question!

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! This is the second time within a short while that the hon member for Overvaal has made a loud remark of that kind across the floor of the House. It will not be permitted. The hon the Minister may continue.

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, the hon member for Losberg is supposed to be a lawyer. So he should know that that Act does not fall under me. It is the responsibility of the hon the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, and I think he must put his question to that hon Minister.

†Mr J H VANDER MERWE Mr Chairman, on

a point of order. Hon Ministers are not supposed to be sarcastic about questions put by Opposition members [Interjections.] That is exactly how the hon the Minister of Law and Order has just acted. He told the hon member for Losberg that he as a lawyer ought to know better.

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! That is not a point of order. There is also no such written rule, or even a convention of which I am aware. The fact of the matter is that the attitude of one hon member towards another is determined by the behaviour of the hon members in question.

†Mr J J S PRINSLOO Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is the notice of motion of the residents of Vlakfontein also applicable to those in the Vereeniging area? If not, why was this undertaking extended to Vereeniging?

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, as I said, on 4 December it was also extended to squatters in other circumstances in other areas and that notice of motion must have been applicable. That is why it was extended.

Letters by Department to Central Mechanization

Committee/Commission for Administration

*9 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) With reference to the report of the Advocate-General in terms of section 5(1) of the Advocate-General Act, No 118 of 1979, on the purchase of the Ivis interactive video system by his Department which was tabled in the House of Assembly on 29 March 1988, who on behalf of his Department wrote the (a) detailed reply to the Central Mechanization Committee mentioned in paragraph 6 12 and (b) letter dated 26 March 1986 to the Commission for Administration mentioned in paragraph 6 17 of the said report,

(2) whether in the light of the findings made by the Advocate-General in his report in paragraphs 6 18 to 6 24 in general and paragraph 6 23 in particular, he has requested explanations in regard to the writing of the above-mentioned two letters, if not, why not, if so, what explanations were offered in each case.

(3) whether he intends taking further action

pursuant to these explanations, if not, why not, if so, (a) what action and (b) when?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(1) (a) and (b) The departmental letters referred to were handled in the normal way, namely that the draft letters were written by the Deputy Director Computer Assisted Education (Mr T P Metrowich) and checked and controlled by the Chief Director Education Development Services (Dr H A Moeke) and then submitted to the Deputy Director-General (Dr D H Meiring) for approval and signature. Where necessary, the above-mentioned three persons together edited and revised the draft letters.

(2) Yes

The Director-General and the Deputy Director-General supplied explanations in a personal interview immediately after the release of the Advocate-General's report as well as in the form of documentation and written input which was submitted to the Advocate-General.

The Advocate-General found (para 6 18) that "die sertifikaat van die Departement is 'n pel waarskynlik korrek met betrekking tot die tyd-stip wat oop die sertifikaat gegee is. Alhoewel die Advocate-General found further that there possibly was one other firm in command of the technological expertise and skills to develop a similar interactive video system, the situation in fact was that at that juncture no other firm actually had suitable courseware available. Without courseware any system is useless. Even at this stage such courseware is not yet available from any other firm.

(3) No

Non-White students accommodated in Hippokrates/Francie van Zijl hostels

*10 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning †

(1) Whether the Hippokrates and Francie van Zijl hostels of the University of Stellenbosch are situated in a White group area if so

Howard

(1) Yes A road transport service was introduced

(2) The economy of the line is presently being evaluated in accordance with a new branch line strategy. As soon as the results are known a final decision whether or not the line should be closed will be taken

Processed foodstuffs increase in importation/ decrease in exportation

*33 Mr D G H NOLTE asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology +

(1) Whether there was (a) an increase in the importation of, and (b) a decrease in the exportation of, processed foodstuffs, during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available, if so, (i) by what percentage, and (ii) why, in each case.

(2) whether his Department is taking steps to encourage more efficient manufacturing processes, if not, why not, if so what steps.

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

THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY

(1) (a) and (b) It should be explained that in the circumstances of the increasingly complex situation that South Africa faces internationally, particulars of the country's foreign trade are regarded as sensitive information of which an analysis in any form should not be made public. This applies so much the more in the case of agricultural products which represent one of the items singled out for international action against South Africa

(2) Yes When considering applications for the introduction of additional customs tariffs, the efficiency of local manufacturers is taken into account. Apart from this, Government is taking certain actions with regard to the improvement of technology

(3) No

Own Affairs

*1 Mr A GERBER — Education and Culture [Withdrawn]

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Meetings by outside agencies at schools: completion of TED 493 form

*2 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture +

(1) Whether school principals falling under the Transvaal Education Department are required to complete a TED 493 form in respect of each meeting held by outside agencies at their schools, if so, what steps are taken against school principals who fail to complete these forms, if not,

(2) whether the size of meetings is a determining factor as regards the completion of such forms, if so, what are the relevant particulars in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) No, the applicant completes form TED 493 for consideration by the local governing body.

(2) no

Mr A GERBER Mr Chairman arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is it left to the discretion of the school principal concerned to decide whether it is necessary for the form to be completed, and can the hon the Minister indicate to us how large the meeting may be before it becomes necessary to complete the specific form?

THE MINISTER Mr Chairman, I think it is unnecessary for me to reply to the hon member's supplementary question, because, in response to the hon member's original question, I very clearly indicated that the size of the meetings is not a determining factor. There is not an exact number of members which will give us that cut-off point. I also refer the hon member to the reply to his own question, Question No 2 of 29 March 1988, where he will obtain further details.

Non-White students accommodated in Hippokrates/Franche van Zijl hostels

*3 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture +

(1) Whether he will furnish information on the Hippokrates and Franche van Zijl hostels of the University of Stellenbosch if not why not, if so,

(2) whether permission has been granted for non-White students to be accommodated in the above-mentioned hostels, if so (a)

Howard

by whom and (b) how many non-White students are accommodated in these hostels at present.

(3) whether exemption from the provisions of the Group Areas Act has been obtained in respect of these hostels, is so, (a) when and (b) on what (i) grounds and (ii) conditions, if not what procedure was followed in this connection,

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

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Yes, in so far as it falls within my jurisdiction since the hostels are the responsibility of the council of the University of Stellenbosch,

(2) yes

(a) by me, but I wish to point out that this permission does not establish a precedent for the opening of other similar residences as each such application is considered in terms of Item 14 of Schedule 1 of the Constitution

(b) 7 in Hippokrates and 1 in Franche van Zijl,

(3) this question should be put to the Minister concerned

(4) no

Mr P W COETZER Mr Chairman arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware of the fact that the first application ever approved for a person of colour to stay in a White university hostel was approved by the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition in the days when he was still a Deputy Minister in the NP?

Mr J H VAN DER MERWE You still falsified those things

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon member for Overaal must withdraw the charge of falsification

Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Mr Chairman, may I address you on that?

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE No you may not address me on that

Mr J H VAN DER MERWE There was a debate on that matter

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! It does not matter. My ruling is that you may not accuse another hon member of falsifying things

Mr J H VAN DER MERWE I withdraw it, Mr Chairman

Mr H A SMIT Mr Chairman, on a point of order. The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition said the same thing

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE I did not hear it. Did the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition say that?

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I used the word 'falsified', but I did not use it in regard to this matter

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE I shall then leave it at that

Mr F J LEROUX If I were you I would rather keep quiet about that document. Your history with regard to that document is not all that unblemished

Mr D S PIENAAR It is a falsified document

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I do not think the supplementary question of the hon member for Springs necessarily arises out of the reply and we shall therefore proceed to the next question. [Interjections.] Order!

Policy directive on school sport/culture issued

*4 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether he or his Department recently issued a policy directive on school sport and culture to provincial education departments and schools, if so (a) when and (b) what persons or bodies were consulted before the policy was decided upon.

(2) whether this policy directive document is available to members of the public if not why not

(3) whether he will make the official policy directive document available to Parliament if not why not?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Yes

(a) 28 March 1988

(b) the ministerial representatives

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

the provincial education councils, the Committee of Heads of Education, and the Teachers' Federal Council,

(2) no, documents of this kind are intended for internal use by the provincial education departments and are therefore not made available,

(3) refer (2), a summary of the policy was, however, released to the Press on 1988-03-29

Mr R M BURROWS Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, will he not in fact consider issuing the full document, at least to hon members of this House, since the press release which is reported to be a summary of it, is at best incomprehensible and at its worst does not make any sense at all

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, no, I am not considering it, and on the basis of my reply to the second part of the question, in which we quite clearly indicate that these documents are for the internal use of the departments themselves, we do not make a public statement on them. I would like to assure the hon member, however, that my summary is indeed to a large extent exactly what is contained in the document

†Dr W J SNYMAN Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I would just like to ask him whether he has taken note of the fact that the postponement of his original statement with regard to this policy directive until after the by-election in Randfontein, was of no avail

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, in view of the fact that parents and parent bodies, in terms of the public statement made, are involved in this process of decisions, surely they should have access to the directives in detail so that they know what those directives actually are?

†The MINISTER The hon member is quite right, Mr Chairman. We realize it too. The directors of education have the full statement available. The directors of education naturally share it with their school principals, and their school principals also share it with the management councils so that the management councils know exactly what the directives are. In reply to his question I would further like to point out that this policy has already been cleared with the

provincial education councils, and in the provincial education councils there is representation of the parents and the organised profession, and they know exactly what the contents are

Purchases from Learning Technologies

*5 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether any (a) interactive video, (b) computer, (c) television, (d) video and (e) other specified equipment has been purchased by his Department from a certain firm, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if so, (i) what total amount spent on equipment and other supplies purchased from this firm to date and (iv) what is the name of the firm in question,

(2) whether there are any outstanding orders in respect of which delivery has not as yet been effected by this firm, if so, (a) what orders and (b) what is the total amount involved?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) No, no purchases were made from the firm Learning Technologies.

(1), (ii), (iii) and (iv) fall away,

(2) no,

(a) and (b) fall away

Notice issued under heading "Phasing Out of Rent Control"

*6 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Local Government and Housing

(1) Whether his Department issued a notice in February 1987 under the heading "Phasing Out of Rent Control" in respect of the Cape Peninsula, if so,

(2) whether any action has been taken or is to be taken arising from this notice, if not, why not, if so, (a) what action, (b) when, (c) in what manner and (d) (i) what suburbs and (ii) how many dwelling units have been affected?

†The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

(1) Yes,
(2) Yes,

(a) The phasing out programme of properties under rent control is implemented in administrative manageable phases in priority sequence,

(b) As from 17 February 1987,

(c) Regarding phase 1 questionnaires were sent to tenants of rent controlled units in order to determine which tenants qualify for continued rent control protection,

(d) (i) Bantry Bay

Clifton

Camps Bay

Bakoven

Hout Bay

Llundudno

Fresnaye

Rondebosch

Constantia

Bergvliet

Milnerton

Woodstock

University Estate

Blaauwbergstrand

Lansdowne

Pinelands

(ii) 905 units have been affected in phase 1 and have since been emptied from rent control

For written reply

General Affairs

Group Areas Act: criminal charges brought against persons in Western Cape

256 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice

Whether any criminal charges were brought against any persons in the Western Cape in connection with offences in terms of the Group Areas Act during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available, if so, (a) how many and (b) in how many of these cases were (i) convictions and (ii) acquittals obtained?

†The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The following information is for the period 1 March 1987 until 29 February 1988
No

I may add that the Attorney-General, Cape Town, has in respect of 130 dockets which were referred to him, not yet made a decision. Of these approximately 50 dockets were referred back to the South African Police for further investigation. The remainder are receiving the attention of the Attorney-General

Overseas visits

569 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Finance

(1) Whether he or any Deputy Ministers attached to his Department undertook any overseas visits in 1987, if so, (a) which countries were visited and (b) what was the purpose of each visit,

(2) whether he or these Deputy Ministers were accompanied by any representatives of the media on these visits, if so, (a) what were the names of the journalists involved, (b) which newspapers or radio or television networks did they represent (c) to which countries did each of these persons accompany him or these Deputy Ministers and (d) why,

(3) whether any costs were incurred by his Department as a result, if so, what total amount in that year?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

(1) Yes

(a) Switzerland

West Germany

Britain

United States of America

Chile

Brazil

Austria

Belgium

(b) Europe — to pay visits to banks and other financial institutions

USA — attendance of the annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank

Chile and Brazil — to discuss monetary and fiscal policy as well as the

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

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

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.

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 gun-point. 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

MINIMUM

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."

Barricades of anger

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BARRICADES flared in Western Cape townships this week as angry pupils took to the streets in protest at security force actions and the continuous harassment and detention of teachers and pupils.

At an urgent press conference this week, top educationists criticised police action at schools.

The conference heard that surveillance of teachers and pupils had reached "frightening" proportions.

Walkouts

Earlier, letters from the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) warned that police would "physically" put pupils back into their classrooms.

At Department of Education and Training (DET) schools this week pupils staged walkouts and stay-aways in protest against the suspension and dismissal of teachers.

Pupils are also angry over the department's locking out of hundreds of pupils, the blue-card system and security force actions.

This week five teachers from ID Mkhize and Langa high, suspended by the department for being absent

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Charged

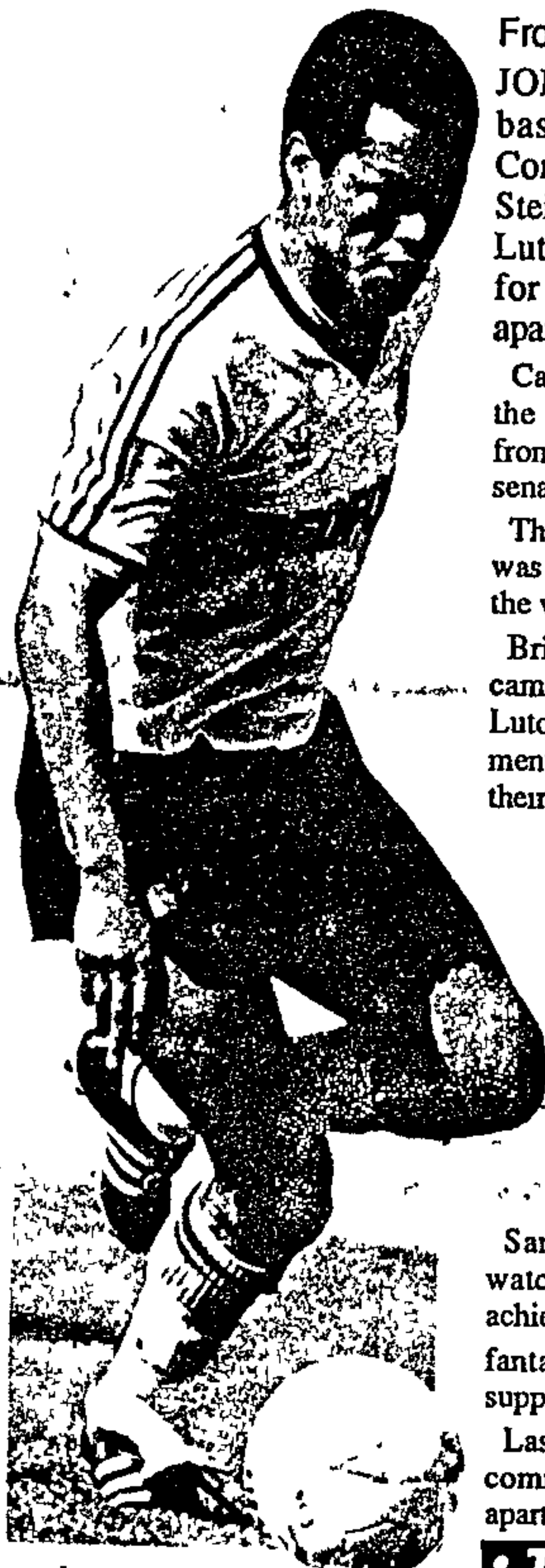
ment with another resident.

the three policemen - Constable A Mutte, Constable P J Koen, and Constable C Serfontein - first appeared in court on April 21.

The case has been referred back to the Attorney General pending further investigations into charges of murder, alternatively, culpable homicide.

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Exiled to fame!



From AMEEN AKHALWAYA

JOHANNESBURG. — The London-based SA Non Racial Olympic Committee (Sanroc) has hailed Brian Stein's brilliant soccer performance for Luton Town on Sunday as a "triumph for everyone involved in the anti-apartheid sporting struggle".

Cape Town-born Brian scored the first and the winning goal in Luton's trilling comeback from behind 3-2 victory over favourites Arsenal in the Littlewoods cup final.

The match at Wembley Stadium in London was watched by millions of viewers all over the world, including South Africa.

Brian and his younger brother Mark, who came on as a substitute and helped inspire Luton's dramatic recovery, had been instrumental in securing Luton's first major title in their 103-year history.

Banned in SA

Their father, Isaiah, who was banned in South Africa, left on an exit permit for England nearly 20 years ago. He is a member of Sanroc.

Brian has represented England and Mark is an England prospect. Isaiah Stein told SOUTH from London this week: "It feels great."

Sanroc chief Sam Ramsamy, who has watched the Stein brothers grow up and achieve fame, said "It was fantastic. Brian is one of Sanroc's greatest supporters."

Last year the United Nations gave him a commemoration certificate for his anti-apartheid work in sport.

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Pupils protest at Alexander Sinton High School in Athlone

Six pupils in court

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without permission, were formally charged with misconduct.

Mr Osborne Mbekwa, Mr Ernest Henda, Mr Vuyo Hlaba, Mr Thembekile Plaatje and Mr Zolile Fonya now have 14 days to admit or deny the charges

In schools on the Cape Flats tension mounted this week as groups of students burned tyres in some streets and a few erected barricades

In Mitchells Plain, Athlone and Bonteheuwel there were several unrest incidents which SOUTH is unable to report under the Emergency Regulations

Following these incidents many pupils were arrested.

Six appeared at the Athlone Magistrates Court on allegations of public violence. They were released into the custody of their parents and the case was postponed to May 20. The six students are from Sinton, Spes Bona and Groenvlei high schools

At the press conference at the University of Cape Town, police action was criticised by educationists who expressed concern at the mounting schools crisis

They included UCT vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders, UWC rector Professor Jakes Gerwel, and Mr Franklin Sonn, president of the Cape Teachers Professional Association (CTPA) and rector of the Peninsula Technikon.

Some accused the education authorities of working "hand-in-glove" with the police

The lack of press coverage of events at the

schools was also criticised.

Mr Andile Jonas, speaking as a "concerned educationist" and member of the Democratic Teachers Union (Detu), said he challenged and totally disagreed with a letter sent by the DET to parents blaming the schools crisis on "agitators and political organisations".

Sonn said the government was denying students and teachers the democratic right to express their grievances

"Once students are denied the opportunity to express themselves, this heightens rather than lessens the tensions"

Gerwel questioned whether education was being run by the education authorities or by the Joint Management Centres (JMCs)

Educational disaster

"In our schools, it is educationally unacceptable to try to educate at the point of a gun. As educationists we have to protest in the strongest terms. Exclusion of children from schools, for whatever reasons put forward, is criminal.

"The systematic and continual harassment and the exclusion of teachers from schools is an educational disaster"

Mr Jan van Eck, independent MP for Claremont, said "We are not dealing here with the Minister of Education, we are dealing with the security forces. If this continues the situation will worsen"

Moulana Ebrahim Moosa, of the Muslim Youth Movement, said the violence on school premises was outrageous.

Representatives of township Parents, Teachers, and Students Associations (PTSAs) said they were unhappy with the press coverage of the crisis

Mr Lawrence Hoepner, a Wectu teacher, told the conference he had been dismissed after 10 years at Manenberg High

"The degree of electronic surveillance taking place in Manenberg is quite unbelievable," Hoepner said.

Tapes had been made of conversations which took place on open fields, in the living rooms of parents, in classrooms

"It is really quite frightening. The situation at Manenberg has not changed at all. It is unbearable. There is a hand-in-glove relationship between police and the department. The department has high-ranking officials sitting on the JMC's.

A press statement endorsed by, among others, Detu, Wectu, Edasa, The Black Sash, Weesco, and the Call of Islam, was read at the conference

It said the response of the authorities was a "recipe for chaos and confrontation."

"We call for an end to the harassment of teachers and student, and for the release of detainees. We ask that democratic organisations be allowed to meet freely and consult with their membership, free from threats and intimidation. All dismissed teachers and suspended teachers must be unconditionally reinstated, as well as excluded DET students

"These are the minimum preconditions necessary to ensure a basis for negotiation and peace in the schools," the statement read

Boycotts ^{29/4/88} ^{Star} over teacher detentions ²⁵⁶

By Abel Mabelane and
Michael Tissong ²⁵⁶

Schools in Tembisa were deserted for the second day this week after pupils refused to attend classes in protest at the detention of a teacher, Mr Themba Mohambi, on Monday morning.

Pupils boycotted classes in Soweto over the detention of a teacher at a school there.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) Highveld regional director, Mr JH Booysen, confirmed today that there was no attendance at Tembisa high schools.

Mr Booysen said that Mr Mohambi was released yesterday and reported to school.

The DET Johannesburg regional director, Mr Gunther Merbold, confirmed today that there was a boycott of classes at Sekano Ntoane School in Soweto.

Police have not yet replied to an inquiry on Mr Mohambi's detention.

A Tembisa teacher said at his home today that no teachers would report to school.

The Tembisa boycott started yesterday after a mass meeting on Wednesday to discuss the detention of Mr Mohambi, who teaches English at Tembisa High.

The school's teachers submitted a petition to a Department of Education and Training official in Kempton Park, Mr T Mokwalo, earlier this week demanding the release of Mr Mohambi. They said in the petition that his detention would disrupt schooling in the area and would also lead to school boycotts.

in the area in question in terms of the report of the Fey Committee, I suggest that further questions in this regard be directed to my colleague, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

Detention of person in Mamelodi

*15 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 and (e) what is the name of this person,
- (2) whether this person is to be charged with any offences, if so, (a) when and (b) with what offences?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

(a) 25 March 1988

(b) and (c) He was arrested on a charge of assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm

(d) Mamelodi

(e) the name which was furnished by the hon member

(2) (a) and (b) The person has already appeared in court and was sentenced

Advertisement concerning certain church in Sunday newspaper

*16 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Information, Broadcasting Services and the Film Industry

- (1) Whether, with reference to information furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, (a) his Department or (b) he, from any moneys under his control, has provided any funds towards placing in a Sunday newspaper dated 17 April 1988 an advertisement concerning a certain church, if so, (i) what was the (aa) purpose and (bb) purport of the advertisement, (ii) what was the amount involved and (iii) what is the name

of the (aa) newspaper and (bb) church in question, if not,

- (2) whether he or his Department gave any financial support to any persons or group of persons responsible for placing this advertisement, if so, (a) why, (b) what was the amount involved and (c) by whom was it placed?

†The MINISTER OF INFORMATION, BROADCASTING SERVICES AND THE FILM INDUSTRY

(1) No

(a) and (b) Fall away

(2) No

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away

Botshabelo/Ekangala: representations from residents

*17 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 17 on 12 April 1988, he has received any representations from the residents of (a) Botshabelo and (b) Ekangala, if so, how many in each case,
- (2) whether he will furnish any further information on these representations, if not, why not, if so, what was (a) the purport of and (b) his response to each of these representations?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) (a) The application in respect of the incorporation of Botshabelo into Qwaqwa is still *sub judice*

(b) No

(2) No

(a) and (b) fall away

Mrs Sally Joanna Hutchings: deportation

*18 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Home Affairs

- (1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, was deported from South Africa on or about 31 October 1987, if so, (a) why, (b) what were the circumstances surrounding this

incident, (c) what is her name and (d) what was the total cost to the South African Government of her flight ticket, the Police guard from the time of the incident involving this person to the time of her deportation, and the Police escort to Jan Smuts Airport,

- (2) whether the Government paid out any other amounts in connection with this incident, if so, (a) what total amount and (b) in respect of what items?

†The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(1) (a) to (c) Mrs Sally Joanna Hutchings was removed from the Republic in accordance with an order for her removal, issued in terms of section 45 of the Admission of Persons to the Republic Regulation Act, 1972 (Act 59 of 1972). This action was taken due to an incident at a function where she hurled an object at the State President

(d) R2 611,20

(2) Yes Mrs Hutchings was accompanied by her 18 month old child whose air fare was R215

Rock lobster quota: payments by First National Bank to two Kalk Bay contractors

*19 Mr C B SCHOEMAN asked the Minister of Environment Affairs †

(1) Whether, in the 1986-87 financial year, any payments were made to two Kalk Bay contractors in respect of the rock lobster quota for that financial year, if so,

- (2) whether his Department has any financial statements showing the income and expenditure in respect of rock lobster catches in that financial year, if so, (a) at which institutions were these moneys invested, (b)(i) what was the balance in the account concerned at the end of that financial year and (ii) what interest was earned on that balance and (c) when will these moneys be paid to the fishermen to whom they are due?

The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS

- (1) Yes
- (2) Yes

(a) First National Bank
(b) (i) R241 949,96 as at 31 March 1988
(ii) R9 804,00
(c) As soon as I have received and approved the list of names submitted by the Identification Committee

Kalk Bay fishermen: rock lobster quota

*20 Mr C B SCHOEMAN asked the Minister of Environment Affairs †

- (1) Whether the rock lobster quota granted to Kalk Bay fishermen during his predecessor's term of office, was intended only for fishermen coming from Kalk Bay, if so,
- (2) whether certain fishermen, whose names have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, derived any benefit from the Kalk Bay quota while having their own quotas, if so, (a) why and (b) what are their names,
- (3) whether a certain person, who is not a Kalk Bay fisherman and whose name has also been furnished to his Department, currently qualifies to share in the benefits of the said quota, if so, (a) why and (b) what is his name;
- (4) whether five retired persons, particulars of whom have been furnished to his Department, are currently deriving any benefit from the yield of this quota, if so, (a) why and (b) what are the (i) names and (ii) particulars of these persons?

†The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS

(1) No

(2), (3) and (4) Fall away

†I would just like to extend a friendly invitation to the hon the member, that he is welcome to make representations on their behalf to the Identification Committee if he thinks that they should share in the quota

Langa Comprehensive School teachers who left the staff

*21 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

- (1) Whether any teachers at Langa Comprehensive School

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†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

General Affairs

Ozone depletion: attitude of Government

*1 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Environment Affairs

- (1) What is the attitude of the South African Government to ozone depletion,
- (2) whether any steps are being taken by the State to control the (a) consumption and (b) production of chemicals and/or products which cause ozone depletion, if so, what steps,
- (3) whether any steps are being taken by the State to increase public awareness of ozone depletion, if not, why not, if so, what steps?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS

(1) The South African Government is concerned about the allegations that certain man-made substances may be depleting the protective ozone layer. The latest scientific evidence is continuously being examined in order to assess whether and to what extent such depletion is occurring and whether it represents a threat to the environment.

(2) (a) and (b) No. Should scientific evidence indicate that certain man-made substances may be depleting the ozone layer to the detriment of the environment, the Government would consider acceding to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and adopting the Montreal Protocol on Chlorofluorocarbons. This Protocol calls for a phased reduction in the production and use of these substances. In order to adequately substantiate a decision on acceding to the Convention and adopting the Protocol, evidence is presently being collected to assess the economic and strategic implications of such a phased reduction and the local availability of alternative substances.



Financial/other assistance to certain organization

*2 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Defence

- (1) Whether the South African Defence Force has any information on a certain organization, the name of which has been furnished to the Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply, if so, (a) what is this information and (b) what is the name of the organization concerned,
- (2) whether the Defence Force is in any way involved in rendering (a) financial, and (b) any other forms of, assistance to this organization, if so, (i) what was the amount of this financial assistance during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available and (ii) what are the particulars of the other forms of assistance so rendered?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(1) and (2) I have fully explained the attitude of the SA Defence Force and myself with regard to the countering of subversion and propaganda actions against the Republic and the Security Forces on numerous occasions in this House. I therefore find it most unfortunate that the hon member is apparently determined to question and cast suspicion on any organization or publication which seemingly supports such counter actions. I am not prepared to support him in this. He can, however, rest assured that the SA Defence Force cannot spend a single cent without it being audited by the Auditor-General. If he suspects or wishes to imply that any money has been spent in an improper manner he is welcome to refer the matter to the Advocate-General.

Recreational resorts/out-of-school sports facilities planned

*3 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Development

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Whether his Department is planning any recreational resorts and out-of-school sports facilities for the current financial year, if so, (a) what (i) resorts and (ii) facilities and (b) what total amount is it estimated will be involved?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

Yes, in the case of the Department of Development Aid

(a) (i) (1)

In co-operation with Qwaqwa, the first phase development of a recreational resort at Botshabelo, which will include a kiosk, picnic spots, ablution blocks, a recreational hall and playground

(2) The erection of a restcamp on the hiking trail at the Blouberg Nature Reserve in the District of Pietersburg

(3) The erection of a wilderness camp and picnic spots at the Lekgalameitse Nature Reserve in the District of Letaba

(4) The erection of a caravan camp at the Arabee dam Nature Reserve in the District of Groblersdal

(5) The erection of a wilderness camp and the laying out of hiking trails at the Ntubeni Nature Reserve in the District of Port Shepstone

(ii) (1) Botshabelo — The erection of an indoor arena and change rooms at the soccer stadium

(2) Imbali — The planning and commencement of a sport complex consisting of a soccer field, athletics track and a tennis court

(3) Ashdown — Enlarging of the existing soccer field

(4) Clermont — Erection of a soccer stadium, combi court and practice wall

(5) Ngutu — The planting of grass and the provision of water,

temporary seating and a kiosk at the soccer stadium

(6) Soshanguve — Two soccer fields as well as the erection of change rooms at the soccer stadium and the two existing soccer fields

(7) Nondweni — The erection of a sport complex with amongst others a soccer field and an athletics track.

(8) Inanda — The development of a soccer field, six combi courts and a swimming pool

(9) Tshame — The levelling of a site for general sports

(b) R7 742 115

No, in the case of the Department of Education and Training

(a) and (b) fall away

NOTE

(1) The responsibility for recreation resorts is at present being transferred to the Provincial Administration

(2) An amount of R11 200 000 has been budgeted for the completion of out-of-school sports facilities initiated during the previous financial year

(3) Projects currently under construction, approximately 259

John Vorster Square: special group areas police squad stationed

*4 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether a special group areas police squad has been stationed at John Vorster Square in Johannesburg, if so, (a) since when has this squad been in existence and (b) what is the purpose of the squad,

(2) whether this squad visited Cape Town in 1987 and 1988 to investigate alleged contraventions of the provisions of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, if so, on how many occasions,

(3) whether any other similar squads are in existence within the South African Police

Force, if so, (a) how many and (b) where are they stationed?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) (a) and (b) I refer the hon member to my reply to oral Question No 5 of 9 June 1987

(2) Yes On one occasion during 1987

(3) Yes

(a) and (b) One such unit was established at C R Swart Square, Durban, after July 1987

Upgrading of Kwaamevane Township: amount allocated

*5 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 5 on 25 August 1987, his Department has allocated the amount of approximately R1,5 million for the upgrading of Kwaamevane Township, near Howick, if not, why not, if so, for what purpose was this amount utilized,

(2) whether additional funds will be allocated in this regard in the 1988-89 financial year, if not, why not, if so, what is the amount involved?

THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

(1) No, but the National Housing Commission has approved a project in respect of planning fees (design) to the amount of R70 000 of which R18 778 was spent during the 1987/88 financial year

(2) Yes, an amount of R11 223 as applied for by the Natal Provincial Government, has been earmarked for the continuation of the planning (design)

Contact with Mr Nelson Mandela

*6 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Justice

With reference to his reply to Question No 4, standing over, on 29 March 1988, (a)(i) at which prison institution or institutions and (ii) on how many occasions has he had contact with Mr Nelson Mandela and (b) what was the (i) date and (ii) purpose of each of these meetings?

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

As mentioned in my reply to Question No 4 on 29 March 1988 I do visit prisons and I do have contact with individuals and groups of prisoners under various circumstances. In this process I have had contact with Mr Nelson Mandela. However, I do not deem it desirable to deal with details regarding specific prisoners in public

Meeting with Mr Nelson Mandela outside prison premises

*7 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Justice

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 4, standing over, on 29 March 1988, he has at any time met with Mr Nelson Mandela outside prison premises, if so, (a) what was the purpose of these meetings and (b)(i) when and (ii) where did they take place?

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The hon member is referred to my reply to the previous Question

Countries in Africa which have accorded landing rights to SAA

*8 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs.

Whether he will furnish the names of the countries in Africa which have accorded landing rights to the South African Airways, if not, why not, if so, (a) what are their names and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

Yes.

(a) Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mombasa, Zambia Malawi, Zimbabwe and Ivory Coast

(b) 22 April 1988

Locust control amount spent

*9 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Agriculture

(1) What amount was spent on locust control during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available.

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DET not seeking any confrontation 256

From A B FOURIE, Director-General, Education and Training (Cape Town):

PERMIT me to comment on some allegations in a letter by Sue Philcox (Letters, April 26)

The claim that "it would seem the DET does not want the schools to run successfully" is a conclusion drawn from a number of allegations based on incomplete information and questionable assumptions

Ms Philcox's very real concern for all facets of education is shared by the Department of Education and Training, which does not seek confrontation or anything else which might impede or jeopardize normal schooling. The successful provision of education is the sole objective.

It should be evident that while minor infringements are part of any enterprise involving adolescents, at a certain point it becomes necessary for those responsible for the enterprise to draw lines and, where unavoidable, confront those who would endanger the learning process for others

Ms Philcox gives the impression that "hundreds of pupils who wish for schooling" who are, apparently, denied available facilities by the Department, are prepared to accept their roles in the educational partnership

Unfortunately there is a militant minority able with, we believe, considerable misguided sympathy, to thwart and sabotage the educational engagement.

There are a number of duties associated with the right to education. While space in your paper prevents detailed treatment, it is sufficient to note that unless pupils behave in a reasonable, civilized way, an education authority cannot do its duty. The authority also has a duty to those who do wish to learn.

In an attempt to provide some factual basis for an appraisal of the tragic situation the following is germane.

● Teachers are professionals who undertake contractual obligations. Breaches of contract are investigated according to fixed procedures implemented by all education departments. Teachers, as professionals, have recourse to procedures to ensure their rights.

One feels constrained to ask a number of questions about Ms Philcox's letter, questions which bring to light certain implications

First, "five teachers were suspended on what appear to be set-up charges". Suspension occurs when serious breaches of contract are being investigated. The Department implements this procedure only after discussion with the teachers concerned and requests for adherence to contractual obligations.

Ms Philcox would seem to have taken it on herself to appraise professionalism ("These teachers are able and caring"). One assumes they are or they would not have been appointed but one must wonder about Ms Philcox's criteria. Caring about what? The long-term welfare of their pupils? Their professional responsibilities? Their firm belief in ideals which they cannot reconcile with Departmental policies? If the last, then one must respect their integrity but ask why they have not either aired their grievance through a recognized professional association to the Minister or, if they felt compelled to do so, resigned. Whatever their end, professionalism should pre-

vent collusion or any other action which thwarts pupils acquiring knowledge

To cite another series of judgements "There seems little point in the state spending millions on black education if their officials are permitted to create such resentment in the schools and in the community by antagonizing pupils, teachers and parents"

No official is ever permitted to do these things. However adolescent resentment toward adults as authority figures has been recorded since Egyptian times. While the Department takes cognizance of this and does all in its power to create harmonious school communities, it can hardly be held culpable for all resentment.

Regulations are being finalized to extend new structures for parents and communities to have even more representation in decisions on education. These encompass matters from school uniforms to the curriculum. Comprehensive avenues exist for parents and communities to express grievances.

The Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Sam de Beer, and senior officials have on a number of occasions held lengthy talks with teachers and parents in areas where schooling is being jeopardized. On more than one occasion they have received assurances from parents and teachers that they would play their part in normalizing schooling.

Any contribution which Ms Philcox can make towards expediting the swift return to normal schooling would be most welcome by all concerned

POLITICS

Andrew says DET report 'not credible'

Star 5/5/88 Political Staff

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It was "embarrassing" for white MPs in the House of Assembly to be debating black education while not one black person could be in the chamber to take part in the discussion, said the Progressive Federal Party spokesman for black education, Mr Ken Andrew.

Mr Andrew said the 1987 DET report was thorough in many respects but lacked credibility on some key issues.

The report claimed that there had been "virtually no disruption of education in 1987".

Accepting that the nature and intensity of disruption varied, there was still simply no truth in this claim.

The Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen had given figures in response to questions put in Parliament that were at variance with the report's conclusion, said Mr Andrew. These figures revealed that 147 schools had been affected by boycotts or disturbances in 1987 involving some 128 022 pupils. Twenty-six percent of black high schools were affected last year.

He criticised too the fact that the report buried the 53 percent matric failure rate in black schools in Part 2 of the document instead of presenting it in the main 113-page body of the report.

Deputy Minister Mr Sam de Beer said the disruptions at schools had to be seen in perspective. How did you measure the intensity of disruption? There had been an improvement, he said. "We are making great progress."

Gerrit Viljoen 'on way out' 256

The Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, was at one time a "fiery Afrikaner" but had since undergone an ideological turnaround, Dr Willie Snyman (CP Pietersburg) said yesterday.

Rumour had it that Dr Viljoen was on his way out and would soon be replaced in the Cabinet by a black man, Dr Snyman said in committee stage debate of the development aid budget vote.

The Conservative Party was not against developing and raising the standard of the independent black states provided it was good development, he said. — Sapa.

DET plans ^{DID 4/5/88} more schools in Stutt, Komga, Q'town ²⁵⁶

Daily Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — New primary and secondary schools for Komga, Stutterheim, and Queenstown are planned by the Department of Education and Training (DET)

They are among a number of departmental projects in the Eastern Cape, according to the regional representative for the DET in the Cape, Mr Bill Staude

In Qumrha, Komga, in the King William's Town circuit, the plans include a primary school of 16 classrooms, providing 640 additional places, and one 36 classroom secondary school in Cumakala, Stutterheim, providing 1 260 additional secondary places

The department intends building 12 additional classrooms at Ginsberg, King William's Town, and a 30 classroom secondary school at Queenstown

Twenty-four prefabricated primary and six secondary classrooms are being built in Gompo Town, East London

Two prefabricated classrooms for primary pupils are being built in Jeffreys Bay and five primary classrooms in Patensie

Nine prefabricated secondary classrooms are under construction in Colesberg

Seven primary schools and a secondary, providing accommodation for 7 890 pupils, are planned for Port Eli-

zabeth and should be completed by February next year

Two of the primary schools will be in the new suburbs of Kwadwesi and Kwamagxaki, three in Motherwell and two in Zwide,

In the Uitenhage circuit two 24 classroom primary schools in Kwano-buhle providing 1 920 additional primary places are planned

Mr Staude said the department's building programme excludes the building of laboratories, workshops or administrative blocks

He would not say how much the department would spend on the building of classrooms and schools.

He said planning for the provision of school buildings was based on an analysis of the annual demographic survey of black residential areas throughout the region

He said the building of schools destroyed by vandals would only be authorised if communities for whom new buildings projects had been planned agreed that the funds earmarked for those projects should be used instead for rebuilding of a destroyed school

"Senseless and wanton destruction of schools seriously retards the attainment of our common goal — namely that there should be sufficient accommodation for all of our pupils who wish to attend school," Mr Staude said

No lessons on Friday, says DET

Star 10/5/83
Education Reporter
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Friday has been declared a school holiday.

The director-general of Education and Training (DET), Dr A B Fourie, said in Pretoria yesterday that black schools would also be closed on Friday.

As Friday follows the Ascension Day public holiday, pupils will enjoy a four-day weekend.

Dr Fourie said the 1988 school calendar for DET schools showed Friday as a normal school day but it had been decided to declare it a holiday to bring the calendar into line with those of other education departments.

He said the ruling applied to all DET schools, including schools for special education.

White schools in the Transvaal and the Free State, as well as coloured schools throughout the country, also have Friday as a holiday.

DET to examine syllabuses

Three specially appointed committees of the Department of Education and Training (DET) had been examining ways of ensuring greater relevance in syllabuses and material for black schools, the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said in the House of Delegates yesterday.

Replying to debate on the Education Vote, he said the recommendations of these committees would be submitted to the Committee for Pre-tertiary Academic Policy of the Department of National Education.

He said this department had umbrella authority for ensuring uniform norms for all education departments.

One of the recommendations was that in a subject such as history, a section of the syllabus should be common core learning matter applicable to all population groups, while allowances should also be made for a choice among various commonly approved themes accredited with the Statutory Certification Council, Dr Viljoen said. — Sapa.

RAJBANSI (258)

A PRESS conference called by Mr. Amichand Rajbansi, beleaguered House of Delegates Chief Minister, last week — and later cancelled — finally went a head on Friday.

But reporters had hoped in vain for a clear-cut answer to their main question: Had Mr. Rajbansi regained his overall majority, or did he intend to resign?

The chief minister said he still hoped to win back members and it was not true that the State President, Mr. P. W. Botha, was "protecting" him.

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(b) (i) The delay was caused due to the extension of one of the previous construction phases. In the domestic terminal the mezzanine floor was extended and windows were installed in the restaurant

(ii) As a result of this passengers are being handled in a separate temporary international terminal

(3) Yes

(a) That the international terminal be completed by November 1988

(b) The Durban Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

(c) On 25 and 29 April 1988

(4) Yes The contractor has been earnestly requested to complete the work by November 1988 if at all possible

Scientology

*15 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development

(1) Whether any action has been taken in regard to any of the recommendations contained in the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Scientology (RP 55/1973), if not why not, if so, (a) what action has been taken in regard to each recommendation and (b) when was such action taken.

(2) whether any further action is envisaged or has been taken in regard to the Scientology organization, if not, why not, if so, (a) what further action and (b) when,

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

†The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

(1) Yes, (a) and (b) Section 37 of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Professions Act 1974 (No. 56 of 1974) makes provision for the regulation of various activities regarding the practice of clinical psychology

(2) No, not up to this stage, but the activities of the Organisation are continuously assessed

(3) No

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*16 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order

Search of offices

(1) Whether, since 1 January 1987, any members of the South African Police have investigated and/or searched the offices of a certain organization, the name of which has been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, if so, (a) when did these investigations and/or searches take place, (b) which offices were searched (c) what (i) was the purpose and (ii) were the results of these investigations and/or searches and (d) what is the name of this organization.

(2) whether any charges have been laid against this organization, if so, what charges.

(3) whether the Police have forwarded a docket on the activities of this organization to the Attorney-General, if so, with what result.

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

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) to (3) The offices of the organization concerned were searched in Johannesburg on 22 September 1987 and in Cape Town on 16 November 1987 as a result of an investigation in terms of section 37 of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Services Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974) The case docket has been referred to the Attorney-General for his decision This decision is being awaited, therefore, the required information is not furnished

(4) No

Absence of teachers

*17 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) Whether any teachers from Cape Peninsula schools absented themselves without leave for all or part of (a) 11 February 1988 and (b) the period 15 to 17 February 1988, if so (i) approximately how many and (ii) for what purpose,

(2) whether these teachers made any representations to the Department (a) on

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11 February 1988 and (b) during the period 15 to 17 February 1988, if so, (i) what was the nature of these representations, (ii) to whom were they made and (iii) what was his Department's response?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID [Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House]

(1) (a) Yes

(b) Yes

(i) 166 on 11 February
252 on 15 February
239 on 16 February
238 on 17 February

(ii) In the case of 115 of the 166 on 11 February in order to pay an unauthorized visit to the Circuit Office In the case of the remainder the reason is not known On 16 February, 160 of the 239 teachers paid an unauthorized visit to the Circuit Office

In the case of the remainder of the teachers who were absent on 16 February and in the case of all the absent teachers on 15 and 17 February it is assumed that the stay away action resulted from an appeal to lodge a three-day boycott of classes

(2) (a) Yes, during the morning of 11 February

(b) Yes, during the morning of 16 February

(i) To make representations regarding the admission of pupils at schools

(ii) Deputy Directors Cape Town Circuit

(iii) On 11 February the teachers were addressed by the Deputy Director and he reminded them of the correct procedures when lodging complaints They were also told that the Deputy Director was prepared to meet the principals of the schools concerned at 16h00 on that day They were invited to nominate two teacher representatives of

each school to accompany the principals

The teachers were instructed to return to their schools immediately in order to teach the pupils who were left on their own This they did not do

Nobody attended the meeting which was arranged for that afternoon However, on 12 February the Circuit Office received a letter from the teachers demanding an interview with the Deputy Director and his colleagues

An interview was not granted to the teachers because

(a) the meeting was unauthorized

(b) they ignored the previous invitation

(c) they were absent from the school during school hours without leave

(d) the Deputy Minister had already consented to give a group of teachers a hearing at 15h00 that same afternoon

Two letters were handed to the teachers in which they were notified that their behaviour was irregular and in which they were reminded of the correct channels of communication

Circumstances surrounding death of person

*18 Prof N J J OLIVIER asked the Minister of Defence

(1) What are the circumstances surrounding the death on or about 25 April 1988 of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply.

(2) whether this person had been receiving psychiatric help at the time of his death if not why not, if so (a)(i) by whom and (ii) why was it provided (b) when did such help commence and (c) who took the initiative in this regard

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(a) (b) (c) (d)

Name of Company	Location	Nature of Operation	RSA Contribution Rand
Sharp Knitting	Dimbaza	Clothing	395 051
Saprotex International	Fort Jackson	Textile Spinning	401 598
Swimline	Dimbaza	Swimming Pool	
		Chemicals	316 619
Sartex	Mdantsane	Yarn	67 852
Sekeare	Mdantsane	Cane Products	571
Southern Combing	Dimbaza	Washing & Combing of Wool & Mohair	416 671
Sesethu Sewing Group	Whittlesea	School Clothes for Local Consumption	1 634
Shai Carpentry	Dimbaza	Woodwork	536
Sotho Weavers	Dimbaza	Handwoven Carpets	35 419
SATS	RSA	Transport	1 898 428
Siyazama Welding Works	Mdantsane	General Welding Works	3 104
Siyanda Sewing Centre	Mdantsane	Sewing Centre	3 052
Sada Bakery	Sada	Bakery	43 574
Siyavuna's Sewing	Mdantsane	Clothing	1 575
Satelite Garments	Fort Jackson	Clothing	279 532
Snack Foods	Fort Jackson	Food Processing	46 911
Syntex	Dimbaza	Vacuum Plastic Products	11 599
SX Carpentry	Dimbaza	Carpentry	3 204
S & D Engineering	Dimbaza	Lights	163 771
Southern Lights	Dimbaza	Lights	80 514
Sseed Enterprises	Fort Jackson	Clothing	68 212
Siemens Ltd	Dimbaza	Communication Systems	1 554
Tahatshu Sewing	Dimbaza	Clothing	1 639
Thob's Welding	Mdantsane	Burglar Proofing	7 923
Tan O'Hagan	Mdantsane	Leather Products	390
Talita Curtaining	Mdantsane	Curtains	4 098
Trans-Am	Dimbaza	Car Seat Covers	76 426
Turnercraft	Fort Jackson	Furniture	16 020
TFI	Dimbaza	Clothing	124 891
Threads Textiles (Pty) Ltd	Dimbaza	Clothing	39 492
Tribal Hand Weavers	Dimbaza	Handwoven Carpets	525
Unathi Fancy Dress	Dimbaza	Clothing	1 067
Unathi Timber Products	Dimbaza	Furniture	262 315
Unathi's Fashion	Dimbaza	Fashion Design	1 008
Ungabule Welding Works	Dimbaza	Welding	3 347
Vovis Kitchen Designs	Mdantsane	Kitchen Cupboards	7 104
Van Leer South Africa	Dimbaza	Extruded Plastic Mesh	167 904
Western Flyer	Dimbaza	Bicycles	683 742
Wesley Craft	Dimbaza	Carpets	14 344
Wemby Balls	Dimbaza	Plastic Inflatable Balls	29 890
Woodken	Dimbaza	Wooden Toys	4 891
Yarnex (Pty) Ltd	Fort Jackson	Blankets	448 310
Zwelitsha Tailors	Zwelitsha	Clothing	4 023

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(a) (b) (c) (d)

Name of Company	Location	Nature of Operation	RSA Contribution Rand
Zamokwakhe Sewing Centre	Dimbaza	Clothing	2 595
Zapha Industries	Dimbaza	Leather Products	27 966
Zama Community Centre	Dimbaza	Small Businesses	6 325
Zanyokwe Sewing	Keiskammahook	Sewing Centre	864
Zakulisile Home Industries	Alice	Clothing	17 998
Zangisa Sewing	Dimbaza	Sewing Centre	1 639
Total			29 871 424

(2) (e) Subsidy Type Period Committed
Interest and rental 10 years
Wages 7 years
Housing 20 years
Ratalage No limit
Training No limit
Electricity No limit

Provision of sporting facilities amount spent

619 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

What was the total amount spent by the Department of (a) Education and Training and (b) Development Aid on the provision of sporting facilities in South Africa in the 1987-88 financial year?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(a) R6 569 962,53

(b) R5 755 000

South African embassy, Bonn: professional lobbyists/advisers/consultants

974 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Whether the South African embassy in Bonn employs the services of any professional lobbyists, advisers or other specialist consultants, if so, (a) what are the names of the persons or bodies concerned, (b) what amount was paid to each in the latest specified financial year for which figures are available and (c) in respect of what services was each amount paid?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Department of Foreign Affairs is prepared

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

South African embassy, Paris: professional lobbyists/advisers/consultants

975 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Whether the South African embassy in Paris, France, employs the services of any professional lobbyists, advisers or other specialist consultants, if so, (a) what are the names of the persons or bodies concerned, (b) what amount was paid to each in the latest specified financial year for which figures are available and (c) in respect of what services was each amount paid?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Department of Foreign Affairs is prepared to furnish the Honourable Member with the particulars on a confidential basis

South African embassy, London: professional lobbyists/advisers/consultants

976 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Whether the South African embassy in London employs the services of any professional lobbyists, advisers or other specialist consultants, if so, (a) what are the names of the persons or bodies concerned, (b) what amount was paid to each in the latest specified financial year for which figures are available and (c) in respect of what services was each amount paid?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Department of Foreign Affairs is prepared to furnish the Honourable Member with the particulars on a confidential basis

ER TEACHERS GO ON STRIKE

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17/5/88

FORTY-ONE teachers at the Tembisa Adult Centre on the East Rand have downed tools after claiming that the Department of Education and Training has not paid them since January.

By **THEMBA MOLEFE**

Both the DET's public relations officer in Pretoria, Mr James MacNeal and the regional director for the Highveld region, Mr J H Booysen, could not confirm the stoppage.

However, Mr Macneal said that according to information he acquired yesterday the teachers were paid at the end of April. He said he would investigate if he were furnished with the teachers' names.

Mr Booysen said he was concerned about the situation although he admitted to not being aware of the teachers' plight.

"Although the teachers at adult centres are part-time staff, who get paid on an hourly basis and then submit their claims, the Highveld region has experienced problems with the computer which could have contributed to the delay," said Mr Booysen.

He said the regional office had sent some of its staff to Pretoria where they were using the DET's head office computers.

Mr Booysen said he would investigate the matter.

A meeting of the affected teachers was held at the Tembisa Adult Centre last night.

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THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

- (1) No As salaries of employees are an internal matter it is the policy not to divulge such information
- (2) Yes As negotiations regarding the remuneration of S A Airways pilots are still proceeding this information cannot be divulged at this juncture
- (3) July 1987 pay month

Own Affairs

Riverlea: security measures at schools

13. Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) Whether any security measures are envisaged by his Department for schools situated in the Riverlea and Riverlea Extension 1 areas in Johannesburg, if not, why not, if so,
- (2) whether he will furnish information on these security measures, if not, why not, if so, (a) what are these security measures and (b) when will they come into operation,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (1) and
- (2) It is not precisely clear what is meant by security measures. It can however be mentioned that all the existing school premises in the Riverlea and Riverlea Extension 1 areas are being safeguarded against unauthorised trespassing by the provisioning of 1,8 m standard "Weidmesh"-fences. As far as security and night watchman services are concerned, these services are only considered on the request of schools and are provided with due observance of the prevailing safety risk to persons who must make use of the premises
- (3) An announcement is not deemed necessary

Riverlea: new schools

14 Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) Whether any new schools are being envisaged by his Department for Riverlea Ex-

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†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs.

954. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

- What total amount was (a) budgeted in respect of expenditure on Black sport for the 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 financial years, respectively, and (b) actually spent in this regard in each of these financial years?
- THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID**
- (a) The amount budgeted for Black sport (Only for Education and Training)

Year	Amount budgeted for Black sport (Only for Education and Training)	Amounts actually spent for Black sport (Only for Education and Training)
1982/83	Sports facilities In-school — sports facilities on schoolgrounds R2 846 250	Sports facilities: In-school — sports facilities on school-grounds in the community for the community R14 000 000
1983/84	Sports facilities In-school — sports facilities on schoolgrounds R2 693 654	Sports facilities: In-school — sports facilities on schoolgrounds R15 994 646
1984/85	Sports facilities In-school — sports facilities on schoolgrounds R2 179 202	Sports facilities: In-school — sports facilities on schoolgrounds R2 237 448
1985/86	Sports facilities. In-school — sports facilities on schoolgrounds R9 329 950	Sports facilities: In-school — sports facilities on schoolgrounds R6 800 705
1987/88	Sports facilities In-school — sports facilities on schoolgrounds R98 519	Sports facilities: In-school — sports facilities on schoolgrounds R1 857 429
	Primary R1 294 646	Secondary R1 946 988
	Sport out-of-school Training, training courses and sports meetings R7 000 000	Sports and Recreation fund R5 136 720
	Community facilities: R1987/88	Sports facilities In- R7 083 708

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Teachers were paid says DET

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THE Department of Education and Training has dismissed as false claims by 41 East Rand teachers that they had not been paid since January.

The teachers downed tools on Tuesday at the Tembisa Adult Centre after accusing the DET of delaying with their pay.

The regional director of the DET's Highveld region, Mr J H Booysens, said yesterday that the teachers were paid in April and cheques were issued on May 13.

"Everybody received their pay up to April," Mr Booysens said, adding that problems could have arisen in connection with newly appointed teachers because of administrat-

ive delays

He said teachers at adult centres were employed as part-time staff and paid on an hourly basis. They submitted their claims to the principal who

ensured they got paid

Mr Booysen said he would investigate the matter with the aim of getting to grips with the problems which could have led to the stoppage

school sports facilities on schoolgrounds

— Primary R98 519,00
— Secondary R1 196 127,00

R1 294 646,00

Sports education, training courses and meetings in schoolsports R2 762 616,39

(ii) Out-of-school sport Training, training courses and sports meetings R944 702,28

(iii) Community facilities R2 737 546,00
Sports facilities Out-of-school — facilities in the community for the community

(iv) Central Sports and Recreation fund R2 537 770,53
R8 982 635,20

Eskom: postponed payments of amounts due
989 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Administration and Privatisation

With reference to the reply to Question No 752 on 29 March 1988, (a) how many of the 313 large consumers which exceeded the period of grace allowed for payment of amounts due to Eskom in respect of bulk electricity were municipalities, (b) what was the total amount outstanding and (c) in respect of what 12-month period is this information furnished?

THE MINISTER OF ADMINISTRATION AND PRIVATISATION

(a) Of the 313 bulk supply points which were in arrears at one or other time during the 12-month period 1 April 1987 to 31 March 1988, 197 were municipal accounts of which most were in rural areas

(b) and (c) At the end of January 1988 there was an amount of R5 173 712,48 outstanding in respect of accounts rendered to municipalities for electricity for the month of December 1987. All municipalities are however paying on a regular basis and by the end of March 1988 this amount has been reduced to nil

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Vegetable oil: importing/exporting

1014 Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Agriculture +

(1) Whether any vegetable oil was imported in the first quarter of 1988, if so, (a) why and (b) how many tons,

(2) whether part of the new season's production of vegetable oil is to be exported, if so, (a) why, (b) how many tons and (c) to which countries,

(3) whether any such oils has been or is to be carried over to the new season, if so, how many tons?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(1) Yes,

(a) to supply the shortage which resulted from the drought during the 1987/88 season and to meet the demand for special oils which are not available locally,

(b) approximately 30 045 tons,

(2) yes,

(a) as a result of an expected surplus production of groundnuts and sunflower seeds,

(b) it is still too early in the new season to make an estimate of the quantities which could be available for export,

(c) oil expressers will decide themselves to which countries they are going to export,

(3) yes, but the quantities cannot be determined at this stage.

Meat: quantities imported

1017 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Agriculture

(1) Whether any (a) beef, (b) lamb/mutton and (c) pork has been imported since 1 January 1988, if so, (i) what quantities of each as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (ii) for what purpose in each case,

(2) whether the conditions relating to these importations are being adhered to, if so, under whose scrutiny, if not, why not,

(3) whether any action is being taken against

offenders and possible offenders in this regard, if not, why not, if so, what action,

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

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(1) Yes, since 1 January until 30 April 1988,

(a) (i) approximately 5 629 tons,

(ii) approximately 5 135 tons for the manufacture of meat products and approximately 494 tons for sale by auction to registered butchers,

(b) (i) 600 tons,

(ii) 500 tons for sale by auction at the Cato Ridge market only and 100 tons for the manufacture of meat products,

(c) (i) 414,5 tons,

(ii) the manufacture of port products,

(2) yes, the Meat Board,

(3) yes, criminal as well as administrative actions in terms of the Marketing Act, 1968 (Act 59 of 1968), and the Livestock and Meat Control Scheme,

(4) no, a statement is not considered necessary

Mosgas project tender documents

1027 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology

Whether tender documents in respect of the Mosgas project are written to favour specific products, if so, (a) why and (b) which products are involved?

THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY

(a) and (b)
The general tender documents are not written to favour specific products but they are written to specify the technical and operational requirements of the project

Bophuthatswana. Eskom electricity

1038 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister for Administration and Privatisation

Whether Eskom supplies electricity to Bophuthatswana, if so, on what basis?

THE MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND PRIVATISATION

Yes. Electricity is supplied at Eskom's standard tariffs at 29 points of supply in Bophuthatswana. The total supply amounted to 2 124 million-kilowatt hours in 1987

Mmamatsuwe power station, Bophuthatswana: cost of construction

1039 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister for Administration and Privatisation

(1) Whether his Department contributed towards the cost of constructing the Mmamatsuwe power station in Bophuthatswana, if so (a) to what extent and (b) (i) what was the total cost involved and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

(2) whether his Department was involved in the tender procedure in respect of this power station, if not, why not, if so,

(3) whether his Department was furnished with any details regarding the company to which the tender for this power station was awarded, if so, (a) to which company was the tender awarded, (b) in which country is this company registered and (c) (i) who are the directors of the company and (ii) what are their nationalities?

THE MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND PRIVATISATION

(1) No

(a), (b) (i) and (ii) fall away

(2) No, because the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs nor Eskom was approached for advice on the tender procedure of this independent state

(3) No

(a), (b), (c) (i) and (ii) fall away

Booklet: South Africa at a Glance

1065 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Information, Broadcasting Services and the Film Industry

(1) Whether the Bureau for Information was responsible for the compilation and distribution of a booklet entitled "South Africa

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Jordan	Sebokeng	900	January '89
Bophihlelo	Vredefort	500	November '88
Kwakwasi	Koppies	400	December '88
Eere-La-Thuto	Zastron	600	March '89
Kaelang	Bloemfontein	800	August '89
Bookelleng	Fouresburg	500	September '89
Reginald Cingo	Kroonstad	1 000	April '89
Esosetso	Bloemfontein	1 000	September '89
Mholuwazi	Brakpan	1 000	December '89

Tenders for the erection of the following new secondary schools will be called for during the current financial year

School	Town/township	Additional pupils	Anticipated completion date
Mqayisivele	Kempton Park	1 000	September '89
Betseseng	Zamdela, Sasolburg	1 000	November '88
Oziel Selele	Bothaville	1 000	December '88
Ekeisang	Katlehong, Germiston	1 000	March '89
A D Motluba	Krugerdsorp	1 000	April '89
Esolo	Bopheleng, Vanderbijlpark	1 000	September '89

Additions to existing secondary schools

(2) to (iii) Additions to the following existing secondary schools are in the process of erection

School	Town/township	Additional pupils	Anticipated completion date
Mlinge	Vosloorus	800	May '88
Boteng	Delmas	500	June '88
Bonginsimbi	Witbank	500	March '89
M O M Seboni	Duduza, Nigel	500	April '89
Esibonelwesihle	Duduza, Nigel	700	September '89
Korbes Grant	King William's Town	400	October '88
Luhlaza	Khayelitsha	100	May '88
Hlidi	Vryheid	500	February '89
Chesterville	Durban	600	October '88
Sukuma	Pietermaritzburg	200	September '88
Rahaman	Randfontein	400	December '88
Thuto Lore	Sharpeville	700	January '89
Phehellang	Paarys	200	January '89
Khutho Tharo	Sebokeng	400	March '89
Thabang	Viljoenskroon	200	May '89
Botebo Tsebo	Sebokeng	700	September '89
Tshireleco	Galeshewe	100	April '88
Steadville	Lady Smith	300	September '89
J Kekana	Pretoria	50	August '89

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Tenders for additions to the following existing secondary schools will be called for during the current financial year

School	Town/township	Additional pupils	Anticipated completion date
Mosupatsela	Krugerdsorp	300	September '89
Leifo Izako	Reitz	300	April '89
Lamontville	Lamontville, Durban	200	September '89
J Mahlangu	Mamelodi	200	December '89
Nkgopoleng	Zamdela, Sasolburg	300	November '88
Mamelodi	Mamelodi	150	December '88
Evangwini	Vrede	400	March '89
Phuthona	Heilbron	150	April '89
Amajungqi	Adelaide	300	May '89

It is anticipated that these projects will be completed during 1989 and in some cases during 1990

Note The expression *additional pupils* has been interpreted as the number of pupils which may be accommodated in the new facilities. It does not imply that all these pupils are not receiving education at this stage.

Black technical colleges: students

983 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

- (1) How many students are currently involved in (a) vocational education and (b) non-formal education at technical colleges falling under his Department,
- (2) what non-formal courses are currently being offered at each of these technical colleges,
- (3) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

- (1) (a) See Annual Report 1987, Tables 5 4 1-5 2, pages 299-305
 - (b) See Annual Report 1987, Table 5 5 3, page 305
- At 9 of the 19 technical colleges of the Department the non-formal courses as indicated below are offered

(2) Isidingo	(Benoni)	Needlework
Iqhayiya	(Port Elizabeth)	Computer Practice

KwaNobuhle (Uitenhage)

Basic Welding Basic Woodwork Dancing Classes Music

Lazarus (Kempton Park)

Woodwork Dancing Classes Music

Plessislaer (Pietermaritzburg)

Cookery Plating Bricklaying Needlework

Swinton Road (Durban)

Needlework Community Department Typing

Thuto Marthale (Pretoria)

Community Department Typing

Tiamoha (Springs)

Needlework

Tosa (Welkom)

Needlework

(3) 1987 Statistics for 1988 are not yet available

Swinton Road Technical College

984 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

Whether any additions will be effected to the Swinton Road Technical College near Durban in 1988, if not, why not, if so, what is the estimated cost of these additions?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

Yes

R2 000 000 for the 1988/89 financial year

New Black technical colleges

987 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

Whether new technical colleges are to be erected in (a) Witbank, (b) Springs and/or (c) Bloemfontein in the 1988-89 financial year, if not, why not, if so, (i) when will each be completed and (ii) what will be the total cost of each?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(a) Yes

(b) Yes

(c) Yes

(i) The planned date of completion for each is the end of 1990

(ii) The estimated total cost for each is

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1987/88 in respect of Bophutha-
tswana is R14 000 000

**B TRANSFERS IN TERMS OF
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Transfer payments which are re-
garded as own sources of income of
the Bophuthatswana Government

(1) *Income tax* The estimated
amount for 1987/88 is
R50 938 000

(ii) *Customs Union Revenue Pool*
The estimated amount is
R411 569 000

(iii) *Common Monetary Area* The
estimated amount is R6 570 000

(2) (a) No Loans in terms of project aid
agreements are included in the
amount mentioned under (1) (a)

(1) and (ii) fall away

(b) Yes

(i) One

(ii) Transfers in respect of the pro-
gramme for creation of job op-
portunities estimated amount
R8 500 000

(3) (a) Yes According to estimates an
amount of R43 000 000 will be paid
to Bophuthatswana during the
1988/89 financial year from the Eco-
nomic Co-operation Loan Fund

(b) Yes It is estimated that in addition to
the amount mentioned in paragraph
(3) (a) a total amount of
R499 600 000 (excluding Share in
Customs Union Revenue Pool) will
be paid over to Bophuthatswana dur-
ing the 1988/89 financial year This
amount consists of the following

Budgetary assistance	R 410 000 000
Incentive scheme for Industries	R 13 000 000
Income tax	R 61 600 000
Share in Customs Union Revenue Pool	Not available
Common Monetary Area	R 7 400 000
Programme for creation of job opportunities	R 8 500 000
Technical Aid	R 2 100 000
TOTAL	R 499 600 000

Venda: amounts paid
429 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs

(1) (a) What total amount was paid by South Africa to Venda in the 1987-88 financial year in terms of agreements between the two countries and (b) how was this amount made up,

(2) whether any additional amounts have been paid to Venda in the form of (a) loans or (b) grants, if so, (1) how many, and (ii) what was the amount of the loan or grant, in each case,

(3) whether any further (a) loans or (b) grants are envisaged in the 1988-89 financial year; if so, what loans or grants?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

(1) (a) An estimated amount of R323 618 500

(b) The estimated amounts fall into two main categories, namely

A DIRECT ASSISTANCE

(i) An estimated amount for budgetary assistance under Programme 3 Foreign Aid and Development Co-operation of Vote 7 Foreign Affairs R221 200 000

(ii) *Technical assistance*
South Africa is from time to time approached by other governments with requests for assistance in one way or another. Assistance may take the form of expert advice, visits, evaluation of projects, bursaries etc. Each such application is considered on its merits. The estimated amount for 1987/88 is R330 000

(iii) Loan Fund

Like other countries Venda may apply for the financing of certain projects within the framework of the Economic Co-operation Promotion Loan Fund. Such applications are considered on merit according to fixed criteria and within the limits of available funds. This type of financing consists mainly of loans which are, naturally, repayable. The estimated amount for 1987/88 is R19 869 000

(iv) Incentives for Industries

In accordance with jointly agreed arrangements between the SATBYC States, the RSA is obliged to refund the TBVC States on a rand-for-rand basis for actual expenditure incurred in these states in terms of the industrial incentive scheme, which took effect on 1 April 1982. The estimated amount for 1987/88 in respect of Venda is R4 400 000

**B TRANSFERS IN TERMS OF
BILATERAL AGREEMENTS**

Transfer payments which are re-
garded as own sources of income of
the Venda Government

(i) *Income tax* The estimated
amount for 1987/88 is
R8 849 000

(ii) *Customs Union Revenue Pool*
The estimated amount is
R67 070 500

(iii) *Common Monetary Area* The
estimated amount is R1 900 000

(2) (a) No Loans in terms of project aid
agreements are included in the
amount mentioned under (1) (a)

(1) and (ii) fall away

(b) Yes

(i) One

(ii) Transfers in respect of the pro-
gramme for creation of job op-
portunities estimated amount
R2 500 000

(3) (a) Yes According to estimates an
amount of R32 000 000 will be paid
to Venda during the 1988/89 financial
year from the Economic Co-op-
eration Loan Fund

(b) Yes It is estimated that in addition to
the amount mentioned in paragraph
(3) (a) a total amount of
R293 180 000 (excluding Share in
Customs Union Revenue Pool) will
be paid over to Venda during the
1988/89 financial year. This amount

consists of the following

Budgetary assistance	R 271 780 000
Incentive scheme for Industries	R 5 000 000
Income tax	R 10 700 000
Share in Customs Union Revenue Pool	Not available
Common Monetary Area	R 2 100 000
Programme for creation of job opportunities	R 2 500 000
Technical Aid	R 1 100 000
TOTAL	R 293 180 000

Murders of policemen and suspected informers

968 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Justice
How many persons charged with the murder of
(a) policemen and (b) suspected informers
were (i) found guilty, (ii) sentenced to death
and (iii) executed in 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987,
respectively?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The information is not readily available. To
obtain it all court records pertaining to murder
trials country-wide over many years will have
to be scrutinised

New Black primary schools

981 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Edu-
cation and Development Aid

Whether any (a) new primary schools are to be
built and (b) additions are to be effected to
existing primary schools during the course of
the current financial year, if so, (i) where are
these new schools to be built, (ii) to which
schools are additions to be effected and (iii) for
what total number of additional pupils will
provision be made in each case?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND
DEVELOPMENT AID

(a) and (b) Yes

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New primary schools
(i) to (iii) The following new primary schools are in the process of erection

School	Town/township	Additional pupil	Anticipated completion date
Lafalethu	Evander	1 000	May '88
Petrus Maziya	Leandra	1 200	May '88
Dumezisweni	Machadodorp	1 000	June '88
Songoba	Katlehong	1 200	September '88
Ikage	Alexandra	1 000	May '88
Bovet	Alexandra	1 000	May '88
Zenzelem	Alexandra	1 000	May '88
Carter	Alexandra	1 000	May '88
Kleenskool	Zwride (P E)	1 000	July '88
Veeplaas	Zwride (P E)	1 000	July '88
Imbasa	Crossroads	650	June '88
Chumisa	Khayelutsha	1 000	July '88
Ikhusi	Khayelutsha	1 000	July '88
Batula Tshepe	Sasoiburg	1 100	July '88
Tsholohelo	Bloendfontein	1 000	July '88
Nthuse	Odenaalrus	1 000	June '88
Emafini	Kwadwezi (P E)	1 000	June '88
Nxanelwimfundo	Motherwell	1 000	January '89
Furnis Ukoma	Motherwell	1 000	December '88
Canzibe	Motherwell	1 000	December '88
Phakamile	Kwa-Nobuhle	1 000	December '88
Nokhwezi	Kwa-Nobuhle	1 000	December '88

Tenders for the erection of the following new primary schools will be called for during the current financial year

School	Town/township	Additional pupils	Isigalo Ngaba	Westonara Fort Beaufort	Anticipated completion date
Iphuteng	Alexandra	1 000	Mbomisele	Motherwell	1 000
Khuthala	Soweto	1 000	Elundini	Motherwell	1 000
Isumbedza	Soweto	800	Siyazi	Breyten	500
Phumlani	Tsakane	1 200	Bukani	Addo	900
Engqeni	Motherwell	1 000	New Brighton	Standerton	1 000
Thembeletsha	Knyana	1 000	Bazani	New Brighton	1 000
Hlangu-Phala	Ogies	1 000	Tetele	Delmas	1 000
Ikwantshelle	Bultfontein	1 000	Isago	Soweto	1 000
Ikemsetheng	Bothaville	1 000	Umtholo	Galeshewe, Kimberley	1 000
Thabo Ntsako	Tokoza, Alberton	1 200	Nzame	Tembisa	1 000
Mokorotlo	Soweto	1 200	Tshawarelella	Bloemfontein	1 000
Louwsburg	Louwsburg	500	Galeshewe, Kimberley	Galeshewe, Kimberley	1 000
Matatiele	Matatiele	600	Kwadedangendiale	Soweto	1 000
Amalia	Amalia	300	Bhekuzulu	Vryheid	900
Springfield	Vereeniging	300			
Sabelwe	Kwadwezi (P E)	500			
Sifikele	East London	1 000			

Additions to existing primary schools

(i) to (iii) Additions to the following existing primary schools are in the process of erection

School	Town/township	Additional pupils	Anticipated completion date
Ebuhdiwemi	Waterfal Boven	800	November '88
Khanya	Soweto	500	June '88
Komga	Soweto	500	November '88
Theu Theu	Volkstrust	350	May '88
Boutumelo	Klerksdorp	400	July '88
Masedi	Klerksdorp	300	April '88
Zamakulunga	Klerksdorp	400	April '88
Diphetogo	Klerksdorp	300	July '88
Moepeng	Kroonstad	500	March '89
Nomathamsanga	Despatch	700	April '89

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Tenders for additions to the following existing primary schools will be called for during the current financial year

School	Town/township	Additional pupils	Postmasburg	Postmasburg	Anticipated completion date
Sedimosang	Krugersdorp	400	Mbalenhle	Evander	250
Pheladi Nakene	Mamelodi	200	Makgwaraneng	Atteridgeville	200
Moeti	Vryburg	350	Mohlakeng	Randfontein	400
John Frylinck	Vryburg	250	Mathajyaneng	Bloemhof	250
Mmanqolwane	Mamelodi	200	Lindley	Lindley	200
Tiang	Jouberton,	600			
Ngwathe	Klerksdorp	200			
Nhlwuko	Edenville	200			
Phntani	Soweto	250			
Themble	Krugersdorp	350			
Basani	Soweto	200			
Mohlakano	Randfontein	450			
Mokolokotoane	Jouberton,	400			
Ragang	Klerksdorp	450			
Relaadira	Wolmaransstad	450			
Kgalagatsane	Vryburg	450			
Colenso	Koster	200			
Ithole	Colenso	250			
Maltrato	Amsterdam	300			
Masizani	Randfontein	250			
Pula-Difare	Atteridgeville	200			
Moretele	Mamelodi	200			
Nancunza	Mamelodi	200			
Sibikosethi	Greytown	200			
	Witbank	500			

New secondary schools (i) to (iii) The following new secondary schools are in the process of erection

School	Town/township	Additional pupils	Anticipated completion date
Kusasalethu	Secunda	1 200	May '88
Ilinge	Vosloorus	1 000	May '88
Mpontseng	Katlehong	1 200	December '88
Ponego	Katlehong	1 200	November '88
Tseseng	Balfour	1 000	December '88
Phulong	Kwa Thema, Springs	1 000	August '89
Bokamogo	Tembisa	1 200	July '88
Altem	Soweto	1 200	March '89
Iscebe	Soweto	1 000	March '89
Kwakomani	Queenstown	1 200	May '88
Mvuzemvuzi	Khayelutsha	1 000	December '88
Douglas Mbopa	Motherwell	1 000	December '88
Mzoxolo	Stutterheim	1 000	March '89
Matso	Khayelutsha	1 000	March '89
Inshukumo	Gugulethu	1 000	July '88
Isilimela	Langa	1 000	July '88
Masyile	Khayelutsha	1 000	October '88
Sebenza	Crossroads	1 000	January '89
Gaetsho	Lichtenburg	700	December '88
Tlokwe	Pocheistsroom	1 200	September '89
Matlotsane	Klerksdorp	900	January '89

It is anticipated that these projects will be completed during 1989

Note The expression *additional pupils* has been interpreted as the number of pupils which may be accommodated in the new facilities. It does not imply that all these pupils are not receiving education at this stage

New Black secondary schools

982 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

Whether any (a) new secondary schools are to be built and (b) additions are to be effected to existing secondary schools during the course of the current financial year, if so, (i) where are these new schools to be built, (ii) to which schools are additions to be effected and (iii) for what total number of additional pupils will provision be made in each case?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(a) and (b) Yes

Policeman collapses in dock during verdict

From PAT CANDIDO ^{AR 645}
The Argus Bureau ^{24/5/88}
GRAHAMSTOWN — Judgment in the murder trial of two riot squad policemen was postponed when one of the accused collapsed from a suspected heart attack in the dock.

Warrant Officer Deon de Villiers, 37, who is appearing with Constable David Patrick Goosen, 27, on two charges of murder, two of assault and one of attempting to defeat the ends of justice, collapsed about 15 minutes after Mr Justice Zietsman started giving his verdict yesterday.

He was taken to hospital.

When the court reconvened at 2pm Mr Chris Hansen, SC, for the defence said Warrant Officer de Villiers had been admitted to hospital and an ECG had shown certain irregularities.

The policemen are charged with murdering Mr Wheanut Stuurman, 18, and Mr Andile Plaatjies, 25, at Cradock in July last year. They are also charged with assaulting Mr Zixolisile Goniwe, 20, and Mr Michael Qhina, 45.

The judge said Warrant Officer de Villiers had progressed well in the police force. He had overcome bouts of epilepsy but had developed a serious drinking problem.

"It is amazing that his officers did not pick this up," the judge said.

Constable Goosen was a withdrawn and lonely person because of his very dark complexion which led to jibes and insults. He would do anything to keep the friends he had.

INITIATION

The judge said the other members of the unit were young and inexperienced.

At the Police Club in Cradock there had been a blood brother ceremony which the court considered to be a type of initiation and a great deal of liquor had been consumed.

He said the absence of control and discipline was cause for grave concern.

The judge said they had been given no instructions to go into the township the night of the alleged offences.

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(3) whether any steps are being taken in respect of rebudgeting to finance the requirements initially budgeted for, if not, why not, if so, what steps?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(1), (2) and (3) These questions were fully replied to in the Standing Committee on Finance and were also dealt with during the debate on the Defence Vote in Parliament last week

SADF: food wastage

*7. Mr J H VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Defence †

(1) Whether the South African Defence Force has received any complaints about alleged waste of food handled by its catering division, if so, what is the nature of these complaints,

(2) whether these allegations have been or are being investigated, if so (a) when and (b) with what result,

(3) whether the Defence Force has instituted or will institute an investigation in order to effect a saving in this connection, if not, why not, if so (a) what amount can possibly be saved and (b) what control measures for combating waste are there at present?

†THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(1), (2) and (3) The question cannot be replied too meaningfully, as it has been put too vaguely and also states no specific time period. If the hon member could provide the SA Defence Force with more details, this matter will be investigated

†Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Mr Chairman, arising out of the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, he is aware that it is being said at the moment — and I have seen the documents about an investigation — that an amount of up to R30 000 million per annum is being squandered and that that could be avoided

†THE DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, if the hon member will make that information available to us we shall investigate it, but it is not included in his question

†Mr J H VAN DER MERWE It seems to me

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Standards 8, 9 and 10 were delivered in March 1986, if not, (i) why not and (ii) when were they delivered,

(2) when was payment made in respect of the (a) system and (b) courseware,

(3) whether it was possible to use the courseware in the form in which it was delivered, if not, (a) why not and (b) when was it possible to use the courseware, if so, (i) when, (ii) where, (iii) by whom and (iv) under whose supervision was it first used,

(4) whether there was any (a) discussion and/or (b) collaboration with Learning Technologies (Pty) Ltd in respect of the courseware for any other subjects, if not, why not, if so, (i) what discussion or collaboration, (ii) when, (iii) with whom, (iv) what was the result of such discussion or collaboration and (v) what payments were made in this regard?

†THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(1) (a) Yes, 27 and 28 March 1986 — delivery of hardware 28 March 1986 — Std 8, 9 and 10 Mathematics computer program

(b) Yes, 29 March 1986 — One set Std 8, 9 and 10 Mathematics video discs 2 April 1986 — 29 sets Std 8, 9 and 10 Mathematics video discs plus accompanying operation manuals

NOTE Due to holidays on Friday 28 March 1986 and Monday 31 March 1986 the final clearance of 29 sets of video discs and accompanying operation manuals from the State Warehouse of Customs and Excise at Jan Smuts Airport could only take place on 2 April 1986

(2) (a) and (b) A cheque dated 27 March 1986 was handed over on 2 April 1986 after completion of installation on 1 April 1986 and certification on 2 April 1986 that full delivery, according to the specifications of the contract, had taken place

(3) Yes

(i) 7 April 1986

(ii) College for Continuing Education, Soshanguve

(iii) Mathematics lecturers of the college (iv) Department Head Mathematics at the College for Continuing Education

(4) (a) and (b) No The HSRC evaluation of the prototype courseware must first be completed

Interactive video system/courseware copyright

*10 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) Whether his Department holds any copyright in respect of the (a) IVIS interactive video system and (b) any courseware developed for or used with this system, if not, (i) why not and (ii) who holds the copyright, if so, (aa) what copyright, (bb) since when, (cc) for how long and (dd) how much was paid for such copyright,

(2) whether his Department has allowed (a) Learning Technologies (Pty) Ltd, (b) a certain body, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, and (c) any other specified person or organisation to supply or use any interactive video system or courseware for which it holds the copyright, if so, (i) on what conditions, (ii) who made this decision, (iii) how much is his Department being paid and (iv) what is the name of the body in question,

(3) whether his Department has had any direct or indirect dealings with the body referred to in paragraph (2) of this question, if so, (a) with whom, (b) when and (c) what was the nature of these dealings,

(4) whether his Department has information on whether the above-mentioned body has any connection with a certain organisation, the name of which has also been furnished to his Department, if so, (a) what is the (i) nature of this connection and (ii) name of this organisation and (b) what are the names of the United States companies or individuals by whom this body was established?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(1) (a) No

(i) The acquisition of copyright on

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commercial systems/apparatus or variations thereof is not customary and was therefore not considered

- (u) Falls away
- (b) 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 HSRCS, 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-

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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 enquires. 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

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 it 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 Hofmeyr: 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?

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Soweto deaf get new school

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Registrars to discuss overtime and salaries

By Toni Younghusband

Underpaid medical registrars may refuse to work overtime if their salaries are not adjusted soon.

Growing discontent over salary disparity has many registrars threatening to cut their 80-hour week to 40 hours unless something is done soon.

In response to these angry murmurings, the South African Registrars' Association will meet this week to discuss what action should be taken.

However, the association stressed in a statement last week that an overtime ban had not yet been officially considered and was currently merely talk among some registrars.

EXPRESSED DISMAY

It strongly denied reports that the pay dispute would bring at least 15 academic hospitals to a halt but nevertheless expressed dismay at the State's refusal to increase registrars' salaries.

A registrar is a qualified doctor, specialising in a certain discipline, employed by the Department of Health in a provincial hospital. There are about 800 registrars countrywide.

In December 1987 the Government approved salary increases for fulltime doctors (medical officers) at its hospitals but registrars were overlooked.

"Up to now, we have been unable to

get a satisfactory answer from the authorities as to why," association president Dr Frik Rademan said.

There was serious discontent among registrars because of the salary disparity between them and medical officers, he said. Registrars delivered a more specialised, professional service to the patients of the provincial hospitals with a higher degree of responsibility.

They handled the great majority of the work load in academic hospitals with a work week of 76 to 80 hours and in some cases in excess of 100 hours.

"For this he gets very little compensation or recognition," he said.

"Registrars also carry the primary responsibility for patient care in academic hospitals and give formal and informal training to students, interns, nurses and medical officers."

Dr Rademan said the registrar's status as a medical practitioner had been degraded, and warned the financial burden facing registrars would lead to their leaving the provincial service.

It was also unacceptable that registrars in a few select departments had salary parity with medical officers while the majority did not.

The association's meeting this week would discuss the views of all registrars with a view to formulating a plan of action.

Career education to be extended

Pretoria Bureau

The Department of Education and Training (DET) intends to extend its newly introduced concept of career education to more than 90 percent of its schools before the turn of the century.

This was revealed last week after a seminar on "Career Education" hosted by the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, for his ministerial counterparts from Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei.

The seminar was held in Pretoria and was preceded by a visit to the Walton Jameson and J J de Jongh primary schools in Atteridgeville where this type of education is being offered.

A spokesman for DET said the department was spending millions of rands on the development of the career education model at black schools.

Schools in Soweto disrupted

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MORE than half of Soweto's high school pupils were boycotting classes which had been turned into "political theatres" by community organisations and pupils, a Department of Education and Training (DET) spokesman said yesterday.

Peter Mundell, DET's deputy regional director, said the development had been building up since March.

"The level of intimidation of teachers and inspectors by pupils is unprecedented, and the whole programme has been disrupted.

"Pupils who are prepared to attend classes are being intimidated by radical pupils and delivery of books has also

been disrupted."

Mundell said inspection visits had been curtailed as pupils had threatened to kill the inspectors.

He said "I blame political organisations who have picked on the schools as political targets."

Mundell refused to be drawn into answering allegations by pupils that their reason for class boycotts was that some of their leaders had been detained.

Police denied knowledge of SRC members being detained.

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No teaching at 7 black schools

Staff Reporter

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TEACHING at seven of the Peninsula's 10 black high schools came to a halt this week as pupils absented themselves en masse.

Mr Bill Staude, regional director for the Department of Education and Training (DET), said in a statement on Tuesday: "A certain number of teachers have absented themselves from work, but whether in the 'context of the (three days of national protest' or whether purely as a result of intimidation is not determinable."

No pupils at seven local black high schools attended classes on Tuesday, while rural and primary schools "appeared to be less affected" by the mass absenteeism, he said.

Answering inquiries about whether those teachers and pupils who stayed away from classes would be disciplined, Mr Staude said: "Teachers absenting themselves without prior official granting of leave are liable to be given leave without pay for the days in question.

"The onus of disciplinary action against pupils who did not attend classes rests more with their parents than the DET," he said.

Mr Staude could not be reached for comment on the situation in black schools yesterday.

Mr Thinus Dempsey, spokesman for the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, said teaching had been "normal" yesterday, barring certain schools in the Mitchells Plain and Athlone districts.



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explanation and wrote to Thompson, saying that that no one had contacted him about w. the camps had not come about as expected

Scholtz tells the *FM* that DET Deputy DG Jaap Strydom offered to come and see him at Sportweni to sort matters out. In the event, Scholtz went to Pretoria to query the use of agents Part of the arrangement, it seems, was that "the agents would develop the sports facilities at the other centres." That was what Strydom told him. Scholtz says Strydom also explained that Swart was used as an agent because he had been making documentary films for DET.

Coetzee's Anerley committee — a body to which he reports — wanted him to pursue the matter since the church had spent R8 000 to improve the centre's kitchen and R2 000 on new chairs and tables in anticipation of the expected black pupils. "I will wait to see whether the department investigates the matter," was his only comment

At both Hebron Haven and Oban the *FM* was told that black pupils could only be accommodated if they were organised by Swart and Brosnihan. Swart's wife also confirmed this.

Oban's owner Sandy Berry said he was not sure what Swart receives from DET. But Oban accommodates up to 120 black pupils a day almost every week. Regarding Strydom's explanation that the agents were expected to develop sports facilities, Berry said "I paid for the soccer field myself. I would have loved the department to do it"

At Hebron Haven the *FM* was told that Brosnihan had only levelled the ground for two netball courts and did not complete them. Owner Wally Smith had agreed to lower his tariff from R17,50 per child a day to R16 provided Brosnihan developed the netball courts

Also, an official from DET's Natal regional office cancelled a youth group's visit to Hebron Haven after two days because of the October floods last year A source in the

department tells the *FM* that Brosnihan submitted his bill for the full week before the cancellation. It was only after DET's Attie Buitendag, assistant director, administration youth activities, inquired about the bill that Smith learnt how much Brosnihan was getting — allegedly R27 per child a day

Scholtz told the *FM* that Strydom had confirmed to him — during their Pretoria meeting — that Brosnihan was getting R28 per child a day

□ A bust-up between Smith and Brosnihan occurred after the Hebron Haven owner became unhappy about Brosnihan's organisation. Smith's attorneys confirm that he is suing Brosnihan for R32 000 allegedly owed for accommodation Brosnihan is defending the action

BLACK YOUTH CAMPS

The cats who got the cream

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When the Department of Education and Training (DET) set about implementing a youth leadership course for black kids — involving countryside camps, uplifting lectures and the like — it was bound to spark controversy. Now some facts are emerging which will put a further question-mark over DET's enterprise.

As part of the system, private contractors or agents are paid — and paid well — to organise weekly youth camps. An investigation by the *FM* this week revealed that

□ The brother of a senior DET official is still on the department's payroll as an agent despite a departmental investigation into the youth leadership agency system,

□ A Natal hotel owner is suing a DET agent for R32 000 allegedly owed to him for accommodating black pupils, and

□ In some cases the agents have been making what seems more than a tidy profit — charging DET commission of up to R10 per child a day.

DET Minister Gerrit Viljoen has already taken action on charges referred to him about the agents. Approached by the *FM*, he announced that DET Director General Braam Fourie has appointed retired Economic Affairs DG S du Plessis to investigate the whole matter.

"DET has received complaints about certain aspects of the department's hiring of private-sector facilities for presenting youth programmes and youth courses," Viljoen told the *FM*. "In cases where the owners of facilities were unable to provide the full services required, the department entered into agreements not with the owners but with other persons or organisations to provide such services fully to the department. Such other persons or organisations in turn hired the facilities from the owners."

"The complaints received were immediately investigated and as a result an independent authority was appointed to investigate and report on allegations that DET has not fulfilled its obligations allegedly arising from negotiations with certain owners of such facilities, and also allegations about the role played by certain so-called agents or intermediaries between the department and the

owners of facilities."

The *FM* has learnt that the first complaint to DET was made on February 22 when Leon Scholtz, the owner of Sportweni, a Natal youth camp, wrote to Deputy Minister of Education Sam de Beer requesting him to investigate an apparent abrogation of what had seemed to him a firm go-ahead from DET to take in children for camps. Scholtz's camp had, at the request of DET, been inspected by two department officials, Ben Vorster and Leon Schonken, and he was under the impression that Sportweni and the



Viljoen ... prompt action

nearby Anerley Seventh Day Adventist centre had been authorised by the Natal DET regional office to take in black pupils at R20 per child a day. Yet no children materialised.

Instead — as Scholtz tells in his letter to De Beer — two other agents, named as

Renier Swart and Paul Brosnihan, subsequently began organising youth groups at the Hebron Haven Hotel near Midmar and the Oban camp at Van Reenen. Both have been receiving commission for their activities.

De Beer's private secretary replied to Scholtz's letter: "The matter is receiving attention and further communications in this regard will follow shortly." That was on March 9, almost three months ago. But Scholtz has heard nothing more.

Swart is a senior producer for the Nguni and Sotho services at the SABC, and is the brother of Gert Swart, assistant director of youth activities at the DET head office in Pretoria. Renier Swart's wife, Elma, confirmed that her husband was still involved in organising youth camps.

Renier Swart's chief at the SABC, Piet Roets, was surprised to hear that Swart has been doing work outside the SABC — for which corporation regulations stipulate permission. "I am not aware of that," he said. "I do know that his brother works for DET." He added that the matter would be looked into.

Meanwhile, Pastor Pieter Coetzee, head of the Anerley centre, has contacted south coast NP MP Aubrey Thompson and Vryheid NP MP Jurie Mentz, who have also taken up the matter with De Beer. On February 2 De Beer wrote to Mentz, saying there had been no unfairness, the deputy minister said Coetzee had come to "unqualified conclusions."

However, De Beer added that a few camps would in future be offered to Anerley — but that this should not be seen as "an admission of guilt," which is an odd way of putting it. Coetzee wasn't satisfied with De Beer's

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Keeping them readin' and ritin'

SA's educational crisis smoulders on, though it has become rather less talked about. This is unfortunate. The recent detention of a number of Soweto students might have simply been government's annual roundup aimed at thwarting any June 16 1976 anniversary protest — but the detentions immediately resulted in stayaways at six Soweto secondary schools. Out of such small beginnings — as we know by now — can arise further social upheavals.

On the surface, black education returned to normal at the beginning of last year when pupils abandoned their boycott tactics. This truce was negotiated between student and parent bodies such as the now silenced (NECC) That pupils have remained in school for 18 months without any major upheaval has an importance which cannot be underestimated. However, educationist Ken Hartshorne cautions that it would be imprudent to assume the return to school signals an acceptance by pupils and parents of "Bantu education".

It comes down to this even some teachers themselves believe they are peddling a second-rate commodity. An in-depth study made by Nomavenda Mathhane in *Frontline* quoted a Soweto primary school headmaster as saying that some teachers had taken their children away from Soweto schools because of conditions there. And look at the failure rate (see table).

These teachers have joined other black parents who can afford the fees for educational escape routes for their children in private schools in white areas. Or they have joined a second stream of children who have moved out of the townships into homeland boarding schools. The growth of the open private school system is possibly the most positive development to have emerged from the crisis. While the numbers attending these schools remain relatively small — compared with the 6m black children currently at government schools — the impact of even a few receiving quality education is immense. Elites are necessary.

But most must remain within the State system. And it is becoming clear that the remedy for the endemic problems of black education requires a more radical solution than a mere physical presence at school. The crisis at hand is of a different nature, what Hartshorne describes as a "steady deterioration in the urban learning environment," some symptoms of which are pupils coming late for school, leaving when they like, books being left at home, homework just not being done, and teachers having difficulty applying discipline in this laissez faire atmosphere.

A growing feeling among educationists, teachers and parents is that because the focus of the problem has shifted from the

The state of black education continues to give concern. Here and there, though, there are flickers of hope — that a resolution is possible before further upheavals.

more sensational time of street protests — characterised by such meaningless if millenarian slogans as "liberation before education" — to this hidden collapse inside the classroom, it is being ignored. One reason may be that having finally got the children back at school, no one wants to rock the boat. But matters should not be allowed to slide. Whether the children are out of school or in, if they are not learning adequately the result is the same: an educational impoverishment SA cannot afford. If SA is to ever solve its unemployment problem we need an



The ruins of Orlando High ... symbol of a system

educated population. Mass education was part of the fuel that got the economies of those "Little Dragons," Taiwan and Korea, going. It is necessary for competent participation in industry or to provide the basic skills necessary to manage small-scale businesses of the kind SA needs.

There is no room for complacency. The secretary general of the African Teachers Association of SA, Hamilton Diamantze, agrees with Hartshorne, saying that in his opinion there is just no effective schooling in some schools — particularly in Soweto. Not all the blame lies with the pupils, however. During the boycotts teachers themselves had paid time off to pursue their own activities. A legacy of a decade of school upheavals is a

breakdown in the arduous habit of learning and teaching.

Says a teacher: "We returned to school and simply ignored what had happened before. We began again as if we had just been on holiday and not had years of disruption that had obviously affected the children." She adds that one reason for the poor matric pass rate last year was that because of the radical student demand to "pass one pass all," pupils who were maybe at a Standard Six level found themselves in matric "battle-faigue" — the children are back at school physically and are recuperating from the four years of not learning.

Symbolic of the general malaise is the fate of Orlando High School, once a premier institution nicknamed "The Rock," with past teachers such as Professor Ezekiel Mphahlele. The school now lies in ruins, vandalised during riots and now looted by squatters for building material. Pupils are being accommodated in buildings at two neighbouring schools. And recently the Department of Education and Training (DET) admitted that learning at the school was in a state of near collapse "as a result of pupils who terrorised and intimidated teachers."

DET is quick to add that Orlando High is only one of perhaps 1 500 secondary schools throughout the country (including the homelands), and the events being acted out there are not even applicable to the rest of Soweto, never mind other areas. Obviously the quality of schools varies enormously. It always does, even in white schools. But evidence of sporadic stayaways in other areas indicates a similar volatile mood elsewhere. To mention a few:

- A school stayaway in Daveyton following the killing of a student.
- Eight schools in Tembisa had no attendance for four days following the detention of a teacher, and
- Six Soweto schools stayed away in May — among reasons given by pupils was "having a long, long weekend."

Then there was the attempt in March by pupils at two Soweto schools to kill a group of five assistant directors and inspectors. At one school a car belonging to one of the inspectors was set alight. That DET officials are not welcome at certain schools is also evidenced by the experience of a private educational project which recently had the tyres of its car slashed because students mistook it for an official vehicle.

While these disruptions may be isolated events they should not be ignored. We cannot afford to have school boycotts again. Whatever the shortcomings of black education it is better than no schooling. Even the ANC has endorsed that view and encouraged the move to get the children back to their desks. Last year was the first time in five years

that the matric examinations were written with minimal interruptions. Though parents were disappointed at the 55.3% pass rate, DET says they were an improvement on the 1986 results.

But it is these very results that Hartshorne uses to illustrate his thesis of a decline in the quality of education in the urban areas in spite of the apparently more settled situation. The overall 1986 result was 51.4% and was an improvement on the 1985 result. But the advances, says Hartshorne, were mainly in the homeland schools.

In the urban areas more than half the candidates failed to gain any secondary school leaving certificate. While the results in Kanyegwane, KwaNdebele, Lebowa and QwaQwa were well below the average, others, particularly in Venda and Gazankulu, were much higher.

The 1987 rate improved by 2.7%. Because of the fragmentation of the black education departments between DET and the homeland governments, a complete picture of the results is not yet available. But Hartshorne believes the trend continues to be improvement in the homelands and not the urban areas.

He passes this on the results for the Johannesburg regions — Soweto and Alexandra — which were particularly low. The overall pass rate in this area was 33.1%. Of this only 1% accounted for university entrance passes. As alarming as these statistics are, they do not tell the whole truth. Another picture emerges when it becomes known that most of those who passed came from seven schools which had good results. The pass rate for most Soweto schools was even lower than the average.

Strange as it may seem, some hope lies in that fact. If the learning atmosphere has remained reasonably intact in these seven schools, why not in the others — and, more importantly at the moment, how can it be reproduced?

That a learning environment untrammelled by the interclass strains of township life effects a change in pupils' behaviour is borne out by talking to some students who have been given a second chance at their education in a private school away from this environment, and who are now undergoing a bridging course prior to writing matric next year.

In conversation they casually admit that two years ago they were in the midst



The private school picture ... environment is what counts

of the conflict, part of the crowd involved in misdemeanours such as lighting fires inside the classrooms in order to avoid writing exams. Asked whether they would challenge their present teachers, the response is they would not dare. The lesson from this is that individuals in a mob are not inherently monstrous, given a disciplined environment the same children behave responsibly.

The obvious question then is how can this environment be more widely recreated in black schools? A large part of the burden falls on the teachers. Hartshorne notes that an individual teacher, especially a headmaster, can make all the difference.

Many black teachers are products of Bantu education themselves and not sufficiently qualified. DET has embarked on a massive drive to upgrade their qualifications and quality of teaching through in-service training. From 1983-1987 the number of black teachers without matric dropped from just over three-quarters to just under half. But as long as pupils believe they are peddling a worthless commodity it will be difficult for many to regain the respect that would allow greater efficacy.

The problem, therefore, is not amenable to a quick fix — particularly if the political dimension is not addressed. DET itself has a number of innovative ideas such as its career model scheme for improving black education. It would be a pity if these were scuppered because people

As the FIM has advocated previously, government must abandon ethnic departments in favour of a single education department. This was a core recommendation of the De Lange Commission. The political impact of this, accompanied by an opening of schools and training colleges, would be inestimable.

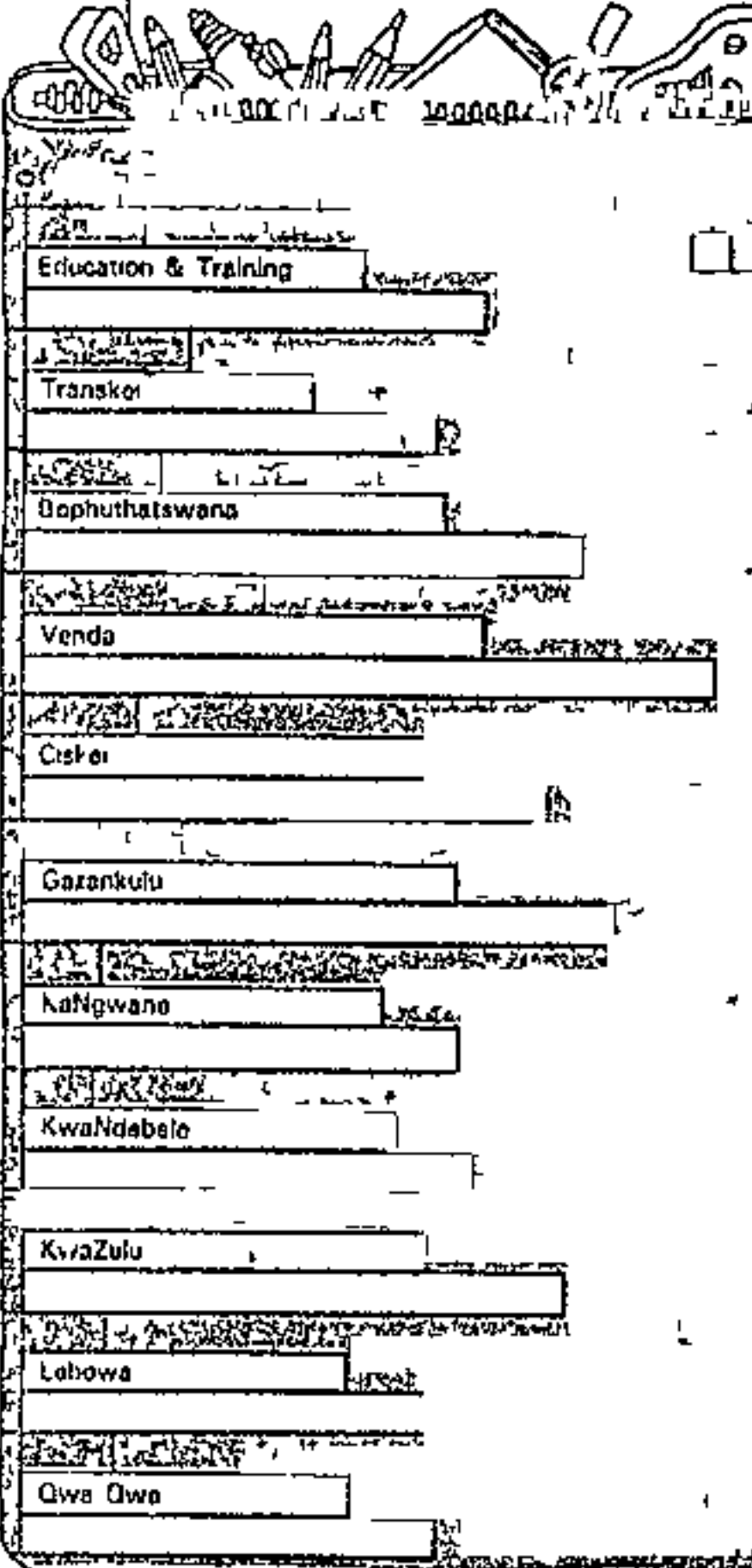
Such a system would free the talent that exists in this country to solve our educational problems. Expertise in non-racial education is growing in the private sector and in the many alternative projects which have mushroomed in attempts to redress the wrongs of Bantu education. If the political will was there they could be marshalled for the good.

It is therefore unfortunate that a political stalemate between the black community and DET persists. The question of parent and pupil involvement in the running of black schools remains on the agenda. There are structures for parent involvement — but not for pupils at this level, an idea which is part and parcel of the still rather hazy notion of "people's education," both of which remain anathema to government. In fact, NECC leaders Vusi Khamyile, Rev Molefe Tsele and Eric Moloib continue to languish in detention for their efforts in involving themselves in getting the children back to school.

"With this sort of State action it is dubious whether other parents will willingly venture into the fray to help solve any future crisis," says the co-director of the Funda Centre, Rams Ramokgopa. NECC incurred the wrath of government because it endorsed the more radical demands of the students. But Ramokgopa points out they had no alternative. "Any parent who involves himself with the intention of trying to influence the children has to speak the language of the children, not that of (Adnaam) Vlok, to be effective."

Hartshorne sums up: "White perceptions are that Bantu education can be improved. Much is made of the increased funding, the better buildings and facilities, the growth in enrolments — the 10-year party plan. The emphasis is on finance, provision and quantity. Black concerns are rather with issues of quality, relevance, underlying philosophies, decision-making and control. Important as the increased funding of education is recognised to be, the provision of more of the same is not seen as the way to fundamental change."

Regional pass rate



Stayaways greeted by schools' boss

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Education Reporter

Pupils and teachers whose observance of last week's three-day stayaway closed schools in Soweto received a message from the director of the Department of Education and Training's (DET) Johannesburg region on Friday wishing them a "happy holiday".

In a term-end statement, the director, Mr Gunther Merbold, said an important phase of the school year had been reached and hard work would be required when schools re-opened on July 4.

Saying backlogs had developed, he added. "We cannot afford to lose any more school days".

School buildings and grounds will be closed for the holidays.

By Zenaide Vendeiro,
Education Reporter

Eighty-nine Soweto pupils were detained on Friday when the third state of emergency was declared, a spokesman for the Soweto Students' Congress (Sosco) claimed yesterday.

In addition, two Sosco executive members, Mr Johannes Seheri and general secretary Mr Lawrence Bayana, were released and immediately re-detained.

Sosco, it said, viewed the state of emergency as a move aimed at "disrupting our lessons and detaining more students" It also believed that the Department of Education and Training (DET) was the "main cause" of the detentions and did not have the interests of pupils at heart

A DET spokesman said the department had no knowledge of Friday's detentions.

89 Soweto pupils held by police, says Sosco

The spokesman for Sosco said it was calling for protests, but appealed to pupils to commemorate the June 16 anniversary "in a disciplined manner".

The Star's Political Correspondent reports from Cape Town that the Department of Education and Training has refuted reports that all its programmes in Soweto have been disrupted by radical pupils

A press statement released by the DET director-general, Dr A B Fourie, last night said: "Such statements militate against the ongoing efforts of the DET, teachers, parents, community leaders and the ma-

majority of pupils to normalise schooling in areas where radicals have been bent on thwarting education"

It was common cause that elements intent on destroying the very fabric of civilised society, with scant regard for the future of young people, were afoot

Although all primary schools were functioning normally, sporadic incidents had occurred in some Soweto secondary schools since the beginning of the year.

Dr Fourie said, however, the DET's support programme for pupils in Soweto whose education had been jeopardised was beginning to achieve results

DEBATE ON DET'S R4-m BUY

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THE Department of Education and Training's controversial purchase of a R4,4 million computer system was due to be debated in the House of Assembly yesterday.

The department bought the computerised teaching system from a company, one of whose directors was a son of the department's Director-General, D A B Fourie

Parliament's joint committee on public accounts has decided unanimously that the purchase should be re-examined by Parliament

This follows an investigation by the Advocate-General Mr P J van der Walt, in which he accepted that Dr Fourie did not know of his son's financial interest in the company which sold the computers to the department

A few months ago Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, accepted the Advocate-General's report and said no steps would be taken against Dr Fourie

But the unanimous decision by the joint committee on public accounts means that a much tougher parliamentary probe into the affair is likely.

Motions have been placed on the order papers of all three Houses of Parliament calling for a select committee to probe the affair

This committee would have powers to interrogate officials, which the Advocate-General does not have, Mr Harry Schwarz, Progressive Federal Party finance spokesman, said yesterday.

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Dr BRAAM Fourie ... DET director-general

Stayaway teachers 'not forced to make up time'

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Education Reporter

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A report that Soweto teachers who did not work during last week's three-day stayaway are being forced to make up the lost time during school holidays, has been denied by the Department of Education and Training (DET).

A DET spokesman yesterday said that, as in other education departments, school holidays for black teachers are a privilege, not a right.

"Certain headmasters and heads of department work through the holidays doing specific tasks for the regional DET office and they are within their rights to ask teachers to assist," he said. "This is not unusual and is not an attempt to get teachers to make up the three days."

"Teachers who did not report for work because of intimidation, or because they felt endangered, may make a statement at a police station and have their leave forms countersigned."

"Each case will then be considered on its merits," the DET spokesman said.

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Judicial commission will inquire into DEET computer purchase

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GOVERNMENT made a rapid about turn yesterday by appointing a commission of inquiry into the purchase of a R4,8m computer system by the Department of Education and Training (DET).
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allowing the Ivis computer system to be purchased from Pretoria-based Learn Tech, in which his son has an interest. In his report, the A-G, P J van der Walt, said a semblance of any improper direct or indirect benefit to relatives of the DET deputy Director-General most likely to succeed Director-General Der Walt found "strange" a letter signed by deputy director-general D H Meiring

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in March, 1986, saying Learn Tech was the only firm that is capable of developing the kind of courseware and hardware in question.
The inquiry into the purchase of the computer system was held the day before, when Viljoen refused to accept the pressure from the Opposition Committee to have a joint Parliamentary Commission further investigate the circumstances surrounding the computer purchase.

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purchase, deciding instead to request the Commission for Administration to carry out an "in-house" investigation. Viljoen said that as a result of the role the Commission for Administration had also played in the computer purchase, it had decided to withdraw from the investigation. As a result, a judicial commission of enquiry would be appointed by the President to look into the investigation. Members of the commission, chaired by Miss Justice van den Heever, include Ken Andrew (PRP), Harry Schwarz (PRP), Yeville, and General Foremost in calling for the appointment of a Parliamentary committee to investigate the DET computer purchase. Government persistence in refusing to allow the purchase to be investigated under the carpet.

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Inquiry into computer sale

15/11/88
By David Braun,
Political Correspondent

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PARLIAMENT — President Botha has appointed a judicial inquiry to investigate the R4,8 million purchase of a computer system by the Department of Education and Training (DET)

The Director-General of the DET, Dr A B Fourie, whose son was linked to the deal, has taken early retirement effective from today, the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, told the Assembly yesterday

The inquiry will also probe other financial transactions of the department

The Progressive Federal Party, which had been pressing the Government to appoint a parliamentary inquiry, welcomed the announcement as a dramatic backdown by the Government

Earlier this year, the Advocate-Gen-

eral, Mr Justice P J van der Walt, reported to Parliament that Dr Fourie had shown "extremely poor judgment" in allowing the computer system to be purchased without calling for tenders.

Earlier this week, during a special debate on the matter, Dr Viljoen turned down a PFP request for a parliamentary inquiry. Instead, he said the Commission for Administration would investigate

Yesterday, Dr Viljoen said the commission had indicated that under the circumstances (because its role in the matter had been questioned) it would prefer to withdraw from such an investigation

The commission is to be chaired by Miss Justice Leo van den Heever. Its members will be Mr W G M van Zyl, president of the regional court in Durban, and Mr Gerald Barrie, a former Auditor-General

Govt probes DET computer deal

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — The House yesterday adopted a motion that a Joint Committee on Public Accounts report on the irregular acquisition of computer equipment by the Department of Education and Training (DET) be referred for further investigation to government.

This was in spite of calls by members from the CP and the PFP — who both opposed the motion — that a House committee be appointed to investigate the matter.

A motion from Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens) to this effect was defeated by 35 votes to 78.

Andrew said the debate suggested there were people who did not want the truth about the purchase of the computers to come out.

The easiest and quickest way to establish the facts would be to appoint a House committee, he said.

Casper Uys (CP Barberton) said the members of the joint committee decided unanimously that Parliament should investigate the matter further, and no member had imagined the matter would be referred to government.

Harry Schwarz (PFP Yeoville) asked whether the Commission for Administration, which would be charged with investigating the trans-

action, had the powers to do this effectively. It did not have the power to subpoena or cross-examine witnesses.

Also, the commission had been involved in the matter and government would be asking people to investigate things in which they themselves had been involved.

Earlier, in his reply to the debate, Education and Training Minister Gerrit Viljoen said government had no intention of covering up the facts.

The Commission for Administration, as a statutory body, needed to examine the evidence and circumstances to evaluate the role, efficiency and actions of officials and to report to Parliament, which could then institute further investigations.

He rejected Schwarz's contention that the commission would be the "final custodian" of further investigations, but he wanted to point out he had directed the commission to appoint a legal expert to conduct the investigation and to report to it for evaluation.

"The commission's inquiry does not replace the competence of Parliament or the Committee on Public Accounts to conduct their own inquiries," he said. — Sapa.

BTI plea on used car parts

PARLIAMENT — Import controls on used and reconditioned motor-vehicle components should be lifted, the Board of Trade and Industry (BTI) has recommended, after an exhaustive investigation requested by government three years ago.

In a report tabled in Parliament, the BTI says its recommendations are based on these findings:

□ It does not provide effective protection because of serious problems encountered in applying the controls. These are such that during a period when no permits were issued imports of used and reconditioned components still took place,

□ Arising from government's economic policy,

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customs duty is regarded as the primary instrument for protecting industry. The use of import controls as a protective device is, therefore, regarded as unacceptable in cases where protection by way of tariffs is practical and appropriate,

□ Sufficient protection can be provided by means of tariffs. But where this is, at times, regarded to be insufficient the duties imposed on used components can be raised above those levied on new components.

The BTI says it could find no justification for raising tariffs with the lifting of import controls. Nevertheless, any organisation is free to apply to the BTI for additional tariff protection.

DET boss Fourie quits

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REPORTS, pictures and comment in this edition may be censored in terms of the Government's state of emergency.

THE man implicated in the controversial R4,4 million Department of Education and Training computer purchase now the subject of judicial inquiry, DET director-general Dr Braam Fourie, took early retirement as of yesterday, said DET Minister, Dr Gerrit Viljoen. Dr Viljoen told the

House of Assembly that Dr Fourie had requested early retirement and he, Dr Viljoen, had approved this with effect from yesterday (256). Dr Fourie's name came up in debate in the House on Monday when the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee report on the DET com-

puter purchase was discussed earlier this week. The report found that Dr Fourie's son was co-director of a company with a 10 percent interest in Learn-Tech, the company from which the DET purchased the computer system. The report found there had been malpractices.

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Daughter traces her mum after 20 years

By JOHN VAN DER LINDEN

TWENTY years after a two year old girl was abducted and taken to Italy by her father, her relentless efforts to trace her mother finally paid off

Yesterday, both women were beaming as they spoke of the joys and heart breaks which led to their meeting at DF Malan Airport at the weekend

Mrs Maria 'Eris' du Toit, of Kort Street, Paarl, said her estranged husband, an Italian national, had arrived at her home, then in Mbabane, Swaziland, the day before the second birthday of her daughter, also named Maria. He said he wanted to take the girl to a shop to buy her a present

But they never returned. Maria remembers little of her time in Italy before being taken to America. "When I was four, we lived alone in Boston, and throughout my childhood I felt my mother was taboo. Dad had ripped out mother's pictures from the photo albums

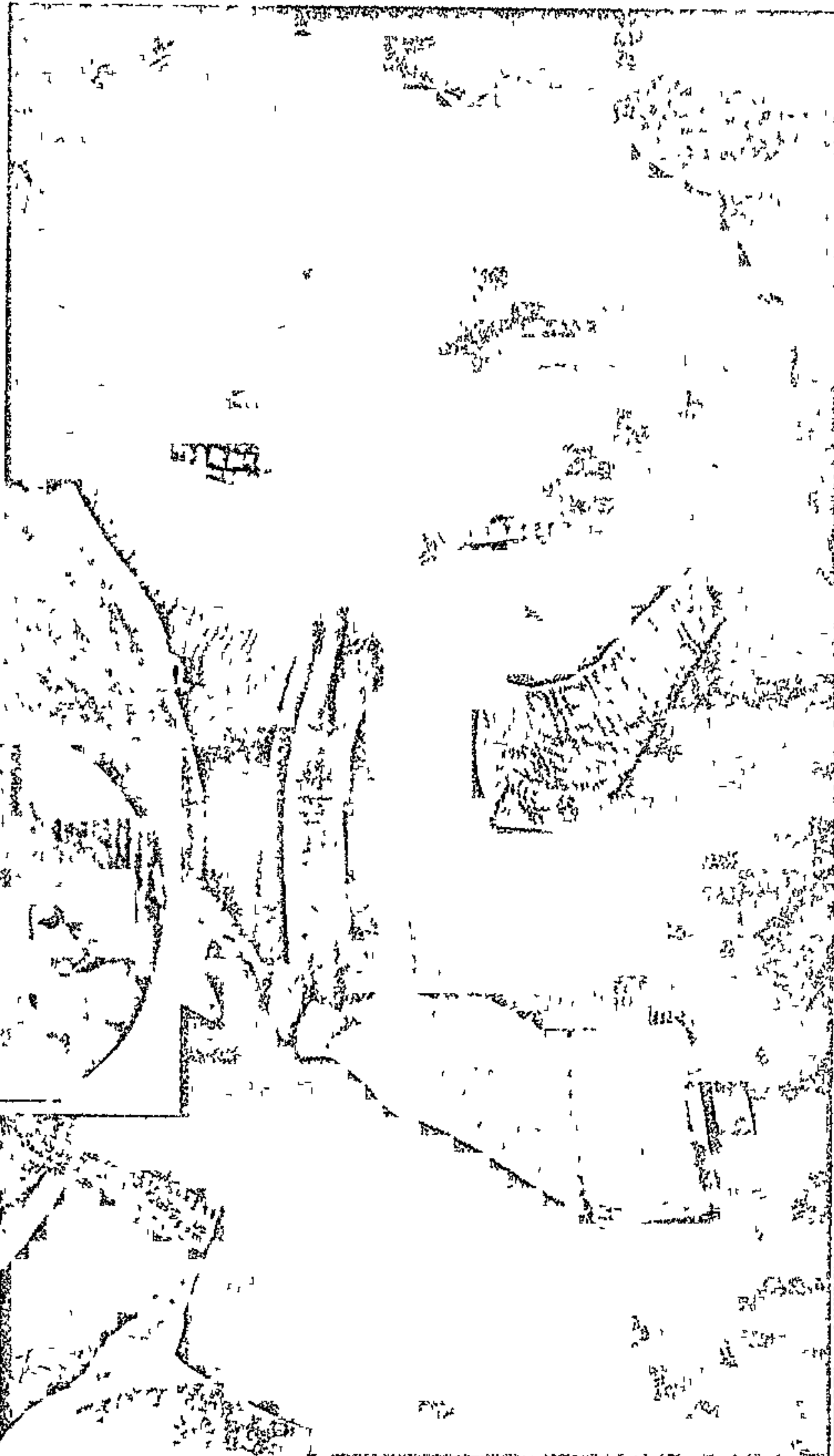
"An old aunt, who felt sorry for me, once gave me a picture of mother, and this made me determined to trace her. Father still kept some of mother's old schoolbooks and I managed to get hold of a small, green identity card, with which I started my search"

It was only when she contacted the Salvation Army in Johannesburg, and received a reply in June 1987 that they were working on her case, that hope glimmered

The reunion almost never came about, Mrs Du Toit never saw an advertisement placed in a Paarl newspaper by her daughter

She said yesterday "It is frightening to know that I missed an advert placed in the Paarl Post in January 1988 in which Maria appealed to her mother, a Maria Adendorff, my maiden name, to make contact. Luckily, my sister read it and told me about it the next day

"I phoned the Salvation Army in Johannesburg and just burst into tears" Maria now plans to settle in South Africa



UNITED Mother and daughter are united after 20 years' separation — Mrs Maria du Toit and her daughter Maria. INSET: The last picture of Mrs Du Toit and Maria before her abduction

Picture ANNE LAING

DR BRAAM FOURIE, Director-General of the Department of Education and Training, quit his post yesterday as the government announced a judicial inquiry into a million-rand computer deal involving his son

In a day of dramatic developments — marked by a complete reshuffle of the government — Minister of Education and Development Ad Viljoen announced the appointment of President P.W. Botha of the three-man judicial commission to inquire into the DfES purchase of 14 million of educational computers

The move followed a report by Advocate General Mr Justice P. L. van der Walt which showed that Dr Fourie's son William was involved with Learning Technologies (LTC) the company that was awarded a contract to supply the DfES with the computer supported educational system

In a heated debate in the House of Assembly on Monday, Dr Viljoen had turned down a call by the DfES for an investigation by a select committee

'Poor judgment'

As the appointment of the judicial inquiry was announced yesterday, Dr Fourie, who was due to retire in August, stated that he would take early retirement from today

His wife said last night that Dr Fourie had been with the department since about 1964

The DfES deputy director general, most likely to succeed Dr Fourie, Dr D.H. Mearns, said earlier yesterday Advocate General van der Walt on the question of the LTC computer system

The AG found that LTC had shown extremely poor value for money allowing a system to be bought without calling for tenders

He should have disclosed to Dr Viljoen his knowledge of his sons involvement with Learning Technologies, said the report

The AG found it strange that a letter signed by Dr Mearns in March, 1986, claimed Learning Technologies was the only firm that is capable of developing the kind of courseware and hardware in question

Announcing the appointment of the judicial inquiry yesterday, Dr Viljoen said President Botha had decided to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into the matter in question as well as other matters concerning the Department of Education and Training he said

The commission will be chaired by Mr Justice Leonora van den Heever — Political Staff and Own Correspondent

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'MORE CRISES FOR BLACKS'

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BLACK education will experience even more crises in the years ahead, says Mr James Letuka, a school inspector with the Department of Education and Training.

He was speaking at a function in Bloemfontein at which the Urban Foundation was presented with a R75 000 donation from Sanlam.

Mr Letuka said black education had come a long way since Dr Verwoerd stated that education should make blacks hewers of wood and drawers of water.

"Fortunately, we have moved away from that viewpoint. On numerous occasions over the last five years the Government has stated that it is committed to the provision of equal opportunities and standards in education.

"The movement along this road was rather bumpy. We have experienced crisis upon crisis, and it takes no prophet to say that we will experience even more crisis in the years ahead. Some of the crises of the past contributed to a new approach.

"While we, as disadvantaged people, are glad about the stated commitment by the Government, the fact remains that per capita

expenditure on children of various races differs tremendously," he said.

Mr Letuka also said it was imperative for blacks, as people, to break away from the Third World syndrome.

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DET man being investigated is made acting chief

Political Staff

THE deputy director-general of the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr Dirk Meiring — one of three top officials being investigated for irregularities in the department, has been appointed acting director-general of the DET

A spokesman for the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said yesterday that the alleged irregularities involving the three most senior DET personnel, the director-general Mr Braam Fourie and his two deputies, Mr Dirk Meiring and Mr Jaap Strydom, would be investigated

And if all allegations are investigated, the probe may touch other senior members of the department, and the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Sam de Beer

Mr Fourie, who was due to retire in August, took early retirement with immediate effect on Tuesday at the same time as a judicial commission of inquiry into the DET was announced by Dr Viljoen in Parliament

Like Mr Fourie, Mr Meiring was criticized in the Advocate-General's report into the DET's R4,8 million purchase of computers from Learning Technologies (Learn Tech) Mr Meiring has conceded that the purchase was not carried out in accordance with the set procedures of calling for tenders

The brief given to the judicial commission and released yesterday by President P W Botha is considered to be fairly wide, embracing more than just the acquisition of the Ivis Interactive Video computer system by the DET

These include allegations of irregularities in the DET's handling of its controversial black youth camp programme

The latest Financial Mail reports that Mr Strydom has a son, Thinus, whose company, Forma Publishers, has a publishing contract with the DET amounting to thousands of rands annually

● A DET spokesman yesterday confirmed that the DET was still considering the purchase of further material from Learn Tech.

Computer a breakthrough, claims former DET chief

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By David Braun
Political Correspondent

The outgoing director general of Education and Training, Dr Braam Fourie, yesterday defended his decision to buy a R4,8 million computer system for black education from a company in which his son had been financially involved.

"I still think the acquisition of the computers was a breakthrough for the department," he said in an interview yesterday.

Dr Fourie, however, de-

clined to comment on his decision to take early retirement from yesterday.

He was due to retire in August.

Education and Training Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen announced the departure of Dr Fourie in the House of Assembly yesterday afternoon.

At the same time, he announced that a judicial inquiry was to be appointed by the State President to look into the purchase of the computer system as well as other matters con-

cerning the Department of Education and Training.

Meanwhile, Dr Dirk Hendrik Meiring has been appointed acting director general of the Department of Education.

This was announced yesterday by a spokesman for Dr Viljoen.

Dr Meiring (50) is a deputy director general responsible for administrative and development services in the department.

No permanent appointment will be made until the commission of inquiry has completed its work.

Man under investigation takes up top DET post

DEPARTMENT of Education and Training (DET) deputy director-general Dirk Meiring — one of three top officials being investigated for irregularities in the department — has been appointed acting DET director-general

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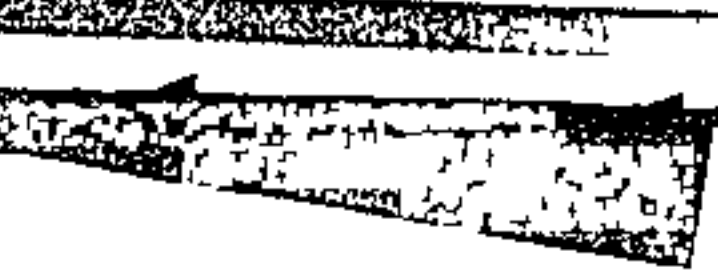
And the latest Financial Mail reports that Strydom has a son, Thinus, whose company, Forma Publishers, has a publishing contract with the DET amounting to thousands of rands annually.

The FM report alleges a friend of Jaap Strydom's, Paul Brosnihan played a part in a DET attempt to purchase a hostel in Guguletu, Cape Town, from Murray & Roberts (M&R) last year. M&R sources said Brosnihan wanted 10% commission on the deal which did not materialise. According to Viljoen, Sam De Beer and Strydom considered the hostel purchase together.

Viljoen's spokesman said yesterday the question of the hostel deal would also be referred to the commission.

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PROKLAMASIE

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KOMMISSIE VAN ONDERSOEK NA DIE VERKRYGING VAN 'N IVIS INTERAKTIEWE VIDEOSTELSEL DEUR DIE DEPARTEMENT VAN ONDERWYS EN OPLEIDING

Kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 1 van die Kommissiewet, 1947 (Wet 8 van 1947), verklaar ek hierby dat die bepalings van daardie Wet van toepassing is op die Kommissie van Onderzoek na die verkryging van 'n Ivis Interaktiewe Videostelsel deur die Departement van Onderwys en Opleiding, en vaardig ek regulasies met betrekking tot hierdie Kommissie uit soos in die Bylae vervat

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seel van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad op hede die Vyftiende dag van Junie, Eenduisend Negehonderd Agt-en-tagtig

P W. BOTHA

Staatspresident

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet

G VAN N VILJOEN

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“Kommissie” die in hierdie proklamasie bedoelde Kommissie van Onderzoek na die verkryging van 'n Ivis Interaktiewe Videostelsel deur die Departement van Onderwys en Opleiding, en

PROCLAMATION

by the State President

No. R. 106, 1988

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE ACQUISITION OF AN IVIS INTERACTIVE VIDEO SYSTEM BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Under the powers vested in me by section 1 of the Commissions Act, 1947 (Act 8 of 1947), I hereby declare that the provisions of that Act shall be applicable to the Commission of Inquiry into the acquisition of an Ivis Interactive Video System by the Department of Education and Training, and I hereby make regulations with regard to this Commission as contained in the Schedule

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Fifteenth day of June, One thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-eight

P W BOTHA

State President

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet

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SCHEDULE REGULATIONS

1 In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates—

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Commission,

“Commission” means the Commission of Inquiry into the acquisition of an Ivis Interactive Video System by the Department of Education and Training, referred to in this proclamation,

“document” includes any book, pamphlet, record, list, circular, plan, placard, poster, publication, drawing, photograph or picture,

“inquiry” means the inquiry conducted by the Commission,

- "onderzoek" die ondersoek wat deur die Kommissie ingestel word,
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- (a) dat ek getrou en na my beste vermoë die verrigtinge van die Kommissie van Onderzoek na die verkryging van 'n Ivis Interaktiewe Videostelsel in snelskrif sal aanteken/op meganiese wyse sal opneem soos deur die Voorzitter gelas
- (b) dat ek enige snelskrifantekeninge/meganiese opname van die verrigtinge van genoemde Kommissie deur my of iemand anders gemaak volledig en na my beste vermoë sal transkribeer
- (2) Geen snelskrifantekeninge of meganiese opname van die verrigtinge van die Kommissie word getranskribeer nie behalwe op las van die Voorzitter
- 4 Elke persoon wat diens doen by die verrigtinge van die Kommissie se werksaamhede, met inbegrip van te-mand in regulasie 3 (1) bedoel, moet ten aanskyn van enige aangeleentheid of inligting wat by die vervulling van sy pligte in verband met bedoelde werksaamhede tot sy kennis kom geheimhouding help bewaar behalwe vir sover bekenndmaking van sodanige aangeleentheid of inligting vir die doeleindes van die Kommissie se verslag nodig is en elke sodanige persoon behalwe die Voorzitter of 'n beampte moet voordat hy enige diens by die Kommissie verrig 'n eed van getrouheid of geheimhouding voor die Voorzitter in die volgende vorm aflê en onderteken
- Ek, A B verklaar onder eed/bevestiging en verklaar dat behalwe vir sover dit by die uitvoering van my pligte in verband met die werksaamhede van die Kommissie van Onderzoek na die verkryging van 'n Ivis Interaktiewe Videostelsel deur die Departement van Onderwys en Opleiding of ingevolge 'n bevel van 'n bevoegde hof nodig is, ek geen aangeleentheid of inligting wat in verband met genoemde Kommissie se ondersoek tot my kennis kom aan enigemand sal mededeel nie en niemand sal toelaat of veroorloof om toegang tot stukke van die Kommissie te verkry nie met inbegrip van enige aantekening, opname of transkripsie van die verrigtinge van genoemde Kommissie in my besit of bewaring of in die besit of bewaring van genoemde Kommissie of 'n beampte
- 5 Niemand wat ingevolge regulasie 4 'n eed van getrouheid of geheimhouding moet aflê en onderteken mag enige aangeleentheid of inligting wat in verband met die Kommissie se ondersoek tot sy kennis gekom het aan iemand anders mededeel of iemand anders toelaat of veroorloof om toegang te verkry tot stukke van die Kommissie nie behalwe vir sover dit by die uitvoering van sy pligte in verband met die werksaamhede van die Kommissie of ingevolge 'n bevel van 'n bevoegde hof nodig is
- "officer" means a person in the full-time service of the State who has been appointed or designated to assist the Commission in the execution of its functions,
- "premises" includes any land, building, structure, part of a building or structure, vehicle, conveyance, vessel or aircraft
- 2 The proceedings of the Commission shall be recorded in the manner determined by the Chairman
- 3 (1) Any person appointed or designated to take down or record the proceedings of the Commission in shorthand or by mechanical means or to transcribe such proceedings which have been so taken down or recorded shall at the outset take an oath or make an affirmation in the following form
- 1, A B, declare under oath/affirm and declare—
- (a) that I shall faithfully and to the best of my ability take down/record that the proceedings of the Commission of Inquiry into the acquisition of an Ivis Interactive Video System by the Department of Education and Training in shorthand/by mechanical means as directed by the Chairman of the Commission,
- (b) that I shall transcribe fully and to the best of my ability any shorthand notes/mechanical record of the proceedings of the said Commission made by me or by any other person
- (2) No shorthand notes or mechanical record of the proceedings of the Commission shall be transcribed except by order of the Chairman
- 4 Every person employed in the execution of the functions of the Commission including any person referred to in regulation 3 (1), shall aid in preserving secrecy in regard to any matter or information that may come to his knowledge in the performance of his duties in connection with the said functions except in so far as the publication of such matter or information shall be necessary for the purposes of the report of the Commission and every such person, except the Chairman or any officer shall before performing any duty with the Commission take and subscribe before the Chairman an oath of fidelity or secrecy in the following form
- 1, A B declare under oath/affirm and declare that, except in so far as it shall be necessary in the performance of my duties in connection with the functions of the Commission of Inquiry into the acquisition of an Ivis Interactive Video System by the Department of Education and Training or by order of a competent court, I shall not communicate to any person any matter or information which may come to my knowledge in connection with the inquiry of the said Commission or suffer or permit any person to have access to any records of the Commission including any note, record or transcription of the proceedings of the said Commission in my possession or custody or in the possession or custody of the said Commission or any officer
- 5 No person who is in terms of regulation 4 required to take and subscribe an oath of fidelity or secrecy shall communicate to any other person any matter or information which may have come to his knowledge in connection with the inquiry of the Commission or suffer or permit any other person to have access to any records of the Commission except in so far as it shall be necessary in the performance of his duties in connection with the functions of the Commission or by order of a competent court
- 6 Die Voorzitter of 'n beampte deur die Voorzitter in die algemeen of spesiaal daartoe gemagtig, moet 'n getuie wat voor die Kommissie verskyn 'n eed op lê of van hom 'n bevestiging afneem
- 7 Indien 'n persoon wat getuies voor die Kommissie afgelê het of aflê of wat opgeroep is om aldus getuies af te lê, die Kommissie aldus versoek, kan die Voorzitter gelas dat niemand die naam of adres van sodanige persoon of enige inligting wat waarskynlik sy identiteit sal openbaar, op enige wyse hoegenaamd bekend maak nie
- 8 'n Getuie wat voor die Kommissie verskyn, kan slegs deur 'n persoon in kruisverhoor geneem word indien die Voorzitter die kruisverhoor deur daardie persoon toelaat omdat die Voorzitter dit in die belang van die werksaamhede van die Kommissie nodig ag
- 9 'n Getuie wat voor die Kommissie verskyn, kan na goeddunke van die Voorzitter en op die wyse wat hy bepaal deur 'n advokaat of prokureur bygestaan word
- 10 'n Beampte deur die Voorzitter daartoe aangewys kan by die aanhoor van getuies by die ondersoek aanwese wees en getuies en argumente wat op die ondersoek betrekking het, aanvoer
- 11 Die Voorzitter of 'n beampte kan vir doeleindes van die ondersoek te alle redelike tye enige perseel betree en besigtig en enige dokument wat op sodanige perseel is of bewaar word, opeis en in beslag neem
- 12 Niemand mag, sonder die skriftlike toestemming van die Voorzitter, 'n dokument wat in verband met die ondersoek deur enige persoon aan die Kommissie voorleë is versprei of die inhoud of 'n gedeelte van die inhoud van so 'n dokument publiseer nie
- 13 Niemand mag behalwe vir sover dit by die uitvoering van die Kommissie se opdrag nodig is, die verslag van die Kommissie of 'n afskrif of 'n gedeelte daarvan of inligting met betrekking tot die oortreking van getuies deur die Kommissie publiseer of aan iemand anders versprek nie tensy en voordat die Staatspresident die verslag vir publikasie beskikbaar gestel het of voordat die verslag in die Parlement ter Tafel geleë is
- 14 Niemand mag die Voorzitter van die Kommissie beledig, neerhaal of verkleiner of die verrigtinge of die bevindings van die Kommissie benadeel beïnvloed of vooruitloop nie
- 15 Iemand wat—
- (a) die Voorzitter of 'n beampte by die uitoefening van 'n bevoegdheid in regulasie 11 bedoel opsetlik hinder, teëgaan of dwarsboom, of
- (b) die bepalings van regulasie 5, 7, 12 of 13 oortree, of
- (c) die bepalings van regulasie 14 oortree, is aan 'n misdryf skuldig en is by skuldigebevinding strafbaar—
- (i) in die geval van 'n misdryf in paragraaf (a) of (b) bedoel, met 'n boete van hoogstens R200 of gevangenisstraf vir 'n tydperk van hoogstens ses maande en
- (ii) in die geval van 'n misdryf in paragraaf (c) bedoel, met 'n boete van hoogstens R1 000 of gevangenisstraf vir 'n tydperk van hoogstens een jaar
- 6 The Chairman or an officer generally or specially authorised thereto by the Chairman shall administer an oath or affirmation to any witness appearing before the Commission
- 7 If any person who gave or is giving evidence before the Commission or has been summoned so to give evidence so requests the Commission the Chairman may direct that no person shall publish in any manner whatsoever the name or address of such person or any information likely to reveal his identity
- 8 Any witness appearing before the Commission may only be cross-examined by a person if the Chairman permits such cross-examination by such person because the Chairman deems it necessary in the interest of the functions of the Commission
- 9 Any witness appearing before the Commission may in the discretion of the Chairman and in such manner as may be determined by him be assisted by an advocate or an attorney
- 10 An officer designated thereto by the Chairman may be present at the hearing of evidence at the inquiry and adduce evidence and arguments relating to the inquiry
- 11 The chairman or any officer may for the purposes of the inquiry, at all reasonable times enter and inspect any premises and demand and seize any document on or kept on such premises
- 12 No person shall without the written permission of the Chairman disseminate any documents submitted to the Commission by any person in connection with the inquiry or publish the contents or any portion of the contents of such document
- 13 No person shall except in so far as shall be necessary in the execution of the terms of reference of the Commission publish or furnish to any other person the report of the Commission or a copy, or part thereof or information regarding the consideration of evidence by the Commission unless and until the State President has released the report for publication or until the report has been laid on the Table in Parliament
- 14 No person may insult, disparage or belittle the Chairman of the Commission or prejudice or influence or anticipate the proceedings or findings of the Commission
- 15 Any person who—
- (a) willfully hinders, resists or obstructs the Chairman or any officer in the exercise of any power referred to in regulation 11, or
- (b) contravenes the provisions of regulation 5, 7, 12 or 13 or
- (c) contravenes the provisions of regulation 14 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction—
- (i) in the case of an offence referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) to a fine not exceeding R200 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months and
- (ii) in the case of an offence referred to in paragraph (c) to a fine not exceeding R1 000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year

GOEWERMENSKENNISGEWING**DEPARTEMENT VAN
ONDERWYS EN OPLEIDING**

No. R. 1186, 1988

17 Junie 1988

**KOMMISSIE VAN ONDERSOEK NA DIE
VERKRYGING VAN 'N IVIS INTERAKTIEWE
VIDEOSTELSEL DEUR DIE DEPARTEMENT VAN
ONDERWYS EN OPLEIDING**

Hierby word die volgende opdrag van die Staatspresident vir algemene inligting bekend gemaak

OPDRAG

van die Staatspresident

**Aan: Haar Edele Regter Leonora van den Heever
Mnr Willem Gerhardus Meyer van Zyl
Mnr Francis Gerald Barry**

Saluut!

Nademaal ek dit dienstig ag om 'n kommissie aan te stel om ondersoek in te stel na en verslag te doen oor aangeleenthede hieronder genoem,

So is dit dat ek, aangesien ek groot vertroue in u kennis, oordeel en bekwaamheid stel, u hierby magtig en aanstel as lede van 'n kommissie, en u, U Edele Leonora van den Heever, as Voorsitter daarvan, om ondersoek in te stel en verslag te doen oor—

- (a) die reelmatigheid of andersins van die verkryging van 'n Ivis Interaktiewe Videostelsel deur die Departement van Onderwys en Opleiding, en
- (b) die reelmatigheid of andersins van enige ander besteding van staatsgeld deur daardie Departement wat weens inligting wat tot die Kommissie se aandag kom, na die Kommissie se oordeel ondersoek moet word

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seel van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad op hede die Vyftiende dag van Junie, Eenduisend Negehoonderd Agt-en-tagtig

P W BOTHA

Staatspresident

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet

G VANN VILJOEN

Belanghebbende persone wat vertoe wil rig tot of getuënis wil aflê voor die Kommissie, moet so gou doenlik, maar nie later as 'n maand vanaf die datum hiervan, memoranda indien by die Sekretaris van die Kommissie, Kamer A34, Samewerkinggebou, Posbus 384, Pretoria, 0001, en aandui of hulle ook mondelinge vertoe tot die Kommissie wil rig of mondelinge getuënis voor hom wil aflê

GOVERNMENT NOTICE**DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

No. R. 1186, 1988

17 June 1988

**COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE
ACQUISITION OF AN IVIS INTERACTIVE VIDEO
SYSTEM BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AND TRAINING**

The following commission of the State President is hereby notified for general information

COMMISSION

by the State President

**To: The Honourable Miss Justice Leonora van den Heever
Mr Willem Gerhardus Meyer van Zyl
Mr Francis Gerald Barry**

Greetings!

Whereas I deem it expedient to appoint a commission to inquire into, and to report on the matters mentioned hereinafter,

Now, therefore, by reason of the great trust I repose in your knowledge, judgment and ability, I hereby authorise and appoint you to be members, and you, the Honourable Leonora van den Heever, to be chairman of a commission, to investigate and report on—

- (a) the regularity or otherwise of the acquisition of an Ivis Interactive Video System by the Department of Education and Training, and
- (b) the regularity or otherwise of any other spending of state funds by that Department which because of information that comes to the attention of the Commission, should according to the judgment of the Commission, be investigated

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Fifteenth day of June, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-eight

P W BOTHA

State President

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet

G VANN VILJOEN

Interested persons who desire to make representations to or give evidence before the Commission should, as soon as possible but not later than one month from the date hereof, submit memoranda to the Secretary of the Commission, Room A34, Samewerking Building, P O Box 384, Pretoria, 0001, and indicate whether they also wish to make oral representations to or give oral evidence before the Commission

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PFP man angry over appointment

CAPE TOWN — It was unfortunate that one of the people criticised by the Advocate-General in his report on the Department of Education and Training's purchase of a computer should be appointed acting Director-General of the department, the PFP spokesman on black education, Mr Ken Andrew, said yesterday.

A Ministry of Education and Training spokesman confirmed yesterday that the deputy Director-General, Mr Dirk Meiring, had been appointed acting Director-General.

Mr Meiring was "critically mentioned" in the Advocate-General's re-

port, Mr Andrew said.

The former Director-General, Dr Braam Fourie, retired suddenly on Tuesday when the appointment of a judicial inquiry into the department's purchase of a computerised learning system was announced.

Reacting to allegations in a business magazine, a department spokesman said Mr F du Plessis, former Director-General of Economic Affairs, would continue his investigation into allegations of irregularities involving the computer programme and the use of private holiday resort facilities.

The magazine pub-

lished allegations that Mr Paul Brosnihan, "a friend" of another of the department's deputy directors, Mr Jaap Strydom, had "collected substantial amounts of money for organising black youth camps" as a department agent, and had last year been involved in negotiations on behalf of the department for the purchase from a construction company of a hostel for blacks in Guguletu.

The Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said these allegations would be investigated and aspects referred to the commission. — Sabā

BLACK EDUCATION

More cream for more cats

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It really looks as if the Department of Education and Training (DET) has been a gold mine for a lucky few. Last week, the *FM* reported on outsiders who acted for considerable financial gain as agents for black youth camps. Now we have the following information

□ Deputy Director-General (DG) Jaap Strydom has a son whose publishing company has a most rewarding contract with DET — amounting to thousands of rands annually, and

□ A friend of Jaap Strydom has turned up as an agent acting on behalf of the DET at a million rand property sale

Thinus Strydom, Jaap's son, reacted angrily this week when the *FM* contacted him at his Forma Publishers company in Menlo Park to inquire about his DET contracts "I submit tenders for any work," he said "I am not prepared to discuss the matter over the telephone. I will only answer written queries"

However, Forma's contract to supply the DET with various books, magazines and posters — according to one source — amounted to R28 000 in Natal last year.

In that year, in Cape Town, the former DET regional director, Piet Scheepers (now retired), was allegedly told by the deputy-director, community communications, Braam Olivier, to order material valued at approximately R30 000 from Thinus's company. Scheepers replied that he had no Treasury authorisation to handle such amounts. According to Scheepers, it was then suggested by Olivier that he divided the amount in three — which would cover the authorisation

situation. This Scheepers refused to do, he tells the *FM*

At present there are three books — *Those Teenage Years*, *On the Way to Adulthood*, and *Dear Teacher* — as well as a number of posters which have been published by BTTB Poster Design as part of the Forma contract with the DET. Thinus Strydom admitted to the *FM* that BTTB Poster Design belongs to him. A full-colour book, *Education in the Cape*, issued by the DET's community communications section, has also been published by Forma.

Strydom Jnr is also a photographer of merit, it seems. In the April issue of *Educamus*, the DET monthly magazine, he is credited with taking the front-page picture.

DET Minister Gerrit Viljoen — who last week announced an investigation into the use of private facilities and outside agents by the DET — again reacted strongly this week when the *FM* presented him with these facts "These matters are being carefully considered in order to establish whether there is a *prima facie* case to be added to the matters already referred for investigation with regard to the DET," Viljoen told the *FM*.

He might like to consider the following: One of the agents who has been receiving substantial amounts of money for organising black youth camps, Paul Brosnihan, a friend of Jaap Strydom, played a major part in an attempt by the DET to purchase a hostel in Guguletu, Cape Town, from Murray & Roberts (M&R) last year. The purpose was to turn it into a school.

M&R's Anthony Keale — who deals with industrial relations — was first approached

by DET official Gerrie Niehaus on behalf of Deputy Minister Sam de Beer's office to enquire about the possible sale of the hostel. Keale then received a telephone call from Brosnihan who said he was staying at the Ritz Plaza in Sea Point and had come to Cape Town to conduct the sale on behalf of the DET.



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On August 18, Brosnihan went to Keale's office and told him that he had frequently acted on behalf of the DET — and he constantly referred to "Jaap", who would also, it seems, be putting in an appearance in Cape Town. According to sources at M&R, Brosnihan wanted 10% commission on the deal — worth R1,2m.

Brosnihan, Scheepers and other regional officials from DET were all at the Ritz one evening during this period when Strydom asked Brosnihan to take them for dinner at a Sea Point restaurant — corroborating the suggestion that they were friends.

A source reports that M&R CE Hector Minott said the selling price should be increased to R1,5m to accommodate Brosnihan's commission. The negotiations between M&R and Brosnihan eventually broke down and the hostel was subsequently sold to the Department of Public Works "A beautiful deal without any go-betweens," says the source.

Keale would not comment on the matter. But the *FM* has learnt that M&R officials were surprised by Brosnihan's involvement, his name had never come up in preliminary discussions with De Beer's office.

Minister Viljoen says "The fact is that Deputy Minister Sam de Beer and Deputy Director-General Jaap Strydom in 1987 did consider the purchase of the hostel in Guguletu to convert it into a school, but this offer was not accepted and two new schools were built. During a visit to and inspection of the site, Mr Paul Brosnihan was present. The deputy minister was under the impression that he was acting for Murray & Roberts."

In another deal involving the DET, Braam Olivier visited the Wolwekloof camp at Ceres — owned by a former Ceres mayor who is now a prominent Bloemfontein dentist and businessman, Dr Herman Reinach. Reinach, at the DET's request, had made certain improvements at Wolwekloof to accommodate black pupils on youth camps.

During the visit — at which Reinach, his

YOUTH CAMP PROBE

Government's decision to investigate all aspects of the controversial black youth leadership camps confirms the Progressive Federal Party's fears about the camps and the administrative efficiency of the Department of Education and Training (DET). So says PFP spokesman on black education, Ken Andrew.

Education and Training Minister Gerrit Viljoen announced an investigation just prior to publication by the *FM* last week of details of alleged irregularities regarding the camps (*Current Affairs* June 10)

Andrew says DET schools have spent "millions of rands" on activities described as "youth activities, nature conservation, useful leisure activities and establishing

and conducting youth terrains." The PFP has previously expressed concern about some of the objectives and course contents of the camps as well as the appointment of some "outside persons" to run the courses.

"Now disputes are arising and claims are being made by some of these outsiders," Andrew says

"In addition it appears as though a close relative of a senior departmental official is once again involved in business dealings with the department. One wonders what is going on and whether financial and procedural controls are functioning satisfactorily or not. All the indications are that they are not"

Over to the investigators

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camp manager Hennie Marais and Scheepers were present — Olivier suggested that a rondawel be erected to accommodate senior DET officials from time to time. According to those present, Olivier indicated to Reinach just where the rondawel was to be put up.

Reinach tells the *FM* that he subsequently submitted a comprehensive 75-page memorandum to Viljoen on the visit and certain other matters. "After studying the memorandum, the minister immediately saw me at his office," he recalls. "Deputy Minister De Beer and the DG of the department were present. The minister fully discussed the matter with me in a very positive manner. He reacted strongly and promised to launch an intensive investigation, inviting me to submit all the facts — even those which were not included in my memorandum."

Reinach declines to comment further, except to say "I think the government is busy with a praiseworthy project, but I cannot deal with individuals who are busy wrecking the scheme (the youth leadership courses)."

On Olivier's visit to Wolwekloof, Viljoen comments "This matter forms part of the allegations with regard to the use by the department of private facilities for youth courses, which has already been referred for investigation as I announced last week."

□ Last week, the *FM* reported that an employee of the Nguni and Sotho services of the SABC, Renier Swart, the brother of senior DET official Gert Swart, acted as an agent for the DET SABC spokesman Daan Eksteen. Eksteen tells the *FM* that the SABC is not involved in the matter. "If Mr Swart's involvement has any influence on his work, the SABC will investigate the matter," he says. He did not explain whether Swart had permission to do outside work, as required by SABC regulations.

NEWS

Afrikaans takes hold

Now just as many black pupils study it as English

lish-speaking.

English than Afrikaans.

TWELVE years after the Soweto riots — ignited by Government's insistence on the use of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in black schools — most education experts report that Afrikaans as a subject has finally been accepted by pupils.

SARA MARTIN

"This is particularly so," said one, "now that it is not being thrust down their throats."

Black schools are closed at present. Headmasters and schoolteachers are afraid to be quoted for professional reasons but several approached by the Saturday Star reported that pupils "are enjoying Afrikaans as a second language".

The Cillie Commission which investigated the cause of the riots established that one of the main causes behind the 1976 pupil

rebellion — which was to change the face of the country for all time — was forcing schools to use Afrikaans as a medium of instruction.

The black community resented the Government decision to implement the 50-50 rule in the final year of primary school — that the pupils would have to learn half of their subjects through me-

diom of English and half through medium of Afrikaans. Time appears to have erased the antagonism towards the subject, once thought of as nothing more than a political tool cynically used as a method of indoctrination.

Now that the subject and the system are no longer forced on pupils, the Afrikaans language is taking its place as "quite a popular subject" in the schools, said one headmaster.

The Department of Education and Training has confirmed that almost as many pupils take Afrikaans as those who take English as a second language at matriculation level.

All pupils at DET schools have to take one of the two official languages in addition to their own home language. Most pupils opt to take both.

This applies to DET schools both in Soweto and Natal, which is predominantly English-speaking.

According to figures released by the DET, 32 762 pupils wrote Afrikaans as a second language at the end of last year, 75,4 percent passed and the average mark was 40,4 percent.

Meanwhile, 33 125 pupils wrote English as a secondary subject, 77,4 percent passed and the average mark was 42,6 percent.

Surprisingly, in the Northern Transvaal more candidates take

He added that Transkei had since reintroduced Afrikaans as a subject in schools.

"As with all subjects the standard varies from pupil to pupil, school to school and region to region, but generally pupils experience little difficulty with Afrikaans," he said.

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Million rand DET computer deal: director asks to retire early

By CHARLES MOGALE

THE Director-General of the Department of Education and Training, Dr Braam Fourie, has taken early retirement following a probe into allegations that he failed to notify the Transvaal Education Department that his son, Willem, had an interest in a multi-million rand computer system contract with the department.

Fourie's request for early retirement was this week accepted by the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen. Dr Fourie was due to retire in August.

A judicial commission of inquiry has been set up to investigate Dr Fourie's role in the TED's acquisition of the contract. The commission will report its findings to Parliament.

An earlier report of a probe into Fourie's role in

the matter criticised him for showing "extremely poor judgment" for allowing the TED to buy the computer system without calling for tenders.

Viljoen, who announced Fourie's retirement in Parliament this week, said he had spoken to Fourie about his conduct. Fourie had accepted his findings and expressed regret.

Fourie's department was sharply criticised at the beginning of last year when it attempted to force parents to sign "indemnity" contracts before their children could be admitted to schools.

Most Soweto parents refused to sign, saying the contracts were biased in the DET's favour.

The contract bound parents to be responsible for damage to school property caused by their children.

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DET to probe two major malpractices

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TWO major investigations are under way into alleged malpractices — said to be extensive and involving substantial sums — in the Department of Education and Training.

A judicial commission, appointed by President Botha, is to investigate a R4,8 million computer deal — sold to DET by a company in which the son of the Director-General, Dr Braam Fourie, who retired this week, has a financial stake.

In addition, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister of Education and Development Aid, has appointed Dr S du Plessis, a retired Director-General of Economic Affairs, to probe malpractices other than the computer deal.

Dr du Plessis will submit a preliminary report to the judicial inquiry, which could investigate further. Investigations will be launched into allegations that

- Agents were appointed contrary to DET policy to run youth-leadership camps on behalf of the department. One is the brother of a DET official.

- A Natal hotel owner is suing a DET agent for R32 000 allegedly owed to him for accommodating black pupils.

- A publishing company owned by the son of a senior DET official has been awarded lucrative contracts to supply books, magazines and posters to DET schools.

- A friend of a DET

official acted as an agent on behalf of the department in a R1 million property deal in Cape Town. The deal, which was not concluded, involved buying a hostel, to be converted into a school. The agent, it is claimed, called for a 10 percent commission — to be paid by the DET.

- The owner of a Cape resort, to be used for youth camps, was asked by a DET official to erect a rondavel on the property for the use of officials of the department.

Dr Viljoen confirmed that he had received complaints about aspects of the DET's hiring of private sector facilities to provide youth programmes, and said these would be fully investigated.

DET job awaiting nudist-row teacher

By Kaizer Nyatumba

Mr Neels Myburgh, who recently resigned from Eden Christian School in Warmbaths after he dismissed nudist Mr Beau Brummell's wife and children, has a job waiting for him at the Department of Education and Training (DET) — if he wants it.

After being away from Warmbaths for a week, Mr Myburgh returned on Friday denying speculation that he was running away from publicity. He said he still believed his decision to expel Mr Brummell's wife and children from the school was right.

"I just wanted a break to decide what I was going to do with my life," he said.

The fact that he did not have the pupils' parents' support meant that the school "was not the right place for me".

The former headmaster said the owner of the school was "in a difficult position" because of the Brummells' support for the school.

He plans to live on a farm in Warmbaths in the northern Transvaal and write textbooks for the DET.

Mr Myburgh worked for the DET as a mathematics subject adviser until the end of January, when he accepted the post of principal of Eden Christian School.

The assistant director of DET's subject advisory services, Mr W. Venter, said Mr Myburgh could come back to his job whenever he wanted.

"Mr Myburgh was a very good subject adviser. He is a very serious man. If he wants to come back to his job I would appoint him any time," Mr Venter said.

Adult literacy classes

THE Department of Education and Training launched a national literacy promotion project in 1975 which by 1980 had benefitted 9 000 adults in 183 centres countrywide.

Today the Johannesburg region has 13 centres, an enrolment of 1 140 candidates and 107 instructors.

The Det's curriculum, which has been criticised as too full and ambitious, provides for two-hour classes four evenings a week and is divided into six course-levels.

"These courses were initiated as a response to the problems experienced by workers in communicating with their employers," says Mrs Linah Mabungu, a literacy adviser in the Department of Education and Training.

"Our literacy classes are aimed at helping the illiterate adult acquire reading and writing skills with a special literacy syllabus which was designed by the department.

"We follow more or less the same trend as in formal schools. Our curriculum starts with literacy classes — 18 months of learning how to read and write

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By SIZAKELE KOOMA

followed by a year of preparatory classes where the students learn hygiene, arithmetic, and environmental studies.

"This level is an equivalent of Standard 2 in a normal school and is followed by Course One up to Four which cover higher primary education up to matric"

Mr Edward French, of the Division for Sociolinguistic Institute for Research into Language and the Arts in the Human Science Research Council, has criticised the Det's approach to literacy training as too academic and lacking in practical orientation.

To this criticism Mrs Mabungu says the department has never had complaints from its students on their method of teaching.

"People dropout out of class not because they find it difficult to follow the lessons. We have never had any negative feedback on our approach from our students."

Mrs Mabungu, also a literacy teacher trainer, says the Det employs part-time staff in its centres. They are trained over a period of five days on literacy teaching.

"The teachers are mainly trained on the proper way of handling adult pupils and their needs in the classroom situation. They are instructed on teaching African languages, both official languages and numerics.

Needs

"We are aware that literacy teaching needs more than just the crash course we offer our instructors. It needs specialisation and intensive training, supported by a thorough knowledge of the adult literacy student and his needs.

"But we cannot talk about that now when we do not even have full-time staff. Most of the staff we have is employed elsewhere. They are



Mrs DINAH Mabungu, literacy adviser.

only free to hold the classes in the evenings"

Mrs Mabungu believes that very little is being done to promote literacy in South Africa and where efforts are made very few illiterate people respond.

"We have had a considerable rise in student enrolment since we started offering free tuition, except for the R4 paid on registration. But

the massive numbers of illiterate people in the country proves that there are a lot of people who do not know about our services"

She said the Det depends on pupils in day schools to inform their illiterate parents and relatives about literacy classes. School principals also play an informative role to those who show interest in the classes

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17 Soweto ^{22/6/88}
schools may
be closed

JOHANNESBURG —
The Department of Education and Training (DET) would be forced to close about 17 Soweto secondary schools if class boycotts continued and there was no return to normality, DET spokesman Mr Job Schoeman has said

The Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Sam de Beer, said at the weekend that the government might consider closing the schools.

Mr Schoeman said the Johannesburg regional office was looking at each school individually and would consider closing them as a last resort.

"The schools are not affected to the same degree by the boycotts and lack of discipline. We are not going to be closing schools left, right and centre. We'll close them if educational programmes we are putting forth do not succeed."

At some secondary schools there were sporadic incidents, Mr Schoeman said, adding "We are looking at the situation from day to day."

BLACK YOUTH CAMPS

DET's early warning

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The Department of Education and Training's (DET) scheme to involve outsiders as agents to organise black youth camps (*Current Affairs* June 10) had been criticised within the department as early as August last year. But a confidential report by an official, pointing to the enormous costs of using outside agents, was rejected by the DET head office.

According to the minutes of a meeting held on August 21 last year between deputy directors of the department at head office — a copy of which the *FM* obtained from Pretoria — the official responsible for youth activities, J P Strydom (no relation to the DET's Deputy Director General, Jaap Strydom), alleged there was documentary proof of agents earning up to R1 000 a day.

"If the department itself were to pay directly (to the owners) for the sites (where the youth camps were held), these funds (commissions paid to agents) could be used to employ extra personnel. The project could then be successful," Strydom wrote.

Strydom's report, which was given to DET Natal director Pietie Nicholson, was rejected by DET head office on the grounds that there was no irregularity.

Since then, DET Minister Gerrit Viljoen has launched an extensive investigation into the department's use of outsiders as agents. He has appointed a former Director General of Trade and Industry, Sarel du Plessis, to conduct the one-man probe. His findings will then be handed over to a judicial inquiry headed by Justice Leo van den Heever, ministry spokesman Hannes de Wet tells the *FM*.

Justice Van den Heever and two assessors were appointed by President P W Botha to look into the sale of a computer system to the DET after the sudden resignation of director general Braam Fourie, as well as other financial matters relating to the department.

Strydom's report also deals with the sensitive issue of recruitment of non-schoolgoing black youths and the attempts made by DET to get them to attend the "leadership" camps. According to DET sources, pupils attending the camps were each told to bring a non-schoolgoing friend along.

"This principle does not work," Strydom wrote. "The scholars (those attending camps) do not want them . . . Teachers say it causes problems." This practice has since been stopped, a DET source tells the *FM*.

Earlier, the owners of one of the youth camps, conducted at the Hebron Haven hotel near Midmar, had a fall out with one of the agents used by the department, Paul Brosnihan. Last year, Brosnihan was involved in an attempt by DET to buy a hostel

in Guguletu from Murray & Roberts (*Current Affairs* June 17).

After terminating the agreement with Brosnihan, owners Wally Smith, his wife Anne and partner Adrian King are claiming R32 419,42 for facilities at Hebron Haven they allege Brosnihan should have built.

As reported in the *FM*, the regional office of DET in Natal now deals directly with Hebron Haven in organising youth camps (*Current Affairs* June 10). According to Wally Smith, they accommodate black pupils over a period of 10 weeks a year.

Brosnihan and his company, Recreational Development Centres, are opposing the action. ■

'No cover-up' of

Political Staff

ALL irregularities in the Department of Education and Training would be remorselessly tracked down and eliminated, the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said at the weekend.

"There will be no cover-up, glossing over or suppression of the truth

"But I am also determined that justice should be done to all concerned and that the innocent be fully cleared of guilt," Dr Viljoen said in Bloemfontein at the annual conference of the Association of Education Officers

He also disclosed plans for a special school readiness programme for children not yet ready for formal schooling, and for the establishment of skills centres at every senior primary school by 1990 so that pupils who left school without a matric would have marketable skills

Recent unpleasant events in the department, with regard to the purchase of computer-assisted teaching programmes, the award of printing and publishing contracts and the hiring of facilities for youth courses, had resulted in the appointment of a judicial commission to investigate the allegations of alleged irregularities

"This action reflects the government's firm determination to carry out the President's commitment to clean administration

"I am determined that irregularities must be remorselessly tracked down and eliminated in the Department of Education and Training which is responsible for spending vast sums of public money in the interest of expanding and improving educational opportunities for the black youth

"At the same time we may not allow possibly false and unproved accusations to sully the integrity and professional reputation of highly esteemed and highly successful leaders in our department

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department's irregularities

"I am convinced that a strictly impartial judicial inquiry will ensure that truth and fairness win the day, and that those who may be falsely accused will have their names cleared," Dr Viljoen said

The Committee of Education Ministers had decided that children not yet ready for formal schooling should be placed in a special school readiness programme

"This concession will go a long way towards meeting the needs of these children and may, in the interim, be regarded as a bridging period

"Children may spend two years in this programme. Should they still not be ready for formal schooling they will be tested to determine the type of school which will best meet their needs.

"The department hopes that this programme will go a long way towards remedying the high failure and dropout rates in the junior primary phase."

Two hundred bridging classes had been established this year and it was anticipated that every

primary school will have such a class by 1992

Pilot projects for the skills centres had already been offered to 20 000 pupils at 78 schools and this year 1 500 schools and 220 000 pupils were involved, and a further 240 skills centres would be established this year

One of the aims of this career model scheme was that it would "provide us with young people able to play their part in South Africa's journey into the future"

"We will need their help to ensure that we choose the right road, to help us negotiate the rough patches"

Dr Viljoen also said serious attention was being given to changes in the contents of syllabuses to make them more meaningful and appropriate for children.

"Syllabuses and curricula must become more relevant to the life-experience and environment of our children"

Viljoen vows to eliminate irregularities in the DET

BLOEMFONTEIN — Irregularities in the Department of Education and Training (DET), which was responsible for spending vast sums of public money, had to be remorselessly tracked down and eliminated, Education and Development Aid Minister Gerrit Viljoen said at the weekend.

He told the conference of the Association of Education Officers the appointment of a commission of inquiry into alleged irregularities in the management of the DET reflected government's determination to carry out the State President's personal commitment to good administration, Sapa reports.

Held back

While irregularities in the DET had to be eliminated, possibly false and unproven accusations could not be allowed to sully the integrity and professional reputation of highly esteemed and successful leaders in the department.

Meanwhile, The Sunday Star reported yesterday the DET had held back for more than two years a consignment of 575 video-cassette recorders, worth R1m and earmarked for black schools.

It quoted acting director-general of the DET D H Meiring saying immediately after they were bought, and before specifications for the rest of the equipment could be drawn up, the "specialised official" concerned became ill and retired.

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NOTE (1) Transvaal Education Department

(2) Department of Education and Training

Teacher training

1198 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) How many persons studying to become (a) pre-primary, (b) primary and (c) secondary school teachers (i) were enrolled in, and (ii) qualified as teachers from, each specified teacher training institution under the control of his Department in 1987,

(2) (a) what total amount was spent by his Department on the training of Black teachers during the 1987-88 or latest specified financial year for which information is available and (b) what amount is it estimated will be spent on the training of Black teachers in the 1988-89 financial year?

The statistics mentioned in respect of (i) are official statistics as on 3 March 1987

The statistics mentioned in respect of (ii) should be regarded as preliminary statistics since final figures in connection with supplementary examinations are not yet available

(2) (a) R68 145 215
(b) R88 126 000

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The amount mentioned in (a) is a provincial figure since the Department's books for 1987-88 have not yet been settled

Teacher/pupil ratio

Province	(a)	(ii)
Transvaal	none	none
East Rand	331	121
	557	203
Soweto	none	none
	67	64
	643	114
	95	35
	352	100
	475	136
Mphohadi	none	none
	189	52
	280	93
Sebokeng	none	none
	419	142
	371	117
Indumiso	none	none
	551	180
	606	192
Cape	none	none
	428	65
	364	74
Kagisanong	none	none
	459	113
	none	none
Phatsimang	none	none
	224	44

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1199 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

What teacher/pupil ratio was applicable in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in each departmental region of the Department of Education and Training as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

Information as on the first Tuesday of March 1987

Khayelitsha: number of schools/pupils

1200 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) (a) How many (i) pre-primary, (ii) primary and (iii) secondary schools are there in Khayelitsha, (b) where in Khayelitsha is each of them situated, (c) how many (i) classrooms and (ii) teachers are there at each of these schools and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

(2) what total number of children in the age categories of (a) 0 to 5 years, (b) 6 to 12 years and (c) 13 to 18 years were (i) resident, and (ii) enrolled in schools, in Khayelitsha as at the above date,

(3) whether all the children who applied for accommodation in these schools for 1988 were accepted, if not, how many were unable to be accommodated?

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(1) (a) 0
(ii) 17
(iii) 3

SCHOOLNAME

SCHOOLNAME	(b)	(c)	(i)	(ii)
Eluxolhem primary school				
Ernthun primary school	Vill 2	24	19	
Homba primary school	Block H	24	18	
Injongo primary school	Block D	24	26	
Khayelitsha No 1 primary school	Block C	24	25	
Kukhanyile primary school	Block E	24	28	
Lwandle primary school	Vill 3	24	21	
Masithandane primary school	Block J	24	24	
Nolungile primary school	Block B	24	25	
Sobambisana public prim school	Terran C	24	27	
Sokumlandela primary school	Vill 4	24	24	
Soysile primary school	Vill 4	24	25	
Ummangaliso primary school	Vill 3	24	24	
Vuselela primary school	Vill 4	24	25	
Vusu Moy a primary school	Terran C	24	26	
Vuzamanzi primary school	Block E	24	25	
Yomelela primary school	Terran C	24	26	
	Vill 3	24	25	

(2) Information as on 10 June 1988

(d) Information as on 10 June 1988

(2) (i) Not available

(ii) (a) 1361 (0 - 6 years)
(b) 7631 (7 - 12 years)
(c) 4907 (13 - 18 years)

The available statistics only provide information about the age group 6 years and younger

(3) All the pupils who applied for registration before or on the final official return date of 1988-02-27 were accepted. The return date was repeatedly postponed

Medical University of Southern Africa applications received/accepted

1201 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) 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 1988,

(2) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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Figures under (i) include applications which do not qualify for admission viz applicants without a matriculation exemption certificate

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New classrooms

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Mphohadi	none	189	280	none	35
Sebokeng	none	419	371	none	100
Indumiso	none	551	606	136	136
Cape	none	428	364	52	52
Kagisanong	none	459	none	93	93
Phatsimang	none	224	none	74	74

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Molapo (c) 152 (a) none (b) none (c) 214

Kathorus (a) none (b) 338 (c) 214

Algoa (a) none (b) 147 (c) 75

Good Hope (a) 98 (b) 136 (c) none

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REGION	(a)	(b)
Northern Transvaal	1 39	1 31
Highveld	1 40	1 33
Johannesburg	1 34	1 25
Orange-Vaal	1 42	1 38
Orange Free State	1 40	1 36
Natal	1 39	1 30
Cape	1 40	1 29

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(3) whether all the children who applied for accommodation in these schools for 1988 were accepted, if not, how many were unable to be accommodated?

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(1) (a) (i) 0 (ii) 17 (iii) 3

SCHOOLNAME (b) (c) (i) (ii)

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Malizo Terran B 24 35

Luhlaza secondary school Vill 1 35 38

Masiyle secondary school Vill 2 24 31

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(2) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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(1) (a) 3 216 (b) 637 (c) 104 (ii) 351 76 28

Figures under (i) include applications which do not qualify for admission viz applicants without a matriculation exemption certificate

(2) 29 February 1988

New classrooms

1202 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) (a) How many (i) additional classrooms at existing schools, and (ii) classrooms at

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new schools, administered by his Department were built in 1987 and (b) how many classrooms in each of these categories were built for (i) pre-primary, (ii) primary and (iii) secondary pupils.

(2) whether there is a shortage of classrooms for Black pupils at present, if so, (a) what was the shortage in respect of classrooms for (i) pre-primary, (ii) primary and (iii) secondary pupils as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) what is the estimated cost of providing these classrooms?

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(1) (a) 610
(ii) 1 764

(b) (i) None (In cases where the bridging period has been instituted, primary classrooms are used.) Pre-primary classrooms are not provided by the Department
(ii) 142 classrooms at 11 existing primary schools
700 classrooms at 28 new primary schools

(iii) 468 classrooms at 18 existing secondary schools
1 064 classrooms at 24 new secondary schools

(2) Yes

(a) (i) The Department does not provide pre-primary schools

(ii) 1 084 calculated at 40 pupils per classroom, (global statistical calculations with information as at March 1987)

(iii) 2 194 calculated at 35 pupils per classroom, (global statistical calculations with information as at March 1987)

(b) Approximately R262 million calculated at 40 and 35 pupils per primary and secondary classroom respectively and approximately R617 million calculated at 35 and 30 pupils in primary and secondary classrooms respectively

Black student teachers: bursaries
1203 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(a) How many bursaries were granted by his Department to Black student teachers in 1988 and (b) what was the total amount granted in that year?

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(a) 12 087
(b) R17 058 000

Black teachers employment/qualifications

1204 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) (a) How many Black teachers were employed by his Department in State (i) primary, (ii) secondary and (iii) high schools in the Republic as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) what was the increase or decrease in numbers for each type of school compared to those as at a date one year earlier,

(2) what percentage of such teachers is in possession of (a) university degree, (b) teaching diploma, (c) matriculation certificate and (d) junior certificate?

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(1) (a) (i) 38 133
(ii) 11 371

(iii) Teachers included in secondary schools

(b) The increase from 1986 to 1987 was

(i) 1 196
(ii) 991
(iii) Numbers included in secondary schools

(2) (a) 3.01%
(b) 83.75%
(c) 50.55% (included are the 3.01% graduates)
(d) 49.45% (junior certificate or lower)
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Farm schools for Blacks established/closed
1205 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

How many farm schools for Blacks were (a) established and (b) closed in each specified departmental region during the latest specified 12-month period for which information is available?

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Region	Established (a)	Closed (b)
Northern Transvaal	54	6
Highveld	18	3
Johannesburg	0	0
Orange-Vaal	57	13
Orange Free State	26	10
Natal	34	9
Cape	20	8
TOTAL	209	49

Information as on 31 December 1987

Western Cape. Black housing schemes

1209 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(2)

Location	4a + 4b	4c (site+service)	Village 3	Erf 258, 259+264	B1	Erf 408	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Other	2 (a) (i)	2 (a) (ii)	(b)
Khayelitsha	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	May 1988	May 1989	857
Town 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	June 1988	Dec 1988	1 590
Gumtree	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	July 1986	July 1989	4 450
Jonkersdam	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	March 1988	Aug 1989	750
Guguletu	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	June 1988	Dec 1990	619
Old Cross Rd	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	June 1988	July 1989	246
Langa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	June 1987	Sept 1988	75
Mfuleni	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Feb 1987	Dec 1989	54
George	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Sept 1986	June 1989	1 116
Beaufort-West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Sept 1986	June 1989	90
Paarl Mbekweni	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	June 1988	Sept 1989	238
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	June 1988	Dec 1990	288
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	June 1988	July 1988	255
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	June 1988	July 1989	235
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	June 1988	June 1989	40
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	May 1987	June 1989	465
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Jan 1987	Dec 1989	50
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	June 1988	Aug 1989	289

(3) Yes

(a) (i) 5
+ 3 (Self-built) = 8
(a) (ii) 7 451
790 (Self-built) = 8 241
(b) 16 May 1988

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'All is not well at majority of Soweto schools'

Parents urged to play role in education of their children

THE recent suspension of classes by the Department of Education and Training at some Soweto schools is viewed by many as an indication that all is not well at the majority of the townships' schools

Many parents have already expressed concern that this year's results will be poor. This, they attribute to the fact that although there was "schooling" since the beginning of the year, there was very little effective teaching that took place

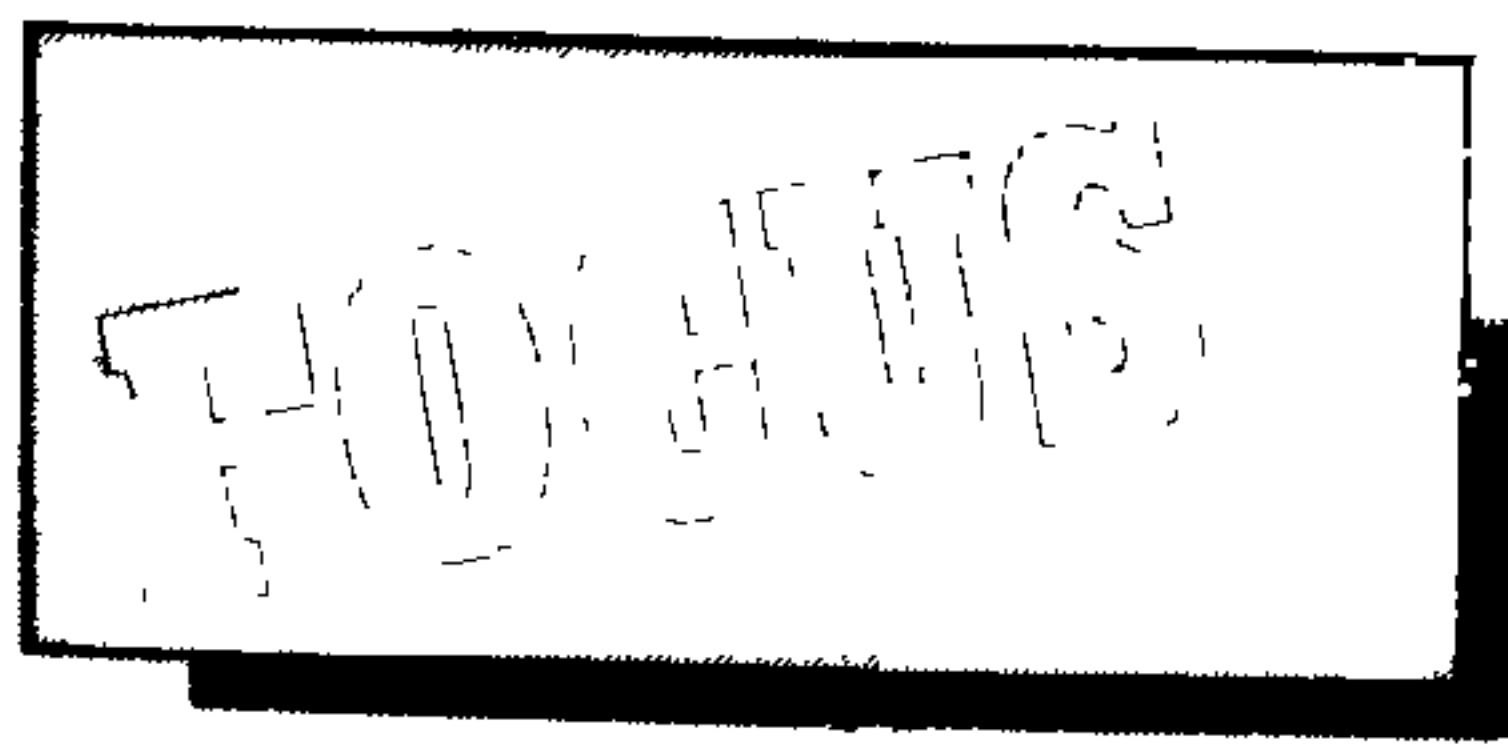
They put the collapse of education squarely on the shoulders of some pupils. They say many children lack discipline and show no respect for anybody — including their teachers

Long after school has started pupils are seen loitering in the streets. Those who do go to school get there two to four hours late and leave if and when they please

Some do not even bother to bring their books to school and often walk in and out of classrooms. Some pupils drink and smoke in front of their teachers. They also ignore requests to study or to do their homework

However, some people maintain the blame does not only lie with the pupils. They say the Government and the DET are the "culprits". They argue that the physical conditions of many schools in Soweto are not conducive to learning and this demotivates the pupils to come to school

They also say the demands of pupils, which include the release of detained fellow-pupils, the establishment of democratically elected Students Representative Councils and Parent-



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Teacher-Student Association, have not been met. In some cases where student leaders are released, they have been placed under restriction orders

There has also been the "burning issue" of members of the security forces having access to schools and the alleged detention of student leaders while on their way to and from school and on school premises

The latter issue has been of great concern in the past few months. The Soweto Students' Congress (Sosco) has claimed

that scores of its members had been detained since May

As a result, this led to a one-week class boycott called by the organisation when schools reopened on July 4 for the third quarter. Sosco had called on pupils to defy the DET's date and only report back to school on July 13

In the past weeks, a new grievance has come up from certain Soweto secondary schools. Some pupils are objecting to the presence of school inspectors visiting the schools for inspections



Mr PEET Struwig . . "I don't want to suspend classes."

is still closed

It is rumoured that pupils do not welcome inspectors because they believed that the inspections were aimed at closing the schools. This belief followed an earlier announcement by the DET that some 17 schools may have to be "closed" because of disruptions and lack of normal education

because we are forced to. We know that nothing else will work," he said

According to Mr Struwig, at schools where there were problems and where conditions did not exist for normal education, suspending classes "brings things to a standstill so that we can talk to parents about the situation"

Visits

Acts of violence have been reported at some schools during the . . . There

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Mr Peet Struwig, the . . . "I do not want to

are cases where inspectors' vehicles were stoned, had their tyres slashed, windcreens smashed, and even petrol-bombed

These attacks have led to the suspension of classes at seven schools since the reopening of the third term. Schools which were temporarily closed and have since reopened are Namedi, Kwa-Mahlobo, Fontanus, Ibhongo, Madibane and Lamula-Jubilee. The seventh school, Thulare,

DET's acting director (Johannesburg region), has said that there were wrong perceptions among pupils about inspections. He said these inspections were necessary to determine the quality of education in Soweto and were not a threat.

Forced

Commenting on the suspension of classes, Mr Struwig has said they are not intended to punish pupils. "We do so

suspend classes and close schools. My job is to keep them open. The policy of involving parents in the education of their children was paying dividends. Recent parents' meetings had positive reaction and resulted in the almost immediate resumption of classes," he said.

Asked if the strategy would help normalise education in Soweto, Mr Struwig said "I want to believe it will work. If we all accept our responsibilities and if our children realise that education is an absolute necessity, that they cannot go without it, and devote themselves to their studies, then there is no reason why we should not have quality education."

"An education department has a partner and that partner is the parents. The department is willing to keep its end up but parents must make their contribution," he said.

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Need for inspection at Soweto schools

- DET's official

THE Department of Education and Training has held successful panel inspections at 52 of the 60 secondary schools in Soweto over the past three weeks.

Mr James McNeil, the DET's public relations officer in Pretoria, told the *Sowetan* that only at eight high schools were inspectors interfered with. This had led to the suspension of classes at those schools, he said.

He said the visits by inspectors, had enabled the DET to evaluate the quality and standard of teaching at schools where there had been no disruptions.

The inspectors, he said, where necessary, planned special programmes to assist pupils who had missed days of schooling as a result of intimidation and fear.

"These plans are formulated by local officials in consultation and co-operation with academic specialists at the DET's head office and the principals and teachers concerned."

"Visits to schools are indispensable if backlogs are to be made up and our schools are to work towards providing the same quality and standards of teaching as those enjoyed by other

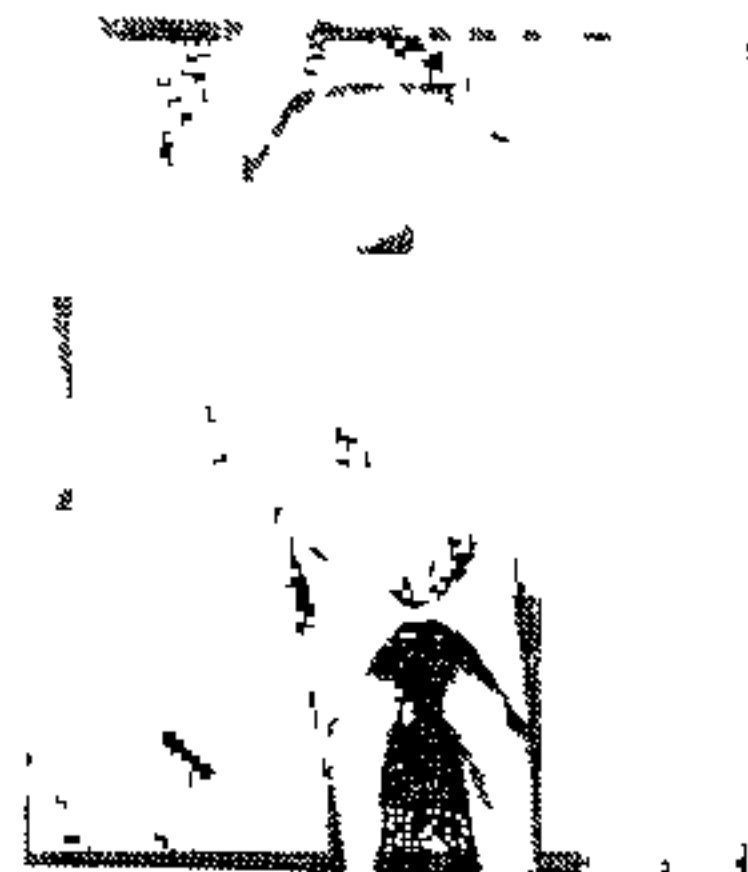
population groups. Unless the department evaluates on an ongoing basis, this can never be achieved.

"It is common knowledge that naked violence and carefully orchestrated disruption attempted to thwart inspections at the eight schools.

"The tragedy is those who are vociferous in their demands for equality in education, deliberately make it impossible for the DET to expedite inspections," he said.

According to Mr McNeil, for schooling to be effective and accountable, pupils and parents must be willing to play their parts. He said when young people are duped to believe that schooling is bad, they will be handicapped for the rest of their lives.

"It is our belief that inspections have led to renewed parent involvement, particularly at schools where inspectors were prevented to do their jobs.



Mr JAMES McNeil . . .
DET's PRO.

"At most schools where the department had no option but to suspend classes, it was the parents who took the initiative to have their children return to school and get on with the business of learning," he said.

Township schools not crowded—claim

Staff Reporter

TOWNSHIP schools are not overcrowded or too expensive and they do not offer a restrictive selection of subjects, a trustee of the African Schools Fund, Dr M Elsworth, said yesterday.

She was objecting to statements made by the chairman of the joint Parents, Teachers and Students Association, Mr Lungile Daba.

He had said that pupils had to pay high school fees, were forced to enrol for subjects they did not want to, and were subjected to overcrowded conditions.

Dr Elsworth said she wished to set the record straight, by pointing out that fees were exceptionally low and that most pupils did not pay them at all.

She also said that there were now about 32 pupils to one teacher in township schools — a ratio that was not excessive.

The first syndicate to purchase a share in Millionex II is the TJ2 syndicate, organised by the Deputy Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr David Neppe and his mayoral staff. Here Mr Neppe (right) receives his share certificate from Millionex joint chairman Mr Solly Krok.

For as little as R100 each, together to buy a R1 000 Millionex share. The draw will be at Sun City on November 5. Those interested can call Alson Vickery on (011) 974-3361 ext 318.

By Zenaide Vendeiro,
Education Reporter

Complaints of excessive (28) school corporal punishment

Complaints of excessive corporal punishment at two schools in Sebokeng have been investigated by the Department of Education and Training (DET), which says there is no truth in the allegations.

A spokesman for the Vaal Students' Congress (Vasco) told The Star that pupils at Thuto Tiro Comprehensive School and

Maxeke Secondary School boycotted classes for two days recently to protest against corporal punishment.

The spokesman, who asked not to be named for fear of victimisation, said pupils who did not submit to corporal punish-

ment were asked to leave the school.

The director of the DET's Orange Vaal region Mr F H Vorster, said yesterday the department had received statements from both principals "which substantiated that corporal pun-

ishment at the two schools is done strictly according to departmental regulations".

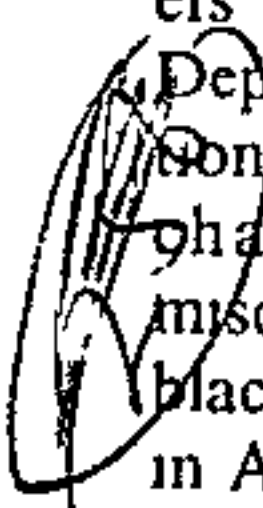
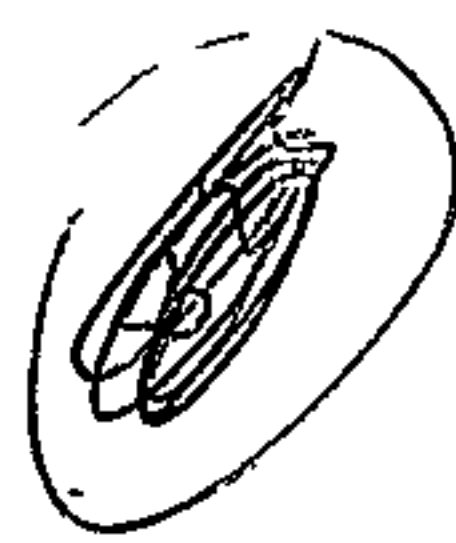
Reacting to another complaint by Vasco that pupils from Sizanani and Botebo-Thebo high schools were fighting each other because of a youth activities competition organised by the DET, Mr Vorster said a personal clash between two individuals, one from each school, initiated the fighting among pupils.

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Restore jobs DET is urged

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THE Democratic Teachers Union has asked the Department of Education and Training to drop charges of alleged misconduct against five black teachers suspended in April

The teachers, who are all Detu members, are Mr Monde Mbekwa and Mr Ernest Hendla, of ID Mkhize High School in Guguletu, and Mr Zohle Fonya, Mr Thembekile Plaatje and Mr Vuyo Hlaba, all of Langa High School, who are facing charges of disobeying an order to attend a sports meeting, refusing to obey gate-duty orders, which included preventing non-registered pupils from entering the school, and for being absent from school without leave

Detu's general secretary, Mr Monde Tulwana, said "it shows that DET has little interest in our children's education"

Mr Tulwana said many pupils, especially those in matric, had not received any tuition since the teachers' suspensions

The suspended teachers were instructed by DET not to communicate with colleagues and pupils and not to enter the school

The teachers, who were initially suspended without pay, were now receiving salaries "on humanitarian grounds," Mr Tulwana said — Sapa

Drop petty charges against teachers — union

Education Reporter

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THE Democratic African Teachers' Union has called on the Department of Education and Training to drop charges of misconduct against five schoolteachers in the "interests of education" and black children

Two I D Mkize High School teachers, Mr O M Mbekwa and Mr Ernest Hendla, and three from Langa High School, Mr Thembikile Plaatje, Mr Vuyo Hlaba and Mr Zolile Fonyana, were suspended on March 29

They are due to face allegations of misconduct at a departmental hearing on Monday.

Yesterday the union called on the department to drop "petty" charges of being absent without permission, declining to man school gates and refusing to officiate at a sports meetings.

DET SLAMS BOOK

Analysis of matric results for blacks

A DETAILED analysis of a book claiming that black matriculation results are systematically manipulated by the Department of Education and Training (DET) has just been completed by the department, which has branded it "unscientific and ideologically biased".

The book, entitled *Black Matriculation Results - A Mechanism Of Control*, was written by Elmon Nqabeni Mathonsi, the late vice-president of the National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa), and published by Skotaville Publishers in February this year.

It claims that the DET manipulated black matric results to control the output of black matriculants to suit the socio-economic and political needs of the country. Matric results from 1956 and 1983 are used to substantiate this claim.

Analysis

Although the DET's analysis of the book was not available at the time of going to press, acting Director-General Dr Dirk Meiring said in a statement yesterday that Mr Mathonsi's association with and assistance from Neusa, the Azanian Students' Organisation (Azaso) and the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) and references to, and quotations from, well-known Marxist literature clearly indicated the perspective from which he approached the topic.

The book, he added, was not academically impressive.

Mr Mathonsi had accepted a theoretical framework, largely unquestioningly, and

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had proceeded to use questionable statistics to verify an "a priori" conclusion.

He had used statistical data very selectively to support his view while ignoring any other possible deduction or explanation.

A questionnaire used by Mr Mathonsi in his study, as well as the way it was implemented and the conclusions drawn, could only be described as "unscientific and invalid", said Dr Meiring.

He said the fact that Mr Mathonsi had made extensive use of secondary sources and did not approach the DET's examination section as a primary source left the impression that objectivity had been sacrificed from the outset.



THE late Mr Elmon Mathonsi... "DET manipulates black matric results".

Class wars — a quest for quality

By ZENAIDE VENDEIRO,
Education Reporter

"We don't suspend classes to punish people . . . We do it because nothing else will work," says the the DET's man in charge of education in Soweto.

Soweto determines the quality of its education — it is not set anywhere else, says Mr Peet Struwig, acting director of the Johannesburg region of the Department of Education and Training (DET)

"Soweto has been the model to the rest of the country in many respects. At one time it was model for education and it is my hope that it will again be so," he told The Star on Friday

"Everybody is concerned about education in Soweto, the department most of all. I would not be here if I did not have the education of our children at heart

"There is so much being put into Soweto, by the department and the private sector, that there is no reason why we should have inferior education in Soweto and why we cannot become a model of education again

"But the department cannot do it on its own. The parents . . . the community must also do their share. It is only when we join hands that we will get somewhere"

Frequent attacks

Mr Struwig was brought in to head the most troubled of the DET's seven regions last month when the previous director, Mr Gunther Merbold, was transferred to a new region. In a short time he has had to deal with stayaways and frequent attacks on inspectors and has "been forced" to suspend classes at seven schools

"We don't suspend classes to punish people. We do so because we are forced to . . . because we know that nothing else will work," he said

He said that at schools where there were problems and conditions did not exist for normal education, suspending classes "brings things to a standstill so that we can talk to parents about the situation".

"I don't want to suspend classes and close schools. My job is to keep them open."

The policy of involving parents in the education of their children was paying dividends, he said. Parents' meetings held after suspension of classes at schools were very well attended and their "positive reaction" had resulted in the almost immediate resumption of classes

Asked if the strategy would help normalise education in Soweto, Mr Struwig said "I want to believe that it will work. If we all accept our responsibilities and if our children realise that education is an absolute necessity, that they cannot go without it, and devote themselves to their studies, then there is no reason why we should not have quality education

"An education department has a partner and that

partner is the parents. The department is willing to keep its end up but parents must make their contribution"

Mr Struwig said the inspections which pupils saw as a threat were necessary to determine the quality of education in Soweto

"I am in a situation where I don't really know what the quality of education in schools is," he said, stressing that there was a difference between standard and quality of education

"The standard of education is determined on paper by things such as the syllabus, the curriculum and examinations which are set for all race groups

"Quality is determined by people, both teachers and pupils. One must have teachers who have a devotion to education, who are well qualified, well prepared, punctual and have the right attitude

"One expects the same devotion from pupils that one expects from teachers. They must attend school regularly, be punctual, participate instead of just sitting there, be devoted to their studies and do homework. Basically, they must be self-disciplined"

It was his impression, he said, that at some schools outstanding work was being done while at others "not much is going on"

"One has to go out and determine what the quality is and that is what inspections are for. Once one has evaluated every school, the next step is to see where shortcomings are, to upgrade them and see that the quality is improved"

Inspections, he added, could be done either by individuals on a regular basis but panel inspections were preferred. "With a panel inspection, one can get an overall picture of what is happening in the schools and determine the underlying causes of the problems"

Asked what the underlying causes were, Mr Struwig said "The most common is that pupils are not motivated enough. And many of our school buildings have been damaged

"We are regressing more than anything else. We are so busy repairing schools that we can't get to a point where we can build new schools. Even when we do, they are quickly stripped of doors and windows."

But, weren't schools vandalised mostly by the homeless looking for materials?

"A school does not belong to the department. It belongs to the community. If the community does not respect and regard the school as valuable and does not look after it, tend it, then of course other people will move in and strip it

Exams now for May/June — D E T

FROM 1990, Department of Education and Training examinations for Std 5, 8 and 10 private candidates will be held in May/June, the acting director of Education and Training, Dr Dirk Meiring, said in a statement.

He said that to facilitate this transition there would be examinations next year, 1989, in May/June and October/November for these private candidates.

The closing date for entries for private

candidates for the 1989 May/June examinations was September 9, 1988, and April 14, 1989 for the 1989 October/November examinations.

“Examination questions for the May/June 1989 examinations will be based on the same syllabi and prescribed works as the October/November 1988 question papers. Some of the question papers for the October/November 1989 examinations will be set on new syllabi to be

implemented in January 1989.

“Secretaries of education in independent states and self-governing territories, private institutions and all DET regional offices have been informed of the new arrangements.”

Dr Meiring said the following were among the reasons which had necessitated the change:

- “The tremendous number of full-time and private Std 10 candidates

writing the examinations of the DET each year.

There were for example 306 000 in 1987. It is becoming impossible for the education departments concerned to continue simultaneous examinations for full-time as well as private candidates.

- “Some 350 000 entries are expected for the forthcoming October/November examinations. This is an enormous increase, about 44 000

over last year. The existing examination system will be stretched to the very limits to cope with the annual growth rate in the number of entries conservatively estimated at 20-25 percent.

- “It is becoming increasingly difficult to find suitable accommodation for all the markers — in excess of 500 — in one centre. In addition, two examination sessions will enable the DET to employ the services of only the best markers.

- “With the October/November examinations for full-time candidates only, the result should be available before Christmas.”

Dr Meiring said the new arrangements would better enable the education authorities to serve the interests of candidates.

Full-time candidates at DET schools would continue to write their examinations in Octo-

ber/November each year. Full-time candidates who had already entered for the October/November Std 10 examination this year may not transfer the entry — or the fees — to the May/June 1989 examination, since this examination was only for private candidates.

Dr Meiring added that all enquiries should be addressed to the appropriate education authority. Sapa

Temporarily closed Soweto schools re-open

Classes at three Soweto high schools, ⁽²⁸⁾ Madibane and Kwamashlomo secondary schools would re-open tomorrow. A decision on the re-opening of Fontanus Secondary School in Emdeni had not yet been made as "parents are electing another management committee". — Education Reporter. ⁽²⁹⁾ 9/8/88

He said teaching would be resumed today at Ibongo Secondary School and

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DET to resume suspended classes

THE Department of Education and Training is to resume classes at two of the three Soweto secondary schools which were suspended last week following large scale disruptions.

Mr Job Schoeman, the DET's chief public relations officer in Pretoria, said yesterday that classes at Ibongo Secondary School would resume today and at Madibane Secondary School tomorrow. He said a decision had not yet been taken on Fontanus Secondary School in Emdeni.

He said the decision to resume classes had been taken after problems at the schools had been ironed out at meetings of parents, teachers and members of the DET.

• Negotiations were yesterday in progress to solve a class boycott by students at the Technikon Northern Transvaal in Soshanguve.

A spokesman for the technikon said students, parents and technikon management were locked in a meeting yesterday to thrash out the issue of class boycott and re-registration of students

"The students were apparently reluctant to pay the R20 re-registration fee demanded by the technikon," the spokesman said

The students were dismissed last Wednesday after a three-day class boycott sparked off by "accidental" shooting of a student on July 29.

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DET schools clamp tightens

Another salvo in class war

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THE Department of Education and Training has suspended classes at another Soweto high school while two others which were recently closed will be reopened today.

A spokesman for the Department confirmed that classes at Lamula High School in Zone 5 Meadowlands were suspended yesterday after pupils objected to the presence of school inspectors on Monday. He said the pupils had left the school premises when inspectors arrived and no incident was reported.

The schools where classes will resume today are Madibane High in Diepkloof and Kwa-Mahlobo Secondary in Meadowlands. Ibhongo Secondary School in Dlamini, which was also temporarily closed last week following attacks on school inspectors, resumed yesterday.

A decision on the re-opening of Fontanus Secondary School in Emdeni had not yet been made as "parents are electing another management committee."

A DET spokesman said the resumption of classes at the three schools is the result of extensive discussions between officials of the Johannesburg region, governing councils and parents of the schools.

"Parents at the three schools had said they

understood fully the educational role of inspections. They had also accepted that they were necessary if the Department was to provide the best possible quality of education.

"They have agreed that pupils will abide by the rules, attend school regularly, bring books and do homework. They have also undertaken to discipline disruptive elements. No pupil can afford to lose any more school time as we have reached a critical stage of the school year," he said.

The acting rector of the Technikon Northern Transvaal in Soshanguve, Mr C D Miller, said yesterday that the majority of students who were dismissed last Wednesday after a three-day class boycott have returned to classes. He said many students had re-registered yesterday and on Monday.

- The class boycott by pupils at eight Tembisa secondary schools is now in its third week. The pupils have been staying away from school to protest against the banning of a parents-pupils meeting which was called to resolve the schools crisis in the township.

Initially the pupils boycotted classes after two of their fellow pupils at Tembisa High School were arrested by members of the security forces. The pupils demanded that public violence charges against the two be withdrawn.

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1 school closed

2 others reopen

JOHANNESBURG.

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DET enlists parents

Education Reporter

Education authorities are involving parents in efforts to solve problems which have plagued schools in Soweto in recent months.

The acting director of the Johannesburg region of the Department of Education and Training (DET), Mr Peet Struwig, yesterday met the management council of the Lamula Jubilee High School, Meadowlands, where classes were suspended this week after pupils left the premises after objecting to the presence of DET inspectors.

A DET spokesman in Pretoria said Mr Struwig reiterated conditions that had to be met before education could proceed normally at the school.

Mr Struwig also appealed to parents of pupils at Fontanus Secondary

School, Emdeni, to attend a parents' meeting at the school at 9 am on Sunday to "discuss the normalisation of education".

Classes at the school were suspended last week after inspections were disrupted by pupils.

Earlier this week, classes at three suspended Soweto schools — Ibhongo, Madibane and Kwa-Mahlobo secondary schools — were allowed to resume following discussions between DET officials, management committees and parents.

Parents undertook to discipline disruptive children and to ensure that pupils attended school regularly, abided by the rules and continued with schoolwork.

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Classes suspended at eight Tembisa secondary schools

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By Abel Mabelane

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has suspended classes at the eight Tembisa secondary schools where pupils have not been attending school for the past three weeks.

The class suspension was today confirmed by the Regional Director of Education and Training in the Highveld, Mr J H Booyesen.

Mr Booyesen said the pupils had suspended the classes themselves.

He said what now remained

for his department to do was to recommend the complete closure of the schools to the DET

Mr Booyesen said he would go to Tembisa today to investigate the situation personally.

He said the department would also have to decide what to do with the teachers at Tembisa secondary schools who were now sitting idle

"The department cannot tolerate a situation where teachers who have no pupils to teach continues indefinitely," Mr Booyesen said

PARENTS' ACTION CLASSES SUSPENSION

By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

A FORMULA that would prevent the suspension of classes is being worked out by a delegation of concerned Soweto parents and the Johannesburg region of the Department of Education and Training.

This was said by Father Lebamang Sebidi yesterday after his delegation — consisting of clergy, parents, teachers and principals — had had a second meeting with the acting regional director, Mr Peet Struwig, in Johannesburg on Wednesday.

Mr Sebidi said his delegation was keeping a close watch over the school situation. He said it was the ardent wish of parents and schoolchildren that the latter be given an opportunity to go on with their schooling.

This week's meeting, according to Mr Sebidi, centred around two previous issues — detention of pupils and teachers and the freezing of posts in Soweto schools.

Mr Struwig told the delegation that he had not yet managed to arrange a meeting involving the police, the delegation and the DET officials.

However, a certain Brigadier Viktor

— "Although we realised that this arrangement fell short, we urged Mr Struwig to continue to set up the desired meeting. This kind of meeting would not only focus on an individual pupil detainee, but on the global concept of school-related detentions," Mr Sebidi said.

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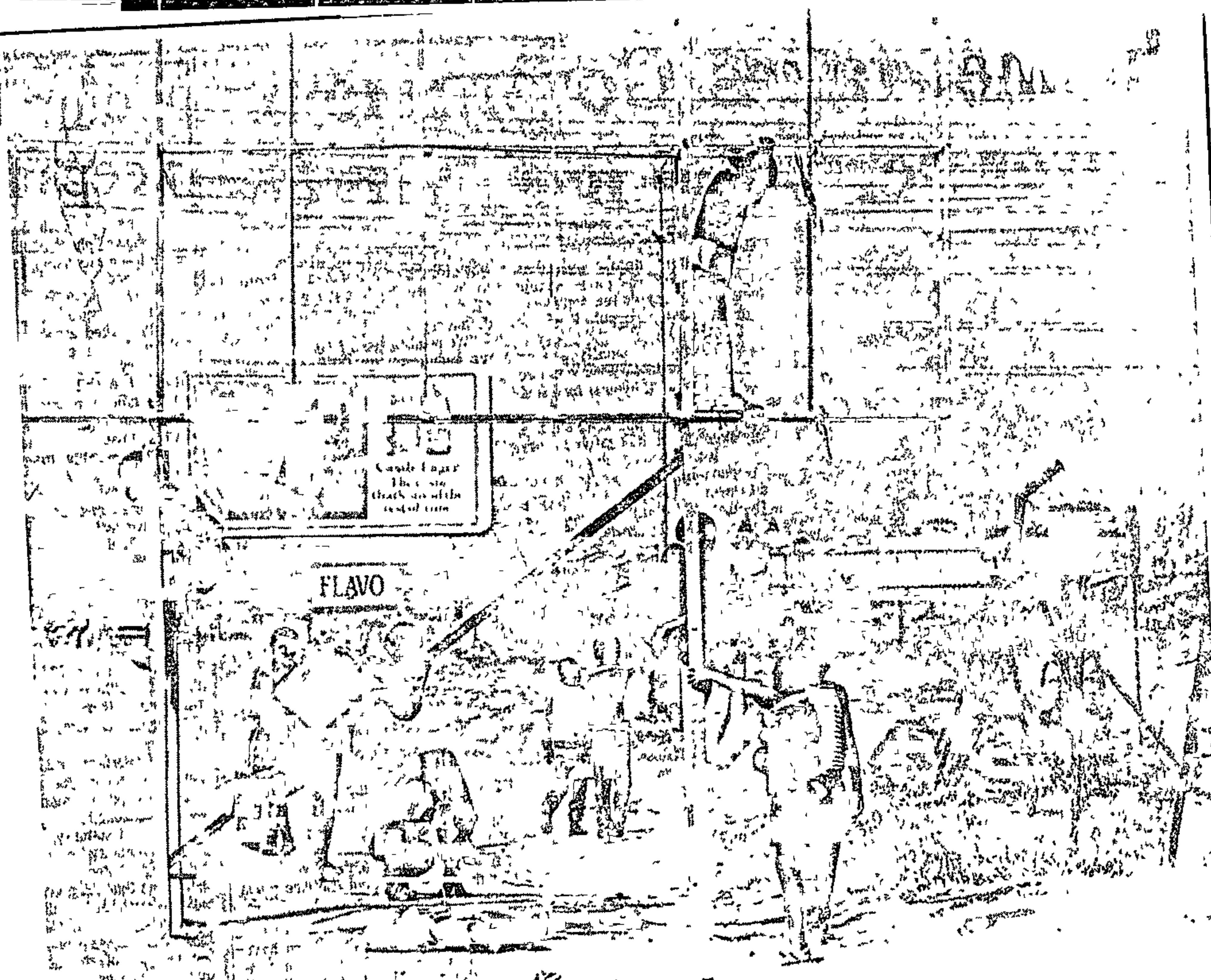
On the point of freezing of posts, Mr Sebidi said Mr Struwig reported that his inspectorate was still gathering data associated with this problem. This data would be discussed at the next meeting between the DET and the delegation early in September.

A report-back meeting to parents by the delegation will be held at the Funda Centre in Soweto on August 21 at 3pm. At this meeting a new mandate would be sought from parents.

Meanwhile, Mr Struwig has appealed to all parents of pupils at Fontanus Secondary School in Emdeni, Soweto, to attend a parents' meeting on Sunday at 9am at the school. He said the meeting would discuss the normalisation of education at the school. A similar meeting would be held at Lamula Jubilee High School in Meadowlands on Sunday at 8 30am.

with whom Mr Struwig had been in contact, had agreed to the following points in respect of detained pupils:

- Any parent who wished to see his/her detained child would be aided by the brigadier to do so.
- The office of Mr Struwig to set up appointments between the brigadier and individual parents, either by furnishing the parent with a covering letter and/or provide a DET "escort" to the brigadier.



Township school pupils play happily during their lunch break, if the situation is normal. But when unrest threatens there is no laughter — only a fume waiting for a dangerous spark that could trigger a chain of violence and injury

I am basically a 'crisis manager' — De Beer

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In a situation of political unrest, with black aspirations almost unaddressed, schools cannot function normally, and there cannot be effective education, says Deputy Minister of Education Mr Sam de Beer. "The vast difficulties we experience in our schools are interlinked with socio-political problems. Schools do not operate in isolation."

Mr de Beer, who had been with the Department of Education and Training (DET) for four years, said this was a statement of fact.

It was not criticism aimed at his governmental colleagues authorising constitutional change, with whom, he said, he was in constant contact about the deep-rooted causes of school unrest, equal political rights and the total abolition of apartheid.

By ESMARÉ van der MERWE, Political Reporter

Deputy Minister of Education Mr Sam de Beer describes himself as a crisis manager with the challenging task of depoliticising black education and providing effective schooling for South Africa's millions of black children. And what a crisis he has to manage

schools under DET's authority was deteriorating. Last week, there was no attendance at 14 schools, while the attendance at 12 more schools was poor (less than 80 percent). No school had been closed this year, and between 86 percent and 90 percent of all black children between the ages of six and 16 were attending classes.

Pupil detentions

He said the detention of scores of pupils, the presence of the SADF at black schools, and the banning of the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC) — an organisation with political clout in the black communities — were "undesirable".

"We don't want to have the SADF at our schools. But if the security of our children, teaching personnel and property is at stake, they must be protected. The detention of pupils creates a problem, but so does vandalism, intimidation and murder."

Despite the banning of the NECC, Mr de Beer was constantly negotiating with "everyone who has a vested interest" in black education.

"I experience tremendous good will from the black communities, especially parents who have the interest of their children at heart. My negotiations with a wide spectrum of black people have filled me with hope about the future of South Africa, provided that we are willing to not only talk to these people but also to listen to them."

'Defusing tension'

Neither was it an excuse for actions taken by DET — because the harsher steps taken by the department, such as the immediate suspension of classes at schools where disorderliness prevailed, were efforts to defuse tension in order to restore an atmosphere in which effective schooling could be provided.

Mr de Beer described the suspension of classes as "a friendly warning". In that cooling-off period, extensive negotiations were held with community leaders, parents, teachers and students to determine the causes of the unrest.

He said this approach was successful.

Part of DET's "stricter" attitude was also to train headmasters and teachers in communication skills and crisis management.

"We follow a more professional attitude towards education. We are not stricter in the negative sense of the word, and it definitely is not a sign of vindictiveness on our side."

"But if you tell a headmaster that he is a manager, he cannot allow pupils to be at their desks two hours late. We simply don't have any time to waste."

He said DET's "improved effectiveness" was an effort to get rid of the perception that it was an inferior department providing "gutter" education.

"Gutter education implies that a lack of discipline is allowed. We want to change this department into the best education department in the country. If you want to provide equal education, you simply cannot allow children to be undisciplined."

Mr de Beer denied that the situation in the 7 705

Young who must foot the bill for conflict

derating influence over pupils — was restricted, its leaders were detained and "people's education" was

school while there is no motivation to learn. "They need to be counselled by professionals, to be re-motivated on the value of education."

In a situation of political unrest, with black aspirations almost unaddressed, schools cannot function normally and there cannot be effective education, says Deputy Minister of Education Mr Sam de Beer.

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Neither was it an excuse for actions taken by DET because the harsher steps taken by the department, such as the immediate suspension of classes at schools where disorderliness prevailed, were efforts to defuse tension in order to restore an atmosphere in which effective schooling could be provided.

By ZENAIDE VENDEIRO, Education Reporter

The recent closure of a number of schools in Soweto was shocking, but even more disturbing is what is happening at the schools where attendances are supposedly normal.

Classrooms as they please and talk, play music, drink and dance during lessons. They ignore requests to study or to do homework.

Some students try to maintain some direction but there is a general atmosphere of unease, anger, frustration, demotivation and despair.

Deputy Minister of Education Mr Sam de Beer describes himself as a crisis manager with the challenging task of depoliticising black education and providing effective schooling for South Africa's millions of black children.

By ESMARÉ van der MERWE, Political Reporter

Part of DET's "stricter" attitude was also to train headmasters and teachers in communication skills and crisis management.

But if you tell a headmaster that he is a manager, he cannot allow pupils to be at their desks two hours late.

Mr de Beer denied that the situation in the 7 705 schools under DET's authority was deteriorating.

Last week, there was no attendance at 14 schools, while the attendance at 12 more schools was poor (less than 80 percent).

Pupil detentions

He said the detention of scores of pupils, the presence of the SADF at black schools, and the banning of the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC) — an organisation with political clout in the black communities — were "undestable".

But if the security of our children, teaching personnel and property is at stake, they must be protected.

Mr Mzimkuhu also feels ordinary parents, not civil or political leaders, should get together with pupils to "assess their intentions, find out their problems and try to find ways to solve them".

It is the young who must foot the bill for conflict

Children of Soweto When they returned to school in their thousands at the beginning of 1987, educationists and officials said they were "cautiously optimistic" about the immediate prospects for meaningful education.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

However, educationists have been more disturbed by what is happening in the schools where attendance is supposedly normal than by these incidents.

Demotivated and intimidated, many teachers no longer prepare lessons or make any attempt to keep to the syllabus.

Some students try to maintain some direction but there is a general atmosphere of unease, anger, frustration, demotivation and despair.

Former journalist and now Unisa lecturer, Mr Phil Mzimkuhu, who has been monitoring the situation in Soweto, says "The accumulated effect of years of unrest has scarred their immature minds.

Mr Mzimkuhu believes there has been a huge exodus of pupils committed to their studies from Soweto to private schools, educational programmes in the Johannesburg city centre, the rural areas and the self-governing and national states.

SMALL MINORITY

Only a small minority of conscientious pupils remain in the township, often studying in secret, he says.

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Shambles as DET shuts down three Soweto schools

By SIBUSISO MABASO

SOWETO was plunged into another schools crisis when the Department of Education and Training shut down three schools this week.

The move followed an apparent clampdown on "school radicals".

It has affected schools where classes had previously been conducted normally - as students left classes out of sympathy with scholars from the shutdown schools.

Final examinations are only two months away.

The affected schools are - Ibhongo, Fontanus and Madibane.

The DET claims that pupils went on the rampage, smashing school building windows, and extensively damaging inspectors' cars while they addressed teachers at the schools.

A spokesman for the DET said that as a result of these incidents, meaningful education was "totally disrupted".

He said inspections were conducted by all education departments - as an effective means of appraising the quality of teaching at the schools.

"Inspections are carried out routinely, and are essential if the department is to continue to upgrade standards in pursuit of the goal of parity in the provision of education to all our children in South Africa.

"It is indeed a tragedy when the educational enterprise is sabotaged by unscrupulous individuals and groups, who clearly do not have the interests or welfare of their peers at heart.

"As long as individuals and gangs are permitted to intimidate pupils, teachers and parents unopposed, it will not be possible to provide accountable education, which the people of Soweto justly regard as their due," said the spokesman.

A 12-member delegation of Soweto residents, consisting of priests, teachers, parents and pupils will meet DET officials on Wednesday.

Rev Lehamang Sebidi, spokesman for the group, said DET had surprised them by suspending classes at the three schools.

"We met the DET Johannesburg region a week ago in an attempt to end the school impasse. Both groups agreed that no actions on schools would be taken in the absence of parents. We are surprised that this drastic action could be taken when we were not consulted," he said.

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DET PROBE IN CRADOCK

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An advocate of the Attorney General's office in Cape Town visited Cradock last week to obtain certain documents for the judicial commission of inquiry appointed by President P W Botha to investigate alleged irregularities in the Department of Education and Training (DET).

This follows an FM report about a local newspaper, the *Cradock Courant*, which printed brochures and other material for DET (*Current Affairs* July 22).

Advocate Nollie Niehaus, who will lead the evidence before the commission, also questioned the present owner of *Cradock Courant* cc, Quartus van Rensburg, and his son, Quintin.

Cradock Courant cc was started in 1983 by Thinus Strydom, son of DET Deputy Director General Jaap Strydom. Advocate Niehaus was accompanied by the secretary of the commission, Willem Vos.

Van Rensburg Jnr told the FM this week that Niehaus and Vos examined various orders from DET for printing work which the company had done. "They also had a look at some documents that I had stored in three boxes at home. They took samples of some of the material that was printed here," he says.

Quintin van Rensburg says he made Niehaus a copy of a picture taken on the first day *Cradock Courant* was published. Van Rensburg Snr, Jaap and Thinus Strydom and the company's auditor Philip Gerber all appear in it.

Van Rensburg Jnr adds that Niehaus told him that Captain Kobus Jonker of the SAP's commercial branch in Port Elizabeth would visit him and his father to take statements.

Judge Leo van den Heever of the Cape Supreme Court will chair the commission.

Reopen schools, say pupils

By Stan Hlophe

Pupils at three Soweto high schools, in which classes were suspended this week after visits by inspectors of the Department of Education and Training (DET), would like to go back to classes as "soon as possible"

This was the feeling of pupils from Madibane High in Diepkloof, Ibhongo Secondary in Dlamini and Fontanus Secondary in Emdeni.

Pupils said they were bored with loitering in the streets and feared they would be "tempted to mischief".

"We are most disturbed by the fact that we might lose another year which we will never regain. We have lost enough time in the past two years. Now when we think the situation has gone back to normal, the department

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decides to unilaterally suspend our classes," one pupil said

One pupil said if the department had the interest of the black pupils at heart it should have convened a parents-teachers meeting before resorting to such a drastic measure

According to a DET spokesman the three schools were closed because

● At Ibhongo one of the DET's minibuses was extensively damaged by disruptive pupils while inspectors were addressing teachers at the school

● At Fontanus stones were thrown from within the school grounds at members of the security forces in the vicinity, who did not react

● At Madibane Secondary pupils left the school premises when inspectors arrived

Meaningful education disrupted says DET

CLAMP AT 3 SCHOOLS

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SOCCER officials leaving the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday where the application brought by Mamelodi Sundowns against Jomo Cosmos, Solomon "Sticks" Morewa, Cyril Kobus and Cosmos' legal adviser, Mr S C Mhinga (behind Morewa) share a joke See page 2 for story

THE Department of Education and Training yesterday suspended classes at three Soweto secondary schools with immediate effect.

Mr Peet Struwig, the DET's acting chief director (Johannesburg region), said in a statement yesterday that this decision had been taken following disruptions on Monday when school inspectors visited the schools.

The affected schools are Ibongo Fontanus and Madibane. Inspectors had visited these schools to evaluate the quality of teaching in order to render assistance and training where required.

Mr Struwig said his regional office would recommend to the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, that "these schools be closed until such time as parents can give assurances that normal teaching can be resumed without further disruptions."

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

At Ibongo pupils extensively damaged one of the department's minibuses while inspectors were addressing the teachers at the school.

At Fontanus stones were thrown from within the school grounds at members of the security forces. The latter did not react.

Inspectors were at the school at the time and although the inspection proceeded while some 200 pupils were still in the school, younger pupils, who wished to be taught, were intimidated by older pupils.

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At Madibane pupils left the school premises when inspectors arrived. They showed their opposition to the inspection and an unwillingness to discuss any grievances they might have felt they had.

According to Mr Struwig, these incidents showed that meaningful education at the schools was "totally disrupted". He said inspections were conducted by all education departments as an effective means of appraising the quality of teaching in a school.

"Inspections are carried out routinely and are essential if the DET is to continue to upgrade standards in pursuit of the goal of parity in the provision of education to all our children in South Africa."

"It is indeed a tragedy when educational enterprise is sabotaged by unscrupulous individuals and groups who clearly

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Man bites police dog

A MARITZBURG police dog, Rex, got more than he bargained for when he tackled a suspect whose bite was worse than his bark.

Four-year-old Rex was bitten on the ear and suffered a serious neck injury after a suspect turned on him when he was arrested at the weekend.

A police spokesman said Const Philip Rajah and Rex were on patrol in Maritzburg's East Street when they came across "two suspicious individuals".

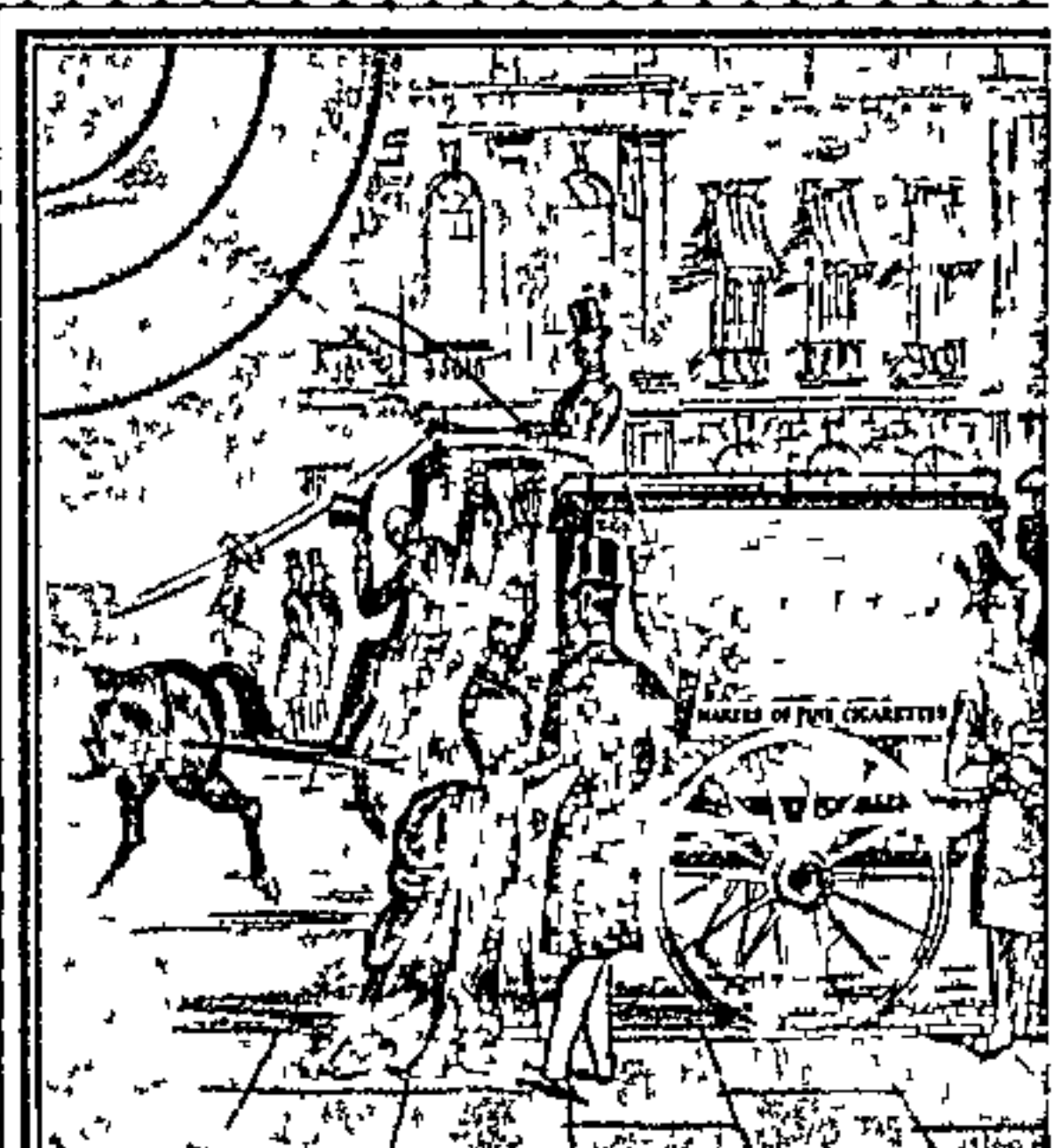
When the constable tried to search

them one of the men fled with Rex in hot pursuit.

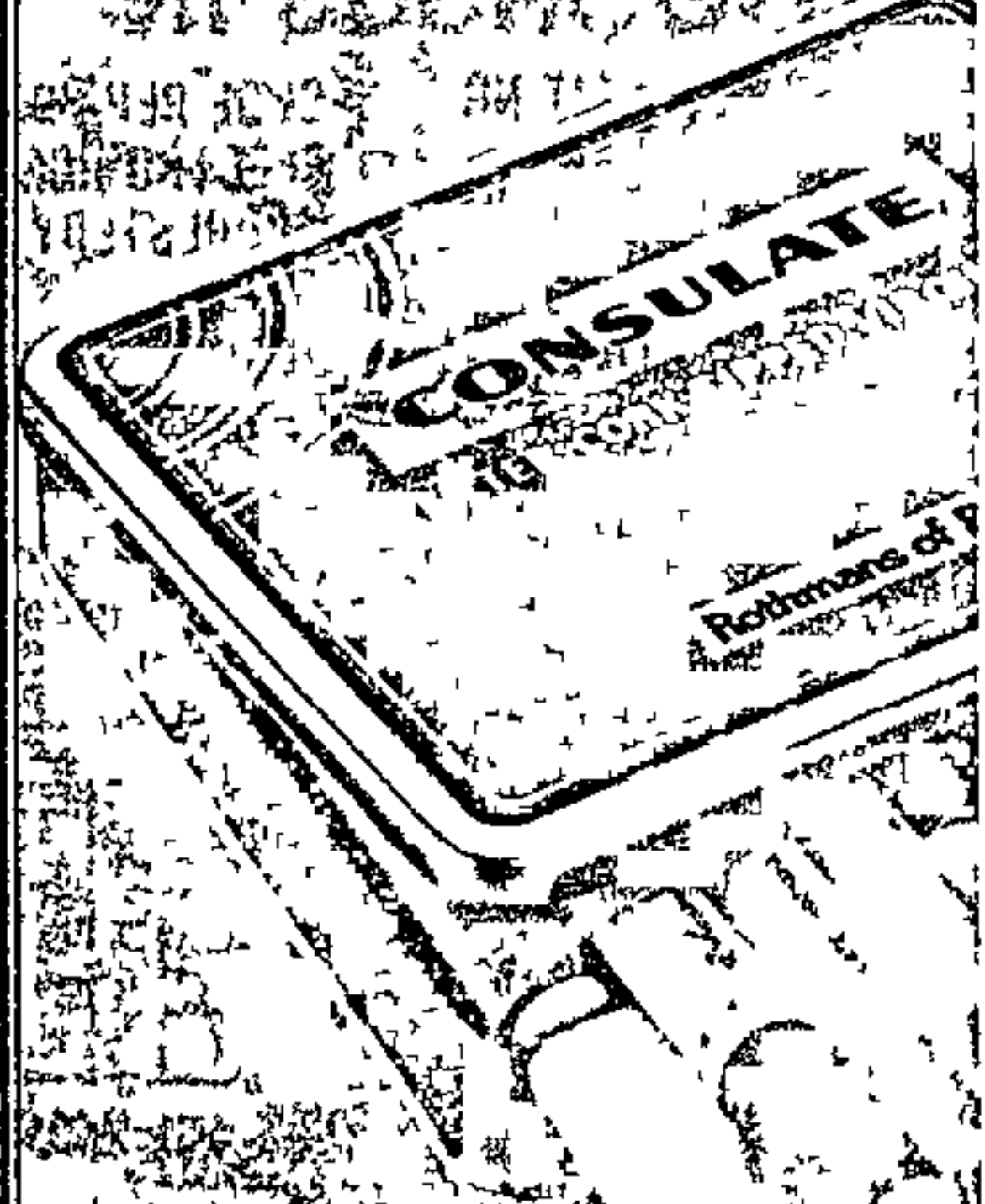
When Rex closed in on him the man wrestled with the dog, wrenching its neck and biting its ear. Const Rajah had to pull the man off him.

Rex is under observation at a veterinary clinic where he is being treated for neck injuries.

A spokesman for the Maritzburg dog unit said the man would possibly be charged with malicious injury to State property. — Sapa



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Tough action

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do not have the interests or welfare of their peers at heart. Not only will progress be jeopardised, but there is a very real danger of regression.

"As long as individuals and gangs are permitted to intimidate pupils, teachers and parents unopposed, it will not be possible to provide accountable education which the people of Soweto justly regard as their due," he said.

The latest tough action by the department brings to five the number of schools where classes have been suspended in Soweto since black schools reopened for the third term last month. The other schools where classes were suspended are, Kwa-Mahlobo High in Meadowlands and Naledi in Zone 3 Diepkloof.

Meanwhile, schooling at eight Tembisa

secondary schools where pupils are boycotting classes has not returned to normality. The boycott entered its second week on Monday after members of the security forces banned a parents-pupil meeting at the weekend which had been called to resolve the schools' crisis in the township.

Mr James McNeil, the DET's public liaison officer in Pretoria, said yesterday some pupils had reported at schools but did not have their books. He said the assistant director (for Tembisa), was yesterday negotiating with members of school management committees to resolve the crisis.

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Classes suspended at three schools

By Zenaide Vendeiro, Education Reporter

Classes at three high schools in Soweto were suspended yesterday after visits by inspectors of the Department of Education and Training (DET) on Monday morning sparked off action among pupils

The acting chief director of the DET's Johannesburg region, Mr Peet Struwig, yesterday said in a statement that his office had been left with no alternative but to recommend to the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, that the schools be closed "until such time as parents can give assurances that normal teaching can be resumed without further disruptions"

Incidents occurred at the schools, he said, during visits by inspectors

A DET spokesman could not confirm yesterday whether the inspectors were accompanied by security forces on Monday, but the presence of the security forces at at least one school was mentioned in yesterday's statement by Mr Struwig

The three schools affected are

● Ibongo Secondary School, where one of the DET's minibuses was "extensively damaged by disruptive pupils" while inspectors were addressing teachers at the school

● Fontanus Secondary School where, according to the DET statement, stones were thrown from within the school grounds at members of the security forces in the vicinity, who did not react

● Madibane Secondary School in Diepkloof where "pupils left the school premises when inspectors arrived"

Mr Struwig said "They showed their opposition to the inspection and an unwillingness to discuss any grievances they might have felt they had"

He said that as a result of these incidents, meaningful education was "totally disrupted"

"As long as individuals and gangs are permitted to intimidate pupils, teachers and parents unopposed, it will not be possible to provide accountable education, which the people of Soweto justly regard as their due."

Four months on, teachers wait for 'trial'

By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN, Education Reporter

FOUR months after being suspended for alleged misconduct, five high school teachers are still waiting for the Department of Education and Training to put charges to them.

The department pays their salaries each month, but has instructed them not to communicate with colleagues and pupils and not to enter any school.

Mr O M Mbekwa and Mr Ernest Hendla of I D Mkize High School in Guguletu and Mr Themvikile Plaatjie, Mr Vuyo Hlaba and Mr Zolile Fonya of Langa High School have not been near their schools since March.

They have a total of 25 years' experience between them and teach history, English, Afrikaans, agriculture and mathematics.

The suspended teachers said in interviews they had not been replaced.

"Our pupils are suffering. Many of them will fail their exams this year," one of the teachers said.

"The allegations against us are petty. Our lawyers have written to the department on numerous occasions asking for the suspensions to be lifted in the interest of pupils or to press charges. They are still awaiting a reply."

He said they were frustrated at the department's delay in arranging a "trial".

"The frustrations spill over into our domestic affairs, causing tension at home. This matter should have been resolved long ago."

The department had alleged that they were absent without permission from school when black teachers held a three-day stayaway in February.

"I cannot understand why we were suspended because the department penalised more than 200 teachers for the stayaway by deducting money from their salaries," another of the teachers said.

He claimed they had been singled out because they were executive members of the Democratic Teachers Union.

Schools crisis: Parents may meet police

Quiet moves are being made to bring parents and police together in an unusual meeting on the schools crisis THAMI MKHWANAZI reports

SOWETO parents may soon come face-to-face with police in an attempt to end the ongoing detention of students in the townships

A meeting between the police, the Department of Education and Training and a 12-member delegation of parents, teachers, principals and the clergy is reportedly being arranged by the DET

The unprecedented move is a departure from standing DET policy on the issue of the detention of pupils. Student bodies like the Soweto Students' Congress (Sosco) had previously demanded the DET intervene on the issue of detained pupils, but departmental spokesmen have maintained the DET had no powers to interfere in police affairs

Officials of the DET were locked in a meeting with the Soweto delegation last Wednesday, during which the detention of students and reported freezing of teachers' posts were discussed. It was at this meeting, held at the Soweto College of Education, that the suggestion of wider discussions was made

The DET's acting regional director, Peet Struwig, proposed his department arrange a meeting among the police, the DET and the delegation in an attempt to end the spate of student detentions in Soweto in the past four months, according to Lebamaq, Sebidi, co-ordinator of Iunda's adult education and training resource centre and spokesman for the delegation

The delegation tentatively accepted the DET proposal, pending a mandate from parents, teachers and clergy at a meeting at the weekend — and at the meeting, the green light was given. According to Sebidi, the delegation has told DET it can go ahead

Captain VR Bloomberg of the South African Police press liaison division would neither confirm nor comment on the proposed meeting, saying only that the police had not yet been approached by the DET

The Wednesday meeting averted a probable escalation of class boycotts in Soweto. High school pupils had boycotted classes in parts of Soweto in the past four months in protest against the detention of their colleagues

All six high schools in the Soweto township of Diepkloof stayed away from school for three days for the same reason, while pupils in Moflana (Moletsane, Tladi and Naledi) had been staying away from school for two months. The area was allegedly the hardest hit by detentions

In protest against the detentions Sosco had called on pupils at all Soweto schools, including primary schools, to defy the DET's school re-opening date of July 4 and return to school nine days later

Soweto primary and high schools were deserted throughout the nine days. During the stayaway Sosco alleged 200 students had been detained in parts of Soweto since May. Of

these, 15 were released and some slapped with restriction orders, including the organisation's central committee executive member, Johannes Mbalu Seheri

While a rumour was spreading that the Sosco re-opening date of July 13 would be extended until all pupils were released from detention, the Ministers United for Christian Co-responsibility (Mucor) convened a meeting of parents, teachers and the clergy to end the impasse

It was at this meeting, convened at Sosco's request, that a delegation was elected to meet with the DET last Wednesday. It was also resolved that all students return to school on Sosco's re-opening date. By that time, a number of students had been conditionally released from detention

The SAP's Captain Bloomberg last week confirmed the restriction orders served on Seheri, who is also an SRC executive member of his school's Dalwonga high school in the Soweto township of Dube and those of four other Soweto pupils: Chucal Tyhman, Elijah Muisi and Samuel Mocketsi

The orders prevent the students from taking part in Sosco activities and confine them to their homes between 6pm and 5am unless permission is granted by the divisional commander of the security police

They are also prevented from attending any gathering that seeks to "attack, criticise or protest" against the government and local authorities or to incite people to boycott elections of local government

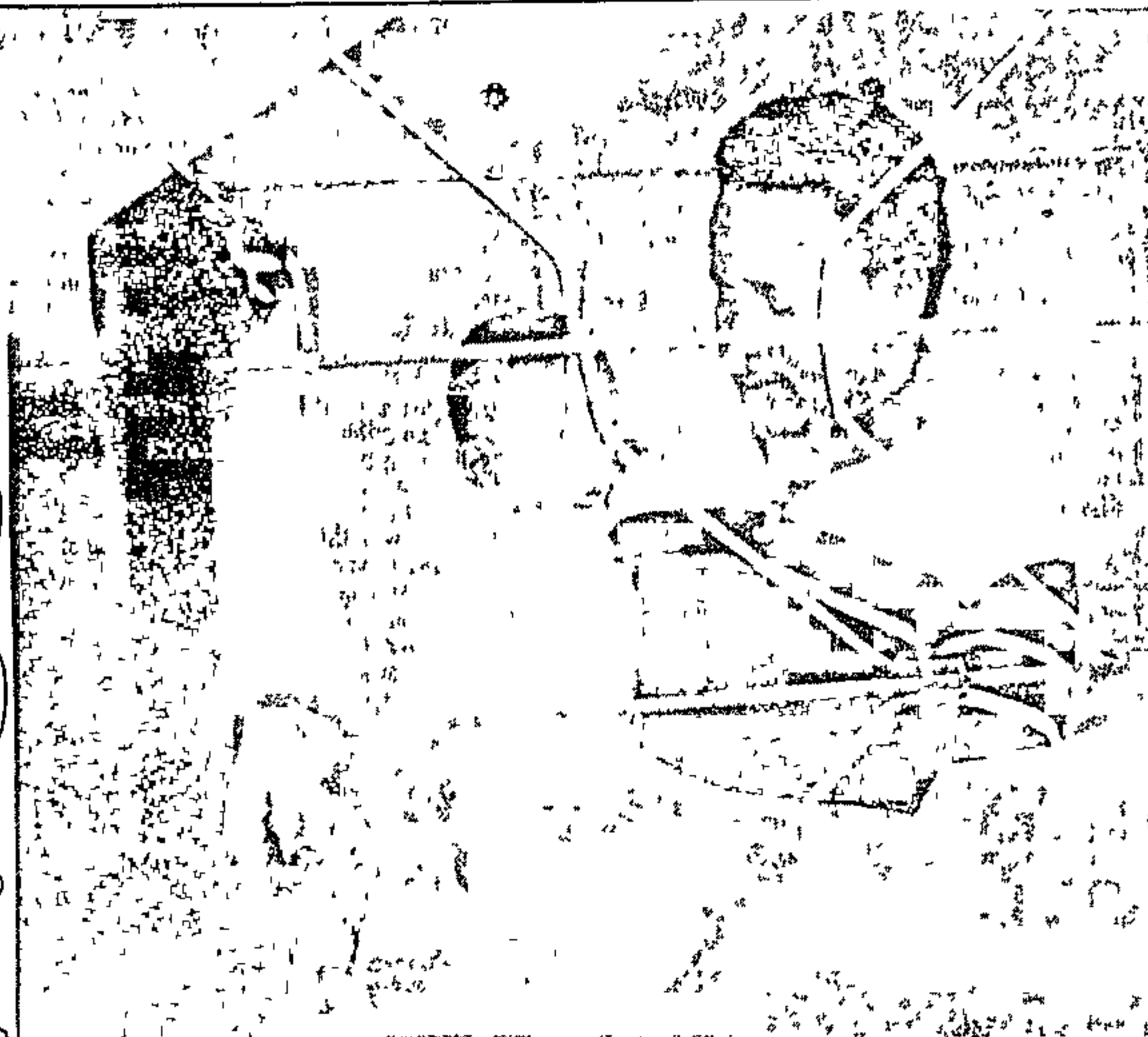
The students have instructed their lawyers to contest the orders. Seheri and Tyhman will also bring damage suits against the police for alleged assault during their detention

Seheri argued that preventing him from participating in Sosco activities was effectively denying him the right to air his views through the SRC which, he said, was affiliated to Sosco

He said the 6pm to 5am "house arrest" prevented him from attending evening academic classes. His detention had marred his schooling programme, and the "curfew" in the order would not enable him to catch up with the rest of the students

AAM members soar

AT least 1 000 people have applied to the Anti-Apartheid Movement in London for membership following this month's Nelson Mandela birthday rally at Hyde Park, the movement says. The AAM claims the Mandela campaign has pushed British membership to close to 18 000



Windows broken by vandals, 1985 harassment is nothing new to the Chikane family

Police raid Chikane home for brother

FOUR days after the mother of Frank Chikane, general secretary of the SA Council of Churches, found a hand grenade wrapped as a parcel in her postbox, police raided her Tladi, Soweto house and briefly detained her daughter

By MUSA ZONDI

— allegedly for possession of a book and a poster

Police arrived at the Tladi house shortly after a raid on the Pimville home of Frank Chikane, where

they said they were looking for his brother, Khotso Chikane, 18, president of the Soweto Students' Congress

Khotso Chikane was a colleague of the late Sicelo Dhlomo, a Detainees' Parents Support Committee fieldworker who appeared in the CBS documentary *Children of Apartheid*. He was found murdered shortly after being released from detention

The Chikane family has been receiving phone calls from people threatening that Khotso would be killed if he did not hand himself over to police, Chikane said this week

Khotso Chikane was detained for three months during the 1986/7 Emergency. Two other members of the family were also detained during that Emergency: Roegers and Thabile Chikane

On Thursday last week, Erenah Chikane called police after discovering a hand grenade in her post box. Three hours later, police detonated the device

Police confirmed raiding the Chikane home in Pimville on Monday, stating they were looking for Khotso Chikane whom they wish to detain under Emergency regulations. They also confirmed a subsequent raid on the Chikane family home in Tladi and said Salome Chikane had been detained briefly, then released

'Assaulted' Toms wants a transfer

JAILED conscientious objector Dr Ivan Toms, who has charged a fellow prisoner with assault after alleged homosexual harassment, is hoping for a transfer from Pollsmoor to Pretoria's Central Prison

The 35-year-old Crossroads clinic founder, sentenced in March to 21 months' jail for refusing to serve in the South African Defence Force, had a gash under his right eye stitched after he was involved in an incident with the prisoner

Friends said that on June 27, a warder witnessed a man, alleged to have previously provoked other prisoners, pushing Toms up against a grille in the bathroom and making sexual advances. He intervened and separated them and Toms laid a complaint

The next day the man allegedly again approached Toms in the showers. Toms punched him in the mouth, breaking a capped tooth. The man allegedly struck Toms in the face, and

knocked him to the ground

The fight was stopped and Toms received two stitches at Victoria Hospital, while the other prisoner was put in isolation in a cell dubbed "The Bomb"

Prisons Service representative Colonel A van Vuuren confirmed two prisoners were slightly injured in an incident on June 28 and said officials were "in the process of taking the necessary action"

"The Prisons Service regards every complaint of alleged assault, no matter how petty, in a serious light and prisoners are not allowed to intimidate one another"

Prisoners could lodge complaints or requests daily and preventative measures, such as relocation of sleeping quarters or work-places, were applied if there was "reason to believe a prisoner was threatened"

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TAKKE THEM BACK Lawyers fail DET

LAWYERS representing the 14 Students Representative Council members expelled from the Central State Secondary School in Soshanguve, Pretoria, yesterday made representations to the Department of Education and Training seeking the immediate reinstatement of the pupils. *Sowetan 28/7/88*

A spokesman for the lawyers told the *Sowetan* that a detailed report had been submitted to the Director General of the department. The report, he said, was compiled at the request of the DET.

He said the matter would be taken to court

should the authorities fail to heed their demand for unconditional reinstatement of all 14. However, he said they were also willing to discuss the issue at a meeting if the DET officials so wished.

According to him, the parents of the pupils expelled for allegedly disrupting classes were not told of the DET's pending action against their children.

He said the parents had accompanied their children to an urgent meeting called by the authorities during the past winter holidays.

At the meeting, he said, parents were only informed about the statements their children were supposed to make in connection with the boycott of classes at the school.

"However, in the letters our clients received from the DET, they have been accused of having disrupted classes. The department has also stated that the decision to expel them came as a result of their investigations," he said.

Mr James McNeil, DET's Press liaison officer who earlier told the *Sowetan* that the pupils were expelled after "a full scale investigation," yesterday said further investigations were being carried out. He would not discuss the matter further "until we have gone through all documents".

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DET says Soweto boycott is over

THE Department of Education and Training says all Soweto schools have returned to normal

Spokesman Richard Chernis added yesterday there was a partial stay-away in Tembisa but he was not able to elaborate.

Most Soweto high schools have had a

boycott of classes in protest against alleged police detention of SRC members. Police deny this

The re-opening of schools for the second term was also delayed because the boycott included some primary schools.

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DET's plans

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THE Government's 10-year programme to upgrade the education of blacks, coloureds and Indians, would increase State expenditure from R6,8 billion to R10 billion by 1996, SABC Radio News has reported.

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At the opening of the Cape regional conference of the Department of Education and Training in Port Elizabeth yesterday morning, the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen,

referred to the 10-year programme announced in April 1986

He said that the programme was designed to improve the qualification of teachers and the teacher-pupil ratio as well as to accommodate the expected massive increase in the number of black pupils.

The Department was also committed to the policy of promoting the upward mobility of black educationists in the ranks of the Department.

Spotlight on House of Delegates

DURBAN — Many people, including MPs, have made written submissions to the one-man commission of inquiry investigating allegations concerning the House of Delegates.

The deadline for written evidence was Friday, but Mr Justice Neville James, appointed by President P W Botha to conduct the probe, said he would consider accepting further submissions.

Mr Justice James is a retired Judge-President of Natal. His commission begins its public sitting in room 12 in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Wednesday at 11am.

For the first time the Indian parliamentary chamber — rocked by allegations and counter-allegations of bribery and corruption — will come under a judicial spotlight.

Mr Justice James said he would investigate allegations concerning the involvement of House of Delegates members in irregularities connected with their official duties.

He has until September 30 to submit his findings to President Botha.

— Sapa

BLACK UNREST *FM*

Cradock campaign

The Department of Education and Training (DET) planned a major propaganda campaign to be run from Cradock in the eastern Cape in 1985 to counter mounting black unrest and the consumer boycott affecting the region. Central to the campaign was a local newspaper published by the Cradock Courant cc printing and newspaper company.

Spearheading the campaign were DET Deputy Director General (DG) Jaap Strydom and his son Thinus, who started Cradock Courant cc DET, which provided some anti-unrest propaganda articles for the *Cradock Courant*, also bought thousands of copies of the newspaper to distribute in black townships.

Strydom Snr and some of his top officials at DET's head office in Pretoria made frequent trips to Cradock at the time. During the planning stages of the campaign, Strydom met various businessmen there to discuss a strategy against rising unrest and the crippling consumer boycott. At one stage, DET Deputy Minister Sam de Beer also visited the town.

Printing presses for the *Cradock Courant* were bought by Strydom Jnr in Middelburg, Cape, and the deal was financed by Nedfin Bank in Port Elizabeth. Contracts for printing material between the newspaper and the supply company, Haddons, amounted to thousands of rands.

Strydom Snr was present when the first edition of the *Cradock Courant* was printed.



**Strydom Snr ...
he spearheaded move**

The deputy DG, his son and the printer, Quartus van Rensburg, appear in a photograph taken at the occasion.

Strydom Jnr left Cradock at the end of 1986 and Cradock Courant cc has since been taken over by Van Rensburg and his son, Quintin. Van Rensburg took over an outstanding R80 628 debt at Nedfin Sources at Haddons confirmed to the *FM* that the company has written off approximately R30 000 in debt incurred by Cradock Courant cc.

Strydom Jnr paid Van Rensburg R9 000 for outstanding monies owed for salary, workman's compensation and pension deductions. Van Rensburg has acknowledged the payment in a sworn affidavit.

Strydom now owns another publishing company — Forma Publications — which has enjoyed success in winning numerous tenders from DET.

Among the items that Cradock Courant cc printed for the DET were posters and teaching aids. According to DET order forms, in May 1986 the company printed *Back to the Bible* teaching aids for the seven black regions of DET. Each order amounted to R6 720.

Cradock Courant cc did print the *Back to the Bible* aids and payments were made to a postal box number in Arcadia, Pretoria.

In 1985, DET ordered 5 000 copies of the *Cradock Courant* over 10 weeks, for which it paid R10 000 to the printing company. This was done by Tender Board authority number 4/4/9/329/35.

Cradock Courant cc also printed the literature for leadership courses for management and development consultants Louw du Toit & Associates. DET has for quite some time been using the expertise of companies such as Afrox and the management company Human Resources Associates to prepare courses on matters such as health and education in the department's seven regions.

At one stage, Strydom Jnr was interested in acquiring a share in a building in Cradock after it became clear that DET's offices in nearby Graaff-Reinet were being moved to Cradock. After negotiations between Strydom and Cradock businessman Kosie de Klerk, a building was duly bought.

De Klerk told the *FM* that he learnt from Strydom that DET was in the process of moving to Cradock. "Until I heard this from Strydom I had no knowledge of the proposed move. I then negotiated the rental deal with the Department of Works," says De Klerk.

De Klerk says that he, his business associate and Strydom each had a third share in the development of the building.

However, Strydom opted out of the agreement before renovation had begun, says De Klerk. He states "We took over Strydom's share. The building, which I have since then sold, was leased to DET for a five-year period."

Van Rensburg says that since Strydom left Cradock, Cradock Courant cc has not received any further printing contracts from

DET. He is now thinking about selling the company.

DET ministry spokesman Hannes de Wet tells the *FM* that neither Viljoen nor Strydom Snr had any further comment beyond what has already been stated by Viljoen. Strydom Jnr, who was shown a copy of this story, preferred not to comment.

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Soweto talks were 'fruitful'

By Kaizer Nyatumba
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A member of a 12-man delegation of Soweto parents, principals, teachers and members of the clergy described their meeting with officials of the Department of Education and Training (DET) which took place yesterday as having been "candid and fruitful".

The delegation — which has the blessing of

Soweto pupils — met the new Johannesburg regional director, Mr Peet Struwig. The former director, Mr Gunther Merbold, has been transferred out of the region at his own request.

Mr Sebidi said the delegation would give details of the discussion at a report back meeting at Funda Centre, Soweto, on July 23 at 3 pm.

DET official transferred

Education Reporter

The Department of Education and Training's (DET) official in charge of schools in Soweto and Alexander, Mr Gunther Merbold, is to be transferred from the troubled region.

A DET spokesman said yesterday Mr Merbold was being transferred, at his own request, to open a new Diamonds Fields region, centred in Potchefstroom, on January 1.

Mr P. Struwig, a deputy director with the department, had been appointed acting director of the Johannesburg region, the spokesman added.

Mr Merbold could not be reached for comment last night because he was meeting a committee of Soweto parents, principals, teachers and clergymen to discuss education in the township.

DET to meet Soweto group

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A 12-man committee of Soweto parents, principals, teachers and members of the clergy is due to meet the regional director of the Department of Education and Training (DET) today to discuss educational problems in the township

A DET spokesman confirmed yesterday that the committee had approached the director, Mr Gunther Merbold, for a meeting following the recent seven-day stayaway by high school pupils

The spokesman said classes at Naledi Secondary School in Diepkloof were still suspended pending the completion of two investigations — one by the department and another by police — into incidents of vandalism at the school last Wednesday

DET officials were allegedly threatened and had their cars stoned and tyres slashed

The spokesman said a governing council meeting had been held to discuss the incident and re-opening the school

Soweto school boycott ends

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By SIBUSISO MABASO

THERE was uncertainty in Soweto on Wednesday morning as thousands of pupils, most of them not in uniform, returned to schools as the seven-day school boycott ended.

Parts of the township

Uncertainty marks return

were tense as groups of youths gathered around bus terminuses and schools.

In some areas, there was

a heavy SADF and security police presence, particularly in Pimville and Emdeni, where troops patrolled the streets near

schools.

Many children milled around in the streets of most Soweto townships, uncertain whether they should go to school, although there were no signs of pupils having been forced off school premises or stopped on their way to school.

But a snap survey among pupils this week revealed that most were anxious to return to classes to prepare for their end-of-year examinations.

The school boycott was sparked off by the alleged detention of several pupils in May.

DET liaison officer in Pretoria, Job Schoeman, said the department had been informed by the Johannesburg circuit that the school situation in Soweto was back to normal.

He said his department was concerned about the time wasted during the seven-day boycott.

"Students will have to work very hard to recover the number of days they wasted. We would not like to see another high failure rate," said Schoeman.

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School stopped
after stonings

JOHANNESBURG. —
Classes at a Soweto high school were suspended this week after Department of Education and Training officials were threatened and had their cars stoned and tyres slashed, the chief director of the DET, Johannesburg region, said yesterday.

Mr Gunther Merbold said all classes at Namedi Secondary School in Diepkloof would be suspended until an official investigation was completed. — Sapa

Will closing schools teach us a lesson for the future?

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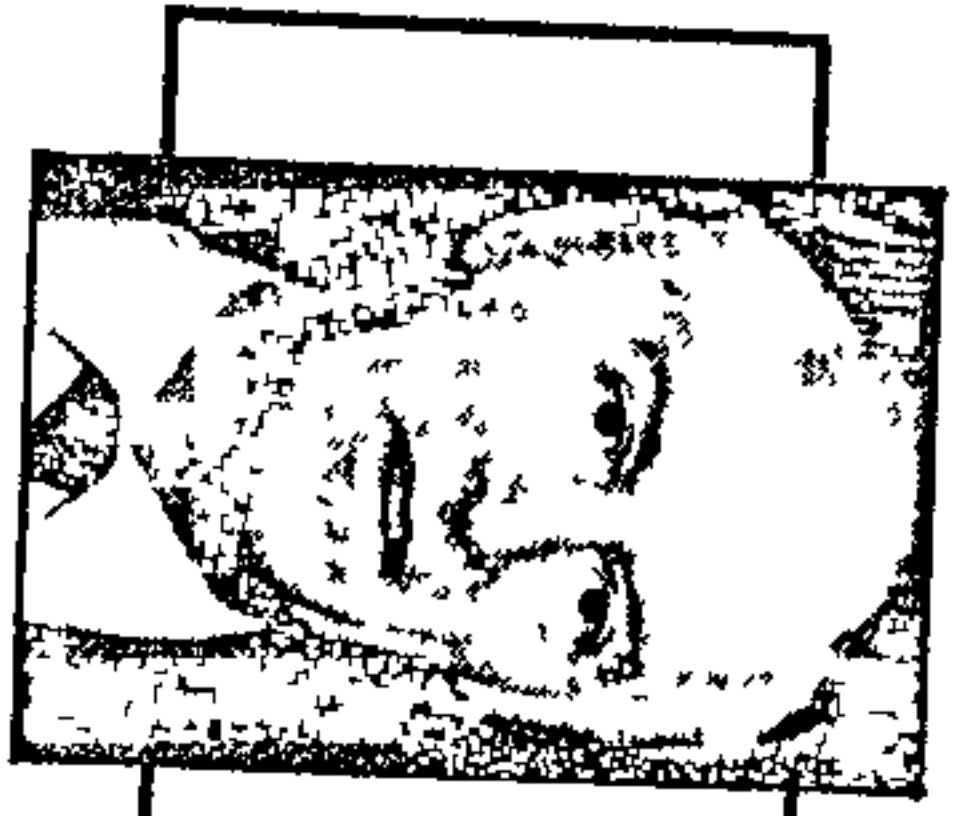
Given a moment to recall, everyone clearly remembers the cry that went out all over Soweto in January "Leave our schools alone"

People said "Give teachers a chance to get on with the job Give pupils a chance to overcome the backlog and get on with their education and preparation for a career Get politics out of the classroom"

The Soweto community responded Pupils flocked back to school The incredibly painstaking job of putting the pieces back together was begun A sense of order and discipline returned Parents heaved a sigh of relief Dedicated teachers felt a new surge of confidence

Most important

Most important of all, our matriculants began to see a ray of light No more stayaways, no more boycotts Hard work and a search for success became the motto "Give us a chance," they pleaded But, to everyone's shock and amazement, the radical organisations said "no"



GUNTHER MERBOLD, director of the Johannesburg region of the Department of Education and Training (DET), comments on the week-long schools stayaway in Soweto to protest against the detention of pupils The stayaway ends today

back, orderly progress was seen as a threat, pupils' performance threatened their power

Something had to be done by protesters to put back the educational clock

So, once again, education authorities and officials are threatened, cars are set alight and stoned, teachers and pupils are intimidated, discipline and order are questioned and absence and stayaways are fiercely propagated

Who is responsible for these deci-

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- Responsibility for the loss of respect for dedicated teachers and authority
- Responsibility for damage and destruction due to disorder and chaos

With less than 80 school days left to final examinations, most matriculants face a backlog of many months due to deliberate disruption For the faint-hearted, the forecast is a fearful one

Only with exceptional effort and single-mindedness will students succeed

Precious minutes

They need all the help they can get Every minute is precious Everyone deserves a chance The demonstrators are dragging everybody down

When the matric results are published in December, there will be much joy and there will also be sadness and anger Remember who was responsible?

Do not repeat the mistakes of the past

- Who would wilfully destroy the opportunities and careers of young people in Soweto?
- Radicals and intimidators must face the consequences of their actions
- The lessons of last year have not been learnt
- The message of hope has been forgotten
- Extremists must take full responsibility for the terrible consequences which are bound to follow
- Responsibility for unschooled, uneducated and undisciplined youth

DET denies it's freezing posts

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MR JOB Schoeman

6217 By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE Department of Education and Training yesterday dismissed reports circulating in Soweto that teaching posts are to be frozen.

Mr Job Schoeman, the DET's chief liaison officer in Pretoria, told the *Sowetan* that there was absolutely no truth in statements that posts were to be frozen.

He referred to a statement issued in January, this year, by the former director-general of Education and Training, Dr Braam Fourie, and said there had been no change in that regard. The statement partly read:

"In various recent reports it was alleged that the DET had retrenched teachers, had 'frozen' or reduced the number of teaching posts and that newly-qualified teachers had not been appointed.

"I wish to state emphatically that no teaching posts have been abolished. In fact, thousands of additional posts have been created for 1988 within the constraints of the budget. All newly-qualified teachers can be accommodated.

"As part of its programme to improve the quality of education, the DET had requested regional directors to ensure a fair and equal distribution of available teaching posts among schools and communities.

"If a particular school cannot fill a vacancy with a suitably qualified teacher, such a vacancy may even be transferred temporarily to another school so that all teaching posts are used to the maximum benefit of all concerned.

Policy

"This programme will not result in the 'retrenchment' of a single qualified and permanently-appointed teacher.

"The basic procedures as set above are followed by all education departments as a policy aimed at the best application of teachers' services to the benefit of all communities.

"The co-operation of all is essential to prevent unnecessary confusion on this matter in the interests of effective education for all pupils and communities."

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Parents, teachers to meet on schools crisis

PRIMARY and high school pupils in Soweto, Alexandra and the city centre stayed away from school this week in protest against the detention of their colleagues who have allegedly been taken from their homes or from the vicinity of their schools during the last four months.

The extent of the boycott cannot be reported because of Emergency media restrictions.

A meeting of parents and principals has been scheduled on Sunday in Soweto to examine the crisis, but it is anybody's guess when pupils will return to classes.

The Department of Education and Training confirmed this week the majority of pupils in Soweto and Alexandra had heeded a call by the Soweto Students' Congress to defy the DET's official school re-opening date

after the winter holiday break. Students were due to return to school on July 4; Sosco called for a July 13 return date.

When the State of Emergency was re-declared on June 12, Sosco claimed 91 pupils in Soweto had been detained. A Sosco representative told a press conference in May that more than 100 students from different high schools had been detained and their homes raided by police in the previous month.

Sosco also demanded that the DET intervene in the detention of their colleagues, but DET representatives had said earlier the issue was beyond their powers.

The detentions sparked off class boycotts at high schools in parts of Soweto, including all six high schools in the Soweto township of

Soweto's schools re-opened this week ... but thousands of pupils stayed away. A weekend meeting has been called to resolve the crisis. THAMI MKHWANAZI reports

Diepkloof and the Motlana school area (Moletsane, Tladi and Naledi) students had been boycotting classes for about two months before schools closed for the winter recess.

The Black Sash interprets the crack-down on pupils as a reaction to the fact that students continued to organise and conduct quasi-political activities even after the clampdown on mass organisations earlier this year. Most high schools were deserted on Monday while small groups of stu-

dents turned up at certain schools but returned home after being "reminded" of the call by "comrades" monitoring the stayaway.

Attendance was normal at primary schools when school re-opened on Monday. Teachers interviewed described events that led primary school students who arrived at school on Tuesday later joining the boycott. Details cannot be given because of Emergency regulations.

Virtually all primary schools in Soweto, including Mofolo's Fred Clarke, Gugu and Vuk'uzenzele primary schools, were deserted for the rest of the week. A number of students riding city-bound trains to attend schools in Johannesburg also joined the boycott. Details cannot be reported because of Emergency regulations.

DET spokesman Edgar Posselt termed the stayaway a setback. There were only 200 schooling days, he said, and each day had to be fully utilised.

Posselt said the stayaway was confined to the Johannesburg region, involving 60 schools in Soweto and Alexandra. He added that the majority of pupils willing to continue with their education had been "intimidated" by an influential minority.

Meanwhile the South African Youth Congress has condemned the detention in Johannesburg on Monday of the organisation's national executive members, Ephraim Nkwe, the political education commissar, and Fawcett Mathebe, the treasurer.

A Sayco statement alleged thousands of youths, including its president, Peter Mokaba, had been detained under the State of Emergency. Captain R Crewe of the South African Police press liaison division said the police would not confirm Emergency detentions.

At least one commercial school in the city reported poor attendance.

The area found to have been mostly affected by the spate of detentions is the Motlana school area with almost 100 pupils allegedly picked up by police. Police spokesmen confirmed some of the detentions. Students at all six Motlana area high schools had been boycotting classes for more than two months before schools closed for the winter vacation.

Of the six Motlana area high schools, Thomas Mofolo High School in Naledi was the worst hit. It was in solidarity with the Motlana schools and, in particular, Thomas Mofolo school that pupils in Diepkloof boycotted classes for three days recently.

Sosco's call on parents to hold a meeting of parents and headmasters this weekend does not augur well for many parents who have not forgotten South Africa's education crisis of 1984. Black schooling was halted until the National Education Crisis Committee succeeded in 1986 in cementing an alliance between children, parents, teachers and the community, resulting in pupils returning to school.

Some parents expect the 3pm Funda Centre meeting to assume the same pace as the NECC's did, with debates dragging on while their children remained at home awaiting a solution.

"The meeting is a good move. We hope pupils will continue with their lessons meantime," said one parent. Some student leaders threatened that pupils would remain at home until all their colleagues had been released.

And with the NECC now decimated by state action — at least 90 percent of the organisation's leadership is in detention — parents and teachers fear Sunday's meeting might not bring early results.

Principals informing on us, claim pupils

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By Zenaide Vendeiro
Education Reporter

The Soweto Students' Congress (Sosco) claims that principals of many Soweto schools hit this week by a pupil stayaway have been issued with two-way radios to inform on students to the security police.

The "walkie-talkies" were given to principals by inspectors of the Department of Education and Training (DET), Sosco publicity secretary Mr Moses Maseko, said in a statement yesterday.

The claim was strongly denied by the DET's Johannesburg regional director, Mr Gunther Merbold, who said Soweto principals had for several years been able to obtain radios from the DET to enable them to be in direct communication with the regional office and circuit offices.

NOT COMPULSORY

"Many schools have had their telephone services cut because they cannot afford them," said Mr Merbold. "The

radios are not something new, and they are not compulsory."

Sosco's Mr Maseko said that in addition to the DET's attempts to make "informers" of principals, schools had been "invaded" by DET inspectors and security policemen. This, he said, made a mockery of DET claims that it did not work hand-in-hand with the security police and was not responsible for the detention of students.

He alleged that the security police presence was particularly strong in the Motlana area of Soweto, encompassing Moletsane, Tladi and Naledi, where the majority of detained pupils had attended school and where the stayaway was very effective.

In response, Mr Merbold said there had been no security forces on school premises in the past week. DET inspectors were at schools, he said, for educational purposes.

"They are doing their jobs, looking at the educational side of things."

Mr Maseko said Sosco estimated that almost 200 Soweto pupils were in detention.

Stayaway enters fifth day

Education Reporter

Attendance at black high schools in the Johannesburg region improved "slightly" yesterday, but deteriorated at primary schools because of intimidation, a Department of Education and Training (DET) spokesman said

Figures provided by the DET yesterday do not reflect an accurate picture of the pupil stayaway — which enters its fifth day today — as they include schools in Alexandra where there is no stayaway

The DET spokesman said of the 60 high schools in the two townships, 49 had no attendance and six schools reported attendance ranging from "poor to 79 percent"

The remaining five schools were operating normally

He said of the 258 primary schools, 143 had no attendance and 58 schools reported attendance ranging from nil to 79 percent Attendance at primary schools deteriorated because of intimidation of pupils, he said

The publicity secretary of the Soweto Students' Congress, Mr Moses Maseko, dismissed the reports of intimidation as "DET propaganda"

PENSIONS - PLEA FOR PATIENCE

Soweto
2/7/88

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has appealed for patience and co-operation from all concerned after its newly introduced pension pay-out system ran into snags.

Pupils held - SOSCO

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Soweto
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THE Soweto Students' Congress yesterday blamed the Department of Education and Training for the high number of pupils detained in Soweto over the past two months.

In a statement Sosco claimed it had evidence that the DET inspectors this week offered many of the principals walkie-talkies in an attempt to make them police informers.

Responding to accusations by Sosco, Mr Richard Chernis, the DET's PRO in Pretoria, said they were an education department only responsible for the provision of education at its schools.

The Director of Social Services in the TPA, Mr Wollie Wolmarans, said they are trying their best to alleviate the problems encountered by hundreds of pensioners

He said the vice chairman of the constitutional committee of the TPA, Mr John Mavuso, personally visited pay out centres in Soweto yesterday to see if improvements could be made.

Mr Wolmarans added that their problems stemmed from the big turn-out by pensioners from last Friday.

"We had all the pensioners coming in on one day and that created a problem for us. What we are presently doing is to get all their addresses and put them in computers so as to make it easy to inform them on what dates they can go and collect their pension," he said.

No pay for us teachers claim

SOME teachers at adult centres in the Orange-Vaal region of the Department of Education and Training claim that they have not been paid since January this year.

A teacher who asked that his identity not be revealed, said he was speaking on behalf of many teachers who have not received a cent from the DET since the beginning of the year.

The teacher said the remuneration problem was experienced in most adult centres in the region.

Mr F Vorster, the DET - Orange-Vaal regional director, said his department had gone into the matter.

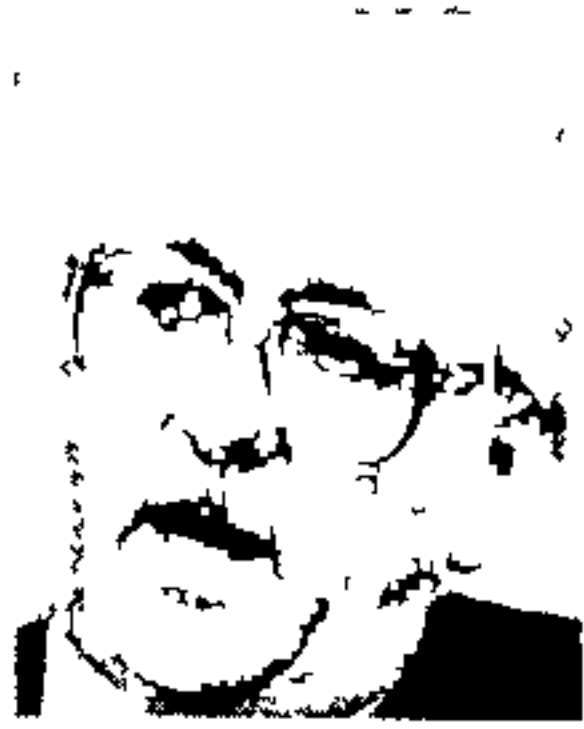
According to their information, cheques had been forwarded to the mentioned adult education centres for all teachers concerned.

"If any of them has not received his cheque yet, he just has to report it to the principals who know very well what lines to follow to solve the problem."

"It is high priority to us that our teachers should receive their remuneration punctually," he said.

Determined investigations

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The Department of Education and Training is currently the focus of two inquiries into alleged irregularities. DET Minister Gerrit Viljoen discusses his department and problems facing it.

FM: What is the position of former Director General (DG) Sarel du Plessis' investigation in relation to the judicial inquiry?

Viljoen: The matter referred to Mr Du Plessis concerns contracts between the department and private facility owners or facilitators with regard to accommodating groups attending youth courses and youth seminars. This matter has been referred to Mr Du Plessis already by the former DG. I finalised the necessary paperwork. I also arranged with the chairman of the commission of inquiry that Mr Du Plessis will continue his investigation, and his report will then serve as an input on the table of the commission of inquiry and they will consider whether any further investigations are needed.

Can you assure the public that the necessary steps required by the findings of the commission of inquiry will be taken?

The big advantage of a judicial commission of inquiry appointed by the State President is that it will ensure that justice is done. On the one hand, there can be no doubt that such a commission of inquiry — consisting especially of people of the standing which this commission is composed of — will investigate any irregularities in a relentless and very resolute way. At the same time, one can also be assured that justice will be done in this sense, that the innocent will be cleared of any guilt. I also expect that the commission as constituted will come to conclusions which will not only deal with alleged irregularities, but also with the overall efficiency of the management system in the department which may require tightening and tidying up in order to prevent any further possible irregularities in the future. And I can give the assurance that, as far as I am concerned,

matters which are irregular or wrong, once they are identified, will be dealt with in a decisive and unambiguous way. And if it is necessary to take disciplinary steps against certain officials, that will certainly also be done.

When did you first become aware of any alleged irregularities in the department?

Well, from time to time in any organisation such as a big government department alleged irregularities come to the attention of the head of the department and of the political head of the department. Then the necessary steps are taken to have such allegations investigated and, if necessary, disciplinary steps are taken against the officials concerned and in some cases even criminal proceedings are instituted against them. This is not the first time that things like this have come to my attention...

As far as the present matters are concerned, I can truly say that within a question of hours of being informed about alleged irregularities with regard to the department's purchase of the Ivis interactive computer-assisted educational systems, I requested the Advocate General to investigate the matter and submitted all the evidence I had to him. The matter of alleged irregularities with regard to contracts for accommodating groups for youth courses gradually came to attention. There were cases reported to Deputy Minister Sam de Beer, who deals with this matter, which I delegated to him. And then afterwards further allegations came to our attention and when it became clear that there was a pattern of alleged irregularities, we decided the matter had to be investigated by somebody outside the department. The DG then approached the former DG of Economic Affairs, Mr Sarel du Plessis, who agreed to undertake the investigation.

The allegations which were made in the *Financial Mail*, were immediately upon being brought to our attention referred to either the Du Plessis investigation already taking place or the judicial commission of inquiry.

One of the aspects being investigated is the youth camp system for black pupils. Do you

still think it is a worthwhile project?

I have no doubt that this is a very worthwhile project. It is a matter which had been going on for many years under the auspices of the former development councils, which co-operated with local authorities or with schools to organise the courses. They were very successful in establishing informal clubs among young people in the black communities doing community service, promoting hobbies or promoting sports activities. The responsibility for these courses was transferred to the department when the development boards were abolished. It was a rather sudden and heavy burden which was shoved on the DET in the beginning of 1987 to take over this job and to arrange for an expansion of these courses, in the process of which the department searched for suitable private-sector facilities. Rather than spending public money on capital investment in government facilities, we preferred to privatise this side of the venture and to rent from private owners their facilities for these courses. I think it was under the pressure of this new task being put on to the shoulders of the department that problems might have arisen in the way in which some arrangements were made, but this is a matter which is now being investigated. But I have no doubt whatsoever that the content of the courses is very praiseworthy and that it has a very positive effect in motivating people in raising their self-image, in proving their expectations in life, in stimulating their ambitions also with regard to making use of educational and training opportunities.

Is that the feedback that you get from black leaders as well?

Yes, we have a very positive feedback from community leaders. There are also critical people who reject whatever the DET is offering.

And I would say especially the militant and revolutionary elements try to denigrate and to break down whatever efforts we are launching to promote positive motivation, career guidance and self-image, and also recreation in the form of hobbies and sport among the black youth — both inside and outside the school.

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'No stone unturned'

Education and Training Minister Gerrit Viljoen is determined that "irregularities" in his department will be "remorselessly tracked down and eliminated." In his latest comment on weeks of allegations of serious problems in the Department of Education and Training (DET) (*Current Affairs* June 10, 17 and 24), Viljoen told a conference of educationists in Bloemfontein at the weekend that he is convinced that the judicial commission appointed by President P W Botha to investigate the allegations will "ensure that truth

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Viljoen ... won't tolerate unproven accusations

and fairness win the day"

At the same time, however, he is determined that "unproven accusations" will not "sully the integrity and professional reputation of highly esteemed and highly successful leaders in our department"

Viljoen referred to the allegations as "some unpleasant events" affecting DET with regard to the purchase of computer-assisted teaching programmes, the award of printing and publishing contracts, and the hiring of private-sector facilities in certain parts of the country for the provision of

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youth courses and programmes

Viljoen appealed to DET officials and other educators to "remain calm and act responsibly in these times of traumatic events affecting our department's image." ■

Schools in Alex back to normal

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By Zenaide Vendeiro,
Education Reporter

The pupil stayaway at black high schools in Soweto enters its fourth day today but school attendance in Alexandra is back to normal.

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Training (DET) said attendance at the three secondary schools in Alexandra was back to normal yesterday.

He said 36 of the 57 high schools in Soweto were empty yesterday.

The other 21 schools reported low attendance, of which half were able to continue normally.

The spokesman said he had no figures on the primary school attendance in the township but said the general impression was that there was good attendance.

PROTEST

The stayaway, limited to the DET's Johannesburg region, is being held to protest against the detention of pupils, particularly over the past two months, the presence of the SADF at schools and the re-imposition of the state of emergency.

In the eastern Cape, where pupils have been slow to return to school after the winter vacation, there was further improvement yesterday, the DET spokesman said.

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to the specified requirements, and should he approach the SABS, the Bureau will take the matter up on his behalf with the manufacturer. It the Minister, under the Standards Act, 1982, proclaims a specification as a compulsory specification, nobody may sell a product which does not conform to that specification. The SABS controls that products sold in the RSA conform to the applicable compulsory specifications.

(iii) The contraventions mentioned under (2) (a) are of a divergent nature and specific particulars thereof are not readily available. Furthermore, complainants not related to the provisions of the

(3) Yes legal proceedings instituted and convictions obtained during the period 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1987 are as follows

Trade Metrology Act	Price Control Act	Credit Agreements Act	Trade Practices Act	Measuring Units and National Standards Act	TOTAL
4 834	6 098	427	375	634	12 368

The Competition Board has investigated the 30 alleged contraventions mentioned under (2)(b)(i) and (ii). In 5 cases the practices were ceased by the parties concerned and in 21 cases the evidence was not sufficient to institute legal proceedings or the Board was of the opinion that no contraventions were committed. The remaining 4 cases were still being dealt with on 30 March 1988.

Note

Apart from the Acts mentioned under (1) (b) the Department of Trade and Industry also administers a number of other Acts which offer protection to consumers, including four Acts relating to the purchase of fixed property and five Acts relating to tourism.

During the Parliament session in 1988 the Housing Development Schemes for Retired Persons Bill was adopted to pro-

Acts administered by the Department of Trade and Industry are referred to the appropriate consumer organisations, such as the Advertising Standards Authority, as well as to other government departments, such as the South African Police and the Department of Finance.

The Competition Board has dealt with 9 cases other than price collusion. These cases related to market division, collusion on conditions of supply and tenders.

protect the interest of retired persons participating in housing development schemes for retired persons. Furthermore, the Harmful Business Practices Bill was adopted to supersede the Trade Practices Act, 1976 with a view to strengthening the negotiating position and the protection of the consumer.

Krugerdsorp/Randfontein grey areas

1168 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning whether he intends to establish so-called grey areas in the constituencies of Krugerdsorp and Randfontein, if so, where in these constituencies will these areas be situated?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Such a description or area does not exist. Therefore, no statutory provision is made in this respect.

1171 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(a) What total amount was outstanding as a result of rent boycotts in Black residential areas throughout the Republic as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) how is this outstanding debt being financed and (c) what was the accumulated cost of financing this debt as at the above date?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Information regarding the total outstanding amount solely as a result of rent boycotts is not available.

Rest of question falls away.

Director-General, approval of amount

1182 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Finance

In respect of each department and organisational component referred to in section 6 (1) of the Public Service Act, No 111 of 1984, what is the maximum amount which may be approved by a director general or an official of equivalent rank in respect of capital or other expenditure without calling for tenders?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE

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Mr R E Pohl, teaching qualifications/experience

1196 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) (a) What are the academic qualifications of a certain official employed at the Cape Town Circuit Office of his Department, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, (b) (i) where and (ii) when were these qualifications obtained, (c) what (i) teaching and/or (ii) other educational experience does this person have, (d) (i) for how long and (ii) in what capacities has he worked for the Department of Education and Training and (e) what is his (i) name and (ii) rank,

(2) whether this person has worked for any other Government Departments, if so, (a)

for what Departments, (b) when and (c) in what capacities?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

	(1) (a)	(b) (i)	(ii)
Std 10	Ben Viljoen High School,		December 1960
B Sc	Groblersdal University of Pretoria		December 1964
THE D	Onderwyskollege Pretoria		December 1965
NTS 5	Department of National Education		May 1983
B Ed	University of Pretoria		December 1985
(c) (i)			
TED	Assistant Teacher		January 1966-December 1969
TED	Senior Assistant		January 1970-December 1977
TED 1)	Head of Department		January 1978-July 1981
E & T	Head of Department		August 1981-December 1983
E & T 2)	Principal SI		January 1984-July 1986
(ii)			
E & T	Senior Deputy Chief Education Specialist		August 1986 to date
(d) (i)	6 years 10 months to 31 May 1988		
(ii)	Head of Department, Principal S I, Senior Deputy Chief Education Specialist		
(e) (i)	Mr R E Pohl		
(ii)	Senior Deputy Education Specialist		
(2) Yes			
(a)	Transvaal Education Department		
(b)	January 1966 to July 1981		
(c)	Assistant Teacher, Senior Assistant and Head of Department		

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NOTE

(1) Transvaal Education Department
(2) Department of Education and Training

Teacher training

1198 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) How many persons studying to become (a) pre-primary, (b) primary and (c) secondary school teachers (i) were enrolled in, and (ii) qualified as teachers from, each specified teacher training institution under the control of his Department in 1987,

(2) (a) what total amount was spent by his Department on the training of Black teachers during the 1987-88 or latest specified financial year for which information is available and (b) what amount is it estimated will be spent on the training of Black teachers in the 1988-89 financial year?

Province	(a)	(b)	(c)
Molapo	none	none	31
Kathorus	214	none	37
Algoa	none	none	none
Good Hope	98	136	none

The statistics mentioned in respect of (i) are official statistics as on 3 March 1987

The statistics mentioned in respect of (ii) should be regarded as preliminary statistics since final figures in connection with supplementary examinations are not yet available

(2) (a) R68 145 215
(b) R88 126 000

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID
(1) Teacher Training Colleges

Province	(a)	(b)	(c)	(i)	(ii)
Transvaal	none	331	557	203	121
East Rand	none	67	643	114	64
Soweto	95	352	475	35	100
Mphohadi	none	189	280	93	52
Sebokeng	none	419	371	117	142
Indumiso	none	551	606	180	192
Cape	none	428	364	74	65
Kagsanong	none	459	none	113	none
Phatsimang	none	224	none	44	none

The amount mentioned in (a) is a provisional figure since the Department's books for 1987-88 have not yet been settled

1199 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

What teacher/pupil ratio was applicable in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in each departmental region of the Department of Education and Training as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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REGION	(a)	(b)
Northern Transvaal	1 39	1 31
Highveld	1 40	1 33
Johannesburg	1 34	1 25
Orange-Vaal	1 42	1 38
Natal	1 40	1 36
Cape	1 39	1 30
Information as on the first Tuesday of March 1987	1 40	1 29

1200 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

Khayelitsha number of schools pupils

(1) (a) How many (i) pre-primary, (ii) primary and (iii) secondary schools are there in Khayelitsha, (b) where in Khayelitsha is each of them situated, (c) how many (i) classrooms and (ii) teachers are there at each of these schools and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

(2) what total number of children in the age categories of (a) 0 to 5 years, (b) 6 to 12 years and (c) 13 to 18 years were (i) resident, and (ii) enrolled in schools, in Khayelitsha as at the above date,

(3) whether all the children who applied for accommodation in these schools for 1988 were accepted, if not, how many were unable to be accommodated?

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SCHOOLNAME	(a)	(b)	(c)	(i)	(ii)
Eluvolhen primary school	0	17	3	19	18
Emuthini primary school	0	17	3	24	18
Homba primary school	0	17	3	24	26
Injongo primary school	0	17	3	24	25
Khayelitsha No 1 primary school	0	17	3	24	28
Kubhanyile primary school	0	17	3	24	21
Lwandle primary school	0	17	3	24	24
Masithandane primary school	0	17	3	24	25
Nolungile primary school	0	17	3	24	27
Sobambisana public prim school	0	17	3	24	24
Sokumlandela primary school	0	17	3	24	25
Soyishe primary school	0	17	3	24	24
Ummangaliso primary school	0	17	3	24	25
Vuselela primary school	0	17	3	24	26
Vusu Moya primary school	0	17	3	24	25
Vuzamazizi primary school	0	17	3	24	26
Yomela primary school	0	17	3	24	25

(1) (a) 0
(ii) 17
(iii) 3

SCHOOLNAME

1201 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) 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 1988,

(2) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(a)	(b)	(c)	(i)	(ii)
3 216	637	104	351	76

1202 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) (a) How many (i) additional classrooms at existing schools, and (ii) classrooms at

SCHOOLS	(a)	(b)	(c)
Terran B	24	35	38
Luhaza secondary school	24	31	31

(d) Information as on 10 June 1988

(2) (i) Not available
(ii) (a) 1361 (0 - 6 years)
(b) 7631 (7 - 12 years)
(c) 4907 (13 - 18 years)

The available statistics only provide information about the age group 6 years and younger

(3) All the pupils who applied for registration before or on the final official return date of 1988-02-27 were accepted. The return date was repeatedly postponed

Medical University of Southern Africa applicants received/accepted

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

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Figures under (i) include applications which do not qualify for admission, viz applicants without a matriculation exemption certificate

(2) 29 February 1988

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New approach received well

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE.

The Department of Education and Training's new approach to career education among black schoolchildren, introduced two years ago, has been

received enthusiastically by both the pupils and teachers

This new model of education was developed by the department because of the shortcomings of the present system of technical education — particularly with regard to the existing imbalance between "career" and "academic" education. The DET decided to develop this model around technical education since it would, for the foreseeable future, form the largest compo-

nent of career education because it was here that the manpower shortage was most severe

Before the development of the model, a number of requirements were determined to serve as guidelines

These included the need to satisfy the needs of the community, pupils and employers, the provision of branching off rather than dropping out of school, and that the model should be of such a nature that it may be applied to all career directions like commerce, administration, paramedical, agriculture and home industry

There are four phases to the model. The first one is called the technical moulding phase (Sub-Std A to Std 3). Here a comprehensive approach is offered aimed to cultivate in pupils those skills which are demanded by modern society

The technical moulding of this phase takes place by means of a subject named "skills and techniques". Last year this subject involved some 200 000 pupils in 1 547 schools. In the second transition phase, the skills and techniques acquired during the primary phase culminate in the mastering of basic skills

These include the care and use of tools measuring, sawing, filing, drilling and welding

In the next phase called the exploratory

phase (Std 5-7) pupils get to know a wide spectrum of technical, and other career directions during the normal school programme

The aims of this phase is to give pupils an opportunity to determine their interests and aptitude in various career directions and to enable the department to give responsible vocational and study guidance to pupils based on actual performance

The last phase (specialisation phase) is done from Std 8-10. Here pupils with necessary interest and aptitude will receive specialised training in a specific career direction to serve as a first step on the road to a career

It is envisaged that pupils will at this stage receive where applicable, accredited training in order that school leavers can enter the world of work with a marketable skill

In order to test the new approach in practice and to adapt it where necessary, pilot projects at the first, two levels, Sub A and Std 4, were offered to 20 000 pupils at 78 schools throughout the country in 1986/87

This year a further 240 skill centres have been equipped and put into operation. It is estimated



PUPILS of J J de Jong Primary School in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, Theima Madhapi (6) and Steven Diamini (6), display some of their finished art works. The works were done during the "skills and techniques" subject period which is aimed at developing skills for pupils in order that they can chose a suitable career.

Pic ROBERT MAGWAZA

that by 1990 every senior primary school will have a skills centre. The Sowetan last week visited a primary school in Atteridgeville where the pilot projects of career education are in progress. A class teacher, Miss Paula Mathopa, said since she started teaching the "skills and techniques" subject in 1986 she found all children excited about it. "The pupils like the subject so much that they cannot wait for its period to start. I have realised that they enjoy it because they work at their own pace. My colleagues are also thrilled about this new model because they believe it will help pupils choose correct careers in life," she said.

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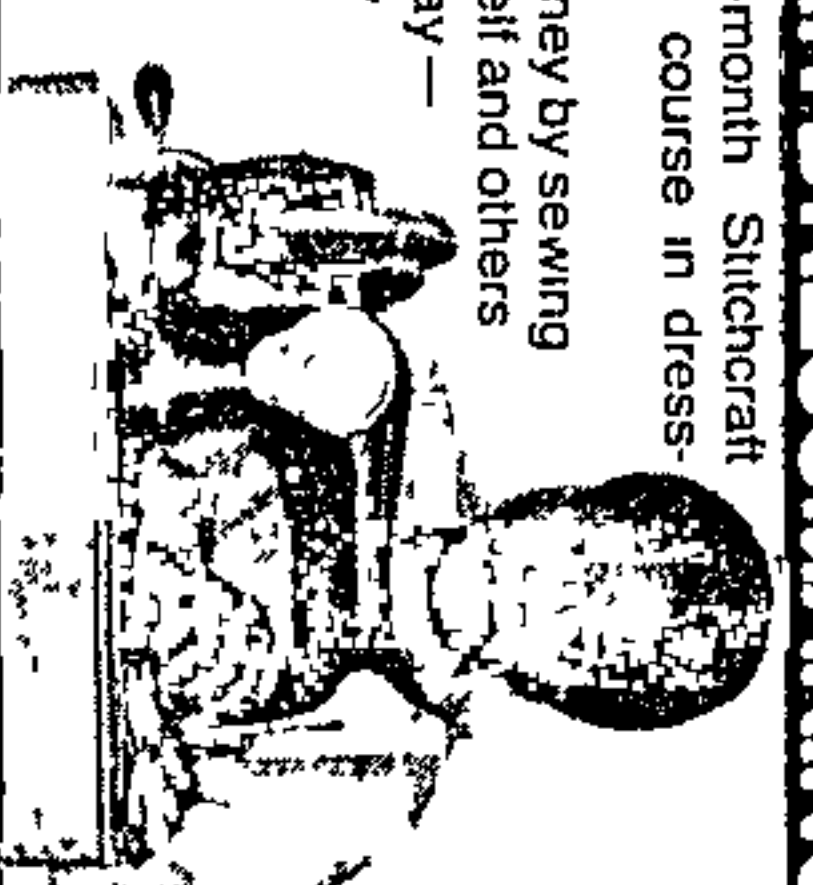
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The cortege will leave for the cemetery at noon

relatives to the unveiling of their parents' tombstones on September 28

The tombstones are

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Time is ripe for SA ombudsman says law journal

31/8/88 Star 256

Staff Reporter

The Advocate-General's investigation into the purchase of computer equipment by a Government department without calling for tenders has laid the basis for the establishment of an administrative watch-dog or "ombudsman" in South Africa, according to an article in the latest issue of *De Rebus*.

Writing in the South African attorneys' journal, Dr Dirk Brynard, political science lecturer at Unisa, says the Advocate-General's censure earlier this year of the manner in which a system for computer-aided education in black schools was acquired was "classic ombudsman-style".

He says the investigation into the purchase of computer equipment valued at about R5 million by the Department of Education and Training provides "a workable basis for the arrival of a fully-fledged ombudsman in South Africa".

Dr Brynard gives credit to the Afrikaans financial journal *Finansies en Tegniek* for first drawing attention to the irregularity in the purchase of the system.

In this affair the press had again proved that it could play an important

watch-dog function in publicising irregularities in public administration.

The office of Advocate-General then showed that "it is an investigation mechanism which can probe sensational allegations in a calm and rational manner and so clear the air", Dr Brynard writes.

"It is also encouraging that the media in general have now begun to acknowledge the Advocate-General as a partner in their important watchdog functioning."

"The advantage of this positive attitude is that the public can expect public administration to be carried on even more responsibly, since monitoring mechanisms in society are becoming more streamlined."

However, Dr Brynard notes that the limited scope of the Advocate-General's activities up to now makes it difficult "to make a concrete evaluation of the reaction of officials and public institutions to his findings and recommendations".

International experience suggests that the office is most effective when it is seen to have the backing of Parliament and receives a good deal of media publicity.

MUM TO SUE DET OFFICIAL

AN Atteridgeville, Pretoria, mother is to sue a woman official of the Department of Education and Training who was last week found guilty of having assaulted her nine-year-old daughter inside a classroom.

Kgomotso Makhaya, of Atteridgeville, was convicted and fined R150 for having assaulted Ruth Monnakale on July 20 this year. She pleaded guilty before a local magistrate last Tuesday.

Her lawyer, Mr Lot Madungandaba yesterday confirmed that his client pleaded guilty to the assault charge. No evidence was led.

Ruth, a Standard 2 pupil, at Kgabo Lower Primary School, told the *Sowetan* at the time of the incident that the assault was sparked off by a fight she had — and won — with Makhaya's daughter on July 14 this year. The fight took place after school and near their homes in Mafole Street.

Damages

Mrs Molly Monnakale, Ruth's mother, yesterday said she had reported the matter to the inspectors of the Department of Education and Training. "I have also briefed my lawyers with an intention of instituting a damages claim," said Mrs Monnakale.

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Training confirmed at the time of the incident that the matter was being investigated at the highest level.

He added that a statement would be issued as soon as investigations were completed.

Mr Peet Struwig has been the DET's acting director in the Johannesburg region for only six weeks — and in that period has temporarily closed down seven schools

But, as far as he is concerned, he was forced to do this "My business is to keep the doors of learning open. When we decided to suspend classes at the problematic schools, we were left with no alternative," he maintains

However, Mr Struwig has been criticised by student organisations and some community leaders for his "iron-fist" approach in handling the current schools crisis

His critics have argued that suspension of classes does not solve the problem, but only delays the pupil's school progress

According to Mr Struwig there are no ready-made solutions to defuse the on-going education crisis in Soweto. He believes it is the community and pupils of the township who will determine the quality of their education

He says in the short period that he has held the reins in the region, he had to deal with many problems which his counterparts in other regions had never had to address in many years

He was brought to Johannesburg from the DET's head office in Pretoria in mid-July

He succeeds Mr Gunther Merbold — until an official appointment is made — who has been transferred to a newly-established region, the Diamond Fields region

The region Mr Struwig is heading is the most troublesome of all the

7 schools closed in six weeks

DET HEAD PUTS HIS CASE

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FOCUS



Mr PEET Struwig "keeping doors of learning open"

boycotts destruction of property and school buildings as well as frequent attacks on school inspectors

As a result he had to adopt his "no nonsense" stance of temporarily closing down schools which has brought him "unpopularity" with many Soweto pupils

Asked if the strategy of suspending classes was working, he replies it does. He argues that the suspensions had led to parents' meetings which resulted in almost immediate resumption of classes

Punish

"I must also stress that we do not want to suspend classes. Our job is to keep them open. When we do so it is not to punish pupils. We do so because we have no alternative. We know that nothing else will work," he says

Mr Struwig says he is aware of the enormous task facing him to normalise education in Soweto. However, he is disappointed with the quality of pupil devotion to studies

This is more so he says because pupils seem to be distracted from devotion by people who put politics before education

"I am committed to educate every child to prepare him or her for the future. I am not only interested in classroom teaching, but also growth of personality as a whole — which includes the child as a spiritual

emotional, intellectual and physical being

"To achieve this I expect the child to be devoted and know the difference between standard and quality of education. The standard of education is determined on paper by things such as the syllabus, the curriculum and examinations

"The quality is decided by people, both teachers and pupils. Teachers must be devoted to education, be well-qualified, be prepared, be punctual and have the right attitude

"The pupils are no exception to this. They must be self-disciplined, attend school regularly, be punctual, bring their books to school, do their homework and get involved in their studies," he says

"According to Mr Struwig Soweto was by now supposed to be a model of education to the rest of the country. Both the DET and the private sector were doing much to better and improve facilities and equipment at schools

"But it is disheartening that at the same time more goes to waste because of lack of involvement from pupils and some parents. But with the latter our policy of involving parents is now paying dividends and we are getting a positive reaction," he says

Despite the current situation Mr Struwig says all is not lost and gloomy. He is encouraged by the tremendous goodwill he has experienced from negotiations he has had with a cross-section of people who have an interest in the education of the black child

"Everybody must be allowed to do his best to get there. We — parents, teachers, pupils and the community — should all put our shoulders to the wheel and go for what will eventually free us, which is education," he says

DET's seven regions. In the past few years, not a single year has passed without there being disruptions while there is "education" in the rest of

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

the country. Mr Struwig has vast experience in the teaching profession. He has been in this field for 25 years — 12 in black education, another 12 in white and one in coloured education

Amanzimtoti

He taught for many years at the then Amanzimtoti Training College in Natal and is former deputy director of the Highveld region. Last October he was transferred to Pretoria to start a new section called "social services" until his recent "appointment"

The kind of "welcome" he has received from Soweto pupils is one that is not envied. He was greeted with class

Political comment in this issue by Aggrey Klaaste and Joe Thlolo. Sub-editing, headlines and posters by Sydney Mathakur. All of 61 Commando Road, Industria West, Johannesburg

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Computers bought without tender

I lied to my father, DET inquiry is told

Pretoria Correspondent

The son of the former director-general of the Department of Education and Training lied to his father about his involvement with Learning Technologies, then confessed the truth to the Minister of Education and Development Aid.

Mr Willem Fourie told a commission of inquiry in Pretoria yesterday that he had lied to his father, Dr Braam Fourie, when he told him in 1985 that he was working for Learning Technologies on a part-time basis as a consultant.

Dr Fourie took early retirement after President Botha called for a commission of inquiry into DET buying computer equipment from Learning Technologies without calling for tend-

ers. The equipment was worth R4 800 000

Learning Technologies approached DET and proposed setting up a business to provide certain educational technology which could help upgrade black education in South Africa, with specific reference to mathematics from Std 8 to 10

Mr Fourie testified before the commission yesterday that it would have been more difficult to have set up the computer business with a friend, Mr Clive Baron, had he not had insight into DET's needs

Mr Fourie said he had withheld the fact that he was programme manager for the company from his father since it might have had detrimental effects on the business

During 1985 Mr Fourie said his father had commented on Mr Baron's business.

"It came out . . . in conversation with my father that I was helping Clive. I told him I was helping out on a part-time basis as a consultant"

However, in 1987 when he learnt that a journalist from *Finansies* and *Tegmek* was asking questions about his involvement in the company, Mr Fourie said he approached the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, with the truth

"I knew *Finansies* and *Tegmek* was investigating the whole story, because my father started asking me questions. The Minister had approached him with allegations made by the journalist

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Shock reaction

"I had to decide if I should continue denying the truth. It was just before the election I knew this could have embarrassing effects for his career."

He said he saw Dr Viljoen at his home in Pretoria where he confessed his involvement and his failure to tell his father the truth

The Minister insisted that Mr Fourie immediately tell his father

"It was a traumatic experience," said Mr Fourie. "My father was shocked and upset"

Mr Fourie said he had foreseen more serious repercussions in his actions for the Minister than for his father — "a civil servant who was not contesting an election"

DET to 'correct shortcomings' at schools

THE Department of Education and Training intends implementing a programme to correct educational "shortcomings" at 20 percent of Soweto's 54 secondary schools, the DET's acting regional director, Peet Struwig, said this week.

He said in an interview

28/10/88
in Johannesburg that education at these schools was "not as effective as one would have wanted it to be" *Chris*

The DET found in an evaluation study that the affected schools did not meet all educational requirements because of absenteeism, lack of commu-

nication between teachers and parents, and "in very few cases" the standard of teaching was low and teaching facilities inadequate

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Regarding the morale of the teachers, Struwig said "If pupils do not attend regularly I am sure that teachers must become

de-motivated in the end" Teachers had also been assaulted in one or two instances, but it was unclear whether pupils were responsible.

Said Struwig "There is no standstill in education in Soweto. Such reports create a terribly wrong impression"

Ideological opposition

to government institutions was to blame only "to a very lesser extent" for the situation

Struwig added that, on the positive side, "effective education is taking place at the majority of our schools where parents are also involved in the education of their children" - Sapa

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DET INQUIRY (256)

System not wanted

Complex business dealings within the Department of Education and Training (DET) are coming to light. In evidence before the P W Botha-appointed judicial commission of inquiry into the affairs of the DET, Julian Visser, a former nuclear physicist at the Atomic Energy Board has told how he asked the department to permit him to tender for the supply of a video computer system — and never received a reply. He regarded himself as well placed to tender.

The commission is investigating irregularities in the department — and in particular the purchase of the Ivis video system. Earlier this year former DET Director General (DG) Braam Fourie went on early retirement after a report by the Advocate General on the purchase of the system from the Learntech company, of which Fourie's son Willem is a director.

Judge Leo van der Heever of the Cape Town Supreme Court chairs the commission and is assisted by former Auditor General George Barrie, who investigated the Information scandal, and the Justice Department's Willem van Zyl.

In his evidence Visser said he mailed a registered letter to the DET asking for permission to tender for the supply of the system. He did this, Visser said, because of his previous experience with the department when they purchased a Toam computer system from Israel. "They (the DET) knew of my company, but we were not asked to submit tenders," he maintained.

Visser said he and two people from Apple — Angus Anderson and Brian Hobbs — had lunched in Randburg with two DET officials, Deputy DG Jaap Strydom and Tom Metrowich. "They were aware what systems and programs we had. We told them that we were interested in submitting tenders."

Visser said he had later seen on TV news that the DET had bought the Toam system.

He had learnt from a business associate, Verma Jooste, that the DET was interested in acquiring an "interactive video system" (as an educational tool). He had been developing such a system since 1984 and was later visited by a Professor Charles van der Walt, who was on the evaluation committee of the DET, to discuss this system.

"Professor van der Walt told me that he came to see me in an unofficial capacity. However, he would not look at the computer. For some or other reason I could not get him to go into the room which accommodated the system."

Visser said that he was very upset when the DET did not ask him to submit a tender. Since then he has gone directly to retailers in an effort to sell the programs to black school principals. He claimed that although



Strydom

his system has proved itself, "the DET does not even want to have a look at it."

Visser told the commission that he still does not see why the DET needed an interactive video system for mathematics in the first place, since it is not essential for the teaching of mathematics.

After Visser's evidence advocate Nollie Niehaus, who leads the evidence before the commission, informed the press and the legal representatives of both Learntech and Willem Fourie that the next witness would apply to testify in camera. The application of the witness would also be heard in camera, Niehaus said.

After addressing Judge van der Heever, Learntech's senior counsel advocate Meyer Joffe was allowed to attend the application hearing. However, after Judge van der Heever granted the witness anonymity, Joffe left the commission chamber although he was allowed to attend the examination of the witness.

It is understood that Joffe was told that he may not discuss any of the evidence with his clients or legal associates.

The inquiry remained in camera as the FM went to press. The DET's Metrowich, Willem Fourie and other Learntech employees were due to give evidence. ■

MINISTER VILJOEN

TRIED TO STOP ME

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A SENIOR journalist has testified to the commission of inquiry into the Department of Education and Training that Education and Training Minister Gerrit Viljoen allegedly tried to suppress a story on allegations of malpractice in the DET, *Business Day* reported.

Finansies en Tegniek assistant editor Curt von Keyserlingk said in evidence he had heard from his editor that Viljoen had phoned, and said the magazine should reconsider publishing the story.

Journalist tells DET malpractice commission

Testifying on the third day of the inquiry, Von Keyserlingk told Miss Justice Leonore van den Heever that earlier, when he had approached Viljoen and senior officials of the DET about corruption allegations, he had felt threatened by Viljoen's reaction.



Mr GERRIT Viljoen

The Minister had become "aggressive" when it was suggested the son of a senior official of the DET had links with a Pretoria-based computer company.

In an interview with Viljoen, attended by the department's Director-General, Braam Fourie, and the Deputy-Director General, Dirk Mering, the Minister hinted at possible legal action against him.

Under questioning by advocate Nollie Niehaus for the commission, Von Keyserlingk said that

after he had received an anonymous phone call from someone within the DET, tipping him off about an alleged link between the senior official's son and a Pretoria-based computer company, his suspicions had grown stronger.

Von Keyserlingk told Miss Justice van den Heever he had later asked Viljoen for a categorical assurance that the official's son was not linked to a computer company. Viljoen had emphatically denied any association.

Von Keyserlingk testified that shortly after

the interview Viljoen had written to him on February 23, 1987, and had invited him to submit "proof" in support of his allegations.

Von Keyserlingk testified that he had then done "a considerable amount of spying" using information and documentation, some of which was anonymously posted to him, and had written a story on March 7, 1987, outlining his suspicions to Viljoen.

However, after a discussion with Viljoen's private secretary, Von Keyserlingk said he revised the story's introduction before submitting it for publication. Shortly after this Von Keyserlingk said Viljoen tried to suppress the story.

The commission continues today — Sapa.

DET plan to boost education

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The DET would implement a second phase to its research phase to attend to the shortcomings.

Discussing teachers'

morale, Mr Struwig said, "if pupils do not attend regularly I am sure that teachers must become demotivated in the end."

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Braam kept in dark about son's involvement — witness

By Deborah Smith, Pretoria Bureau

The former director-general of the Department of Education and Training (DET), Dr Braam Fourie, was kept in the dark about his son's involvement in a company which sold the DET computer equipment, according to the managing director of Learning Technologies, Mr Clive Baron

This was because Mr Willem Fourie thought his father would use reverse discrimination against them, Mr Baron said yesterday in evidence before the commission of inquiry into alleged irregularities in the purchase

EMBARRASSMENT

It was known that Dr Fourie would be embarrassed if Mr Fourie's involvement with the company became known, said Mr Baron

Mr Fourie was the programme manager at Learning Technologies

The commission was called for by the President, Mr P.W. Botha, after the advocate-general, Mr Justice P.J. van der Walt, said the equipment had been bought

without the DET calling for tenders. 26/8/88

Mr Baron, Mr Fourie and a man who in terms of a ruling by Miss Justice van der Heever may not be identified, decided to form a company and keep Mr Fourie's involvement secret as it would be harmful to the propagation of their business

After speaking to Dr Fourie, who reacted positively to the idea, Mr Baron said they had "enough confidence" to form a company to develop and market the course for an educational programme

BUDGET KNOWN

He said they knew what the DET's budget was before they formed the company

He said the relationship between Learning Technologies and the DET was supposed to be ongoing and after they had completed the maths programme they would have developed programmes for other subjects.

The commission, chaired by Miss Justice van der Heever, was adjourned until Monday morning

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Policemen/suspected informers murdered
970 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) How many (a) policemen and (b) suspected informers were murdered in 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987, respectively,
- (2) How many of these murders are suspected by the South African Police to have been politically motivated in each case in each of these years,
- (3) how many persons were charged with the murder of (a) policemen and (b) suspected informers in each of the above years?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) (a) 1984 — 19
1985 — 30
1986 — 50
1987 — 35

(b) In general it is not possible to ascertain whether or not a murder victim was a suspected informer. Statistics in this regard are therefore not kept.

(2) In the investigation of murder cases it is not always possible to determine a specific motive for the deed. More than one motive is often involved and is normally based on suspicion. Reliable and scientifically justified statistics cannot be compiled on the basis of suspicions, therefore the requested information cannot be furnished.

- (3) (a) 1984 — 42
1985 — 150
1986 — 158
1987 — 38

(b) I refer the honourable member to my reply in paragraph 1(b) above.

Primary/secondary schools: teacher/pupil ratio/class size

1195 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

What is the (a) teacher/pupil ratio and (b) average class size in (i) primary schools other than farm schools and (ii) secondary schools in the (aa) Cape Peninsula and (bb) Republic?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

	(aa)	(bb)
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(a)	1 37	1 40
(b)	35	34

Paragraph (bb) includes the Self-Governing Territories
Information as on the first Tuesday of March 1987

SAP: staff complement

1253 Mr J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Law and Order +

Whether he will furnish information on the staff complement of the South African Police, if not, why not, if so, how many (a) Whites, (b) Blacks, (c) Coloureds and (d) Indians were in the permanent employment of the Police on 31 December 1982, 31 December 1983, 31 December 1984, 31 December 1985, 31 December 1986, 31 December 1987 and 1 May 1988, respectively?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a) to (d)

I refer the honourable member to the Annual Reports of the Commissioner of the South African Police for the years 1983 to 1987, which were tabled in Parliament and in which this information was published.

Police reservists, call-up for duty

1332 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether he is authorized to call up police reservists for duty other than on a voluntary after-hours basis, if so, what are the relevant details,

(2) whether this duty results in any loss of income to any members of the Police Reserve, if so, (a) to what extent and (b) what arrangements apply in this regard,

(3) whether he intends taking any action in regard to the matter, if not why not, if so, (a) what action and (b) when?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) to (3)
I refer the honourable member to my reply to oral question 3 of 1 September 1987 which I also regard as an adequate reply to this question.

Eastern Europe: South Africans admitted

1343 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Whether South African citizens are allowed to enter any Eastern European countries on temporary residence permits and/or tourist visas, if so, (a) how many South African citizens entered each such country on (i) temporary residence permits and (ii) tourist visas over the latest specified five-year period for which figures are available and (b) for what purposes did they visit each such country?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Republic of South Africa does not maintain official relations with these countries and I am therefore not in a position to confirm their entry requirements for South African citizens. I also do not dispose of official information.

regarding the exact number and category of South African citizens who may have been allowed to enter these countries.

State selling-scheme of rented homes

1346 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(a) How many houses have been sold by the Department of Development Aid in terms of the State selling-scheme of rented homes since the introduction of the scheme, (b) what is the total amount realized in this manner, (c) what are the terms and conditions of sale and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(a) 3 628 (101 188 houses sold prior to the inception of the special selling-scheme)

(b) R6 057 930

(c) Conditions for the sale of houses available for renting purposes which were built with funds provided by the South African Development Trust are as follows

(1) SELLING PRICE

	Deed of Grant	99 Year Right of Leasehold
a) Site	R4,40/25 m ²	R4,40/25 m ²
b) Infrastructure	None	Sites smaller than 750 m ² Between R600 and R2 400 Sites larger than 750 m ² Between R800 and R4 000
c) Electrification	None	R1 300 per site
d) Houses built before 31/12/78	Standard R30/m ² × Floor area (without improvements)	Improved R30/m ² × floor area plus actual construction cost of any improvements
e) Houses built after 31/12/78	Actual construction costs plus costs of further improvements	

Address: AL and CAFE 80C (17c + 9c tax)

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A TIME

Minister tried to suppress story: inquiry told

PRETORIA — A senior journalist has testified to the commission of inquiry here into the Department of Education and Training (DET) that Minister of Education and Training Gerrit Viljoen allegedly tried to suppress a story he had written on allegations of malpractice in the DET.

Finansies en Tegniek assistant editor Curt von Keyserlingk said in evidence he had heard from his editor that Viljoen had phoned and said the magazine should reconsider publishing the story.

Own Correspondent

Testifying on the third day of the inquiry, Von Keyserlingk told Miss Justice Leonora van den Heever that earlier, when he had approached Viljoen with the corruption allegations, he had felt threatened by Viljoen's reaction.

Under questioning by advocate Nollie Niehaus for the commission, Von Keyserlingk said that after he had received an anonymous phone call from someone within the DET tipping him off about an

alleged link between the senior official's son and a Pretoria based computer company, his suspicions about possible malpractice within the department had grown stronger.

In a subsequent interview with Viljoen and his two senior colleagues, Von Keyserlingk he had asked Viljoen for a categorical assurance that the official's son was not linked to a computer com-

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'Minister tried to suppress story'

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pany Viljoen had emphatically denied any association

Von Keyserlingk testified that he had done "a considerable amount of spying" using information and documentation, some of which was anonymously posted to him, and had written a story on March 7, 1987, outlining his suspicions to Viljoen

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However following a discussion with Viljoen's private secretary, Von Keyserlingk said he revised the story's introduction before submitting it for publication. Shortly after this Von Keyserlingk said Viljoen tried to suppress the story

**Teacher 'misconduct'
hearing postponed**

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Education Reporter

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THE hearing of misconduct allegations against five black high school teachers has been postponed to November 10.

I D Mkize High School teachers Mr O M Mbekwa and Mr Ernest Hendla and Mr Thembikile Plaatjie, Mr Vuyo Hlaba and Mr Zolile Fonyana of Langa High School were due to have faced the charges at a Department of Education and Training hearing yesterday.

They were suspended in March.

Secret witness testifies at computer probe

Pretoria Correspondent

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A secret witness was called yesterday to testify before the commission hearing evidence surrounding alleged irregularities in the purchase of computer equipment for the Department of Education and Training (DET).

The inquiry in Pretoria is chaired by Miss Justice L van den Heever, assisted by Mr V G van Zyl and Mr F G Barry.

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Miss Justice van den Heever said the name of the witness would be withheld to protect him. The inquiry continued *in camera*.

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The commission was appointed by President F W Botha after aspects of the R4,8 million computer purchase were revealed in Parliament.

A report by the Advocate-General, Mr Justice P J van der Walt, said the equipment had been bought by Learning Technologies without the DET calling for tenders.

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Expert ^{(256) SMC} criticises ^{2/9/88} DET video system

The video system bought by the Department of Education and Training (DET) at a cost of R4,8 million was awkward, expensive and troublesome, a computer expert said yesterday.

Mr Jan Knoetze of the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), had evaluated the Ivis system installed by Learning Technologies for the DET.

He told a commission of inquiry that he had conducted his evaluation by comparing the interactive video system with Criterium Reference Instruction, in which teachers used ordinary teaching methods.

Faults had been revealed, and among them were

- The modules did not make provision for sufficient constructive interaction between student and lesson material.
- The exposition of the contents on the screen and unsynchronised auditive comments could confuse students
- Further confusion was caused because no corrective comments were made when a student entered a response in an unacceptable format.
- In some modules there were many mathematical and language errors.
- The modules did not make provision for students with disparate mathematical abilities.
- Colour was not used functionally, and some coloured lettering affected text legibility.
- Small geometry module lettering was illegible.

Mr Knoetze said that if some adjustments were made the modules could be used for in-service training of maths teachers. — Sapa

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DET INQUIRY

'Traumatic' talks

Department of Education and Training (DET) Minister Gerrit Viljoen may yet be asked by a judicial commission to clear up details of a conversation he had with the son of former DET Director General Braam Fourie. In evidence before the commission of inquiry into the DET's purchase of the Ivis interactive video system from the Learntech company (*Current Affairs* August 26), the son, Willem Fourie, a director of Learntech, said he could not recall the exact details of a conversation he had with both Viljoen and his father, Braam.

Viljoen's office, in response to an inquiry, had earlier said the minister would be prepared to give evidence if requested by the commission chaired by Judge Leo van den Heever. That followed testimony by *Finansies & Tegniek* assistant editor Kurt von Keyserlink, alleging that Viljoen had threatened legal action if the magazine published a report on the sale of the Ivis system.

Fourie Jnr told the commission that a two-hour meeting during which he informed his

father that he was associated with Learntech was so tense and traumatic he could only remember the gist of it. He said he had earlier taken a "business decision" not to tell his father of his association with the Pretoria-based company, and had concealed the association for more than two years.

During an even earlier discussion, he had with Viljoen, the minister advised him to inform his father of the matter, Fourie told the commission.

The commission's hearings continue, but it is expected to adjourn before resuming its investigation into other alleged irregularities within the DET. It will probably look into the use of outside agents acting on behalf of the department in obtaining suitable sites for black youth camps, as well as the department's various printing contracts. ■

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R4,8m system less viable — claim

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PRETORIA — The interactive video system bought by the Department of Education and Training (DET) for R4,8 million was “awkward, expensive and troublesome”, while an ordinary computer system could have been less expensive and more viable for teaching mathematics.

This was said to a commission of inquiry by an educationist and computer expert of the Human Sciences Research Council, Mr Jan Knoetze, who had evaluated the Ivis system, installed by Learning Technologies for the DET.

The purchase of the computer system forms part of the commission of inquiry ordered by President P W Botha with regard to alleged irregularities in the DET's acquisition of the computer equipment.

Some of the faults disclosed were as follows

- The modules did not make provision for sufficient constructive interaction between student and lesson material.
- In some modules there were so many mathematical and language errors that it was impossible to recommend such modules as training material.
- The modules did not provide for students with disparate mathematical abilities.
- Colour was not used functionally and in some instances the colours used for lettering had an adverse effect on the legibility of the text.

Mr Knoetze said it was his opinion that provided the necessary adjustments were made, it would be possible to use the modules in the in-service training of maths teachers. — Sapa

Jailed pupils denied school

By DAN DHLAMINI

EIGHT former Potchefstroom pupils who have spent time in detention are not being re-admitted to their schools.

The eight received letters from Department of Education and Training assistant director, Danie Davel, informing them that they would not be re-admitted this year.

The pupils - all from primary schools around Potchefstroom - claimed that after they had been released from detention under the state of emergency and attempted to reregister at their schools, they were told by headmasters that they should wait for a reply from the DET.

They are Sello Mohapi 13, Samuel Khuzwayo 13, Joseph Matsietsa 15, Jacob Molale 16, Andries Sepotokele 16, Ephraim Masilo 16, Jeremiah Molusi 15 and April Mohau 16.

Most of the pupils were detained in 1986 and were released last year.

Their parents said they feared for the future of their children.

"Had we been told earlier that our children would not be admitted, we would have looked for alternative accommodation rather than leave them to roam the streets," said Elias Matsietsa, who acted as a spokesman for the parents of the affected children.

Replying to a City Press query whether the eight would be admitted next year, DET assistant director of public relations, James McNeil, said he could not comment on the specific case because he did not have details at hand. He said that in principle, it was the DET's responsibility to ensure that pupils who passed from lower classes got first preference for admission.

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DET's swift payment questioned

PRETORIA — The three-man commission of inquiry investigating alleged irregularities in computer purchases for the Department of Education and Training (DET) has questioned why the DET swiftly settled payment for the R4,8m equipment before testing it.

The question was raised during the evidence of the DET's acting director-general, D H Meiring.

The inquiry was ordered by President P W Botha after a report submitted in Parliament by the Advocate-General stated the DET had given the massive contract to Learning Technologies without calling for tenders. The commission has heard evi-

dence that Willem Fourie, son of former director-general Braam Fourie, was programme manager for Learning Technologies.

Chairing the commission, Miss Justice van den Heever said the contract stated the account for the computer hardware was payable in full within 30 days of installation, while a further amount was payable 30 days after completion of implementation.

She said the DET had had sufficient time to test the system to make sure it had not bought a pig in a poke. Instead it had almost immediately

paid Learning Technologies without making sure the product worked.

She said she also found strange the R21 000 which was to be paid to Learning Technologies after implementation and training of operators.

Meiring said he was not responsible for the delivery of or payment for the equipment, but had given orders that officials should report to him when the delivery had been made.

He said he was satisfied the six-month guarantee covered the system before it had been tested — Sapa.

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Fourie has selective loss of memory—judge

JOHANNESBURG — It appeared that the former director-general of the Department of Education and Training, Dr Braam Fourie, was suffering from a selective loss of memory about a conversation with his son as to his son's involvement in the company Learning Technology, Miss Justice L van der Heever has said.

Miss Justice Van der Heever is heading a commission of inquiry into the department's purchase of computer equipment. Learning Technology sold the department a R4,8-million inter-active video system.

Dr Fourie's son, Mr Willem Fourie, was a founder member of Learning Technology.

The commission was ordered by the State President, Mr P W Botha, to investigate the purchase, which had allegedly been made without tenders being called for. — Sapa

Fourie 'upset by son's confession'

By Deborah Smith,
Pretoria Bureau

The former Director-General of the Department of Education and Training (DET), Dr Braam Fourie, was upset at his son Willem's confession that he was a director of Learning Technologies, which had sold the DET a R4,8 million computer system

Dr Fourie said this yesterday while testifying before a commission of inquiry investigating the DET's purchase, which was allegedly

made without tenders being called for.

Ms Justice van der Heever said earlier that it appeared Dr Fourie was suffering from a selective loss of memory.

She was referring to a conversation between Dr Fourie and his son about his involvement with Learning Technologies.

Dr Fourie questioned his son after being confronted by a journalist who said his son was involved in the company.

Ms Justice van der Heever said neither Mr

Willem Fourie nor Dr Fourie could remember the conversation, and questioned whether they were scared they would tell different stories.

The hearing continues

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PROMPT PAYMENT

The swift payment by the Department of Education and Training (DET) of R4,8m for an interactive video system was questioned this week by a Cape Supreme court judge. During evidence before a judicial commission of inquiry, acting DET Director General (DG) Dirk Meiring was questioned by the chairman, Judge Leonora van den Heever, on the purchase of the system from the Learntech company.

The commission heard that Willem Fourie, son of former DG Braam Fourie, was programme manager for Learntech. Meiring was questioned why the DET swiftly settled payment for the R4,8m equipment before testing it.

Judge Van de Heever said the contract stated that payment for the computer hardware be made in full within 30 days of installation — while a further amount was due 30 days after completion of implementation.

She said the DET had had sufficient time to test the system to make sure it had not bought a "pig in a poke." Instead, it had almost immediately paid Learntech without making sure the product worked.

She said she also found strange the sum of R21 000 agreed to be paid to Learntech after implementation and training of operators.

Meiring said he was not responsible for the delivery of, or payment for the equipment, but had given orders that officials report to him when the delivery had been made. He was satisfied that the six-month guarantee of the system covered it before it had been tested.

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Headmasters

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asked to list

'radical' staff

by DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Education Reporter

A CIRCULAR which asks all principals of black schools in the Cape to name "radical" teachers on their staff and the involvement of "progressive" parent, pupil and other organisations in education was handed out this week

A copy of the circular was given to Weekend Argus

The Department of Education and Training has denied distributing the circular

The circulars ask principals to indicate the involvement in black education of people such as the PFP MP for Gardens, Mr Ken Andrew, and joint Parents-Teachers-Students-Association chairman Mr Goodwin

Daba and organisations such as the Western Cape Students' Congress, Democratic African Teachers' Union and Western Cape Teachers' Union

Other organisations named in the circular are the South African Council on Sport and the Black Sash.

Principals are asked to name "leftist/radical" teachers at their schools and to supply information on their membership of unions and their involvement in "subversive activities"

Reports on "undesired" teachers, their activities and any action taken against them had to be submitted to the department

The names of "groups active in schools, examples of their activities and names of leaders

among students" were also requested

Headmasters were instructed to report on incidents which did or did not affect school attendance

They were asked in the circular if their school had school committees or a governing council and if there had been problems when these organisations were elected.

Press reports, pamphlets and stickers which mentioned schools had to be forwarded to the department

Principals were also asked to comment on the effectiveness of the two-way radio communication system in use at schools

They had to confirm if matrices were getting tuition in all subjects and to comment on the attendance of staff and pupils

Commenting on the circular Mr Andrew said "Most black high schools in the Cape Peninsula are verging on chaos.

"No knowledge"

"This latest circular illustrates once again the determination to conduct witch-hunts. We need to involve fully the black communities in educational decisions if things are to improve"

A departmental spokesman said today the department had no knowledge of the circular

"I can say, however, that the end-of-the-year examinations are drawing closer and the department has embarked on a programme of assessing the progress of schools in the Cape, the spokesman said

Schooling is vital for the future of SA, parents told

By Kaizer Nyatumba

Parents who love their children and have their welfare at heart should take an active interest in their education, the Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, said yesterday.

Opening the R1,25 million Bovet Primary School in Alexandra, Mr De Beer urged parents to make sure their children went to school and acquired education "because the future of the country depends on these children's education", he told parents.

"This school, these buildings and the teachers are there to educate your children so that they have a better chance in life.

"Encourage your children to learn, make sure they attend school regularly, get them to school on time and show an interest in what they are doing."

Founded by the late Rev Samuel Bovet, a Swiss missionary, in 1928, Bovet Primary School was taken over by the Government in 1955. The new school has 22 classrooms.

Also present at the ceremony were Mr Jaap Strydom, the deputy director-general of the Department of Education and Training, Mr S Sharmase, the assistant director of the department's Diep-Alex Circuit in the Johannesburg region, Alexandra circuit inspector Mr G Kadungure and the former mayor of Alexandra, the Rev Sam Buti.

Education department admits 'radicals' probe

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By VERNON BRENT, Staff Reporter

THE Department of Education and Training has admitted it is the author of a document asking principals of black schools to name "radical" teachers and provide information on "progressive" parent, pupil and other organisations.

Last week, in response to queries by The Argus, which had a copy of the document, Mr Leon Nel, DET deputy director (Cape Town area office) said he had "no knowledge of the circular" and "would be grateful to receive a copy if any such exist".

ADDRESSING PROBLEMS

He referred, however, to a "programme of assessing the progress at schools in the Cape".

The circular has caused an outcry and the department was accused of conducting a "witch hunt". Progressive Federal Party MP Mr Ken Andrew called for the dismissal of those responsible.

There was "nothing sinister" in the 14-point "assessment", Mr Nel said in an interview yesterday.

It was aimed at getting information to

assist the department in addressing any problems or shortcomings in black schools, he said.

Specific requests for the names of "radical" teachers and students were made so the department could identify those with grievances and discuss these grievances with them, he said.

The document instructed principals to name "leftist/radical" teachers at their schools and to supply information on their membership of unions and involvement in "subversive activities".

Reports on "undesired" teachers, their activities and any action taken against them had to be submitted to the department.

The names of "groups active in schools, examples of their activities and names of leaders among students" were also requested.

Mr Andrew said the document sought to "identify, harass and persecute leaders" and not to negotiate with them.

"The department is clearly committed to confrontation and absolute control

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DET admits school probe

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rather than seeking genuine co-operation and communication," he said.

Mr Nel said the department's intentions had been misrepresented.

"I can give you a more than 100 percent guarantee that this is not a witch hunt," he said.

"As part of the professional drive to ensure good standards of education, inspectors are analysing factors which might affect the teaching and learning situation in the secondary schools, whether positively or negatively."

He said information asked for included staff and pupil attendance figures, school quota recommendations, matric tuition, and plans to catch up for the matric exams.

GRIEVANCES

Principals had been asked to name leftist/radical teachers at their schools and to supply the names of students and organisations "with grievances" so the department could identify the group and individuals and discuss their grievances if they were valid.

Mr Nel said he would give an assurance that no teacher would in any way be victimised because of this.

"If we find shortcomings we will give guidance to remedy and rectify these shortcomings," he said.

SCHOOLS VISITED

In its request for information on the activities of Mr Andrew and others, Mr Nel said the department did not look for the negative side and would give credit where it was due.

He said all secondary schools were being visited by a panel of education experts who would have a face-to-face discussion with each teacher regarding his short-term and long-term problems.

"In the long term the department hopes to have a corps of well qualified teachers who will maintain a high standard," Mr Nel said.

Forum calls on De Beer to withdraw circular

Education Reporter

THE Education Forum has called on Mr Sam de Beer, Deputy Minister of Education and Training, to withdraw a controversial circular given to black high school principals and discipline officials responsible for it

In an open letter to him, the Forum urged Mr de Beer to ensure "the recognition of, and negotiation with, democratically elected parent, teacher and pupil organisations".

The document, issued to principals last week, has caused an outcry among educationists, pupils, community organisations and teachers' associations.

Yesterday the department admitted it was the author of the document asking principals of black schools to name "radical" teachers and provide information on "progressive" parent, pupil and other organisations

LOW PROFILE

Last week, in response to queries by The Argus which had a copy of the document, Mr Leon Nel, DET deputy director (Cape Town area office) said he had "no knowledge of the circular" and "would be grateful to receive a copy if any such exists".

He referred, however, to a "programme of assessing the progress at schools in the Cape".

The low-profile Forum was formed in April to make constructive contributions towards the resolution of problems at black schools. Members include Sir Richard Luyt and Mr Ken Andrew, Progressive Federal Party MP for Gardens

Delegations from the Forum had had several meetings with Mr de Beer and senior officials, said the letter.

"We have involved ourselves in these discussions in good faith and accepted that you and the officials concerned were doing likewise," the Forum wrote.

BREACH OF FAITH

"Against this background we consider the questionnaire that has been handed out as being a breach of that good faith as it implies that persons and organisations making up most of the Education Forum may well be involved in 'subversive activities', not least the first mentioned Mr Ken Andrew. We find this totally unacceptable"

Far worse, however, was the line of thought revealed in the document, according to letter

MP lashes at DET for using 'terror tactics'

CP Correspondent

THE Department of Education and Training has come under fire from a Progressive Federal Party MP for instructing principals at Cape Town high schools to report on the activities of members of progressive organisations.

The circular was delivered to principals last week by an inspector.

At a Press conference this week, Ken Andrew, PFP MP for Gardens, called for the dismissal of those responsible for issuing the document which questioned the involvement of people like him and Goodwin Daba, chairman of a joint parents-teachers-students association, in black education.

Andrew said he was disgusted with the circular and "the thinking behind it".

He called the document "outrageous", adding that it ripped the benevolent mask from the face of the department.

"The department is clearly committed to confrontation and absolute control rather than seeking genuine communication and co-operation," said Andrew.

The document sought to identify, harass and persecute leaders and not to negotiate with them, he said.

"It also reveals that the DET's claim of not wanting police involvement in its schools to be a lie - something that I can also bear testimony to."

He said the department was "making an absolute

mess of black education" in the Cape Peninsula.

The DET was not interested in the real feelings of the black community and was trying to force National Party apartheid education down the throats of black students, he said.

"I call for the dismissal from the DET of all those responsible for this document. They have no right to call themselves educationists. They should have no place in the DET or any other education department."

On Saturday, a spokesman for the department told a Cape Town newspaper that it had no knowledge of the circular.

The circular asked principals to name "leftist/radical" teachers at their schools and to supply information on their membership of organisations like Detu and their involvement in "subversive activities".

The names of "groups active in schools, examples of their activities and names of leaders among students" were also requested.

Principals were also asked to comment on the "effectiveness" of a two-way radio communication system in use at schools.

Democratic African Teachers' Union official Monde Tulwana urged teachers not to be "despondent at these terrorist-like threats and deeds. Detu is imbued with a spirit that is indomitable and which cannot be cowed into submission by these cowardly threats and action."

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DET 'WITCH-HUNT'

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THE Department of Education and Training (DET) has come under fire for instructing principals at Peninsula senior secondary schools in a circular to submit reports on radical teachers, pupils and teachers organisations.

At a press conference this week, the department was condemned by the Democratic Teachers' Union, Education for an Aware South Africa, Black Sash, the Careers and Research and Information Centre and the Joint Parents, Teachers,

Students Association

The most scathing attack came from Progressive Federal Party MP for Gardens Ken Andrew who called for the axing of those responsible for the circular which asked principals to name "leftist/radical" teachers at their schools and supply information on their membership of organisations like Detu and their involvement in "subversive activities".

Reports on "undesired" teachers,

their activities and any action taken against them were requested as were the names of "groups active at schools, examples of their activities and names of leaders among students".

The document asked principals to explain the involvement of people like Andrew and Goodwin Baba, chairman of the Joint PTSA, in black education.

The role of organisations like Wectu, Edasa and Western Cape Students' Congress in black schools was also questioned.

Principals ordered to finger activists

Andrew said the PFP was "disgusted" by the "outrageous" questionnaire issued by the DET and "the thinking behind it".

In his view, it "ripped the benevolent mask from the face of the department" to reveal its "ugliness".

He said "The department is clearly committed to confrontation and absolute control rather than seeking genuine communication and co-operation".

The circular did not seek to negotiate with leaders, but to identify, harass and persecute them, he said.

"It also reveals that the DET's claim of not wanting police involvement in its schools to be a lie - something to which I can also bear testimony."

He said the DET was "making an absolute mess of black education" in the Peninsula and that it was out of touch and incompetent.

He claimed that the DET was not interested in the feelings of the black community but was forcing "National Party apartheid education down the throats of black students".

"I call for the dismissal from the DET of all those responsible for this document. They have no right to call themselves educationists. They should have no place in the DET or any other education department," he said.

Cric said in a statement that "it found it unacceptable that organisations and individuals doing their best to offer help to teachers and students should be harassed".

"We find it deplorable that Cric is now coming under suspicion from the DET who should be providing the service we have been providing for 10 years," Cric said.

Detu general secretary Monde Tlwana said that it was clear from the document that the total strategy of the DET was to undermine the general democratic thinking of teachers, pupils and parents.

Edasa rejected the DET's attempts to "control" schools, pupils, parents, individuals and organisations.

Control

"Its reference to the use of the police makes clear how the DET is organised. Its attempts to control PTSA's, SRCs and organisations such as the South African Council on Sport and Detu clearly indicate its position with regard to representative organisations," Edasa said.

The Black Sash said in a statement "Our concern and involvement in black education is part of our commitment to gathering information and working towards a united and democratic South Africa".

This week a DET spokesperson confirmed that the circular had been issued.

"I can say, however, that the end of the year examinations are drawing closer and the department has embarked on a programme of assessing the progress of schools in the Cape.

"All secondary schools are being visited individually by a panel of education experts who will have face-to-face discussions with each teacher with regard to his short- and long-term problems.

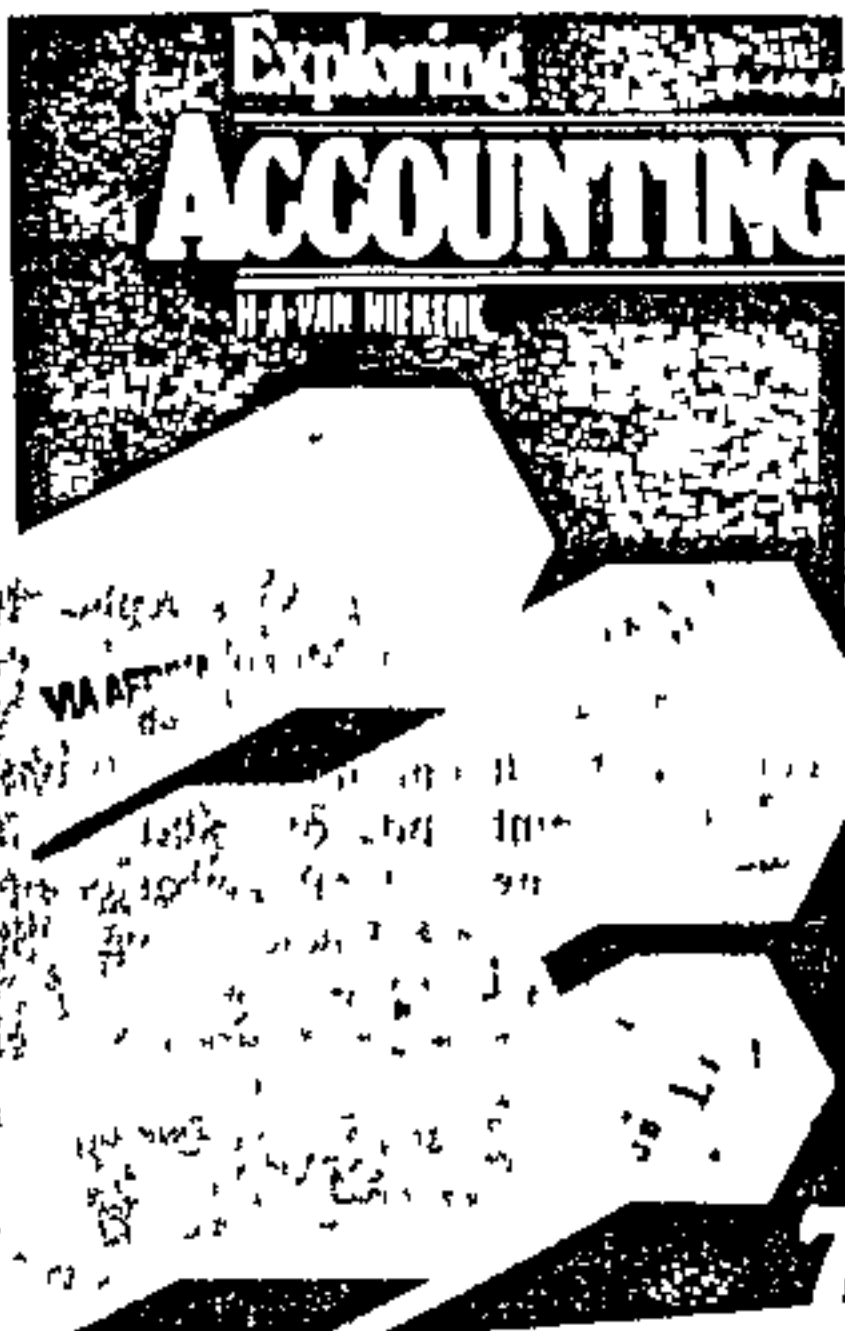
"As part of the professional drive to ensure good standards of education, inspectors are making an analysis of the factors that might affect the teaching and learning situation in the secondary schools whether positively or negatively," he was reported to have said.

Principals were asked in the circular if their schools had a school committee or a governing council and if there had been problems when these organisations had been elected.

Press reports, pamphlets and stickers, in which schools are mentioned, have to be forwarded to the department.

Principals were also asked to comment on the "effectiveness" of the two-way radio communication system in use at schools, including that of the police.

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TEXTBOOK RUMPUS

THERE is controversy raging in black education about the textbooks supplied by the Department of Education and Training to black schools.

Some educationists and teachers say there is favouritism in the choice of textbooks used in black schools.

They maintain that the

textbooks approved by the DET, other than vernacular ones, are those written by white authors. **NKOPANE MAKOBANE** spoke to several educationists and below is an interview he had with Mr T W Kambule, headmaster of Pace Community College in Soweto, who highlights the issue

THE DET says free textbooks were issued at great cost to the State from 1979. Monies allocated to every facet of education have to be very carefully budgeted.

There was no flood of textbooks. This is a strange allegation, particularly when there have been so many charges — invariably unsubstantiated — on the DET refusing to supply schools with textbooks.

The following is the procedure for the provision of textbooks. When a new syllabus is introduced or amendments made to a syllabus, publishers are informed and invited to submit manuscripts. There are some 50 publishers involved.

These manuscripts are submitted to book selection committees. It is important to note the manuscripts are typed, on A4 paper, bound and show neither the author's nor the publisher's name. Textbook screening panels comprise experts, usually academics, from outside the DET.

The independent comments of members are submitted to the DET. The central book committee, approves books and informs the publishers. Obviously the time required by screening panels to

This is a strange allegation, says DET

review manuscripts is determined by the number submitted.

This number is outside the control of the DET. Normally publishers manage to produce books within the allotted 18 months, but "overnight" is indeed an allegation to be questioned.

On the allegation that the textbooks are specifically for black schools, the DET says clearly books for African languages will not be found in many schools in other departments. For other subjects the contents are presented, almost exclusively in English, for pupils who do not have English as their home language.

One cannot but wonder whether the source of these allegations would not charge some form of cultural imperialism were books written specifically for pupils whose home language is English (or

Afrikaans) approved for use in black schools.

As a matter of fact, a significant number of textbooks approved for use in DET schools are also approved by other education departments. This is quite understandable in the light of common core syllabi.

On the allegation that the books are written by whites and the other one that the DET excludes authors not within its circles, the DET says these allegations are answered in paragraphs 2-5.

Ignored

The DET says in reply to an allegation that teachers are ignored on the choice of textbooks. Principals of schools have lists of approved textbooks, and may select from these. Consider the following situation: there are 150 pupils in Std 9 at a school.

A teacher new to the school prefers a particular book and requests it. There are already 100 copies of another approved book for the subject at the school. The 120 pupils will be doing the subject in 1989. The teacher orders 20 copies of the book he prefers.

Rather than have pupils using different books, a decision is made to provide 20 copies of the book of

which the school already has 100 copies. In certain instances, a particular book is out of print or stocks are not readily obtainable. Here another approved book will be provided in an attempt to ensure that pupils have books.

The fact that there are many black members of textbook screening panels makes a nonsense of black people having no say in the choice of books.

Answering the allegation on Afrikaans-speaking authors and examination papers the DET says:

Final Std 10 examination papers must in terms of regulations be available in both English and Afrikaans. The parents have the choice of the medium of instruction from Std 7 to 10. The Std 10 examination papers are set by another education department, partly to ensure the same standard paper as that used by other departments and are moderated by the Joint Matriculation Board/National Certification Board.

Translated textbooks are a feature of bilingual/multilingual education departments worldwide. There are many more Afrikaans-speaking than English-speaking teachers and academics in this country would lead an informed observer to expect some textbooks to be written in Afrikaans and then translated. Note again that publishers select authors not the DET.

While this is not the place to elaborate upon difficulties of translation, consider the profound philosophical and pedagogic implications of the fact that the translation of 'Emissie die bus' into Zulu is 'Ngishwa vibhasi'.

'Books are produced overnight for blacks'



Mr T W KAMBULE
Pace College head

MR KAMBULE claims that since the advent of free education for black schoolchildren there has been a flood of textbooks in black schools.

These books, he says, are produced "overnight" specifically for black schools and are not found in any other education department.

According to Mr Kambule, the concern is that these books are written by whites who are linked with the DET and who become authors overnight without doing any research.

He alleges the DET approves books by certain people and excludes other authors who are not within its circles.

Mr Kambule said there have been complaints from a number of black teachers that even when they order textbooks of their choice, the DET just ignores them and dumps books of its choice at their schools.

As a result, he said, it was felt black people have no say in the choice of books their children should read.

In addition, Mr Kambule said, the books are virtually written by Afrikaans-speaking authors.

As a result, he said, their textbooks were mere translations. This was extended to question papers for examinations he claimed. He argues the questions are set in Afrikaans and then translated into English.

FACTFILE - by Norris McWhirter

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De Beer to clarify schools document

By Deborah Smith,
Pretoria Bureau

Deputy Minister of Education and Training Mr Sam de Beer is to respond publicly to a Department of Education and Training document asking principals of black schools to name radical teachers and provide information on "progressive" parent and pupil organisations, says a DET spokesman

He said Mr de Beer had requested information about the document and would reply by tomorrow as he was anxious to "get the matter out into the open"

AGENDA

Mr de Beer will be addressing an open letter on the matter to the Education Forum

Mr James McNeil, DET assistant director of public relations, said the document had not been circulated to schools, but was part of an agenda for a DET management meeting.

The spokesman said the issue of naming radical teachers and pupils had been one of 14 points on the agenda.

Mr. McNeil said he "didn't know whether a decision on the matter had been made at the management meeting".

The circular has alarmed educationists, who have accused the DET of conducting a witch-hunt

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De Beer orders probe into questionnaire

Staff Reporter

THE Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Sam de Beer, has ordered an investigation into a questionnaire asking all principals of black high schools in the Peninsula for the names of "radical" teachers and details of the involvement of "progressive" parent, pupil and teacher organizations

The questionnaires were sent to the principals by the Cape Town Circuit Office of the Department of Education and Training (DET) early this month. The DET initially denied distributing the circular

A Department of Education spokesman confirmed yesterday that Mr De Beer had ordered a full-scale investigation into the "agenda document"

In reply to an open letter from the Education Forum, which called for the withdrawal of the questionnaire, Mr De Beer wrote. "I should like to assure you that I regard this matter in the most serious light. I am according it my personal and immediate attention"

DET UNDER FIRE

Charge by

Khambule

is denied

THE Department of Education and Training is deliberately putting black pupils at a disadvantage by sticking to the old matric syllabus when other education departments had introduced a new one last year.

This accusation was made by Mr T W Khambule, well-known educationist and headmaster of

Pace Community College in Soweto

He told the *Sowetan* that the delay meant black pupils are disadvantaged when they enter university, more so those doing mathematics and science subjects

Mr Khambule said the new matric syllabus for other racial groups was introduced at the beginning of last year. But we

understand that for blacks, the change would only be effected in 1990

"I doubt if this decision is in keeping with the requests from teacher unions. We dismiss the DET's excuse that black teachers cannot cope with the new syllabus. We cannot let our children suffer because we believe teachers can be upgraded in a period of eight weeks," he said

According to Mr Khambule, the concern here lies in the fact that the new syllabus had been revised to make pupils get into university. This was as a result of complaints by universities that the old syllabus made it difficult for students to cope with university work

In response to the accusations, Mr Job Schoeman, the DET's chief public relations officer, said he was not in a position to comment on how or when other education departments implement new or amended syllabuses

He said in some subjects, the DET had not been able to implement them as quickly as it would have liked. Invariably, he said this had been because appropriate textbooks were not available

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"It has been felt that it was more pedagogically accountable to attempt to ensure that teachers are thoroughly familiar with syllabi and that there are adequate supplies of approved textbooks available. The DET does everything within its power to implement new or amended syllabi as soon as possible," he said

On the allegation of complaints from universities, Mr Schoeman said such comments are at once perennial and predictable. He said it was unclear just how students may be disadvantaged when they enter university

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Row after principal's car damaged by pupils

SEVERAL parents whose children are pupils at a Soweto secondary school are up in arms over a "directive" to pay towards repairs for the principal's car.

The alleged directive follows an incident at Mapetla-Tswana secondary school last month when the principal's car was attacked and damaged by the school's pupils.

The school was closed and reopened after a parents' meeting was summoned.

A parent who asked not to be named, said they were called to a parents' meeting addressed by some DET officials. Parents were told to pay R10 each

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

towards repairs of the car.

According to the parent, those at the meeting had agreed to pay the said amount. This, he said, was after the DET officials had said payment was one of the conditions to resume classes.

Mr Peet Struwig, the acting regional director for the DET (Johannesburg region), told the *Sowetan* yesterday that the information he had been given was totally wrong.

"It is not true that any amount was discussed. I also refute that at any stage it was said that the compensation was a condition for reopening the school nor that it would be closed indefinitely," he said.

Top education official apologises for 'spy letter' to school heads

Education Reporter

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A DOCUMENT appearing to ask black school principals to spy on pupils, teachers and others was in fact "agenda points for a meeting" between officials and school "management", according Mr Sam de Beer, Deputy-Minister of Education and Training.

The "cryptic wording" had "regrettably, yet understandably" given rise to misinterpretation and conjecture, he said in a letter to the Education Forum, which called for an investigation.

The document asked principals to name "radical" teachers and provide information about "progressive" parent, pupil and other organisations.

"A COMMUNICATION"

It also questioned the involvement in black education of people like the Progressive Federal Party MP for Gardens, Mr Ken Andrew, the Black Sash and Mr Lungile Daba, chairman of the Joint Parent-Teacher-Student Association.

Mr de Beer said the document was neither a circular nor a questionnaire,

but a communication between the deputy-director of his department and the "top management (including principals) in the Peninsula".

Organisations and individuals who did not have the benefit of the background, purpose and circumstances relating to the document were upset by it, Mr de Beer added.

He offered his apologies and said he regretted "any inconvenience the Forum and its members might have suffered".

"I wish to assure you that it was never the intention of any official to embarrass any person or organisation and that no malice whatsoever was intended."

He said confusion arose when Mr Leon Nel, deputy-director (Cape Town area), denied knowledge of a circular or questionnaire (to The Argus) since no document had been drawn up or distributed.

Mr Nel "did not for one moment think that the reference in reports was to these agenda points for discussions", he said.

Because of past events which mitigated against effective schooling in

the Peninsula, the department regarded it as a matter of some urgency that "every effort be made to achieve as much as possible in what remains of this academic year" and to begin detailed planning for next year.

"The agenda document lists, cryptically and in places elliptically, areas in which up-to-date information is required," Mr de Beer wrote.

The 14-point document asked principals to name "leftist/radical" teachers and groups active in schools.

Referring to the point on "undesired teachers", he said it referred to those who were habitually late, ill-prepared and absent.

Mr Ken Andrew, Progressive Federal Party spokesman on education and a member of the forum, rejected Mr de Beer's explanation.

"Mr de Beer is unwise if he accepts the bland assurances that have been given to him.

"At best the questionnaire illustrates the incompetence and insensitivity that has bedevilled black school education in the Peninsula.

"In reality, however, I believe the document is far more sinister

De Beer defends 2-way school radios

By ANDRE KOOPMAN

TWO-WAY radios at black high schools were supplied to ensure effective communication with circuit offices

This was said yesterday by the Deputy Minister of Education and Training (DET), Mr Sam de Beer, in response to an open letter sent to him by the Education Forum over a controversial questionnaire circulated to black secondary school principals

The forum was constituted to seek ways of resolving problems at black schools

In addition to asking details of attendance, details are asked in the document about "the effectiveness of two-way radio communication to and from the school" and the involvement in schools of PFP MP Mr Ken Andrew, chairman of the joint PTSA Mr Lungile Daba, and other pupil, student and teacher organizations

It also asks for the "names of leftist/radical teachers and info re Membership of organizations plus their involvement in subversive activities" and of groups active in the school "plus examples of their activities, plus names of leaders among pupils"

Details are also asked of "undesired

teachers, activities and action(s) taken against them".

In its letter, the forum said the document showed the DET was "determined to victimize those people and organizations who articulate the concerns and wishes of parents, teachers and pupils rather than merely concede to the DET (in everything)".

Mr De Beer replied that two-way radios were supplied to schools, "as is common practice in other areas as well", to ensure effective communication with circuit offices

On the question of "leftist/radical teachers", Mr De Beer said, "no individuals or groups can be allowed to abuse their privileged position as educators to indoctrinate children to take part in boycotts or other activities that jeopardize their educational opportunities and future careers"

On the question of names of "groups active in the school, plus examples of their activities, plus names of leaders among pupils", he said "As you well know there is a range of educationally accountable reasons for identifying and developing leadership potential"

The reference to "undesired teachers" referred to those who were "habitually late, ill-prepared, frequently absent without sound reason"

DET backs down on 'radical' letter

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CP Press

CP Correspondent

THE Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Sam de Beer, has launched a full inquiry into a circular instructing black high school principals in Cape Town to report on "radical" staff and pupils.

The controversial circular was sent to principals two weeks ago, causing an outcry among educationists, extra-parliamentary organisations, pupils and teacher bodies.

Last week the Education Forum called on the deputy minister to withdraw the controversial circular, discipline officials responsible

Immediate inquiry is launched

and recognise and negotiate with democratically-elected teacher and pupil organisations.

He replied this week that he wanted to assure the Forum he regarded the matter "in a most serious light" and had given it his "personal and immediate attention".

He wrote, "I instituted an urgent, full-scale investigation I undertake to communicate with the Education Forum as soon as I have more information

at my disposal."

The DET initially denied knowledge of the document.

But last week it admitted originating the document asking principals to name "radical" teachers and provide information about "progressive" parent, pupil and other organisations.

It also questioned the involvement in black education of people such as Progressive Federal Party MP for Gardens, Ken Andrew, the Black Sash and Lungile Daba of the joint parent-teacher-student association.

In its letter to De Beer, the Education Forum said it had taken part in discus-

sions with him.

"Against this background we consider the questionnaire as being a breach of that good faith as it implies that persons and organisations making up the Education Forum may well be involved in 'subversive activities'. We find this unacceptable," the forum wrote.

Certificates take 8 months to come

DET keeps black matriculants waiting

By Zenaide Vendeiro, Education Reporter

Black pupils who pass their senior certificate examinations as private candidates are waiting up to eight months for their certificates, making it impossible for them to register with tertiary institutions and hampering their efforts to find work.

One pupil who wrote her examination at the end of last year had her registration with the University of South Africa cancelled because she was unable to submit her certificate by June 25.

A Soweto educationist said there were thousands of similar cases. One adult education centre in Soweto applied for 150 certificates and had up to now received only 33, he said.

He said he understood that a deputation of adult education centre principals in Soweto recently made representations to the department about the problem.

In response, the DET's chief liaison officer, Mr Job Schoeman, said that the DET was "treating this matter with the utmost urgency and priority, realising fully the importance of the speedy issuing of certificates to candidates who qualify".

It had to be borne in mind, he said, that thousands of private candidates wrote examinations every year — 163 000 in 1987 and 173 000 this year. They wrote examinations in November last year together with 142 000 full-time candidates, whose papers were marked first.

The results of private candidates, he said, normally became available during April or May of the following year.

Private candidates entered for one, two or three subjects at a time, so when a candidate applied for a certificate, all records of previous attempts had to be traced, checked and verified.

This was complicated by candidates having given their names in different orders for different sittings, having changed the spelling of their names or having used different names altogether as in the case of married women.

"Painfully aware"

"Despite special arrangements, including the use of extra staff and thousands of hours being worked overtime every month, this remains a time-consuming task," said Mr Schoeman. "A single application may take anything up to two days to finalise, especially if a candidate has not provided all the relevant information on the application form."

Mr Schoeman said the DET, "being painfully aware of the problems experienced by private candidates and the often frustrating, yet unavoidable, delays", had taken two steps to solve the problem.

Firstly, records of all private candidates were being computerised to enable quick access to the relevant information, an exercise which should be completed by December this year. "This, in itself, is a mammoth task since all the problems mentioned thus far have to be attended to in the case of tens of thousands of past and present candidates."

Secondly, private candidates would from next year write their examinations during May/June instead of in November.

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provisions are summonses issued and (ii) what is the purport of the (aa) summonses and (bb) written notices so issued and (b) (i) who conducts the negotiations referred to in the above reply, (ii) what are the guidelines followed in such negotiations and (iii) who was responsible for the drafting of these guidelines?

proceedings and they may perform all functions relating to the exercise of such authority. The Honourable Member is also referred to my reply to Oral Question No 25 of 17 May 1988 in which the position of attorneys-general in this regard is set out.

bus services in (a) the Transvaal, (b) the Orange Free State, (c) Natal and (d) the Cape Province were paid over by his Department over the latest specified 10-year period for which figures are available; if so, what amount in each province in each of these years?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Group Areas Act: prosecutions

Where the prosecution intends prosecuting an accused in respect of any offence the accused can, in terms of section 54 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act 51 of 1977), be summoned to secure his attendance in court. In this regard the Honourable Member is referred to the provisions of section 3(1) of the aforementioned Act in terms of which attorneys-general have the authority to prosecute any person in the name of the Republic in criminal

1473 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice:
(a) How many persons were prosecuted for contraventions in terms of the Group Areas Act during the period 1 January 1988 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) (i) what was the outcome and (ii) which magisterial districts were involved, in each case?

	(a) Transvaal	(b) OFS	(c) Natal	(d) Cape
1979	R8 260 399,00	R682 000,00	R1 421 347,00	*
1980	R7 732 780,00	R881 000,00	R1 598 648,00	*
1981	R8 992 144,00	R1 000 000,00	R1 848 712,00	R2 727 302,00
1982	R9 363 557,00	R1 128 000,00	R2 035 985,00	R2 450 834,00
1983	R11 159 962,00	R1 388 000,00	R2 302 968,00	R2 809 352,00
1984	R13 772 893,00	R1 396 000,00	R2 444 023,00	R2 740 885,00
1985	R17 813 043,00	R1 376 000,00	R2 561 738,00	R3 166 924,00
1986	R18 959 978,00	R1 384 000,00	R3 137 477,00	R4 445 177,00
1987	R19 321 421,00	R1 414 000,00	R3 958 700,00	R4 931 109,00
1988		R1 988 000,00	R5 274 528,00	R5 539 764,00

* The information is not readily available

(a) (b) (i) (Outcome)

(b) (ii) (Magisterial district)

1	R80 admission of guilt paid	Bloemfontein
1	Guilty Sentenced to R200 or 60 days' imprisonment suspended for 3 years	
2	Guilty Cautioned and discharged	Randburg
2	Pending	Johannesburg
2	Pending	Rooodepoort
2	Pending	Rooodepoort
2	Pending	Kemptonpark
2	Pending	Johannesburg
3	Pending	Johannesburg
1	Pending	Johannesburg
1	Pending	Pretoria
1	Withdrawn	Benoni
1	Withdrawn	Boksburg
1	Withdrawn	Vereeniging
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The period for which the information is given, is from 1 January 1988 until 31 August 1988

SAP: group areas investigations

1474 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice

Whether any attorneys-general have provided members of the South African Police Force with documents, letters and/or guidelines for dealing with group areas investigations, if so, (a) when, (b) why, (c) what is the nature of these documents, letters and/or guidelines and (d) by which attorneys-general were they provided in each case?

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The Honourable Member is referred to my reply to Oral Question No 25 of 17 May 1988

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Bus subsidies, amount paid

181 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether any bus subsidies in respect of school

Det to probe circular

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THE Department of Education and Training has backed down on a controversial circular sent to township schools recently.

Deputy Education Minister Sam de Beer has promised to investigate the circular in which principals were instructed to submit reports on radical teachers, pupils and teachers' organisations.

"I regard this matter in a most serious light and I am according it my personal and immediate attention," De Beer said in response to an open letter from the Education Forum, a group of organisations trying to resolve problems at township schools.

De Beer said he had instituted an "urgent, full-scale investigation".

Confirmed circular

"I undertake to communicate with the Education Forum as soon as I have more information at my disposal."

The DET's circuit office last week confirmed that the circular had been sent.

In their letter, the Forum said they considered the questionnaire to be a breach of good faith.

"It implies that certain people and organisations making up most of the Forum may well be involved in 'subversive activities'. We find this totally unacceptable," the Forum said.

"Quite clearly, the DET is heading for confrontation, has little interest in negotiating with representative parents, teachers and pupils, and is determined to victimise those persons and organisations who articulate the concerns and wishes of the parents, teachers and pupils rather than merely concede to the Department in everything.

"The Education Forum has repeatedly warned of the woeful and often dangerous lack of effective communication between DET and the black communities.

"This lack of communication and empathy has given rise to many serious problems.

"This latest DET questionnaire, however, raises the question of whether the DET really wants communication, consultation and negotiation.

"The questionnaire asks for 'names of leaders of pupils'. It is clearly not to congratulate them on having developed leadership qualities but to identify them as trouble-makers when something goes wrong — or even before.

Radio link

"The questionnaire also asks about 'leftist/radical' and 'undesired' teachers and the effectiveness of two-way radio communication between the school and the South African Police. We believe this is a clear indication of an intention to victimise some teachers and is contrary to assurances given to us that DET do not want SAP interference in education.

"We call on you to have the questionnaire withdrawn forthwith, to discipline the official(s) responsible, and to ensure that there be recognition of, negotiation with, democratically elected parent, teacher and pupil organisations."

Attendance
is normal.
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Normal attendances were reported at the Department of Education and Training's schools yesterday as 1,9 million black pupils returned for the fourth term, DET spokesman Mr Richard Cherns said in Pretoria.

Asked about possible boycott actions linked to the forthcoming municipal elections, he said there had not been any reports of stayaway actions.

High failure rate fears for matric candidates

ABOUT four weeks from now, 171 133 full-time candidates are to start writing the Department of Education and Training's final matriculation examinations throughout the country, excluding the Transkei

This year can be regarded as having been relatively stable for the department compared with the past three years. This can largely be attributed to the state of emergency.

Although there was "schooling" since the beginning of the year in Soweto, there was very little effective teaching

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**By NKOPANE
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going on in most of the township's 61 secondary schools

As a result, many parents, teachers, community leaders as well as pupils have expressed concern that once more the matric results are going to be poor

Those spoken to have said there was bound to be a high failure rate because the majority of pupils had not been serious about their school work throughout the year. It is said they lacked discipline and had shown no respect for their teachers.

On the other hand, the DET has been blamed for being too harsh in temporarily closing down schools where pupils had objected to inspections.

It is argued the move had resulted in pupils losing out on precious time. Classes were suspended in at least 13 schools in Soweto since schools reopened for the third term.

Matric results in Soweto in the last two years have been disastrous. Last year, only seven percent of the total number of pupils who wrote were eligible to go to university.

Of the 4 014 candidates who sat for the examination in the township's high schools, 280 obtained an exemption. A total of 1 036 earned ordinary passes (senior certificate) while 2 698 failed. Those who had entered for the

examination but did not write totalled 279.

In 1986, a total of 7 376 candidates wrote the examinations, of which only 12 managed to get university entrance passes. Seventy attained a senior certificate and those who failed totalled 1 174, and 6 120 did not write the examinations.

While the situation seems gloomy in Soweto, the DET has expressed hope that this year's results would be better than last year's.

Mr Richard Chernis, the department's PRO in Pretoria, said there had been normal schooling in DET's schools country-wide, except at some in Soweto.

Last year, 137 600 full-time candidates wrote the DET's matriculation examinations. Of this figure, 77 454 candidates (56,3 percent) passed.

Of those who wrote, 28,6 percent attained university passes. Altogether 55 candidates achieved two or more distinctions, while nine pupils passed with an A and 81 with a B aggregate.

The *Sowetan* recently did a round up of schools in the Vaal Triangle, the West Rand and the East Rand. One striking

**Mr RICHARD Chernis,
the DET public rela-
tions officer.**

feature in most townships, compared to Soweto, was that there were very few pupils roaming the streets during school hours.

Principals and teachers said they were generally satisfied with the quality of education in their areas. They said the pupils, though still politically aware, were now more devoted to their studies and this could lead to even better results than last year.

In most cases, the pupils were now more self-disciplined, attended school regularly, tried to be punctual, brought their books to school, did their homework, co-operated and showed respect for authority.

It emerged in many interviews that it had been impressed upon the pupils that the future lay in their own hands if the black nation was to go anywhere.

The onus is now on the pupils to utilise all the possible time left to prepare themselves for the forthcoming examinations whose results the black community will be anxiously waiting for.

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PRESS WILL

THE Department of Education and Training is to consider publishing the matric examination results in the Press this year provided they run smoothly.

Mr Richard Chernis, DET public relations officer in Pretoria, told the *Sowetan* yesterday that should the exams be interfered with, the results would then not be released to the media.

The matric results were last published in the Press in 1985. According to the DET, in the past two years, the results were not released to the Press at the request of candidates who feared intimidation.

Mr Chernis also said the department aimed to have the results out as soon as possible despite the fact that 20 percent more candidates would have written the examinations. A total of 171 133 full-time candidates are to sit for the DET examinations this year.

Last year, the department was one of the first education departments to release the matric results, Mr

GETTING RESULTS

If matric exams run smoothly

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Chernis said

Meanwhile, matriculation pupils in Soweto will write examinations at their own schools this year, according to Mr Peet Struwig, the DET acting-director for the Johannesburg region.

He said a delegation of school principals had asked the department to allow pupils to write exams at schools this year and not at the centralised examination centres used in the past few years. The DET had agreed

Mr Struwig said this was an indication the atmosphere at schools was calmer this year. He said although it was difficult to predict what results would be like, he hoped there would be an improvement on last year's poor results.

"Classes held during the holidays to try to make up for lost time

were well attended by matriculants. We will be carrying on (with afternoon and weekend classes) until the end of the examinations," he said.

Mr Struwig said he was impressed with the dedication of students. "They are serious about their education," he said.

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Residents voice their objections to DET

SCHOOLS WILL BE USED FOR VOTING

SCHOOLS under the Department of Education and Training are to be used as polling stations for the municipal elections on October 26.

Dr D H Meiring, acting director-general of the DET, said in a statement that his department had, as in the past, acceded to requests for its schools to be used as voting booths.

"This is common practice for all education departments," he said

The director-general's statement comes just a week after a delegation of Soweto parents had presented the DET with a memorandum to protest against the use of school

premises as polling stations
A seven-member delegation comprising of

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

schools This violated their right to deliberate and take decisions on the

matter as stipulated by the constitution of school governing bodies

Diepkloof parents met with Mr Peet Struwig, the DET's acting director for the Johannesburg region, on September 20. The delegation had been mandated by parents to express strong objection to the use of schools as polling stations

Dr Meiring also said "because of the matric examinations, no secondary school would be used. He said very few DET schools would in fact be used, for instance only 14 of the more than 300 schools in the Johannesburg region will be involved Pupils and staff at these schools will have a day's holiday

"The DET has agreed to make schools available as a community service since there are no suitable alternative polling facilities in the areas concerned," he said

A delegation spokesman told the *Sowetan* shortly after the meeting with Mr Struwig that although they were mandated by Diepkloof parents, they had made it clear to Mr Struwig that the protest embraced the whole of Soweto

"What affects Diepkloof automatically affects Soweto and vice versa," the spokesman said

Among points contained in the memorandum was that school committees were not consulted on the usage of

'STUDENTS KEPT IN DARK BY DET'

PRIVATE candidates in Sharpeville say that the Department of Education and Training has not yet supplied them with their matric examination timetables.

A candidate who asked not to be identified, said they were concerned because their final examinations start in about two weeks.

The examinations for the private candidates will be from Friday, October 21 to Thursday, November 24, while those of full-time candidates are to be written from Thursday, October 27 to Wednesday, November 23.

Of the total 344 133 candidates — both full-time and private — who are expected to sit for the DET's examinations, a total of 173 000 are private candidates.

Mr H K Blackie, the deputy director of planning for the Orange-Vaal region, said the general timetable for candidates was made available to them more than a month ago.

"The complainant is probably referring to a personal timetable which every student receives. In this case, my region only received them last Friday and were distributed to all circuits on Monday. The personal timetable must by now have reached the adult education centres," he said.

'No matric exam timetable'

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

The following is the final matric timetable for private candidates. These abbreviations denote HG (higher grade), SG (standard grade), X (morning paper 9am) and Y (afternoon paper 2pm).

Friday (October 21) — African Languages First Language HG 1 (X); African Languages First Language HG II (Y); Monday (October 24) — African Languages First Language HG III (Y);

Tuesday (October 25) — History HG and SG 1 (Y); Thursday (October 27) — Typing SG (X); Shorthand SG (Y), Monday (October 31) Technical Drawing HG and SG 1 (Y); Needlework and Clothing SG 1 (Theory) (Y); History HG and SG II (Y).

Tuesday (November 1) — Afrikaans First Language HG and SG 1 (X), Afrikaans Second Language HG and SG 1 (Y); Agricultural Science HG and SG (X), Wednesday (November 2) — Biblical Studies HG and SG (Y); SA Criminal Law SG (Y); Thursday (November 3) — English First Language HG and SG 1 (X), Statute Law SG (Y).

Friday (November 4) — Afrikaans First Language HG and SG 1 (X), Afrikaans Second Language HG and SG 2 (Y), Monday (November 7) — English First Language HG and SG 2 (X), English

Second Language HG and SG 1 (Y), Tuesday (November 8) — Law of Criminal Procedure and Evidence SG (Y); Mathematics HG and SG 1 (X), Functional Mathematics SG 1 (X).

Wednesday (November 9) — English First Language HG and SG 3 (X); Business Economics HG and SG (Y), Thursday (November 10) — Afrikaans First Language HG and SG 3 (X); Introduction to Criminology and Ethnology SG 1 (Y), Friday (November 11) — Mathematics HG and SG 2 (Y), Functional Mathematics SG 2 (X); Commercial Mathematics SG (X).

Monday (November 14) — German Third Language HG 1 (Y); Technical Drawing HG and SG 2 (Y), Physical Science HG 1 and SG (Y); Tuesday (November 15) — Biology HG and SG

(Y); Physiology HG and SG (Y); German Third Language HG 2 (Y); Wednesday (November 16) — Geography HG and SG 1 (Y); Mercantile Law SG (Y).

Thursday (November 17) — Needlework and Clothing SG 2 (Practical) (Y), Introduction to Criminology and Ethnology SG 2 (Y); Friday (November 18) — Economics HG and SG (Y); Home Economics HG and SG (Y); Monday (November 21) — Latin HG 1 (X), Latin HG 2 (Y); Geography HG and SG 2 (Y).

Tuesday (November 22) — Accounting HG and SG (X), Physical Science HG 2 (Y); Wednesday (November 23) — African Languages Third Language HG 1 (X); African Languages Third Language HG 2 (Y); Thursday (November 24) English Second Language HG and SG 2 (X)

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Matrics sit but with faint hope of passing

By THAMI MKHWANAZI

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The 21 439 coloured pupils registered for the senior certificate begin their examinations tomorrow with practical subjects such as typing, woodwork and metalwork.

The majority — 18 023 candidates — are in the Cape Province, 1 863 will write in the Transvaal, 1 207 in Natal and 346

dates than last year. They wrote the exams and 76,9 percent (12 411 pupils) passed.

In 1986, 11 919 pupils or 67,6 percent of those registered obtained their senior certificate.

Of the 21 439 pupils writing exams this year, only 3 289 have registered for the matriculation exemption or university en-

Afrikaans on November 1, biology on October 31, physical science on November 3, geography on November 9, maths on November 16 and 17, history on November 18 and other languages on November 23 and 24.

The last examination will be written on November 28.

Record number to write TED exams

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A record number of pupils will begin writing the senior certificate examinations of the Transvaal Education Department tomorrow

The Director of Education, Dr PH Bredenkamp, says 37 316 pupils have registered for the examinations this year, compared to 34 556 last year and 34 220 the year before

Of 37 316 candidates, 17 468 are registered for the matriculation exemption or university entrance exam, compared to 17 065 in 1987.

Of the pupils who wrote their senior certificate exams last year, 33 015 or 95,5 percent passed. Candidates who obtained their matriculation certificate numbered 14 681, compared to 14 752 in 1986

In 1986, 31 518 pupils were successful in the examinations — a pass rate of 92,1 percent. About 43 percent of all candidates gained a university entrance.

By Zenaide Vendeiro,
Education Reporter

Pupils will write their maths exams tomorrow and end with their last Afrikaans and English first language papers on December 2

Generally, higher, standard and lower grade papers will be written on the same day

As usual, the TED has made timetable concessions for pupils writing in hot regions, allowing schools to schedule the morning sessions half an hour earlier and the afternoon sessions half an hour later

Dr Bredenkamp says there are many factors that can influence the release of results, but he anticipates that the results will be released no later than December 24

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White appointed to run KaNgwane school

By CHARLES MOGALE

AN Eastern Transvaal principal was escorted off his school premises by armed soldiers after a white businessman took over his position.

The new principal is H van Wyk. His new deputy, R J Rastcha, taught in the then Rhodesia for more than 20 years.

Sipho Sukati, 31, former principal of Mshadza Senior Secondary School, was banned by the KaNgwane Education Ministry from entering the school in Hazyview, outside White River, after he had turned down several offers to "promote" him.

Sukati, a member of the National Education Union of SA, was thrown out after several clashes with the Ministry, during which he was twice detained without trial.

At one stage he was suspended for five months without payment. Several members of Mshadza's students' representative council were also detained.

Sukati's brushes with the authorities started in 1984 when he was removed from his lecturing post at Mgwenya College of Education and made acting principal at Mshadza.

On two occasions during his stay at Mshadza he was offered a post as an inspector, but he turned down both offers.

Earlier last year Sukati led a delegation of KaNgwane school principals to the Education Ministry complaining about a shortage of textbooks.

The meeting resulted in the detention of Sukati and two other teachers soon afterwards.

During his detention, teachers at his school staged a sit-in.

They only resumed work after his release 28 days later.

After his removal from Mshadza, Sukati was offered a post as a lecturer at Elijah Mango College, where he aids Unisa students with their lectures.

Speaking to *City Press* this week, Sukati said he was displeased by his removal from the school in his home village.

"I was terribly upset when I was barred from even picking up my wife, who still works there."

"Soldiers escorted me off the premises," he said.

A spokesman for the KaNgwane Education Ministry would not comment on the reasons for Sukati's removal.

He said the matter was in the hands of "legal people".

Asked what Van Wyk's qualifications are, Sukati holds BA, U Ed and B Ed degrees - the spokesman said that was irrelevant.

"It is not a matter of qualifications. Anybody could have been asked to head the school."

A member of the Lowveld Students' Coordinating Committee said it was "traditional" that students were fighting for the removal of troops from school premises.

He said, "We will, however, respect the decision and actions of the students at that particular school (Mshadza)."

"We are aware of the action they took and we stand by their decisions."

Does DET move teachers at will?

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ONCE more the transfer of teachers at Soweto high schools is a controversial subject. Earlier in the year it was claimed that teachers were being transferred or retrenched after teaching posts were "frozen" and that newly-qualified teachers were not appointed. The DET dismissed the allegations and has again rejected fresh claims by the newly-formed Progressive Teachers Congress that transfers had taken place involuntarily and in the middle of the academic year. NKOPANE MAKOBANE reports.

DET'S VIEW

THE Department of Education and Training (Johannesburg region) says that as far as possible no teacher is transferred involuntarily, although it is a regulation in all education departments that teachers may be transferred if circumstances so require

According to the DET, all transfers are handled with compassion and executed only after extensive consultations with the principals concerned. The department stresses that in the end the interests of the pupils are precisely what matters most

The transfer of specific teachers is a purely internal, organisational matter on which there was no need to elaborate. However, in general, over-enrolment at some schools versus under-enrolment at other schools, is the most common reason for the transfer of teachers in Soweto

Proper and timely enrolment would alleviate this problem, but there are difficulties often encountered with aspects of registration. Late transfers are usually aimed at solving critical staff shortages at schools where a loss of teachers occurs, for reasons such as study and sick leave

Transfers only take place from schools which can afford to part with members of staff without jeopardising the general education of their own pupils

The DET said "The department 'strongly rejects the assertion that pupils were left without teachers in certain subjects in the middle of the academic year. This region would welcome the names of schools where it is claimed that this has occurred. At the four schools where transfers allegedly occurred, no such problem as a result of transfers exists.

"It is both obvious and logical that when the pupil growth rate flattens out or even becomes negative, teaching posts cannot be extended and new teachers cannot be appointed

"Indeed, in the Johannesburg region there is an over-supply of about 200 teachers. However, none of

these, not even temporary teachers, were laid off. The so-called freezing of posts and refusal to hire teachers, must be seen in this context

"The loss of many pupils who favour schools in more stable regions, has compounded the issue of proper staffing of schools and has made projections on which planning is based, very difficult

"Although for specific subjects at specific secondary schools, the pupil-classroom or pupil-teacher ratio may be 40:1, for the Johannesburg region as a whole, it is 28:1 (27,84:1) — the lowest in all regions"

TEACHERS' VIEW

THE Progressive Teachers' Congress has claimed that involuntary transfers of teachers are still going on in some Soweto high schools

A spokesman told the Sowetan that transfers have been carried out at the following schools: Hlengiwe, Lavela, Moletsane and Mapetla-Tswana.

According to him, the most recent transfers were in September when three teachers were transferred from Lavela High School.

"Most teachers have expressed concern about the manner in which the transfers were carried out — leaving pupils without teachers in certain subjects in the middle of the academic year," he said.

The spokesman said the problem was compounded by the freezing of teaching posts by the DET and its refusal to hire new teachers.

The DET has argued that the moves

were prompted by no less than 16 000 pupils leaving Soweto for other areas and therefore causing a drastic lowering of the teacher-pupil ratios, he said.

The PTC spokesman said the transfers were unacceptable because:

- They take place in the middle of the academic year when pupils should be preparing for their examinations. Teachers were asking why they do not take place at the beginning of the year

- Teachers are transferred to offer subjects where there are no subject-teacher inadequacies.

- The teacher-pupil ratio and the classroom-pupil ratio remain at 1:40.

"We call on the DET to provide the community with the formula it uses when transferring and hiring new teachers. We believe that the department's policies are in conflict with results obtained by independent research organisations," the PTC spokesman said.



TEACHER BROKE GIRL'S ARM - DET ACTS

THE Department of Education and Training is investigating a case of misconduct against an Atteridgeville, Pretoria teacher who was recently convicted for breaking a standard five girl pupil's arm with an iron rod during lessons.

The teacher, Andries Choma, was found guilty of common assault by Mr R J van der Merwe in the Atteridgeville Magis-

By MONK NKOMO

trate's Court on November 2. He was fined R60 or 20 days.

Choma's conviction followed an incident in March this year when he punished and broke 12-year-old Sherene Mohajane's arm with an iron rod during lessons at the Patogeng Higher Prim-

ary School

Sherene's father, Mr Lebohang Mohajane of Masemola Street, Atteridgeville yesterday said he was going to brief lawyers with an intention of suing both Choma and the Minister of Education and Training.

Mr Edgar Posselt, liaison officer of the DET yesterday said they were aware of the case and

Choma's conviction and added that the matter was being looked into

"A case of misconduct against the teacher concerned is being investigated. All procedures will be followed and a decision will be made after the outcome of the investigations which will take some time to complete," said Mr Posselt.

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Paper's funding probed

The commission of inquiry into alleged irregularities in the Department of Education and Training (DET) sat behind closed doors in Cradock last week to hear evidence into the founding of a local newspaper.

According to one of the present co-owners of the newspaper, Mr Quintin van Rensburg, the commission chaired by Mrs Justice van den Heever heard evidence into the founding of the *Cradock Koerant* in early 1985 at the time of widespread

unrest in the area. (256)

Evidence from Mr Quantus van Rensburg, co-owner of the newspaper, and Mr Koosie de Klerk, a local businessman, was also heard.

The proceedings were attended by Mr J G Barrie, on behalf of the auditor-general, and the regional court president of Natal, Mr W G van Zyl.

The commission, which began sitting early this year, is investigating alleged irregularities into the DET purchase of computer equipment valued at R4,8 million.

COLD COMFORT FOR BOYCOTTING

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PUPILS

No room next year . . .

A BLEAK future awaits hundreds of Tembisa matric pupils who did not write exams this year. This follows an announcement by the Department of Education and Training yesterday that they might not be accommodated at their schools next year.

Mr Job Schoeman, chief liaison officer of the DET, also told the *Sowetan* the affected pupils will not be eligible to write examinations in March next year. "Only pupils who sat for this year's final exams can sit for supplementary exams in March," said Mr Schoeman.

The affected schools include Boitumelong, Jiyani, Tembisa High, Thuto ke Matla, Masisebenze, Bokamoso and Ikusasa. Pupils boycotted classes demanding the release of Mr Amos Mathontsi, a member of the Tembisa Crisis Committee who was detained in September.

Mr Schoeman said it was uncertain if these pupils would be accommodated next year. "Provision must be made for pupils who are promoted to the next class. It will be grossly unfair to tell pupils who wrote exams that there is no room for them," Mr Schoeman said.

Results

He added, however, that the local regional office of the DET was doing its best to solve the problem at the affected schools.

Mr Schoeman also told the *Sowetan* that they expected to release matric examination results for the 348 000 pupils before Christmas. A total of 171 000 full-time and 177 000 private candidates wrote matric exams this year.

Mr Schoeman said that there were no exam paper leakages this year. "The only problem we had this year was the boycott of classes at the eight schools in Tembisa," he said.

Mr JOB Schoeman



Police cameras, so protest called off

Education Reporter

A MEETING in Guguletu to protest against misconduct charges against five high school teachers was called off when police turned up to film the proceedings.

At a Press conference later, Mr Monde Tulwana, secretary of the Democratic Teachers Union which organised the meeting, said "The police were there when we arrived at Uluntu Centre for our meeting.

"At first they said our chairman, Mr Andile Jonas, could not speak at the meeting. We were surprised because we did not know he had been restricted. Later they said he was not restricted and that he could speak at the meeting."

Police told the union it could go ahead with the meeting "but they said they would attend and make a video recording".

"We could not agree to this condition and cancelled the meeting," he said.

Filmed by police

Organisers told about 300 people, who were being filmed by police as they sat in the hall, of their decision.

Mr Tulwana "deplored" the high-handed action of the police.

"Our position is clear — we will stand by our members throughout this hearing be-

cause they are being victimised," he said.

A police spokesman said: "The organisers postponed the meeting until Thursday for their own reasons and not because of police interference."

Mr Dullah Omar, speaking in his personal capacity and as president of the National Democratic Lawyers Association, said he had been invited to address the abandoned meeting.

"We protest"

"We protest against the charges against the five teachers. They should never have been suspended or charged," he said.

The National Democratic Lawyers Association has joined four other organisations in calling on the Department of Education and Training (DET) to drop charges against the teachers.

The call was endorsed by the Democratic Teachers Union, Peninsula African Teachers Union, Teachers Association of South Africa and Western Cape Students Congress.

● In March teachers Mr Thembikile Plaatjie, Mr Zolile Fonya, Mr Mhlalise Henda, Mr Vuyo Hlaba and Mr Monde Mbekwa were suspended for alleged misconduct.

Their future will be decided at a DET disciplinary hearing tomorrow.

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The DET saga continued when Judge Leonora van den Heever and her two assessors travelled to the Karoo town last week to hear evidence on alleged irregularities in the department

Focus of the evidence is the *Cradock Courant CC*, which had been owned — at the time of the alleged irregularities — by DET deputy Director General Jaap Strydom's son, Thinus; and the company's printing contracts with the DET. The *FM* first reported on these matters on July 22

In her opening address Judge Van den Heever refused an application by advocate Sedwin Toweel, counsel for Thinus Strydom, that cross-examination be allowed. She also rejected an application that the evidence before the commission be heard *in camera*. But she cautioned journalists present that evidence led was not tested — as would be normal in a trial.

Judge Van den Heever later allowed one unidentified witness to give evidence *in camera*

In his evidence, a former employee and printer of the *Cradock Courant*, Quartus van Rensburg, told the commission how a payment for outstanding salaries was made after he had complained to Strydom Snr about a lack of funds at *Cradock Courant CC*. An Allied building society deposit slip which was handed in to the commission as an exhibit showed that Van Rensburg's account was credited with a payment from the DET. Strydom Jnr had signed the deposit slip

Van Rensburg first met Strydom Snr in 1985 during the time of the black unrest and consumer boycott in Cradock, the commission was told. During this meeting — in a hotel with Strydom Snr, Thinus, a Cradock auditor, Philip Gerber, DET official Jan Vermaak and the commanding officer of the Cradock Commando, Botha Marais — Van Rensburg was told by Strydom Snr of plans to start a newspaper in Cradock. At the time

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Birth of a newspaper

The story of how a country newspaper was formed to do government business in the small Karoo town of Cradock by the son of a senior public servant, and the peculiarities of its financing, unfolded last week before the commission into alleged irregularities in the Department of Education and Training.

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AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS REGARDING THE CONSTITUTION, DUTIES, POWERS, PRIVILEGES AND FUNCTIONS OF AND THE QUORUM FOR AND PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL, AND THE PERIOD OF OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, MADE IN TERMS OF THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACT, 1979.

The Minister of Education and Development Aid has, under section 44 of the Education and Training Act, 1979 (Act 90 of 1979), made the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

1. In these regulations "the Regulations" means the regulations published under Government Notice R. 957, dated 1 May 1981.

2. Regulation 1 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for the definition of "secretary" of the following definition:

" 'secretary' shall mean the secretary placed at the disposal of the Council in terms of section 4 (4) of the Act."

3. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of subregulation (1) of the following paragraphs respectively:

"(b) two inspectors who shall be nominated from among members by the national body of such inspectors' association as the Minister may determine;

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DEPARTEMENT VAN ONDERWYS EN OPLEIDING

No. R. 2364

25 November 1988

WYSIGING VAN DIE REGULASIES BETREFFENDE DIE SAMESTELLING, PLIGTE, BEVOEGDHEDE, VOORREGTE EN WERKSAAMHEDE VAN EN DIE KWORUM VIR EN PROSEDURES OP VERGADERINGS VAN DIE RAAD VIR ONDERWYS EN OPLEIDING, DIE UITVOERENDE KOMITEE EN ANDER KOMITEES VAN DIE RAAD, EN DIE AMPSTERMYN VAN DIE VOORSITTER, VISE-VOORSITTER EN ANDER LEDE VAN DIE RAAD, UITGEVAARDIG KRAGTENS DIE WET OP ONDERWYS EN OPLEIDING, 1979

Die Minister van Onderwys en Ontwikkelingshulp het kragtens artikel 44 van die Wet op Onderwys en Opleiding, 1979 (Wet 90 van 1979), die regulasies in die Bylae uitgevaardig.

BYLAE

1. In hierdie Bylae beteken "die Regulasies" die regulasies afgekondig by Goewermentskennisgewing R. 957 van 1 Mei 1981.

2. Regulasie 1 van die Regulasies word hierby gewysig deur die omskrywing van "sekretaris" deur die volgende omskrywing te vervang:

" 'sekretaris' die sekretaris wat ingevolge artikel 4 (4) van die Wet tot die beskikking van die Raad gestel is."

3. Regulasie 2 van die Regulasies word hierby gewysig—

(a) deur paragrawe (b), (c), (d), (e) en (f) van subregulasie (1) deur onderskeidelik die volgende paragrawe te vervang:

"(b) twee inspekteurs wat uit eie geledere benoem word deur die nasionale liggaam van die inspekteursvereniging wat die Minister bepaal;

Cape Times 25/11/88

Cape teachers object to DET in camera ruling

Staff Reporter *(756)*

FIVE black teachers, suspended by education authorities for alleged misconduct, may appeal to the Supreme Court to overturn a ruling yesterday that their hearing be held in camera.

The hearing, held in Garmor House in Plein Street, has been postponed till Monday. All the teachers are members of the Democratic Teachers' Union (Detu).

Their lawyer, Mr M Parker, said yesterday that his clients had objected to the in-camera ruling by magistrate Mr J B Swanepoel, and would appeal against it — possibly in the Supreme Court.

The teachers — Mr O M Mbekwa, Mr Ernest Hendla, Mr Thembikile Platjie, Mr Vuyo Hlaba, all of I D Mkize High School, and Mr Zolile Fonyana, of Langa High School — were suspended in March.

They allegedly disobeyed an order to attend a sports meeting, refused to obey gate-order duties and were absent without leave.

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PARENTS TO HAVE MORE SAY

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THE Department of Education and Training is to give parents more say and enable them to be involved intensely in the education of their children.

By NIKOPANE MAKOBANE

According to the latest Focus on Education, a DEI monthly publication, the status of school committees is to be elevated to that of management councils.

The publication says that in 1986 the Council for Education and Training expressed its concern to the Minister that existing governing bodies were not functioning effectively.

Discussions were then held with parents, parent bodies and teachers and a number of important amendments aimed at promoting the image and increasing the authority and responsibility of existing school committees were made to the regulations.

The changes are as follows:

- The school committees will be replaced by management councils
- The principal will no longer be the ex-officio secretary. A member of the council will be elected to this position
- The definition of "parent" has been amended to include custodian of pupils but who are not necessarily guardians appointed by a court of law

The powers of parents have been extended to include matters such as consultation on the appointment, promotion and dismissal of staff

- Care and use of buildings, administration of school funds, admission of pupils, extra-curricular activities and hours of attendance at school are now also matters which require parental participation in decision-making
- Governing councils presently appointed by regional directors will be replaced, wherever possible, by governing bodies elected by parents, with a parent as chairman and
- Communication structures have also been provided for in the new regulations through regional committees which enable parents to influence decisions on education at the highest levels

In addition, the publication also says, new structures also provide for student representative councils.

You toe the line or get out, new DET rules say

By ANDRE KOOPMAN

PUPILS at public and state-aided DET schools will have to toe the line or face expulsion in terms of regulations gazetted by the Minister of Education and Development

According to the regulations, made in terms of the Education and Training Act, pupils may be suspended or expelled from school if they.

- Intentionally give false information to any teacher,
- Refuse to obey legitimate instructions,
- Incite other pupils to contravene regulations;
- Take part in boycotts, sit-ins and riotous action,
- Commit acts of insubordination,
- Possess or use habit-forming drugs without a doctor's prescription;
- Make unsatisfactory scholastic progress because of participation in activities not approved by the principal, or
- Intentionally leave their books at home.

Mrs Sue Philcox, chairman of the Education Forum, "an organisation concerned with effective education in DET schools", said the forum was "deeply disturbed" by the regulations since they were "open to grave abuse"

The forum had previously expressed its alarm at the possibility of the exclusion of students from schools, maintaining that no student should be excluded from a school to which he or she has been admitted

"As in white schools the expulsion of a student is a last resort which is decided upon in consultation with community representatives, usually in a school committee

"The power to exclude a student is open to abuse," she said

The DET was extending its already considerable control over schools, she added.

"Not content with using the SADF and the SAP, it is giving vast powers to principals who very often have little support from the communities that they should be serving

'Confrontational course'

"In addition the DET has stated that it will not work with representative PTSAs whose primary concern is the schooling of their children. The PTSAs are able to wield great influence on keeping schools open and students disciplined

"It is clear that the DET is not prepared to work with the community and chooses a course which is confrontational," Mrs Philcox added

She said the DET knew its measures would be unpopular

The regulations were gazetted at the end of the school year when results were not yet out and promotions were uncertain

It was thus extremely difficult for parents and students to protest

"If the DET is sincerely committed to schools which function as they should, they will have to share control with the people whose deepest concern is effective education.

"The regulations which have been gazetted would appear to throw down the gauntlet to students and parents alike. These are not disciplinary measures, they are measures for control"

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MATRIC RESULTS

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WHILE most matrics can expect their final results by late December — possibly before Christmas — black education authorities were hesitant to provide an exact date, to “prevent trouble”

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Training in Pretoria said it had “tentatively” planned to release the results before Christmas, but this date was by no means binding.

“Last year we had some disturbances when results were not released on time, and we wish to prevent this happening again,” he said

Spokesmen for the coloured and white education departments said the respective departments were also planning to release results by Christmas, but provisionally declined to provide exact dates — Sapa

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THE Department of Education and Training has decided to make provision for the pre-school training of five-year-olds in order to give them a sound foundation for their basic education

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

period of education in order to plan effectively on this educational programme

The terms of reference of the task force will include, the curriculum, finance, the training of teachers, the provision of facilities, subsidies and parent involvement. The select group comprises of both black and white officials and a strong contingent drawn from the private sector, universities, city health departments, colleges and the Human Science Research Council.

The task force will also consider the possible extension of the bridging period of education to the pre-school training which the 3 and 4-year-olds should receive. It will mesh the "bridging year" concept with the basic education programme.

"The magnitude of the task is indicated by the fact that there are about 250 000 five-year-olds, including children on farms, in the area resorting under the jurisdiction of the DET.

"The successful introduction of the bridging period is the best way of ensuring that these children will be ready for school when they commence their school careers. The task force faces a formidable challenge as far as the successful incorporation of the bridging concept is concerned.

"Careful, innovative, far-sighted planning of this group and the implementation of its ideas will, we trust, eventually lead to much more effective schooling at all levels. The DET accepts the challenge this exciting new development has brought about," he said.

Mr Richard Chernis, the DET's public relations officer in Pretoria, said this decision had been taken because not all children receive preparatory education at home or at pre-primary institutions before the age of six.

This year, the DET introduced a "bridging period" at a number of schools to determine if many young beginners are ready to enter school.

Last week, Mr Sam de Beer, the deputy Minister of Education and Training, announced that the under-six bridging period introduced should be functioning at all schools, including farm schools by 1992.

Mr Chernis said the one-year pre-school training (bridging period) can be accommodated at a public school. He said it will most probably become part and parcel of the public schools' curriculum later on.

"The possibility of accommodating the bridging period classes in the final year of pre-primary schools exists. The education of 3 and 4-year-olds is still seen as being the responsibility of the community.

"Attendance during the bridging period will not be compulsory for the five-year-olds, but it will be compulsory for the six-year-olds who may not yet be school ready."

According to Mr Chernis, the DET has appointed a task force to investigate all factors relevant to the bridging

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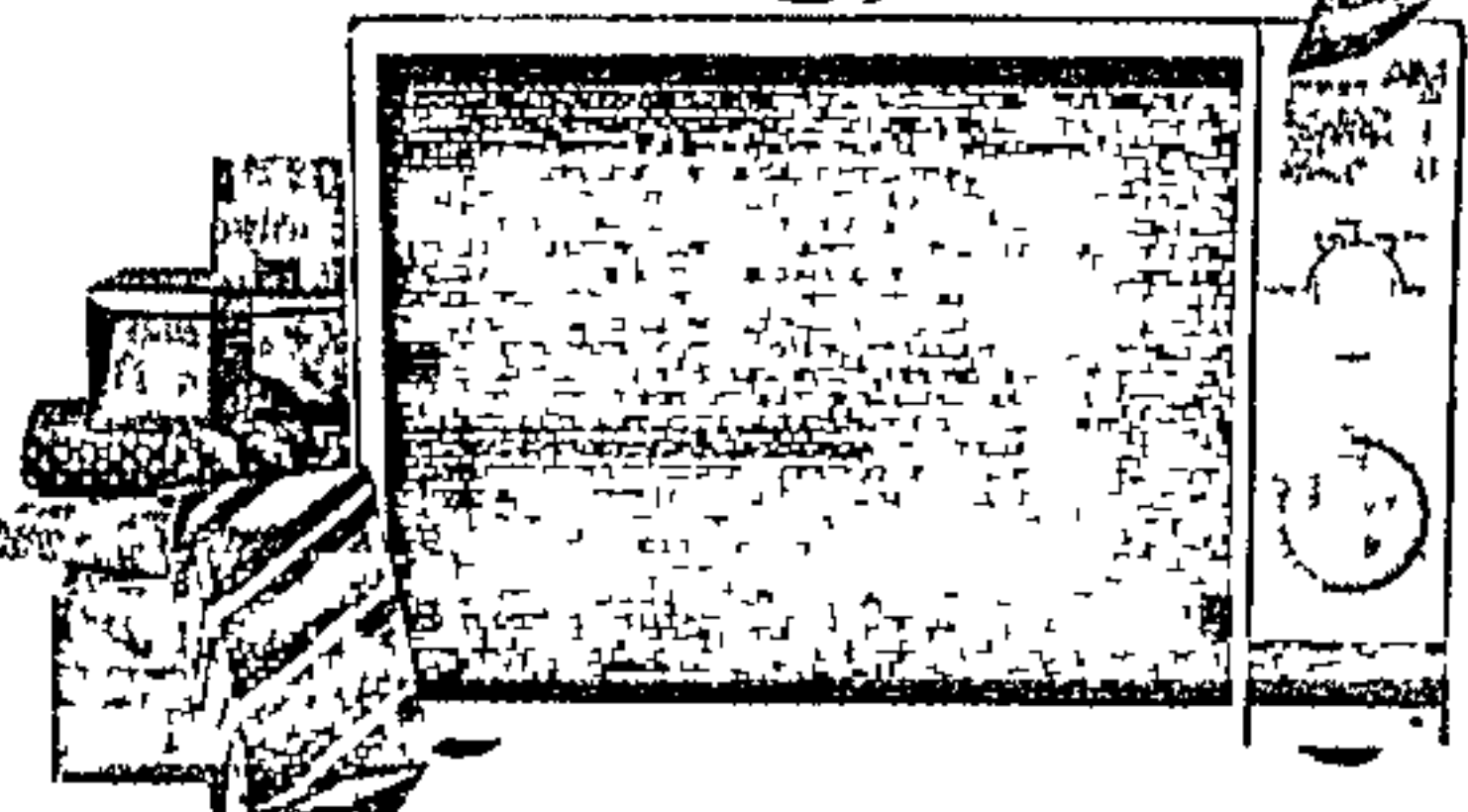
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Det states its case on school freedoms

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WE publish a letter from JA Schoeman, chief public relations officer of the Department of Education and Training, on an editorial in *City Press* concerning new regulations for schools.

Firstly it is regretted that you seem to have missed completely the spirit behind and the real reasons for these regulations, namely to ensure the freedom of effective, uninterrupted education for those hundreds of thousands of pupils/students (and their parents) who attach great value to education and wish to make the best use of the educational opportunities offered.

The amended regulations are the direct result of hooliganism, criminal acts and disruption which bedevilled education, particularly in places like Soweto, over the past two years. There are far too many examples where such criminal elements, posing as students, have made it their sole task to intimidate *bona fide* students and rob them of their chances to enjoy effective education.

After a number of extremely serious incidents

at a number of schools, the Director-General issued the following statement on March 9, 1988.

"Towards the end of 1987 and in January/February 1988, a series of articles appeared in newspapers exposing the senseless vandalism, rioting, assaults and some pupils' rejection of any form of parental or teacher discipline and authority in some areas.

"I wish to state very clearly that the Department of Education and Training will not tolerate the continuation of such actions in its schools and will not expose its teachers, inspectors and other officials to such mindless violence, assaults, vandalism and disruptive behaviour by youths who have fallen prey to negative influence and who have taken the law into their own hands in this totally unacceptable manner.

"Clearly, no effective education can take place under such circumstances. Violence and vandalism have a deleterious effect on the morale of teachers,

pupils and parents and destroy the proper learning environment. Crime and fear have no place in our schools. The school must be a safe environment in which pupils can learn, work, play and gain respect for others. Where educationally undesirable and unacceptable conditions occur, the institution concerned ceases to be a school and the perpetrators of such acts forfeit any rights as pupils.

"The time has arrived for parents and the communities concerned to take note and accept responsibility for restoring parental and community discipline, values and norms, and for giving principals and teachers their full support so that effective, meaningful education can be restored, free from intimidation, violence and fear."

From the above it is clear that the DET has the interests of the vast majority of pupils and parents at heart and that these amended regulations are by no means unexpected.

As far as the grounds for the suspension or expulsion

of students are concerned, the amended regulations do not deviate significantly from Regulation R114 which has been in force since 29 May, 1981.

What is significant, however, is the importance attached to parental involvement in and responsibility for education in the amended regulation. A study of the regulations will show clearly to what extent parents are involved in every step that may lead to the expulsion of a student.

You would be well advised to study the amended regulations carefully, in comparison with the existing regulations, and also together with the new regulations pertaining to governing councils affording parents much greater powers and involvement in decision making up to the

highest level, before glibly ascribing sinister motives to the DET.

I trust that you will see your way clear to publish this reaction in the interests of objectivity.

Orlando pupils move

PUPILS of Orlando High School in Soweto are to be housed at the nearby newly-built Altem Secondary School from next year.

Mr Peet Struwig, the DET's acting director for the Johannesburg region, told the *Sowetan* that this would be a temporary measure until such time a new Orlando High is built.

He said he had recently met with the school's governing council and also discussed the latest development with parents and teachers and they had welcomed the new facility favourably.

"We believe that placing part of the new school (16 new classrooms and three new centres with an administration block) at the disposal of Orlando High pupils until their new school is built, will go a long way to making their learning conducive



Mr PEET Struwig . . . the DET's acting director (Johannesburg region).

"The move will also enable the school's principal to control and administer the school effectively. This effort is sure to come as a relief to both the pupils and the staff," he said.

This year, pupils of Orlando High were temporarily accommodated at two neighbour-

ing primary schools after their school had been extensively vandalised. The school was once one of the most prestigious in the black community.

Mr Struwig added that the new Altem Secondary School will admit its first Std 6 pupils next year. It will operate from

the same premises as Orlando High.

• Meanwhile, the Altmont Comprehensive School, which is to be erected in Pimville in three year's time, will replace the present Molapo Technical Centre. The centre currently caters for Std 4 and 5 pupils.

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The rules that black pupils must obey

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Every pupil and teacher has a right to safe, secure and peaceful learning conditions, says the Department of Education and Training in defending the new regulations for black schools

The regulations, adds the DET, are the direct result of "hooliganism, criminal acts and disruption which have bedevilled education, particularly in places like Soweto, over the past two years", and were not promulgated out of vindictiveness

However, educationists have criticised the regulations as the department is able to close schools hit by unrest and expel pupils seen as "trouble-makers" without addressing real grievances — a case of dealing with the symptoms, but not the causes, of the disease

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The Minister may also temporarily close a school if pupils refuse to attend classes, if effective teaching is not possible because pupils disregard instructions by principals or circuit inspectors, if pupils contravene provisions in the Education and Training Act, or because of "riotous or disorderly behaviour"

When a school is reopened, the principal may refuse admission to pupils suspected or known to have committed any of the above offences, after considering representations by the pupils.

The requirements for admission to schools have been amended to the effect that parents or guardians must accompany their children to schools when applying for admission and must undertake in writing to see to it that they attend school regularly

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By **ZENAIDE VENDEIRO**,
Education Reporter

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more school days in a year, without valid reason

Parents may appeal to the circuit inspector and the regional director

One regulation states that pupil organisations may not operate on school or hostel premises unless their constitution has been approved by the regional director of education

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Protest marches

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He can also make admission conditional on the pupil receiving additional or remedial tuition; on pupils returning or compensating the department for textbooks issued during the previous year; and on pupils refraining from "such out-of-school activities" considered to have a detrimental effect on their studies.

An opportunity is given to pupils and their parents to appeal against the deletion of their names from the admissions register because they have failed to comply with these conditions.

Pupils who have failed the same standard twice have to obtain the director-general's permission for them to be re-admitted to school.

The latest regulations provide for the expulsion of pupils who have been absent from school for more than 10 consecutive school days, or for 20 or

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Inquiry on teacher to be secret, judge rules

Supreme Court Reporter

AN APPLICATION in the Supreme Court by a Langa teacher to have a disciplinary inquiry opened to the public was yesterday dismissed with costs.

Delivering judgment, Mr Acting-Justice Comrie said common law afforded no inherent right to allow a departmental hearing to be open to the public.

Mr Luvuyo Henry Hlaba, a teacher in history and English at Langa High School, had applied to the Supreme Court for an order to have the decision by the Department of Education and Training's director-general, Mr Dirk Hendrik Meiring, to hold an inquiry in camera, set aside

He faces five charges of misconduct and said it did not involve any elements which would justify an in-camera inquiry. The in-camera ruling was unreasonable and in breach of the department's rights, he claimed.

Confidential contract

Mr Justice Comrie said he accepted that widespread public interest does occur in disciplinary hearings against teachers, as it did in the present case.

It was a relevant consideration that the relationship between a teacher and the department constituted an employment contract and was confidential.

The director-general, who decides if charges are to be laid, has the power to give direction regarding the conduct of the inquiry and has the power to decide whether it should be held in camera.

Mr Deon Irish, instructed by Mr Mustakh Parker of E Moosa and Associates, appeared for Mr Hlaba. Mr S A Jordaan, instructed by the state attorney, appeared for the department.

DET states its stance

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SCHOOLCHILDREN in gleeful mood

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Tough DET clamps 'throw down gauntlet to students'

By GAYE DAVIS,
Cape Town

THE burning barricades, the demonstrations violently broken up by police recalled the turmoil of 1985. But a new discipline and maturity underlay student action in Western Cape schools this year.

Instead of ad-hoc reactions, protests formed part of a co-ordinated programme marked by thorough canvassing of student opinion for properly mandated action.

Initiating the programme was the Western Cape Students' Congress (Wecsko), an umbrella body launched in May last year which, at the time of its recent banning, had an estimated membership of 70 000 pupils at 65 affiliated schools.

The effect of the banning remains to be seen. By way of comment, observers point to the fact that for most of this year, much of Wecsko's leadership was on the run. Yet it still managed to mobilise thousands of students in the biggest protest seen since the 1985 boycotts halted schooling in the region.

Staged over three days in April, the protest was one of several this year. It involved an estimated 120 000 students at 90 schools, most of them in and around Cape Town but also in Worcester, Paarl and towns on the Cape's West Coast.

Its major significance, however, lay beyond the numbers involved. It resulted in police reversing a decision to enter schools and ensure teaching took place.

Students were responding to an unfolding crisis in Western Cape schools — the continued detention and harassment of teachers and pupils in "coloured" schools, the sacking and suspension of several teachers in black schools and the fact that hundreds of pupils had been denied readmission to black schools.

Police delivered their ultimatum to principals shortly before the protest action began.

The ensuing outcry, with prominent educationists decrying security force "interference" in schools as a recipe for 1985-style chaos and confusion, resulted in Wecsko's demand that police and army get off school premises being met. Soon afterwards, Law and Order Minister Adnaan Vlok gave the House of Representatives an undertaking that security forces would keep their distance.

The protest also united students across the apartheid-created divide of separate townships, schools and education departments. Issues were no longer seen as "coloured" or black, but as affecting all students.

Awareness programmes, usually focused on significant days in the political calendar, have become standard practice in many schools.

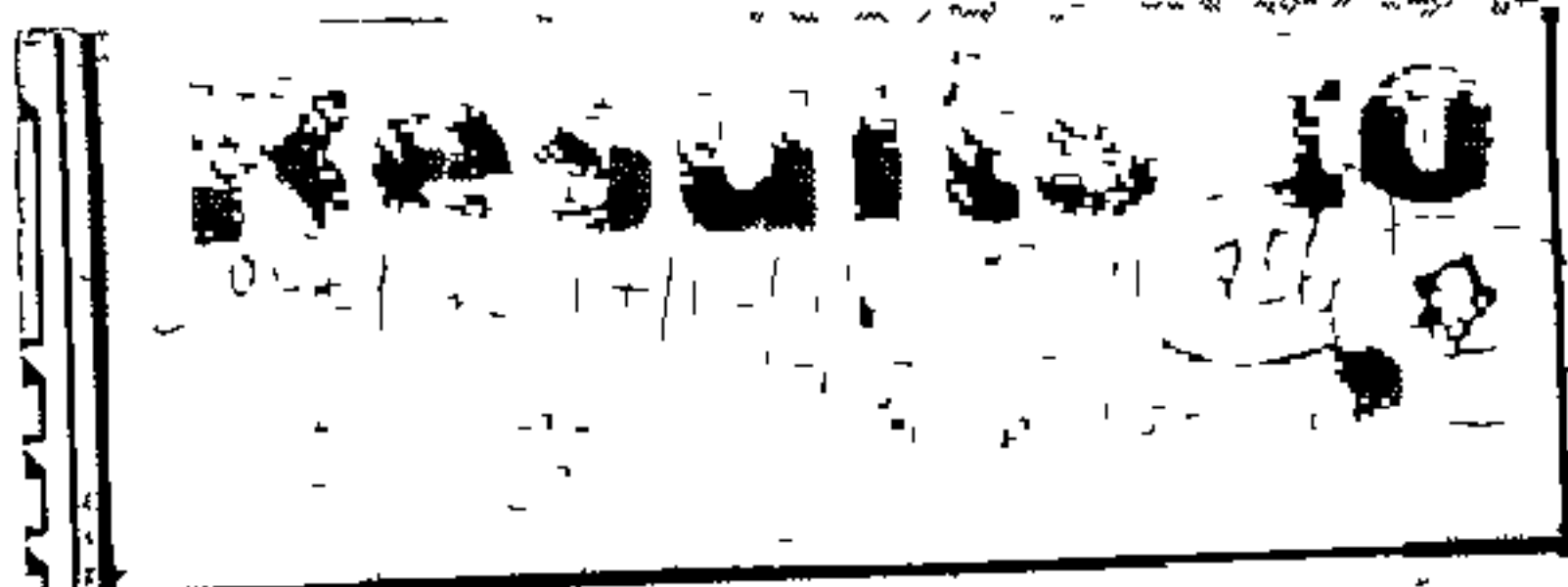
Relations between students and teachers, often touchy, also took a new form.

The call for a three-day national protest in June saw Wecsko consulting not only its student membership but also teachers, who were concerned about the possible disruption of mid-year exams.

Students staged a massive stayaway on the first day of the protest, then returned *en masse* so that exams could go ahead.

The interaction works both ways. Wecsko has in turn urged teachers to move ahead with the formation of a single, national teachers' union.

"While they were undoubtedly militant and often impelled by extreme anger and frustration, major student activities were often preceded by consultation with parent and teacher bodies and a willingness to discuss and accept critical assessment," said University of the Western Cape lecturer Graeme Bloch.



THE Department of Education and Training's matriculation results are to be published on January 6, the DET said in a statement yesterday

According to the DET, newspapers serving specific circulation areas are to concentrate on the results from those areas

All DET examination centres will have a complete list of results for all candidates nationwide and therefore anyone away from home could obtain results from these offices

In answer to inquiries from the *Sowetan* during September this year, the DET said it is to consider publishing the matric examination results in the Press this year, provided they ran smoothly

Mr Richard Chernis, the DET's public relations officer in Pretoria, said that should the exams not be interfered with, they would be released to the media

The matric results were last published in the Press in 1985

THE DET GIVES TOL

THE average percentage attendance at schools under the Department of Education and Training improved between the beginning of August and the end of October this year.

latest statistics supplied periodically by the Bureau for Information on the educational developments in the country

The bureau says the DET considers the 80 percent attendance to be normal and

during the period under review it was above this level throughout

The bureau notes that general boycotts, violence and intimidation — actions that cause disruption of education — had occurred only sporadically

According to the bureau, areas that were most severely affected were the Witwatersrand and more specifically Soweto. There were a few cases in Natal

Parents

However, says the bureau, it was not necessary to suspend classes for prolonged periods and only a few schools were affected. Communication with organisations, community leaders and

FEWER disruptions for pupils.

parents took place throughout. Numerous groups and individuals continuously reaffirmed their desire that order and discipline should be restored in the schools, and that meaningful

Attendance at schools is high

education should continue

However, it is disturbing that small radical groups were able to succeed by means of intimidation and violence in disrupting education and depriving pupils of educational opportunities.

The bureau also points out that in several cases consumer boycotts, bus boycotts and hostility between rival political groups also led to the disruption of education, particularly because pupils were often involved in these actions against their will

Pupils

The bureau maintains that the official norm for pupils per teacher is currently placed at 30 for secondary and 35 for primary schools. At present it is 32 and 40 respectively in black residential areas

The pattern of poor or no attendance shows a typical cyclic curve which coincides, in particular, with the so-called days of remembrance and court cases. However, the average percentage attendance has improved during the period under review," the bureau says.

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DET MAKES ITS MARK

By ALI MPHAKI

MATRIC results for about 170 000 black full-time candidates who sat for their examinations during October/November this year, may be released today or early next week, a spokesman for the Department of Education and Training said in

Results out today or next week

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Pretoria yesterday.

The results are for candidates throughout the country with the exception of the Transkei.

By late yesterday, Mr Richard Chernis, spokesman for the DET, said

his department was "very close" to finalising the results.

He said the marking of scripts and the processing of the marks went well, and it was in the interest of all parties involved to release the

results as soon as they were available.

The spokesman said he could not give out the breakdown of the results, until compiling had been finalised.

Last year, 137 600 full-time candidates wrote the DET's matriculation examinations. Of this figure, 77 454 candidates (56,3 percent) passed

Of those who wrote, 28,6 percent attained university passes. Altogether 55 candidates achieved two or more distinctions, while nine

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obtained matriculation exemption

The results of the 4 508 candidates of schools in Soweto shows a 37,8 percent pass as compared with 32 percent in 1987

Five candidates obtained an A aggregate and 111 a B aggregate Only 81 obtained a B aggregate last year.

The acting Director-General of the Department of Education and Training, Dr D H Meiring, said that while these results are no cause for complacency, they confirm the continuing improvement in the quality of schooling

"A number of pupils missed schooling, almost exclusively as a result of non-education related 'stay-aways' and intimidation Pupils disadvantaged by these irresponsible actions have clearly benefited from the additional classes arranged by the DET during the October holidays and on Saturdays," he said

Results have been issued to regional offices of the DET and the education departments concerned for release to individual schools Candidates should make inquiries at the schools at which they wrote the examination

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36 Killed in festive carnage

By MOKGADI PELA

At least 36 people have died since the beginning of the Christmas weekend bringing the death toll of merry-makers to 140.

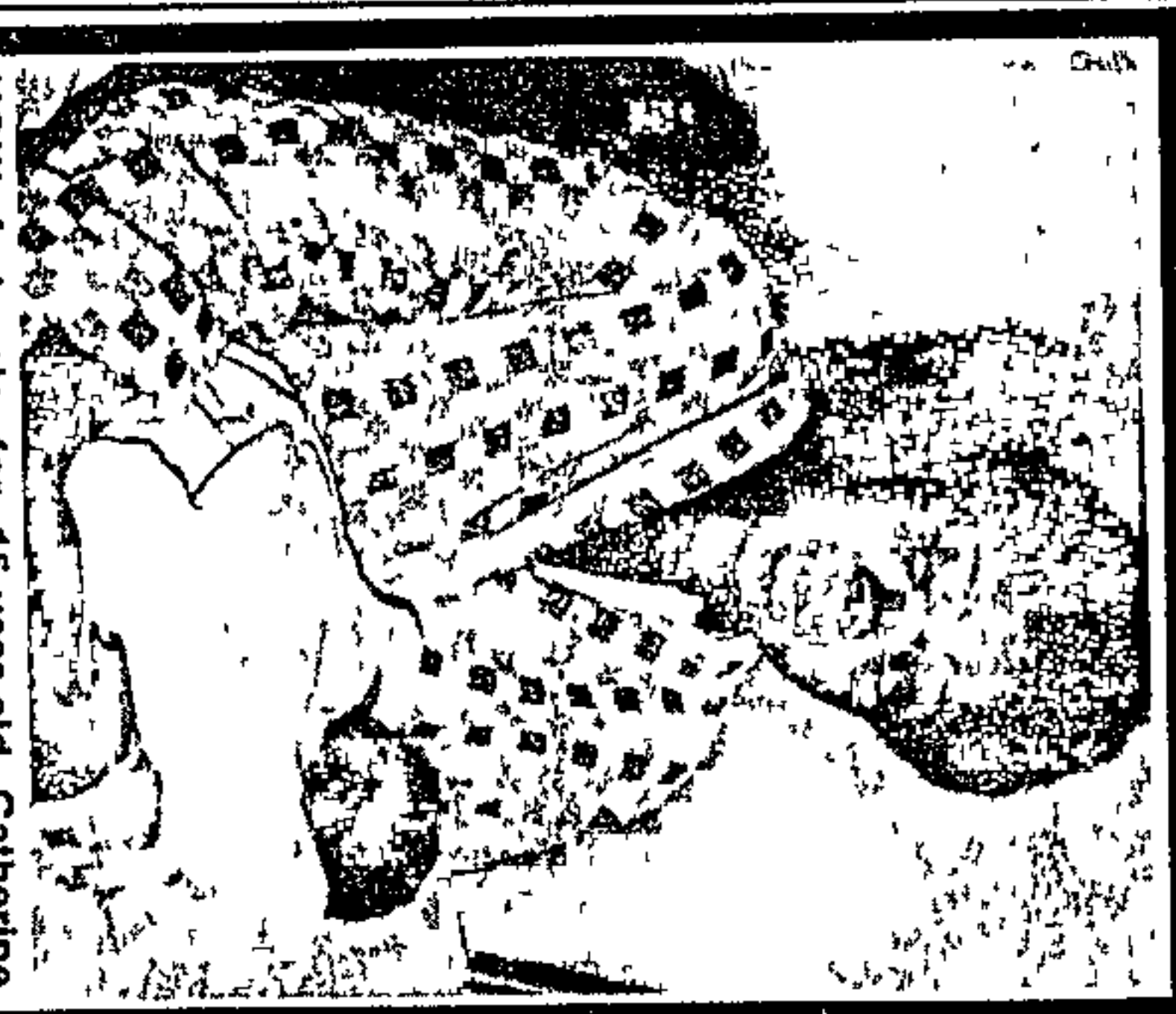
According to the latest figures more than 300 sustained injuries resulting from the accidents in the four provinces.

Mr Clive Patterson, the provincial traffic chief of Colesberg, Northern Cape, said seven people, including a baby and a pedestrian, were killed in separate incidents near his area.

He added that traffic on the N1 past Colesberg had decreased but appealed to motorists to rest when they felt tired.

Tiredness, he said, appeared to be a major factor in the accidents. Two men were killed in separate accidents in the Western Transvaal.

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HOW fortunate for 15-year-old Catherine Sihole from Zone 4, Meadowlands to give birth to a baby girl on Christmas Day. The baby, named Milda weighed 2,7kg and was born at 11.5am. Baragwanath's maternity ward was a hive of activity when a total of 14 babies were born.

MATRIC results of black pupils of the Department of Education and Training

By ALI MPHAKI

— released last Friday — have shown no marked improvement from last year's disastrous ones.

Of the 170 966 full-time candidates who sat for examinations throughout the country excluding the Transkei, 85 657 (57,4 percent) passed last year, while 28,7 percent (about 23 576) of these candidates obtained matriculation exemption.

This shows nearly a one percent improvement on last year's overall results.

Results of the 33 200 of the candidates who wrote at DET schools are as follows: 18 155 (54,7 percent) passed and of these 27,3 percent

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"Danelin makes it easy!"

Mr J P Brummer, Principal, Danelin Correspondence College



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pupils passed with an A symbol and 81 with a B aggregate.

Meanwhile, the white Transvaal Education Department matric results released yesterday showed the highest pass rate in at least eight years and an increase in the number of distinctions awarded.

Principal of Danelin Correspondence College Mr J P Brummer said after enrolling as a student at the college, he was impressed by the quality of the studies. Here we see them hard at work.

Mr Brummer said our results over the last year have shown that we must have a good education. And our results over the last year have shown that we must have a good education. And our results over the last year have shown that we must have a good education.

Principal of the Danelin Correspondence College, Mr J P Brummer, said more than ever before.

Black matric results show improvement

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The results of the black matriculation examinations, released at the weekend by the Department of Education and Training, show a slight improvement over last year

Of the candidates whose results have been released, 57,4 percent (or 85 656 pupils) passed compared with 56,9 percent last year. Matriculation exemption was obtained by 28,7 percent of successful candidates

The figures include the results of candidates in the six self-governing states.

Of the 33 200 pupils who wrote exams outside those territories, 54,7 percent passed. In 1987, the pass rate was 49,4 percent

Of those who passed, 27,3 percent managed to obtain a university entrance

The pass rate in Soweto schools also improved. Of the 4 508 candidates, 37,8 percent passed, compared with 32 percent in 1987

While some black leaders and educationists yesterday expressed shock at the Department of Education and Training's matric results, some believed the slight increase in percentage pass rate indicated some hope of "better things to come"

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THABO Moloi (17) became the toast of Pace Community College in Jabulani, Soweto, yesterday when he topped all matric candidates in the area. He was the only matriculant to obtain a B aggregate out of 111 achieved throughout the country. He is seen with his mother Mrs Jacobeth Moloi, a matron at Hillbrow Hospital in Johannesburg.

By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

THERE was confusion, joy and sorrow yesterday when the matric results of schools under the Department of Education and Training were published in the Press.

The *Sowetan* received information that some candidates who had registered to write at a certain Soweto school, but did not do so, were also surprised to see their names as

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among candidates who had passed

Mr Peet Struwig, the DET's acting director (Johannesburg region), said yesterday the matter had not been brought to his attention. He promised to investigate and rectify it if it is true.

The whole day yesterday, the *Sowetan* was inundated with telephone calls from anxious parents and pupils who could not find candidate's names or found it difficult to trace them.

Many said what caused the confusion and panic was that unlike in the past years the results had not been published according to schools and the names were not appearing alphabetically. The DET matric results were last published in the Press in 1985.

The results carried in the *Sowetan* yesterday and today are published just as they had been furnished to the Press by the DET.

Yesterday's results and today's are only of those schools under the jurisdiction of the DET. Those of the self-governing and independent states will be made available to the candidates by their various

respective education departments.

By yesterday afternoon, schools visited by our reporters in Soweto had not yet received their results. Principals said delays had been experienced in getting the results to schools in the area. They said they hoped to receive them today.

Meanwhile, black leaders and a student organisation have sharply criticised the black matriculation results and described them as "ridiculous and a mockery of our black education system".

Mr Lekgau Mathabathe, a former headmaster of Morris Isaacson High School in Soweto, said the performance of our students was disastrous when one considers that of the 170 966 pupils who sat for the exams only five obtained an A aggregate.

Mr Fanyana Mazibuko, a director of the University Preparation Programme, said it makes a mockery to say there was an improvement in the results when they still hang around 50 percent.

The Azanian Students' Movement (Azasm) said the results were ridiculous. A spokesman said until such time that the education of the country is in the hands of the black people and respond creatively to the needs and aspirations of the people it intends serving, blacks shall continue to have these kind of results.

Matrics don't make A team

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NONE of the 4508 candidates who wrote the Department of Education and Training matriculation examinations in Soweto obtained an A aggregate, a DET spokesman said yesterday.

According to the DET

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matric results released over the Christmas weekend, five candidates obtained an A aggregate nationwide (excluding the Transkei) and 111 received a B aggregate.

Last year nine candidates passed with an A aggregate, 81 with a B aggregate

Mr Peet Struwig, the DET acting director (Johannesburg region), said yesterday however that Soweto produced one B aggregate at Pace

Community College in Jabulani. The school is headed by Mr T W Kambule, a respected educationist, who took charge this year

Mr Struwig also said although they were still working on the break-

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down of the results in his region. One pupil from BhuKulani - Secondary School in Zondi, Gordon Sikhakhane, obtained two As in English (higher grade) and business economics. He said there were other candidates who passed with an A or B aggregate in other subjects.

The results released by the DET indicate that of the 170 966 full-time candidates who wrote the exams, 85 657 (57.4 percent) passed last year, while 28.7 percent (about 23 576) of these candidates obtained matriculation exemptions.

The results of some of these have been kept back because they are incomplete or because of investigations of irregularities. A DET spokesman has said the allegations referred to individual cases of cheating.

Mr Struwig said although this year's Soweto matric results showed a six percent improvement from last year's, they should have been better. Soweto schools obtained a 37.8 percent pass as compared with 32 percent in 1987.

"The results indicate that only 38 percent of the pupils were devoted to studies and concentrated in their endeavours. I hope 1989 will be a good year if everyone joins hands and becomes involved in the education of our children," he said.

Poor show by Soweto matrics

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By Zenaide Vendeiro,
Education Reporter

Soweto pupils fared very badly in the national matric exams, with more than 62 percent failing and not one of the 4 508 candidates in the area obtaining an A aggregate.

Only one Soweto matriculant was able to obtain a B aggregate out of the 111 achieved throughout the country. The number of distinctions obtained by Soweto pupils is expected to be released today.

The regional director of the Department of Education and Training, Mr Peet Struwig, said yesterday that the results were not at all satisfactory, but at least there had been an improvement in the pass rate from 32 percent last year to 37,8 percent this year.

"It is good to see that through all the ups and downs this year, 38 percent of the matriculants devoted themselves absolutely to their studies."

UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

Asked if the 2 804 unsuccessful candidates would be re-admitted to schools, Mr Struwig said the department was standing by to receive them at 14 adult-education centres.

"We will try to admit them into schools, as far as is possible, but we have the Std 9 pupils coming up into matric, whom we would rather accommodate at present. We have a backlog to catch up on."

Mr Struwig said the regional office was looking forward to a better and quieter year, had finalised preparations for 1989 and was "standing ready to commence with education on the first day children come back to school"

● Delays have been experienced in getting the results to schools in the Johannesburg region, but all schools should have them by midday tomorrow.

Indian
results out
today

The Indian matric results will be released in Durban today.

The Department of Education and Culture in the House of Delegates yesterday revealed that of the 12 429 candidates who wrote the exams last month, 11 575 were successful — a pass rate of 95,15 percent. Matriculation exemption was obtained by 4 625 pupils

Durban pupils took the top three places. Mishani Devi Naidoo from Clare Estate scored six distinctions, Rehana Sankar of Kharwastan had seven, while Bhavanesh Makanjee of Overport achieved five As and a B.

Vimul Jasvantrai Valapjee of Tongaat came fourth and Dixit Aswin Joshi of Laudium, Pretoria, came fifth.

Other candidates placed in the top 20 are (in order):

Prenisha Naidoo (Stanger); Riaz Rashid Khan (Isipingo); Dayamandan Manival Nadasen (Chatsworth); Sanjeev Bhutt (Krugersdorp); Vikash Nowbuth (Stanger); Aslam Ebrahim Bhorat (Stanger); Nirvana Visram (Asherville, Durban); Yogaveni Gnanasagaran (Clare Estate); Barnesh Laloo Dhada (Isipingo); Kuvashni Naidu (Chatsworth); Jeevren Reddy (Stanger); Kalpesh Brahlad Ramcharan (Chatsworth); Ashendra Sewkumar Chathury (Tonga); Vinesh Moodley (Reservoir Hills, Durban); and Strimivasan Subroyem (Tonga).

all **Sowetan** readers a happy and prosperous New Year are (from left) Nkosana Nkosi (6), Letatsu Moodley (5), Fizah Zamar (7) and Nondumiso Nkosi (5).

Matric results move

THE matric results of 173 000 private candidates who wrote the Department of Education and Training examinations will only be available at the centres where the candidates wrote.

Mr James McNeil, the DET's public relations officer in Pretoria, told the *Sowetan* yesterday

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that they were still working on the results and hoped to have them ready in the next 10 to 14 days.

Mr McNeil explained that the Press would find it difficult to publish such a volume of results

because different candidates had written different numbers of subjects. As a result, he said, the DET would have to print the subject next to each name.

"It is meaningless for the department to get a percentage pass because not all private candidates

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would be completing the six subjects they are required to do. One has to pass six subjects in order to pass matric. All full-time candidates have to write six subjects simultaneously, while a private one can spread six subjects over a number of years," he said.

Mr McNeil also pointed out that the full-time candidates who qualify for supplementary examinations are informed on the lists which appear at schools where they wrote.

He said such candidates must register at the schools at which they wrote the original exams before January 15, 1989. The supplementary exams will be written in February. Just as in the past, there will be no supplementary exams for private candidates.